



Wishful Thinking

Volume 2

'Wishful Thinking' is the officially royal newsletter of Wish Upon A Thar, 23rd Annual IAGSDC Convention, June 30th – July 3rd, 2006, Anaheim California.

FROM THE QUEEN

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Once Upon A Time, Long, Long Ago, a Club of Square Dancing Terpsichore decided it would like to invite All It's



many Friends and Family from around the World to join Together in a Great

Celebration in the Land of Palm Trees and Oranges.

It then set forth to

bid for this Magnificent Occasion after first inviting it's local Terpsichoreans from the Realm of the Southland of California to join it's efforts to offer the Biggest and Brightest Event of the Year. From the Shoreline of the Long Beach to the Empire of the Inland to the Blooms of the Sunland Hills to the Tinsel of the West Holly Town to the Golden State itself, they drew together to create a Fantasy Come True.

For many moons they labored together to create a Wondrous Feast for the Eyes, the Senses, and the Feet. They called forth from across the continent and across the seas the very best of

choreographic prestidigitators to Delight the Soles and Challenge the Minds of their Very Special Guests. They scoured the Southland far and wide to offer a Spectacular tour of Fun and Badges. The conjured a mélange of Enticing Delights to tempt even the most hardened of hearts into participating in an Orgy of Saltatory Madness.

And Today, as this Merry Band of Merry-Makers continues in its' Labor of Love to prepare a Magnificent Festival for your Pleasure and Delight, we pause briefly to Wish You and Yours the Very Best of Holiday Seasons. May Your Pleasures be Many and Your Love be Shared. We eagerly await your sojourn to our Southland Home to join us in Celebration next July and We Wish You All the Very Happiest of New Years.

NEWS FLASH

Convention Prices Going UP On January 31st!!

Vote for Your Favorite Tour visit our Web Site today!!

Masks for the Masked Ball? – See page 12

Registrar Magistrate Wizard's Corner

FROM THE WIZARD'S DESK



Happy Holidays from the Wizard! In case you haven't been paying attention, January 31st of 2006 ends the \$169.00 rate. It will go up another whole \$10.00 to \$179.00 so get

your broomsticks in gear and get to www.wishuponathar.org to register.

Getting To Know Us!

Club Corner

Wish Upon A Thar is being brought to you by five clubs; Bloomin Squares, Empire Squares, Golden State Squares, Shoreline Squares and Tinseltown Squares. This editions' focus is on Empire Squares.

Empire Squares

It's first class was in September 1998 ES was started as an outreach group to the Inland Empire with help from Paul Waters of Tinseltown Squares and Marty Dee of Golden State Squares. Empire Squares became a full member club of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs (IAGSDC) at

Thanks to our wonderful, magical and illustrious webmaster Ray, online registration is now available. You can pay using Paypal or choose the pay by check option and then send the check. Pay for your registration, your fun badge tour, and a donation to All Join Hands all at the same time! Simply marvelous darling! Very soon, you'll also be able to purchase T-shirts and more online. If you have any questions, I can be reached by mirror at two snaps up and a twist, by phone at (626) 255-2536, or by email martin@wishuponathar.org. Have a grand holiday season!

LCLA! in Los Angeles, July 1999. Empire Squares dances in Riverside, California, drawing members from around the Inland Empire. Riverside is about halfway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs. It's a short trip to the snow, desert, beach, Los Angeles or San Diego for us. We're touted as being just about an hour from everything! Empire has held many successful dances over the years, concentrating it's efforts on the fall Turkey In the Straw and the spring dancing Thru the Decades, with an occasional winter Royal Prom. Concentrating on MS & Plus we hope to continue our growth in the new year under the continued & expert calling and teaching of Tim Pepper.

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Reservations may be made after July 26, 2005 and must be made by June 1, 2006. Ask for the "Wish Upon A Thar" group rate. (800) 443-4644

Watch the Wish Upon A Thar web site for announcement of pre-convention tours and discount travel information

Convention Schedule

Tentative – Stay Tuned for Changes!!



HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!

It is hereby declared that, in order to promote the festivities and good humor, and permit all attendees to maximize their dance time, and to reduce the resultant 8am whining, the Council of Dignitaries from All the Kingdoms (IAGSDC Delegates Meeting) will be called to order on FRIDAY, JUNE 30th, 2006, 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. All officials, clubs and their delegates must note this change!

Monday - Wednesday, June 26-28, 2006

GCA Callers School*

Honky Tonk Queen
Country-Western Dance

Monday - Friday, June 26-30, 2006

Pre-Convention Tours*

Sunday, July 2, 2006

Dancing at All Levels
Banquet
The Masked Fantasy Costume Ball

Thursday, June 29, 2006

Day at Disneyland® park*

Monday, July 3, 2006

Fun BadgeTour -
"A Magic Carpet Ride"*
Dancing at All Levels
IAGSDC General Meeting & Brunch
Closing Ceremonies

Friday, June 30, 2006

Opening Day Festivities
IAGSDC Delegates Meeting
Trail-In Dance

Saturday, July 1, 2006

Dancing at All Levels
Grand March & Opening Ceremonies

Tuesday, July 4, 2006

Happy Birthday America!

* Optional event, not included with the regular registration.

Registration & Fees

Registration Fees include a convention pin, all dancing, the evening banquet and afternoon brunch and a Magical Square Dance experience you will always treasure.

Registration Fees

\$169 Before January 31, 2006

\$179 Before April 30, 2006

\$189 Before June 15, 2006

\$199 After June 15, 2006

Non-Dancers

\$85 Before June 15, 2006

\$95 After June 15, 2006

Fun Badge Tour \$40

All prices USD\$.

Convention Registration Cancellation

Between November 1, 2005 and March 31, 2006 -- Full refund less \$50 Admin Fee

After March 31, 2006 -- No refund

Fun Badge Tour Cancellation

Before January 31, 2006 Full refund

After January 31, 2006 No Refund

Convention registration and Fun Badge Tour reservations can be transferred to another person. Please contact us for details.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Orange County History: 1850

Excerpted from an article by Kenneth Kao.

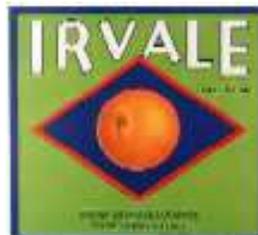
Land Settlement

The Americans took California away from Mexico with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hildago. It officially became the 31st State to join the Union on September 1, 1850. With that came disputes of land ownership. In order for the families who owned land to keep it, they had to show valid proof of their land holdings, as well as maps and documentation. Many families could not show their proof of ownership, since the Spanish and Mexicans parceled out land freely. These families lost their land holdings and it reverted to the State, which then sold it at a very cheap price to ranchers and farmers. Sometime in the 1860's there was an awful drought that killed much of the cattle and livestock that was being raised in Orange County and the entire Southland for that matter. Many of the ranchers and farmers went bankrupted, and they were forced to sell their land to pay off their debts.

One individual who came at an opportune time to take advantage of this situation was James Irvine. He came to California during the Gold Rush to mine for gold. However, he became disillusioned and went to San Francisco to enter the grocery business. He earned a considerable amount of money, with which he was able to invest in real estate. So along with Benjamin

and Thomas Flint and Llewellyn Bixby, James Irvine was able to acquire much of the huge Rancho San Joaquín in the center of the county, totaling 120,000 acres or about a fifth of Orange County. He gained sole ownership of the ranch in the 1860's. On his ranch he grew a variety of plants that were more drought resistant, and the Irvine Ranch became a very successful enterprise.

There is one interesting story that comes to mind involving James Irvine. In the 1880's when railroad building was very rapid, Collis P. Huntington (owner of Southern Pacific Railroad) wanted the right of way to build his railroad through Irvine's vast ranch, connecting Los Angeles with San Diego. His previous attempt though the Temescal Valley in Riverside County was unsuccessful, as a flood washed the tracks away a few years after they were completed. However, Irvine refused to grant the railroad owner permission to build through his land (this was a very audacious thing to do, since most communities actually paid the railroads to build through their land, and right of way was usually given). Apparently the reason for Irvine's refusal dates back to the late 1840's, when he and Huntington were on the same ship to San Francisco. A disagreement ensued and they have been on unfavorable terms since. In the mid-1880's, James Irvine I died, but his son James Irvine II also opposed Southern Pacific's wishes to build. So one Saturday when the courts were closed, Southern Pacific sent workers to begin construction through the Irvine Ranch. They workers were met with Irvine's ranch hands armed



with shotguns. The workers became scared, left, and never returned. Eventually, Irvine allowed Southern Pacific's rival, Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, to build their railroad through the Irvine Ranch. Other people came with a different intention in mind: to settle the land. Orange County was still a part of Los Angeles County at that time, and there were several individuals who bought land and offered it to settlers for a cheap price.

Land Booms and Busts

The first successful settlement was Anaheim. It was laid out by George Hansen and Charles Kohler, and the settlement of Anaheim largely attracted German immigrants in the late 1850's through the 1860's. The name Anaheim stands for the home next to the Santa Ana River, with "Ana" coming from Santa Ana and "-heim" meaning home in German. This new settlement was



successful: most of the settlers grew plants and crops, but others grew grapes with the intention of making wine. And indeed wine was produced in Anaheim. But the settlement needed a port from which they could ship their goods to the outside markets as well as receive goods. The answer was Alamitos Bay, located today between Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.

However, a couple of years after the building of a small port there, the course of the San Gabriel River changed and deemed Anaheim Bay no longer a good port.

There were other settlements that were important during this time period in the 1870's. Santa Ana developed after the first colony of Anaheim. It was envisioned by a man named William Spurgeon. He got the stagecoach line that ran from Los Angeles to San Diego to make a stop at his new settlement, complete with a goods store and a post office, which greatly increased the publicity afforded to his new community. And people did come to settle in Santa Ana, and its importance was getting close to that of Anaheim.

Other important settlements included Tustin, Fullerton, Orange, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach. Tustin was founded by a guy named Columbus



Tustin, but the town never got to be as important as nearby Santa Ana, mostly because the stagecoach line would not stop there. But it grew quickly with the introduction of the railroad. Fullerton was conceived by the Amerige brothers, who named their new town after the man who lent them the money to start it.

Mr. Fullerton didn't want the honor, but the brothers decided to name it after him anyway. Fullerton soon became an important stop, and housed some important industries. Orange was the brainchild of two lawyers: Andrew Glassell and Alfred Chapman. The two lawyers received the rights to the land as a payment for services rendered to a client. They wanted to name it Richland (to imply the rich fields where settlers can grow their crops), but there was already one in California so they couldn't. Finally they decided on Orange, which was the county in Virginia where one of the two men was born. It is interesting that the beautiful Orange Circle is where Glassell St. and Chapman Ave. intersect. And that circle is where Orange all began.

Newport Beach was a small town by the coast. There was a guy by the name of McFadden who build a wharf on the peninsula there, along with a railroad from Santa Ana, to haul goods to and from the coast. McFadden was a religious man who refused to work on Sundays. The wharf was successful, but he was getting pressure from Southern Pacific Railroad (owned by Collis P. Huntington and his nephew, Henry Huntington) to sell that line to them. McFadden refused because he disliked the dishonest business practices of Southern Pacific. So instead he sold it to another party, which turned out to be a Southern Pacific decoy. That line that McFadden build ended up in Southern Pacific's hands about three months after the sale, and the railroad was taken out. Newport mainly served as a docking place, and is noted because of its natural bay, even though the entrance to the bay is very dangerous.

Huntington Beach was originally called Pacific City. Philip A. Stanton founded the settlement, but it was built as a resort city, just like Bay City (Seal Beach) a couple of miles up the coast. Pacific City along with Stanton's Bayside Land Company was bought by the Huntington Beach Company in 1903. The leaders of this new town knew that in order to get customers coming in to buy the land near the beach, they had to get the railroad to their city. So they struck a deal with Pacific Electric Railway Company to bring their electric trolley system through their city, and in honor of the owner of Pacific Electric (Henry Huntington), they renamed the city Huntington Beach. And on July 4, 1904, a huge celebration was held and many people came to Huntington Beach to see the fireworks, the nice coastline, to eat free food, and to buy the cheap land that was readily available. The Pacific Electric line was later extended down into the community of Newport Beach and the Balboa peninsula. That community paid Huntington "compensation" for bringing the railroad into the resort town and also gave him free right-of-way. Today, the line that went from Long Beach to Newport Beach is gone. It went along the beachfront (today's PCH) and down into Balboa peninsula on the middle of Balboa Blvd. You can still visit a "red car" on old tracks close to downtown Seal Beach (off Electric Ave.).

There were other settlements that were not as successful as those listed above. There was much land speculation going on at that time and most of the time people didn't buy the land or there just wasn't enough capital to get it going. Such settlements include Carbondale in the Santa Ana Mountains, Fairview with

its hot springs in present day Costa Mesa, McPherson in present day Orange, St. James north of Orange, Bolsa four miles west of Santa Ana, Delhi two miles south of Santa Ana, Carlton near Yorba Linda and Olinda, as well as Olive, San Juan by the Sea and Atwood.

Dawning of the Twentieth Century

In 1880 the region that is now Orange County still belonged to Los Angeles County. The population was growing rapidly with the sprouting of many new small towns. Anaheim and Santa Ana were already important population centers. It has been said that Santa Ana was second only to Los Angeles in importance. However, the residents of the southern part of then Los Angeles County were frustrated with their county government. For instance, there was only one bridge that crossed the mighty Santa Ana River, which just wouldn't do



because it was that river that separated Anaheim and Santa Ana. Also, residents of Orange County disliked making the long trek to Los Angeles to carry out official business. Many of the county offices were held by Los Angelinos, and these residents felt they were not getting

the attention they deserved, so they proposed to form a new county. After much bureaucratic red tape, the State Legislature approved the formation of the new county of Orange, in 1889. The residents of the new county voted on the new county seat, a title competed by both Anaheim and Santa Ana. The race was close, but in the end Santa Ana was named the new seat. At the time of the formation of the new county, there were only three incorporated cities: Anaheim (1878), Santa Ana (1886), and Orange (1888).

The famous Red Cars of Southern California helped encourage growth in the newly formed county of Orange. The trolleys made the trip to jobs in Los Angeles shorter and more convenient. The first line to be built in Orange County came from a split in the Long Beach Line. It went along the coastline



through Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and terminating at Newport Beach (Balboa Peninsula). This line opened through Huntington Beach in 1904, and was finished to Newport Beach in 1906. The second line went from the split at the Watts Towers to Santa Ana, which was built around the same time as the Newport Beach line. The third and final line was built in North Orange County,

through Fullerton and ending in Yorba Linda. In fact, the line ran through what was Richard Nixon's childhood backyard in the early part of this century.

As the Railroad Barons were rapidly building their tracks, a new mode of transportation became prominent in American society. It was the automobile. Roads in Orange County at the turn of the century were pretty dusty and unimproved. County drivers demanded upgrades in the road infrastructure, and it came with the pavement of the "State Route." It connected Santa Ana with Los Angeles. It was funded by the State of California and travels along the route of today's Interstate 5 from Santa Ana, then along Harbor Blvd., and Whittier Blvd. (today's SR-72). Other important roads to be paved included Pacific Coast Highway. The road was nearly complete by the late 1910's, with the exception of the length between Corona Del Mar and Laguna Beach, which was completed in 1925.

Orange County was home to pioneer aviators as well. Glenn Martin accomplished his first flight on the dawn of August 1, 1909. This flight covered 100 feet. Martin also made the first water-to-water flight in the world when he flew his modified plane from Newport Beach to Catalina Island. This flight in May 1912 also broke records: the longest flight over water (79 minutes) and the fastest over water (53 mph). Unrelated to Glenn, Eddie Martin also became a great figure in Orange County aviation history. In 1923 Martin began flying passengers out of land owned by James Irvine. Martin eventually leased 80 acres from Irvine and formed the Eddie Martin Airport and flying school.

Between the Two World Wars

In 1941, the Army began construction on 410 acres of land south of Santa Ana (in present day Costa Mesa). The land would become the Santa Ana Army Air Base, more popularly known as SAAAB. In the end, the army erected 145 buildings that could house 25,000 men at one time.

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