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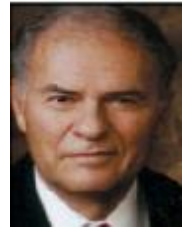
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NEXT MEETING

March 19, 2015

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF GPS

ALBERT MERCADO



In 1973 the Government decided to build a new all weather system for navigation which could be employed with great accuracy all over the globe for secret military applications. The presentation discusses the original design and implementation of the user segment (receivers) as well as early launches and experiments to prove the concept. Presentation will explain how the three segments (Space, Control and User) work and the accuracy both for Government and commercial applications. Presentation will discuss the details of a most tragic event that prompted the Government to reveal the uses of GPS and release certain bands for commercial applications. Albert Mercado was recruited to design and build first units of user segment and as a Manager of the Project led the team which built, tested, qualified and launched the first GPS receivers. His college education includes a BSEE, MSEE and completion of the PhD course work at UCLA. Jim Davis will introduce Albert Mercado.

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Cosmo Members Ailing

If you know of a COSMO member ailing, please notify Curt Whiteman, Memorial & Visitation Chair, 684-1034, whiteman@westmont.edu.

GUEST INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Members are encouraged to bring guests to our meetings, especially potential future members. The club will pay the guest's lunch on the guest's first visit. When a new member is inducted, the club will host lunch for the primary sponsor and the new member.

Meeting Staff:

Ticket Sellers: Bill Irvine & Dale Carpentier

Punchbowl: Kent Cullen

Invocation: Bill Alexander

Audio-Visual: Jack Patterson, Bob Weber, Bill Alexander, Orlando Ramirez

Sergeant-at-Arms: Walter Clapp

Photographers: Ron White and Dan Truex

INCREASE IN COST OF LUNCH

Starting April 2nd the cost of lunch will be increased to \$22.00. We anticipate that many members will prefer to pay this amount by check to avoid bringing or receiving dollar bills. Checks are to be made payable to "Cosmopolitan Club". To facilitate ticket selling, checks should be prepared in advance.

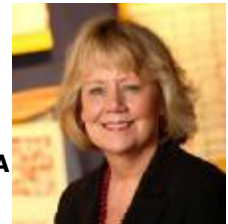
FUTURE MEETINGS

April 2, 2015

LADIES DAY

WOMEN WHO INFLUENCED CONTEMPORARY ART IN AMERICA

JUDY LARSON



Judy L. Larson holds the R. Anthony Askew Chair in Art at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, where she directs the Westmont Museum of Art (formerly Reynolds Gallery), located in the Adams Center for the Visual Arts, and teaches courses in art history and museum studies as a part of the art faculty. With thirty years of museum and gallery experience, Larson was most recently the director of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, where she

is credited with completing a 25 million dollar endowment campaign and enriching the museum's exhibition schedule to include thematic exhibitions and new artistic fields. She was active in the formation of new national and international committees, which advocate for women in the arts.

Larson previously directed the Art Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke, where she coordinated the acquisition of multi-million dollar American art collection. She served as curator of American art at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Georgia, where she organized national touring exhibitions on American artists such as John Twachtman and Norman Rockwell. Larson worked at the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art while earning undergraduate and master's degrees in art history at UCLA. She completed a Ph.D. at the Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts at Emory University, Atlanta, in 1998. Prof Larson will be introduced by Dwight Coffin.

Tickets will be on sale only at the March 5 and March 19 meetings.

April 16, 2015

SANTA BARBARA BY AIR

WES ST. CLAIR AND JO ANN MERMIS



Wes St. Clair and Jo Anne Mermis are both graduates of the University of Kansas and work together as real estate brokers. After recognizing and enjoying the unique perspective one gets from a helicopter, Wes became a helicopter pilot in 1992 and an aerial photographer in 1994.

Jo Ann has long been active in caring for the beauty and history of Santa Barbara. She is a docent at Lotusland and a board member of Santa Barbara Beautiful. They will present a program of aerial photographs of various areas, historic buildings and homes in Santa Barbara County. Wes and Jo Ann will be introduced by Harry Brown.

WINE DRAWING

Our guest speaker, Jim Kemp had the first lucky ticket. He won a Dawiel Gehrs 2011 Gewürztraminer. Bill Alexander was the other winner. His wine was a D&J Cellars 2008 Petite Sirah.



WELCOME OUR GUESTS 

Warner Owens introduced **Joseph A. Abram**, a local pediatrician, who was hosted by George Campbell. Joseph noted that he has an interest in tennis, billiards and choir singing.

Proposed for Membership

BURT BERNSTEIN

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Burt was born in New York City. Since 1968 he and his wife Judith have resided in Goleta, where they raised their two daughters. He holds a B.A. in economics and a J.D. in law. He retired from Chubb Sovereign Life Insurance as a Senior Vice President in 1995. Since retirement he has been a consultant in the insurance business as well as an expert witness. He has also been involved with education, serving as an Adjunct Professor of Law. He enjoys golf, bridge, travel and reading. His sponsors are George Surmeier, Jim Shaw and Harv Turner.

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Dan was born in Wisconsin. He received his BS in Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin and a MBA in Business at Harvard. He retired from the Harvard Risk Management Foundation in 1998, where he was President and CEO. He and his wife Carolyn moved to Santa Barbara in 2011. His sponsors are Walter Clapp, Paul Hartloff and Dwight Coffin.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group meets the third Thursday of every month in the upstairs room at roughly 1:45 pm, after the regular meeting has adjourned. It is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 pm. The presentation generally takes some 30-45 minutes with the balance of the time available for discussion.

The group is open to individuals interested in participating in fun discussions on important topics. All members are welcome and encouraged to offer comments and/or give a presentation.

The March 19th presentation will be *Ethics, Morality and Cognition* by Jim Davis.

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.



GOLF

Mondays we usually meet at the Santa Barbara Golf Club, (Muni). Tee times range between 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Regular walking senior rate is \$26 for 18 holes. Contact Ron Singer (805) 684-1355 or rsinger916@aol.com by the prior Friday for your tee time. These outings are a great way to gain new members, so invite your friends.



Marty Tucker announced the next scramble Golf tournament at Montecito Country Club on March 26 at noon--\$56 for green fees, carts, prizes, lunch and hors de oeuvres at the 19th hole.

We also have additional games at various courses. Contact Ron Singer to get on the e-mail notification list for the Floating Golf Game Circuit. Wandering Wednesday and Floating Friday locations will include courses throughout the tri-county area. A. B. Clarke, Steven Stonefield and Bill Clothier select the floating golf game sites. Ron Singer, Golf Chair: rsinger916@aol.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Opera Opportunities

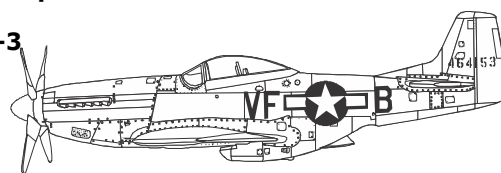
Sunday April 26

On **April 26th** Cosmopolitan Club members will join others in Sunday lunch at La Cumbre Country Club followed by "A Streetcar Named Desire" by Andre Previn at the Granada Theater.

The performance will start at 2:30 PM, with lunch at noon, allowing for ample time to get to the Granada Theater. The price of \$90.00 per person includes lunch and opera tickets. If interested, please contact Fred Sidon at frsidon@impulse.net.

WWII Airplanes

May 1-3



Mark your calendar if you enjoy seeing WWII airplanes. The Collings Foundation aircraft will return to Santa Barbara on May 1 and be available for viewing that afternoon in addition to the weekend of May 2 & 3. The aircraft will be the B-17, B-24, B-25 and P-51. WWII veterans interested in a possible free flight should contact Peter Kruse at sbpete8@gmail.com. Additional detail on the event will follow.

Tribute to Ben Walsh

Saturday May 2

Our annual tribute to Ben Walsh and dinner will be held at the Santa Baarbara City College on Saturday May 2. Further details will be announced. This is always a sell-out. You are encouraged to sign up early.

Harry Stroud (805) 653 5117

Hobby Day

May 7

All members who have hobbies and special interests such as Woodworking, Art Painting, Winemaking, Photography, Sculpturing, Pottery, Jewelry Making, Ceramics, Collections, etc. are welcome to display their hobbies at this special club meeting. The hobby show will be the program for the meeting. All items will be displayed on tables, easels to be furnished by the participant, or on the floor. A questionnaire titled "Hobby Day Show" is included in this issue. If you are interested complete the questionnaire.



LAST MEETING

March 5, 2015

Jim Kemp,

Executive Director Santa Barbara County Association of Governments

"101 Congestion Relief & Transportation Finance 101"



Vern Kemp's introduction of his son Jim Kemp included a few lighthearted "fatherly jabs". Jim, who has been the Executive Director of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) since 2002, started his presentation with an equally lighthearted comment that to the effect that although his dad was great he did not always pay his fair share. Jim left this comment as a "teaser"; it was put in context during his presentation.

SBCAG is a regional government agency responsible for planning, prioritizing and implementing transportation improvement projects in the county. It also administers Measure A, the 1/2 cent sales tax approved by county voters in 2008. SBCAG is governed by a thirteen member board of directors consisting of the five county supervisors and a city council member from each of the eight incorporated cities in Santa Barbara County. In effect Jim has thirteen bosses.

Jim highlighted the three basic causes of the congestion on 101. First, and most obvious, is the increases in traffic. Added long distance commuting related to the Santa Barbara jobs/housing imbalance was noted as a major factor in this regard. For example there are 15,000 daily commuters from Ventura. The second basic cause of the congestion is the inefficient use of the system (e.g. 4 out of 5 commuters are driving alone and travel at peak hours). The final basic cause relates to the fact that the full system with its short ramps, narrow shoulders and poor sight distance is not up to current design standard.

The solution to the 101 congestion is not simple or without

historical and current controversy. In 2006 a multi-year plan called "101 in Motion" was adopted by BSCAG. It was the culmination of a major community based bottoms-up planning process. Then in 2008 the watershed Measure A Santa Barbara County Transportation Sales Tax was passed to initiate funding of the 101 widening envisioned in the plan. This measure received 79% voter support, indicating that the widening project had significant public support. SBCAG is currently implementing the four phase plan to widen 101.

The "101 in Motion" plan is more than widening 101. The plan also includes commuter rail. In fact it has been referred to as a "Lane and a Train". Jim had little progress to report on the "Train" portion on the plan. It still is a work in progress.

The "Transportation Finance 101" portion of the presentation dealt with the pressing need for infrastructure spending and the related antiquated financing structure. Jim gave the members a structured look at the problem. The solution to the problem, in his judgment, requires public support for a new and improved funding process. He discussed several approaches which would not have the inherent problems associated with the current per gallon tax. This led Jim back to his comment that his dad was not paying his fair share. Vern has a Prius that gets better than average gas mileage. As a result, Vern uses fewer gallons of gas and does not pay his fair share for his use of our transportation system!

The presentation was informative and thought provoking. We left the meeting with a better understanding of "101 Congestion Relief & Transportation Finance 101" and a realization that the issues are neither simple nor inexpensive.



HOBBY DAY SHOW

SPECIAL INTERESTS EXHIBIT QUESTIONNAIRE

DATE: May 7, 2015

WHERE: ELKS CLUB NORTH ENTRY SPECIAL PURPOSE ROOM

NAME: _____

SPECIAL INTEREST: _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE EXHIBITED ON TABLES

SIZE OF EXHIBIT (WXL) _____

TABLES ARE 30"W x 96"L (TABLES MAY BE SHARED)

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE MOUNTED ON FLOOR MOUNTED EASELS FURNISHED BY EXHIBITOR, PANELS (ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, ETC.) NUMBER OF PAINTINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS LIMITED TO TWO _____

DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS TO BE FLOOR MOUNTED (SCULPTURE, WOODWORK, ETC).

SIZE OF ITEMS (WxL) _____

EMAIL FORM TO THORE EDGREN: theman3@cox.net OR MAIL TO 6545 CAMINO VENTUROSO, GOLETA, CA 93117. CALL 967-4001 WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

PLEASE SUBMIT FORMS BY APRIL 3. 2015



Cosmopolitan Golf Club Pebble Beach Outing

March 2-5, 2015

Twenty-four members and guests of our club travelled to the Monterey Peninsula and played three world-class golf courses in three consecutive days. The courses: Spyglass, Spanish Bay, and Pebble Beach presented an incredibly beautiful backdrop for these "good walks, spoiled. Some of us were taking advantage of the many "Kodak Moments" and a few selected photos will appear with this item. (photo credits to Bill Wilson, Jerry Feldman, Bill Gohlke, Bill Clothier, Bob Swider, and Harv Turner.

Competition at Spyglass was two flights of net-two-ball; winning teams were:

"Bubba Watson" Flight: 1st – Alan Feldman with Jerry Feldman; 2nd – Bob Logan with Cam Camarena; 3rd – Bill Gohlke with Bob Swider.

"Jack Nicklaus" Flight: 1st – Harv Turner with Bob Blackman; 2nd – Bill Wilson with John Walker; 3rd Ron Singer with James Alexander.

Competition at Spanish Bay was a two-ball Stableford format. Winning teams were: 1st – Bob Logan with Cam Camarena; 2nd – Franz Meier with Dick Fellows; and a tie for 3rd – Bill Wilson with John Walker and Joel Altshul with Bill Dial.

Competition at Pebble Beach Links was

Ron Singer organized this event and negotiated an excellent package deal price for our group; thanks, Ron. The weather was close-to-perfect, the restaurants chosen for dinner were excellent and the accommodations at the Inn at Spanish Bay were really first-class. All agreed that this trip will be long-remembered and sets the bar very high. Our players may have lost a few golf balls but there were no losers on this expedition. New friendships were made; existing friendships were strengthened; Everybody was smiling... a lot.



Pebble Beach Event



