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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, [mfnbsb@cox.net](mailto:mfnbsb@cox.net). Cosmo sends best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dwight Coffin who returned home on Tuesday after yet another knee infection, and to his wife Tina who has just returned from UCLA to recuperate from a lung transplant.

## Meeting Staff

Ticket Sellers: John Calvert and George Campbell  
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## Words from Our President

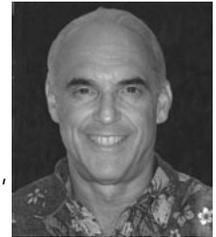
Vice President Don Chalfant announced that Coats and Ties would be the uniform of the day starting October 4, 2012. President Mead Northrup advises all members that FY 2013 dues were timely on July 1. Cosmo bylaws require that any member not current in his dues as of October 1 must be dropped from membership. You may bring your dues check to the 10/4 meeting, or mail it to Cosmo, PO Box 3993, Santa Barbara, Ca 93130-3993

## Next Meeting

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.

## Burt Rutan



Aeronautic and Space Genius

## Future Meetings

October 18, 2012

Jerome Garriss

“An Eerie Election”

introduction by Gordon Bjork



November 1, 2012

John Brinker

“Investing in Today’s Market”



Mr. Brinker received his MBA from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania and also attended the American Bankers Association’s National Trust School at Northwestern University. Since then, he has accumulated over 29 years of experience in investment management. Prior to 1993, he was the Vice President and Portfolio Manager in the Investment Management and Trust Division of PNC Bank in Philadelphia where he managed over \$170 million in individual trust and retirement accounts. Since 1993 he has been the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer at Santa Barbara Bank and Trust where he oversees all aspects of investment management and policy for the bank’s Wealth Management Division. He has also hosted a radio program exploring a variety of investment topics, been involved in numerous community organizations and educational programs, and is a former officer in the U.S. Navy. Introduction by James Shaw.

November 15, 2012

Gordon Bjork

“Economic Problems Facing Our Next President”



## Wine Drawing

Bob Zimels pulled the winning tickets. John Calvert scored a New Zealand Scarborough Winery 2011 Sauvignon Blanc and past president Arlie Skov took home a bottle of Bob Hassler’s Pinot Noir 2008.



Presented by Jim Barbabella.

Don Vogt, hosted by Skip Cole

Kitsh Wilson, treated by Ralph Edebo

Monte Ward, guested by Bill Berry and Ralph Edebo

Ken Wolf, invited by Don Chalfant

## Welcome New Member

Robert H. ‘Bob’ Weber

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(Editor’s note: Bob was inducted at a prior meeting, but his background information was not available).

Lt. Col. USAF (ret.) Bob Weber hails from The Windy City. A student of mathematics and physics, he earned his magna cum laude honors degree from Boulder’s Colorado Univ. which included a Junior year abroad at Bonn University. Bob’s career specialization encompassed UV and IR radiometry, space systems architecture and technology, and agent-based computer simulation software and operations analysis. He retired in 2005 as Senior Project Engineer for The Aerospace Corp., moving to Santa Barbara with wife Anne. The couple raised a son and daughter. Bob’s sponsors were Mead Northrop, Dick Milham and Jim Shaw.

## Proposed for Membership

Kenneth E. Wolf

1025 Senda Verde, Apt E., SB 93105

A native of Oak Park, IL, Ken obtained a BS from the University of Illinois and a MS from the University of Minnesota in Chemical Engineering, and worked in software analysis, guidance and control systems and computer modeling for Logicon in San Pedro, Rocketdyne in Canoga Park and The Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo. After his retirement in 2000, Ken and his wife Carolyn moved to Santa Barbara in 2012. He is interested in computers and music. His sponsors are Don Chalfant, Dick Evans and Henry Levy.

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

## Announcements

**Bridge**—Howard Glenn invited members to join the after meeting bridge games for fun and fellowship.

**Piper's Winery Dinner**—Harry Stroud invited members to join this fun jazz and BBQ event.

**Senior Services**—Marty Tucker asked for volunteers to join HICAP, a health information counseling and advocacy group for seniors. He reminded members of the Senior Expo on October 16. After the meeting Marty passed out free brochures, "Fit After Fifty" to promote exercise and mobility.

## Regular Events

### Bridge

High scores for September 6:

1 <sup>st</sup> place – Robin Durkee	3260 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place – Howard Glenn	2870 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place – Bob McMillin	2050 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dickevans@mac.com) and Walter Naumann, 448-5061, [wjnaumann@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rsinger916@aol.com).

## Upcoming Special Events

### Senior Expo (an active aging fair)

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Earl Warren Showgrounds (Las Positas at Hwy 101)  
Services & Activities:

- \*A Flu Shot (donated by Sansum Clinic) for Seniors age 55 and over
- \*A Healthy Snack
- \*Live Music
- \*Over 90 Exhibitors
- \*NEW! Fit Stop - hearing, vision, balance & fitness testing
- \*The CarFit Program for older drivers
- \*Free Paper Shredding (2 box maximum)
- \*Free Parking (Valet parking for those with a blue placard)

### \$ 10 Entrance Fee

Contact Marty Tucker if you have any questions, 969-0760 or [tuckmet@aol.com](mailto:tuckmet@aol.com).

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

### Piper's Winery Dinner & Jazz

Space is still available for an exclusive Traditional Dixieland Jass music and dinner event. The Piper's Winery is located on scenic Rincon Mountain 3 miles on Highway 150 north of Carpenteria.

Seven Dixieland musicians will provide music for listening and dancing pleasure from 1-5pm. Organic certified winetasting is 12-1pm.

Dinner is at 2:30pm and consists of BBQ tri tip and chicken

served with salad, beans, rice, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and dessert. Admission is \$55/ person. Guests are invited.

For reservations provide cash or a check by Oct. 4th made out to the Cosmopolitan Club. Contact Thore Edgren at 967 4001 or [theman3@cox.net](mailto: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.

**Sunday, 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](mailto:akvaas@verizon.net).

**Last Meeting**

**Thursday, September 29, 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. Putt

was introduced by John MacKenzie.

Putt explained that he got involved in a program on Manned Lunar Exploration Studies which was designed to see if the President Kennedy promise to put a man on the moon could include some scientific studies. Boeing was a prime contractor for a lunar rover, with General Motors as subcontractor for the physical design of the rover and RCA as subcontractor for the electronics. Their studies were greatly aided by the fine work previously done by fellow Cosmo member, Sam Romano, whose basic design was used in their work. Putt was approached by his boss and told the objective was to have a working vehicle in 90 days; Putt was asked if he could do that. He told his boss to schedule a test drive 90 days forward. Putt and his crew designed and fabricated a working test vehicle, which was ready for a test drive on schedule. Putt proudly said his \$1,900 model was replaced by a \$1.2 million dollar flight version. The wheels were made of woven piano wire because the loads on the moon were less than on earth due to the difference in gravity. The design was successful and four of the flight models are still on the moon and one in the Smithsonian Museum. Putt brought one of the test models to the club to see what was designed. He also brought one of the piano wire wheels.

We then had the pleasure of seeing a 25 minute film narrated by Putt of the testing activities of the space suits and the ability of astronauts to do geological field work in the Arizona desert, and the design and functioning of several advanced design vehicles, including a Mobile Geological Laboratory and a remote controlled magnetometer. When asked if he had been consulted by the Mars rover team, he said they did ask him about the design of the piano wire wheels.

The presentation was fascinating and demonstrated once again the superior quality of the talent contained within the ranks of the Cosmo Club. Congratulations Putt for the presentation and to both Sam Romano and Putt for their outstanding and important work!

