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Menlo Park Library Sat – 11am-1pm; free

This area is rich in Beat history, having been home to Neal and Carolyn Cassady, whose Monte Sereno home was frequently visited by Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg. That era is starting to fade from living memory, but one witness is alive and kicking. Al Hinkle, who took that famous cross-country trek in

1948 with Neal and Jack and ended up in *On the Road* as Big Ed Dunkel, still lives in San Jose. He will talk about the heyday of the Beats with historian Richard Marcel. The event also features art by Uma Rani Lyli and Leah Lubin and poetry by Gary Horsman. (MSG)