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Next Meeting

September 20, 2012

Putt Mills

"Lunar Exploration"

Fellow Cosmopolitan Club member Putt Mills was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA. He enrolled at Kent State University (Ohio) under the Army Air Force Cadet Program. Due to a major cutback in the Pilot training program, Putt was reassigned to Ground Forces in Europe with General George Patton's Third Army at the end of the Battle of the Bulge serving as an aircraft technician. Putt eventually obtained a Mechanical Engineering degree in Automotive and Aviation fields. From 1965 through 1972, Putt was Chief of Field Test Systems Manned Lunar Exploration Studies for NASA's Astronaut Geological training. His awards and honors include a U.S. Meritorious Service Award from NASA for his work in the Apollo Lunar Exploration Program.



Introduction by John MacKenzie

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Cosmo Member Ailing

If you learn of one of our members suffering from illness or injury, please notify Mead Northrop, 964-9786, mfnsb@cox.net. Cosmo sends best wishes to Dwight Coffin who is hospitalized with yet another knee infection

Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: John Calvert and George Campbell
Punch Bowl: Kent Cullen
Invocation: Bill Alexander
Sgt.-at-Arms: Bill Montag

Words from Our President

President Mead Northrop advises all members that FY 2013 dues were timely on July 1. Cosmo bylaws require that any member not current in his dues as of October 1 must be dropped from membership. You may bring your dues check to the 9/20 meeting, or mail it to Cosmo, PO Box 3993, Santa Barbara, Ca 93130-3993

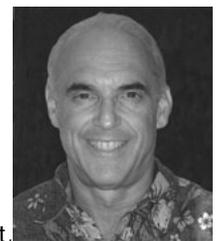
Future Meetings

October 4, 2012

Daniel Alef

"Burt Rutan: Aeronautic and Space Genius"

Mr. Alef is a former syndicated columnist, attorney, and author of the Titans of Fortune series of biographical profiles of great American titans who have earned unusual sobriquets and interesting nicknames. Cornelius Vanderbilt was known as the "Colossus of Roads" for his massive railroad holdings; Hetty Green, the richest woman in American history who donned black dresses, was known as "the Witch of Wall Street;" Eddie Rickenbacker became the "Ace of Aces." However, few have ever been accorded as many names as Burt Rutan: Aerospace Legend; Space Pioneer; Final Frontiersman; Magician of Mojave; Einstein of Aerodynamics. Does Burt Rutan merit such accolades? Part of the answer could be his appearance on the cover of *Time*—twice—*Life, Inc.*, *Wired*, and *Aviation Week*. But



a bigger part of the answer is at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum where four Rutan-designed airplanes and one spacecraft are on exhibit. Don Chalfant will introduce this most interesting program.

October 18, 2012

Jerome Garris

"An Eerie Election"

introduction by Gordon Bjork



November 1, 2012

John Brinker

"Investing in Today's Market"

introduction by Jim Shaw



November 15, 2012

Gordon Bjork

"Economic Problems Facing Our Next President"



Wine Drawing

Bob Sorich pulled the winning tickets. Mike Cribbs scored a Buellton Lucas & Lewellen Winery 2008 Viognier and tablemate Don Chalfant took home Paso Robles' Sextant Wines 2009 Zinfandel.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS



Presented by Paul Melancon.

Foster Markolf, hosted by George Surmeier

Nicola Martinovich, treated by Ron Singer

Monte Ward, guested by Bill Berry

Ken Wolf, invited by Don Chalfant

New membership rosters, as of July 1, 2012, were distributed by Robin Durkee.

In Memoriam

Dick Phillips, a member since 2001, passed away in early September. Cosmopolitan Club sends its deep condolences to his wife Phyllis and family.

Welcome New Member

Robert "Bob" Weber

Editor's Note: Bob's personal information was not available at press time. We'll try to give him a proper introduction in the next issue.

Proposed for Membership

Nicola "Nic" Martinovich

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From The Pot Hole City of Pittsburgh, Nic degreed in the Fine Arts with emphasis on Art, Philosophy and Journalism. A U. S. Army Vietnam veteran, he worked at US Steel before moving to the considerably warmer climes of Northridge, CA in 1981. Joining the faculty of Cal State Northridge, he taught in the Journalism Dept. and supervised the TV News Studio until his 2002 retirement. Single, Nic moved to Santa Barbara that same year to pursue his interest in golf, swimming, cycling and running. He is a multi-media artist whose work has appeared in national juried shows. Nic is sponsored by Ron Singer, Paul Fink and Stan Clothier.

Montague "Monte" R. Ward, Jr.

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From Seattle in the northern reaches of The Evergreen State, Monte holds a Masters of Science degree specializing in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, as well as Mechanical and Civil Engineering. He and wife Nancy moved to Santa Barbara in 1954 where he retired as President of RTL Inc. He served two separate 2-year active duty tours with the U. S. Navy. A long-time resident of Hollister Ranch, Monte has been very active in the management and oversight of that unique property. Their family includes a son and 2 daughters. Monte is a bodysurfer, and enjoys politics, reading, writing, photography and music. His sponsors are Bill Berry, Bob Logan and Ralph Edebo.

In Memoriam

21-year member Dan Chase passed away recently. Cosmo extends its deep condolences to his wife Judith and family.

Regular Events

Bridge

High scores for September 6:

- 1st place – Ed Loper 3870 points
 2nd place – Howard Glenn 3670 points
 3rd place – Ralph Edebo 3170 points



Join us for FUN Bridge upstairs at the Elks Club after all regular meetings; we play until 3:30 PM. Chairman Steve Morgan, 637-1332, or smmphd@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.



Cosmo Computer Society

Cosmo Computer Society meets monthly on the third Tuesday, upstairs at the Elks Club. Discussion starts at 10:00 AM, and a feature presentation starts at 10:30 AM, concluding with a no-host fellowship luncheon in the Elks Grill. All COSMO members are welcome. Bob Gerity, Program Chair, Howard Glenn, Chair. 967-2633, hbglennc@cox.net.



S.A.G.E. Investment Group

S.A.G.E. meets monthly at 10 AM on the first Tuesday at the Elks Club, followed by a no-host lunch in the grill downstairs. At S.A.G.E. we discuss past and possible future trends in the economy and the stock market. We would welcome your participation. Co-Chairs: Dick Evans, 967- 6930, dickevans@mac.com and Walter Naumann, 448-5061, wjnaumann@aol.com.



Golf

Mondays - Santa Barbara Golf Club (Muni). Tee times from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$25 for 18 holes. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by prior Friday for your tee time. Twin Lakes (Par 29) at 9:00 AM. Work on your short game. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.



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

Additional play at various courses - Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Mondays are usually at Muni, Wednesdays are often at Glen Annie, and Friday locations have included La Purisma, Glen Annie, Soule Park, and Rancho San Marcos. A. B. Clark and Steven Stonefield will select the floating golf game sites, so you may contact either of them. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

Upcoming Special Events

September 10-20, 2012

Trip to Ireland (glorious adventures and golf stories forthcoming).

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Piper's Winery Dinner & Jazz

Special Events Chairman Thore Edgren reports a few spaces remain available for this unique Dixieland jazz concert and dinner event at Piper's Winery. The location is Highway 150 above Carpinteria, and the estimated cost for the wine tasting, dinner and jazz concert is \$55. Sign-up at the next meeting or contact Thore, 967-4001, theman3@cox.net.

Sunday, November 4, 2012

Opera - "Madame Butterfly" by Puccini at the Granada Theater

We will meet at 12 noon at La Cumbre Country Club for a Champagne brunch, and continue from there to the Granada for a 2:30 curtain on one of Puccini's best known and most beloved operas. Cost is \$90.00 per person, which includes everything -- brunch, Champagne and theater ticket. Please make check payable to Cosmo and mail or hand it to Fred Sidon, 555 Las Palmas Dr. SB 93110.

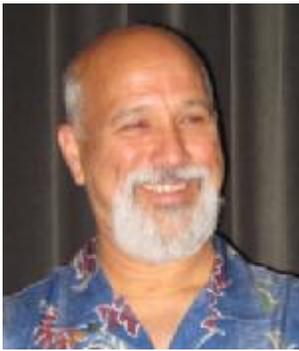
January 20, 2013

Santa Barbara Symphony Luncheon & Concert

Enjoy lunch at Andersen's Danish Bakery & Restaurant (one block from the Granada - park once for both venues), followed by the concert with soloists featuring Mozart and Mendelssohn. We'll enjoy a private dining room and fine orchestra seating in one group at a very good price. Save the date – details to follow. Event Chair Art Kvaas , 965 6636, or akvaas@verizon.net.

Last Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2012



Richard Salas

Introduced by John Mackenzie, talented undersea photographer Richard Salas narrated a highly entertaining and informative audiovisual presentation on SHARKS. A native Californian and local Brooks Institute of Photography graduate, Richard broached early on the “fear” factor aura surrounding this 400,000,000 year-old denizen of the deep classification. Worldwide, 5-7 persons a year are documented as killed by shark attack. Of nearly 400 species of sharks, only Tiger, Bull and Great White are considered deadly. Sadly the mantra “the only good shark is a dead shark” is being executed to the extreme with an estimated 100 million sharks killed annually, primarily via the wasteful harvesting of fins for Chinese culinary purposes.

While sharks have survived five epochal extinction events, their numbers now are being rapidly depleted by over-fishing. Not only sharks, but many sea creatures are being rapaciously harvested through indiscriminate and inefficient fishing techniques that result in the death of scores of non-commercial species. In the last 100 years, mankind has inflicted more damage on the earth's oceans and balance of nature than in all prior recorded history. With growing success, a number of organizations are attempting to combat this destructive trend, but Richard posits that awareness and education are the most effective implements in reversing this damage to our Earth's most dominant feature.

Since sharks have inhabited the oceans for hundreds of millions of years longer than man, it's safe to assume that the shark's evolved culinary decisions do not include human flesh. Nor is the shark's digestive system designed to process solid material such as bone...or surfboard. Tests document that fish blood is a powerful stimulant while human blood draws no interest.

Carnivorous sharks are described as “ambush hunters” as they lurk beneath the surface using decent sight and very acute motion sensors to target in on silhouette features

above them. A sophisticated nose sensor on each side of its head enables a shark to navigate to the scent of blood. Sharks have well developed taste sensors which define the quality of the dining experience. However, these 'taste buds' are in the back of the mouth which accounts for the oversized bite. Sharks lose teeth almost daily, replenishing them with fresh rows throughout their lives. While a Great White may grow to a thoroughly-menacing 20 feet in length during its 7-12 year maturation cycle, the true leviathan is the Whale Shark, a mellow plankton-eating mammoth reaching 41 feet in length.

Mr. Salas' demeanor and remarks clearly reflect his philosophy: “I have seen that, as a species, humanity's collective weight is having a profound impact on its resources. So, with my light and patience, I create dimensionality of these critters in my photographs so that they leap off the page to greet the viewer. I am committed to using my art and technique to spark in others both a deep reverence and a sense of deep responsibility for the ocean and its creatures”. Mr. Salas' talent is featured in his publications which you will find on his website askphoto20.com.

