



The WESTERNERS

Los Angeles Corral Roundup

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

***Our Speaker is Carl Olson, Vice President of the Lions
Automobile Museum***

Carl Olson will speak on the famous Lions Drag Strip in Gardena. It was the brainchild of five local Lions Clubs and played a key role as the top drag strip west of the Mississippi from the late 1950's into the 1980's. It was the scene for technological advances adapted nationwide, while it boosted local street safety by keeping young racers off local streets.

Carl Olson was born in San Pedro in 1943 and was a 1961 graduate from San Pedro High School. After serving five years active-duty service in the U.S. Coast Guard, he owned and drove dragsters from 1965-1974. He was Vice President of the National Hot Rod Association from 1976-2001, after which he became Motorsport Manager of the SFI Foundation from 2001-2020. He is known as the "gold standard for defining a motorsports legend. This will be a look at cars and racing in the days when the activity took place on a track, not a city street.

Also at the February roundup Keepsake #58, Abe Hoffman's recollections of 50 years in the Corral will be distributed. Attend the meeting and be among the first to receive a hot off the press copy.

Future Events

March 13, 2024 will feature one of our own members, Paul Spitzzeri, who will speak on the Workman-Temple Museum. He is also going to surprise us with another brief topic. Plan to attend. This should be very interesting

Corral Business

The Trail Bosses have tentatively lined up presentations for the first several months of 2024, so don't change that channel!!! Contact Jim Olds at jolds2@icloud.com with program suggestions.

With a new year brings a new Deputy Sheriff of the LA Corral, Jim Olds!

Dinner Fees, Reservations & Meal Choices

The Roundup Dinner Fee is \$45. Almanson Court has ample, convenient and free parking.

February Dinner: The dinner choices for the Roundup are Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Marsala, and Pasta Primavera with Peseo Sauce. Salad and dessert are included.

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. Almanson Court needs the meal count no later than one week before the Roundup. 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 ½ Beacon Ave South Pasadena, CA 91030-1702. Late reservations or questions may be addressed to Michele via Email at mclark216@earthlink.net or by telephone (626) 822-1522.

Brand Book No. 26, by Frank Brito

Brand Book 26 has been published, and will be available for sale at the December 2023, Round Up. *Cost is only \$25.00, cash or check.*

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, our Sunshine Wrangler, at (626) 822-1522 if you need a ride.

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining our Corral? Invite them to a dinner. There is a reduced cost for prospective members!