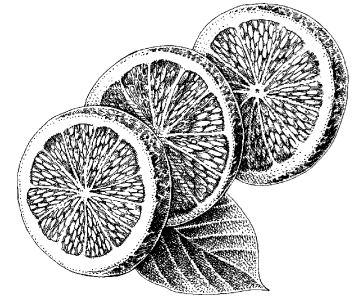




# Orangevale Branch 150



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## March 2007

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month		Next Meeting - March 21, 2007	
<b>Location</b>	<b>Regular Monthly Schedule</b>	<b>Menu:</b>	Corn beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, and desert
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge	Business meeting 10:30	<b>Speaker:</b>	Paul Helman
11440 Elks Circle	Social time/registration 11:00	<b>Topic:</b>	California State Railroad Museum
Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Meeting/luncheon 11:30		

### From Big and Little Sir

**Big Sir says:** For those who did not notice, there has been a change in the organization of the "Badge Box". As we have grown, the "Badge Box" has become increasingly full so we are running short of badges to provide to new members. To compensate for this situation, and help keep the badges in some kind of logical order, we have set it up to utilize the badge numbers that were previously assigned to inactive members. These numbers can now be assigned to new members. By making this modification, an inactive member will get a new badge number when he returns to active status. I hope this does not prove to be an inconvenience to anyone. It will extend the usable life of our current Badge Box and the badges we now have in our possession.

I have been getting travel information from the state and other SIR branches. I will try to pass the information on to the membership in a timely manner for those who might be interested. So far, from the information I gathered, Dale Martin seems to be doing a very good job of organizing local trips. He is the Travel Chair for Branch 33. I have been in touch with him a couple of times and will try to get more information from him in the future.

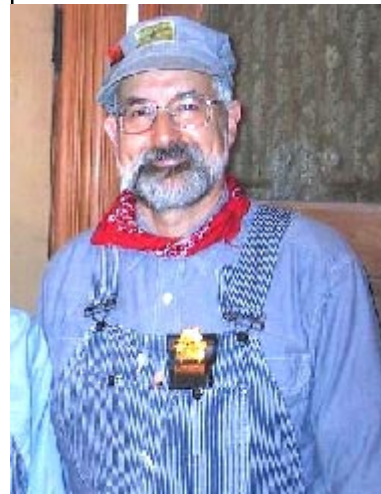
If it stops raining soon, we can all begin "tinkering" with our golf game, now that we have heard from Bob Epperly. I thought he did a great job discussing the different aspect of the golf game. All we (I) have to do is put all of that sound logic together and just wait for the dramatic results.

If you missed the February luncheon, don't forget to have your picture taken at the March meeting for the new Branch 150 Directory that is being put together by Bob Bonner, Jim Rae and Bob Carlstroem.

**Little Sir says:** Spring is not that far away and this year there will be one thing that is different. Daylight Savings time will be on March 11th. Soooo everyone needs to get up at 2 a.m. and "spring" their clocks forward 1 hour.

Also, now is the time you want to start fertilizing the yard as well as planning what annuals you want to plant.

### March Speaker - Paul Helman



Our speaker, Paul Helman, has been a volunteer Docent at the California State Railroad Museum since October 2002. In his time at the CSRM Paul has worked over 2300 hours. He has split his time as an interactive explainer on the Museum floor, a Car Attendant and Brakeman on the weekend excursion railroad operated by the CSRM, known as the Sacramento Southern Railroad. He is also a qualified Signal Maintainer that tests and certifies the highway grade crossings used by the SSRR.

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# Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



Bob Trathen

Bob was born in Grass Valley and grew up there through high school as a Nevada Union “Miner.” He started going with his wife Jeanne when he was a senior and she was a freshman. His parents had a distributorship for beer, soft drinks and ice. In the years after World War II, a lot of people up there either still did not have refrigerators that made ice, or the ice maker no longer worked. As a young man, Bob delivered ice and discovered you meet a lot of interesting folks. He also wrapped the twine around the blocks people purchased out of a machine to put in their refrigerator. That would be hard work.

Bob went to college at Chico State and majored in education. Five years later he had his masters in industrial education and a secondary teaching credential. Jeanne also went to Chico during Bob’s last two years and they were married after Bob graduated. Bob got his start in teaching with San Juan School District at old La Sierra High School. Over the next 30 plus years he transferred to Encina, became a department chair, and finished at Mira Loma. Along the way he met the requirements to be an administrator and became a vice-principal for three years. That was enough and it was back to the classroom and retirement in 1992.

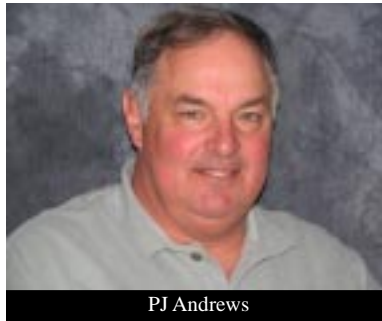
As you would expect of a kid growing up in Grass Valley, Bob fished, hunted, and camped. Some great times were spent in a hunting lodge at Fuller Lake. In time his family acquired, and spent many happy times at a cabin at Dillon’s Beach. There are many fond memories of “poke fishing” and clamming with the kids. For those of us who are not familiar with poke fishing, you use a long piece of bamboo with a few feet of leader line and a hook to “poke” into tidal pools at low tide. You catch all kinds of things.

Setting aside their summer school earnings, Bob and Jeanne have always enjoyed traveling and cruising. They have been nearly everywhere but Australia. They enjoyed a fairly unique trip on the Queen Elizabeth II from New York to England and a ride on the supersonic Concorde coming back. Not very many folks have done that. Another trip that stands out was a 15 day tour of China about 15 years ago. The trip was great and he saw many amazing things, but their arrival was far from uneventful. The tour group was split between Seattle and San Francisco with the tour guide and all visas in Seattle. The Seattle plane had to turn back and was held a day. Without visas, Bob’s group was herded off to a room in the airport and held for a few hours. The authorities agreed to allow them to go to the hotel, but they had to leave their passports. This was a little disconcerting and they didn’t get them back for a couple of days at a mere cost of \$30 per person. Such a bargain!

Bob enjoyed woodworking in the past, but their move to a condo, after the kids left, ended that. His focus then became golf. Bob used to play with a group from Campbell Soup, but they retired and split up. From friends with the Assistance League, Jeanne had heard about SIR. She had a friend’s husband from SIR Branch 112 call Bob. The fit was not quite right, but friend John Means saved the day for Branch 150 and our “Most Improved Golfer” from 2005.

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Bob and Jeanne have a daughter living in Elk Grove and a son in Jamestown, New York. They also have four grandchildren, two boys and two girls.



PJ Andrews

PJ (who will certainly answer to Pat, but prefers PJ) was born in the most eastern part of Michigan - Port Huron. He was just a half a block away from the southern end of Lake Huron where the Saint Clair River flows south to Lake Saint Clair. Growing up he enjoyed the fishing and hunting opportunities Michigan offers. A three year

varsity football player, he landed a scholarship to Central Michigan University. Coming out in 1970, PJ started work with General Motors, but was snapped up by the Army draft. By the time he finished basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, the force levels for Vietnam were reducing and he was assigned as a clerk-typist at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His units self chosen name was the Chairborne Rangers. While there, his work assignments allowed him to play for the Columbia All Stars, a semi-pro football team.

Upon release from the service, PJ returned to Michigan and his General Motors job. While there he met his wife to be, Linda, who was attending college. They were married in 1974. In 1980 the auto industry went through one of its periodic declines, and PJ found himself laid off so he headed for Sacramento, Linda’s home town. He worked six months for the 7/11 store just outside of (then) Mather AFB. He was robbed twice in those six months. He was called by General Motors after 18 months and moved to Midlands (one of what is called the Tri-Cities) and commuted to Saginaw. In 1989 he was transferred by GM to Indiana. His last stop was to Delphi, a parts supply company for GM. He retired in 2000.

Linda, who has worked for both the Army and Veteran’s Affairs, came back to Sacramento in 2003 to help care for her mother. The family went through a year plus of long distance living. PJ moved out here in 2004, but kept his home in Michigan, and usually spends time out there in the summer. In addition, PJ and Linda spend “vacations” in their time shares in Sedona, Arizona and also in Mexico, which are their getaway homes.

Having now settled into California, PJ is planning to start fishing again. (Grab him, Bob.) This is something he has missed. He even is planning a backpacking trip or two with his Border Collie - Sassy Lady. According to PJ, Sassy is so active that keeping up with her is a hobby on its own. But, as most of us know, golf is PJ’s first love. Along with Skeeter Reagan and Doug Hilton (another Michigonian), PJ has one of the most structured warm-up routines in the club.

Linda is apparently even more addicted than PJ to the sport. Golf is a large part of their time together. Linda is an Army major currently in the first year, of a three year active duty commitment. She is stationed here in Sacramento, but also spends time in her headquarters Salt Lake City. At the end of this tour she will return to Veteran’s Affairs. She is still several years away from her retirement date.

One day early in 2005, PJ was in the line at a grocery store and the subject of golf came up. The quiet, retiring, demure Roy Morrison was in the same line and told PJ to meet him that Friday at Cordova at 7:30. PJ decided it was worth a try. It seems to have worked out.

The Andrew’s have a daughter who still resides in Midlands, and a son in the Sacramento area finishing school. They have three granddaughters.

## GOLF NEWS

Call Harold Doppelmayr at 922-6134 or his assistant John Sigl at 362-2429 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

### Cordova Golf Course

#### **Weekly Tournament Play**

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month  
Sign-up when you show up

#### **End-of-Month Scramble**

Every last Friday of the month  
Prior sign-up required

#### **2007 Away Tournaments**

*March 7th - Teal Bend*  
*March 20th - Micke Grove*  
*April 4th - Lockford Springs*  
*April 16th - Alister Mackenzie*  
*May 8th - The Reserve At Spanos Park*  
*May 22nd - Rio La Paz*  
*June 6th - Plumas Lake*  
*June 19th - Wildhawk*  
*July 10th - Dry Creek Ranch*  
*July 24th - Ancil Hoffman*  
*August 8th - Mace Meadow*  
*August 21st - Mather*  
*September 5th - Wild Wing*  
*September 18th - Green Tree*  
*October 9th - Bass Lake*  
*October 22nd - Bing Maloney*  
*November 5th - Alister Mackenzie*  
*November 19th - Wildhawk*

### **Hmmmm. Did you goof?**

Hole 17 at Bartley Cavanaugh is a regular water hazard (that is it is marked with a yellow stake). If a ball is hit into the water, whether it is over the green or drops off of either side. Another ball must be either re-teed or hit from the drop area. These are the only options under the Rules of Golf for that particular hole. I suggest the membership consult the rule book that was given to them last year regarding water hazards, regular and lateral.

### **Score Card Reminder**

Just a reminder to everyone about score cards. Both cards must be completed. The front nine must be added to the back nine in the proper column. The handicap must be in the handicap column. The net score goes in the Net column and the Adj column should remain blank. That space is for the adjusted score when the player has a hole that exceeds what he is allowed for posting purposes.

### **The Weather and Golf**

If you have internet connectivity, here are a few websites that can assist in determining playing conditions:

[www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)  
[www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)  
[www.wrh.noaa.gov](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov)

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## **BRIDGE NEWS**

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman John Mahony at 485-2449

The year continued good for Tom Bittner as he came in first for the second month in a row. He says the luck of getting good cards is the reason. He was followed by Leona White, Bob Miller, and Jane Petersen. John Mahony will be calling for the March 12 games.

## **TRAVEL & EVENTS**

All SIR members are welcome to go on any trip with other branches when space is available. Put a little joy in your life traveling with your old and new friends on a SIR trip. A Branch 150 travel chairman is needed. If interested, contact Jerry Courter.

**TRAVEL WITH BRANCH 33 & DALE**

**DALE MARTIN – 359-6121**

[dmartin@winfirst.com](mailto:dmartin@winfirst.com)

**Reno & Tahoe turnarounds lv CC Lanes @ 7:30**

**Local Indian Casino trips lv CC Lanes @ 9:30**

**OUR NEXT TRIPLE BAR DAY**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

**Receive \$10 & \$5 food credit**

**MAR 16**

**TRIPLE BAR DAY – SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

**MAR 21-22**

**THE 12 IRISH TENORS – EL DORADO - RENO**

Get \$50 rewards (cash & food). Includes show, breakfast buffet, & dinner buffet. Cost is \$113

**APR 20**

**TRIPLE BAR DAY – SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

**MAY 18**

**TRIPLE BAR DAY – SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

**JUN 15**

**TRIPLE BAR DAY – SILVER LEGACY – RENO**

Get \$10 instant rewards & \$5 food credit. Cost is \$25

**Later in 2007 - SPAIN**

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## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

For detailed information contact Jim Rae at 967-4951.

Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from [jamesrae@earthlink.net](mailto:jamesrae@earthlink.net).

There were no changes in membership at the February meeting.

We still have 105 active members and 14 inactive members for a total of 119.

We will be deleting the badge numbers from the inactive member badges to make them available to new members. If an inactive member changes status to active he will be assigned a new badge number.

At the February meeting we introduced new member, Jim Jorgensen.

**Note: If you are bringing a guest to the luncheons, please let your caller, or Communications Chair, Bob Neubacher (685-7528) know for our lunch count. For membership applications, call Jim Rae or visit our website at [www.sir150.com](http://www.sir150.com)**

## **Membership Directory**

An ad hoc committee comprised of: Jerry Courter, Bob Bonner, Jim Rae, and Bob Carlstroem is in the process of developing a photo directory of SIR 150 members. This directory will be available to all members. It is important to obtain photos of each member. Bob Bonner and Jim Rae were able to photograph just about all members that attended the last luncheon. If you are an inactive member or a member that is not planning to attend the March luncheon, please send us a picture of yourself. A digital picture is preferable. Send to: Bob Carlstroem at [carlstroem@sir150.com](mailto:carlstroem@sir150.com) or by snail mail to 7990 South Lake Circle, Granite Bay CA 95746

## **Try this out**

**WITHOUT anyone watching you (they will think you are GOOFY.....) and while sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise Circles.**

**Now, while doing this, draw the number “6” in the air with your right Hand. Your foot will change direction.**

**I told you so!!! And there’s nothing you can do about it!**

*Submitted by John Mahony/Jim Rae*

# Fun Stuff

The first person to provide the most solutions will receive a prize at the next regular meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was solved first by **Pete Eres** but noble efforts were submitted by: **Leon Vann Jr., Harold Doppelmayr, Jimmy Gould, Frank Dysart, Jim Rae, and Bob Miller** - not necessarily in that order.

## Solve all four of these:

**A** Rearrange the letters of the following phrase to give the title of a classic western movie:  
**MAIN EVENT: FIGHT SCENE**

**B** What do the following words have in common?  
**BACK BREAK DISH RAIN UNDER**

**C** Rearrange these letters to form five different 8-letter words:  
**A E G I L N R T**

**D** Which is the largest number? (a) The number of half-pints in 45 gallons, (b) The number of half-inches in 10 yards, (c) The number of half-seconds in 6 minutes.

## Solution to Last Issue

R Z = Real Zeal	F T = Flower Tower
M D = Mislaid Decade	L E = Lose Ewes
L D = Liner Diner	B S = Bronze Swans
C S = Clipper Skipper	S C = Strange Change
S S = Super Snooper	R K = Ring King

# Honored Members

## Past Big Sirs

1989 George Erkson \*  
1990 Jim Eastlund  
1991 John Mahony  
1992 Lou Parton \*  
1993 Ken Allard  
1994 Ruel Smith  
1995 Bill McCarthy \*  
1996 Tom Wirth \*  
1997 John Means  
1998 Jim Delk  
1999 Bob Smith  
2000 Bob O'Neal  
2001 Lou Joaquin \*  
2001 Joe Ramay  
2002 Bob Trathen  
2003 Jim Rae  
2004 Len Bloom  
2005 Don Severance  
2006 Bob Carlstroem

## Honorary Lifetime Member

John Mahony 2001  
Jim Eastlund 2002

\* Deceased

## Birthday Boys

Huseman	William K	1-Mar**
Miller	Robert B	8-Mar
Sheridan	Stephen	11-Mar
Overmyer	Dudley R	16-Mar
Ramos	John A	16-Mar
Boyd	Earl J.	20-Mar

For 2007 the newsletter will pick one member **randomly** and provide historical information related to his birth date.

## March 1st in History

**1780:** Pennsylvania becomes the first American state to abolish slavery  
**1932:** The baby son of Charles Lindbergh is kidnapped  
**1954:** First American hydrogen bomb test on the island of Bikini  
**1966:** First ever (crash) landing on Venus took place by the soviet probe Venus 3  
**1978:** Coffin of Charles Chaplin stolen, only months after being buried

## March 1st birthdays

**1810:** Frederic Chopin, Polish composer  
**1902:** Langston Hughes, American poet  
**1904:** Glenn Miller, American bandleader  
**1910:** David Niven, Scottish actor  
**1927:** Harry Belafonte, American singer  
**1954:** Ron Howard, American director

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**PAYMENT FOR TRIPS AND TOURS:** Checks, money orders or credit cards for Travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the Branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency. (Rule 420 & 421).

**ATTENDANCE:** Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE -** A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or who attends less than six (6) regular meetings of the last twelve (12) luncheon meetings may be notified, by letter, of the pending termination of his membership in SIR. (Rule 100 & 107).

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