



The WESTERNERS
Los Angeles Corral Roundup
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Almanson Court ~ 700 South Almanson St, Alhambra, CA 91801
Social Hour at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM

Michael Patris will present a talk on the "Mount Lowe Railway Then and Now".

Michael is a third generation native of Southern California and has always had an interest in history. Besides collecting antiques, and working on antique cars, Michael published a book on cooking after working on a cooking show as well as working in the news and film industry for CBS.

One of Michael's most well known projects is a Mount Lowe trilogy, beginning with *Mount Lowe Railway*, part of the History of Rail series for Arcadia Publishing. Later another book for Arcadia Publishing, *Mount Lowe*, which is part of their Postcard Series came out and more recently two more books for Arcadia Publishing have just come out, both co-authored by Michael Patris and Steve Crise, which are *Pacific Electric Railway, Then and Now*, and *Mount Lowe, Then and Now*, and more recently, *Los Angeles Railway Then and Now* and *Mount Wilson Observatory*, co-authored with Maggie Sharma.

After wanting to share his passion for the Mount Lowe Incline Railway and Thaddeus Lowe, the man who was the leading force behind its creation, it was a natural progression for Michael to set up the non-profit Mount Lowe Preservation Society educational foundation back in 2000. This has led to the archives of the Pacific Electric Railway Historical Society being donated to the Mount Lowe Preservation Society as well as the gift of the publishing company, Golden West Books, donated by the late founder, Donald Duke, Los Angeles Corral of Westerners past Sheriff 1980.

Preserving the past for future generations is his way of giving something back to the community that seemed lost in history books and old photos. His drive and passion for collecting and displaying pieces related to local transportation history has been acknowledged by the Pasadena Museum of History where he has guest-curated numerous displays for them and also loaned several items to the Huntington Library for the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Father Serra.

Michael is the President and founder of the Mount Lowe Preservation Society, Inc., President of the Pacific Electric Railway Historical Society, and past Sheriff of the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners 2010. He has written numerous articles for the Branding Iron of the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners, as well as other publications. Michael is also President and owner of Golden West Books, a publishing company focusing on the history of trains, trolleys, railroads and locomotive material.



Menu Choices for 9/9/26 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 Marsala oven baked, chicken breast seared with flour, salt and black pepper, with pan fried mushrooms in a rich Marsala wine sauce or

(Vegetarian): Pasta primavera with marinara 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 entree 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. Go to the Members Only tab, click on Roundup Store. The password is oldjoe. Please also you may contact Michele Clark (email at mclark216@earthlink.net) or by telephone (626) 822-1522 and let her know your menu choice.

L.A. Coral Presentations for 2026-2027

IMPORTANT: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Rendezvous date has been changed.

September 17, 2026: Field Trip: A special **Bus Tour of LAX**, courtesy of the LAX Flight Path Museum

September 27, 2026: 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.

Do you need a GIFT idea?: Westerners is a great organization, giving a Westerners GIFT membership for a friend or loved one is truly a fabulous idea!! And it's only \$60.