

THE SHOREBREAK



INTERNATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM NEWSLETTER FALL 2001

Kings Of The Surf!

A Court of Royal Surfers will soon be on display at the HBISM. Bob Fazaroto of Travis Air Force Base in northern California has donated a rare book to the Museum entitled *Kings of the Surf*. This book inspired us to create a special exhibit to honor the stories and accomplishments of nine notable, and even legendary, surfers. Some of these guys are still out hitting the waves today.

Marc Posch, our Exhibit Chairman, is planning to display pictures, surfboards, and notable quotes as part of the display. Our first spotlighted group of surf kings will include:

- ± Robert August
- ± Corky Carroll
- ± Skip Frye
- ± Fred Hemmings, Jr.
- ± Greg Noll
- ± David Nuuhiwa
- ± Dale Velzy
- ± Nat Young
- ± Rusty Miller

Our goal is to highlight other “kings” on a rotating basis. Do you have someone in mind? Let us know.

To commemorate this exhibit, the Museum will issue a new series of t-shirts. The “Legends of Surf” shirts will feature a new surfing icon image every six months.

Be sure to mark **October 21st** on your calendar. This is the date we expect to officially unveil this special exhibit at the same time we celebrate our last Surfin’ Sunday for this year. Together with music and guests, the Museum will honor all of our patrons and supporters as well as formally induct the Museum’s official Poet Laureate (!) – see the related story below.



This will be a major Museum event and we invite all you to be there!! Don’t forget: Sunday, **October 21st**.

Poet Laureate

On October 21st, the HBISM will formally induct Professor Benner T. Cummings as our official Poet Laureate on October 21st. Professor Cummings’ book of poems, *Down Along the Sunset*, will be available in our gift shop (a great gift idea for the holidays!). The Museum will host a visit by Prof. Cummings to sign copies of his book at a date to be announced. Mr. Bruce Hopping, Chairman of the Kalos Kagathos Foundation, proposed designating an official Poet Laureate of Surfing. We believe we are the first surfing museum to bestow this honor. Our Museum is pleased to have both of these gentlemen recognize our unique place in the international sport of surfing.

Volunteer Docents Needed!

Thursday – Monday, 12 Noon to 5 pm
 Lunch and mileage reimbursements.
 Learn about surfing culture.

 A few hours of your time helps us Big Time!!! 

WIN a Landslider precision scooter with 20-inch wheels!! This awesome bike/scooter hybrid is designed by the Austrian company, Blauwerk (www.landslider.com). Raffle tickets are for sale at the Museum. The scooter will be awarded to a winner on Sunday, October 21st. Winner need not be present (but it sure would be nice if you were there!!).



Chairman's Message

Wow! Another very busy Surfin' Sundays Concert Series and Community Outreach season is coming to an end. April through October is a very busy season for the Museum as we bring quality events to the community and take our Mobile Museum out to various community events in Southern California.

This was another highly successful season for our concert series, bringing the best surf bands from all over the world to Huntington Beach. Most of the shows were held in the Museum parking lot. The amphitheater shows were enhanced by surf and ocean-related vendors and artists, along with woodies and custom cars in the pier plaza area -- really fantastic family events. Committee chairman Dave Bruer did a great job. We have to thank the City of Huntington Beach for all their support and also the Downtown Residents Association for all their patience. The biggest thanks of all goes out to our community of musicians whose support for the Museum never waivers.

Our Community Outreach team was at every one of the concert series events as well as six other community events. Our Mobile Museum is very well received everywhere we take it. It is an important aspect of our goal to increase the Museum's visibility. The Mobile Museum is visited by many more people than see the actual Museum on the same day. The generated revenue is very important to our general operating funds.

These two programs, our involvement in the Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony, and the 4th of July Parade (we won 1st place) made for a very challenging season. My thanks go out to all board members and volunteers that made it happen. With this season ending, planning begins for the next. Call the Museum to see how you can be involved as a volunteer or a sponsor.

Robert Frederickson

Surfin' Sundays Update

Surfin' Sundays wraps up a successful 5th season. We had 16 events (6 at the pier amphitheater) with 23 bands donating their time, some more than once. On Sunday, Oct 21st, we will honor the sponsors, bands, and volunteers. The Stingrays surf band will close our season with a performance at 1pm. Also, the Museum will raffle off a precision scooter with 20-inch wheels donated to us by Landslider. The scooters are designed by BlauWerk in Austria. Raffle tickets are on sale at the Museum.

Thanks to the Surfin' Sundays Committee chairman **Dave Bruer** and all the volunteers that made it happen this season. A great big thanks goes out to all the musicians for their unwavering support over the years. Well over 100 bands from all over the USA and the world have performed for the concert series. Together, we will keep surf music alive and continue to provide a forum for its expression! As you review the list of bands and remember these afternoons, you just have to smile.

The bands that participated in this year's Surfin' Sundays included: the Surf Kings, Pollo Del Mar, Surf Report, Deoras, Torquays, Laika & The Cosmonauts, Reventlos, Nomads, Wave Invasion, Nocturnes Dynotones, Chum, Jon & The Nightriders, Fabulous Planktones, Bone Sharks, Hot Rod Trio, Element 17, Eliminators, Chantays, Banned From the Beach, Longboard Ranch, Insect Surfers, and the Stingrays.

Sponsors for our concert series include: OC Weekly, Banana Boat, Cold Stone Creamery, Mars Music, Denver Signs, Surfer Magazine, and the Huntington Beach Automobile Dealers' Association. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's series the most successful yet: Dave Bruer, Trish Engatta, Alma Vaja, Michelle Juhasz, Mary Kate McNulty, Ralph DiPiazza, Ryan Bensley, Pamela Sanderson, and Keith Jackson.



The Fabulous Planktones at the Museum



The Chantays at the Pier Plaza

In Memoriam

The surf music community has lost one of its most admired ambassadors. **Mike Sullivan**, bass player for the band Slacktone, died on August 19. Mike leaves behind a wife and three daughters. We all wish them strength to deal with this tragedy. Many of us will miss Mike's big smile and easy going nature as well as the strength and power he added to the band's sound. Mike touched a lot of people and made a lot of friends, both here and in Europe where Slacktone toured this past summer.

This difficult summer also marked the passing of San Diego County's **Syrus King**, big wave surfer **Jay Moriarity**, and surfing filmmakers **Chris Bystrom** and **Dale Davis**.

Renew Your Museum Membership – Convenient Return Envelope Included With This Newsletter

Focus on the Board: Alma Vaja

Alma has been a Huntington Beach resident since 1977 and works as a real estate investor. She serves on the Hospitality and Recognition Committee, and for the past two years has been the chairperson of the Museum's 4th of July Float Committee. Our floats make Uncle Sam proud and the last two, designed under Alma's supervision, were both highly praised by the Huntington Beach parade committee. This year's theme was "International Waves" and our float earned the 1st place trophy!! The float, itself, sparkled with special flags from many countries and featured live surf music from Jon & The Nightriders.

A recent trip to her native Argentina brought back many happy memories and was a highlight of this year for both her and her talented daughter, Christina. A visit to the extended family of her late husband brought mile-wide smiles and happy tears to both of them. Watch for Alma's masterpiece design in our next patriotic parade.



Alma Vaja, Ann Beasley, Natalie Kotsch, and the 1st Place Trophy!

4th of July Parade Float

Believe it or not! The Museum's float in the 4th of July Parade won the 1st Place Trophy! Awesome! Thanks to our Committee Chairperson, **Alma Vaja**, for all her hard work. Thanks also to the **Kiwanis Key Club** members who worked on the float and carried our banner during the parade. The **Huntington Beach Longboard Crew** were a great help once again this year by working on the float and bringing out about a dozen members to walk in front of the float.

Dan Simmons drove a woody with Natalie Kotsch and Ann Beasley inside. Huge thanks to **Dunkle Bros Trucking** for again providing the tractor/trailer rig. Surf band **Jon & the Nightriders** (with **Bob Spickard** of The Chantays) provided the entertainment all along the parade route. Riding on the float were Kathy Spickard and her grandkids, Don Strout and Katrina, the Waterman, Randy Lewis, Kim "Danger Woman" Hamrock, our float sponsor Clark Wardle and his family, Peter Townsend, Josh Mohr, Mike Spence, and Museum Board Members Trish Engatta and Michelle Juhasz. We apologize if your name wasn't mentioned; we know there were more...the float was packed!

Palm Graphics

A big thanks goes out to **Palm Graphics** for providing their 3rd annual Museum display. Each of the last three years, this Japanese company has provided artwork for an exhibit. They have always very generously donated t-shirts, tote bags, and hats to our gift shop. However, they surprised us this year by donating a beautiful piece of art valued at \$600. Thank you Palm Graphics!!!!



Endless Summer Rock & Roll Jam

Everyone who attended the **Endless Summer Rock & Roll Jam** concert on June 23 had a great time. Premier Entertainment is to be congratulated for producing a highly professional and entertaining concert. **The Duo-Tones, Jon and the Nightriders, the Bel Airs, the Chantays, Johnny Lopez Band, Deke Dickerson, and Dick Dale** all performed at the Hyatt Newporter in Newport Beach. Dick Dale spent a good 30 minutes before his performance speaking with a terminally ill fan and his parents. We all want to wish Scotty nothing but the best! It was an exciting (and emotional) day for all of those who experienced this unique event.

We Are Buzzing About The Holidays!



All of our holidays can be brighter if you will help with our Museum's tree decorations. Make a special holiday donation to the Museum and have an ornament placed on our tree in your name! This year our theme is a bee: like, "Bee our friend," or "Bee happy!" or even (best of all) "Bee a part of our Museum."

You can experience the "buzz" of this fun-filled event for a small donation. Come in and honor your family, friends, and especially yourself. We'll all "bee" here.

Signed, Santa Bee

Surfing Walk of Fame

The Museum hosted an open house to honor all the inductees to the **Surfing Walk of Fame** in front of Jack's Surfboards. This year's inductees comprised a strong list of some of surfing's greatest: **Rabbit Kekai**, the last of the Waikiki Beachboys, is simply a great man! **Rabbit Bartholomew** and **David Nuuhiwa's** acceptance speeches were full of entertaining personal memories as well as a look into the future. **Max Bowman**, surrounded by so many family and friends, was very gracious. **Janice Aragon's** induction brought out a lot of the local grommets. Under her direction of the NSSA, the future of American surfing is well in hand.

All of the inductees were present except Simon Anderson (Surf Culture) who sent a letter for Peter Townsend to read at the ceremony.

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The Board extends our deep appreciation to our faithful team of volunteers.

The HBISM is a non-profit organization dedicated to protect the past, participate in the present, and influence the future of all aspects of surfing culture. *The Shorebreak*, the official publication of the HBISM, is published quarterly.



The HBISM is Everywhere These Days!

Have you seen the Museum on TV lately? Huell Howser's PBS show, *Road Trip*, featured Huntington Beach in one episode that included segments filmed inside and outside the Museum. His shows are always entertaining. Find this program in your TV listings. The Museum became a different kind of meeting place when it was featured on the syndicated series, *Blind Date*. A program called *Spy-TV* had someone trying to steal our mural. Thankfully, it's still here!!! "Flat Stanley" visited our Museum on September 29th. Who is Flat Stanley? Watch for his appearance on an upcoming TV show this season that highlights his adventures.

The OC Weekly featured pictures of our Surfin' Sunday bands this year. They are a valued sponsor for our concert series. Please patronize advertisers in this practical, free local publication.

Gift Shop Specialties

If you're looking for a special gift for the holidays, or just to say "I'm thinking of you," don't forget our *Kula* gift shop. We have the largest assortment of surf music CDs you'll find anywhere, videos, DVDs, books, posters, decals, framed pictures, t-shirts, and so much more.

Gift certificates are also available!!! Don't forget the Rendezvous Ballroom Reunion 2000 CD, a two-record set of performances at last year's gala surf music concert at the Galaxy Concert Theater.

A Museum membership is a wonderful gift as well! Remember that all members get a discount on everything in our gift shop.

Shop Here First!!



Natalie Kotsch, Peter Townend, Ann Beasley, and Rabbit Kekai at the Surfing Walk of Fame Induction (story inside)