



The WESTERNERS Los Angeles Corral

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 Roundup

Almanson Court - 700 South Almanson Street, Alhambra, CA

Remember—It Is Hat Night

Social Hour at 5 P.M., Dinner at 6 P.M.

Our Speaker: Michael Johnson

His Subject: John Butterfield and the Overland Oil Route

The November Westerners meeting presenter will be Michael Johnson, one of our Los Angeles Corral members. He will be speaking about John Warren Butterfield and his involvement in creating the Overland Mail Route along the southern Ox-bow Route in 1857. This was the longest mail route in the world at that time.

Butterfield's Overland Mail Company was the brain-child of John Butterfield. Through the 1840s and 1850s, mail was carried between the east and west coasts by several private companies, some under federal contract, using various routes, including ocean steamers around South America or overland, across the Isthmus of Panama. Better and quicker communication was needed and on April 20, 1857, the United States government advertised for bids on a contract for an "Overland Mail Service to California." The Butterfield organization was selected and Butterfield had one year to select the route of the trail and station sites and stock the trail before the actual start of the six-year contract on September 16, 1858. The tasks were completed, employees were hired, all the necessary equipment and animals were secured and the first Butterfield stage left San Francisco on September 14, 1858 and mail left St. Louis on September 16, 1858. Passenger service was added and stages left both the east and west terminals every Monday and Thursday. By 1859, the average trip took just under 22 hours. Join us on November 9 and hear the rest of the John Butterfield story.

Don't forget November is Hat Month.

Suggestions for future programs are always welcome. Contact John Shea at (562) 408-6959 or johnshea23@ca.rr.com with your ideas and program topics.

Future Los Angeles Corral Events

December 14, 2022 Steve Lech on Postcards from Mecca
Programs for early 2023 will be announced

Dinner Fees, Reservations & Meal Choices

The Roundup Dinner Fee is \$45. Almansor Court has ample, convenient and free parking. The dinner choices for this Roundup are Sliced Top Sirloin, Atlantic Salmon, Penne Pasta with Tomato Basil(vegetarian) and dessert. Salad and dessert are included with each meal.

Please choose your entrée and make out your check for \$45 to “Westerners, Los Angeles Corral,” or submit your payment online as EARLY AS YOU CAN but no later than one week before the Roundup date. Almansor Court needs the meal count no later than one week before the Roundup. Remember, the dinner fee for guests who are bonafide prospective members is only \$5.00. Just log on to our website (www.lawesterners.org) and go to the **Members Only** tab.

Click on the **Roundup Store** option and follow the instructions. **The password is oldjoe**. Walk-ins can be served, but entrée choices will be limited to what is on hand. The “late price” is now \$50.00.

If you are paying by check, mail it to Michele Clark, Registrar of Marks and Brands at 226 1/2 Beacon Avenue South Pasadena, CA 91030-1740. Late reservations or questions may be addressed to Michele via Email: mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone: (626) 822-1522.

Safety Protocols for Covid 19 Continue to Change. Please have a mask available for use if needed.

Travel Assistance to Our Fellow Members

Please keep in mind that some of our members can no longer drive or are uncomfortable driving on the freeways at night. If such members live in your area, please get in touch to see if they would come with you to the Roundups. Call Michele Clark at (626) 822-1522 if you need a ride.