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Big SIR sez:

The speaker at our May luncheon was Dana Litwin of the Open Space Authority of Santa Clara County, who described how the Authority preserves and protects some of the most beautiful natural lands, working farms, ranches and wildlife habitat in Santa Clara County. The subject was very interesting and well presented, with many questions from members at the close.

The June 20th speaker is Seth Shostak, who will speak on Intelligent Life in our Universe, which promises to be very interesting, as well.

The managers of Rengstorf House extend a special invitation to Branch 5 and Branch 35 members to tour their early transportation center after our June 20th meeting, from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. As you may know, this is located within walking distance of Michael's Restaurant.

Member Neil Daniels passed away at the end of May. Neil was a B-17 pilot in W.W. II, and a commercial airline pilot for his entire career. We send our condolences to Neil's friends and family.

Please remember that the June luncheon is on Wednesday the 20th not the 27th. Bring a friend to lunch, and a check for any unpaid annual fees.

See you at Michael's.

Al Stratz
Big Sir

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STATE INFORMATION

The Spring 2012 edition of SIR

Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:
<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/> President Stedman's front page article reviews our membership goals.

SPEAKER

Seth Shostak claims to have developed an interest in extraterrestrial life at the tender age of ten, when he first picked up a book about the solar system. This innocent beginning eventually led to a degree in radio astronomy, and now, as

Lunch, June 20

Salads: Spinach with mushroom and egg

Caesar
Mediterranean 3 Bean

Entrees: Meat loaf, Mushroom sauce

Breast of chicken, Herb butter sauce

Dessert: Sherbet

Senior Astronomer, Seth is an enthusiastic participant in the Institute's SETI observing programs. He also heads up the International Academy of Astronautics' SETI Permanent Study Group.

In addition, Seth is keen on outreach activities: interesting the public – and especially young people – in science in general, and astrobiology in particular. He's co-authored a college textbook on astrobiology, and continues to write trade books on SETI. In addition, he's published nearly 300 popular articles on science, gives many dozens of talks annually, and is the host of the SETI Institute's weekly science radio show, "Big Picture Science" And, as might be evident from this overly effusive bio,

he is also editor of Explorer.

Seth is well qualified to talk to SIRS 5 having earned a PhD in Astronomy from California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. This should be a most interesting presentation on June 20, 2012.

Attendance Report

48 members (70%) and 2 guests in attendance

Membership

No data received

Roster Changes

No data received

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Birthdays

Richard A Dole, 6/1
Daniel T. Haley, 6/2
Dean L. Johnson, 6/8
Wayne L. Richter, 6/11
Edward Schwabecher, 6/13
Allen E. Smoll, 6/7
Lester E Spring, Jr., 6/10
N. Duane Staffer, 6/7
Jack S. Todd, 6/3
Frederick N. VanKirk, 6/8

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board

May 23, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m.

A quorum was present. In

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attendance were the following: Ed Schwabecher-Program Chair, Duane Stauffer-Attendance Chair, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Ken Liddicoat-Director, John Geibel-Assistant Secretary, Howard Trudeau-Past Big Sir, Albert Stratz-Big Sir, Paul Butler-Membership Chairman, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Art Kraemer-Assistant Treasurer, and Arthur Schmid-Secretary.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved after making the following two corrections: a. Howard Trudeau is a past Big SIR, no longer a Director. b. Arthur Schmid is the Secretary, not the Treasurer.

3. There were no visitors or guests.

4. Big SIR Report-Al Stratz.

a. The Form 27-Monthly Branch Membership Report was presented with the following data: We currently have 70 active members and one inactive. The name of one applicant is in process. Luncheon attendance is at 70%.

b. We have 10 certificates to be presented today to those members who are currently past 90 years of age.

c. Member Neil Daniels is at the Terraces, but is presently suffering from pneumonia. Member Bill Homan has now recovered from his illness experienced while on a cruise.

d. Nineteen members have not yet paid their annual dues.

e. Les Spring asked to be excused from today's meeting because of a conflict. This brought up the issue that for those seeking a perfect attendance record, what is the SIR policy regarding excused absences.

Howard Trudeau will check re SIR policy on such an issue.

f. Art Schmid is to be in New York next month and Asst. Secy. John Geibel will serve in his place.

5. Treasurer's Report-Don Harryman. Our beginning cash balance is \$4527.98 and the Ending cash balance is \$4255.99. The full report is on file.

It was moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried.

6. Attendance Report- Duane Stauffer. Fifty two people attended our last meeting, consisting of 46 members (65% of total), one Region 5 officer (George Kranen), SIR State President

Jim Stedman, one visitor, two guests and one speaker.

The full report is on file.

7. Membership Report-Paul Butler. We have 70 Active and one Inactive member. Zeke Sicotte passed away April 30th. The names of the four widows on our mailing list have now been removed because of lack of interest in the mailing. The full report is on file.

8. Special Projects-Art Kraemer. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Zeke Sicotte.

9. Program Chair-Ed Schwabecher. Today's speaker is Dana Litwin who will speak on "The Open Space Authority," dealing with the protection of valuable natural lands in Santa Clara County.

Our February visit to the Rengstorf House resulted in a personal invitation from the City of Mountain View for a one-hour tour of the center depicting early transportation. This is for June 20th from 1:30 to 2:30.

Our June talk deals with "Intelligent Life in our Universe" presented by world famous AstroPhysicist Seth Shostak from the SETI Organization, along with Jon Richards who is also of SETI.

The full report is on file.

10. There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Schmid
Secretary



GOLF

Sunnyvale Golf course 5-3-12

Howard Trudeau	99 net 67
Art Kraemer	91 net 71
Ed Nazzal	94 net 72

Santa Clara Golf 5-10-12

Ed Nazzal	90 net 68 cttp, cttp
Art Kraemer	94 net 74
Naim Nazzal	96 net 75
Azmi Habib	104 net 67
Howard Trudeau	101 net 69
Jiries Nazzal	102 net 72

Shoreline Golf 5-17-12

Jere Austin	96 net 64	cttp, cttp
Jiries Nazzal	100 net 70	
Jim Stevens	98 net 71	
Azmi Habib	109 net 72	

Los Lagos Golf 5-24-12

Naim Nazzal	90 net 69	CTTP
Jere Austin	100 net 69	
Kamel Totah	106 net 72	
Azmi Habib	110 net 74	
Gary Hornberger	92	CTTP

MOFFETT FIELD GOLF 5-31-12

Jim Swanson	90 net 66	CTTP
Jere Austin	99 net 68	CTTP
Azmi Habib	108 net 71	
Naim Nazzal	96 net 75	
Jiries Nazzal	105 net 76	
Greg Kemist	88	
Gary Hornberger	96	



Heads-Up Note:

People should beware that phone calls claiming to be from Medicare are not. If they offer free glucose meters or diabetic test strips, that's a red flag because Medicare never makes calls offering supplies or services. The HHS Office of the Inspector General says, "The scammers sometimes use names like "MED-'EE'-CARE, or "MED-'UH'-CARE, or "MEDIC-CARE," in order to trick the listener." You should never provide personal or credit card information over the phone. If you think you are a target of a scam, you should report the incident to the OIG hotline at 1-800-HHS-TIPS.



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:

If electricity becomes a major automotive power source, the

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electricity required for vehicle charging will be controlled by computers. Most vehicles are used less than one hour a day. The rest of time, they could be used for improving grid efficiency by absorbing surplus electric energy produced for those under managed-network control.

Roger is the Senior Advisor for Toyota's InfoTechnology Center U.S.A. in Mountain View. He is also founder and teacher for the past 36 years of Stanford's EE-203, The Entrepreneurial Engineer.

He was a founder of Cromemco Inc., which developed the TV Dazzler graphic card and the first graphic network computer system deployed worldwide for combat aircraft mission planning by the US Air force.

MAC Group

Contact Skip Ross, 541-857-6224, waross@closereach.com to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange Mac-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences

APPLE COMPUTER USERS

Now that Apple Computers are 12% of the market and still growing Spammers and hackers are now attacking the formerly "exempt" computers more frequently. You should consider upgrading your passwords and installing protective software.

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

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR. You can read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the state website [www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/](http://www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/), which includes travel news from other branches

**Examples:**

Aug 26-27, 2012 @ El Dorado Reno "Oh

**What A Night"** (Br 32) Escorts: John Pletsch 408-274-2992 or Mike Console 408-246-1080. Touring internationally since 2009, "Oh What A Night" takes a nostalgic trip down memory lane to celebrate the hit songs of Frankie Valle and the Four Seasons, whose story is told in the musical "Jersey Boys". Tour includes round trip motorcoach, one night stay at the El Dorado, buffet dinner and breakfast, casino stop at the Sparks Nugget and the performance of "Oh What A Night". All taxes, gratuities and luggage handling are included. Cost is \$165 per person double occ (\$24 additional for single occ). Make checks payable to Frontier Travel & Tours Trust Acct and mail to John Pletsch, 2697 Suisun Ave, San Jose, CA 95121.

**April 10 – 25, 2013 @Hawaiian**

**Islands Cruise @**

**Roundtrip from San Francisco**

**aboard the Grand Princess (Br 38)**

Escorts: Bill Rodman (408) 274-4521

& Hank Clark (408) 223-6466. NO

FLIGHTS.....This 15-day

cruise starts and ends in San Francisco.

Cruise through the Golden Gate on

your way to and from sunny Hawaii.

We stop at 5 ports of call: Honolulu

(Oahu), Nawiliwili (Kauai), Lahaina

(Maui), Hilo (Hawaii) and Ensenada

(Mexico).

Transportation to and from San

Francisco pier from The Villages &

Capitol Light Rail station, 1 bottle of

wine per stateroom, port taxes, taxes on

included items, Travel Guard Group

Protection Plan and porter tips for 1

suitcase per

person. Prices range from \$2490 to

\$3880 per person, double occupancy,

depending on stateroom category.

Deposit of \$800 per person (reduced to

\$300 pp during Special Cruise Sale

June 5 – 9, 2012). Higher deposit if

traveling as a

single. Brochures available at your SIR

branch travel table. Brochure can also

be viewed on SIR 38 website: <http://branch38.sirinc2.org/> Deposits payable

by check or

credit card to Cruise Adventures

Unlimited Trust Account. Mail deposit

and registration to: Bill Rodman, 2025 Folle Blanche Dr, San Jose, CA 95135.

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Bowling

BRANCHES 5, 35, & 51

EVERY TUESDAY,

HOMESTEAD LANES,

HOMESTEAD AND

STELLING,

SUNNYVALE.

Co-Chairmen: Bob Taggart

chtagart@earthlink.net 650-321-

2654 Prizes: Roy Robinson

Doug Anderson 415-407-4000

marktintl@aol.com

ATTENTION NEW BOWLERS: Our Spring/Summer season has 12 more weeks remaining, which means 75% is ahead of us. Get some exercise, watch your average improve and spend a couple hours with a fun group of SIR bowlers. Play starts at 1:00 PM. so plan on joining us on a team next Tuesday - there are immediate openings on existing teams. For only \$12 you receive: 3 games, bowling balls, bowling shoes and coffee. If you have any questions or interest, call Bob or Doug - or just show up.

TEAM STANDINGS

1ST PLACE (Tie)

Roger Anderson, Jerry Ososkie, Tim Eastham

2ND PLACE (Tie)

Ptah Bennet, Doug Anderson, Chuck Huff

3RD PLACE

Bill Webster, Alan Gaudie, Earl Pampeyan

4TH PLACE

Bill Finkemeier, Arnie Satterlee, Fred Schwalbach

5TH PLACE

Harold Kaye, Jeff Grundy, Hal Knowlton

6TH PLACE

Jerry Coe, Roy Robinson, Bob Taggart

HIGH SERIES SCRATCH

1st - Tim Eastham: 496

2nd - Earl Pampeyan: 471

3rd - Jeff Grundy: 423

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

1st - Jerry Ososkie: 172

2nd - Chuck Huff: 166

3rd - Doug Anderson: 159

HIGH HANDICAP SERIES

1st Alan Gaudie: 655

2nd - Jerry Coe: 619

3rd - Roy Robinson: 566

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HIGH HANDICAP GAME

- 1st Arnie Satterlee: 237
- 2nd - Bill Finkemeier: 230
- 3rd - Harold Kaye: 208



Biking

Jerry Butler – (650)494-8078

2nd Thursday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests are welcome.

RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.

Location: Bay Trail from Mountain View to Alviso The Ride:

We will begin the ride at the La Avenida Trial Head at end of La Avenida Street, Mtn. View, and follow the Stevens Creek Trail for 1.5 miles to its connection with the Bay Trail. We then 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 bumpy in places)* We will then head for Sunnyvale Bay-lands Park where we will follow the trail through the park and then to downtown Alviso. There, we will have

lunch at a restaurant. The ride is 9.5 miles one way. We will return on the same route for a roundtrip of 19 miles. There are no optional shortcuts. **Directions:** From the intersection of Hwy 101 and Shoreline Blvd., head north on North Shoreline Blvd. toward the Computer History Museum. La Avenida is the first street on the right, but it is one-way so you can't turn there. Instead, go past the Computer History Museum to Pear Ave and turn right. Turn right again at Ingo Way and follow it back to La Avenida Street. Then turn left. (It is two-way here) and go to the end of the street. Park on the street, next to the curb.

To join the ride or for more info, contact Jerry Butler (see above) or Karl Reseck, (650) 941-8837, karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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