



**February 09'Picture of the Month  
"Lake Perris"  
Perris, California  
September 13, 2008**

How old is a Special Thrill Maker? This past year I made my first visit to events in the Western Region, mostly California. I wasn't at all surprised to see the same level of commitment in the West that I had seen for so many years in the East. Nothing different,

just a different part of the country and more Special People, Helping Special Children, Catch a Special Thrill.

As I went through event pictures to write this month's story, I remembered seeing this young man helping his mother take care of his little sister. Not because he had to, but because he wanted to. At each event I attend, I normally take anywhere from 85 to 120 pictures, looking for that perfect shot, which I am not good enough to find. Never the less, I continue trying. Looking for this month's picture, this young man and his sister kept showing up. He helped her at registration, he helped her get her equipment and then into the boat. Upon their return, he helped her with her lunch and stood by proudly as she was recognized by her boater and awarded her Participant Plaque. That, my friends, is a "Special Thrill Maker" in the making.

He reminds me of how each of you must have been as a child. He has the same heart, the same passion and the same willingness to help each other, that each of you have shown with your actions. Just like the young man in the picture, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Your example is seen by many and the results of your efforts are greatly appreciated by more people than you will ever know. You are all very Special People!