



# Trail Talk

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## CHARTING FUTURE DIRECTIONS CA/NV CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In October, nearly 50 members met in Sacramento to explore ideas, possibilities, and goals for the future of our OCTA Chapter. And for 28 folks there was an additional evening of exploration on a special tour of the historic resources at the California State Library. For all, the weekend provided a chance to become better acquainted and to discuss specific topics about our Chapter's future directions.

On Friday evening, Gary Kurutz, Principal Librarian of the Special Collections Branch, met us in the rotunda of the State Library for a whirlwind tour of the amazing materials housed in the library and, **in particular, in the California History Room**. Beginning from the alphabetical mural on the floor where we stood, to the historic pictures on the wall, up the winding stairway to the gallery above displaying botanical prints and into the California History Room,

Gary gave us an enthusiastic, in-depth look at the history of California, Sacramento, the Gold Rush era and the interesting people who settled the far west.

*(See FUTURE DIRECTIONS, p. 12)*



Gary Kurutz talking about the collection.  
Photo by Norine Kimmy.

## ELECTED NEW CHAPTER PRESIDENT

The CA/NV board of directors has elected Steve Knight as president and Carol March as recording secretary.

Steve was vice president under Bill Webster and a board member up to August 2004 at which time his second term expired. At the request of the Board an opening was made by the voluntary resignation of Patty Knight from the board so that her husband Steve could be appointed and, with his consent, elected to the presidency.

Steve brings to the board and the chapter an outstanding set of qualifications and experience that will serve us with distinction. Carol is a for

mer board member and chapter treasurer and was a source of invaluable support during my term as president.

As outgoing chapter president I would like to express my appreciation to the board of directors with whom I have served and the chapter officers and committee members who have done such an excellent job in managing the affairs of the chapter. We are indeed fortunate to have in our chapter many wonderful people who have generously given their time and talent to our organization.

Thank you all very much.

Jim Allison

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you probably know Jim Allison has finally been able to step down as president. He served several months past the time he agreed to and for that we all are very appreciative. Jim did a great job and left big shoes to fill. His involvement is to be envied. Thank you from all of us Jim.

If you're wondering how this all took place and where I came from, it worked like this. Patty was elected to the board, she stepped down leaving a position open, the board elected me to fill that position and then elected me president. Everyone else on the board was unable to serve as president and Jim was ready for a well deserved break. I was happy to get the chance to serve again.

As you read *Trail Talk* this month you will see that we had a very productive membership meeting in Sacramento, arranged and orchestrated by Tom Fee and Kathy Lewin. What a great job they did! More came out of this meeting than just a new president.

I am hoping to have another

membership/board meeting in the early spring and of course we have our symposium in May in San Jose. I believe that more interaction will bring us all together to move forward.

I am hoping to be able to attend the midterm national board meeting in Santa Fe in March. My work may get in the way of some of the OCTA meetings that I would like to attend, so it may be necessary for me to send an ambassador to some events to have the chapter properly represented.

I need your support and your input to guide the chapter in the direction of preservation, mapping and cohesiveness. The work we do is necessary and important to save the trails for future generations.

Please feel free to call me or email me at anytime. I want your opinions and I need them to do a good job for our chapter <sknight@ssh.org> or <knight@att.net> or 775-882-1488.

See you on the trail,

Steve Knight



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## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2006

When signing up for specific CA-NV Chapter outings, participants may pay a \$5 fee to cover expenses and to secure a reservation. This will be up to the leader. Additional fees may be charged as needed. Registrations will be conducted through the activity leader and all participants will be required to sign a liability release form prior to the activity. For detailed information, please contact the leader.

If you have an idea for a particular outing or would like to volunteer to lead an OCTA CA/NV Chapter outing, please contact Tom Fee, <Tom tomfee3@aol.com or phone (775) 827-3724.

DATE	ACTIVITY	CONTACT/LEADER
May 5-7	<b><u>San Jose Spring Symposium</u></b> Please plan to attend the Spring Symposium in beautiful Santa Clara Valley. The committee has engaged speakers to talk about Indians, Missions, the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail, and the historic New Almaden quicksilver mining district..Highlights will be walking the streets of the old mining town of New Almaden, viewing historic homes, visiting the Mining Museum and exploring Quick-silver Park. Tour the Pioneer Section of lovely Oak Hill Memorial Park with Pat Loomis as your guide. Enjoy the awards dinner in the vineyards of Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill.	Mary Mueller (408) 268-7389 Mary_Mueller@sbcglobal.net
June 3-4	<b><u>40-Mile Desert Trail Trek</u></b> Truckee Route from the Fernley Sand Swales to Humboldt Bar. Dry camping overnight. Sunday proceed on the Carson Route to Ragtown. High clearance vehicle and CB radio are necessary.	Geno Oliver (775) 972-6892 camelhump@juno.com
Aug 9-12	<b><u>OCTA 2006 Annual Convention</u></b> Plan to attend OCTA's 24th Annual Convention in St. Joseph, MO. Check out the OCTA Website at <www.OCTA-trails.org> when the 2006 Convention information is available.	Chair: John Atkinson (816) 233-3924 atkinson@stjoelive.com
October 7	<b><u>Fernley Great Sand Swales Cleanup</u></b> The annual OCTA / BLM Cleanup of the Great Sand Swales near Fernley, Nevada will be held on Saturday, October 7.	Karen Giron (775) 575-4800 karen@truckinn.com Tom Fee (775) 827-3724 tomfee3@aol.com

## CA/NV CHAPTER TOUR, OCT. 8-10 2005 40-MILE DESERT TO DEVIL'S PEAK.

By Vince Correll

Tom Dougherty, assisted by his fellow OCTA and Trails West associates Dick Hallford and Don Enneking, led 14 eager OCTA members on a three day journey through time using the palette of various California Trails segments as his "show and tell" adventure-log.

Saturday morning we gathered at a rest stop near the eastern edge of the 40-Mile Desert of western Nevada. It was still bleak and uninviting despite the fact that there had been a bit of rain during the previous evening. Tom modified his original plan for all eight of the "4 wheelers" to drive along the full pioneer path. That plan would have had us going through a large playa (a usually dry, alkali dust and sand bed as smooth as a pool table). He thought that discretion was the best part of valor, so we approached the playa from both sides, avoiding what would have probably been a bunch of stuck adventurers had our fearless leader been less acquainted with what water does to playas. It was most interesting to see the vegetation growing in the middle of one of the playas on the path of the wagons' passage. (They stirred up the ground making a ready seed bed for desert plants whose seeds found their way there.)

The air was wonderfully clear albeit very brisk. We could see how the trail meandered across what at first glance was mostly a flat landscape. Zigzag was frequently the order of the day. At various sites we discovered not only swales, but metal fragments left from the passing of the travelers of the 1840s and 50s.

One of the most unexpected sites was the "boiling springs" with their steaming vents. Due to commercialization of the site we saw a much altered condition, but we surely got the idea of its mixed blessings for our travelers of 150 years ago. 1849 traveler J. Tutt said, "This is the most dreary desolate looking place we ever saw" and that is surely saying a lot after what he had just passed through!

Our group was made up of folks of two extremes: some well versed in the ways of our predecessors and some of us who are truly "green horns." Despite the variances the group was most compatible. The knowledgeable folks added to the discussions of what might have been, could have been, or should have been.



A camera moment along the trail. Photo by Vince Correll.

The "fellow travelers" on this adventure were: Jim Allison, Joyce Everett, Roger and Karen Gash; Jim Rix, Dave and Mary Hopper, Arthur and Margaret Snyder, Greg and Debbie Childs, Larry and Phyllis Schmidt, and Vince Correll.

Talk about changes! The sleepy desert village of Fernley isn't! It has traffic jams due to growing much faster than the infrastructure. Amazon.com is one of the huge new plants in the town some 35 miles east of Reno. But, amidst all this change – standing is a Trails West marker proclaiming what was once there!

As we approached Reno, we saw Truckee Meadows through the eyes of the pioneers. The topography, while changed in many ways, still has much of the original character.



Checking the map. Photo by Vince Correll.

At Trails West marker #16 we were a hard bunch to convince. A. R. Burbank's comment that "...& descends to the River down a steep & rocky descent" plus all the data that Tom and his mentor Don Wiggins and others have compiled zeroed in on this as the correct location of the approach to the #22 crossing of the Truckee River. Those wagoners had "True Grit!" I can just hear mama saying "Oh no, not here! ! !"



Group pauses at Trail West marker to read the inscription.  
Photo by Vince Correll.

To end a great day many of us "hung on the feed bag" at a local Reno restaurant that was known by some of the Nevada contingent.

Sunday was bright, clear and not too brisk. The day was one of "climbing the BIG hill." All of our roads were dirt, and most were a bit of a challenge. We discovered that our intrepid **overlanders of the mid-1800s** were rather savvy on finding the route of least resistance. Proof is that frequently modern power lines follow in their footsteps, and even **some of the early Trans Sierra highways** used part of their route.

At one of the markers above Dog Valley, Tom uncovered a wagon tire (a steel hoop!). We reburied it

for the rest of you to find when you are lucky enough to be on this adventure. It was a fascinating "you were there" experience for us fellow time travelers.

A bunch of us had dinner together in a Mexican Restaurant in Truckee. We may have been loud, but we weren't rowdy!

Monday morning was another gorgeous day on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. We "scaled the wall." The experts believe that from 30 to 60 wagons went up that unbelievable batch of jumbled rock cliffs. Donner Lake was beautiful from the top. I wonder if the wagon folks had time to look back. Tom told us **of some** of the very creative ways the travelers figured out for getting their rigs "up and over." The panorama from the parking lot of Sugar Bowl Ski area was impressive. We wondered just how many skiers realize that they are on the tracks of the travelers of "1851."

After visiting the marker just below Devil's Peak our intrepid band said "Thanks Tom, and bye. See you at another OCTA event." We all left with a greater appreciation for the perseverance of our forefathers.



John Winner showing off the wagon tire. Photo by Vince Correll.

### FORT CLATSOP BURNS DOWN.

The replica quarters in which the Lewis and Clark expedition spent the soggy winter of 1805-1806 after reaching the Pacific, was engulfed by fire late on the night of Oct. 3

The fire happened just 40 days before a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial event was scheduled to be held at the fort, the culmination of a two-year national celebration of the explorers' journey West.

Park superintendent Chip Jenkins is adamant, saying, "The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events will go on through the winter."

The Lewis and Clark National Historical Park has established a "rebuild fund" for Fort Clatsop. Donations maybe made at Fort Clatsop Historical Association, 92343 Fort Clatsop Rd., Astoria, OR 97103.

## FOUR COORDINATOR POSITIONS APPROVED

By Tom Fee

Four Chapter Coordinator positions were approved at the 4-23-05 Board Meeting at the Genoa Symposium. The coordinator positions are: Activities Coordinator, Symposium and Membership Meeting Coordinator, Work Party Coordinator, and Speaker's Bureau Coordinator.

Most of these coordinator positions are designed to offer advice and support to chapter activities leaders who take on various projects. For example, the Symposium and Membership Meetings Coordinator would not chair future Symposiums or Membership Meetings, but rather would offer advice and support to those volunteers who do chair a symposium or membership meeting.

Currently Tom Fee is the Chapter Activities Coordinator. Carol March volunteered to be the Symposium and Membership Meetings Coordinator. Torn Hunt volunteered to be the Chapter Work Party Coordinator.

We currently are looking for a volunteer to be our Chapter Speaker's Bureau Coordinator. This person would not set up speaker's bureaus throughout California or Nevada, but would be a support person and advisor to people who would like to set up a trails related speaker's bureau in their towns and cities. If you are interested, please contact our Chapter President.

## CONGRATULATIONS JOHN ROBINSON!

By John Krizek



The Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Southern California elected John Wesley Robinson a Fellow of the Historical Society.

Born and raised in southern California, John Robinson graduated from the University of Southern California then went to California State University, Long Beach for a teaching credential and his Masters degree. He began his teaching career in the Redondo Beach school district, served in the Army in Korea and returned to teaching in the Newport-Mesa school district, for the next 32 years.

He is known best as a prolific author writing books and articles about the mountains of Southern California and the Sierras and the history that took place in them.

In each he describes the mountain trails and the natural and geologic history; he is known far

and wide as one of the few authors of such books who has actually seen all the places about which he has written.

But John Robinson's contributions to local history far exceed just teaching us about and leading us through the mountains of the Southland. He has written pamphlets covering the history of mining in the San Gabriels and San Bernardinos; he has been a prolific author of the history of mid-19th century California penning articles for *The Southern California Quarterly*, *The Pacific Historian*, *The San Diego Journal of History*, *Arizona and the West*, *Westways*, *the Overland Journal* and *the California Territorial Quarterly* on topics from Josiah Whitney to Tiburcio Vasquez, from the gold rush to the history of federal stewardship of the San Bernardino National Forest. In addition, he has helped others with their work as an editor and co-author.

# FERNLEY DEEP SAND SWALES CLEANUP

By Tom Fee

The annual cleanup of the Fernley Deep Sand Swales occurred on October 1 this year and is scheduled to be done annually on the first Saturday in October.

Seven CA/NV Members, several Fernley residents, and one BLM employee turned out to help with the cleanup effort. The OCTA members were: Karen Kersh Giron, who served as Cleanup Chair, CA/NV President Jim Allison, D. W McKenzie, Linda Sanders, Andy Quinn, Steve Knight, and Tom Fee. Jim Allison and Mac McKenzie drove all the way from the Loomis/Citrus Heights area in California.



Chapter members Linda Sanders and Tom Fee place a pallet on Linda's truck. Photos by Mary Jean Kelso



Mac Potter, General Manager of the Fernley Truck Inn, and Fran Hull of BLM load truck. Photos by Mary Jean Kelso.

The event was sponsored by the CA/NV Chapter of OCTA, the BLM, and the Fernley Truck Inn. Truck Inn personnel who joined in were: Mac Potter, General Manager, Karen Giron, Assistant Manager, and Robin Scholl, Comptroller. Vince Giron, Karen's husband, did his share of hard work. Fran Hull drove the large BLM flatbed truck with side rails and a hydraulic rear lift. We are grateful to Waste Management for giving us free dump tickets to the Fernley Transfer Station for the day.

Among the trash and garbage that had been dumped since last year were several mattresses, a sofa,

a washer, a fridge, bags of garbage, papers, magazines, and several Canadian geese carcasses. Linda Sanders and her helpers took two pick-up loads to the Transfer Station. Andy Quinn and his crew took one very large load in his long, flatbed trailer. Fran Hull and her crew took one very large load to the Transfer Station.

All in all, it was a productive day and we were pleased we had restored these Historic Sand Swales closer to their original state.



Andy Quinn of our Chapter and Fran Hull of BLM disposing of dead geese. Photos by Mary Jean Kelso

# SPRING SYMPOSIUM

May 5-7, 2006

San Jose - Santa Clara - New Almaden

## PROGRAM SPEAKERS & PERFORMER

### RUSSELL SKOWRONEK

Topic: *"Pre-Europeans and Mission Santa Clara."*

Asso. Professor, Anthropologist, Santa Clara Univ.

For fifteen years Dr. Skowronek has studied prehistoric and mission-era Santa Clara. During that period Skowronek and his colleagues have discovered in the archaeological and documentary records a great amount about the life-ways of the peoples that called Santa Clara home. Through their work we now have a reconstruction of the local pre-colonial environment. We also know what people ate in prehistory, we know their genealogies, and we can gaze upon their visages.

### GREG BERNAL-MENDOZA SMESTAD, Ph. D.

Asso. Editor of *Solar Enemy Materials and Solar Cells*

Topic: *"Mission Bells & Cable Cars: The first European Colonists [and the trail to] the San Francisco Bay Area."*

He is an eighth generation Californian and a descendant of early Spanish settlers to Monterey and the San Francisco Bay Area. His great grandmother, Henrietta Escobary Caceras, was born on Mine Hill at New Almaden in 1873.



Greg Bernal-Mendoza  
Smestad

Greg is involved in historical and educational activities related to his heritage. He received a Federal grant from the National Park Service to write an educational trail guide and audio CD for the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The work was undertaken in collaboration with the National Park Service, American Indians, musicians, historians and many other people.

### KITTY MONAHAN

Topic: *"New Almaden and the Gold Rush"*



Kitty Monahan at Almaden Quicksilver  
Park Photo by Vikki Thompson

Retired teacher, amateur historian, activist, and campaigner for open space and preserving history. She is the President of the New Almaden Quicksilver Park Association. "Monahan is a household name in the area. She bought her house across the road from the Casa Grande in 1973 but lived with a friend in New Almaden for three years before that.

Kitty moved to the area just in time to help create the first historic district in Santa Clara County. New Almaden was designated as a historic district in 1972, nine years after it was designated as a national historic landmark.

**LANCE BEESON**

Bachelor of Music, San Francisco State  
Musical Director, Calicanto Singers and Calicanto Trio

Performers: *Calicanto Singers and Calicanto Trio*

Lance is a descendant of both Spanish-Californian and Anglo-American pioneers. His ancestors are of multiple members of the Second Anza Expedition; most notably his Eighth Great-grandfather, Jose Joaquin Moraga, second in command under Anza. On his father's side, his earliest ancestor, Briar Curless, came overland with family and cattle via the Oregon-California Trail in 1859 from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Placerville, where he operated a hydraulic mine on Weber Creek before removing to Humboldt County to ranch in 1869. His transcription of Curless' diary is in the California Historical Society archives. Lance has performed as a classical guitarist, singer, chamber and folk musician for the last 36 years. He will perform and present The Calicanto Singers. .

The Calicanto Singers is a group of experienced performers and music educators who specialize in songs from California's History. They will present a lively, creative performance which includes: A variety of song material, costumed performers, authentic folk instruments, and audience involvement

**SPRING MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
MISSION TRAIL**

By Pat Loomis

San Jose Symposium will be on an overland trail, the one Indians and Spanish padres took up from Mexico in 1775 into what is now California. The route they took was the Kings Highway, also known as El Camino Real.

Today, this route is marked by mission bells. The first one in California was placed on August 15, 1906 in front the old Plaza church in Los Angeles.

Soon after, many original bells were vandalized or stolen and the marking project was abandoned.

However, Caltrans has taken up the project and has re-installed 555 new bells in California. This is just in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the installation of the original bell in 1906. Members who attend the symposium will be able to **see several** of the bells.



Guglielmo Winery,

The committee has engaged speakers to talk on May 6, 2005 about Indians, Missions, the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail, and the historic New Almaden quicksilver mining area.

The Chapter Awards will be announced at a barbecue dinner to be held at Guglielmo Winery, an 80 year old winery near Morgan Hill.

## DIARY QUOTES ...

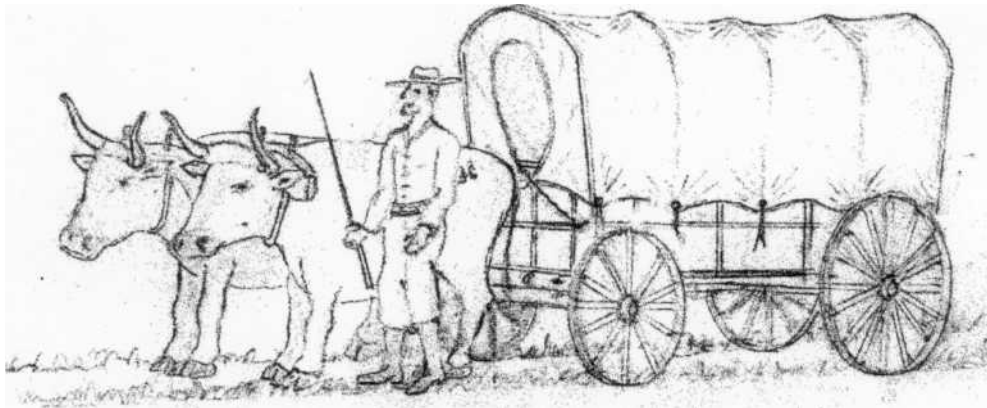
Submitted by Shann  
Rupp



This run-on sentence, punctuation-less letter from an emigrant who went to Oregon leaves the reader feeling what he felt — breathless and tired!

*"We had to throw away everything we had except our provisions and a change of shirt and our blanket/sic]. after disposing of every thing we could my pack weighed 15 lbs my pards 20 lbs. the next morning we packed ourselves instead of the horse started bright and traveled 38 miles that day our living was hard bread and coffee our bed was the ground with one blanket to spread over us to protect us from the cool air, and I assure you I never slept better in my life than I did that night on the hard ground with my boots for a pillow and as I told you before but one blanket to spread over our weary limbs you who have good warm houses and soft feather beds to repose your weary limbs upon think how you would like to be out in this savage country with nothing but the shining heavens above you and nothing but your mother earth for a bed with the wolfs howling around you as though they were bent on have ing [sic] you for their breakfast, then to rise as soon as it light enough to see prepare your scanty breakfast of hard bread & coffee Rather a slim breakfast to tramp 35 miles on and carry a pack in the bargain"*

Oscar Fitzallen Wilson, 1853



## TOO MUCH, TOO LITTLE

*"July 21— Was informed to-day that two men had died on Carson river yesterday, from drinking too much water after crossing the desert, and that 2 had died on the desert before reaching the river for want of water."*

A. C. Morse, 1850

*"... one man is said to have offered \$500.00 for one pint of Watter and many of the emigrants come out of this desert with their tongues swollen out of their mouths and some were so far gone that they could not drink when they got to Watter and perished but I am thankful that I witnessed none of this"*

Henry Starr, 1850

◆ **FUTURE DIRECTIONS** (from p.1.)

In the California History Room, he had set out rare maps, books and diaries of special interest to "Rut Nuts." We were able to actually hold in our hands encapsulated maps drawn by James Marshall of his gold discovery site at Coloma, and we could look at the book and celestial atlas that John Bidwell carried across the plains with him in 1841. We saw several emigrant diaries still in pristine condition, one a part of a large collection of Redding Family papers.

From the Main Reading Room, Gary led us into a smaller room where rare California history books and artifacts are kept in handsome glass fronted cabinets. Next, we went down the hallway

to the "stacks." Here we learned how extensive the California collection is! In addition to historic items, all kinds of California materials are collected and housed in the State Library, even some 1000 recipe books featuring California foods and cuisine.

Beyond the "stacks," we went into a small, environmentally-controlled room where special collections and rare items are stored. In neat, archival boxes we saw such things as mining records and John Fremont's papers, and on other shelves were the very first books donated to the state in 1850 to start the library. Besides books and manuscripts, there are many rare pictures and portraits, posters and charts.

What was even more amazing, though, was Gary Kurutz himself! He could pull most any item from a shelf and give an in-depth account of it. His knowledge and the willingness to share it, is as precious as the collection he administers and so carefully preserves. Our evening with him was truly a rare opportunity and one we'll surely remember.

Also housed in the California History Room of the State Library is the Western Overland Trails

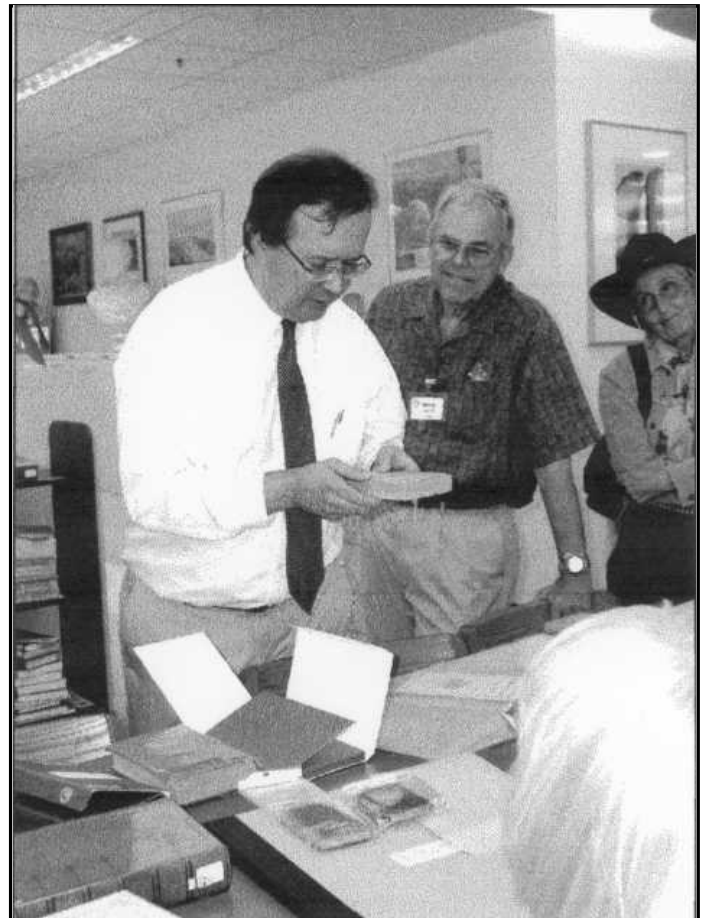
Collection, established in 2002 by our OCTA Chapter. So far, it is a small but growing collection of

books, maps, and other materials on the 19th century overland trails. We ran out of time to view that collection during this Friday evening tour, but anyone can visit the State Library at 900 N Street in Sacramento to use the books and materials. The hours are M-F, 9:00-4:00, and the California History Room is on the 2nd Floor. You can also view the website available at <www <www.lib.ca.gov.us> And you might be interested in a large bibliography published by Gary Kurutz in 1997, entitled *The California Gold Rush: A Descriptive Bibliography*.

Saturday morning dawned early as chapter members found



Studying one of the old maps.  
Photo by Steve Knight.



Vince Correll and Sharron Quinn look on as Gary Kurutz shows the group an old book. Photo by Norine Kimmy.

their way through the maze of freeway ramps and Sacramento's one way streets to the Holiday Inn. We were greeted with packets of information, hot cups of coffee and big round tables in a well-lighted conference room. At 8:30 our fall Membership Meeting got underway as co-chairs Kathy Lewin and Tom Fee greeted us and presented the plans for the day's events. Tom Hunt, moderator of the day's program, spoke briefly about the goals of the day's meeting, and board member, Jay Stovall, introduced and acknowledged a number of Chapter volunteers.

Curtis Grant set the stage for the day's discussions, giving us a background of the "Compendium re Future Directions" upon which the topics for today's meeting were organized. The ideas and suggestions in the Compendium came from Chapter members, and it was our charge today to refine those suggestions and present recommendations for the establishment of long-term Chapter goals. Curtis reminded us that the real goal is to get people out on the trails and to reach out to a "new generation" of OCTA members.

After a break, we got down to work. There were eight different tables with a specific topic posted on each where discussion groups gathered. Each group had a copy of the Compendium, a sheet with several suggested questions to address and each appointed a scribe to write down items discussed. The room was a buzz of voices with lots of problems aired, ideas kicked around, suggestions and recommendations pouring out. By noon, when we cleared our tables for a salad and sandwich lunch, progress had definitely been made.

In the afternoon Tom Hunt took over to moderate the large group session, and Fran Taplin manned a flip chart where the explored ideas were written down. The purpose was for the small discussion groups to share the ideas generated from their topic's discussion with the rest of us.

Patty Knight presented the ideas that came from the Dues and Membership session. This group had lively discussions about the recent announcement by OCTA National that all dues would be collected by National instead of by Chapters. The results of the discussions were the recommendations for lowering our dues and not having our dues collected by OCTA

National. The members at the afternoon meeting were asked to take a vote on these recommendations with 40 voting yes and 2 opposing. The complete Dues and Membership recommendations, and the results of the members' vote were presented to the Chapter Board at their meeting later in the day.



The Reaching Out to the Public table also was attended by an enthusiastic group. Kathy Lewin and Kathy Buob presented the result of their discussions. They were concerned with how to appeal to the younger generations to gain new OCTA members. They recommended using modern technology, making extensive use of our website and with links to web sites of other organizations. They would like us to make better use of advertising in publications, contacting history groups and other trail groups, making sure our brochures get out to the public and using email effectively. They suggested visuals such as T-shirts worn on outings and also sending news about our activities to former and non-members.

The Membership group was concerned with many of the same issues. Priscilla Van der Pas and Bernie Scoles represented them. Contacting new members and making them feel welcome was one of their main suggestions. In fact, Bernie has volunteered to set up a committee to put that suggestion in motion. They also suggested inviting teachers to our symposiums, perhaps making it possible for teachers to gain credits for attending. Flyers to public institutions, local newspapers, radio and TV channels should also

be used when planning a symposium or large event. Curtis Grant spoke about recruiting new members. He noted there are many California and Nevada members of OCTA who are not members of our chapter. He recommended they be personally contacted and invited to activities. Other suggestions included making sure all members had Chapter/OCTA brochures to distribute.

A smaller but dedicated group worked on the Allocation of Chapter Funds. They noted their discussion echoed in many ways other topics, but their focus was on how Chapter funds should be spent to implement projects. They said **emphasis should be on** trail preservation in such projects as replacing or refurbishing trail signs and kiosks that need it.

Internal Chapter Communications was another focus. Hugh March reported they were concerned with members getting to know one another better and finding more members willing to volunteer to help with activities. They also **urged continued use of** web sites, email, *Trail Talk*, and US mailings. On our website they like the use of member profiles and in our publications they would like to see lists of names of people who attend events so we have a way to get in touch with each other. They suggested implementing a calendar to give out to members with coming events on it, providing ride sharing for members who don't drive any longer, having mentors who are experts on various trail segments, distributing a roster of members' names and addresses annually and continuing the Chapter's efforts to put together a policy manual and manuals for "how to do" various committee tasks.

John Winkler spoke for the Trail Preservation and Marking group. They asked themselves, "How do we get members to take a proactive roll in trail projects – marking, preserving, monitoring and maintaining trails?" And they listed the kind of things that need doing: inventorying and listing trails, knowing the history and status of the trails, identifying which trails need more help, developing a team concept to work on trails, inviting knowledgeable folks to teach or share their knowledge to get others involved, developing a membership profile to know which trails



An intense moment at the Trail Preservation and Monitoring group. Photo by Steve Knight.

members live near, having teams report back to the chapter about trail activities, continuing to offer training programs such as the one led by Leslie Fryman and Don Buck last week. The question also was discussed of the wisdom of marking trails, possibly making the impact detrimental to the very trail we're trying to protect. Unfortunately, there appeared to be no perfect answer to that problem.

Outings and Activities was a popular session, reported on by Ellen Osborn. The group said the key to attracting and keeping members is having a variety of successful activities, and for that the chapter needs good publicity, good leadership, and careful risk management. One-day trips are often successful with many easily available places from which to choose – the Donner area, parts of the Pacific Crest Trail, Luther Pass, fall colors in Hope Valley. Some easier hikes should be planned to be all down hill, with others more challenging. The chapter has offered many **successful hikes in** the past, and we should repeat the popular ones. The snowy season limits outings in the Sierra, but there are many ways to extend the activi-



ties season such as trips to Sutter's Fort, the State Library or Coloma. We can invite members of others chapters to join our activities and possibly go on their tours. We might advertise to 4th grade teachers to give trail tours to children, or we might have a metal detecting session within the membership. The biggest challenge is finding leaders for the activities!

The Chapter Governance session was a down-to-earth look at how the chapter is run. Curtis Grant reported that they discussed the need for a policy manual and suggested we take a careful look at the Northwest Chapter's manual. They also suggested that we survey chapter members to develop a profile of expertise. When we approach members to volunteer, we need to explain what a job involves, not just what its title says. Tom Hunt discussed the groups suggested review and revisions of the Chapter's By Laws which were carried to the Board Meeting as motions later in the day.

And the day was quickly coming to an end. Fran Taplin agreed to take the ideas written on the flip chart home with her and with the notes that Tom Fee would provide her, put together a complete report. And Jay Stovall was asked to be a "watchdog" to make sure the board is reminded from time to time to implement many of the today's ideas into future action.

Before the meeting ended, we had the pleasure of hearing the plans for next spring's symposium in San Jose. Mary Mueller outlined the exciting program set up for the May 6th Symposium. It includes excellent speakers and songs, a picnic lunch, mine and cemetery tours, a wonderful dinner buffet at a picturesque spot and chapter awards.

The Membership Meeting ended, and the Chapter Board Meeting immediately began. Jim Allison, the outgoing president was thanked for his service to the chapter, and Steve Knight was installed as the new President. Jay Stovall was installed as Vice President, and Carol March became Recording Secretary. The motion for the chapter to lower dues to \$10, keep Sustaining Membership at \$35, and not have OCTA National collect our dues passed. A letter will be sent to the National Board informing them of the decision.

Three By Law changes were passed, and the Risk Management Committee was officially recognized as a permanent committee. In a 65-minute meeting, much was accomplished, but the Board still has work to do. Meeting was adjourned just after 5:00 o'clock.

Now the day had really drawn to an end, and members left to again find their way out of Sacramento on the ramps and over the rivers. A few of us stayed around to have dinner in Old Sac, watching the sun set over the Tower Bridge and the Sacramento River from the deck of Joe's Crab Shack. Next time you're in Sacramento, we recommend it! It was a good end to a great OCTA day.

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Very good things came out of our membership meeting in Sacramento. One was the REDUCTION in California Nevada/Chapter dues to \$10.00.



With national dues being raised this year the members and board felt that it was time to lower our dues to attract and retain more members.

We still are offering a sustaining membership category at \$35.00 and over. This membership area has increased over the years while our general membership has declined.

Every organization is suffering from declining membership. We are fortunate to have the dedicated and generous members. Without boring you with details national has instituted a policy of collecting all dues (both national and chapter) at the national level which our chapter has opted out of.

We will continue to collect our own dues, you will receive a bill from Patty Knight in a few weeks with the new dues structure. Our anniversary date as a chapter will remain December 31.

# SAN JOSE SYMPOSIUM TOURS

By Pat Loomis

## Spring Symposium May 5-7, 2006

## Tour of Oak Hill Memorial Park

San Jose will host the OCTA Symposium next May, and it is a fitting location history-wise.

Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose contains the graves of many of the pioneers who came overland in wagon trains.

San Jose was the first civil settlement in what was to become the State of California, founded in 1777 as a colony to grow food for the Presidio on San Francisco Bay.

It was the seat of the first state legislature in 1849. Its citizens took part in the first constitutional convention in Monterey and served in the first legislature meeting in a two-story building on the plaza in San Jose. The first governor was Peter Hardeman Burnett.

The first American school in California was held in the crumbling ruins of nearby Mission Santa Clara in 1847. The first normal school (now San Jose State University) was located in San Jose in 1862.

A.P. Giannini, founder of the Bank of Italy (now Bank of America)

was born in San Jose. The world's first broadcasting station was established in San Jose in 1909 by Charles Herrold.

Louis Pellier, native of France, introduced the French prune to California's agriculture at San Jose the winter of 1856-57. John J. Montgomery, professor of engineering, is remembered as being the first American to build a controllable glider in 1905. He patterned it after the curved wings of birds.



Many of these old gravestones will be visited during the OCTA Symposium next May.

The old cemetery dates back to the 1840's and contains members of the James Frazier Reed family, the Pyle-Gordon-Whiteman, the Stephens-Townsend-Myrphy and the Donner parties.

Among the oak shaded lawns are ornate headstones bearing the names of Moses Schallenger, William Eddy, Isaac Branham, Joseph

Aram, Jane Gould Tourtillott, John Trimble, Sallie Hester, Isaac Hattabough, Pony Express rider Montgomery Maze, and many more.

Scheduled at the 2006 Symposium will be a "walk through the past," a guided tour of the last resting place of men and women who made the long journey west and helped settle California more than a century

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## New Almaden Town and Mercury Mine

New Almaden was the first mining venture in California and the first mine to produce quicksilver in the United States. Cinnabar was discovered here — in the hills 12 miles south of Pueblo San Jose — in 1845.

The mine and town were named for the famous Almaden quicksilver mine in Spain — Almaden in Arabic means "the mine." The post office and the quaint village have been called New Almaden since 1848.

Many of the cottages that line the main streets were the homes of the town's first settlers and many have plaques telling their history. The Casa Grande was built in 1854 and was the official residence to mine managers. The old cemetery has been restored and a remnant of the old reduction works still stands.

CA/NV **CHAPTER OCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MINUTES 15 October 2005 - (Unapproved)**

Presiding Officers: Jim Allison, Retiring President and Steve Knight, Incoming President. Board Members Present: Jim Allison, Curtis Grant, Terry Hardwicke, Kathy Lewin, Jay Stovall, Patty Knight (retiring Board Member), Steve Knight (incoming Board Member). Board Member Absent: Dave Hollecker (unable to cross Sierras in storm)

Officers Present: Zeke Sicotte, Treasurer; Carol March, Incoming Recording Secretary; Leslie Fryman, Preservation Officer. Others Present: Tom Fee, Chairman of Membership Meeting, Tom Hunt, Fran Taplin, Hugh March, Mary Mueller, Pat Loomis, Don Buck and other CA/NV Chapter members  
Call to Order: 3:51 P.M. at Holiday Inn, Sacramento, CA.

**Agenda Item 1** - Jim Allison called the meeting to order, announced a quorum of Board Members present. A printed Agenda was distributed.

**Agenda Item 2** - Motion to approve the Agenda was moved by Curtis Grant. The following additions were noted: 1) Add line item in Budget Report for Double Hot Springs, 2) Add amendments to By Laws in New Business, and 3) Change Awards Committee Charter also in New Business. Motion was seconded by Terry Hardwicke and passed unanimously as amended.

**Agenda Item 6** - Zeke Sicotte, Treasurer, asked to give the Budget Report next as he had to leave early. He distributed the "Budget and Financial Report for Year 2004-2005" and his written remarks, noting the proposed budget was based on figures from last year with changes where needed and proposals which will affect the year ahead.

On the income side:

- 1) Proposed change in the dues from \$20 back to \$10 will make a substantial difference in income, though Sustaining Memberships may help offset that. The dues budget item will be recalculated once a Board decision is made.
- 2) Symposium 2006 item in the proposed budget is calculated at a \$1,000 profit, similar to what it was in 2004. The 2005 Symposium was planned as a break-even event and was within \$170 of achieving that goal.
- 3) Some increase in interest income on the Chapter's CDs is also anticipated in the coming year.

On the Expense side:

- 1) A change may be made in the amount allotted the Chapter President for travel to OCTA National meetings. That item can be amended later.
- 2) Changes in the Preservation item may also be increased.
  - a) Separate line item may be inserted for the Double Hot Springs project, if it is a significant amount.
  - b) A portion of previous Board commitment for \$8,000 for a National Park Service sign is included under Mapping and Marking for the next fiscal year.
  - c) Leslie Fryman, Preservation Officer, noted travel expenses for Preservation workshop needed to be added. That item was

changed from \$500 to \$1,000 in the proposed budget.

3) *Trail Talk* budget may be changed if \$2,500 proves insufficient.

In summary, the Chapter's overall cash position is excellent. Terry Hardwicke moved the Budget be accepted subject to Board changes. Jay Stovall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Knight reported an Audit of the Chapter's books was done. No discrepancies were found. They are very well done, easy to follow and provide an excellent paper trail.

**Agenda Item 4** - Copies of the Minutes of April 22, 2005 in Genoa, NV and August 17, 2005 in Salt Lake City, UT were distributed. Curtis Grant moved Minutes be accepted. Kathy Lewin seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed with 5 "ayes" and 1 "no."

**Agenda Item 3** - Jim Allison explained efforts of the Board to accept new Officers and Recording Secretary.

1) Patty Knight voluntarily resigned as a member of the Board. Her resignation was accepted by an email vote of the Board. Steve Knight was appointed to take her place on the Board and was elected as the new President, also by an email vote of the Board. Tom Fee asked if the Membership would vote on Steve's election. Jim Allison explained the By Laws specify vacancies are filled by Board appointment and the Officers are elected from within the Board, so no Membership vote was needed.

2) To make it "doubly official," Curtis Grant moved the Board certify the acceptance of the resignation of Patty Knight and the appointment of Steve Knight as the replacement for the vacant Board position and the election of Steve Knight as President. Seconded by Jay Stovall. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Jim Allison turned over the Presidency to Steve Knight. Curtis Grant asked the Board to express appreciation to Jim Allison for his willingness to serve as President under extraordinary circumstances. Applause! Jay asked the Board to stand to welcome Steve as the new President and wish him well. Applause!

4) Curtis Grant amended his motion to include the acceptance by the Board of Carol March as Recording Secretary. Kathy Lewin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Carol and the Chapter's new tape recording machine were welcomed. Steve Knight now presiding.

**Agenda Item 5** - Kathy Lewin reported on expenses for the Membership Meeting. Expenses for the meeting were \$1,485 which met the expectations for the event. Jay Stovall moved acceptance with Terry Hardwicke seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7** - Patty Knight reported on Membership Meeting results regarding the National dues structure and Chapter dues. As discussed at sessions earlier in the day and voted on by members, the following motion, written by Terry Hardwicke was presented:

*I move that the act of having National collect membership*

dues for the California-Nevada Chapter will probably exacerbate the declining membership trend and therefore the Chapter respectfully declines participation in the National dues collecting project at this time.

Also, in the motion was new Chapter membership dues: \$10 for Family Membership, \$35 for Sustaining Membership and \$7.50 for Subscription. Jay Stovall seconded the motion. Discussion followed about the \$7.50 part of the motion. It was pointed out a subscription membership was contrary to the long range, broad participation in the goals of trail preservation of both National OCTA and our Chapter. Jay Stovall made a motion to amend the original motion, removing the \$7.50 from consideration at this time. Clarification was made that our annual Chapter dues will remain January 1st through December 31st and will be collected by the Chapter, not by National. After a point of order, Curtis Grant seconded the motion to amend by striking the \$7.50. Motion to amend passed unanimously.

Following the procedures in Roberts Rules of Order, a new motion was made by Terry Hardwicke:

The act of having National collect membership dues for the California-Nevada Chapter will probably exacerbate the declining membership trend and therefore the Chapter respectfully declines participation in the National dues collecting project at this time. The new membership amount dues are \$10 Family Membership and \$35 Sustaining Membership.

Jim Allison seconded the new motion. Discussion noted this motion would take place immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 8** - The Preservation report began with Steve Knight's comments on the excellent Preservation and Trails Mapping Seminar held last week by Leslie Fryman, Don Buck and Dave Welch. There were 15 attendees and 5 trainers. Upcoming projects include maintenance of the trail in Dog Valley and mapping scheduled for the Johnson's Cut-Off with a meeting scheduled for November 10th at the home of Ford and Ellen Osborn. Information for these coming events will be given to Mary Ann Tortorich to include in the Chapter email messages.

Leslie Fryman, Preservation Officer, handed out a "Summary List of Preservation Issues for 2005," including items on the California Trail in Nevada, the Carson River route/Truckee River route, the Beckwourth Trail and the Nobles/Lassen Routes. She commented on some of the issues:

- 1) She is following carefully the Bureau of Reclamation, Humboldt Project Conveyance which involves a large land exchange where some 45 miles of trail are involved.
- 2) Two other smaller projects were well handled by the BLM where they successfully had right of ways moved away from the trail.
- 3) The BLM-Carson City Office is writing a resource management plan for energy development which includes a very large area. Leslie has called their attention to the historic trails in that area.
- 4) Cal Trans denied a trail existed and put an on ramp over a piece of the Beckwourth Trail.

5) Granite Fox Power Company near Gerlach is not going in on the trail, though there are questions of the view shed and drying up the springs and wells along the trail.

6) Double Hot Springs fencing is still an ongoing project.

**Agenda Item 9** - Webmaster, Jerry Dwyer, reported he is adding photo stories and making changes in the Web site. He was congratulated for the good job he is doing.

**Agenda Item 10** - Under New Business the "First Highway in Nevada" was not addressed due to Dave Hollecker's absence, and Pat Loomis' Book was tabled for covering at a later time.

Items covered included:

**1) By Law changes** were presented by Curtis Grant. The changes are shown in italics below:

Article IV, Management, Number 2 - Officers  
"The Board shall elect a president and vice-president from the members of the Board. *A secretary and/or treasurer who are not elected members of the Board shall be without vote on Board business.*"

Article V - Meetings  
"One Business Meeting of the Chapter shall be held *annually.*" (The word "annually" replaces "each spring.")

Article VI -Election Procedures, Number 3 - Voting "  
When the nominees of the Nominating Committee are unopposed, they shall be automatically elected by acclamation at the Annual Business Meeting. *When there are more nominees than the forthcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors, the members at the Annual Business Meeting shall vote and the three nominees with the most votes shall be elected.*"

Curtis Grant moved that the Board accept the changes as written above. Terry Hardwicke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The members will receive written notice of these changes in *Trail Talk* and will be asked to vote at the next Membership Meeting.

2) Tom Fee presented a motion regarding the **Risk Management** Committee as follows:

*The California-Nevada Chapter formally declares the Risk Management Committee a permanent committee of the Chapter. Formal and established lines of communication should take place between the Risk Management Committee, the Leaders of the Chapter Outings and Activities, and the Activities Coordinator.*

Having a formal Risk Management Committee and clearly established procedures helps reduce our liability. Current cochairmen are Hugh March and Dave Stone. Curtis Grant moved and Jay Stovall seconded motion to formally accept the Risk Management Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Tom Fee gave a brief Membership Meeting Report. A printed Activities Calendar for the year can be viewed on the Web site. Outings are successful largely because of the people who volunteer to lead them. Results of the survey Tom sent out and sessions at the Membership Meeting, indicate some people prefer 1-day only trips, others like overnight trips, some want 2-wheel drive trips, some like hiking trips.

Activities Coordinator will try to expand on these good ideas.

4) Fran Taplin presented a motion for a charter change for the Awards Committee. The charter originally stated awards would be given twice a year, at the symposium and at the convention. Kathy Lewin moved the change be adopted *to have one awards ceremony a year at the symposium*. Jim Allison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Steve Knight reminded the Board that the Office of Vice President needed to be filled and announced **Jay Stovall** was willing to serve as **Chapter Vice President**. Jim Allison made a motion that the Board accept Jay as Vice President. Curtis Grant seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Applause.

**Agenda Item 11** - Board President's comments included:

1) Due to career commitments, Steve will not be able to attend OCTA National Board Meetings as President. He will ask Jim Allison, as Past President, or Jay Stovall, as Vice President, or others to represent our Chapter. Travel expenses for designated representatives will be paid for by the Chapter.

2) Steve expects to make good use of *Trail Talk*, the Web site and Chapter and Board email to correspond with members.

**Agenda Items 12 and 13** - Wrapping up the day's activities and the Board Meeting the following items were covered:

1) Fran Taplin will act as "clearing house" for the focus of today's Membership Meeting and will get copies of suggestions to Steve

Knight. Tom Fee will also get information gathered to Fran.

2) Tom Hunt will contact the OCTA National President regarding the Chapter's position on dues structure, and he will draft a letter to the National Board explaining our position. The draft will first be sent to Steve and Patty Knight and copies will be forwarded to the Chapter Board for their comments before it is sent. California National OCTA Board Members will also be notified by Tom.

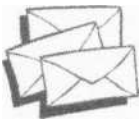
3) Carol March suggested a review is needed of what Chapter Committees exist and who heads them. Steve Knight and Jim Allison will work together on this. A Nominating Committee will soon need to be formed.

4) Jay Stovall suggested an additional Board Meeting or an Executive Meeting in January. There is need for the Board to do planning and to have direction. No date was set, but the Board will communicate about a possible meeting before the spring symposium. Though not many members attend Board Meetings, they will be asked to attend.

**Agenda Item 14** - Adjournment

Terry Hardwicke moved the meeting be adjourned. Kathy Lewin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol March, Recording Secretary



*Letters to the Editor*

I wonder if anyone else may think it would be great to meet other members in your own region to keep in touch between the Symposium and the Fall Membership Meeting. Often the Conventions are farther away and people choose not to travel so we miss seeing you there.

I had the opportunity to look at the member list for the October 15th meeting in Sacramento. There were 43 members from five different regions. Anyone who plans to attend a meeting will be more than welcome at any regional meeting.

You may be interested to know that 13 attended from the Bay Area; 17 from the Sacramento area; 6 from Nevada living in or near Reno; 5 came from San Joaquin Valley — from Stockton to Fresno, and 2 from Eureka.

I am busy working on the next Symposium in San Jose and New Almaden so I will not volunteer for the first meeting. But after May 2006, I will host the second regional Bay Area meeting to socialize.

Let me know if you feel the calling!

Mary Mueller



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