



# The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-First Year

October 2006

Bulletin No. 9

## NEXT MEETING at Swiss Park - Thursday, October 19, 2006

### Bits and Pieces by Big Sir Les Addison



It's hard to believe the year is passing so quickly. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be here before we know it. It's been a pleasure to serve as Big Sir because of all the help and support I've had from all the officers, directors, committee chairmen and everyone I've called on to do something. Everyone has done a terrific job. I'd like to especially

thank Sir **John Skarpelos** for doing such an outstanding job on the newsletter. All the colored pictures have really added to its appeal. I get newsletters from other branches and ours is the best by far.

Sir of the month for October is Sir **Bob Benya** for his work as a Director, for chairing the committee to investigate a location for our meetings, and for leading the "Singing Sirs" in entertaining us at our meetings. He even got Sir **Fred Gotthardt** to come up and sing the Coast Guard anthem at our May meeting honoring our members who served in the armed forces.

At the meeting last month, our new membership chairman was introduced. He is Sir **Ron Brutvan**. He will be taking over for Sir **Ed Bingle**.

I want to thank everyone who brought in new members. Our membership has increased by seven since January. Keep inviting your friends to our meetings and keep bringing your old medicine bottles.

*Les*

### Octoberfest MENU

#### Knackwurst and Sauerkraut



German Potatoes  
Green Salad - Bread and Butter  
German Apple Cake and Coffee

### Our Speaker – Dr. Prasad Kilaru by Little Sir Ted Bresler

#### Hand Problems – And "Hands On" Solutions

Some of our speakers decided to seek their occupations or professions in their youth or adulthood. Dr. Prasad Kilaru, on the other hand, was born to become a physician and surgeon. It's a part of his family tradition.

His grandfather was the first person to be trained as a surgeon in his native Andhra Pradesh state in India. His parents, aunt and uncle became doctors. So it is no wonder that he always wanted to be a surgeon.

Dr. Kilaru received his 2nd through 10th grade education in Boston, Massachusetts. Then he returned to India to attend medical school. He spent a 5-year surgical residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, working in plastic and hand surgery. This was followed by a 2-year plastic surgery residency at USC/LA County, then by a 1-year residency at USC Medical Center in Los Angeles.

After 2 years of practice in Los Angeles, he joined the Deccan Pacific Medical Group in Fremont 5 years ago, practicing hand, plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Kilaru treats generic hand problems, including hand and thumb arthritis, tumors, carpal tunnel, and infections. One of the more challenging of these is Dupuytren's (DOO-Pit-Rin's) disease, where the layer of flesh under the skin of the palm thickens and shrinks, resulting in a bending or curling of the fingers. Commonly found in older men of Northern European lineage, the disease used to require amputation of the fingers. Fortunately, modern medicine has advanced to provide for successful treatment through surgery and occupational therapy.

Dr. Kilaru will discuss the common hand diseases and their treatment at our October 19 meeting.

He is presently Chief of Surgery and the Wound Care Director at Washington Medical Center in Fremont.



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor  
**Don't forget to Call on the Monday before the meeting - or earlier**

Alan Douglass 573-0051



## Branch 59

### Officers

#### Big Sir

Les Addison  
(510) 656-7048

#### Little Sir

Ted Bresler  
(510) 490-2680

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Allen Sprague  
(510) 657-0661

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(510) 651-8664

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Bobby Ben Snodgrass  
(510) 796-3543

#### Directors

Lloyd Anderson  
Bob Benya  
Don Gillis  
Bill Leake  
Howard Thompson  
Arthur Winkley

## Branch 59

Meets at Swiss Park  
5911 Mowry Avenue  
Newark  
on the 3rd Thursday of  
each month  
10:15 AM  
Executive Board Meeting  
11AM Social Hour  
12 Noon Lunch

A Nonprofit  
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corporation for  
retired men



## Edited Excerpts of September 21st Minutes of Allen Sprague

Big Sir Les Addison called the meeting to order at 10:15am, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Les Addison; Little Sir Ted Bresler, Secretary Allen Sprague, Asst. Secretary Peter Angelides, Treasurer Louis Bufkin;

Asst. Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Directors present: Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Bill Leake, and Art Winkley. Absent: Directors Howard Thompson, and Bob Benya.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of September 9, 2006, the ending cash balance was \$3,543.40. Membership was 270 active and 26 inactive members. At the August 17th meeting, there were 184 members (68% of total), and 4 guests present. (Full details are in the Form 28 report)

Little Sir Ted Bresler reported that he has prepared a manual for his successor Sir Richard Holley. Today's speaker Barbara Proctor will be accompanied by two of her staff as additional guests.

Membership and Attendance: Sir Alan Douglass and Sir Ed Bingle reported that 194 members are expected today (64 excused), plus 5 guests. One new member is expected to be inducted.

Bowling: Sir Rollin Cunningham reported that Branch 59 had 29 bowlers at the Dublin tournament on September 18th, and that Branch 59 will host a tournament at Mowry Lanes on October 1st and 2nd (124 announcements have

been mailed); singles at 10am and doubles at 1 pm. Other tournaments are coming up in October, November, and December. We now have 20 active bowlers.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 23 of 29 September celebrants are expected today: the most senior is Sir Tom Dehart at 90 years, and the youngest Sir Fred Ilg at 61.

Pathfinder: Editor Sir John Skarpelos announced that the deadline is next Friday, September 29th.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported that the next meeting is Monday, September 25th at 2-4 pm. in the Fukaya A room (and not on the usual Tuesday).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that dues for 2007 will increase to \$31 (from \$26). (Full details will be in the next Pathfinder.)

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on various members' illnesses and hospitalizations.

Big Sir Les Addison reported that the chairman and members of the Social Committee have resigned, effective December 31, 2006.

Old Business: Sir Fred Gotthardt noted that a prospective caterer for the Newark Pavilion was expected to be at today's board meeting, but failed to arrive. Big Sir appointed Sirs Bob Benya and Ted Bresler to contact the caterer to clarify questions remaining to be answered.

Submitted by Allen Sprague, Secretary

## Sir of the Month Bob Benya

Sir **Bob Benya** is the Sir of the month for October 2006. He was an attorney in Fremont before retiring. He joined SIR Branch 59 in September 2000 sponsored by Sir **Herb Epstein**.



He has filled many jobs in our organization including social chairman, board member as a director, organizer and leader of the "Singing Sirs," and chairman of the committee that looked into alternate locations in which to hold our meetings.

Bob is always willing to help out when asked. Our SIR organization is stronger because of dedicated and talented men like Sir **Bob Benya**.

# MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ed Bingle, Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Alan Douglass, and Sir Art Winkley



## Membership Report

### Guests:

Jim Bove  
Wil Karamian  
Robert Mugford  
Barry Rader  
Thomas Russo  
Raymond Rustad

### Guest of:

James Conard  
Bob Edwards  
Jack Lindley  
Drag Dutina  
Will Wyman  
Dareld Youngker

## New Member

No new members in September

# WANTED

## New SIR Members



## Bring In One More In 2006

## October Birthdays

Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	87
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	85
Rollin Cunningham	10/22/1921	85
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	84
Howard Beyers	10/29/1922	84
Calvin Oliveira	10/29/1922	84
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	83
Ray Faria Jr.	10/23/1923	83
Arthur Shiffrar	10/07/1926	80
John Ockes	10/05/1927	79
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	79
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	79
Jack Abraham	10/21/1928	78
Robert McGrath	10/04/1929	77
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	77
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	77
Frank Reis	10/17/1930	76
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	75
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	74
Alan Douglass	10/23/1932	74
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	74
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	73
Jerry Springer	10/19/1933	73
Peter Aubry	10/20/1935	71
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	71
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	64
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	64

### Visitors:

Henning Rasmussen visiting from  
Mid-Lake Branch 174, Kelseyville, CA

### Membership Total

(as of September 21, 2006)

269 — Active Members

23 — Inactive Members

### Change of Status:

**Charles Marshall** new address:  
40457 Shaw Court  
Fremont, CA 94538-3530  
phone 510-438-9519

**Darrell Jewell** new address:  
2860 Coutry Drive Apt 318  
Fremont, CA 94536-5384

**Roy Duarte** to inactive

**John Ford** moved - removed

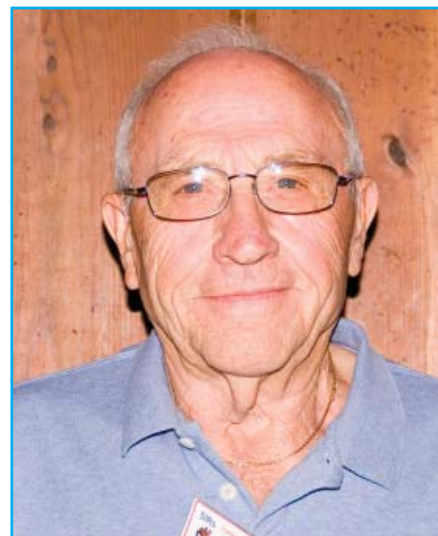
## Attendance Report

(For September 21, 2006)

Members	161
Guests	6
Visitors	1
Speakers	3

**Total = 171**

64 excused 35 unexcused



Sir Henning Rasmussen  
visiting from Mid-Lake Branch  
174 in Kelseyville, CA.



## Branch 59 Roster Update

We are approaching the end of the year 2006 and in December your Roster Committee will be preparing the 2007 Roster. We have attempted to keep accurate information in the data base as members provide us with changes and corrections.

If you have recently changed your address, phone number, email address or wife please let us know. E-mail John Skarpelos at < [john@mediaart.com](mailto:john@mediaart.com) > or phone 510-656-6587.



# SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

## Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

### September Scores

Name	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	182	483
Ralph Bain	192	494
Frank Cordova	228	670
Rollin Cunningham	166	477
Bob Edwards	92	213
Ray Erickson	162	435
Don Henry	178	472
Lew Heffron	178	472
Darrell Jewell	135	360
Jerry Sabo	194	531
Frank Thomas	146	393
Roger Wallin	172	482

The guys meet at Mowry Lanes between 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. League play starts at 1:00 PM every Monday, any one interested in bowling come on down. Price for bowling is \$4.75 per person.

### Future Tournaments:

McHenry Bowl in Modesto, Wednesday and Friday November 1 and 3.

Clayton Bowl in Concord, Tuesday and Thursday November 14 and 16.

Country Club Lane in San Rafael, Tuesday and Thursday December 5 and 7.



**SPORTS BY NAT LORD**

See You Next Year

Questions or Suggestions? Call Nat Lord (510) 797-1704.

## Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column... Interested in joining us? We play every Monday and Thursday (except SIR meeting weeks — when we play Wednesday). Come and join us. To find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE... Post post post — don't forget to post your score... 2007 Dues — Please begin sending in your dues for 2007. Please note the increase — 2007 dues are \$31. Make checks payable to SIR Branch 59 and mail to Bill Leake, PO Box 434, Fremont CA 94537.



Thank you **Jim Lawrence** for calling in tee times for September and **Ken Windholz** for calling in the times for October. And as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays... Yes, you can volunteer to call in tee times — call Bill at 793-6561... We just recently completed the division 4 state qualifier tournament held at Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek. We have 3 golfers qualified for the state individual tournament on October 31 at **Poppy Hills**. This is the largest group that branch 59 will be sending to Poppy Hills since I have been in SIR.

Congratulations to everyone who qualified and played in the tournament. In order to qualify, the individual must be first or second in his flight. Those who will be represent branch 59 and qualified are **John Trischetti** (second place, gross 88, net 71); **Bill Leake** (second place, gross 87, net 65); and **Hank Scherer** (second place, gross 97, net 67). There were many others who competed from branch 59 and they were **Dominic Aiello, Dave Tanner** (previous winner at Poppy), **Gary Callahan, Ken Windholz, Bill Dark, Howard Thompson, Terry Dalziel, Bill Andresen, Chuck Linzey, Tom Sullivan, Earl Evans, Jack Lindley** and **Armando Castiglioni** (the lone representative last year). In addition to these gentlemen, there were also 10 other golfers from the other 4 branches within area 8.

We just finished the Solvang tournament. Two golfers from Branch 59 showed up and two golfers from branch 59 won \$\$\$ **Fred Ilg**, who is brand new to Branch 59 just this year, won \$180 (5th day 1, 5th day 2, 4th overall) and **Bob McGrath** won \$50 for 7th overall. Congratulations. Bob's wife also won \$20 for 4th place, day 1... For the rest of the year we have Poppy Hills Oct 31 and Nov 1 — there is still room if you want to join us — Nov 6-13, air/land trip to Nuevo Vallarta (El Tigre course), and finally Dec 1-12, cruise from Dawn Princess (leaves from SF) to Mexico with stops in Mazatlan, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo.

Take Note: If a SIR golf event occurs on a SIR meeting day, you will be excused and not be charged as missing a meeting as long as you tell the attendance person that you are attending a SIR golfing event... Indexes — do you have an e-mail address and are you receiving your monthly index from GHIN? If not, let me know... Thank you everyone for reading this column. **Bill Leake**

# Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassale

## DECEMBER 10, 2006 — Sacramento GARBEAU'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SHOW

Garbeau's Christmas is a new holiday revue that's a celebration of everything we love about the holiday season.

You will be entertained while you enjoy a fine lunch. This lunch/show is always a sell out, sign up early? This performance will be in Sacramento.

Cost: \$77 Per Person.

Escort: **Daryl Main**, 510-352-2210



Branch 26 provides all trips and tours for the enjoyment of it's members and their guests, and those from branches 59 and 72. Any member from other branches who would like to travel with us can contact me by e-mail (sirs26@earthlink.net), or phone (510-538-7463) and I will send one.

*Emile*

## NOVEMBER 14-15, 2006 - RENO DARREN ROMEO — THE VOICE OF MAGIC

A spectacular stage show by Darren Romeo, a dinner buffet and a night of Gaming at the El Dorado Hotel Casino. You will receive a breakfast buffet on Thursday morning before heading out to the casinos. Also, you will receive a \$2 food credit and a total \$16 cash.

Cost: \$98 Per Person.

Escort: **Frank Cerruti**, 510-568-8361



## BRIDGE GROUPS

We have four bridge groups: Three of them are evening two-table groups and each meets monthly. The 4th bridge group welcomes all members and meets after the monthly meeting.

**Drag Dutina - 657-1037**



## PATHFINDERS WALKING AND HIKING GROUP

Meet Wednesday mornings at 8 AM at the Park at Paseo Padre and Isherwood. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

**Don Henry** at 656-5659.



## JANUARY 16, 2007 — Tuolumne BLACK OAK BONANZA

Our first trip of the new year. Four hours of gaming at Black Oak Casino. A \$15 Bonus return. These day casino trips are always a sell out, and fill up fast.

Cost: \$19 Per Person.

Escort: **Emile Lassale**, 510-538-7463



## READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share.

**Wayne Adams 797-7611**



## CYBERGEEZER OCTOBER MEETING

When -

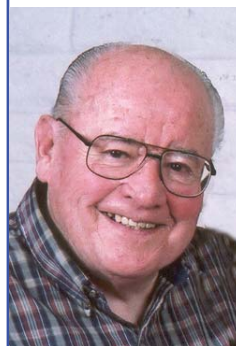
**Tuesday, October 24th.**

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont  
Fukaya A room.

**Cheers**  
*Fred*



## SEPTEMBER 24 to October 10, 2008 — Hawaii SIR 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii

You all have received a flyer for this trip and if you are thinking of going, sign up now. The ship is now 50% sold out. Like all trips, every 5 years, they are trips you will remember.

Cost: See Brochure at:

<http://sirinc.org/2008TripBrochure-5-11-06.pdf>

or call

Escort: **Emile Lassale**, 510-538-7463



# SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

**BOB BEAM**, 2001 Big Sir, suffered a stroke that affected his right arm and leg, was hospitalized at Kaiser Hospital in Fremont on September 18. After numerous tests, it was determined that a blood clot had formed in his neck artery and passed to the brain area. Bob came home a week later.

He is undergoing therapy and reports to Kaiser in October for further assessment of necessary treatment. We wish the best for Bob and hope for a speedy recovery.

**LLOYD COWAN** is a resident at an assisted care center at 3888 Florence Way in Fremont. Lloyd suffers from Parkinson's syndrome. Stop in and see Lloyd as he likes visitors.

**ROBERT DESCH** suffers from Alzheimer disease has been transferred from Aegis of Fremont, leaving no forward address. We wish the best for Robert.

**GERRY DESMOND** no longer drives his auto as he suffers macular degeneration in his eyes. Gerry depends on Bob Ralston for a ride to SIR luncheons.

**ROY DUARTE** says he is not feeling up to par. He says he seems to lack energy. Roy undergoes nightly dialysis and he says the dialysis equipment is functioning ok. Roy requested he be placed on SIR inactive list. We will miss seeing Roy at SIR luncheons. We wish him well.

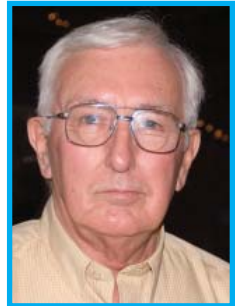
**RAY JARVIS** (formerly known as SIR bionic man, due to numerous joint replacements) died August 27. Ray required full care at the Country Drive Care Center the last few years. Although bedfast, Ray maintained a pleasant attitude and liked to read. Ray was a retired Oakland police officer. We extend our sympathy to Ray's daughter and her family.

**OLIVER KNICK** reached his 90th birthday last month. He enjoyed the birthday luncheon. Oliver says he is limited in his activities and is fearful of falling as he needs assistance to get up. He is limited to using a cane, walker and wheelchair. Oliver needs a ride to SIR luncheons. Nearby SIR members can be helpful by calling and offering Oliver a ride to SIR luncheons.

**ROBERT RALSTON** says he had a heart stent replacement the latter part of August. Bob says he is feeling fine and exercises by walking and riding his bike. Glad you are doing OK Bob.

**TOM SULLIVAN** and his wife, Joanne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 9 in San Luis Obispo where they were originally married. SIR wishes to congratulate the fortunate couple.

**JACK WEBB** missed the September luncheon as he was unable to obtain transportation. Jack has to secure special van service for wheel chair pick up. Hope to see you at the next luncheon Jack.



Bob Walter



## NONAGENARIANS

Sir **Edmund Bingle** shown in the photo at left turned 90 in May of this year.

Sir **Oliver Knick** shown in the photo at right turned 90 in June of this year.

Big Sir **Les Addison** presented each of them with a luncheon ticket in September just to prove that sometimes there is a free lunch.







Sir **Ron Brutvan** on the left has volunteered to be Membership Chairman, replacing Sir **Edmund Bingle** who has handled the job since March of 2003. Ed is describing to Ron the various tasks the membership chairman must perform.



Sir **Richard Holley**, who was elected 2007 Little Sir, is addressing the membership during a luncheon meeting earlier this year.

Save the date - Thursday December 21, 2006

## "Holiday Sweetheart Luncheon"

### Menu

Glazed Baked Ham  
with all the trimmings



Social Hour 11:00 AM  
Luncheon at noon



Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sweetheart's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make out check to **SIR Branch #59** and mail  
to: **Sir Don Henry, 4645 Ridpath St. Fremont, CA 94538** Tickets will be sold at October and November Lunch

Be sure to enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

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Halloween*

### Committee Chairmen and Assistants

#### ATTENDANCE

Alan Douglass - **Chairman**  
Hugh Twomey - Assistant  
Robert Boike - Assistant  
Ed Kurtz - Assistant

#### BIRTHDAYS

Art Winkley - **Chairman**  
Frank D. Thomas - Assistant

#### BOWLING

Rollin Cunningham - **Chairman**  
Frank Cordova - Assistant

#### BRIDGE

Drag Dutina - **Chairman**

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Dino Mostardi - Assistant

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Fred Gotthardt

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Fred Gotthardt - Assistant

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John Gecox - Assistant

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Donald Henry - Assistant  
Nat Lord - Assistant  
Tom Sherba - Assistant

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Frank Campos

#### SPORTS

Nat Lord

#### SUNSHINE

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Bob Walter - Assistant

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Don Henry

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Robert Mannell

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Glen H. Schimelpfenig

#### Governor, Area 8

Tom Sherba

#### Br 59 Honorary Life Members

Louis Bufkin

Fred Gotthardt

Lyle Kingery

Nat Lord

David Marymee

### PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark\*  
1977 Karl Heine\*  
1978 Harry Cooper  
1979 Kenneth Foster\*  
1980 Larry Varblow\*  
1981 Guido Milano\*  
1982 Alex Fulton\*  
1983 Stephen Epler\*  
1984 George Herman\*  
1985 Ray Crosby\*  
1986 Loran Coburn\*  
1987 Robert Davis\*  
1988 Robert Klindt\*  
1989 Martin Annen\*  
1990 Lee Updegraff  
1991 Fred W. Fretter\*  
1992 Lyle Kingery  
1993 LeRoy J. King\*  
1994 George Hubach\*  
1995 Clyde Killion\*  
1996 Bill Schwan\*  
1997 Nat Lord  
1998 John Buchanan\*  
1999 Art Lampert  
2000 Harry Heyen\*  
2001 Bob Beam  
2002 Rollin Cunningham  
2003 Don Henry  
2004 Tom Sherba  
2005 Howard Thompson  
\*(deceased)

### PATHFINDER DEADLINE

The next issue of the  
*Pathfinder* will be in **November**  
the copy deadline will be Friday  
**October 27, 2006.**