

Exhibit recalls early lifestyle in Nevada

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One spacious room displaying photography now fully encompasses Erik Lauritzen's characteristic view of Nevada's landscape. The exhibit, *Stop the Car, Dad!*, recently left the Truckee Meadows Community College art gallery and now is on display at Bartley Ranch.

"I loved it; it's quintessential Nevada – that's what I would call it," said writer Maria Denzler, who decided to visit the exhibit on its first day at Bartley Ranch.

The photography showcases a boom-and-bust lifestyle evident in many deserted Nevada towns by drawing attention to sometimes forgettable roadside scenes. Deserted snow cone stands marking a dry landscape or a locked gate leading to endless space present eerie reminders of past life in abandoned towns.

"We just want to provide an opportunity for the public to experience a piece of Nevada they don't typically see and to bring attention to things other than just gambling and divorce," said park ranger Bryan Harrower.

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