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## BIG SIR'S MESSAGE

Wasn't that an interesting presentation at our May Luncheon? Mark Twitchell, the IRS Criminal Investigation Special Agent and son of our own Little Sir Doug Twitchell sure gave us the low down on how the federal tax agency goes about tracking down and apprehending the big time tax cheats in our country. My own take away from the talk was "Don't mess with the IRS!"

On another note, summer seems to have finally shown up in Marin, real summer the kind without torrential rains and cold foggy days. I sure hope this continues as we have all come to expect and enjoy beautiful weather in the past. I know many of our members will be travelling this summer, I wish you all the best in your travels and hope you come back with some interesting stories you can share with the rest of us.

By the way, if you happen to bump into Ron Kosciusko at our June luncheon ask him about his trip to South Africa. He and his wife recently returned from there and I heard about their adventure at the SIR May Party at the Marin Country Club, it sounded like a great trip. I sure enjoyed hearing about it and so will you.

As for myself, nothing so exotic lined up for me, I am headed off to New Jersey, my home state, to visit family but I'll be back for our June luncheon and our club's trip to North Korea via our next speaker. Don't miss it, see you all then!

And GO WARRIORS!!

**Jim Norton, Big Sir - Branch 47**

### April 23rd Speaker Review

#### **Motor Gasoline (All you want to know and more) April Meeting**

**L.M. Gibbs, Chevron Fellow Emeritus. Sir 06/2017**

Fifty one years as a mechanical engineer with Chevron, mainly in Richmond, enabled Lou to give us an authoritative overview of the past, present and future of motor gasoline. With modesty he did not mention his Chevron Fellowship was one of only 20 company wide, nor that he was called "Mr Chevron" on the company/public interface for many years. He was chair of a Standards Subcommittee for 40 years and is still acting as a consultant to the Industry.

It is not easy to summarize a professional lifetime in a 30 minute after lunch talk, especially in a profession where so many changes have occurred. Lou solved this by projecting a 'take no prisoners' overview with 32 slides of lists, data, diagrams and flow charts. His commentary on the slides revealed the awesome complexity of this flow of inflammable/explosive liquid energy from oil well to pump to purring vehicle. But in 500 words or less it is impossible to describe every slide so I will discuss those overviews that rang my personal bell.

The first slide, a photograph of a gas station and two pump jockeys outfitted in white, providing gas, cleaning windows and checking oil and tires for 20 cents a gallon. Memories not exercised in many years and the possible basis for the guilt I feel when I fail to check tires and oil as I pump my own gas. Apparently advances in tires and engines make the need for more frequent checks unnecessary.

The slide of a well-head rocker and another of dinosaurs reminds us of the origin of crude over millions of years from biological materials made possible by chlorophyll's ability to capture the energy of the sun in plant form. In effect we are propelled by ancient solar energy with the unfortunate release back into the environment of the carbon dioxide sequestered millions of years ago.

Crude comes in many forms that present different challenges for refinement. Some crude is so thick it needs to be heated for extraction and distribution to refineries. The flow chart "Typical Refinery - Gasoline Blending" showed the complexity of producing different formulations for different uses. The three blends at our pumps are just scratching the surface of what is available. All products have to meet Voluntary Consensus Standards for specific intended use and insure minimal negative effects on the engines involved. Additives are added to the gas for a variety of reasons including inhibiting engine corrosion; these additives have to meet standards too. In fact, Standards apply to practically every aspect of the gasoline industry and are a major achievement of consensus reached by scientists, engineers, chemists, car companies, politicians, and Wall Street. reach consensus numbs the mind.

The history of the gasoline industry Lou presented can be viewed as a search to optimize the efficiency and reliability of gasoline engines and minimize their impact on the environment. Early 60's eye stinging Los Angeles brown smog plus a life threatening status asthmatic attack in a taxi stuck in traffic in Mexico City are not easily forgotten. Leaded gas spreading a thin film of brain poisoning lead over everything is fortunately no more either. (Tetraethyl lead was added to prevent engine knock starting in WW2 but was banned in 1975 for obvious health reasons and because lead poisons catalytic converters and oxygen sensors, proven major advances in the protection of our environment.)

Engine knocking indicates the gas/air mixture in the cylinders is not being exploded by the timing mechanism spark but by the out of timing heat of compression spark as the piston approaches the combustion chamber. The ordinary low compression motor car with computer controlled timing adjustment can use low octane gas. On the other hand, high end cars have higher compression and potentially more out of time firings. These cars need higher octane gas containing additives to suppress the heat of compression firings. 'Octane' is a measure of heat of compression firing suppression not of quantity of energy per gallon. Buying high octane gas for a low compression car is a waste of money. Just why high octane gas is more expensive is a subject of discussion.

Corn ethanol blended gas is good in theory (grow your own gas) but it comes with technological, political problems. Growing corn rapidly depletes the soil we will need to grow food for an increasing world population. It seems there is no free lunch.

There's much more in this presentation but we are out of space. So here is dessert:

*California Tax on a Gallon of Gas 73.82c,*

Underground storage fee 2.0c; average local sales tax 3.62c; 8.1c (2.25% sales tax); 11.7c variable state gas tax; 18.4c Federal excise tax; 30c state gas tax. (2019 figures) Ouch!

*Fuel Economy Factors (% Reduction)*

Air conditioner 21%; Acceleration rate, hard v. easy, 11.8%; Traffic congestion 20 mph v. 27 mph, 10.6; Driving speed 66 mph v. 55 mph, 10; Warm-up, Winter v. Summer, up to 20%.

Sincere thanks to Lou Gibbs. Trevor Hughes.

SIR BR 47 BAR-B-QUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Social time @11:30am with Lunch @12:00 NOON.



Debbie Ghiringhelli is again catering our BBQ at Miwok Park in Novato (on Novato Blvd. between San Miguel Way & Eucalyptus).

=> You can park at Miwok Park, on Novato Blvd. or on San Miguel Way (from which you can also enter via the back of the Park).

We reserved the Trout BBQ Area for Br 47 members, spouses & other guests.

<< Cost is TBD / person >>

Menu is choice of BBQ Tri-tip, BBQ Chicken, or both, or BBQ Tofu with vegetable Kabobs (vegetarian) plus Caesar salad, fruit salad, stuffed eggs, and garlic bread. Coffee, water & dessert are also provided. << You may bring your own beer / wine / liquor if you wish, but remember this is a city park. >>

Contact Kurt Heilman @ 415-897-2460. Send payment to Kurt Heilman @ 457 Fieldstone Dr., Novato, CA 95945.

Payment must be received 48 hours in advance and/or cancelations made by noon Sunday Sept. 8, 2019 in order to be honored

ED NOTE: This is basically a place holder notice of the date. The flyer is from last year. Any updates to price, menu, contacts to follow.



For SIRs Travel please refer to the SIRs WEB site [www.sir47.org](http://www.sir47.org) for the years Travel itineraries or call your Travel Chairman Kurt Heilman @ 415-897-2460

JUNE MONTHLY LUNCH MENU

NOTE COST IS NOW \$29

Salad

BBQ Baby back ribs and chicken, Cole Slaw, and corn

Alternative: Grilled Salmon with corn

Rolls and butter

Dessert

JUNE 25 Luncheon Speaker

Bob Canepa, Marin Rotary:

North Korea -The Hermit Kingdom. Bob traveled to North Korea and will share in detail his personal experience and perspectives.

DOUG TWITCHELL, LITTLE SIR

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesús is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesús is watching you."

In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesús is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?"

The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesús."

## BRIDGE GROUP

The bridge group meets on the third Thursday of each month at a member's home. Play is from 10 am to 2 pm. To reserve space and get directions for the next event, call or email

**Charles Caviness: 415 435-9618**



## QUICKEN SIG

Meets quarterly for info call  
*B. Bloch, GGCS, 415-388-3864*

## ADVANCED DIGITAL CAMERA STUFF

3rd Wednesdays, vp@ggcs.org  
All Wednesday sessions are from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

**GGCS classroom**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Fifth Avenue, San Rafael**



## FISHING

The fishermen meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Novato United Methodist Church at 9:30am. For detailed information, contact **SIR Bill Cline, Branch 134, @**



## INVESTORS LUNCH BUNCH

Second Friday of the month at Sam's Place at 1545 South Novato Blvd. Order from the complete Breakfast/Lunch menu and receive individual checks. No reservations are required. Meeting will start at 11:45, followed by presentations and discussions.

Contacts:

Will Kaefer 415-927-1043, or

## THURSDAY WALKING/HIKING GROUP

1st week each month: Jake Solomon 415-472-3069  
2nd week each month Pierre Terrier 415-785-4513  
3rd week each month: Al Springstead 415-250-3808  
4th week each month: Alan Thomas 415-457-4576  
5th week (if applicable): Dee Stuever 415-459-6751

## GOLF



**Chairman Tom Brady, 897-8573**

**9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park**

**Mondays at 9:00 am, weather permitting**

**Contact James G Bitter <jybitter@aol.com>**

## 18 Hole Golf

June 3	Monday	Petaluma CC	08:30
June 10	Monday	Napa/Kennedy	08:00
June 17	Monday	Chardonnay	08:00
June 24	Monday	Blue Rock West	08:00

## BRANCH 47 BOCCE

The first Monday of each month; no cost to play. Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend. We start with lunch at 12 noon @ the Swiss Hotel on the Sonoma Square. Then we play Bocce @ about 1:30 pm at Depot Park behind the Swiss Hotel. Bring your own Bocce balls, if you have them.

Contact: Kurt Heilman @ 415-892-2460 or [heilmanfour@comcast.net](mailto:heilmanfour@comcast.net) to let him know if you want to be on the mailing list or to join us for lunch and bocce.



## BOWLING

**Bowling League bowling is every Friday at Country Club Bowl, 88 Vivian Way, San Rafael.**

**Start time: 10:45 AM. Come and share the fun!**

**Contact Paul Schofield, Chair 892-7019**



## TENNIS, ANYONE?

The best turnout this month was Wednesday May 22 with 7 players. When more than 4 show up, we use 2 courts at McInnis. If there are not 2 foursomes, then we play 4 games so that every one serves, then rotate the remaining members in. Players that have played once with a player may not play with that partner again. This works well when there are more than four players. **Play is at McInnis Park every Wednesday @ 9:30 AM. Call Bill Donnelly 897-8966 or Glen Ohm 479-5693 if you wish to join the fun!**



## **Br 47 Outings include:**

**1. Swing on the Ship St. June 8 6 -10 pm. Live music by the Silver Bell Jazz Band.** Come to the Red Oak Victory and celebrate the return of classic Swing and Jazz to our famous Dance Floor in Hold Four! What better way to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Red Oak Victory? Your \$25 ticket includes admission to the ship and the show featuring The Silver Bell Jazz Band. Or purchase a Premium Ticket for \$55 and enjoy all of that plus a complete sit-down gourmet dinner and a free drink (beer or wine).. **Contact is (510) 237-2933 or [redoakvictory.us](http://redoakvictory.us).**

**2. A unique opportunity suggested by Bob Gonzalez. Enjoy Vintage Music and tour the lovely Victorian Home of Richard Reutlinger on 824 Grove St., SF 94117** (between Fillmore & Webster). Concerts are on specified Sat & Sun afternoons @ 2 pm (doors open @ 1:30 pm, so you can tour the old Victorian before the concert). Send a check payable to Richard Reutlinger to the address above to reserve seats. \$25 per person. Free champagne and snacks are served during intermission as you enjoy Richard's fine collection of mechanical musical instruments. Be sure to mention which day you wish to attend and buy your tickets early to guarantee seating. The next scheduled concerts are: **June 29 & 30 for Morten Gunnar Larsen;** Aug 24 & 25 Brian Holland and Danny Coots; Sept 28 & 29 Frederick Hodges and Janet Klein.

**3. Cinnabar Theater:** 3333 Petaluma Blvd. North, Petaluma suggested by Al Anderson. \* Note: Seating is now reserved in advance, but the Theater seating has been refurbished. June 7 – 23 “The Barber of Seville” Rossini’s laugh-out-loud romantic comedy has been entertaining audiences for more than 200 years with its outrageous stage antics and vocal acrobatics. Featuring some of opera’s most recognizable tunes, audiences are sure to leave the theater singing *Figaro, Figaro, Fiiiii-garo!* June 9 @ 7:00 pm Join the Khalikulov’s for an eclectic evening of classical, musical theater and folk music from and about their native Russia. Through the medium of music, The Khalikulovs will share the story of how they ended up in the USA. Instruments include piano, violin (that’s Sergey’s father in the photo, by the way!), viola, cello and voice. **Contact <http://centerstageticketing.com/> centerstageticketing.com** or 707-763-8920 for tickets or for other performances.

**4. Ross Valley Players: May 23 – June 16 “Moll Flanders”. July 12 – Aug 11 “Crimes of the Heart”** For tickets contact <http://rossvalleyplayers.com/> **[rossvalleyplayers.com](http://rossvalleyplayers.com)** or call 1-415-456-9555 Ex 1.

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**6. Marin Theatre Company:** Contact the Box Office at (415) 388-5208, <mailto:boxoffice@marintheatre.org> or visit us during regular Box Office hours of operation: 397 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941. **June 13 – July 7 “Wink”** Sofie is an unhappy housewife. Gregor is her breadwinning husband. Dr. Frans is their strange psychiatrist. Wink is the cat\*. And Wink has just gone missing. Secret desires, domestic anarchy, and feline vengeance at any cost make Wink an absurd, dark comedy about the thin, thin line between savagery and civilization.

**6. Weill Hall 2017-18 Season of great performances @ the Green Music Center @ Sonoma State University** (1801 East Cotati Av. Rhonert Park, CA). For tickets contact <http://gmc.sonoma.edu/> [gmc.sonoma.edu](http://gmc.sonoma.edu) or 1-866-955-6040. Time and cost vary, depending upon the performance. The next performances are: Jul 11 @7:30 pm Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue - Jul 13 @7:30 pm Roberto Tapia - Jul 20 Chris Little @7:30 pm – Jul 21 Steep Canyon Rangers @ 2:00 pm – Aug 4 Michael McDonald and Chaka Khan @ 7:00 pm – Aug 8 Double vision Revisited with Bob James @ 7:30 pm – Aug 22 Travis Tritt @ 7:39 pm.....

**7. The Novato Theater Company:** Contact <http://novatotheatrecompany.org> [novatotheatrecompany.org](http://novatotheatrecompany.org) or call 415-833-4498. **May 24 – June 9 “Come back to the five and dime, Jimmy Dean , Jimmy Dean”.**

**8. College of Marin -- June 9 - 23 “Home Grown Music 2”** Two programs of chamber and vocal music and one of the fully staged operas performed at the College of Marin Kentfield campus as well as throughout Marin County. Composers include Henry Cowell, Karlheinz Stockhausen, David del Tredici, Ron Fine, Tara Flandreau, Jerry Frohmader, Jules Langert, and others. Free admission / parking. For more information contact 415.485.9460.

**Cheers, Kurt Heilman  
1-415-892-2460**

**NOTE:** If anyone has a suggestion for a Br 47 Outing or event, please let Kurt Heilman know so he can include it in our future Outings.

**BRANCH 47 BUSINESS**

Tamalpais Branch 47  
Area 8, Region 3  
McInnis Park Board Room  
May 20, 2019

**Attendees:** Jim Norton, Doug Twitchell, Jake Solomon, Paul Schofield, Will Kaefler, Bob Gonzalez, Ned Lawrence

**Big Sir Report:** Jim Norton proposed a reorganization of the Dropbox which is a shared file accessible by the Board to maintain 2019 records. His suggestion included keeping the root document for Tamaltalk, forms 20, 27,28,63,64 Roster file, Excel membership file, Branch 47 charter, tax ID, and BEC Minutes. Ultimately, there might be a space problem and the board needs to identify a member to complete this request. Older forms would be deleted so that only current forms would be stored.

**Little Sir Report:** Doug Twitchell has contracted for lunch speakers through November and these names have been entered into the website by Doug. He has discovered an excellent speaker's bureau source and the issue of finding excellent lunch speakers seems to be resolved.

**Treasurers Report:** Branch 47 currently has \$12,011. in our checking account. Bill Stewart has placed \$6,000 in our savings account to draw some interest.

**Committee Reports:** Jake Solomon reported that the 2020 slate of officers is complete and we will vote on the slate at an upcoming meeting. New members will continue to be introduced at lunch meetings and the rooster pins will be placed in the new member welcome kit that is currently being assembled.

It was decided that their names and some very brief data will be added to Tamaltalk.

**Old Business:** The roster will be published quarterly unless the branch has a large number of new members. New members will be asked to become a greeter and attend a board meeting.

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**(BRANCH 47 BUSINESS CONTINUED)**

**New Business:** A website Committee has been formed with the purpose of making decisions about maintaining and improving the website going forward. Ned Lawrence will chair this committee and will be sending out some data this week. The forms for the outstanding branch award were discussed and the form used to measure a branch's performance will be discussed next month.

Ned Lawrence, Secretary

**MAY MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**Summary:**

<b>Actives -</b>	<b>113</b>	
<b>Inactives -</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Gains:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Losses:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**JUNE BIRTHDAY BOYS**

See Tom, George Pickarainen, Hal Nygard, Chuck McDevitt

Douglas Twitchell, Richard Charvat, Al Springstead, Bill Lockett, Anthony Gerald, Dee Stuever, David Schieser,

Forest Van Fleck

**MAY ATTENDANCE REPORT**

<b>Total Members</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Members Present</b>	<b>74 65%</b>
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Visitors:</b>	<b>0</b>

*To call-in non-attendance, order an alternative plate or to notify you're bringing a guest/visitor*

**Call or Text 415-881-7477  
or E-mail [sirbranch47@gmail.com](mailto:sirbranch47@gmail.com)**



**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**If any of you know of a member who needs some "sunshine", please report an illness or death to BILL DONNELLY at (415) 897-8966**

**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

Monday	Jun	3	Bocce Ball
Monday	Jun	3	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	3	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Jun	5	Tennis
Thursday	Jun	6	Walking Group
Thursday	Jun	6	D Day
Friday	Jun	7	Bowling
Monday	Jun	10	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	10	18 Hole Golf
Tuesday	Jun	11	Rolling Roamers
Tuesday	Jun	11	Fishing
Wednesday	Jun	12	Tennis
Thursday	Jun	13	Walking Group
Friday	Jun	14	Bowling
Friday	Jun	14	Investors' Lunch Bunch
Friday	Jun	14	US Army Formed (1775)
Friday	Jun	14	Flag Day
Monday	Jun	17	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	17	18 Hole Golf
Wednesday	Jun	19	Tennis
Wednesday	Jun	19	Advanced Digital Camera
Thursday	Jun	20	Bridge
Thursday	Jun	20	Walking Group
Friday	Jun	21	Bowling
Friday	Jun	21	First Day of Summer
Monday	Jun	24	9 Hole Golf (Weather Permits)
Monday	Jun	24	18 Hole Golf
Monday	Jun	24	Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday	Jun	25	Branch Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday	Jun	26	Tennis
Thursday	Jun	27	Walking Group
Friday	Jun	28	Bowling

**AREA 6 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

<u>Br. #</u>	<u>Branch Phone</u>
7	The Club at McInnis Park 1st Thursday 415 456-3763
22	The Club at McInnis Park 1st Tuesday 415 924-4862
47	Club at McInnis Park 4th Tuesday 415 881-7477 Happy Hour - 11:00 am; Luncheon - 11:45 am
68	The Club at McInnis Park 2nd Tuesday 415 479-3286
134	Embassy Suites 1st Tuesday 415 892-0209

**ATTENDANCE:** Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without giving prior notice to the Attendance Chairman, and/or failure to attend at least 6 meetings within the previous 12 months, may result in termination.

*Condensed from Rule 100 of State Policy Manual*

Attendance at another branch meeting, duly recorded with the Attendance Chairman of that branch, will be credited to a member's attendance record (*Rule 101*).

**Call the branch phone listed above to secure a guest spot.**

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

Please report SIR illnesses or deaths to  
**Bill Donnelly at 415 897-8966**

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\* **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will not meet in December** \*  
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\* Next meeting , Jun 24 2019 10:30 AM at the \*  
\* McGinnis Park Golf Club Boardroom350 Smith Ranch \*  
\* Road \*  
\* San Rafael, CA 94903 \*  
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**DATES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Monday preceding the Fourth Tuesday  
Branch 47 Luncheon Meeting

**BRANCH 47 LUNCHEON MEETINGS IN 2019**

**Fourth Tuesday Of The Month**

January 22 (Tuesday)	February 26 (Tuesday)
March 26 (Tuesday)	April 23 (Tuesday)
May 28 (Tuesday)	June 25 (Tuesday)
July 23 (Tuesday)	August 27 (Tuesday)
September 24 (Tuesday)	October 22 (Tuesday)
Nov 26 Tuesday	

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