



TRAIL TIPS

Mission Trail Branch 35, Silicon Valley, California

Branch 35 web page <https://sir35.org>

President's Message



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and finding ways to stay cool.

First, I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our annual picnic such a tremendous success. It takes a lot of planning and many volunteers to put together an event like this, and your efforts were truly appreciated. A special thank you goes to Ben Gikis, whose leadership and hard work helped make the day run so smoothly. Judging by the smiles on everyone's faces, the picnic was a hit, with more than 150 happy customers enjoying a great afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun. And really, where else can you get an all-you-can-eat meal for \$25 these days?

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the picnic because my wife and I were traveling in Europe. As it turns out, I may have been on a mission to jinx the World Cup contenders. While we were in Croatia, Croatia was eliminated. We then traveled to Switzerland, and they were knocked out too. Our final stop was France...and, yes, they lost as well. Thank goodness we didn't continue on to Spain or Argentina! Congratulations to Spain on winning the 2026 FIFA World Cup. I guess they were lucky we never made it there!

As we look ahead to our August luncheon, I'd like to continue what has become a fun tradition by making it our Hawaiian Shirt Luncheon. So dust off your favorite Hawaiian shirt, brightest tropical prints, or island attire, and join us for a festive summer gathering. The more colorful, the better!

Looking ahead to 2027, we will have several Branch Officer positions to fill, including Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, and a new position we believe will strengthen our organization—Volunteer Director.

Branch 35 is seeking a Volunteer Director to help ensure that the many activities and programs that make our branch successful continue to thrive. This position is ideal for a member who enjoys working with people, organizing information, and helping fellow members become more involved in the branch. The Volunteer Director will work with our committee chairs to identify volunteer needs, recruit members to assist with branch activities, and help connect members with opportunities that match their interests and talents. By strengthening our volunteer network, this position will

Next Meeting

Wednesday August 19, 2026

11:00am - 1:30pm

Lunch 11:45am

Program 12:15pm

Los Altos United
Methodist Church

Guest Speaker: Bill Furniss
Nuclear Deterrence and
the Role of Arms Control

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Cupertarian Bill Furniss's fascinating CV includes representing the U.S. Defense Department in the START negotiations and treaty with the Soviet Union (1988 - 1991), including supporting and leading Senate ratification of START in 1992. His prior experience includes gigs with President Reagan's national security and foreign affairs campaign staff and transition team.

In 1993, Bill joined Lockheed Space Systems to develop the company's expertise in defense policy and lead Lockheed's nuclear deterrence and defense strategy. This is a great opportunity to hear first-hand about US Defense policy and making it happen in Washington!

Art Bernstein

help ensure that our branch remains active, vibrant, and well-supported for years to come.

If you've ever considered becoming more involved, I encourage you to think about serving as an officer or volunteer leader. These positions are a great way to give back to our Branch, meet fellow members, and help shape our future. If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Executive Board.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our August luncheon. Don't forget to wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt!

Scott Hiller

SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS



- This August edition of Trail Tips includes a nice photomontage from our Summer Picnic, by Andy Danvers.
- Bob Garten tells me that it is sign-up time for anyone who'd like to join the Bowling Activity for the Fall Season. See his Bowling Update in this newsletter.
- Read a member profile of John McGowan in the ongoing series featuring our members.
- Remember to contact Roy Nakamura, Ron Nakamoto or Pat O'Connor, if you'd like to have a profile written of you and posted in Trail Tips and on our membership website. It makes a great gift for your offspring!
- A calendar of the coming month's **Branch Activities** and local **Sports Happenings** is in this newsletter. Print them out and stick them up on your refrigerator!

AUGUST 2026 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Active Members: 306 Net Monthly Change: +3

We had three new members join our branch in July and we had no resignations, so the net Branch membership at the end of July is 306. We always welcome new members, so bring a friend or neighbor to the monthly lunch as a guest, it's on us!

Remember, you can search our member database at this link:

[SIR Branch 35 - Membership Directory \(wildapricot.org\)](https://sirbranch35.wildapricot.org/directory)

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NEW MEMBERS

We had three new members join this past month. Our thanks and congratulations to their sponsors for bringing this great new talent to the branch!

Name	City	Former Companies	Sponsor
Ned Johnson	Santa Clara	Lockheed, Union Carbide	Bill Hall
Benny Loebner	Los Altos	AECOM, Earth Tech, USGS	Ben Gikis
Jerry Rosenblum	Los Altos	Rosenblum, Parish & Isaacs	Bill Eaglstein

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: 10+ YRS.

We have 7 member anniversaries in August, all of whom have been with us for over ten years!

Russ Atkinson (12)	Terry Barnhart (19)	Larry Baugher (13)
Bill Blockie (11)	Dave Squellati (19)	Larry Yelowitz (12)
James Yoshida (14)		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to the following members:

Brad Bader	Don Bray	Bill Chambers
Dave Dardis	Jovy de Villa	John Eames
Herb Fischgrund	Bob Froelich	Sam Im
Ken Jones	Walt Joyce	Chuck Koob
Peter Meigs	Jim Miller	Reza Mostafavi
Dan O'Brien	Dave Ogle	Jerry Ososkie
Glen Pedigo	Carl Plescia	Cliff Reinhardt
John Rinehart	Stan Scardino	Vern Schmidt
Dave Skarlanic	Joe Sordi	Dave Squellati
Ari Stassart	Todd Stewart	Keith Tandowsky
Tim Topole	Dick Treakle	Pete Van Kuran
Al Ward	Ed White	



SIR Branch 35 Annual Summer Picnic

Photomontage by Andy Danver

AUGUST'S SPECIAL DAYS

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- 1st** The Stray Cats, Mountain Winery
- 1st-2nd** Theatre Works, The Employee Dharma Handbook, Lucie Stern Theatre PA
- 2nd** Upstage Theater, *Encore Cabaret*, MVCPA
- 2nd** Nawazuddin Siddiqui, NAQAAB – A Comedy Thriller, California Theatre
- 4th** Coast Guard Birthday
- 5th** Classic Albums Live: *The Eagles Greatest Hits* (tribute), Mountain Winery
- 7th** Purple Heart Day
- 8th** ZZ Top with Cheap Trick, Mountain Winery
- 8th-9th** NAFA Red Carpet and Marathi Film Festival, California Theatre
- 9th** Santana & The Doobie Brothers, Shoreline Amphitheatre
- 12th** Summer Luncheon Live, Mediterranean, Villa Montalvo
- 18th** The Gipsy Kings, Mountain Winery
- 19th** Men At Work, Mountain Winery
- 19th** National Aviation Day
- 23rd** Marc Maron, Yammering into the Void Tour, California Theatre
- 26th-28th** Play on the Grounds, Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson, Villa Montalvo
- 30th** Diana Ross, Mountain Winery

Basketball

Golden State Warriors

N/A

Valkyries

- 2nd** Toronto Tempo @ Valkyries
- 4th** Toronto Tempo @ Valkyries
- 7th** Valkyries @ Dallas Wings
- 9th** Valkyries @ Los Angeles Sparks
- 12th** Indiana Fever @ Valkyries
- 17th** Dallas Wings vs Valkyries
- 19th** Minnesota Lynx @ Valkyries
- 21st** Valkyries @ Chicago Sky
- 24th** Valkyries @ Minnesota Lynx
- 26th** **Valkyries @ Connecticut Sun**
- 27th** Valkyries @ New York Liberty
- 30th** Valkyries @ Portland Fire

Baseball

S.F. Giants

- 31st-2nd** SF Giants @ San Diego Padres
- 3rd-5th** SF Giants @ Texas Rangers
- 7th-9th** Detroit Tigers @ SF Giants
- 10th-12th** Houston Astros @ SF Giants
- 14th-16th** Colorado Rockies @ SF Giants
- 18th-20th** SF Giants @ Cleveland Guardians
- 21st-23rd** SF Giants @ Boston Red Sox
- 24th-26th** Cincinnati Reds @ SF Giants
- 27th-29th** Arizona Diamondbacks @ SF Giants
- 31st** SF Giants @ Atlanta Braves

SF 49ers

- 13th** Tennessee Titans vs SF 49ers (preseason)
- 20th** SF 49ers @ Los Angeles Chargers (preseason)
- 27th** SF 49ers @ Las Vegas Raiders (preseason)

Soccer

Quakes

- 1st** FC Cincinnati @ SJ Quakes
- 15th** SJ Quakes @ Saint Louis City SC
- 19th** LA Galaxy @ SJ Quakes
- 22nd** SJ Quakes @ Minnesota United FC
- 29th** Houston Dynamo @ SJ Quakes

Bay FC

- 1st** Bay FC @ Seattle Reign FC
- 9th** Chicago Stars FC @ Bay FC
- 14th** Utah Royals FC @ Bay FC
- 23rd** Bay FC @ Houston Dash
- 30th** Washington Spirit @ Bay FC

Golf

PGA Tour

- 30th-2nd** Rocket Classic, Detroit MI
- 6th-9th** Wyndham Championship, Greensboro NC
- 13th-16th** FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis TN
- 20th-23rd** BMW Championship, Saint Louis MI
- 27th-30th** TOUR Championship, Atlanta GA

MEMBER PROFILE

JOHN MCGOWAN,
BY PAT O'CONNOR



Fun Facts about John McGowan

- John has enjoyed retirement so much he has now retired four different times!
- He has a Commercial Pilot License with Instrument Rating and owns a Piper Comanche airplane
- He has volunteered as a docent at Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos and flies San Jose kids under the EAA's "Young Eagles" volunteer program out of Hillview Airport
- He recently celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife, Dianne

Family Background

John was the second of four children, all born in Los Angeles where his father was sent by Alcoa in 1939 to support North American Aviation and Northrop in anticipation of the expected world war. His father was the aluminum design expert, assisting engineers select the right alloys to build new aircraft, including the P-51 Mustang and Northrop's giant Flying Wings. John's father spoke German, and subscribed to the German Aeronautical Technical Journal in 1938, which continued to be delivered through 1940. He passed them on to Edgar Schmued at North American (designer of the Mustang), who asked why they kept sending them. He replied that the Germans had to honor the fact that he mailed them his \$1 subscription fee. John's father wanted to quit and enlist as a fighter pilot in 1942, but the Army refused and sent him back to work with the engineers. In the '50's, the family moved to New York, then Cleveland and then Pittsburgh Pennsylvania in 1960, as his father's career with Alcoa blossomed.

College and Early Career

When John got a ride in a small Cessna airplane from a friend of his father in Pittsburgh in 1961, he determined he was going to be a pilot. Years of lawn-mowing and snow-shoveling provided funds to pay for flying lessons while in High School, and he earned his private pilot license after graduation. Based on strong advice from his father, he opted to pursue engineering in college, and after snow and sleet dulled the tours at Lehigh and Cornell, John wisely chose to come to Palo Alto and earn a degree in Industrial

Engineering at Stanford. A flying career was ruled out by bad eyesight, so after failing an HP interview because of below-average grades, he was hired by Westinghouse into their Graduate Student Program.



John prepares for a flying lesson in the snow, 1964

After short assignments in South Boston, Virginia, Allentown PA and South Philadelphia, he was assigned to the Sunnyvale plant, supporting a small group that supplied marine propulsion repairs and spares to the US Navy. That job provided a tremendous education in all aspects of government contracting and Westinghouse also covered tuition for an evening MBA at Santa Clara University, where he achieved much better grades. John also bought his first airplane, and earned Commercial, Instrument and Multi-engine ratings, in continuing hopes of a possible aviation career. He married Dianne Drew, who was born and raised in Palo Alto, and was a mechanical and electronics designer.



John with his first airplane, a Cherokee, 1974

With no desire to ever return to Westinghouse Headquarters in Pittsburgh, John resigned on his 30th birthday and signed up to sell airplanes and manage the flight division of a Cessna aircraft dealership at the Palo Alto Airport. Working 7 days a week on straight commission, he sold new and used planes, flight training hours and managed instructors and rental aircraft. Nolan Bushnell of Atari was one notable customer who came in to learn to fly, but left after getting impatient when a plane he'd reserved was late coming back. Elon Musk and Steve Wozniak were also pilots and plane customers at Palo Alto Airport, though John didn't make the sales. Woz's landing "incident" in Scotts Valley led to the closure of that challenging airport in the 1980's. Fun while it lasted, the dealership failed in 1978 over poor maintenance operations, and Dianne urged him to get a "real job" so they could have children. She was a PC Designer by then at HP in Cupertino and found an internal job posting he qualified for, so with better grades from his MBA, he joined HP in the spring of 1978, and bought a Piper Comanche airplane using his HP Offer Letter to secure the loan.



John with wife, Dianne, and kids, Katherine and Matthew, in 1984

A Career at HP and Agilent

Starting in Procurement Contracts, John was quickly promoted to manage the group, and led the effort to qualify Japanese DRAM Memory suppliers for HP when the US suppliers cut back on shipments to HP in favor of IBM and DEC in 1979. Within 2 more years all 3 domestic suppliers had exited the DRAM business, and John was not very popular with Mostek, Intel and Texas Instruments. After 2 years in procurement he transferred to HP's Cupertino site as division government contracts manager supporting the military Automated Test Systems assembled there. HP's Education Assistance Program, with the General Counsel's approval, funded an evening Law degree at Santa Clara University completed in 1983. His two children (Katherine and Matthew) were born during law school (did not make it easier) but he finished with an emphasis in corporate and IP law and passed both the California Bar and Patents Bar. He took the Patent's Bar only after his professor at Santa Clara urged everyone in class not to, saying it was too difficult an exam to pass after a single course. He

borrowed a self-study course and took the exam just to prove the professor wrong!

While John held a Corporate Credit Manager position in 1984, HP launched its LaserJets and initial PC's into the dealer channel and John created HP's first dealer flooring programs, and managed the passing of \$1 Billion in Receivables for the first time.

HP reorganized its sales forces in 1984 and John was recruited to lead federal contracts for the new Federal Marketing Organization, building a team of negotiators and administrators as HP surpassed \$800 Million in government contracts annually, bidding and winning large contracts for Navy and Army workstations in addition to instruments. One challenging project was managing HP's "Procurement Integrity" program and certifications. Dave Packard and Jack Welch developed that idea after several high-profile procurement fraud cases arose in the 1980's, and Packard committed HP to it without consulting CEO John Young. John had to orchestrate compliance among several thousand sales and marketing professionals, and HP became one of only two participating companies that never were convicted or investigated for government procurement irregularities. In the mid '90's, another friend encouraged John to join HP's Electronic Test business to set up a worldwide customer contracts organization, starting all alone. The team grew until the split of HP and Agilent in 1999, and John then established the Agilent contracts organization, which he led as Director and then Vice President. The group reached more than 100 people prior to the Dot Com meltdown of 2001, which led to layoffs and cost cutting at Agilent for a number of years. John retired from Agilent in 2006.



John with his Piper Comanche

A Second Career, and beyond!

After 3 months of retirement, a Sales Negotiation training firm in Marin County (BayGroup International) asked him to join as a consultant developer, working with clients like Oracle and Cisco (and yes, HP) to design customized content for sales training programs. Prior to his retirement, John had volunteered as Chair of the Supervisory (Audit) Committee of HP's \$2B Credit Union, and when the Risk Manager opted to retire late in 2007, John was encouraged to apply, so he retired from consulting and joined the credit union as chief risk, legal, compliance and audit officer. He spent nearly a year chasing down and repossessing exotic cars (Ferrari's, Lamborghini's and a Ford GT) tied to bad loans made

by a former lending manager. In 2010, First Tech CU merged with an Oregon CU for the largest merger of two healthy credit unions in US history, and John was busy assisting with merger legal tasks and bi-weekly trips to Portland. After 15 months working on the merger, he elected to step back and retire again, as the frequent travel to Oregon was a grind. While at the credit union, he got very involved with Elder Financial Abuse and Fraud, and has continued offering education to seniors on avoiding losses from fraud and ID Theft. After leaving the credit union, training firm BayGroup International called a week later and asked him to return to consulting, starting in 2011. The company was sold in 2014, and after the sale one of the sales managers started a spinoff focusing on procurement negotiations (using the same Stanford-based model...) and John switched over to working with RedBear Negotiations until some family issues and a very difficult client led to a fourth and final retirement in 2017.

John continues flying his Piper Comanche on volunteer missions, flying young children through the EAA's "Young Eagles" program, with over 150 kids flown out of San Jose, and flying animal rescue flights through Pilots n Paws organization. In addition, he volunteered more than 1,500 hours as a Docent at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos.



John and Dianne at their 50th Anniversary Celebration

Today his daughter works as an International Product Counsel for a multi-national in Neuchatel Switzerland, with plans to remain there. His son, who always liked playing with cars, manages teams of test drivers for Rivian Automotive in Palo Alto, Irvine and Arizona. After so many moves in his younger years, John is fortunate to have lived within a mile of his first Silicon Valley apartment in 1969, and to have had so many interesting "mini-careers" over the past 50 years. He continues to maintain instrument competency as a pilot, enjoys land travel with their Airstream trailer, and is a dedicated member of the Sports Car group at SIR's. Oh, and he is currently President of the HP Retired Employees Club also!

John McGowan and Pat O'Connor

REPORTS FROM OUR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

BOOK SWAP

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Welcome to the Book Swap Notes for August 2026.

We're Back!

Hope you all enjoyed the July Picnic.

Remember to bring your completed or unwanted books to swap at the August meeting.

Bob Steinberg

BOOK CLUB

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See our [web page](https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262) at
https://sir35.org/?page_id=3262

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The next Book Club meeting will be on Wed. August 12th

The SIR book club usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Live Oak room of Los Altos United Methodist Church from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm for a discussion of the book chosen for that month.

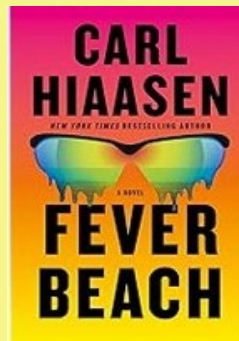
August dates for readers:

August 9: Book Lovers Day

August 18: National Bad Poetry Day

August 21: Poet's Day

August 30: Frankenstein Day (Mary Shelley's birthday)

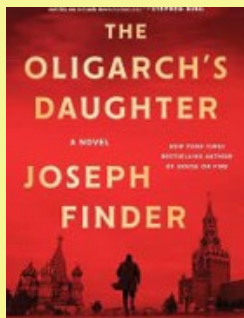


At the most recent meeting of your Sir book club the group discussed and cussed (more about that later) *Fever Beach* by Carl Hiaasen recommended by Dan Zemanek. Here are his notes from our discussion:

This month's book group reviewed Carl Hiaasen's 2025 novel, Fever Beach. The cast of characters is outrageous and the dialogue and descriptions, in many cases, quite hilarious. All in all, the members were not crazy about this latest Hiaasen book which is salted with crooked Florida politicians and eco-terrorists, favorite topics in many of Hiaasen's books. Fever Beach tells the story of two ne'er-do-wells who are trying to start a white nationalist group resulting in enormous complications. This was the 34th adult fiction book the author has written and many of our members thought it was definitely not his best. As Johnny Carson commented after one of his opening monologue jokes fell flat, "They all can't be gems."

Dan is too kind. Several of the members found the book to be offensive and mean spirited - that's the cussed part. Others appreciated the satire and the colorful characters even while

questioning some of the author's apparent lack of focus. The differing opinions led to a spirited and erudite exchange amongst the group: they may not have liked the book, but they had a lot to say about it (that's the discussed part). I personally found it to be one of the best meetings I have attended. Final rating was a record low of 2.7 on the arbitrary scale but the discussion gets a 5+.



In August we'll be reading and discussing *The Oligarch's Daughter* by Joseph Finder, recommended by Don Gladstone. One review describes the book as "A thriller with a decent setup but ridiculous outcomes." Stay tuned..., but better yet, please join us on August 12 at 1:30 pm in the Live Oak room at LAUMC.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday August 12th at the Los Altos United Methodist Church from 1:30 to 3 pm. If you would like more information about the books we read or if you want to visit the group, please contact either Ed Mills at (408)439-2234 or Dave Gobuty at (650)325-2533

Ed Mills

BOCCE BALL

See our [web page](#)

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MICHAEL MAURIER



(Normally) every Friday, 10:00 a.m. to noon when weather and court conditions permit. Guests are welcome.

We play at the Los Altos Community Center Bocce Ball Courts, located at 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022.

Bring a guest, as guests are welcome and encouraged! Come and meet old friends and make new ones. We welcome all skill levels from beginners who have never played before and those who have been playing for quite a while. We love to coach new players. Come and join us and have fun.



The Bocce Ball Group preparing to let fly!

We begin at 9:45 AM on most Fridays for court maintenance. (OK, being retired, a number of us view starting times as advisory and not strictly adhered to.) SIR volunteers do court

maintenance before we play. Play begins right after the maintenance is completed and we normally quit around Noon.

Our next **Quarterly Luncheon** will be either July 24 or August 7. Please **send me an email** and vote for the best day for you if you have not done so yet

Richard Oehlberg & Michael Maurier

WINE FINDERS

See our [web page](#)

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This activity is for couples who want to have fun and meet new people. We gather at the home of a host couple to blind taste, grade wines and share appetizers (and stories).



The five year celebration, table one

In July, we celebrated 5 years as a group! Now, we are welcoming newcomers to this activity, so contact me if you are interested in knowing more!



The five year celebration, more tables

Alan Gaudie

BOWLING

See our [web page](#)

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Every Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. (for a couple hours), at Homestead Bowl, Homestead & Stelling, in Cupertino.

Want to get some exercise, have fun and make new friends while throwing a 14-pound stone down an alley at ten pins? Come join the SIR 35 Bowling Activity!

We bowl at 1 PM on Tuesdays at the Homestead Lanes, 20990 Homestead Rd, Cupertino. Cost is only \$20 per week including the prize fund. Improve your balance, arm strength and mental focus while enjoying a good time! The Fall Session of SIR bowling starts on August 18th so if you are interested in joining a team contact Bob Garten.

Spring Season Week 14 Standings		Wins
1st	Ruth Ososkie, Larry Malbaum, Jerry Ososkie,	37 1/2
2nd	Joe Hauser, Paul Cook, Man Tran, Jay Jonekait	36
3rd	Ramesh Patel, Chris Weberg, Larry Low,	35
4th	Ron Grace, Nazeem Nordeen, Stan Barkey, Bob Garten	30
5th	Bob Feigelson, Brad Ashmore, Bob Froelich, Joe Enos	28
6th	Doug Anderson, Lynn Emmenegger, Fred Emmenegger, Tom Petro	28
7th	Les Fisher, Gary Coluccio, Perry Brown,	24.5
8th	Karen Soules, Alan Gaudie, B Soules, Ken Allen	23
9th	Oren Abramson, Peter Wong, Scott Hiller,	23
10th	Gordon Frierson, Rick McColloch, Bob Taggart, Jack George	15

Season High Scores			
Scratch Series		Scratch Game	
Men 1	622 Jack George	1	233 Perry Brown
2	567 Larry Low	2	220 Joe Enos
3	559 Jay Jonekait	3	215 Bob Gartem
Women	445 Ruth Ososkie		165 Lynn Emmenegger
Handicap Series		Handicap Game	
Men 1	722 Stan Barkey	1	294 Bob Feigelson
2	692 Nazeem Nordeen	2	262 Brad Ashmore
3	678 Ken Allen	3	262 Peter Wong
Women	630 Karen Soules		

Contact Bob Garten (408)253-5860 if you'd like to join!

Bob Garten

PERSONAL FINANCE

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The next meeting is Wednesday August 5th at 1PM at the Moffett Musuem.

The Personal Finance Group met July 8th at the Moffett Museum. Topics included:

- A quick review of a new email scam to steal your email credentials
- A short and interesting YouTube video on how AI works
- Follow-up discussion on obtaining IPO shares of SpaceX
- Some more stock charting examples
- A synopsis of three Kiplinger articles: 1) Preferred Stocks, 2) Foreign Investing, 3) After Hours trading



A jet on display at the Museum at Moffett Airfield

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 5th (Wed. 1PM Moffett Museum). Speakers Bruce Entin & Howard Kalt will talk about how company Investor Relations works and the impact on Investors.

If you wish to be added to our email distribution list, please contact Bill Mack.

Bill Mack

BIKING

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See our [web page](#)

The next bike ride will be on Thursday, August 13th, 2026 (2nd Thursday of the month), meeting at 11am.

Wives and guests welcomed and helmets are required.

Due to the forecast heat wave in the Bay Area, June's ride was changed from the Guadalupe River Trail to the Half Moon Bay Coastal Trail. The HMB trail was a much more pleasant ride for everyone. We will do the Guadalupe River Trail this month instead.



View of San Francisco Cityscape from San Lorenzo Island

San Lorenzo Bay Trail (I think this ride is one of the BEST in the entire Bay Area!!)

Ride: The ride starts in San Lorenzo passing the Oakland International Airport to the breathtaking Bay Farm Island in Alameda. It is a very scenic, bay front trail that's paved and generally level (including 1-2 miles of quiet residential streets and 2-3 miles of Alameda city streets securely barricaded from all traffic, about 22 miles round trip. We will stop for lunch on Bay Farm Island and then ride back to our starting point. The trail can get a bay breeze so bring light windbreaker or vest. This ride is very much like the Foster City Bay Trail/Oracle Redwood Shores ride, but in the East Bay.

Driving Directions (from the Bay Area): Take I-880 heading North and exit on Hesperian Blvd (about 20 miles from Mt View/Palo Alto area). Turn left on to Hesperian Blvd, turn right on Grant Avenue for 2-3 miles and then turn right into the Hayward Regional Parking Lot. Plug Into your vehicle's GPS system: 2561 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo. This will direct you to the building next to the Hayward Regional Parking Lot.

If you plan to ride, or have questions, please contact me, number above, or find my email in the [Branch Directory](#).

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SPORTS CAR GROUP

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Sports Car FunRun will take place on the second Wednesday, August 12th, 2026. 🚗 🌞

We set a new attendance record for our July SIR Sports Car FunRun with 19 participants. While Porsches made up much of the field, we also welcomed a Mazda Miata, Chevrolet Corvette, Lexus SC 430, BMW, a beautifully restored Alfa Romeo and a classic Chevrolet El Camino—proof that everyone is welcome, no matter what they drive.

Our route took us through the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains on one of Northern California's most scenic drives. We met at Quarry Park in Saratoga at 10:30 a.m. before heading up Big Basin Way (Highway 9), cruising along Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35), and descending La Honda Road to the Pacific Coast Highway. Sunlight filtering through towering redwoods gave way to sweeping ocean views as we made our way south.



We had a wide range of cars including Porsche, Corvette, Miata, Lexus, BMW, a beautiful Alfa Romeo and a classic El Camino

From Highway 1 we turned onto Pescadero Road and continued into the charming town of Pescadero for lunch at Duarte's Tavern. The food was outstanding, with several members enjoying the famous artichoke soup and Ollallieberry pie. The service was excellent, the meal delicious, and, as always, the conversation was the highlight of the day.



Part of the group before we took off on our latest adventure

Our next Sports Car FunRun is Wednesday, August 12, 2026. If you enjoy great roads, beautiful scenery, interesting cars, and good company, we hope you'll join us!

John Tucker

HIKING

See our [web page](#)

JOHN TUCKER
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Our next SIR Hike will be on Friday, July 24th, 2026.

July SIR Hike – Escaping the Summer Heat

When summer temperatures soar in the valley, there's no better place to hike than the coast. That's exactly what 19 SIR hikers did on July 24 as we traded 80- and 90-degree weather for refreshing ocean breezes and temperatures in the upper 60s.



Happy hikers getting ready to hit the trail

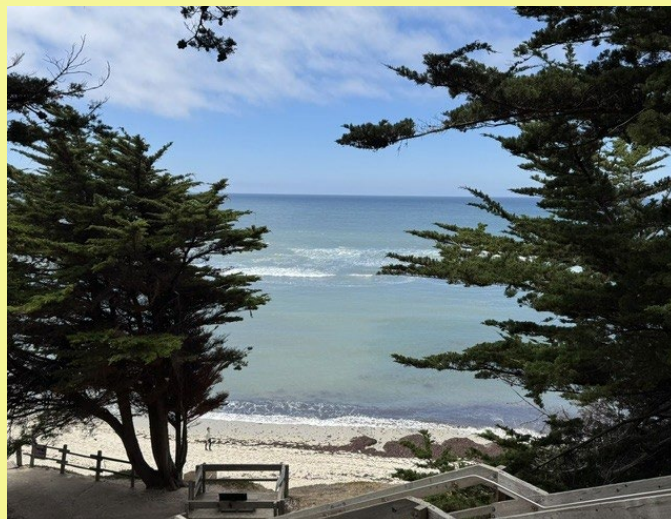
Our route took us from the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach to Pillar Point and Mavericks Beach, covering about six miles with approximately 400 feet of elevation gain. The hike was relatively easy, and nearly the entire route followed scenic coastal bluffs with spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean.



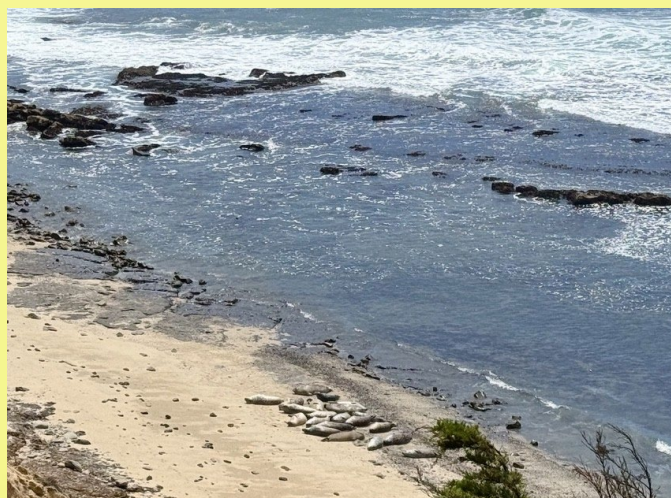
The weather was great compared to the valley

We paused for lunch at Mavericks Beach, where a concrete seawall made the perfect place to sit, enjoy the view, and catch up with friends. The combination of cool ocean air, beautiful scenery, and great conversation reminded us why this is one of our favorite summer hikes.

As always, we ended the day with our traditional after-hike debriefing, this time at the historic San Benito House & Cantina in downtown Half Moon Bay—a fitting end to another enjoyable day on the trail.



The coast was beautiful



We caught some seals enjoying a siesta on the beach

Our next hike is **Friday, August 28, 2026**. We hope you'll mark your calendar and join us for another great day of hiking, scenery, and fellowship!

John Tucker

BRIDGE

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See our [web page](#)



The Bridge Club is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at the Los Altos Senior Center at 12:00 o'clock. We typically have two tables but are happy to have new members join our group.

If you're interested in trying it out, send me an email.

Mark Levi

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See our [web page](#)

Fixtures for September – sign up now!

SIGN-UP with John Gerich by Friday August 14				
Spring Valley (SPV)	Thu Sep 3	10:00	\$51	
Stephens 408-489-1758 wendellstephens@mac.com / Kalsi				
Labor Day (No golf)	Mon Sep 7	0:00	\$0	
Rancho Solano (RSO)	Wed Sep 9	10:00	\$61	
Jim Schlatter Rittweger 650-740-3156 olygolfjr@aol.com / Enos				
Los Lagos (LLS)	Thu Sep 10	9:27	\$39	
Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / ** NEED ATC **				
Eagle Ridge (ERG)	Mon Sep 14	10:00	\$83	
Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / McGrath				
Villages (VLG)	Thu Sep 17	11:30	\$88	
Barnhart 408-594-5949 terry.b2007@sbcglobal.net / Ososkie				
Callippe Preserve (CPR)	Mon Sep 21	10:02	\$74	
Double Points Nakamoto 408-440-2330 ronandela@comcast.net / Schutz				
Poppy Ridge	Thu Sep 24	11:00	\$105	
10 day Lock -in Garten 408-253-5860 xonon1@comcast.net / ** NEED ATC **				
Coyote Creek - V (CCV)	Mon Sep 28	9:35	\$90	
3 day lock-in / \$10 walking discount Weberg 408-205-9120 cweberg1@gmail.com / Hall				

Barnhart Shoots the Round of the Month

On July 16 Terry Barnhart shot a gross 85, net 62, at The Villages. Terry was 9.8 strokes under his expected score and won his flight by 8 strokes. Terry also shot his age. It is the first time he's done that in a Branch 35 event, so he will receive a \$200 prize.

However, it's not the first time he's shot his age at The Villages in July. He shot an 84 there last summer – his very first time shooting his age. Terry lives at The Villages, so it's his home course as well as his favorite.

July's Golf Results:

2026 Individual Match Play Tournament Results

(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" metric was -2.0 or better.)

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
2	Almaden CC	B. Soules def. Stan Scardino	1 up	\$10
Semifinal	Callippe Preserve	Jay Jonekait tied Chris Weberg	Tied	N/A

2026 Team Match Play Tournament Results

(If a name is in red it means the player's "over/under" metric was -2.0 or better.)

Round	Course	Match	Score	Prize
2	Seascope	Weberg & Kalsi def. Miles & Garten	1 up	\$10@
Semifinal	Callippe Preserve	Narayan Prabhakaran & John Rittweger def. Dale Leonard & Ken Cornwell*	3 & 2	10GC@

* Leonard played the match without Cornwell

Moffett Field			Par 72			June 29, 2026		
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize			
Joe Cioni	66	\$25	Don Mattson	67	\$25			
Mike Lamble	68	\$21	John Ray	68	\$20			
John Rittweger	69	\$16	Ramesh Patel	68	\$15			
Jay Jonekait	71	\$11	Balbir Kalsi	70	\$10			
Richard Pattisson	73	\$9	Mike Roanhaus	72	\$7			
Shot his age: Don Mattson (age 94) shot 93 (\$25); Joe Cioni (86) shot 76								
Low Gross (forward tees): Joe Cioni 76								
Low Gross (back tees): Nazeem Noordeen 94								

Seascope			Par 71		July 2, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Nazeem Noordeen	70	\$22	Jim Miller	68	\$18	
Mike Lamble	70	\$16	Wendell Stephens	75	\$12	
Dan Crow	72	\$12	Jeff Knopf	75	\$7	
Rick Wheat	77	\$7				
Low Gross (forward tees): Nazeem Noordeen 81						
Low Gross (back tees): John Rittweger 94						

Crystal Springs			Par 72		July 6, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net \$
Larry Loe	71	\$18	B. Soules	68	\$18	Joe Enos 71 \$18
Chris Weberg	78	\$14	John Gerich	69	\$14	Balbir Kalsi 74 \$14
Joe Cioni	80	\$10	Tony Beech	76	\$10	G. O'Brien 77 \$10
Inside Putter Length: B. Soules on #13 (\$15), Dale Leonard on #3 (\$15)						
Low Gross: Larry Low 84						

Almaden Country Club			Par 72		July 9, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net \$
Les Miles	69	\$18	Jeff Kelley	66	\$18	Jeff Knopf 69 \$18
Jeff Almon	74	\$14	Bill Hall	69	\$14	Dave Dardis 71 \$14
Chris Weberg	75	\$10	R. Nakamoto	71	\$10	V. Navarro 73 \$10
Martin Virelas	75	\$5	Tom Taboada	73	\$5	Ramesh Patel 74 \$5
Low Gross (forward tees): Chris Weberg and John Rittweger tied at 87						
Low Gross (back tees): Les Miles 88						

The Villages			Par 72		July 16, 2026	
Palmer Flight	Net	Prize	Nicklaus Flight	Net	Prize	
Terry Barnhart	62	\$25	Jeff Knopf	69	\$25	
Robert Manetta	70	\$21	Ramesh Patel	71	\$20	
Mark Taylor	71	\$16	Wendell Stephens	72	\$15	
Les Miles	72	\$11	Mike Roanhaus	73	\$10	
Dave Squellati	72	\$9	Don Mattson	73	\$7	
Shot his age: Terry Barnhart (age 85) shot 85 (\$200, first time in a Branch 35 tournament)						
Low Gross: Robert Manetta 77						

Coyote Creek - Tournament			Par 72		July 20, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net \$
Chris Weberg	74	\$18	Bob Fahey	70	\$18	Don Mattson 71 \$18
Bob Garten	77	\$14	Stan Scardino	70	\$14	Balbir Kalsi 72 \$14
J. Rittweger	77	\$10	Mike Lamble	73	\$10	Ramesh Patel 77 \$10
Dale Leonard	78	\$5	Mark Taylor	77	\$5	Kary Cochran 80 \$5
Low Gross (forward tees): Dan Crow 89						
Low Gross (back tees): Chris Weberg 89						

Callippe Preserve			Par 72		July 27, 2026	
Palmer Flt. 1	Net	\$	Palmer Flt. 2	Net	\$	Nicklaus Flt. Net \$
Bob Garten	68	18GC	S. Scardino	73	18GC	Joe Eno 75 20GC
B. Soules	73	15GC	Bob Fahey	75	15GC	Jeff Knopf 80 17GC
Jeff Kelley	75	12GC	Bill Hall	75	12GC	Tim O'Meara 80 13GC
M. Virelas	76	\$6	D. Squellati	77	\$6	Ramesh Patel 81 \$8
Shot his age: Bob Garten (age 84) shot 84						
Low Gross (forward tees): Tanya Gacs 94						
Low Gross (back tees): Bob Garten 84						

Bruce Karney

Upcoming SIR State Golf Events

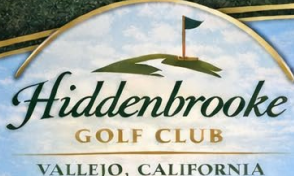
August 5th-6th Hiddenbrooke--State Team Scramble Championship (see flyer on next page)

Sept. 15th-16th Lincoln Hills and Turkey Creek

Oct. 1st State Individual Championship at Teal Bend

Nov. 10th-11th Monterey BlackHorse and Bayonet

Contact Ben Gikis for sign up information




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Ben Gikis

STATE SIR UPDATES



Our State SIR Organization publishes a quarterly newsletter, *The Rooster Crows*, and a regular bulletin highlighting SIR events, branch activities and state-wide activities called *SIR Happenings*. You can read the latest issues here: <https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

SIR STATE HAPPENING NEWSLETTER

Michael Lee – SIR State Activities Director
(88miee@gmail.com)



Here are your state activities for July 2026

INVESTING:

The next Zoom on Wednesday, July 22nd at 1:30pm will cover the topic, "Am I properly integrating tax planning, estate planning, wealth preservation, wealth transfer, and generational planning?"

BOWLING TOURNAMENTS:

Auburn: July 9-10 at Foothill Bowl. Host BR 113.

Concord: July 21-22 at Clayton Valley Bowl, hosted by Branches 8, 19, and 128.

Reno: August 10-12 at the National Bowling Stadium, hosted by BR 113.

These events are open to all SIRs, spouse, partner, relative, and invited guests. Bowlers must have a USBC card and verified average.

For more information, contact Jim Erickson at 925-580-4146 or jim@jterickson.com.

FISHING:

July 7th Delta for Black Bass and Stripers
July 14th Oakley Antioch Pier for Stripers
July 14th S.F. Bay for shark, stripers, halibut
July 16th S.F. Bay for Halibut & Stripers
July 19-24 Port Hardy, Vancouver Island
Canada for Salmon and Halibut

SIR State run many golf activities, on top of what we do at our own Branch level. Check out State Golf opportunities here: <https://sirgolf.org/>.

Pat O'Connor

MOVIES

MOVIES

JIM QUILLINAN
408-838-4379

See Jim's [web page](#)

Our Movies group's next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday August 18th at 3 pm. If you are interested in joining, contact Jim Quillinan.



Moana. This is pretty much a live action re-do of the 2016 animated Disney cartoon. In ancient Polynesian lore, a terrible curse is put on the demigod Maui (Dwayne Johnson). In his travels he reaches Moana's island. The Ocean tells her to help Maui and relieve him of the curse. They sail around, sing a bunch and eventually Maui is set free from the curse. The main reason to see this film is Catherine Laga'aia as Moana. Not only is she adorable, but

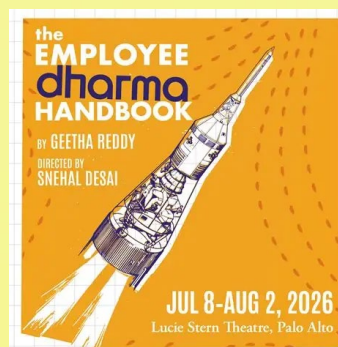
she can also sing up a storm. Even Johnson sings a bit, not enough to ruin the experience. The film is worth seeing, but better to wait for it to stream. Rated PG for action/peril, some scary images, rude humor and brief thematic elements. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.



The Odyssey. The ancient epic is brought to the really big screen as only director Christopher Nolan can do. You may want to brush up on your Greek Mythology before seeing the film. Knowing some of the back stories of the characters would be helpful. After the Trojan War, King Odysseus (Matt Damon) sails home to Ithaca with his men. They face many perils. It is prophesied that they all will all die, except Odysseus. During their trip they confront the

Cyclops, sirens, a witch, monsters, lotus eaters and Calypso. Odysseus has now lost all of his men. He returns to Ithaca as a beggar to find his ever-faithful wife, Penelope (Anne Hathaway), trying to dispatch a number of suitors. There is a battle for her hand in marriage, but Odysseus finally reveals his identity, and he and Penelope sail off into the sunset. The film is ambitious and does the ancient tale and its lessons well. There are times that poetic license is a bit too broad as ships appear where there were none, soldiers seem to multiply. The film is just shy of 3 hours and is too long due to battle scenes that go on forever. For sure there will be many Oscars as the acting is quite good and the overall

production is remarkable. Rated R for violence and some language. In Theatres. It too is a super Peggy's Pick.



The Employee Dharma Handbook. TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the World Premiere of this funny yet poignant play. Set in modern-day Silicon Valley, contemporary culture runs into an ancient culture that results in a bold and funny discourse on what is right. Sequoia Dynamics is an aerospace

company. A dispute has arisen when a female engineer complains that she was passed over for a promotion. Human Resources Director Val investigates and sees a shuffling of many employees in preparation for a critical rocket launch. She sees sexism but then sees another issue in that all of the key people involved are of Asian Indian origins. Could the ancient caste system be influencing the decisions and approach of the engineering staff? Could just plain old sexual tension be part of it? As the rocket launch approaches, Val sees what's happening as the play comes to a surprise ending. The play is a delightful experience that will keep you laughing and enlighten you on cultural nuances. Now playing at the Lucie Stern Theatre through August 2, 2026. Go to www.theatreworks.org to buy tickets. Not suitable for young children. It is a Peggy's Pick.



Hadestown: The Musical. This Tony Award winning Broadway Musical is brought to your local theatres. The classic stories of Orpheus and Eurydice and of Hades and Persephone are brought to the stage in a brilliant musical adaptation. The truly amazing part of the experience is that it does not feel like a Broadway play that was filmed. Very clever camera work and staging make it feel as if you are seeing an actual live performance.

Hopefully these techniques will bring the "Broadway Experience" to many more people. This is one to see, don't miss out on this special experience. Not rated. In Theatres. It is a Peggy's Pick.

Jim Quillinan

MOVIE AND MUSIC HISTORY

RON NAKAMOTO, ROY NAKAMURA
AND PAT O'CONNOR



There are few constants in life. Turbulence, ever changing, "as time goes by" are phrases we typically cast to describe periods that we lived through. This monthly article hopes to spur those memorable moments in your life when you first saw the movie or heard the song from your youth. What were you doing back then? Ron

Music: Three Songs and Singers that defined the Turbulent '60s



Part 2: Cheap Thrills, Janis Joplin, Big Brother and the Holding Company, August 12, 1968.

"Cheap Thrills" was the second album released by "Big Brother and the Holding Company" and the final album with lead singer Janis Joplin before she left to begin her solo career. The album was highly popular, reaching number one on the Billboard Chart for eight weeks,

selling a million albums and earning Platinum status. The most popular songs on the album were "Summertime", "Piece of My Heart", and "Ball and Chain". The original title of the album was "Sex, Dope & Cheap Thrills" which Janis wanted but Columbia Records ruled out as too provocative.



Big Brother And The Holding Company

The unique album cover was drawn by underground cartoonist Robert Crumb after Columbia vetoed a photo of the group naked

in bed together. Robert thought his artwork was for the back cover with Janis on the front. However, Janis an avid fan of Crumb's work insisted that his work be on the front of the album. (Editor's note: Crumb was already the cartoonist of the Sixties comix movement. His most recognized characters were "Fritz the Cat", "Mr. Natural", and "Keep on Truckin" published in the comic section of many newspapers.) After Columbia nixed the naked group picture, they had to agree to Janis, which is why Crumb's cartoon collage is on the front and a black and white photo collage of Janis and the band is on the back.

Janis was another strong artist who knew where she wanted to go, how she wanted to expand her sound musically and knew her band was too "sloppy" and lacked the musical talent to change. Was she and her manager wrong? Her manager recounted that "once we left the warm and cozy San Francisco area, the critics attacked the band because we were very limited musically." Rolling Stone magazine called the band's Boston gig "messy and a general musical disgrace".



Janis was the creative wild child of the '60s

Janis wanted to keep her music family together but realized she had to let go. At their last concert in December 1968, in San Francisco, she said, "It was a very sad thing, man. I love those guys more than anybody else in the whole world, they know that. But if I had any serious idea of myself as a musician, I had to leave."

In early 1969 she formed the Kozmic Blues Band with a horn section and debuted her band with an appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show". She capped the year performing at "Woodstock" and releasing her first album "I Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!". That band disbanded due to personnel issues and she formed the "Full Tilt Boogie Band" and recorded her final album "Pearl" which was released in January 1971, after her untimely death.



The Kozmic Blues Band



With super hits “Me and Bobby McGee”, acapella “Mercedes Benz”, and “Cry Baby”, the album quickly climbed to number one on the Billboard 200 for over nine weeks and was soon certified quadruple Platinum. Although she didn't write any of the songs, she was in complete control of the sound, arrangement, recording, and even played acoustic guitar on the “Me and Bobby McGee” song track.



Janis Joplin the student, taken in Austin in 1962 by Marjorie Alette

Here's *Piece Of My Heart* from *Cheap Thrills* with Big Brother And The Holding Company

<https://www.youtube.com/live/QV1-67eIPi?si=Lml6jyFsmvWINlo>

And here's *Mercedes Benz* from *Pearl* with Full-Tilt Boogie Band

https://youtu.be/6dM2uzunIXs?si=dqrG_z4NNMN0Mqtm

And her greatest hit, from *Pearl*, *Me And Bobby McGee*

<https://youtu.be/sfjon-ZTqzU?si=L8BkVqiPs9Fz1UxG>

And here's a transcript of that 1962 UT Austin *Daily Texan* article, *She Dares to Be Different*, by Pat Sharpe

<https://www.michaelcorcoran.net/she-dares-to-be-different-janis-at-ut-1962/>

As Paul Harvey is quoted as saying, “And now, ... you know the rest of the story.”

Ron Nakamoto

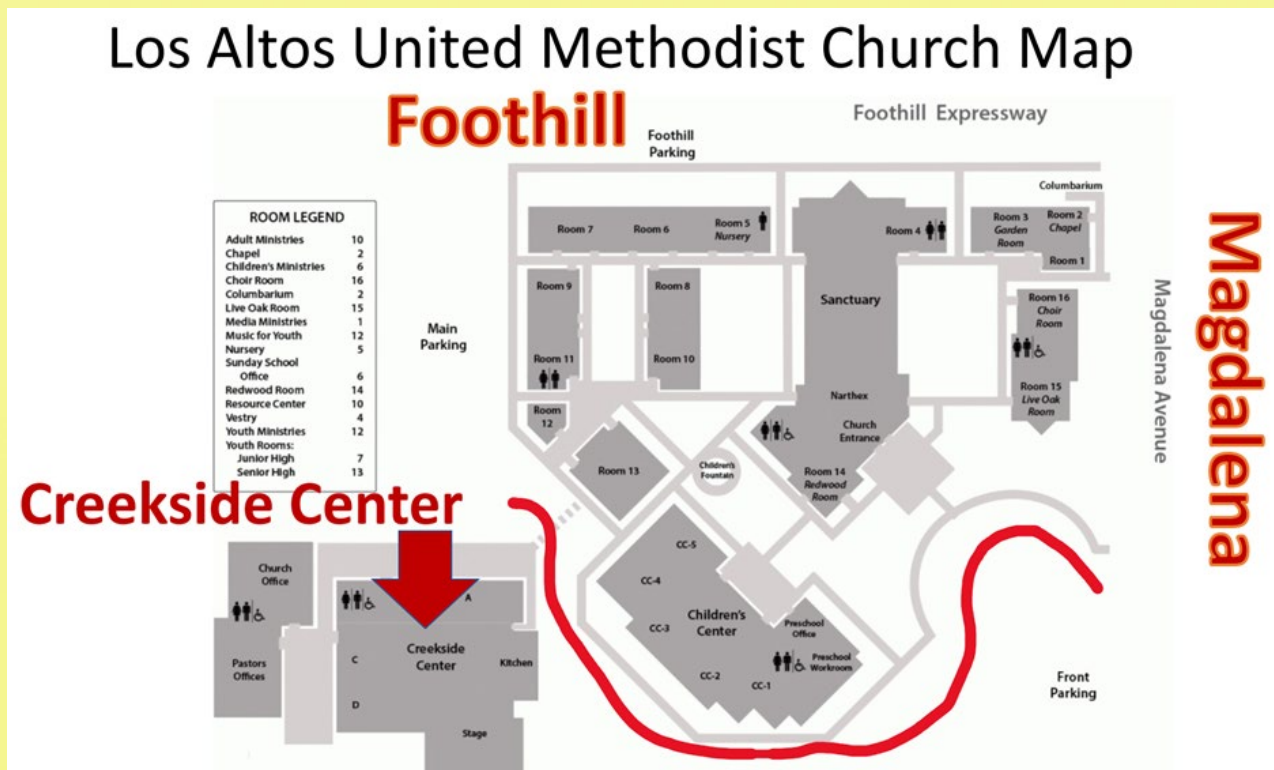


Janis on top of a psychedelic Porsche 356 at the Palace of Fine Arts, SF

Did you know that Janis was once a ‘normal youth’, graduating from her high school in Port Arthur, Texas and was enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin. Even then, the campus newspaper, headlined an article on her as “She Dares to Be Different” because she had a reputation as such a free spirit.

But that did not last and soon she decided “Just to get away, because my head was in a much different place”, hitchhiking to San Francisco. This is where she embraced the scene, the drugs, and became a heavy Southern Comfort drinker. Her driving creativity coupled with her strong desire to belong and be loved dictated her behavior and her demise.

Parking Map for the
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Death or illness of a fellow Sir should be reported to **Pat O'Connor**. He will express condolences of our Branch and communicate memorial announcements among the BEC and members via email.

SIR Branch 35 Activities - August 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Golf 10:00am Poplar \$49	4 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	5 State SIR Golf Hiddenbrooke Practice Round Pers. Finance 1:00pm Moffett Field Museum Library	6 Golf 9:30am Shoreline \$46 State SIR Golf Hiddenbrooke Competition Round	7 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	8
9	10 Golf 10:00am Baylands \$75	11 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	12 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center Book Club 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church Sports Car Group 10:30am	13 Golf 9:30am Metropolitan \$54 Biking 11:00am San Lorenzo Bay Trail	14 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	15
16	17 Golf 10:00am Santa Teresa \$78	18 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl Movies 3:00pm Zoom Meeting	19 Branch 35 Lunch Mtg 11:00am - 1:30pm Los Altos United Methodist Church	20 Golf 9:40am Redwood Canyon \$47	21 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	22
23	24 Golf 9:30am DeLaveaga \$64	25 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	26 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	27 Golf 9:30am Dublin Ranch \$48	28 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr. Hiking 10:00am Location TBD	29
30	31 Golf 9:30am San Jose Muni \$52	1 Bowling 1:00pm Homestead Bowl	2 Bridge 12:00pm Los Altos Senior Center	3 Bocce Ball 10:00am Los Altos Community Ctr.	4	5