



*Peninsular Railroad car # 102*

## Club Announcements

March registration is \$60 per person and \$70 at the door.

If your guest enjoys their first meeting, they can attend the second free of charge, provided they submit a membership application.

Let's welcome new faces and grow our vibrant community together!

## DINNER MENU

**Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30**

**Dinner at 6:30**

Appetizers:

Twice Baked New Potato Caps

Green Salad

Carved Corned Beef  
Boiled Cabbage, Carrots,  
and Potatoes

Rye Bread, Grain Mustard

Dessert:

Rice Pudding w/ Irish Crème  
Whipped Cream

## All Aboard! Alan Feinberg Reveals the Tracks We Forgot We Buried

On March 17, the Men's Club will welcome Alan Feinberg, local historian, photo-restorer, and the tireless conductor of the LOST Gatos Project. Alan will take us deep into the valley's railroad and interurban past – including the mysterious tunnels carved into the hills above Los Gatos, where trains once thundered and modern hikers now whisper, "Is this safe?" (Answer: probably.)

Alan will guide us through the era when the Southern Pacific and Peninsular Railway connected our towns with steel rails, wooden benches, and a level of public-transit competence we can only dream about today. Expect restored photos of interurban cars gliding past orchards, trestles that no longer exist, and tunnels that once carried locomotives but now carry legends, raccoons, and the occasional confused mountain biker.

He'll show how these vanished lines shaped the valley's geography – from odd street curves to inexplicable dead-ends – and why so many residents have no idea they're driving over old rights-of-way.

If you've ever wondered where the trains ran, where the stations stood, or why there's a giant hole in the hillside that looks like a portal to 1903, this talk will deliver.

Join us for an evening of history, humor, and the comforting realization that our hills have always been full of surprises.

## A Good Month for a Little Courage

March has a way of nudging us forward. The days get longer, the evenings get lighter, and suddenly we all start feeling just brave enough to try something new. Maybe it's the promise of spring. Maybe it's the approach of St. Patrick's Day. Or maybe it's just that the club could use a few good people to step up.

So let's talk courage.

We're heading into **Board election** season, and we need members willing to run. If you've ever thought, "*Someone should really do that,*" I have excellent news: you are someone. If you can count votes, keep notes, and tolerate the rest of us with good humor, you're already qualified.

Our **bar crew** could also use reinforcements. Todd and Damon have been heroic, but even heroes appreciate backup. Pouring drinks is the most Irish job in the room - hospitality, storytelling, and making sure no glass gets too lonely.

We're also looking for help with **membership**. Every member here was once someone's guest, so bring a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, or that guy who keeps telling you he "really should get out more." This is the season for new faces.

And finally, our **speaker search** is always ongoing. If you know someone interesting, eccentric, brilliant, or all three, send them our way. The best programs come from the people in this room.

So as March rolls in, summon a little Irish courage, and consider where you might jump in. The club is at its best when everyone adds a bit of themselves to it—leadership, service, ideas, or just the willingness to say, "Sure, I can help with that."

**Sláinte to the month ahead!**

## Neals Notes

March has a way of sneaking up on us. One minute we're grumbling about the last cold mornings of winter, and the next the hills are



greener than an Irish hillside and the days are stretching out like they've had an extra pint. Suddenly the year feels like it has room to breathe again - a perfect moment to pause, look around, and wonder how we got from September to here without a single leprechaun sighting.

This club moves in that same rhythm. Since September, we've built a year full of good conversations, strong programs, and a room that somehow feels more alive each month, and not just because it's March 17 and a few of you showed up wearing shades of green normally reserved for traffic lights. What keeps this place thriving isn't luck or leprechauns; it's the simple act of showing up. Every time you walk through those doors, bring a guest, share a story, or lend a hand, you tighten the fabric of this community like a well-knit Aran sweater.

Tonight let's appreciate that; the friendships that have deepened, the new faces who've joined us, and the steady, generous spirit that keeps this club moving forward - no four-leaf clovers required. March may be the hinge of the season, but it's also a reminder that the year still has room for momentum, mischief, and a bit of Irish good fortune.

So let's enjoy the evening, welcome our guests, and keep building the kind of club people return to - not because they have to, but because it feels good to be part of something that grows when we show up for one another.

Please make your check out to Saratoga Men's Club for \$60.00 per person (\$70.00 at the door),  
and include this slip in the return envelope.

Kindly have reservations back to SMC by Wednesday, February 11th.

Mail checks to: Saratoga Men's Club P.O. Box 2552 Saratoga, CA 95070.

Check one of the following: I'll pay at the door \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie entrée \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Wine Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_



***Did you know?***

...the Interurban could whisk you to Congress Springs faster than  
you can currently find a parking spot in downtown Los Gatos.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FOR DINNER**

1. Go to the Saratoga Men's Club website: [SaratogaMensClub.com](http://SaratogaMensClub.com)
2. Underneath "Upcoming events" which is 1/2 way down the page, click on [current month] Meeting.
3. Underneath "On-Line Registration", click on Members.
4. Log in using your Clubrunner user name and password.
5. You may now register yourself by clicking on the highlighted "REGISTER ME".
6. The next page will ask you to "CONFIRM". On the right side of this page you may click on "REGISTER ADDITIONAL GUEST". Click on this and you can register a guest on the page that then comes up.
7. You may then proceed to "Pay by Credit Card" at the bottom of the page.
8. Enter the credit card details and confirm.
9. You will receive an email confirming your registration and payment.

**On-line registration closes the WEDNESDAY (February 11) before the meeting.**

