

automated musical instruments and various vintage automobiles. Thanks to Steve Tremulis for arranging this talk and tour.

Speaker Biography:

Terri Ritter-Coppens is associated with the Stahl Museum Collection in Detroit, Michigan.

Topic Description:

The Stahl Museum is home to a number of restored and operational automated musical instruments dating from the early 20th century. See and hear the gigantic Mortier 97 key dance organ built in Belgium in 1922.

The Stahl Museum also has over 80 cars on display ranging from the 1886 Daimler prototype to the muscle cars of the 1960s with special emphasis on the great cars of the 1930s and 1940s, a period of style and constant evolution.

Terri will be giving a live walk-around through the museum, including demonstrations and stories of some of the amazing artifacts on display.



Night at the Museum



Great Race Hannibal Twin-8



Gaudin Organ



Stahl Gigantic Mortier 97 Key Dance Organ with Wendell



Mills Novelty Co. Automated Musical Instrument

Photos Courtesy of the Stahl Museum Collection

Future speakers for the coming month:

December 1st, 2021 Speaker Topic:

To be determined

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS**

PLEASE CONTACT:

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General Interest

SIR 51 Board Meetings

Next in-person **Board Meeting** will be held on the first Wednesday of **November, the 3rd, at 10:45 AM.** For more details, please contact 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 newly elected 2022 officers and committee chairmen.

October board meeting had 11 attendees.

SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Last month’s October Zoom General Membership Meeting was attended by 23 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 (650) 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 Also, the roster file has been archived on our branch website.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/e2662867-a239-4f89-baac-baf50ee70e2d.pdf>

Wavier:

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

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Craig's Current Contributions:

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

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

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people.

I don't know how to do TikTok, but I can write in cursive, do long division and tell time on clocks with hands...so there's that.

Brain cells, hair cells and skin cells - they all die constantly but freaking fat cells seem to have eternal life.

People who ask me what I'm doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

It helps if you imagine auto correct as a tiny little elf in your phone who is trying so hard to be helpful but is in fact quite drunk.

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

The Forgiven by Lawrence Osborne, 304 pages.

The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig, 490 pages.

How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith, 353 pages. subtitled "A reckoning with the history of slavery across America".

The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace, by H.W. Brands, 637 pages.

Killing the Mob: The Fight Against Organized Crime in America by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard, 273 pages.

"STUFF" TO WATCH

Worth on Netflix

Promising Young Woman Apple+

This is a Robbery: the World's Biggest Art Heist on Netflix

Panic on Amazon Prime

William and Mary on Amazon Prime.

Diana on CNN

Tha, tha, that's all folks...

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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 2022 golf schedule is being developed. When the new schedule becomes available check for a file copy either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for November and December.

	Nov 2, Tue	Nov 10, Wed	Nov 17, Wed	Nov 24, Wed	Nov 30, Tue
NOV	Los Lagos	Spring Valley	Shoreline	Poplar Creek	Sunnyvale
	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
	Dec 8, Wed	Dec 15, Wed	Dec 22, Wed	Dec 29, Wed	
DEC	Los Lagos	San Jose	Spring Valley	NO GOLF	
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Same table, but color-coded for October and November.

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- Crystal Springs
- Los Lagos
- Moffett Field
- Poplar Creek
- Poppy Hills
- San Jose
- Shoreline
- Spring Valley
- Sunnyvale

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
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Check if the following activities 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 User 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)



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 **November 2021 Ride**

2nd Thursday, November 11, 2021

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

This is a SIR ride and waivers are required.

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 15 miles.

Directions: Go South on I-280 (past Highway 17) to Meridian (South); turn right. Go to Willow Street (the third stoplight); turn right. Take Willow Street until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets. Address for maps and GPS, Blackford Elementary School, 1970 Willow St, San Jose.

GPS location: Lat 37.300354, Long -121.921442
Normally this is the ride that has been ridden for many years. This time, if a few riders want to go up to the foot or to the top of Lexington Reservoir, then we will continue up the trail to it. It is packed dirt and with one very hard uphill small section. Good mountain bike people love it, but road-bike people turn their bicycles into walking sticks. If you do not ride up to Lexington reservoir, there is either the food that you have with you, or get some food at an outlet in Los Gatos. For those that want to go to Lexington Reservoir should have a snack with them to eat at a respite near the top.

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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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, riders may pick a ride to do.)

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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