# Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement

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No. 543
A Non-Profit Organization
For Retired Men



#### October 2021

Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

LUNCHEON: 12 PM - FIRST WEDNESDAY - FREMONT HILLS CC, 12889 VISCAINO PL., LOS ALTOS, CA

# **General Membership:**

# We've Been Here Before

Again, October SIR meetings will continue with Zoom get togethers for both the Board and General Membership. Our speaker will join us via Zoom from Nashville Tennessee – more about the speaker's presentation later in the newsletter. It is possible that November's meetings will be via Zoom too.

When we can reconvene in-person, if you have not done so yet, you will need to have shown your vaccination card or a copy of it and submit a signed SIR COVID-19 waiver form to the board membership chairman, Gerry Shebar.

According to the Mayo Clinic records, COVID-19 data for US and CA, as of the  $27^{th}$  of September 2021, vaccinations are for the nation at 55.6% being fully vaccinated, and 64.5% having received at least one shot. For Californians 12 years or older, 58.8% have been fully vaccinated and 71.5% have at least one shot of vaccine.

COVID-19 variants are not done with us. The variants are serious threat to our health. Keep your guard up, still take precautions to protect yourself, your family, and others.

Next SIR General Membership Meeting (all members) for Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 will be via Zoom, starting at 12:30 PM to socialize before we begin the General Membership Meeting with the speaker starting at 1:00 PM.

There is no plan to have an annual picnic in this year.

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# **Big SIR Notes:**

From the computer of Jim Cummings

Our speaker will be coming to us from Tennessee so we will be using ZOOM for our meeting on Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. We expect to resume luncheon "in-person" meetings in November. The delta variant is still with us but appears to be settling down. There may be some meetings via ZOOM in the future depending on the speaker.

Jim

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# **Monthly Presentation for Members**

# October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Speaker Topic:

Rex Bennett will take us on a live virtual tour of one of the most eclectic collections of unique motor cars and transportation vehicles in the world!

# **Topic Description:**

The mission of Lane Motor Museum shall be to collect, preserve, document, and interpret an eclectic and technically interesting collection of cars

and other transportation-related objects for the purposes of educating the public about the history of transportation.

Some of the most unique cars in the collection include the world's smallest car, the Peel, at just 53 inches long, the Czech-built Tatra, said to have killed more German Generals than in World War II combat (someone should fact-check), and the Alex Tremulis/Tom Summers Gyro-X, a two-wheeled gyro-stabilized car of the future.



Photo by Bruce Sweetman

# **Speaker Biography:**

Rex Bennett, Education Director for the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville, TN.

# **Future speakers for the coming month:**

# November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Speaker Topic:

To be determined

# FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING SPEAKERS

**PLEASE CONTACT:** 

**Steve Tremulis** (650) 598-9790

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# **General Interest**

# **SIR 51 Board Meetings**

Next **Board Meeting** will be held on the first Wednesday of October, the 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. For more details, please contact either Big SIR, Jim Cummings (cell:650/207-3609).

See the list of 2021 officers and committee chairmen at the end of this newsletter as well as the elected new 2022 officers and committee chairmen.

September board meeting had 11 attendees.

### **SIR 51 General Membership Meeting**

Last month's September Zoom General Membership Meeting was attended by 25 SIR members. Currently, we have a total of 77 members in our branch.

#### 2021 Membership Roster

If you have any corrections to your profile data, please contact our Membership Chairman, Gerry Shebar, at (659) 868-6124. Also, the roster file has been archived on our branch website.

# SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news. Should you have inputs for our website, please contact our website master, Gerry Shebar at (650) 868-6124.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

# State SIR News

COVID-19 Waivers need to be signed by all SIR members and submitted to your branch board members. The links to the State SIR documents are given below. Please read them to understand what is expected of all members, branches and the state organization. To meet the insurance liability

requirements, please print the Waiver form and sign it. You can turn it in at our next in-person get together, or mail it in to Big SIR, Jim Cummings.

#### **Branch Protocols:**

https://files.constantcontact.com/686f3f04701/e266 2867-a239-4f89-baac-baf50ee70e2d.pdf

#### Wavier:

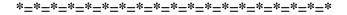
https://sirinc.org/wp-content/uploads/Waiver-final.pdf

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#### **State SIR website:**

www.sirinc.org



## **Craig's Current Contributions:**

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, important guy. Oh well...

#### **RAMBLINGS**:

"I hate it when people act all intellectual and talk about Mozart, when they haven't even seen one of his paintings."

"Join me in telling Target, 'if I wanted to check myself out I'd stay at home and shop Amazon.' HIRE SOME CASHIERS!"

"This will be the first year we're not going to Hawaii because of Covid. Normally we don't go because we can't afford it."

"Can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole my limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go?"

"Tip of the day: blow on the wine in your coffee mug to convince the rest of the Zoom meeting that it's tea."

#### **GOOD READS FOR GUYS:**

Unsettled by Steven E. Koonin, former Undersecretary for Science, U.S. Department of Energy under the Obama administration. "The science of climate is neither settled nor sufficient to dictate policy. Rather than an existential crisis, we face a wicked problem that requires a pragmatic balancing of costs and benefits". William W. Hogan, Professor of global energy policy at Harvard Kennedy School.

All the Frequent Troubles of Our Days" by Rebecca Donner

L. L. Bean, The Making of an American Icon" by Leon Gorman

*Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY SIR member JIM CUNNINGHAM, D.D.S.

<u>Note:</u> If you are an avid reader, consider a subscription to The Readers Exchange (TRE). It is published quarterly & costs \$45/year. Provides recommendations of 30+/- books per edition with descriptions of the topics.

www.the-readers-exchange.com, (866) 769-8944

#### **ON THE TUBE AND IN THE THEATER:**

The Guilty on Netflix

*Cry Macho* by Clint Eastwood. In theaters now

*Muhammad Ali*, now playing on PBS. With Comcast you can "On Demand" it.

The Card Counter, in theaters now.

*Impeachment* on FX. Comcast "On Demand" on FX.

Worth on Netflix

Wild Indian on Apple TV.

Well, gotta go now. Time for my nap.

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#### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **GOLF**



With the state and county removed most COVID-19 restrictions, except masks, and the State SIR leadership allowing vaccinated members to be active in outdoor and indoor settings (with waivers), precautions should be

taken while playing golf.

If any of you are interested in playing golf as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

The 2021 golf schedule has been arranged and a new Excel golf file was sent out in May. Check for your file copy or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for October and November.

	Oct 5, Tue	Oct 13, Wed	Oct 20, Wed	Oct 27, Wed	
OCT	Spring	Poplar	San Jose	Crystal	
	Valley	Creek		Springs	
	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	
	AM	AM	AM	AM	
	Nov 2,	Nov 10,	Nov 17,	Nov 24,	Nov 30,
	Tue	Wed	Wed	Wed	Tue
NOV	Los	Spring	Shoreline	Poplar	Sunnyvale
	Lagos	Valley		Creek	
	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00 AM
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	AM	AM	AM	AM	10:00 AM

Same table, but color-coded for October and November.



Courtesy of Golf Course Coordinator:

#### **KAI JOHANSEN**

(650) 380-9493

Also, contact Big SIR, Jim Cummings, as a mutual supporter for golf news.

#### JIM CUMMINGS

home: (650) 328-2168 cell: (650) 207-3609

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Check if the <u>following activities</u> are going to occur with the recent COVID-19 and State SIR removed restrictions. Do keep in mind, however, some restrictions are still in place.

#### **COMPUSIR**



COMPUSIR is a self-help Computer discussion group. Normally, it meets monthly at the PALO ALTO ELKS LODGE 4249 EL

CAMINO REAL, PALO ALTO. Check first if meetings are being held by Zoom, or not at all. When in-person meetings can be held access is by the following method. For entry, use the announce button on the pedestal to the left of the Front door. **COMPUSIR** is now part of SPAUG (the Stanford – Palo Alto Users Group). SPAUG Meetings are still held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 pm, when possible, in-person, at PA Elks Lodge (address above). The meeting is upstairs (elevator available past the stairway). More information at www.spaug.net.

#### **MACINTOSH USERS**

Contact Skip Ross to join this e-mail group where SIR members in all branches can exchange MAC-related news, get answers to questions and share experiences.

**SKIP ROSS** (541) 857-6224

#### **INDOOR BOWLING**

(BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51)

there are now 10 co-ed teams.



We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by

ability. When possible with less COVID-19 restrictions, we meet on **Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Sunnyvale from 1-3 PM.**Be there by **12.45 PM**. New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me (Bob Taggart) in advance so we

will be prepared. Spouses, women friends are welcome –

#### YOU CAN JOIN ANYTIME

A ball and shoes are available at the bowling lanes. Looking for some exercise that does not rely on good weather? Indoor 10-pin bowling is a fun, low-impact bowling skill that comes back after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

**BOB TAGGART** (650) 321-2654, Br 35

#### **LAWN BOWLING:**



Check if Lawn Bowling is able to meet and play. We meet on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:30 AM at

Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club, 474 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Players need to be 15 minutes early to be entered into the draw for teams. Free coaching is available for new players. Contact:

**DON HUGHES** (650) 323-9916

#### **TENNIS:**



When possible, during the COVID-19 pandemic, check first to see if our tennis group meets which happens on Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto.

Please be there by 8:30 AM when doubles teams will be formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed. We play an open spin-in doubles format. Play level is about 2.5. We welcome non-SIRS, so bring a friend.

**BILL KAMIN** (650) 322-4300

#### **CYCLING:**

SIR Bicycle Group October 2021 Ride

2nd Thursday, October 14,2021

Wives and guests are welcome. Rain cancels ride, helmet required.

This is a SIR ride and waivers are required.

#### **Half Moon Bay/Pillar Point Ride:**

Poplar Beach parking lot has a fee. The pay machine operation is very ambiguous – some times easy, some times not. If it is not done correctly, there is a \$40.00 ticket placed on your car.

THE RIDE: We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point. We will return to Princeton where we will have lunch, (if something's open or eat what you have brought), then ride the same trail back for a total ride of about 13 miles. We may extend the ride and eat at Moss Bach Distillery. This will add about 4 more miles to the ride. (There is a bridge out; we will have to make a detour around that part of the ride.)

DIRECTIONS: Take I-280 to highway 92, then take the exit to Half Moon Bay. Continue on highway 92 about 10 miles to the intersection with Highway 1, turn left. Go about one mile to Poplar St., turn right. Go to the end of Poplar St and park in the Poplar Beach parking lot. Some riders park on the streets before they get to the Poplar Beach parking lot and ride bicycles to the lot. Driving time is about 45 minutes. It may be windy and cold, so be sure to bring a wind breaker and gloves to wear, or it may be a lovely sunny day.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please contact Jim Lunt or Gordon Tong. Let us know so we can wait for you. FYI, please read the new bicycle protocols.

Jim Lunt Phone (408) 252-6804 Cell (408) 921-5085 jamesdlunt@yahoo.com Gordon Tong (408) 242-0557 gordy6850@gmail.com

# Revised SIR Branch 35 Riding Group Protocols:

- 1. All riders are encouraged (but not mandatory) to receive the first and second Covid-19 vaccine injections.
- 2. All riders are **not** to carpool to designated rides. Biking to designated starting points of rides is acceptable.
- 3. For the safety of all riders, ride only if one is feeling 100% healthy.
- 4. Riders must wear a biking helmet and some type of face mask. Riders are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer because public restrooms may not always be open.
- 5. We will designate a lead rider at the front of the group and a designated sweeper behind the last rider. All riders will stay between the designated lead and sweeper.
- 6. We will stagger riders in groups of 2 3 with the first group departing, followed by the next group of riders 2-3 minutes later and continue with this staggered process until all riders have departed.
- 7. Riders will ride single file and maintain a minimum 50' distance from the rider immediately in front. Riders can pass each other as long as there is a safe margin to pass.
- 8. When the designated lead rider stops for a group water or restroom break, all riders will stop and maintain a minimum 6 feet distance from each other.
- 9. Riders are encouraged to bring their lunch or order takeout food. The designated lead rider will find a suitable area to eat lunch and ensure proper social distancing.
- 10. When riders are eating lunch with their mask off, the minimum distance from each other will be 10 feet.
- 11. Ride back to our designated ride starting point in the same manner.

This is the **Master Riding List for 2021**. It may change as the year goes by, so the final word is in the SIR Branch 35 month's newsletter.

January 14, 2021

Stevens Creek/Shoreline Park (Mt. View), no ride

February 11, 2021

Covote Creek (South San Jose), no ride

March 11, 2021

Coyote Hills-Alameda Creek (Fremont/Niles), Michael's (Mt. V) to Univ Ave/Hway 84 (Menlo Park). See above.

April 8 2021

Foster City Bay Trail

<del>May 13, 2021</del>

Brisbane Bayshore Trail

June 10, 2021

Guadalupe Trail-(Alviso to San Jose)

July 8, 2021

Sawyer Camp Trail / San Andreas Trail

August 12, 2021

San Leandro-Alameda Ride

September 9, 2021

Mt. View to Alviso Ride

October 14, 2021

Half Moon Bay

**November** 11, 2021

Los Gatos Creek Trail

**December** 2021 No ride

(If the weather is good, the riders may pick a ride)

#### **NON-RESPOSIBILITY DECLARATION:**

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

#### **STATE SIR TRAVEL INFORMATION**



For information on State SIR travel, go to the State SIR website listed below, and click on "Region and Area Info", click on "Resources", click on "More

Information", then look for "Travel Management Information" section which has sub-links to travel agencies, bus companies, and a travel handbook. Also, one can use "Search Here" box at the base of the page using the word "travel".

### **STATE SIR WEBSITE**

www.sirinc.org

# **SIR BRANCH 51 NEWSLETTER**

If you have any inputs, suggestions or feedback to add or improve the newsletter, please let me know.

Also, if you wish to add material to the newsletter, inputs for the next newsletter should be submitted between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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