



Native Sons of the Golden West

October 2019

Bear Facts



Preserving California History
for
Future Generations

Web Site: <http://calistoga86.nsgw.org/>

Calistoga Parlor 86 meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Tucker Building at the Napa County Fairgrounds, Calistoga, with social time from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, dinner and the meeting to follow.

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Dates to Remember:

Next Meeting Sept 24, 6:00PM

First Friday in Calistoga on Oct 4

Social Dinner Oct 8

October Social

Don't forget that our October Social event is fast approaching. Tuesday October 8, 6:00 or 6:30 social 7:00 dinner. menu sausages, red cabbage, sauerkraut, potato salad, wine, dessert. Cost \$ 10.00. Drinks 3/5.00, small raffle tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$ 5.00

Tucker Building at the Golf Course, RSVP Dick Kuykendall at jrk905@yahoo.com or 707-815-1361

Birthdays for Oct..

Ed Frazen	10
Bill Squire	17
Curtis Winslow	22

Electric Train

The committee on working on the Electric Train project has been plugging along. At the last

meeting, Brother Kuykendall had a 20 inch by 30 inch rough design of what we were looking at for the informational sign. We have a quote from iZone for making the sign and will discuss it at our next meeting on Sept 24. the wording for the sign is;

The Interurban Electric Railroad

Ground was broken in Vallejo for the Vallejo, Benicia & Napa Valley Railroad Company on October 17, 1903. July 4, 1905, service started from Vallejo to Napa for the interurban electric railroad.

Throughout the existence of the interurban railroad the company would change hands four times. The first change came June 5, 1906, when the name was changed to Vallejo & Napa Valley Railroad Company. Progress was made heading north and on December 28, 1907, the electric train arrived in St. Helena.

Another company change was on November 10, 1911, when it became San Francisco, Napa & Calistoga Railway Company.

On September 2, 1912, the last spike was driven in Calistoga by Mayor John Ruthertford at Washington Street and Lincoln

Avenue, with two train cars full of passengers arriving for the celebration. The Calistoga train station, a mission style building, was completed March, 1913, with freight sheds and a warehouse adjoining in the rear.

February 29, 1936 saw another company, San Francisco & Napa Valley Railroad Company, making this the fourth change.

By August 7, 1937, the last passenger service from Calistoga ended. Freight and mail service continued until March of 1938. In 1939, 22 miles of track and overhead between Napa & Calistoga were removed.

Tracks from Gerald Street on Washington Street were left in place providing a reminder of the history of the interurban railroad. These tracks were dedicated by the Native Sons of the Golden West in 1999. When repaving was done on Washington Street, the tracks were removed after 105 years, on May 9, 2017. They were placed in storage, but now a small piece of the interurban's original tracks are on display in this mini railroad park.

(The interurban's last railroad car, Number 63, that ran from Calistoga, is housed at the Western Railroad Museum, Suisun, California, awaiting restoration.)

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Parlor 86 Calendar

- October 4 First Friday Luncheon Calistoga
- October 8 October Social
- October 22 Monthly Meeting & Dinner
- November 1 First Friday Luncheon St Helena
- November 19 **Monthly Meeting & Dinner**
- December 6 First Friday Luncheon Napa
- December 17 **Monthly Meeting & Dinner**

Dates to Remember from Grand Parlor

- 4th Napa Valley 1st Friday Luncheon Calistoga at the Fairgrounds
- 11th-13th Southern California Weekend San Gabriel
- 16th Fairfax #307 Old Timers' Night Dinner @ 6:30pm - Open Canon Club, Fairfax
- 19th Solano #39 62th Anniversary Dinner - Open Star's Restaurant, Vacaville
- 23rd South San Francisco #157 Oktoberfest Dinner @6pm - Open Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco.

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It's National Picnic Time

Friday Sept. 20th Bay View Site

Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno

9 o'clock set-up, Coffee, Danish, BBQ Sausages served

to everyone who shows up, helps, or even just supervises

12 o'clock Main Barbecue, NY Steak or a 1/2 Chicken served w homemade Beans, Salad and Garlic Bread

1:00 o'clock Desert & Salmi Raffle, Picnic Tickets \$20

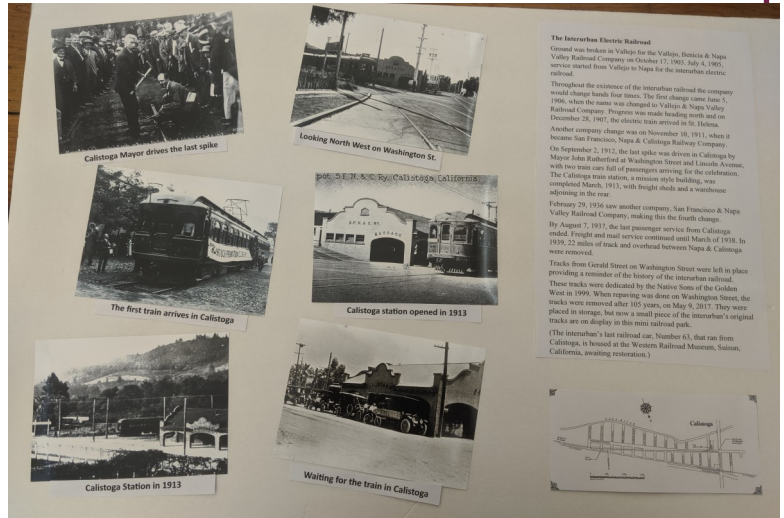
get them at the next Basque or the Sept. 5th Hall Meeting

will call always an option - This years Chair / Contact is

is 2nd VP Tom Hillyard text reservations at 650-504-1464



The weather is always nice, we hope to see you there.



Picture is Idea for Train Sign

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