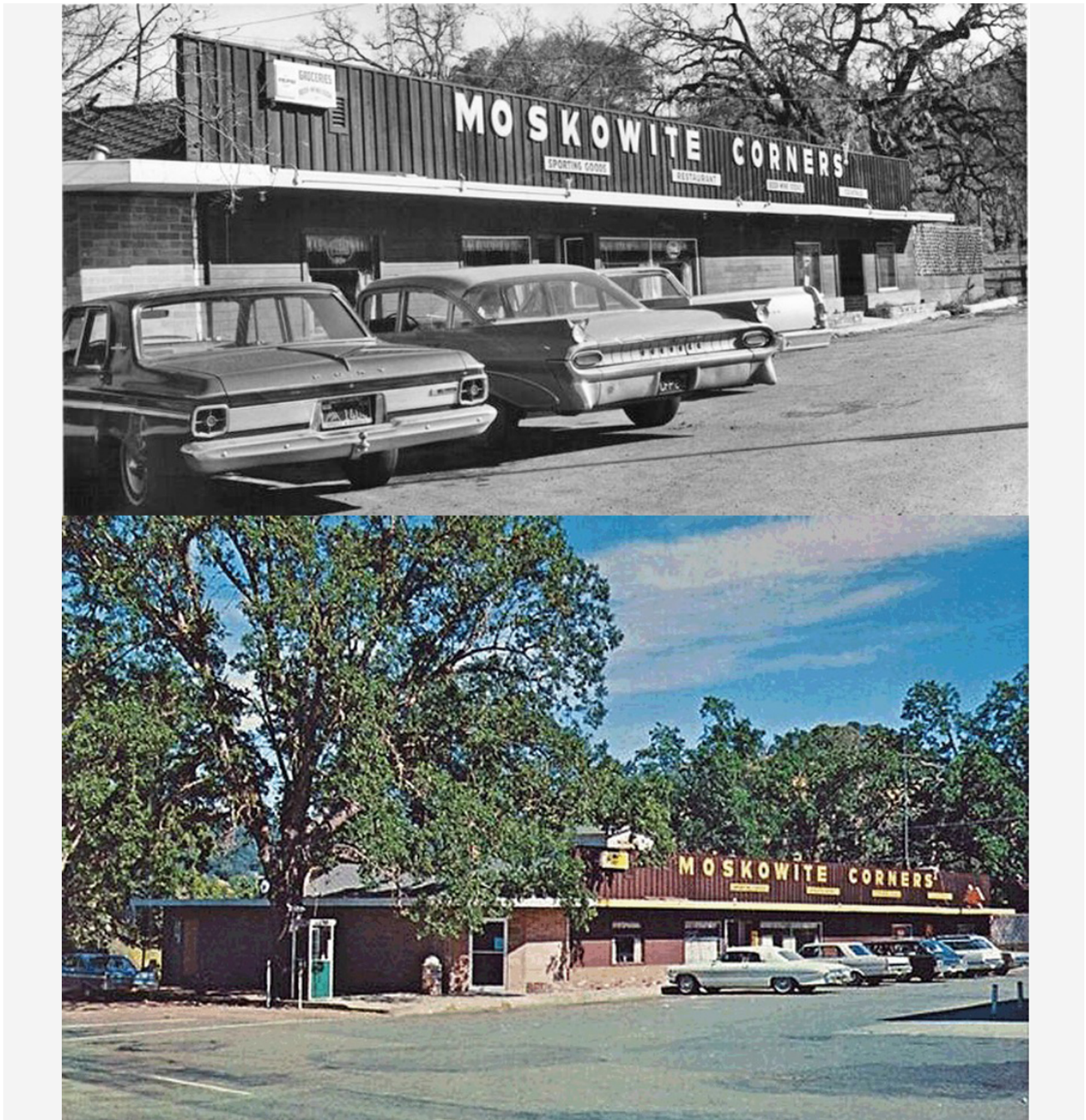


## Moskowite Corners: A Cultural Time Machine



Known as a rural landmark and roadway stop, Moskowitz Corners has been open since at least the 1960s. Entrepreneur and former Napa County supervisor Harold Moskowitz's family was the founder of "The Corners" as it is known. George Moskowitz built the Corners before Lake Berryessa completely filled. Here's a transcript from an article in the Napa Register of October 1958 where George was also the only bidder for the development of Steele Park Resort.

"Three concessioners, bidding for leases on two of the seven proposed recreation areas at Lake Berryessa, outlined to the Board of Supervisors yesterday planned developments with a total cost of nearly three million dollars. The supervisors opened the bids and referred them to the Lake Berryessa Park Commission for further study. Six earlier proposals on three other areas were referred to the Commission two weeks ago.

In yesterday's proposal, Wesley B. and Elsie G. Plunkett and Donald J. and Bernice M. McFarland, all of Napa, outlined a plan which calls for \$1,751,000 of improvements in the area just north of Capell Creek over a ten-year period. Construction would start immediately upon the awarding of the 20-year lease, with picnic, swimming, boat launching, rental and storage facilities listed among the initial development. A resort lodge will be part of the ultimate plan.

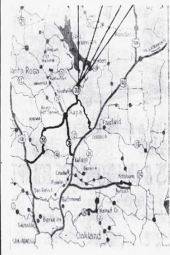
George Moskowitz of Moskowitz Corners was the lone bidder on the Steele Canyon area, offering to put from \$250,000 to \$750,000 into the area by 1963. The initial development would be the establishment of camping and trailer sites, launching ramps, and picnic areas.

According to George Moskowitz's daughter, Moskowitz Corners was established by George Moskowitz and his wife Dorothy. It all started when people needed gas and something to drink. They owned a little house on Steel Canyon Road that was converted into a small restaurant. They also moved a building from the town of Monticello and established a service station to take care of people needing gas. There were many additions over the years and eventually a bar was added, and the gas station was moved across the road.

By 1961 Lake Berryessa was on everyone's recreation map, and advertising for new lake homes in the Berryessa Highlands saturated the Bay Area and the Sacramento region. March 1963 saw the Corners gas station being advertised. February 1965 saw a description of the growing Corners and its peacocks!

**March 1963**

**MOSKOWITE CORNERS**  
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**'Corner' Long Popular Spot**

Since Lake Berryessa has been in existence, Moskowitz Corner has been a familiar stopping-off point for recreation seekers.

George Moskowitz, who established the enterprise and was one of Lake Berryessa's most ardent backers, died last year. The faith he had in Berryessa's future has been carried forward by his son, Harold Moskowitz.

Moskowitz Corner includes a service station, enlarged grocery store, sporting goods supply outlet, restaurant-lunchroom and cocktail lounge. Additions to these services is a trailer sales organization.

In the works for Moskowitz Corner is a 60-unit trailer court, now being established. And Moskowitz is planning to erect a professional (office) building in the area too.

Further extensive development of the area is also in the planning stages.

One of the special — and unusual — tourist attractions at Moskowitz Corner is the flock of peacocks which may be found in the trees and on the grounds throughout the area. The birds have been raised by the Moskowitz family.

**January 21, 1969**

**County Planners Approve Moskowitz Corners Zoning**

A commercial parcel at Moskowitz's Corners that will contain such items as a laundromat, beauty shop and trailer park rental offices was approved by Napa County planning commissioners Monday night.

Commissioners unanimously approved the rezoning of land owned by Harold Moskowitz so he could put in the commercial shops to serve trailer park dwellers as well as the general public traveling to and from the Lake Berryessa region.

However, after some discussion, commissioners agreed unanimously to a recommendation that Moskowitz submit a workable plan for the entire SR 128 Steele Park Road Intersection area to be used as policy for ultimate development of that area as a commercial tract. This plan would have to be submitted before commissioners would act on any further zone changes on Moskowitz's land.

By the early 1970s, The Corners was in full swing. An ambulance service was started by Harold in 1969. The County asked that each concessionaire at the lake install first aid stations at their resorts.

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## Moskowite Corners

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In 1975 the Moskowitz Lodge was created.



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File No. 75-47

The following persons are doing  
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Napa, California 94558

John G. Rappenecker

5080 Hwy. 128

Napa, California 94558

Mildred J. Rappenecker

5080 Hwy. 128

Napa, California 94558

This business is conducted by John  
G. Rappenecker. **March 1975**

A 1975 article raised the possibility of politics in Harold Moskowitz's future. In 1976 Harold ran for Napa County supervisor and won. Political ads were a bit rudimentary without fast computers and good graphics software.

## FIGHT THE TAX BITE WITH MOSKOWITE



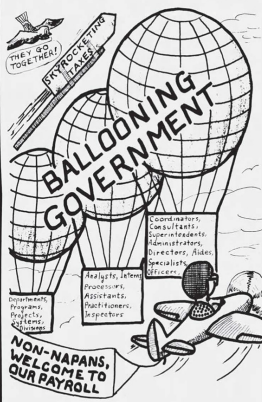
- ★ BUSINESSMAN
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- ★ NAPA COUNTY NATIVE
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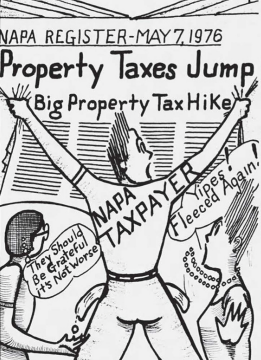
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## HAROLD MOSKOWITE

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NAPA REGISTER-MAY 7, 1976

### Property Taxes Jump Fleeing Big Property Tax HiKe



of Napa  
County  
Taxpayers  
STOPPED!

If headlines on taxes, like these in the May 7 Napa Register, anger you and make your hair stand on end, there is something you can do about passing tax bills that empty your pockets.

You can elect HAROLD MOSKOWITE District-Four Supervisor on June 8.

Sneaking assessed valuations and the high cost of an ever-expanding county government are driving your tax bills out of sight. Right, clean industry is being driven out of Napa County instead of brought in. Tradesmen are out of work, and the tax gouge is ever deeper.

There HAS to be a change. HAROLD MOSKOWITE has to be elected so Napa County can have a land-use plan that will lead to lower assessed valuations, lower tax bills, more employment and the restoration of property rights.

HAROLD MOSKOWITE has to be elected so Napa County can obtain light, clean industry that will provide needed jobs and take some of the killing tax load off the backs of harassed homeowners.

HAROLD MOSKOWITE has to be elected so unnecessary, spendthrift government expansion can be stopped.

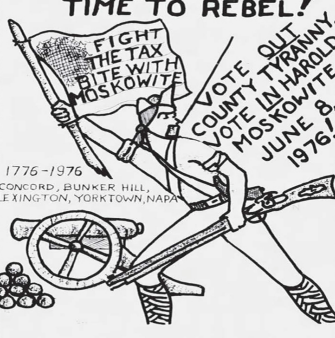
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In this bi-centennial year of 1976, rebel against taxation without representation. Regain Your Independence!

Help fight the tax bite

ELECT **MOSKOWITE** ☒

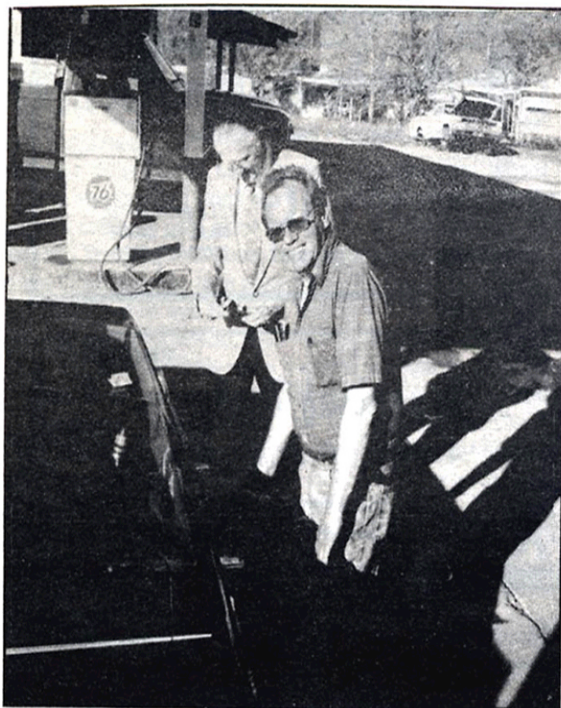
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In September 1983, a news item documented the founding of the Berryessa Senior Citizens, Inc. at Moskowitz Corners. Seventy people gathered at Moskowitz Corners to discuss plans to form a senior citizens group in the Berryessa area. A great deal of enthusiasm was expressed over the prospect of a Senior Center in this isolated location of Napa County. The Senior Center was located at Moskowitz Corners until the final center was built at Spanish Flat next to the Monticello Cemetery.

The 1988 issues of the Lake Berryessa News featured Moskowitz Corners businesses.

## BUSINESS OF THE WEEK



Bob Pearce

### 10th Anniversary for Bob Pearce's Union 76

It is the tenth anniversary of the "Union 76" gas station operated by Bob Pearce at Moskowite corners. Pearce and his wife Darlene vacationed at Lake Berryessa from Thousand Oaks, California many years ago and decided to make a home here. At that time, Bob was the road manager for entertainer Jimmy Durante and several of their daughters were "The Pearce Sisters", a musical group that headlined with Durante's act all over the world. (Note: Mr. & Mrs. Pearce have 13 children (Watch for future story about Bob's past career!))

For a semi-retired person, Pearce is one of the hardest working people you could meet. The station provides automotive and marine service, auto towing, marine supplies, bait, tackle, minnows, propane and good conversation to travelers needing direction or information. They are also open 7 days a week, with winter hours of 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Happy Anniversary, Bob. Let's make it another 10 years!

## Lake Berryessa News 1988 Business of the week



### MONTICELLO GENERAL STORE

Located at the Moskowite Corners complex where Highway 121 and 128 intersect is the Monticello General Store. Named after an historic town that was once in the Berryessa valley before the flood, this eatery and store has made some local history of its own in the last three years. If you've ever had a chance to try the "Big Dam Burger" or the new prime rib cuts they prepare, you know the "the store" is the place to eat. Owners Bob and Lagonda McDonald describe their style as "OLD FASHIONED" cooking, where their whole staff gets in on the recipes and decides what tastes best. If you've ever wondered why all those cars are always parked out front when you pass the "Monticello General Store," the answer is good food. Breakfast, lunch or dinner we suggest you try this eatery soon.

### Moss Creek Winery near Completion 1988

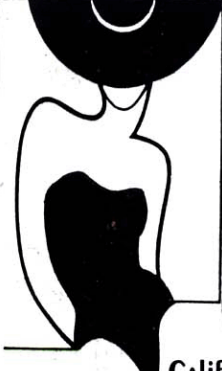
MOSKOWITE CORNERS - Perhaps you've passed the lovely stone building being built at Moskowite Corners and wondered what it will be when completed. No, it isn't a church, it is a winery, called the Moss Creek Winery and it is being built by our 4th. district supervisor Harold Moskowitz. The building was designed by architect Bob Keenan of Napa, and with the stone covering, looks as naturally at home as the grapes growing nearby.

In talking with Harold about his new venture, I found out that the winery should be completed in January, leaving him time before the crush to campaign for re-election in June. I had the opportunity to tour the inside of the building, and was very impressed with what I saw. The winery has the facilities for both crushing and bottling, with a tasting room dividing the work areas. There will be kitchen facilities, along with a banquet room upstairs, which can be rented for special occasions. Harold has a small office with a view of Highway 121 - 128 intersection.

Outside, Mr. Moskowitz plans on landscaping around the winery, leaving an area under the oak trees for picnicking. The hill directly East of the winery will be dug out for wine storage and aging.

When asked what types of wines he will be bottling, Mr. Moskowitz said that he was unsure just yet, that he has a consultant to help make the decisions about the wines because this type of venture is so new to him.

When asked what prompted him to try his hand as a vintner, Continued on page 3



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On Sunday, August 25, 2002, the Napa Register highlighted the Corners community.

Moskowite Corners: Community at a crossroads: Moskowite Corners doesn't look like much. It's a fork in the road near Lake Berryessa where a few small businesses, a church, and a mobile home park have nestled. Anyone racing up to the lake for boating or fishing can zip by and pay it no mind. If they stop for a fill-up or resupply, they quickly move on. But for some, Moskowite Corners is a community, a place where all the

essentials of life come together. Everyone turns out to be friendly, even the guys who roared up Corners Bar on Harleys.

The residents of Moskowitz Corners live a world away from Napa and the Napa Valley. People are up here because it isn't the city. They're ordinary folks. People hang out at Jeri's Got Gas, the Moskowitz Corners Store and the Corners Bar. On Wednesday night the Community Church, a non-denominational congregation, has a weeknight session of singing and prayer. The pace of life is different at the Corners. Some of the 120-plus residents have jobs in Napa in Vacaville but at night come back to the tranquility of their place in the country.

Moskowitz Corners sits at the junction of Monticello Road and highway 128. It's the unofficial gateway to Lake Berryessa, the reservoir and recreation area created by the federal government in the 1950s. With the completion of the dam and subsequent inundation of the Town of Monticello, the Corners grew into the community it is today. Tourism keeps the place alive. Cucina Italiana, the Corners' dining establishment, serves simple fare by day and fancier cuisine at night.

In 2007 Ron Watt opened the Corners Café and Shopping Plaza. The owner was one of the co-owners of Spanish Flat Resort, Lee Johnson. The business was unsuccessful. Ron Watt went on to run the Berryessa Quick Stop in the closed gas station across the Steele Canyon Road from the Corners. It too was unsuccessful.



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In 2008, Jim Keller bought the property in a bankruptcy sale for \$1.1 million in September 2008. And in April 2009: Mike Schildknecht and Jim Keller hoped to make Berryessa Corners a community gathering place for nearby residents. The business became the Berryessa Corners in January 2009; the restaurant and the bar were all open by May 2009. Mike's sudden and unexpected death on June 9, 2009, left the whole Lake Berryessa community in shock. The Berryessa Corners enterprise ended with him. An article in the Napa Register at the time described the high hopes that Mike and Jim had for the business.

New store, bar, restaurant at Moskowitz Corners, by Mike Treleven, Apr 30, 2009: Mike Schildknecht and Jim Keller hope to make Berryessa Corners a community gathering place for nearby residents. Keller purchased Moskowitz Corners, which had been in bankruptcy, and is launching a store and restaurant. Some old-timers in Napa County refer to the intersection of highways 121 and 128 as the Corners. Most know the crossroads near Steele Park at the southern end of Lake Berryessa by its more formal name, Moskowitz Corners. The grocery store, restaurant, bar and two outdoor patios at the corner have been shuttered for a while and in bankruptcy.

Napan Jim Keller purchased the one-acre retail center in September 2008 and is giving the place a much-needed face-lift. "We are after all, the gateway to Lake Berryessa. We are the first impression that most people get when driving up here to go to the lake. It's important to make a good impression," said Michael Schildknecht, who will be operating the retail businesses for Keller.

The two men are changing the name of the retail outpost to Berryessa Corners. "But for many it will always be The Corners," said Schildknecht. Keller said he paid about \$1 million for the 6,000 square feet of store, restaurant, bar and two outdoor patios. "We are not just investors trying to make money but are trying to blend in and be a part of the community," Keller said. "We are here to cater to the locals and not so much the tourists," Schildknecht said.

Lake Berryessa is headed for what may be a slow summer, with at least four of the lake's seven private resorts expected to be closed for a second consecutive summer as the transition from old operators to new continues to be hammered out by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Yet Schildknecht and Keller believe that the lake will thrive when things settle down and that they hope to help set the tone. "We are trying to be visionaries. We think this place has a lot of potential." Both men said the locals seem to be embracing the changes going on at Berryessa Corners. Unfortunately, Mike died unexpectedly that year and his Corners dreams ended.

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In August 2010 Jim Winchell and his family took the business over under lease from Keller and opened the Crossroads at Lake Berryessa. They had a great pizza shop and restaurant and remodeled the bar. Unfortunately, they did not have a liquor license and could only serve beer and wine. After a couple of years

of hard work, with no help from the delayed rebuilding of Steele Park Resort by Pensus, the Crossroads closed in March 2012.

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| Ice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                    | Breakfast                |
| Beer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                    | Prime Rib                |
| Soda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                    | Friday & Saturday        |
| Snacks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                    | French Dip               |
| Dairy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                    | Deli                     |
| <b><u>Lounge</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b><u>The Crossroads</u></b>                                                       | Sandwiches               |
| 8 Draft Beers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b><u>at Lake Berryessa</u></b>                                                    | Burgers                  |
| Happy Hour                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b><u>Summer Hours:</u></b>                                                        | Pasta                    |
| 4 HD TVs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b><u>Grocery Store: 7:30 AM - 9:30 PM</u></b>                                     | Pizza                    |
| Weekly Promotions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b><u>Restaurant: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM</u></b>                                        |                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b><u>Lounge: Opens at 12:00 PM</u></b>                                            |                          |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"><p>At the Crossroads of of Hwy 121, Hwy 128,<br/>and Steele Canyon Road (Moskowite Corners)<br/>Phone: 707-255-5455<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:thecrossroadslakeberryessa@yahoo.com">thecrossroadslakeberryessa@yahoo.com</a><br/>Facebook: The Crossroads at Lake Berryessa</p></div> |                                                                                    |                          |

Jim Keller listed the Crossroads at Lake Berryessa in 2011 for sale for \$1.29 million but was unable to find a buyer. After the Winchell family left there was no interest until Yevo Jeworowski opened a brew pub, Steele Canyon Saloon, in early 2016. The Steele Canyon Saloon had a liquor license and served a full range of cocktails along with delicious craft brews, pizza, and appetizers. Yevo had previously run Boone's Saloon in the Spanish Flat Village Center.

Under a special California law that allowed liquor to be served in brew pubs, he was able to open a full bar. He invested tens of thousands of dollars in new brewing equipment and improvements. Unfortunately, he had not factored in the new state water quality regulations that had been passed regarding beer brewing systems. His effluent would not pass the new standards without an upgrade to the wastewater system run by the owners of the Capell Valley Estates across the road, which declined to do so.

Despite some good bands and great times, he was forced to close the Steele Canyon Saloon before the end of 2016. After the demise of the Steele Canyon Saloon, the Corners site remained closed with no buyers in sight.



## **Steele Canyon Saloon and Pizza**

**Locally Brewed Beer and Full Bar**

**M-T-W: 4 PM - Midnight**

**Th: 4 - 11PM; Fri: 4PM - 2 AM**

**Sat: Noon - 2AM; Sun: Noon - 11PM**

**Hand Tossed Pizza Made To Order**

**Wed - Fri: 4 PM - 9 PM**

**Sat: 11AM - 9PM**

**At "The Corners"**

**6003 Monticello Road**

**707-255-5010**



On January 11, 2019, Moskowitz Corners was sold by Jim Keller to Thuyen Tran of Oakland for approximately \$699,000. Tran, who comes from the restaurant industry, said he bought the parcel because he had great confidence he could create a destination for both locals and visitors. Jim Keller carried the financing on it, but it took so long to revive after the pandemic, fires and closure of Lake Berryessa resorts, that Tran decided he didn't want to move forward and essentially, he gave it back to Keller.

Keller then listed the property for sale for \$649,000. He said that to bring it up to current standards, it would cost probably half a million to a million dollars depending on what the buyer wanted to do there. He said he doesn't see anything really happening for another two years with that property until new concessioners start building their resorts. Napa County in October 2021 decided to negotiate with Sun Communities to redevelop and run Spanish Flat, Steele Canyon, and Monticello Shores resorts.

A few years ago, Jim Keller had approached several mini market chains like 7/11 and Kwik Trip to locate at the Corners. None expressed interest. The success of the Corners has always been tied to the success of Lake Berryessa as a recreation destination, especially the Steele Canyon Recreation Area, formerly Steele Park Resort. The Sun Lake Berryessa revitalization of Steele Canyon Recreation Area and Spanish Flat Recreation Area is scheduled for 2024 completion.

July 10, 2022: Napa County's Moskowitz Corner gets new owners, again - Napa Register: The Lake Berryessa pit stop at the location known to generations of visitors as Moskowitz Corner has new owners. Phil and Tamra McGill of Walnut Creek area bought the parcel from its previous owner, Jim Keller. The nearly one-acre property sold for \$579,000, according to the transfer tax recorded June 24. "The lake has always been

something precious to me,” said Phil McGill. “My grandfather bought a place at Rancho Monticello at 1960s. I’ve been going up there my whole life.”

The McGill family hopes to turn the Moskowitz Corner property into a coffee bar, offering quick-service food and beverages and eventually food and wine, said McGill. In the future, it could include a small market. “My wife and I want that place to be thriving,” said McGill, whose family runs a six-bed care facility in Walnut Creek.