

The Explorers Club

Northern California Chapter

April 2011

Note venues and dates with care.
In San Francisco, CA,
our next meeting is at 6:00 on
April 22, a FRIDAY evening,
at the University Club.

In color at our web site: <http://www.explorersnorca.org>

Robin Ziegler hails from the northwest side of the Chicago area. After attending the University of Illinois in Urbana, he went to work as “Internal Training Instructor”, and later, as “Senior Education Analyst” for Control Data Corporation in California and Minnesota.

His career in computer information technology spans some 40 years as a consultant, programmer, software engineer, and training-seminar presenter.

Besides Control Data, the various positions mentioned above were held with Digital Research Inc, Atari Inc, and Convergent Technologies.

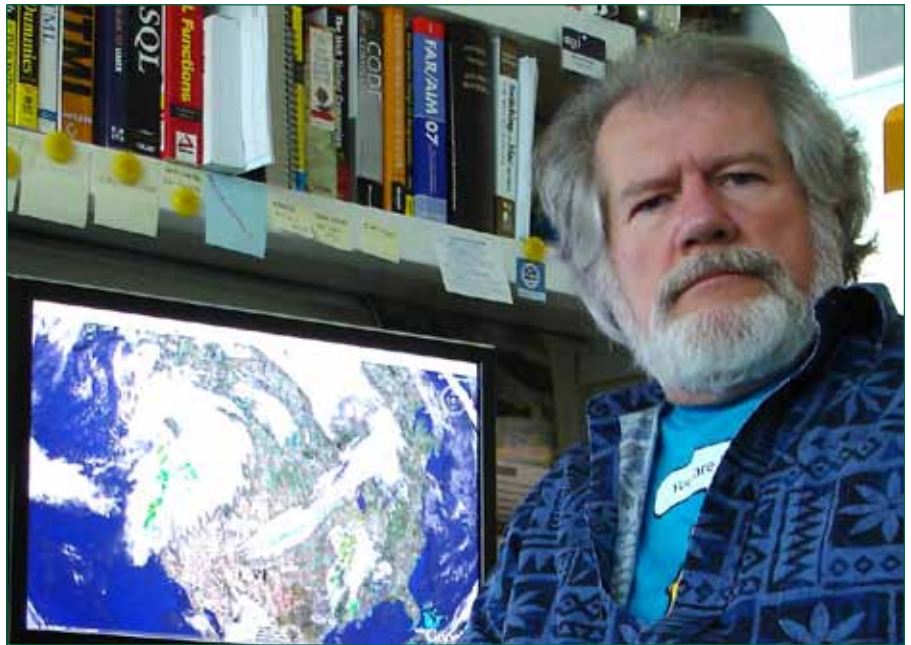
From 1990 until 2005, Robin operated his own company under the name Ziegler Enterprises, with contracts in Desktop Publishing, Computer Consulting, and Flight Instruction.

Throughout his career, training has been a recurring theme. Since 2006, he has managed “Google Earth Community Development”, with nearly a million registered users. He conducts user-training seminars throughout the world.

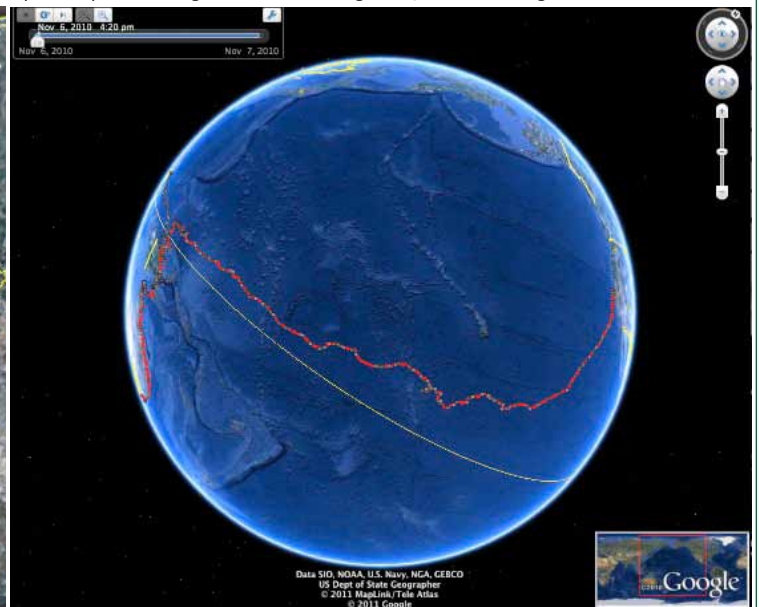
Combine the awesome power of satellite imagery, aerial photography, observatory and Hubble Space Telescope imagery, with fast video rendering, and you can truly have the whole universe in the palm of your hand!

Don't miss Robin's demonstration of Google Earth, Sky and Maps!

Building the World Where on the Earth is Anything? Robin E. Ziegler San Francisco — April 22, 2011



Here are two examples of using Google Earth. **The Global Heritage Fund** has plotted threatened archaeological sites which, when an icon is selected, provide details (left: <http://ghn.globalheritagefund.org/explore.php>). **Erden Eruc MN04** has plotted his 312-day Pacific row and well beyond (<http://www.around-n-over.org>); this month he reached the second antipodal spot on his global circumnavigation, in the Madagascar channel!



Our dinner meeting, on April 22, is on Good Friday evening.

We are sensitive to the feelings of those who may not attend because of this schedule; we asked many, and the consensus was to proceed.

While Dodging Bullets, Help Arrives San Francisco—March 25

Tom Cromwell takes his knowledge to the field. Surprising to the NorCA Chapter audience he addressed on March 25, the venues he chooses are often much more hostile than one might think on first reflection. He responds to the call for help during times of disaster, as an anesthesiologist. When people are hurt this skill can ease their pain in the dire circumstances of chaos.

Dr. Cromwell gave examples of responding to nature's harsh impact on human populations: the 7.0 earthquake in the impoverished capital of Haiti and the Category 4 landing of Hurricane Katrina directly upon New Orleans. He also spoke of beginning to revive the once preeminent medical profession in Saddam Hussein's cowered Iraq. In every case, brought on by nature or one man's domination, the circumstances at the time of need have been dangerous. Very dangerous. Crowd mentality is not calming. The presence of guns is deadly; their use uncontrolled and too-frequently random. Sometimes these are aimed directly at those attempting to bring solace.

After Katrina, 60,000 persons were corralled in the New Orleans's Super Dome with no place or way to escape. They were trapped. They blamed the *government*. In the midst of disaster, this closet atmosphere enraged a population that had already lost so much. Shots were fired. The danger was such that the National Guard, and even the caregivers, were ordered to depart. Days passed before help could return. The Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) had to stand by, unable to help.

DMAT is a uniformed response arm of the Department of Health and Human Services. Some 30 such teams of physicians, medical technicians, nurses and support staff are organized throughout the US. They were called for Katrina, even in preparation as the storm approached. Because of the human need they were activated for Haiti too.

Haiti is the poorest nation of the

Americas; it has been decimated by former colonialists and a series of dictators. There is no economic base: 20,000 separate non-governmental organizations (NGOs) support the country. The January 2010 quake toppled buildings in Port au Prince with the loss of life reaching beyond a quarter million! More than this were injured. The conditions before the natural calamity—the first tremor in 250 years!—were already terrible, and the country's homicide rate was the highest in the Western Hemisphere. When help arrived, when the DMAT team landed too, gun shots had to be dodged! Why? It was just the way of the island. Amidst this, a dozen surgeons worked in a tent compound, amputating limbs and mending crushed people taken from the ruins. The pair of anesthesiologists maintained 14-hour operating-room presence for a fortnight.

It is no wonder that 30% of the medical response team members suffer Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

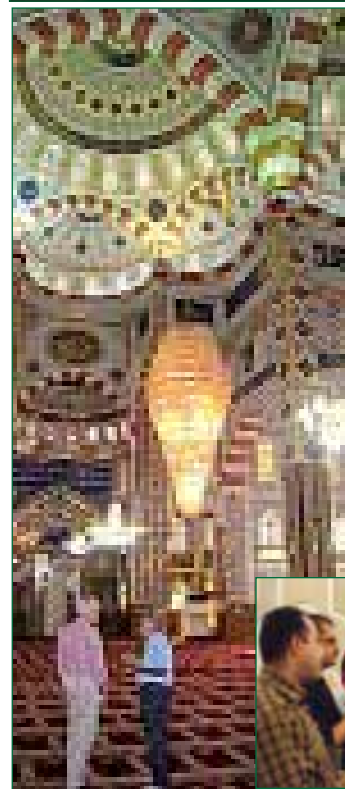
In 2004, and again in 2008, our speaker participated in the Medical Alliance for Iraq. MAI was organized to give Iraq doctors a new voice, and to improve their skills, after the destruction of the high quality of medical practice under the Hussein regime. It was a scary arrival in Bagdad on both occasions, and MAI visitors were cloistered in the Green Zone. As a result, half of Iraq's physicians would not participate because they could be tainted as collaborators with the occupying force. To reach these, some of the MAI participants exited the protected zone, effectively in camouflage.

Were they able to help? Certainly they were appreciated. The cultural differences between the Middle East and the West are enormous, especially in the treatment of women—a huge problem. Still medicine is on a comeback in Iraq; MAI has been important.

Tom ended his talk with the admonition for all to "Get Ready!" The Bay Area is not immune to disaster; a significant quake *will* happen again, unannounced. **Be prepared.**



Chapter Chair Alan Nichols and our speaker Dr. Tom Cromwell at the University Club (above)



The opulence of Saddam Hussein's palaces; a meeting with today's doctors in Iraq (below).

Egad ECAD indeed The Waldorf Astoria's annual fund raiser for The Explorers Club was its typical over-the-top extravaganza. President Karnath eliminated the formerly featured *exotic* hors d'ouerves in recognition that these foods are frequently the staple of many indigenous societies. Besides, the ECAD all too frequently was referred to as the bug-eaters event! *Culinary curiosities* were served at the Club on Sunday.

Honorary Chairman Jim Fowler did not disappoint: here is an iPhone snapshot of a beautiful Black Jaguar, on stage aside our brave president.



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The Corner Chair— Did you notice the great smile when you checked in at the last meeting.

Karine Langan was filling in for **Joan Boothe**, a rabid Stanford fan who was cheering on the Stanford's Womens Basketball team at the successful championship games in Spokane...The Explorers Club annual meeting and dinner (ECAD) at the Waldorf Astoria gets better every year and shorter. Our **Mort Beebe** received the Communications Award and **Lee Langan** accepted the Certificate of Merit for **Merle Robertson in absentia**; he and Mort made the best acceptance speeches of the night...**Jack Dumbacher** is trying valiantly to get the California Academy of Sciences to let us have our Awards Night May 20 special event at the Academy... We had a record number of Chapter members at ECAD besides Lee and Mort (on stage): **Karine Langan & Danielle Beebe, Don and Danielle Dana, Ken Howery, Becky and me, Charlotte Rygh, Anders and Kathy Jepsen...** Becky and I missed the Explorers Club whiskey and goodies Sunday afternoon at the Club in New York to catch the plane home, but no loss—the free Old Pulteney whiskey drew such a crowd that the liquor ran out immediately, and the room was too crowded to move; it was suspected that someone had put a note in the “Things to Do” column of the New York Magazine so everyone in town came out for a free drink... Our vice chair Anders Jepsen got his bath of fire and torrent of words at the annual Chapter Chair meeting ...

Sign up for \$6000: We're open for applications for part or all of our grant from the national organization for activating the most new members and highest percentage of new members among all the chapters in the world. Email Alan your proposal for an event, an expedition, or other activity for the good of the Chapter or Exploration.
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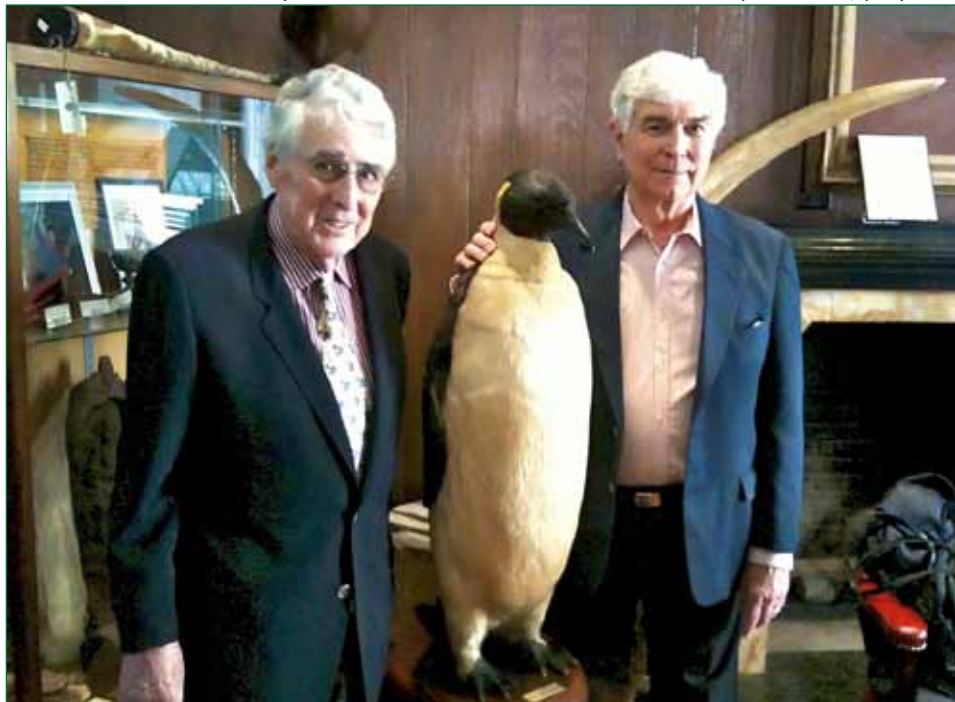
Elections: Let our Chair know if you'd like to run for an office for the Chapter.
Dateline May 20: Don't miss the Chapters first annual Awards Night and a talk about the greatest find since the Valley of the Kings by one of our own Chapter Fellows. —Alan Nichols FN84

Chapter Chair Alan Nichols and his wife Becky (the Martha Stewart of the Silk Web) hosted President Lorie Karnath, her husband Robert Roethenmund (Chapter Chair of Western Europe) and NorCA chapter members at their home on March 22nd. President Karnath expressed her delight at their visit (which included a walk in Muir Woods earlier in the day) and the opportunity to return in January 2012 when she will bring the entire Board of Directors to San Francisco!



Explorers Club President Lorie Karnath made a special trip to deliver Dr. Merle Greene Robertson's Citation of Merit Award personally; (Lee Langan had accepted it on Merle's behalf at ECAD.)

Mort Beebe received the Explorers Club Communications Award, in person. He is pictured with Geofrey Lee-Martin (left, below) and an Emperor Penguin at the Club; both explorers had been in the Antarctic in the 1950s. (The March newsletter outlined their failed attempt to return, yet.)



Add Your Name to the above list by sending \$25!



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Robin Ziegler — April 22 — University Club

Northern California Calendar of Events

(Venues will be identified as soon as known.)

Our Next Events

April 22Google Earth
Robin ZieglerUniversity Club

Future Events

May 20Dead Men Tell Tales
Alan NicholsUniversity Club
June 11Angel Island Picnic

Earlier Chapter Events (2010-11)

May 8-9Seashore Field Trip/lunch
Point Lobos, Monterey Peninsula, Hick's home
May 21Left Bank/Rive Gauche
Music of the Antarctic Expeditions Stanford
June 5Angel Island Picnic
July 1Marcel Robischon
'Discovering the Redwoods. . . University Club
September 17Don Johanson
Lucy and Our African Origins . University Club
October 29Josh Bernstein
Expeditions and the Media . . University Club
November 19Jack Dumbacher
Poison Birds of New Guinea . . University Club
December 5Alan & Becky Nichols
Chair's Member Reception Tiburon
December 13Alan Nichols
Mongolian Flag Expedition Honolulu
January 21, 2011.Story Night
Member talesUniversity Club
February 25Don Dana
Ethiopian Research Expedition . University Club
March 25Tom Cromwell, MD
Medical DisastersUniversity Club

USE PAYPAL!

April 22: University Club, San Francisco

Date: Friday April 22, 2011
Place: University Club
Time: 6:00 - reception
7:15 - dinner
8:00 - talk
Cost: \$49 in advance; \$60 on the 22nd
Students: \$33. (2011 dues \$25!)
Please mail information to Dr. Sue Estey,
216 Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530
or email sestey@earthlink.net
or call (510) 526-2216

Reserve ___ spaces for
April 22, 2011

Cost: only \$49 (for members and sirdars)
\$33 for card-carrying students

Name: _____
Address (if changed): _____
Companion: _____

Please reserve by Apr 20!

We have an established PayPal account.

For those of you who have these accounts, you can sign up and remit dinner costs to the
NorCA Chapter by transferring money to:

explorersnorca@gmail.com

There is a PAYPAL BUTTON on our website (www.explorersnorca.org); easy to use!



The University Club
Atop Nob Hill
where the cable
cars cross

Send address changes and
corrections by email to Steve at
nauticos@oceanearth.org

The University Club has Valet Parking for \$20; the Brocklebank Garage on Sacramento is only \$10!
Other nearby garages are expensive. Some street parking. Muni (cable cars OR California #1) is very near;
BART & CalTrans connections are easy. Car pool! The University Club is wheel-chair accessible.