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Printing Plant Tour

On Wednesday morning, July 20th, fifteen Aloha Chapter members, spouses and guests learned how our daily Star-Advertiser newspaper is printed on huge, modern four-color offset presses from rolls of newsprint weighing over a ton, collated and then distributed throughout the state.

After our very interesting and educational tour professionally conducted by our special docent, **Chris Ghost**, we met at Ho Ho's Chinese Restaurant for an ample and delicious buffet luncheon.



All Aboard! West Oahu Railroad



The only active historical railroad on Oahu!

Our Program Committee has secured a special Saturday 90-minute tour for us on August 27th aboard the historical and hysterical Hawaiian Railway, the only railroad that we'll have on Oahu for a long, long time. The Hawaiian Railway, the operating arm of the Hawaiian Railway Society, ordinarily operates only on Sundays.

The Program Committee hopes that this exciting event will be a family outing; invite your children and grandchildren to join us at 11:00 AM at the picnic area at the train station for

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The Aloha Chapter Tour Group at the Star-Advertiser Printing Facility, Kapolei, left to right, Mary Cho, Gordon Cho, Jane Kekoa, Henry Lee, Helene Webster, Joe Magaldi, Jr., Joan Lee, Bob Kozuki, Taffy Wells, Nainoa Kamakea (grandson of Henry and Joan Lee), Mark Webster, Annie Yamada, Chris Ghost (our tour guide), Bill Yamada and Mel Soong. Missing from this group picture is Al Streck.

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President's Message by Robert Kozuki

Our Program Committee lead by **Jane Kekoa, Henry Lee, & Melvin Soong**, have presented a number of very interesting programs. I wish to take the time to thank this group for their time, effort, and creative thinking in identifying programs of interest to the general Aloha Chapter membership. The August 27, 2011, Train Ride on the Hawaiian Railway in Ewa will include a bento lunch. This railroad is a historical sugar-cane plantation-days replica and I am certain that all members, spouses, friends, children and grandchildren attending will enjoy a bit of history and nostalgia riding on this restored train recalling the days of old Hawaii.

Our Chapter, along with many others nationally, is facing a worrisome financial future as our income continues to lag, and we face a problematic future. National MOAA has acknowledged that many local chapters are faced with an unbalanced budget for a number of reasons. The biggest cost factor for all the Chapters is the local newsletter. A simple answer would appear to go online with our newsletter. However, we have a number of members who do not have computers or access to computers. Our calculations show that this number of members lacking access to computers would require receiving their newsletter by the postal service mail, resulting in a cost almost similar to what we are currently paying for Bulk Rate mail. Another solution may be to reduce the frequency from monthly to every other month or, perhaps, even quarterly.

Your president, yours truly, will end his term of office at the end of this calendar year for a number of reasons, including health problems. It's been my pleasure to serve all of you.



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ERRATA NOTE

The current Aloha Chapter Membership Directory published in March, 2010, contained INCORRECT text of Bylaws Article IX – Board of Directors, Section 2, which specified no terms of office for directors. This text was based on an earlier draft that was NOT adopted. In the 2011 Membership Directory—to be published in August, hopefully—that section providing for directors' staggered 2-year terms of office contains the CORRECT text actually adopted at the regular meeting on 16 August 2009. The board regrets any confusion caused by this administrative error. **Larry**



Look at the date above your name on the back page. If it doesn't say Life Member, that is your expiration date—when you need to renew your membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 15, 2011 9:00 AM, Golf Outing, Klipper Golf Course, Kaneohe Marine Corps Base (Monday)
- Aug. 18, 2011 10:00 AM, EXCOM Meeting, Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street, Honolulu (Thursday)
- Aug 21, 2011 1:00 PM, Bridge Bunch Party, Fahrni Realty Classroom, Aiea. Hostess: Harriet (Sunday)
- Aug. 27, 2011 11:00 AM, Train Ride on Hawaiian Railway, Ewa; bento picnic lunch (Saturday)
- Sept. 21, 2011 9:30 AM, Tour of Main Post Office, Airport, followed by lunch in P.O. Cafeteria. (Wednesday)
- Oct. 19, 2011 11:30 AM, Luncheon, Hickam O'Club (Wednesday) Guest Speaker: Carswell Ross, VA Service Coordinator and Counselor
- Nov. 16, 2011 10:00 AM, Patriotic Songfest, VA Center (Wednesday) for Aging, Tripler Army Medical Center
- Nov. 16, 2011 Noon, Annual General Membership Meeting, Hale Ikena, Ft. Shafter (Wednesday)
- Dec. 9, 2011 6:00 PM, Christmas Dinner, Kalia Room, Hale Koa Hotel, Ft. DeRussy, Waikiki (Friday)

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Scholarship Fund Report



Cadet **Josue E. Nunez** is the recent recipient of the Aloha Chapter Scholarship Fund's \$500.00 grant to an outstanding Army ROTC cadet at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for school year 2011-2012. Cadet Nunez thanks the members of Aloha Chapter for their financial support. In furtherance of his education, he has already served as an infantryman in Iraq and is currently serving as Battalion Cadet Command Sergeant Major in the UH-Mānoa Army ROTC corps of cadets.

Furthermore, Nunez, 30, a first-year graduate student at UH-Mānoa's Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work, is a dedicated fundraiser for the support and awareness of psychosocial rehabilitation programs for people with mental illness. He created and led a campaign, "Miles for Mental Health," to raise money for the Hale O Honolulu Clubhouse. The nonprofit organization is one of 400 clubhouses in over 30 different countries that helps provide highly structured and

supportive employment, continuing education, positive relationships and social interactions, mental and physical wellness education, and everyday life skills.

Hal Takenaka

Volunteers Needed

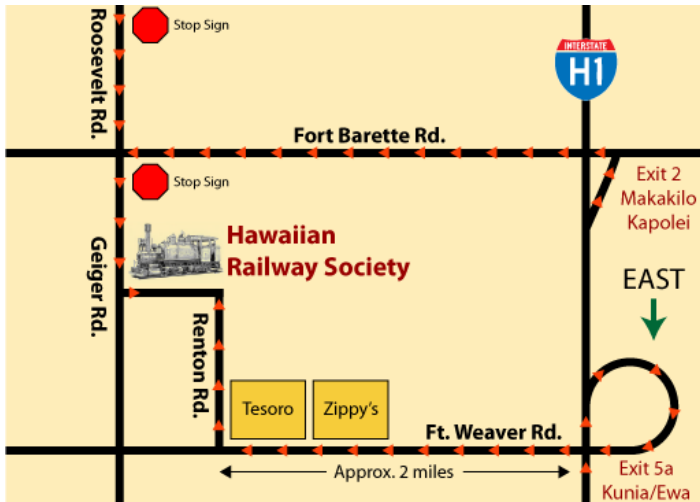
The Retired Activities Office (RAO) needs volunteers (active duty, retired, spouses including surviving spouses) for 2- to 4-hour shifts. Pick the day and time you are willing to serve. The mission of the RAO is to primarily help retirees solve problems relating to their military service by acting as a point of contact between the retiree and their service—Navy, USMC, USCG and USAF—the Army has an RAO manned by paid staff. The RAO also provides information, referral and follow up service directly to retirees, family members, and survivors to ensure they receive services and benefits to which they are entitled. The RAO is located in the Military & Family Support Center, 4827 Bougainville Drive, 2nd Floor, Room 226; just down the road from the NEX/commissary. Volunteer before shopping. Call anytime to arrange a Wednesday interview: 474-1999 x 6317. You are needed! **Lou Crompton**

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a bento lunch before our excursion on this restored train at 1:00 PM.

DIRECTIONS

Take H-1 west, exit on 5A Ewa. Stay on hwy 76 south for 2 1/2 miles. Turn right at Tesoro Gas Station (Renton Rd.), continue for 1 1/2 miles. Turn left onto small lane w/ cul-de-sac. Entrance to Hawaiian Railway will be on your right, through the chain link fence.



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Fabulous Flower Arrangements

Tom McCathy, who has arranged this special tour for us, hopes that there will be a large turnout. His only requests are that you bring your cameras and wear comfortable clothes and covered shoes.

The Hawaiian Railway Society is an educational, non-profit organization dedicated to saving, restoring and protecting Hawaii's railroading history. They have the only historic railroad on the island of Oahu and the only operating railroad museum in the state. During your ride along a historic stretch of track west of old Ewa, you'll listen to stories about the history of railroading in old Hawaii.

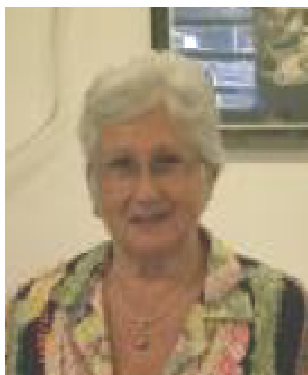
The Hawaiian Railway Society works to save Hawaii's rich railroad history. This educational, non-profit organization was able to get the remaining stretch of track on Oahu (from Ewa to Nanakuli) placed on the State and National Registers of Historic Sites. Today, the Society has restored about 6.5 miles of track and works to restore more. Three vintage diesel locomotives have been restored to operation and several steam locomotives have been cosmetically restored. The famous Dillingham parlor car has been restored.

The Hawaiian Railway Society has had quite a path to the realization of their dreams of restoring a Hawaiian plantation train. In 1970 two important events took place. First, Waialua Agricultural Co. announced that they planned to scrap their 0-6-2T locomotive No. 6 because rust and deterioration had reduced the engine to an unsightly liability and posed a danger to the local kids who played on her. John Knaus then contacted Bill Paty who was the manager of Waialua Agricultural Co. (and now a fellow resident at Arcadia with members **Bob and Mazie Kozuki, Howard Okada, Edy Kuwamoto and Tak Yoshihara**) about saving and restoring the locomotive. John then contacted his boss, Captain Henry Davies, of

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Aloha Chapter Party Bridge

The Fahrni Realty Classroom, courtesy of Life Auxiliary Member **Helen Fahrni**, has been the venue for almost all the chapter's party bridge sessions this bridge-year, and July was no exception.



Guest Midge Brooks

Hosting the session on July 17th were **Dayle** and **Bobbi Carlson**. It was a relatively high scoring one with a total of 3 small slams being bid and made, and at the end, one of those slam-makers, **Mitzi Austin**, had the highest score with 6,730 points. She was closely

followed by a guest player, **Midge Brooks**, who amassed 6,340 points with 2 small slams. Following them in pay-off positions were **Dan Matthews** and **Lois Luehring**. The 3 slam-making partners were: **Midge Brooks** and **Dan Matthews**, **Lois Luehring** and **Leney Vine**, and **Midge Brooks** and **Mitzi Austin**.



Seated, l to r: Bobbi Carlson, Mitzi Austin, & Leney Vine. Standing: Dan Matthews, Lois Luehring & Dayle Carlson.

Other participants were, in alphabetic order: **Dayle** and **Bobbi Carlson**, **Les & Shirley Ihara**, **John Kim**, and guests **Bea Goodenow** and **Hazel Theodore**.



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The next party bridge session will be hosted by **Harriet Weissman** and held on Sunday, August 21st at the Fahrni Realty Classroom. Those who would like to play then but have not yet signed-up are asked to call Harriet Weissman or Shirley Ihara by telephone at 677-0120 or 239-7947, respectively, or e-mail to: lsi@hawaii.rr.com no later than Wednesday, August 17th. **Shirley** 

Promoting Our Aloha Chapter

Some members may still have an opportunity to buy Aloha Chapter golf shirts and/or caps. If you're interested in purchasing the shirts (specify light blue or white) and/or the black caps, send an e-mail to **Norm Fujiwara** ASAP at nfujiwara@hawaiiantel.net or a note indicating the number of shirts you desire, the color, (blue or white), the size (Small to Extra Large), and the number of caps, which are all one size and in black only. The shirts are \$15.00 each and the caps are \$10.00 each. You may pay for your shirt(s) and/or hat(s) when you receive your order.

Norm 



Norm Fujiwara

July Golf Report

On Wednesday, July 20th, I had joined my Wednesday Golf Group at the Navy Marine Golf Course and ran into **Kelly Lau**, who stated that he will not be able to play with the Aloha Chapter on Friday, July 22nd, because he had a funeral to attend.

So, running through my mind, now we have nineteen players, will it be five tee times with one threesome or six tee times with five threesomes? I pondered the thought through the first and second holes. As I stopped for a pit stop at the third hole, **Marvin Baum** came over and asked if one of his foursome could play on Friday with our group. Eureka! Problem solved, back to twenty

players, five tee times of foursomes.


Things were looking up until Friday morning, as I backed my car out of the garage, looking up was an overcast sky and raindrops on my windshield. As we approached the tunnel on H3, there were more raindrops, and when we exited the tunnel, it was pouring. Holy smoke, we are heading for our first “rain check” in three years. Happily, looking up again as we entered Kaneohe Marine Base, blue skies and sunshine suddenly appeared.

Things really looked up as Alice and I arrived at the Klipper Golf Course; all eighteen players had checked in and were ready to play about twenty minutes before our first tee time. So, **John Ma**, our sole flag officer, led the first group consisting of **Ken Munechika**, **John Seely**, and a guest, **Doug Pass**, teed off before our designated tee time. The second group of **Gordon Cho**, **Leroy Perry**, **John Holmes**, and a rare specimen, **Stan Furukawa**, were followed by **Joe Kuroda**, **Eddie Lee**, **Marv Baum** and **Vernon Von**, followed by **Jack Bohman**, **Ken Yamada**, **Curtis Lee** and yours truly, and, in the last group there was a foursome of four wahine: **Elaine Paek**, **Sally Minami**, **Akiko Noda** and **Alice Fujiwara**. Weather-wise it was a beautiful Kaneohe day, lots of sunshine and a steady breeze to keep us fairly comfortable.

We had our usual “Blind Partner” game for our mega jackpot. When the partners net scores were tabulated, in fourth place were the partners of guest **Doug Pass** and **Curtis Lee**; in third place were **Leroy Perry** and **Sally Minami**; in second place **Eddie Lee** and **John Ma**; our mega jackpot winner was his own partner since we had an odd number of players (one player had already departed), so he was able to keep the entire jackpot for himself. The big winner was **Gordon Cho**.

Congratulations to all the winners and Mahalo to all the participants.

Now for our thought of the day: “Conceit is a strange disease; it makes everyone sick but the one who has it.”

Our next golf outing will be at Klipper Golf Course on Monday, August 15th. Norm 




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the Naval Ammunition Depot, Lualualei, about having the locomotive moved there since it had the only locomotive facility left on Oahu. This was followed by a letter to Ed Bernstein of the National Railway Historical Society seeking information on organizing a local chapter. John received approval to have No. 6 restored at Lualualei. He then talked to Nick Carter, another rail fan who had expressed interest in saving the Navy mainline on the leeward coast for an operating railroad.

On February 17, 1971, a Waialua Agricultural Co. trailer was used to transport WA Co. 6 to Lualualei. Waialua Elementary School students gave the old locomotive a send off before it left Waialua.

On October 13, 1971, The State of Hawaii, Department of Regulatory Agencies granted the Hawaii Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, INC., a charter of incorporation.

**Aloha Chapter, MOAA****RESERVATION FORM**

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