



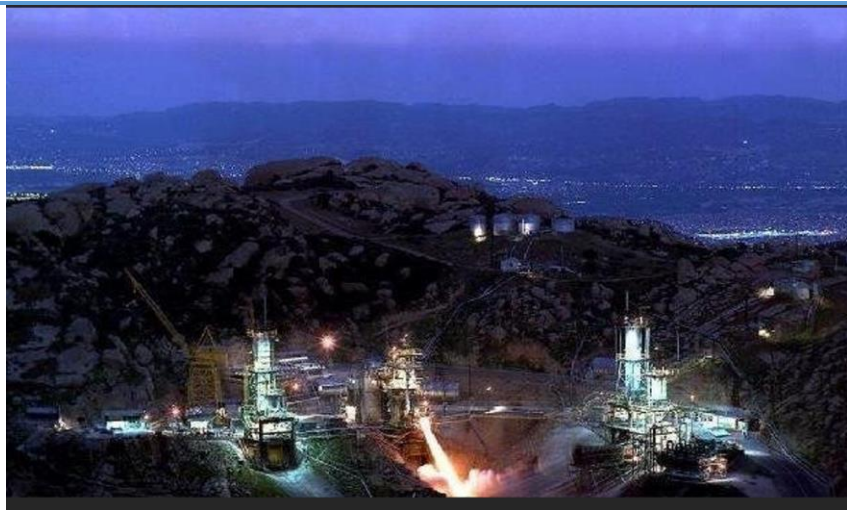
# **The WESTERNERS**

## **Los Angeles Corral Roundup**

### **Wednesday, August 12, 2026**

**Almanson Court ~ 700 South Almanson St, Alhambra, CA 91801**  
**Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM**

*Carla Bollinger will present a talk on the "Weapons and Space Rocket Engine Development-Testing at the historic Santa Susana Field Laboratory."*



Before America's commitment to the NASA space mission, North American Aviation's (NAA) post-WWII, US Army-Air Corps engine flight-testing were shot off adjacent to their plant, at the "Mines Field"/pre-LAX Airport. Larger engine development required rocket engine static-fire testing off a test stand. NAA found, in 1947, an undeveloped urban location, subsequently located in the remote Simi Valley Hills, Ventura County. The SSFL facility opened in 1948.

Carla Bollinger lived on both sides of the Santa Susana Field Lab (SSFL), Simi Valley, in the late 1960-early 1970s, later, 2002-2012, on Woolsey Canyon-"Rocket Road". Her Simi Valley family-neighbors were accustomed to hearing the BA-BOOM when rocket engines were tested. She, like many Americans, heard President John F. Kennedy's televised speech April 12, 1962, as he proposed that the US should commit to landing on the moon and returning before the end of the decade. America achieved his vision-goal on July 20, 1969! Rocket engine development-testing at the SSFL, contributed to propelling America into space exploration.

Her career, working at several high-tech, space industry ancillary companies, and involvement with NASA Section 106 to preserve the SSFL historic locations, rocket test stands and Burro Flats Cultural Resources, ignited her to preserve Southern California's rocket engine history.

**Menu Choices for 8/12/26 are:**

**(Beef):** Filet Mignon & Scampi, USDA Tender Filet Mignon Slow Roasted with a Balsamic Reduction on the Side, Shrimp Scampi in a Lemon Butter Sauce, or

**(Fish):** Baked Atlantic Salmon, Seasoned & Topped with a Lemon Butter Cream Sauce and toasted lemon wedge, or

**(Chicken)** Chicken Yakitori, oven baked, skin on chicken marinated with a mix of soy sauce, sugar, diced green onion, and a rich yakitori sauce, or

**(Vegetarian)** Pasta primavera with pesto sauce, fresh pasta prepared with a medley of carrots, peppers, zucchini, mushrooms, and green beans.

Please indicate your preference when you reserve for the next RoundUp.

**Complimentary Wine and soft drinks will again be offered to all attendees.  
The bar will no longer be open.**

When you receive your order blank in the mail, please indicate your dinner choice and put a check for \$45.00 made out to Westerners, Los Angeles Corral, and mail it to Michele Clark, 226 1/2 Beacon Ave., South Pasadena CA 91030-1702. Walk-ins are welcome but *entrée* choices will be limited to the meal type available. The "late" price is \$50.00.

Or you can pay via Paypal at [www.lawesterners.org](http://www.lawesterners.org). Go to the Members Only tab, click on Roundup Store. The general password is oldjoe. Please also you may contact Michele Clark (email at [mclark216@earthlink.net](mailto:mclark216@earthlink.net)) or by telephone (626) 822-1522 and let her know you wish to attend and how you paid.

***L.A. Coral Presentations for 2026-2027***

**September 9, 2026 ~ Michael Patris, "Mount Lowe Railway Then and Now"**

**September 17, 2026 ~ Thursday, 11a-1:30p: Field Trip: A special Bus Tour of LAX, courtesy of the LAX Flight Path Museum**

**October 17, 2026 ~ Saturday, 10a-4p: The Rendezvous at the Jonathan Club in downtown, Los Angeles**

**November 11, 2026 ~ Jared Lo Nigro, "Trains"**

**December 9, 2026 ~ Brian Dillon, "King Bill, the California Mustang, 1869-1938"**

**January 13, 2027 ~ Mark Hall-Patton, TBA**

**February 10, 2027 ~ Dick Noonan, TBA**

**Car-Pooling:** Many of our older members no longer drive or find night-driving problematic. Please reach out to those nearby and offer them a ride to our monthly RoundUps.

**First-Time Visitors:** Please don't hesitate to invite non-member friends to RoundUps they might find interesting....first-time visitors qualify for a special, reduced rate for their sponsors.

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