

Mid-Peninsula Sons In Retirement Branch #51

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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 27th 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, 6th 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 6th. 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.

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Monthly Presentation for Members

October 6th, 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 3rd, 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 6th, 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

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)



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 – there are now 10 co-ed teams.

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.

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Gordon Tong
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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~~

~~Coyote Creek (South San Jose), no ride~~

~~March 11, 2021~~

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

~~April 8, 2021~~

~~Foster City Bay Trail~~

~~May 13, 2021~~

~~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 15th and 20th of the month prior to the next newsletter.

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