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Big SIR sez:

Fifty-one members and guests had a great time at the Summer Barbeque. The ladies really improved our usual Branch 5 luncheon environment. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the great music provided by Russ Guarino's Light-house Duo. Those who won a raffle prize were delighted. Mark **December 14** on your calendars, the date of the **Annual Holiday Party**. Make sure that your wives and friends have this date on their calendar.

On Monday, August 1, I attended the SIR Annual Meeting of the Corporation, held this year at the Veteran's Building in Vallejo. Nearly all of the 145 active branches were represented, plus the Regional Directors and Area Governors. President **Robert Mannell** from Branch 39 in San Jose presided. Primary purpose of the meeting was to elect the 2012 State Officers. All of the nominees presented by the Nomination Committee were unanimously elected. **James Stedman** from Branch 146 in Walnut Creek is the President Elect, and **Richard Dettmer**, from Branch 45 in Yuba City, the Vice-President Elect.

Chairman **Jim Stedman** of the Membership and Training Committee reported that SIR Membership, as of June 30, was 18,717. In the first six months of this year, 1,225 new members were inducted. Chairman **Dwight Sale** of the Information Systems Committee introduced

Dean Steichen who described the new SIRINC.ORG homepage that will be online on August 15. I encourage you to look it up.

With sadness, I pass on the news that Past Big SIR Tom Loughead died in July. I do not have any information about services. Tom was an avid golfer and was Big SIR in 2002

Please try to invite a potential new member to our next luncheon on August 24. The speaker will be interesting and the food, as always, will be delicious. We will elect the 2012 Branch 5 Officers at this meeting. See you there!

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

Lunch, August 24

Salads: Spinach with
Mushroom and Egg, Caesar,
and Tomatoes Vinaigrette

Entrees: Chicken & Sausage
Jambalaya and Sirloin Tips

Dessert: Ice Cream

Branch 5 Officers **2012**

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of Officers for 2012. This slate has been approved by the BEC, and will be presented to the membership at the August 24 luncheon meeting.

Big SIR – **Al Stratz**
Little SIR – **Ken Christie**
Secretary – **Art Schmid**
Assistant Secretary – **John Geibel**
Treasurer – **Don Harryman**
Director – **Fred Van Kirk**
Director – **Ken Liddicoat**

If you wish to nominate someone else for any of these positions, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, **Ted Hinshaw**.

The Summer edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

President Mannell's front page article points out the importance of volunteering for Branch positions. The position of Little Sir is generally the most difficult and he suggested that the speaker program chairman does not have to be the Little Sir. Having to be the speaker program chairman dissuades many from volunteering for the Little Sir position.

The SIR website has borrowed the travel page from "SIR Happenings" and you may click here to see the new link. <http://sirinc.org/travel-pop.htm> and then click on "TRAVEL INFORMATION"

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition.

Don MacGregor
Editor, SIR Happenings

SPEAKER

"The History of Moffett Field" by
John Mascali

John Mascali is a retired Naval Reserve Captain with over 41 years of flying experience. He started flying in 1959 after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, and ended his career in 2000, retiring as a commercial pilot with Pan American World Airways and Delta Airlines.

He credits his long career on the adage that "There are bold pilots and there are old pilots, but there are no old bold pilots".

His career in the Navy extended over 35 years and included tours at Moffett Field Naval Air Station as Commanding Officer of VP 2920, Patrol Squadron 91, and VTU 8087.

John has lived in Saratoga for over 40 years with his wife Diana who he's been married to for over 50 years.

He currently serves on the Moffett Field Historical Society's Board as Director of Development. He is also a member of the Navy League, Sons of the American Revolution, The Quiet Birdman, and several other local organizations.

In his presentation "The History of Moffett Field", John will trace the 75 year history from beginning in 1930 when Mrs. Laura Whipple of Niles led campaign to purchase more than 1,000 acres of farmland in Sunnyvale and Mountain View for \$46,000, then sold it to the Navy for \$1. John will share pictures and stories of the construction of Hangar One, the rigid dirigible USS Macon, the many different squadrons and aircraft have flown out of Moffett Field, in addition to some of the history of NASA Ames.

The Moffett Field Historical Society, through its Museum, has endeavored to preserve the history of the many men, women, and aircraft who served there.

Attendance Report

Not taken at July Picnic..

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Membership

No changes

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Roster Changes

No changes

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August Birthdays

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| John H. Whittier | 8/4 |
| Jines J. Nazzal | 8/7 |
| Edwin S. Tanner | 8/12 |
| Dennis Boilard | 8/14 |
| Donald K. Stites | 8/15 |
| Larry L. Hansen | 8/19 |
| Gerardus B. Staal | 8/19 |
| Arthur A. Schmid | 8/21 |

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

July 2011. No Board Meeting

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Sunnyvale 7-7-11

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| Norm Nazzal | 88 net 68 |
| Adel Nazzal | 90,43 net 69 CTTP |
| Jiries Nazzal | 97,46 net 69 |
| Art Kraemer | 91 net 73 CTTP |

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| Jere Austin | 103 net 70 |
| Stan Kazul | 105 net 75 |
| Wayne Richter | 114 net 78 |

Santa Clara 7-14-11

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| Art Kraemer | 86 net 68 |
| Norm Nazzal | 91 net 70 CTTP |
| Adel Nazzal | 91 net 70 |

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| Howard Trudeau | 107 net 77 |
| Azmi Habib | 116 net 79 |
| Wayne Richter | 124 net 87 |

Shoreline 7-21-11

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| Jim Swanson | 94 net 69 |
| Jiries Nazzal | 98 net 69 |

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| Norm Nazzal | 94 net 75 CTTP |
| Adel Nazzal | 96 net 75 |

Los Lagos 7-28-11

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| Jim Stevens | 92 net 65 |
| Norm Nazzal | 88 net 69 CTTP |
| Jiries Nazzal | 100 net 72 |

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| Azmi Habib | 107 net 71 |
| Jere Austin | 104 net 72 CTTP |
| Howard Trudeau | 102 net 73 |

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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 Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.

The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

Wednesday, August 10th

Topic - How, When, Why, Where, Etc., Do I _____ ?

Speaker - CompuSIR's Own experts—And YOU!

Do you have computer questions about topics not usually addressed during our monthly meetings? This is your chance to have your questions answered by CompuSIR experts who are experienced in many areas. You may even find that you have knowledge or insight to share. This will primarily be an audience-directed event.

Some Caveats:

- This event is intended to be for information-sharing, not to stump

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the experts.

- This event is intended to be participatory. If you find you have expertise or experience worth sharing please do so—either as part of the event or afterward.
- There are second chances. This event is intended to be the first of two (the next to be in September).

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

We are still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

- - **Other Branch Offerings—**  
**OTHER TRIPS ALSO**  
**AVAILABLE ON PAGE 12 OF**  
**“SIR HAPPENINGS”**

[www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings)

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**Now is the best opportunity to plan for an exciting travel excursion in 2012!**

Here are two recently organized and outstanding offerings. The second is so new that it will only be listed for the first time in the August Travel Bulletin.

**April 9 to 26, 2012: Yangtze River Cruise and Tibet via the World's Highest Railway.** Fly from San Francisco to Hong Kong and visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yichang; take a four day Yangtze River Cruise to the Xi'ling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam, Wu Gorge, Lesser Three Gorges of Daning River, Qutang Gorge, Fengdu Snow Jade Cave, and Chongqing. Then fly to Lhasa for three days of touring Tibet and ride the Tibet Express train (around 23 hours) to Xi'n-ing for a 1½ day visit, continuing on

to Beijing for two days including visits to the Great Wall and the Summer Palace, before returning to San Francisco. The trip includes many other sights fully described in the brochure. The cost is \$5191 double occupancy (single occ. \$6291), which includes home pick-up, all transfers, air travel, accommodations for 16 nights, 41 meals, taxes, China visa fees, gratuities and a pre-trip orientation. For more details, contact escorts Neil Jameson at 1-831-336-2476 or Wayne Dawson at 1-408-972-1054. **Sept. 20 to Oct. 3, 2012: Paris, Rhone River Cruise, and**

**Provence.** See France at its scenic best. Fly from San Francisco to Marseille and transfer to the River Royale for 8 days of cruising the Rhone River from Arles in Provence and up through the Burgundy Region to Cha-lon-sur-Saone. The cruise includes stops in Arles, Avignon, Viviers, Tournon, Lyon, and Chalon-sur-Salon. Day trips at each stop are included. From Chalon-sur-Saone, travel to Paris by the TGY (Bullet Train) for a 5-night stay. Guided sightseeing acquaints you with vibrant Paris and includes a guided tour of the Castle and Gardens of Versailles and a full-day guided tour of Paris highlighted by the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Arc de Triomphe, the Opera, the Madeleine, the Champ Elyses, and the Eiffel Tower. The costs, which range from \$5500 to \$6500, include home pick-up, all transfers, air travel, accommodations, taxes, all cruise meals, all land breakfasts, 1 land cruise dinner, gratuities and a pre-trip orientation. For more details, contact escorts Jim Hohen-shelt at 1-408-394-7226 or Roy Jordan at 1-408-733-8765.

**For more information on other SIR travel events see the [Branch 35 website](#) :**

<http://www.closereach.com/sir/newletters/travel1108.pdf>

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Bowling
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51
EVERY TUESDAY,
HOMESTEAD LANES,
HOMESTEAD AND
STELLING,
SUNNYVALE.

BOWLING ART ENGLAND
650-948-5828 Ann_Eng@att.net
Assistant: BOB TAGGART
Prizes: ROY ROBINSON

EVERY TUESDAY – HOMESTEAD LANES, HOMESTEAD AND STELLING, SUNNYVALE.

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm

Join us for the Spring/Summer Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance winning the team and individual prizes. Each season, teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

Tournament High Scores through July 12:

Highest “3 game series”:

- Tim Eastham: 602
- Chuck Huff: 547
- Dennis McFerran: 502

Highest game:

- John Snyder: 263
- Fred Schwalbach: 203
- Earl Pampeyan: 192

Highest handicap “3 game series”:

- Roy Robinson: 709
- Jerry Ososkie: 661
- Jerry Coe: 653

Highest handicap game:

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Arnie Satterlee: 269
Bob Taggart: 269
Bill Nye: 236

Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the highest ranking.

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### **Biking**

**Jerry Butler - (650) 494-8078**

**2nd Thursday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests welcome. RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.**

**Ride - Mountain View to Alviso (New Ride).** We will begin the ride at the La Avenida Trailhead and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles to where it connects with the Bay Trail. We will continue the ride 3.5 miles on the levees and old service roads as we cross the waters north of Moffett Field. *(Note: This portion of the Bay Trail has a packed gravel*

*surface and is a little bumpy in places)* We will then head for Sunnyvale Baylands Park. We will follow the trail through the park and then on to downtown Alviso, where we will have lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a round-trip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts.

**Directions -** Meet at the La Avenida Trailhead at end of La Avenida Ave. To get there from the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shore-line Blvd. head north on Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer Museum. La Avenida is the first street on the right but it is a one-way street there so you must go past the Computer Museum to Pear Ave. and then turn right. Turn right again on the next street which is Ingo Way. Then turn left on La Avenida. (It is a two-way street there). Go four blocks to the end of the street and park on the street, next to the curb.

If you plan to ride or have questions, contact Jerry Butler, (650-494-8078) GXB366@aol.com or Karl Reseck, (650-941-8837) karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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