



# The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

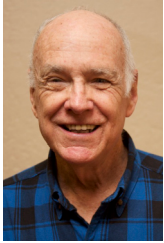
**Forty-Sixth Year**

**July 2021**

**Bulletin No. 7**

**All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice**

## **Musings of Big Sir Larry Jett**



Optimist: the glass is half-full  
Pessimist: the glass is half-empty  
Engineer: the container is incorrectly sized  
BEC Branch #59: the year is half over/ half to still enjoy

What are we to make of this bottle of SIR 2021 vintage produced from SIRvive roots? A wine connoisseur might comment on it's limited approachability, another could suggest it needs 'more air' and a third would point out that it was good for a time of prohibition but the balance of the year's crop can only get much better and produce a better product. Let us raise a glass of good cheer and toast Sir Sabo and Sir Lum for leading us through the valley of the shadow of high tech so our chapter had a semblance of the old normal as we all contemplated the return to the Elks and each other.

Filtering down from upper echelon state officers of SIR-dom is the thought that should we want to rebuild the membership numbers of SIRs when the smoke of 19 clears, we should concentrate on building 'the brand of SIR' and focus on activities each branch offers, and could start to offer, to new prospects rather than just the lunch and fellowship in the past. The past year and a half left older men with activities more solo than social and 'something to do' will once again be attractive. Please reach out to Activities Director(s) Jerry Halligan and Larry Lardie with suggestions towards this end.

If you elected to catch up on your sudoku last Wednesday rather than participate in our zoom meeting, you missed Madame Mayor Lilly Mei. Fremont's mayor is so easy to watch and listen to. The Marshall Plan has speakers to be missed at your own peril....

## **July Guest Speaker Dr. Jeff Watanabe**



Dr. Jeff Watanabe is a professor of Biology and Environmental Studies at Ohlone College. He grew up in the Bay Area and studied Ecology & Evolution at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and then completed his graduate work at Florida

Institute of Technology. While in graduate school he did research and taught at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute where he studied shallow water intertidal worm reefs and deep sea marine invertebrates. Jeff currently focuses on teaching students about the beauty of science, the appreciation of nature, on how to make sustainable choices for the conservation of our environment.

Jeff is also the Co-Chair of the International Education Committee which focuses on internationalizing the curriculum, bringing international students to Ohlone, and giving our students the opportunity to study abroad. He has led educational trips to Florida, Australia, Baja California, the Bahamas, and Costa Rica, Ecuador, and the Galapagos Islands. He believes that positive field experiences are the best way to learn about and care for nature.

## **The Future of Our Environment: Reasons for Optimism**

Headlines got you down? Extinction and environmental destruction are a bummer. But nature is resilient. Professor of Biology and Environmental Studies, Dr. Jeff Watanabe will share several reasons to be optimistic about our environmental future, and hopefully help you see the silver lining in the emissions-induced hurricane clouds.

**Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> is welcome.**

**The BEC meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The regular meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and we will have a speaker.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/955020906>**

**Meeting ID: 955 020 906**

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, June 16, 2021

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### Branch 59

Meets at Fremont Elks  
38991 Farwell Drive,  
Fremont CA on the 3rd  
Wednesday of each  
month

9:30 AM

Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch



Our meeting was held on the ZOOM platform, hosted by Sammy Lum.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 11:32am. All BEC members were present except Hugh Twomey.

The May 19, 2021 meeting minutes, written by Asst. Secretary Rob Ingebretson, were approved as presented.

Treasurer; Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$2,720.40. Expenses this period were made for printing the Pathfinder. Accounting for bowling is expected next month.

Big Sir; Larry Jett is caring for his wife full-time as she recovers. He is not able to consider keeping the position of Big Sir next year as suggested by the nominating committee last month. Larry is willing to take a Director position next year.

Little Sir; Bob Marshall has a great line-up of speakers through our September meeting. Today, Mayor Lily Mei will be joining us and presentations about the environment, our DNA & ancestry and sports will be shared during our next several meetings.

Membership; Rob Ingebretson reported no new members in the foreseeable future. Our current membership stands at 158.

Attendance; Ed Guthrie reported attendance during our May meeting was 21 people, 13%.

Nominating; Rick Henry asked John Haffner about the length of time we should keep records. John's response was seven years. Rick mentioned John will be having hip replacement soon and will be recovering for a couple months following. We have not heard from Diane Shaw at Elk's regarding an update for their re-opening. He did speak with Daniel who is looking forward to catering for us again.

Rob shared a thought, that we consider holding one of our upcoming BEC meetings in a restaurant. This was met with a favorable response but no decisive action was taken to make it so.

Activities; Larry Lardie spoke of the bowling tournament being held on June 21 in Dublin. Jerry Halligan shared how well members are enjoying the Wednesday Walking Group. He mentioned discussions make the walks very interesting, noting Jerry Ford has shared a wealth of his historical knowledge with the group. Bob Marshall mentioned the poker group will meet again in July. Details will be forthcoming.

Jerry Halligan mentioned discussions he has had with members regarding having lunch get-togethers, possibly just bringing a bag lunch to a park. A BEC meeting in a park with bag lunch is also a possibility. Rick added we could consider making these co-ed meetings.

Sammy recently attended a SIR seminar on branding and improving the image of SIR. There was a lot of focus on activities. More information will be added to the state website soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

# July Birthdays



**Gordon Thym**  
Age 98



**Fred Cutter**  
Age 92



**Gordon MacLeod**  
Age 91



**Dino Mostardi**  
Age 91



**Ben Fernandez**  
Age 87



**Rowland McNeil**  
Age 83



**Jerry Reynolds**  
Age 83



**Wayne Smith**  
Age 83



**Wayne Meyer**  
Age 82



**Gene Lim**  
Age 81



**Robert Wallace**  
Age 78



**Charles Ferguson**  
Age 77



**Jimmy Inocencio**  
Age 77



**John Mikel**  
Age 75



**Joseph Lucia**  
Age 74



**James Lomax**  
Age 73



**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman





Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on July 27th. We will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any SIR Member wanting to join us. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Login information is given below.

**Cyber Geezer Meeting**

Our June meeting had to be cancelled because Jerry had Grandpa duty.

The next ScreenFlow session will involve importing the photos into various photo programs such as Photos for PC and Mac, Adobe Elements, and Lightroom. Some editing and organizing will be demonstrated.

Jerry is hoping that members will submit questions regarding technology: such as Smart TVs, WiFi, home networks, computer usage, iPhone or iPad usage.

Please send requests to Jerry at [jlsabo3@comcast.net](mailto:jlsabo3@comcast.net).

**Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

**Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596**

*Lots of Zoom information on the [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) website*

<https://sirinc.org/zoom/>

**SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for August 2021.**

**Deadline for submitting articles is July 15th.**

**You can find past issues on our website:**

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**New**

*Our website now contains video files of speakers that were recorded during previous Zoom sessions.*

<https://sirbranch59.org/speakers/>



Fremont Branch 59 hosted one of the first State SIR Bowling tournaments since COVID-19.

We had a good turnout with 44 bowlers from throughout the state. Sir Don Henry placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Singles B Division, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in All Events. Tournament Director Sir Harvey McAninch and his partner, Sir Charles Bailey (Branch 39) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in B Division Doubles and Harvey placed 4<sup>th</sup> in All Events..

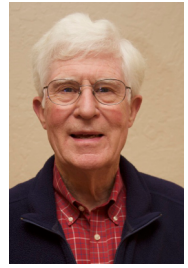
We have had several new bowlers join us on Mondays at 11:00 am at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl. Mike Hillman from Cloverleaf is one of the managers at Dublin Bowl. SIR Covid regulations still require all of us to have proof of COVID vaccinations, but at least we no longer are required to wear masks.

Please check out the State SIR Bowling website for information regarding upcoming tournaments.:

<http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

## Are you SIRious Bruce Roberts Editor

***Our Big Sir has been very active in the restoration of collector cars for decades with a decidedly emphasis in cars built by the Chrysler Corp. Perhaps because his first 3 cars as a teen were pre-war Dodges, or because he spent 4 years working for the Chrysler/Plymouth Division as a District Manager (the liaison between the factory and 22 dealerships in Northern CA) he built a 6 car garage and shop behind his Newark home to contain the collection.***



After selling my Millbrae Shell station in 1964, I bought a 1960 Chrysler 300F hard-top coupe in preparation for an August marriage and became an apostle of the "Lettered" Chrysler 300s made from 1955 through 1965. In the eleven years these cars were built, about 16,000 total, these expensive and powerful coupes and convertibles were the 'halo' cars for the factory, intended to draw buyers to the sales floor and then sell more sensible vehicles: not unlike Thunderbirds and Corvettes for the other guys. These grandfathers of today's Chrysler 300s started out in 1955 with 300 Hemi-engined horses and peaked with some optional 400+ horse models just a few years later. After the initial car in 1955, each newer year model was named 300

B,C,D,E,F,G,H,J,K,L. They became known as The Banker's Hot-rod or The Beautiful Brute. I was unable to use my four-year-old 300F for my honeymoon as I returning from Army Reserve training in Utah in July's heat near Bonnevill, the mean speed indicated was in excess of 100 with some runs to 130. The 413 dual 4-barrel engine (carbs not north to south, but east to west on 30 inch 'ram' intake manifolds) got so hot it froze solid between Winnemucca and Lovelock. Sadder but wiser soldiers took the Greyhound to the Bay Area and the car was flat towed over the old Donner Pass behind a Pontiac Ventura to Millbrae. The Chrysler had to weigh 400 pounds greater than the tow car. He certainly earned the \$150 he charged me! My fiancée wasn't too unhappy because she always thought the car was much too 'showoffy' to her taste. 24 years later when I bought an identical 300F, she loved it. See how maturity (like good red wine) can be acquired with age?

Five years later from wedding day, I am the leasing/fleet manager for Millbrae Chrysler-Plymouth-Imperial where Millbrae BART is now. I come to work to find a 1961 300G coupe parked where trade-ins sit until they are wholesaled. I asked the sales manager what they had allowed at ACV (actual cash value...not what the new car buyer thought they got) and it was \$300. So I gave him \$350 for it. Certainly, didn't need it, as I had a New Yorker as my 'demo' but it was great fun to have another LETTER for a few months. They are currently worth up to \$50k.

Next was the original 1955 300 coupe that started it all. I was having some work done on the 1957 DeSoto Adventurer in Redwood City and the proprietor tells me a young man working a few doors down told him he had a 1955 Chrysler 300 that he was in financially over his head when he really wanted to restore a Camaro. It was original to a fault and had seldom left Contra Costa County. I paid him his asking price of \$3,250 and as I closed the door to his workplace, I heard the young men whooping and hollering about the old guy that just paid full price for that old car. With a \$5k paint, \$500 used interior and some wire wheels, our family enjoyed the car for 6 years before Chrysler Corp had 'sellers' remorse' and bought it back for \$25k to loan to journalists to drive when they were reviewing the new crop of front wheel drive 300 sedans in 1998, as an historical reference. A year later I chatted with David E Davis, previous editor of Car and Driver and founder of Automobile Magazine in a Williamsburg Chrysler 300 Club convention and he tells me that he drove my car for a week. How do you know it was mine? Because it says on the glove box door...."Larry, please don't drive this car over 139.346 mph. Tim Flock 1996". I'd taken the glove door to a previous club meet in Charlottesville including the racetrack visit and he had autographed it with the time-slip info from his Daytona record setting run in a similar car. Tim won 39 NASCAR races in his career.

The final LETTER of the Chrysler's series was the 1965 300L, which had evolved to not much more than a sales competitor to the New Yorker and had much the same drive train. An optician friend had inherited it and it was too thirsty for him, so he asked me to sell it for him. After a week of driving it, I sold my 560SEL company car and used the 300 for 2 years. There also was a 300D (1958) for a while while searching for the second 300F (1960) both of which were considerably more interesting than the 300L.

Now the star of the 300 Show, a 1957 300C convertible bought from an automobile pawnshop in SF. The paint was down to the primer, the leather and top were tattered, and it would not start.

When the flatbed was unloading my wife exclaimed “You paid \$15,000 for that car in terrible shape?” I had to explain that even if the paint and seats were pretty nice, they all would have to be replaced anyhow and the more dramatic the change, the easier it is to write the checks. It won multiple awards including the Franklin-Templeton award at the Hillsboro Concours for most elegant post-war open car and made the cover of the expensive Collectible Automobile Magazine. She changed her tune when we received a check for \$100,000 when it sold some years ago. Other complete restorations include a 1933 Chrysler, 1966 427 Hemi Charger, 1951 Cadillac convertible, 1962 Imperial convertible, 1948 Chrysler street rod, 1966 300 convertible, 1961 ram-inducted Dodge, and a dozen others that were just fun to own but not rebuild or refresh.



300F for 2008 Calendar



300F Dramatic Lighting



300's All Three



300 C Cote



1966 Chrysler 300



C300 Screensaver





300's Four at a Time



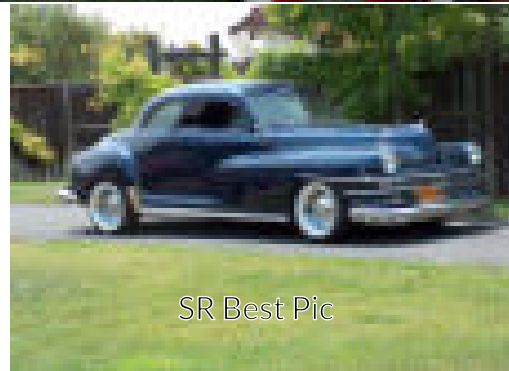
2007 Barrett Jackson



1933 Right Front



300L Rear Decl



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Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder  
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly  
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.