

# Crackers

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## Next Meeting

**May 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies Day**

**John Burgee**

"The Buildings of John Burgee: Ideas, People and Results."



John Burgee, FAIA, practiced architecture for over forty years after graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1956. He joined in partnership with Philip Johnson in 1968 to produce architecture at the forefront of building design, and were particularly noted for their designs of skyscrapers. Their distinctive designs for the IDS Center in Minneapolis, the Pennzoil Place in Houston, the AT&T World Headquarters in New York, and the Crystal Cathedral in Gardena Grove, California became landmarks of contemporary architecture. Mr. Burgee's work has been professionally recognized with two Honor awards from the AIA, for the IDS Center and the Pennzoil Place. In 1983 the University of Notre Dame awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Engineering, and in 1984 the Illinois Council of the AIA recognized him as the first recipient of the Chicago Architecture Award. He was selected to be co-chairman of the Architectural Committee of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Centennial Commission, leading the project's restoration and design.

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Next Meeting: **May 6, 2010**

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## Future Programs

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Bill Macfadyen

Bill Macfadyen is the Founder and Publisher of Noozhawk, Santa Barbara's first on-line newspaper. He was Managing Editor of the Santa Barbara News-Press for several years before the New York Times sold the paper. He then started a local paper before Noozhawk for 3-4 years. Bill will talk about the state/future of newspapers in the USA as well as on-line papers and other means of news communication.

**June 3rd** - Edward Moses

National Ignition Facility (nuclear fusion)

**June 17th** - Harry Brown, MD

Surgical Eye Expeditions

**July 1st** - Cosmo Picnic

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July COSMO picnic will be held on **Thursday, July 1 at Lower Manning Park**, (across from the Montecito YMCA, same as last year). The social hour will begin at 11:00 am, followed by the Pledge & Invocation at 12:15 pm with the barbeque between 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm. The price is the same as last year, \$15.00 per person. Just BYOB & appetizers and we furnish the rest. Make your checks payable to the Cosmopolitan Club. Make your reservation and payment at the picnic sign-up table before a meeting or mail to:

Bill Schultz

945 Ward Drive, #8

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

**Note: Cut off date for reservations is June 26<sup>th</sup>!**  
(See notice at end of this Crackers for sign up sheet.)

## Wine Drawing

Harold Englund won a bottle of Summerland 2007 Chardonnay.

Dave Turner was awarded a bottle of Summerland 2007 Pinot Noir.



**S.A.G.E. Investment Group** – Meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. S. A. G. E. does not select or buy stocks. Dick Evans, Chairman (805) 967- 6930 or [dickevans@mac.com](mailto:dickevans@mac.com).



**Welcome Our Guests** - Marty Tucker noted that there were no guests present for the meeting.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Ron Singer introduced our newest member, Richard Tenold. Dick was born in Santa Barbara and was a professional firefighter for 32 years. He retired in 1998 as a Captain in the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Department. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps and the California Firefighters Association as a Fire Prevention Officer. His major courses of study were Emergency Services, Fire Science, and Public Safety. Dick and his wife, Sheila, have two sons. Dick is past Master of the Hiram Award – Masonic Fraternity and a member of the Carpinteria Masonic Lodge, the Santa Barbara Scottish Rite, and the Los Angeles Shrine. Dick volunteers with the Boy Scouts and the Carpinteria Seniors. Welcome, Dick!



President Ron White announced that the club is giving away two free lunch tickets to members who recommend and get new members to join COSMO. It appears that Ron Singer is leading the competition for the first prize in this category.

## Regular Events

### Bridge Winners: April 15<sup>th</sup>

First	Ralph Edebo	3410
Second	Harv Turner	3090
Third	Steve Halsted	2970



(No bridge on Ladies Day, May 6<sup>th</sup>)

Join us for FUN bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings and play until 3:30 PM. Contact Pres Gould at (805) 964-6568 or [pwgould@cox.net](mailto:pwgould@cox.net).

**Tennis** - The tennis group plays doubles twice a week at a private court in Shadow Hills starting at 8:00 AM Mondays and Thursdays. All tennis players are invited to participate.



Contact Bruce Long (805) 692-4072 or [bruce93103@cox.net](mailto:bruce93103@cox.net).

**Computer Society** - Meets monthly at the Elks Club on the third Tuesday. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM. Feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host luncheon in the Elks Grill.



At the last Computer Society meeting, a demonstration of Apple's new iPad was given. All COSMO members are welcome. Jim Stubchaer & Bob Gerity: Program Co-Chairs; Howard Glenn, Chair (805) 967-2633 or [hbjglenn@cox.net](mailto:hbjglenn@cox.net).

S.A.G.E. is looking for a Chairman to succeed Dick for the 2010 – 2011 year. All interested, please contact either Dick Evans or John MacKenzie.

## Golf - Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni).

Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes, not including cart. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or [rsinger916@aol.com](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com) by Friday before the Monday for your tee time.



**Mondays – Twin Lakes** (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game.

**Wednesdays – Ocean Meadows** (Par 36) at 8:30 AM. Work on your long-ball skills.

**Fridays** at a variety of courses - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the next "Floating Friday Golf Game". Past locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos.

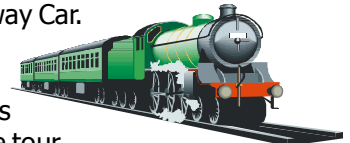
**Montecito CC Golf Tournament:** On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Golf Group will tee off again at the Montecito Country Club, where the format will be a scramble. Cost is \$48 per person, and includes green fees, cart, and lunch. Please contact Marty Tucker, 969-0760, or [tuckmet@aol.com](mailto:tuckmet@aol.com), or send him a check at P.O. Box 1192, Summerland 93067, or contact Ron Singer, Golf chairman, at the meeting.

## Special Events

### May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) - Private Rail Car Trip: Santa Barbara to San Luis Obispo and Return

Day trip in restored 1949 Club Lounge Railway Car.

Many of the scenic areas on this Coast Route can only be seen from the train. Guide/Interpreters will be on the trip to enhance the tour.



Cost: \$50 per person. This event is currently fully booked. If you are already enrolled for this tour, make sure than Don knows your choice of depots, (SB or Goleta) If interested in getting on the Wait List, you may contact Don Chalfant, (805) 687- 3478 or [dchalfant@cox.net](mailto:dchalfant@cox.net). This event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> such trip this year after one on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**May 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - LA PHILHARMONIC** Performance in the acoustically superb Disney Concert Hall at 2:00 PM. Cost is \$120/person. Bus departs the Elks Club at 11:00 AM with a stop in Carpinteria, and returns at 6:00 PM. Lunch is not included but is available at the Disney Hall Cafe. Lionel Bringuier is guest conductor. Contact Thore Edgren at (805) 967-4001 or [theman3@cox.net](mailto:theman3@cox.net) with questions, or if you wish to be picked up in Carpinteria.



## May 21<sup>st</sup> - Anacapa Island Trip

Cancelled, Not enough sign-ups for this one. Report from Bob Gerity (805) 963-9413, or [robtgerity@cox.net](mailto:robtgerity@cox.net).



## June 4th (Friday) – Norton Simon Museum and Garden

**Café.** The Special Events Committee has scheduled a Santa Barbara Airbus visit to the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena. It is a world-renowned art collection, and is a trip you will want to put on your calendars. Cost is \$39 per person. Bus will depart Elks Lodge at 10:00 am. More details will be provided in the next Crackers. Cordinator is Richard Kennelly, 969-7358

### Cosmo Member Ailing?

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Don Terrell, 687-8481 or [wtdt84@cox.net](mailto:wtdt84@cox.net). Don will arrange to send a Cosmo 'Get Well' card wishing our member a quick rebound.

### Overview of 2010 Special Events:

May 6	Ladies Day Luncheon
May 12	Montecito Country Club Golf Tournament
May 22	Private rail Car SBA to SLO and return
May 29	LA Philharmonic at Disney Hall, LA.
June 4	Norton Simon Museum and Garden Cafe
June 9	La Purisma Golf Tournament
July 1	July 4th Picnic Manning Park
July (?)	Circle Bar B Ranch dinner and show
Aug (?)	Solvang Theaterfest, West Side Story, dinner and lodging at Petersen Village Inn

### In Memoriam

We are saddened to report the death of Hank Macchio. Hank joined Cosmo in 2006, and was a valued member of the Crackers editor team. We extend our sympathies to his wife Dorothy and family.

## Last Meeting April 15 Arlie Skov,

### "Sustainability, Economics, Oil & Lithium"



President Ron White introduced Cosmo member Arlie Skov.

Arlie gave us a very interesting, provocative, and excellent talk on sustainability and economic growth. He noted at the beginning of his talk (and near the end) that this was one man's opinion.

Arlie said his talk would focus on two issues: 1) reconciling wishes for a sustainable society with the need for economic growth, and 2) replacing oil for transportation fuel. The first problem is made more severe because of our inability to define "sustainability", and by the correlation between economic growth and increased energy needs. The second problem is worsened by concern that we are running out of oil, and by our inability to find viable substitutes for transportation fuel.

Arlie cited several reported principles of a sustainable society, including minimizing the depletion of non-renewable resources and keeping within the earth's "carrying capacity". He said that some problems with these principles are that they assume the Earth is constant and unchanging, when in fact it is always changing. He also said that they do not reflect realities, and the needs and interests of people – that they are mainly platitudes, a wish list of unachievable, impractical goals, written by idealists and environmental groups.

Arlie projected future U. S. energy demand, and compared per capita energy use and national wealth of several major countries, and also economic growth and oil consumption. He discussed substantial oil reserves.

Arlie stated several U. S. energy realities:

Of U. S. transportation needs met by oil, 2/3 are imported.

Low cost transportation is vital to the U. S. economy.

Substitutes (renewables) are more expensive.

The best substitute for oil may be electric vehicles, but that would require a big increase in electric power generation, and the least costly source of electric power is coal.

Arlie said that U. S. oil production is down 31% between 1988 and 2008, while imports are up 65%. He stated that oil imports are much too high, and that we need more drilling in the U. S., but that imports of natural gas are not excessive.

Arlie discussed using lithium ion batteries as a substitute for energy needs. He said lithium ion batteries are state-of-the-art, but suffer from excess weight and recharge time. The world's lithium resources, compared to need, are far smaller than oil, and are mostly in unfriendly or unstable parts of the world.

Arlie concluded that concepts of a "sustainable society" are based on unrealistic premises. He stated that the world, its flora, fauna, topography, climate, etc., are constantly changing. He noted that the industrial revolution was a huge benefit for humans, and that fossil fuels have nurtured and sustained humankind to date. He stated that concerns about U. S. oil imports are justified. He said the key to U. S. economic prosperity is cheap fuel, produced in the U. S. He said there is no satisfactory "green" substitute now available. He proposed that the way to fix the seriously troubled California economy is to develop 10 billion barrels of offshore oil!

Arlie answered a question by stating that he is a skeptic about the current global warming theory. He said there was no doubt about an increase in carbon dioxide. But he noted that, in Pleistocene times, it was much more than today, and there were no cars then.

Arlie said he believes nuclear power should be developed to help meet our energy needs.

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He said that most of the oil spills are tanker mishaps, so that producing it in the U. S. would be better.

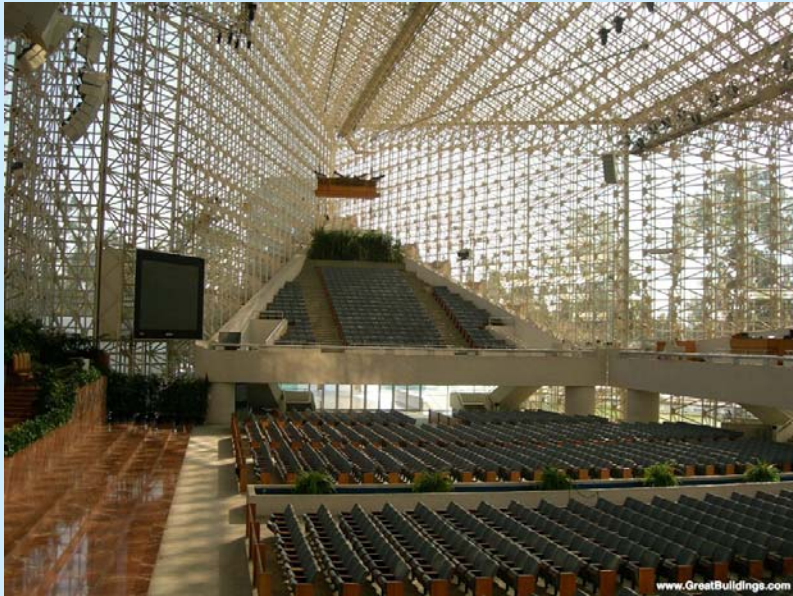
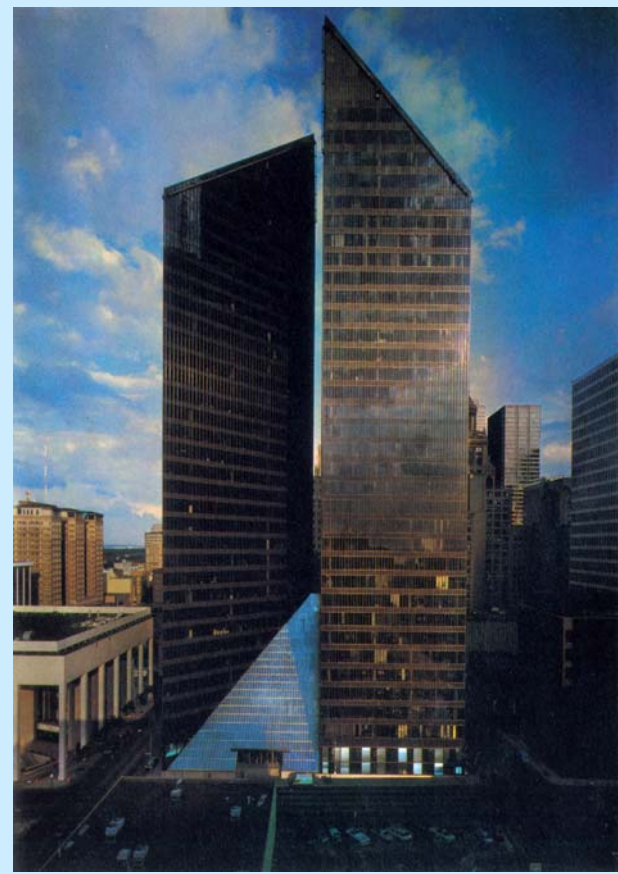
Arlie Skov certainly gave us plenty of food for thought, and it was very pertinent in today's troubled financial times and soaring budget deficits in the country, particularly in California.

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*Ladies Day at the Cosmo Club*

**May 6, 2010**

**\$17 per person**

**Cash or Check**

