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Big SIR sez:

I want to thank those who completed the Activities Poll at last month's meeting. Although you were only 13 in number, it may provide direction as to whether, or not, we should pursue this approach for Branch #5. Discussions regarding this matter will take place at the October BEC Meeting, and any interested members are encouraged to attend, and voice their opinion. For the record the poll votes were as follows:

- Gardening (5)
- Historical Interest (5)
- Crab Feed (4)
- Astronomy (3)
- Hiking (couples) (3)
- Theatre (couples) (3)
- Book Club (3)
- Barbecue (couples) (2)
- Bridge (rubber, and/or couples) (2)
- Biking (2)
- Cooking (2)
- Guys Dine-out (2)
- Model Railroad (2)
- Pinochle (2)

There were 13 other categories receiving one vote, and 17 with no vote.

If it is decided to pursue an organized activities function within the branch, we will need an Activities Chairman, and I invite anyone with such an inter-

est to apply for the position.

I am pleased to report that Ken Christie, Speaker Chairman, is recovering nicely from his recent heart attack, and says he should be back for the annual holiday party. Meanwhile, Ken's Speaker Committee duties have been assumed by John Geibel, the 2010 Little SIR. Any assistance you can provide to John in this new job will be appreciated.

Lunch, 10/28

Salads: mixed greens, Caesar, tomatoes vinaigrette, and anti-pasto
 Entrees: Rosemary Chicken, and Beef Stroganoff
 Dessert: Chocolate Mousse
 Coffee, Iced Tea

I hope to see you all at our luncheon meeting on Oct. 24, and mark your calendars for Nov. **18** for the November meeting.

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Big SIR

SPEAKER

Spanish Explorers and Contact with the Ohlone Indians of the San Francisco Bay Region.

**Mark G. Hylkema
MA, RPA Archaeologist
Santa Cruz District**

California State Parks

In 1769, when members of the first Spanish expedition reached the San Francisco Bay area they encountered numerous tribal communities that lived in a bountiful landscape. Over a period of 10,000 years, a mosaic of tribal communities adapted to several major environmental transitions. Archaeological research has found that tribes spread along the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast developed an early focus on marine resources, while neighboring tribes of the Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco Bay shore eventually transformed into more complex levels of social organization. By the time the explorers arrived, distinctive tribal boundaries and customs had developed. This discussion will provide an outline of the local prehistory and native life-way up to the time of European contact. We will also review aspects of the Spanish, Mexican and early American periods and reflect on what it was like not too many years ago when grizzly bears and the ancestral Ohlone people dwelled here.

Mark Hylkema is a State archaeologist with 29 years experience in California archaeology and Native American culture. He has interacted with many different tribal communities, particularly in central and northern California. He did his graduate research on the archaeology of the San Mateo and Santa Cruz County coast and has directed excavations throughout the greater San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas. He works full time as the Santa Cruz District Archaeologist for California State Parks managing cultural resources in an area stretching from San Francisco to the Pajaro River; and has taught undergraduate and graduate classes at Santa Clara University, University of California at Santa

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Cruz, De Anza College, Ohlone College, Cabrillo College and Foothill College. A native of Mountain View and Los Altos, he currently resides in Sunnyvale.



Attendance Report

We have reached a new low in attendance at our SIR Luncheons with a total of 51 members and 1 guest present at our September luncheon. This is not good and the speaker was very good. For those not present it was your loss.

Ray Odell
Attendance Chairman

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Membership September 23, 2009

In Memory of: None
New members: None
Membership Changes: The following changes were made at the August 26 meeting: 6 terminated:

- Blair, Peter S #9 No response to Form 4
- Freeman, Robert R. #53 Moved To Oregon
- Gilpatrick, Arlo E. #63 Resigned
- Hilbers, G. Richard #155 No response to Form 4
- Langston, Lawrence # 35 No response to Form 4
- Wurthman, Ernest F. #236 No response to F-4
- Requested Inactive:
- Grothman, Herman J. #122
- Uncertain status: Omran, George G. #77 No response to Form -4 (may be resolved 9/23)

Membership Status:
Active: ___100
Waiting: __none
Inactive: ___4
(2 no Bulletin)
Widows on mailing list: _3

Current Mailing List:
152, 93 by email and 59 by snail mail.

Member Record Updates: None
Al Stratz
Membership Chairman

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November Birthdays

- James R. Stevens 11/29
- Arthur R. Kraemer 11/08
- Ronald D. Fredlund 11/15
- Thomas F. Damon 11/18
- Richard D. Foster 11/08
- Alvin A. Rathbun 11/11

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board SIR Branch 5

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Big SIR Ted Hinshaw.
2. A quorum of at least six committee members was confirmed.
3. Additions and corrections to the last

- meeting's minutes were invited.
- The Minutes did not include the membership report . In the future, a copy of the Membership Report should be included in the Minutes as an attachment to the Minutes.
- 4. Introduction of visitors/guests: None.
- 5. Big SIR report.

A. Our Speaker Committee Chairman Ken Christie has suffered a severe heart attack, and is currently at Valley Medical Center. Ted Hinshaw will pursue the appointment of a new, possibly temporary, chairman and charge him with picking up the responsibilities of running the Speaker Committee .

B. Membership Poll. A sheet listing 44 activities in which our branch could participate was distributed. This sheet will be provided to all members at lunch, and members will be requested to complete, and turn in same.

C. A candidate, Tom Loughead, has been selected, and has agreed to fill the position of Secretary commencing next year,

6. Treasurer's Report: [See attachment #1] {editor's note:\$7,394.58 balance}

7. Committee Chairman Reports:
A. Membership, Al Stratz. [See attachment #2]

B. Attendance/Budget, Ray Odell. It was suggested that the Membership Chairman should have a personal meeting with each new member for indoctrination and collection of the first year's contribution.

C. Travel, Joe Ames. Joe presented a flyer describing a trip to Portland, Oregon, and requested approval. MSP.

8. Member Contact. Howard Trudeau. Will update the Calling List.

- 9. Area #16 Governor. Not present.
- 10. Region #5 Director. Not present.
- 11. Old/new business: None.
- 12. Call for adjournment 10:47 AM. MSP

Bill Chamberlin, Secretary
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GOLF Sept . 3; Sunnyvale

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Nazzal Adel 89 net 66
 Kraemer Art 89 net 72
 Stevens Jim 103 net 78

Austin Jere 103 net 72
 Huang Hwang 105 net 73
 Trudeau Howard 106 net 74

CTTP Stevens, Stevens

Sept. 10: Santa Clara

Stevens Jim 90 net 65
 Nazzal Norm 86 net 67
 Kraemer Art 87 net 70

Trudeau Howard 96 net 64
 Austin Jere 98 net 67
 Van Kirk Fred 108 net 71

CTTP Nazzal, Adel, Trudeau, Howard

Sept. 17: Moffett Field

Swanson Jim 89 net 67
 Stevens Jim 96 net 70
 Nazzal Norm 97 net 77

Trudeau Howard 98 net 63
 Kazul Stan 100 net 68
 Austin Jere 106 net 73

CTTP Austin Jere

Sept. 24: Spring Valley

Loos Jim 95 net 74
 Nazzal Jiries 102 net 75
 Swanson Jim 96 net 76

Trudeau Howard 100 net 69
 Austin Jere 101 net 71
 Richter Wayne 109 net 74

CTTP Nazzal Norm, Stevens Jim

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**CompuSIR**

**Chairman,**

**Jim Dinkey, Branch 35**

**The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the Los Altos Legion Hall , 347 First Street, Los Altos. The following speakers are currently scheduled:**

**Red Calub**

General Manager, Micro Center, Santa Clara  
 Speaking about:  
**Some Big Movers, Entertainment Equipment, and Specialty Items available at Micro Center's Santa Clara store**

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TRAVEL NEWS FOR AREA 16, BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51 & Guests

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LAST CHANCE - GOOD CABINS LEFT!

Oct 12 - 23: 12 Days **MEXICAN RIVIERA CRUISE (Round Trip from San Francisco) \$1015 - 1545pp dbl**

Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

OPTIONAL SHORE TRIP to COPPER CANYON!

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COME SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH US!!

Dec 30 - Jan 3: 5 days **NEW YEAR'S in (sunny) ARI-ZONA**

\$1160 - 1675pp dbl Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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CRUISE on Board the SEA PRINCESS

May 22-June 1, **2010** : 11 Days ;**ALASKA'S INSIDE PASSAGE (Round Trip from San Francisco) \$1416 - 2551pp dbl** Escort: Arthur Lloyd 650-851-0998

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LOTS TO SEE and DO in OREGON!

June 9 - 15: 5 Days : **FESTIVALS & ROSES TOUR (No Flying!) \$1465pp dbl**
 Escort: Joe Ames 408-736-8387

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ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS

Aug 31 - Sep 10, **2010**
 11 Days : **PASSION PLAY in OBERAMMERGAU**

& GERMAN HI-LIGHTS \$2838pp dbl + Airfare
 Escort: Talbot Tours 408-879-0101 **\$200 Refundable Reservation Deposit!**

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Call the Escorts for Complete Information and Reservations for the trips.

(See Flyers for details)

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**SIRS ON BIKES: SIR Area #16**

Bike rides regularly start at 11:00 AM the 2nd Thursday of the month. Wives and Guests are welcome. **Bring bike, helmet and a jacket if it is windy. Rain will cancel.** Attendance averages 10-15 riders. More are welcome. Rides are planned to be 15-20 miles on paved bicycle trails with some optional ride distances. The pace is moderate and riding on streets is kept to a minimum and include a restaurant lunch break.

**If you plan to ride contact: Jerry Butler - (650)494-8078 [GXB366@aol.com](mailto:GXB366@aol.com)**  
**Location: Los Gatos Creek Trail: We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15**

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**miles.**

**Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway17) to Meridian ; turn right. Go to the Willow Street stoplight; turn right. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School . Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets  
To ride, please contact me (above) or Tom Gregory, (650)493-8894, tgreg@surfrees.com.**

**FUTURE RIDES**

November 12 Coyote Creek (So. San Jose)  
**for lunch. Then ride back for a total of about 15 miles.**

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