



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Thirty-Second Year

October 2007

Bulletin No.9

NEXT MEETING at Newark Pavilion - Thursday, October 18, 2007

Big Sir's Stirs by Big Sir Ted Bresler



Our SIR branch continues to move forward. This year our monthly member attendance at luncheons has exceeded that of every month of 2006 but one.

Our members have made more conscientious efforts to report their excused absences. The number of unexcused absences for September 2007 was the lowest since January of last year.

However, our attendance for the last 2 months has averaged about 20 less than that of the first 3 months of the year. We've been having great programs, and the Pavilion is a great place to meet. So make sure we see you each month!

Also, we haven't been bringing as many guests the last couple of months as we did earlier in the year. Please bring those guests! This leads to increased membership, which is the lifeblood of our SIR branch.

Our Social Committee is now in the process of planning a wonderful Christmas Luncheon for December 20. You won't want to miss it!

Finally, I'd like to announce that I will be appearing in a play at Ohlone College in November, "Much Ado about Nothing," by William Shakespeare. Performance dates are November 8, 9, and 10 (Thursday through Saturday, at 8:00 p.m.), November 13 and 14 (Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.), and November 15, 16, and 17 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.). We have a great cast and director, and the show will be set in San Francisco in 1906 (including earthquake), with a lot of zany antics and characters. You can obtain tickets by calling the box office at 510-659-6031. The box office is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday between 1 and 5 p.m.

Ted

Our Speaker - Alan Frank by Little Sir Dick Holley



Alan Frank is the Curator and Museum Director for the Pacific Locomotive Association and will be talking about the association and some of its many projects. The PLA is an operating museum of railroading in California and operates the Niles Canyon Railway. Niles Canyon Railway is a segment of the original Transcontinental Railroad.

It is a particularly important historic artifact as it has hardly changed since it was built in the 1860's. The PLA has restored the rails to the historic right of way and regularly runs trains for the public.

The PLA is an all volunteer organization with members restoring historic equipment and structures as well as operating the railroad. There are regular training programs for operating crews, conducted to full federal standards. PLA membership is open to the public and all are welcome to join.

Mr. Frank, a resident of Livermore, has been a member of the PLA for nearly twenty years. In addition to being the Curator and Director of the Museum he is also a qualified engineer and is often found at the head of one of the trains on the Niles Canyon Railway.

In his professional life he has recently retired as a Senior Physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Labs with specialties in optics and high speed imaging. He is also an opera singer and was one of the founders and producers of Livermore Valley Opera.

MENU

Turkey and Ham
and all the trimmings



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
Bob Boike 792-6141 or email boboike@comcast.net



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Branch 59

Meets at Newark Pavilion
6430 Thornton Avenue
Newark
on the 3rd Thursday of
each month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch

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Sir Allen Sprague September Meeting Minutes

Big Sir Ted Bresler called the meeting to order at 10:07 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Secretary: Officers present: Big Sir Ted Bresler, Little Sir Richard Holley, Secretary Allen Sprague, Treasurer Louis Bufkin, Assistant Treasurer Bobby Ben Snodgrass. Officer absent: Assistant Secretary Peter Angelides. Directors present: Les Addison, Lloyd Anderson, Don Gillis, Robert Ingebretson, and Tom Sullivan. Director absent: Bob Benya.

The Minutes for the August 16th meeting of Executive Committee were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sir Louis Bufkin reported that as of September 4, 2007 the ending cash balance was \$3,368.35, and membership was 272 active members and 19 inactive members. At the August 16th luncheon there were 183 members (67% of total membership), 4 guests and 1 visitor for a total attendance of 188. (Full details are in the Form 28 report on file)

Program: Little Sir Richard Holley confirmed that today's speaker is Father Jeffery Finley, who will inform us about Advanced Directives.

Attendance: Sir Hugh Twomey reported that the expected attendance for today's luncheon is 199.

Membership: Sir Ron Brutvan placed the following men up for membership: Harry Edwards – Sponsor - Jack Lindley, George Vilastelici – Sponsor - Ken Reiley; Tom Russo - Return from Inactive Status; Frank Hermoso – Sponsor - Ken Grimes. It was moved, seconded and passed (MSP) to accept these gentlemen as new members. Daniel Bega was moved to Inactive Status. Ralph Bain resigned because he is moving to Arizona. It was recommended that the following be dropped as a result of Rule 100 violation: Dennis Bowman, Walter Deans, Wilson Karamian, Charles Capella, and Barry Rader. MSP to accept the above recommendation.

Birthdays: Sir Art Winkley reported that 25 members with September birthdays are expected today. The most senior celebrant is Sir Tom DeHart at 91 and the youngest, Fred Ilg at 62.

Bowling: Sir Frank Cordova reported on upcoming tournaments (full details in the Pathfinder).

Golf: Sir Bill Leake reported that the Branch 59 golfers competed in the Solvang tournament. We had two winners: Little Sir

Richard Holley won 1st place in his flight, and Fred Ilg won 2nd place in his flight and 2nd place overall. They also competed in the State Qualifier at Boundary Oaks—Sir Gregory Johnston won 1st place and goes to Poppy Hills. We play golf Mondays and Thursdays. Two tournaments coming up: Poppy Hills in November and Mexico two weeks later.

Sports: Sir Nat Lord reported that the Raiders game of October 3rd has tickets priced at either \$46 or \$61. Map is available for location of seats.

Social Committee: Sir Allen Sprague reported that the Social Committee (Sir Doug Eads, Chair) will be meeting soon to arrange for our Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 20th.

Sunshine: Sir Dave Marymee reported on the health status of several members. Full details to be reported in the October Pathfinder.

Cybergeezers: Sir Fred Gotthardt reported the meeting will be next Tuesday, the 25th at 2-4pm, in the Fukaya A Room at the Fremont Main Library.

Big Sir Ted Bresler announced that he will be performing as Dogberry in "Much Ado about Nothing," November 8-17th at Ohlone College.

Big Sir Ted Bresler adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.

Submitted by Secretary, Allen Sprague

Things to Consider

Fremont Seniors aged 70 to 79 years may be eligible for a 50% discounted service rate on 32 gallon garbage service and seniors 80 and above may be eligible for a 100% discount on 32 gallon garbage service level. To receive this senior discount you must be the head of household and be receiving single-family garbage service. For more details and an application, call **Allied Waste Services** at 510-657-1350.

If you registered with the FTC's **Do Not Call Registry** when it first started you may soon have to re-register. Call 1-888-382-1222 or on the web go to <www.donotcall.gov> to register.

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE and BIRTHDAY NEWS

by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Hugh Twomey, and Sir Art Winkley



October Birthdays

Manuel Braga	10/29/1919	88
Paul Lewis	10/13/1921	86
Rollin Cunningham	10/22/1921	86
Robert Heiney	10/18/1922	85
Calvin Oliveira	10/29/1922	85
Howard Beyers	10/29/1922	85
Calvin Lynch	10/13/1923	84
Ray Faria Jr.	10/23/1923	84
Arthur Shiffrar	10/07/1926	81
John Ockes	10/05/1927	80
Stanley Lewis	10/11/1927	80
Fred Gotthardt	10/30/1927	80
Harry Edwards	10/31/1927	80
Gene Anderson	10/10/1929	78
Peter Angelides	10/15/1929	78
Frank Reis	10/17/1930	77
Henry Scherer, Jr.	10/10/1931	76
Arthur McGrath	10/05/1932	75
Lynn Purvis	10/29/1932	75
Anthony Bruno	10/08/1933	74
Jerry Springer	10/19/1933	74
Lloyd Keplinger	10/06/1935	72
Jim Frederick	10/22/1935	72
Hugh Twomey	10/24/1935	72
Robert Teglia	10/10/1942	65
Terry Dalziel	10/25/1942	65
Gary Leach	10/19/1944	63

Sir Art Winkley
Birthday Chairman



New Members

Harry A. Edwards
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Fremont, CA 94539-4712
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Spouse: Ruth
Badge No. 84
Sponsor: Jack Lindley
Call me: Harry

Frank S. Hermoso
5284 Spencer Court
Newark, CA 94560-3234
510-396-6767
Birthday: 5/5/1932
Badge No. 109
Sponsor: Ken Grimes
Call me: Frank

Thomas J. Russo
4142 Wakefield Loop
Fremont, CA 94536-4741
510-790-3735
Email: russo4949@comcast.net
Birthday: 3/20/1934
Spouse: Marilyn
Badge No. 96
Sponsor: Will Wyman
Call me: Tom

George Vilastelici
36362 Laredo Drive
Fremont, CA 94536-4723
510-797-2035
Email: pgvlas@sbcglobal.net
Birthday: 6/28/1932
Spouse: Pat
Badge No. 90
Sponsor: Ken Reiley
Call me: George

Membership Report

Guests:
Robert Morales

Guest of:
Bill Leake

Visitors:
Robert Anolin
Bud Spalding

Guest of:
Inactive Member
Dave Tanner

Membership Total
(as of September 20, 2007)

269 — Active Members
19 — Inactive Members

Change of Status:

Daniel Bega – To Inactive status
Ralph Bain – Resigned - moved to
Arizona

Dennis Bowman - Dropped Rule 100
Walter Deans - Dropped Rule 100
Wilson Karamian - Dropped Rule 100
Charles Capella - Dropped Rule 100
Barry Rader - Dropped Rule 100

Attendance Report

(For September 20, 2007)

Members	197
Guests	1
Visitors	2
Speakers	1

Total = 201

55 excused 23 unexcused

Sir Hugh Twomey
Attendance Chairman



SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Frank Cordova

	HIGH GAME	HIGH SERIES
Wayne Adams	136	382
Gary Bennett	227	616
Rollin Cunningham	154	457
Bob Edwards	104	249
Ray Erickson	175	451
Lew Heffron	184	531
Don Henry	186	472
Darrel Jewell	148	412
Nat Lord	200	558
Jerry Sabo	147	391
Bob Snodgrass	139	394
Frank Thomas	163	469
Roger Wallin	212	578

Branch 59 SIR Bowling meets at Mowry Lanes every Monday at 1 PM. The cost to bowl is \$5 for league play.

Tournaments in October

Oct 23, 25 (Tue, Thu) – Harvest Park in Brentwood

Tournaments in November

Nov 7, 9 (Wed, Fri) – McHenry Bowl in Modesto

Nov 13, 15 (Tue, Thu) – Clayton Bowl in Concord



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.



ATTENTION SIR SPORTS FANS

Oakland Raiders versus **Kansas City Chiefs**

Sunday, October 21st at 1:05 pm

Ticket prices \$46 and \$61

Call **Nat Lord** at 510-797-1704

Golf Notes by Bill Leake

Welcome to the Branch 59 golf column. The State website can be found at WWW.SIRSTATEGOLF.COM. Everything you want to know about SIR state golf is there. Download forms, get state results, etc. Bookmark it please.

2008 Dues for NCGA – Beginning this month (October) we are collecting NCGA dues for 2008. The price for existing NCGA SIR members will be \$31. For new members of SIR without an NCGA card the price will be \$41. Please make the checks out to SIR Branch 59.

SIR state qualifier at Boundary Oaks – We completed the division 4 state qualifier at Boundary Oaks. Results: **Greg Johnston** placed first & won \$25. Greg will go to Poppy Hills for free in November. **Skip Mugford** placed 3rd & won \$10. Top 2 go to PH. We had a great branch 59 turnout – players were **Dominic Aiello, Wayne Meyer, Tony Martinez, Lloyd Keplinger, Bill Leake, Terry Dalziel, Howard Thompson, Forrest Lusher, Tom Sherba, Dave Priego, Tom Sullivan, Bob Lewis, Ben Fernandez, Bill Andersen, Gary Bennett, Richard Holley, and Andy Andersen**. IT WAS HOT!

Take a Bow – New column entry. **Forrest Lusher**, who is 90, has shot his age or below at least once this past summer. Congratulations Forrest. Also, **Ken Windholtz** shot a hole-in-one – Sky West on September 13 – 8th hole, 121 yards, pitching wedge. Do you have a reason to take a bow – let me know?

Results from Solvang – Little Sir **Richard Holley** finished 1st on day 1 and collected \$90. **Fred Ilg** finished 2nd on day 1 (\$80) and 2nd overall (\$95). **Christina Roach** (wife of Jack) finished 1st in day 1 (\$45), 3rd in day 2 (\$25) and 3rd overall (\$40). The rest of us – **Tony Martinez, Jack Roach, Bill Leake and Gary Bennett** along with our spouses had fun. This is the only tournament that allows individual scoring—congratulations to the winners. We need more people next year or the tournament will be cancelled.

Regular play for SIR Branch 59 -- We play every Monday and Thursday at Sunol. Join us -- to find out the tee time, please call Sunol at 925-862-0414. The reservation is made under LEAKE.

Thank you to **Tom Sullivan** who will call in tee times for all of October and ½ of November and **Wayne Meyer** who will be calling in tee times for the rest of this year. Finally and as always, thanks to **Jerry Desmond** for calling in tee times for Mondays. Want to call in? **WE NEED YOUR HELP for next year to call in tee times**. Call **Bill** at 793-6561. Thank you for reading this article.

Bill Leake



Travel Tidbits for Area 8

Emile Lassalle

NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MYSTERY BUS TRIP

You will depart Hayward at 8 am and arrive back around 5 pm. Where we go nobody knows!

Cost: \$77 PP.

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

NOVEMBER 2007

A good month for Horse Racing. Hope to have more information for you next month.

Cost: \$?

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463



DECEMBER 5, 2007 THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

Get ready to win big money for your Christmas Season.

Cost: \$22.50 PP.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210



DECEMBER 29, 2007 – JANUARY 3, 2008 ROSES ON PARADE

Five nights at the Holiday Inn, Buena Park; Dinner and Shopping at Knott's Berry Farm; Glory of Christmas performance at the Crystal Cathedral; Rose Parade viewing with Grandstand Seating; Ronald Regan Presidential Library.

Cost: \$1000 PPDO.

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

Happy
Halloween



READERS AND BROWERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read.

Wayne Adams 797-7611



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



JANUARY 23, 2008 OZARK JUBILEE

Direct from Branson featuring Branson's funniest Comedian & World Class Fiddler. Hosted lunch at Tazzina Bistro. Show is across the street at the Woodland Opera House. A one day excursion that includes a hosted lunch, matinee performance and motor couch transportation.

Cost: \$ 82 PP.

Escort: Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463

FEBRUARY 21-22, 2008 RENO OVERNIGHTER

We will be staying at Harrah's overnight, cash back is \$8 and \$2 food. Harrah's is also giving a \$150 coupon book. This will be the first Reno trip in over 2 years, sign up early to save your seats.

Cost: \$ 84 PPDO. (\$21 single supplement

Escort: Daryl Main 510-352-2210

50TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE IN

The Islands of HAWAII

April 3 - 12, 2008

**Call your Travel Chairman,
Emile Lassalle 510-538-7463
for details.**

CYBERGEEZER MEETING



When -

Tuesday, October 23rd.

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Where -

Fremont Main Library, Fremont
Fukaya A room.

**Cheers
Fred**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

by Dave Marymee and Bob Walter



Dave Marymee

BOB BEAM, former Big Sir, is recuperating from a broken left arm, broken at the left shoulder, from his fall last month. Too bad, the A's will not be able to count on him as Bob's left arm is his pitching arm. Bob was to attend the September luncheon. Get well Bob!

ED BINGLE, former membership chairman, says he suffers from vertigo, slipped and fell in his bathroom in August and lay there for sixteen hours because he could not get up. His sons rescued Ed the next day. After hospitalization and recovery from a minor stroke, Ed entered Fremont Health care Center where he undergoes therapy. After completing therapy Ed plans to reside at Fremont Carlton Plaza. Stop in and see Ed.

ROBERT (WALLY) BROWNE: We were unable to contact him or his family.

ERNEST BURKHOLDER's wife, Teddy, reports Ernest is recovering satisfactorily from a brain tumor operation. Ernest is to see his physician in six months. Ernest missed the September luncheon.

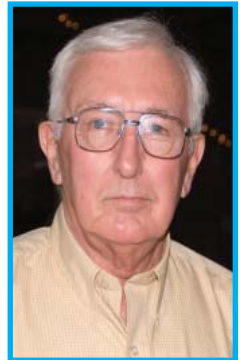
ALAN DOUGLASS: We were unable to contact Alan or his family.

GLENN JACOBS was reported to have been hospitalized for nine days for blockage of arteries in his left leg. He is at home and the blockage is partially cleared. We wish Glenn a speedy recovery.

OLIVER KNICK said he had to miss the September luncheon as he had a doctor's appointment.

JAMES LAWRENCE's wife, Marilyn, says James is almost fully recovered from an abdominal operation. His doctor says James can go back to exercising.

JACK WEBB arranged for special van transportation so he was able to attend the September luncheon. Jack's one disappointment was that he was unable to obtain his favorite Virgin Mary cocktail at the luncheon bar because of the lack of ingredients. Glad to see you at the luncheon, Jack.



Bob Walter

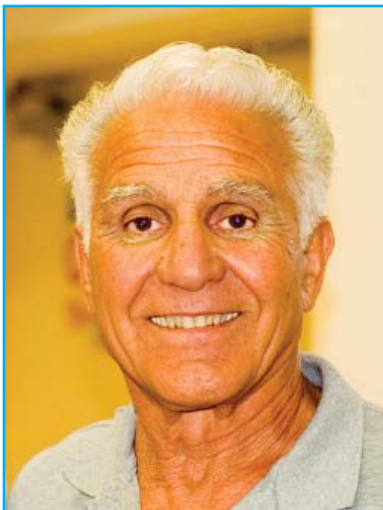
In Memoriam **Roy Duarte**

Sir **Drag Dutina**, Sir **Art Winkley** and Sir **Art Lampert** (L to R) discuss Fremont city politics just before the September luncheon.



Big Sir **Ted Bresler**, Fr. **Jeff Finley** and Little Sir **Dick Holley** (L to R) just before the September luncheon began.





Welcome New Members

Harry Edwards, Frank Hermoso, and George Vilastelici



Bill Leake, Golf Chairman in, the photo at left makes his report to the Executive Committee.

Speaker **Fr. Finley** in the photo at right discussed Advanced Directives at last months meeting.



Save the Date - December 20th Christmas Luncheon 'A Winter Holiday'



Live Music by the Fremont Aires

(Dancing is encouraged)

Social Hour starts at 11:00 AM

Added attractions:

Tap Dancing by the Fremont Tappers
The SIR Singers

Menu

Choice of Salmon, New York
Roast, or Stuffed Chicken
Vegetable and Dessert

Your Name _____ Partners's Name _____

Tickets will also be sold at the October and November Luncheons

Number in Party _____ x \$19 per person = \$ _____ Make out check to **SIR Branch 59**

Indicate Meal Choice:

and mail to: **Sir Allen Sprague, 3264 Bruce Drive, Fremont, CA 94539-5013**

Salmon

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

Roast

Ticket orders must be received by December 15th.

Chicken

No refunds after December 15th
Tables of 8 can be reserved with ticket purchases

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the *Pathfinder* will be Thursday a week after this month's luncheon meeting.

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1976 Peter Clark*
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*(deceased)