



SEAL BEACH Historical & Cultural SOCIETY

**DON'T MISS THE
OCTOBER COMMUNITY MEETING!**



"Movie Night"

Thursday October 26th, 7.30 p.m.
Mary Wilson Library, Sen. Ctr.

P.O. BOX 152 SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 + LAURA ALIOTO, PRESIDENT (562) 683-1874

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Welcome Aboard!

Photo Contest



Say cheese!
Start snapping photos of Seal Beach! Our Fifth Annual amateur photo contest is November 30. Titles "Visions of Seal Beach... Through the Lens," photographers are asked to capture their favorite scene of Seal Beach. The winning photo will be displayed in City Hall and all entries will be featured in a special exhibit in the Red Car. Contest winners will receive photography related prizes. For a list of complete rules, an entry form, or more info. call the S.B.H.S. at (562) 683-1874.



Stars of a 1915 movie filmed in Seal Beach

Community Meeting

Seal Beach Movie Night

Grab a tub of popcorn, a soda and some sweets for your sweetie! Get an aisle seat, sit in the

middle, or even plop yourself down in the front row. Snuggle up and hold hands in the dark as we take a trip in the way-back machine to the early days of film history when silence was

golden and a small town named Seal Beach was a favorite shooting location for Hollywood. For further information call (562) 683-1874.

Wish List

- Docents for the Red Car
- Manila File Folders
- Copier Machine
- Bulletin Boards
- Display Cases
- Polaroid Film (620)
- Paint or Painters for Red Car (exterior)

"Articles from the Attic"



1991 Surfing Pioneer legendary for generosity

It's not listed in any official registry, but there's a beachfront house in Seal Beach that's a landmark for virtually everyone who rode a surfboard in Orange County in the 1950's and '60's.

It's the house where Orral "Blackie" August lived.

Mr. August was a pioneering surfer well-known for opening his home to surfers who needed a place to sleep or get a meal, or anyone down on his luck. He also helped teach scores of people to surf, including some who would become famous.

Mr. August, 76, died of heart problems June 14th after

becoming ill at San Onofre State Beach, where he was watching friends surf.

His death is being mourned by those who say the sport has lost one of its most colorful, endearing characters.

"I never saw him turn down anyone for anything. He was always welcoming people into his home who needed help", said Rich Harbour, a Seal Beach surfboard maker.

The house was easy to find - it had a statue on the roof that was part lion, part woman. Mr. August frequently held court there, telling stories to young wave riders while waiting for surf conditions to improve.

Jack Haley of Seal Beach was among those who listened to Mr. August's stories. He also listened to Mr.



Red Cross Benefit, Seal Beach - Oct 6, 1917



"Articles from the Attic" continued...

August's advise on wave riding and says it helped him win the US surfing championship in the late 1950's.

Born April 22 1915, in Cherry, Ariz. Orral W. August moved to Redondo Beach in 1922,

where he became one of the state's first surfers. He moved to Seal Beach in 1952 and remained there until moving to Huntington Beach in 1981. Mr. August had many careers including a stint as the owner of Signal

Hill oil refinery. His love of travel is shared by his son, Robert August, one of the two surfers who traveled the world in search of perfect waves in the film "Endless Summer."

-Register 6/21/91

The Red Car:

Open dates through the end of the year as follows:



Sept - 23
Oct - 14 & 28
Nov - 11 & 25
Dec - 9

To Join:

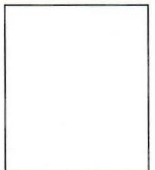
To become a member of the Seal Beach Historical Society, or for more information on society events, call: 562-683-1874

Single	\$15.00 yr.
Youth w/I.D.	\$7.00 yr.
Family	\$25.00 yr.
Sponsor.....	\$50.00 yr.
Patron	\$100.00 yr.
Life.....	\$200.00 yr.



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Dine on the Red Car
New Placemats

Now you can dine on the old Pacific Electric. The newest merchandise offered by the Seal Beach Historical and Cultural Society includes laminated placemats which show the route map of the Pacific Electric Railroad. They are available for \$10.00 in the Red Car Museum's on-board store.