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Big SIR sez:

A vacation is much more enjoyable when you can go away confident that the responsibilities you left behind are in good hands. I did that in September. My wife, Sue, and I traveled to Chicago to visit family and friends. We had a great time. I was confident that Little SIR, Al Stratz, would keep Branch 5 going in the right direction in my absence. Now that we're back home, I am grateful to Al for what he accomplished while I was gone. Al personally called the lingering list of members who had not made their annual contribution. For first time in a few years, all members have now contributed. Thank you, Al.

I'm sorry that I wasn't there, but those of you who did attend the September Luncheon heard a very good presentation by Martha Kendall about the history of the Erie Canal. I was told that all of the comments by the members were very positive.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 14. Make your plans now to attend. There will be reserved seating, so put together a table of 8 and sign up together. More information will be provided at our next luncheon on October 19.

There are only two meetings of Branch 5 remaining this year. If we are going to meet our new member recruitment goal of ten new members in 2011, we need at least 3

guests at the October luncheon who can be inducted at the November luncheon. Bring a friend to lunch in October.

An important reminder: The date of the next luncheon is **October 19**. This is the **third Wednesday**, and a **week earlier than shown on the schedule** issued at the start of the year. **The meeting has been moved up a week** to accommodate our host facility, Michael's at Shoreline.

Howard Trudeau
Big SIR

Lunch, **October 25th**

Salads: Caesar, Mediterranean 3 Bean, Tomatoes Vinaigrette, and Spinach with Mushroom & Egg

Entrees: Beef Stroganoff and Breast of Chicken, Herb Butter Sauce

Dessert: Chocolate Mousse

SPEAKER

Christopher J. Carroll from the FBI is our speaker.

His presentation is usually a general update on what the FBI is doing these days, especially in the Silicon Valley. He touches more on the criminal/gang side of our work but then usually provide a decent amount of time for Q&A, that way He can provide some specifics on some topics your members might be interested in - usually that hits on

current events and he's good to go with most of that.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco Division
San Jose Resident Agency (RA)

SSA Carroll was assigned as a FBI supervisor to the San Jose RA in October, 2008. He has operation responsibility for all violent crime, gang, and organized crime matters in Santa Clara County. SSA Carroll currently supervises the FBI Santa Clara County Violent Gang Task Force. Prior to his arrival in the San Francisco Division, SSA Carroll conducted gang and criminal enterprise investigations while assigned as the gang task force coordinator on the FBI, Sacramento Division, Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force and the FBI, Albuquerque Division, New Mexico Violent Gang Task Force. SSA Carroll has over 30 years of total law enforcement experience with the FBI and the Albuquerque Police Department.

Attendance **Report**

No data received. :-)

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Birthdays **September**

David A. Spaulding, **9/27** was accidentally left off the list in last month's birthdays. Sorry, Dave.

October

Saul Kravitz	10/02
Edgar L. Huffstutler	10/08
Harold F. Wellmerling	10/09

Lloyd A.Lettis	10/15
Alfred W.Richmond	10/16
Robert G. Cruzen	10/17
Howard B. Hushbeck	10/19
Stan C. Kazul	10/21
Albert T Donahue	10/23
Howard D. Trudeau	10/27

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board**

SIR BRANCH 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

1.The meeting was called to order at 10:11a.m. A quorum of 7 was present.

Those attending were: Al Stratz-Little SIR, Ken Liddicoat-Director, Fred Van Kirk-Director, Wayne Richter-Assistant Secretary, Ray Odell-Attendance, Don Harryman-Treasurer, Paul Butler-Membership, and Art Schmid-Secretary.

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

3. BIG SIR-Howard Trudeau: The Big SIR report was presented in absentia. This report shows a membership of 78 active and one inactive. The full report is on file.

4. Little SIR-AI Stratz. Our next meeting will be held on October 19, one week earlier this month. We have 78 active members in our Branch. By comparison, Branch 35 which meets in Mountain View, has about 400 members. We don't seem to attract younger members.

Our Computer group is attended by about 30 people. The group, which meets at the Elks Club, is said to be getting a bit technical for some members.

State SIR has available golf caps for sale at about \$10 each in quantities of 10, and Ball Point Pens at about 60 cents each in quantities of 70. Both items include a logo.

About 8 people typically attend our golf group, Greater attendance

would be beneficial.

5. Attendance & Budget Report-Ray Odell. Forty one members and two visitors attended our last meeting. This represents 52% of our current membership.

Financially we are doing well, with good cash on hand. However, there are 17 people who attend and haven't paid their dues. AI Stratz will call all those who fall into this category.

6. Monthly Cash Report-Don Harryman: The initial cash balance was \$5294.73 and the ending cash balance was \$5002.95. The full detailed report is on file.

7. Membership Report-Paul Butler: Seven inactive members were purged from our membership list. Three others have resigned. We have no new members. Our current membership is 78 Active and one Inactive. Our current Mailing List consists of 83 by e-mail, and 18 by conventional mail. Eight widows are included on the mailing list and these will be called by Paul Butler re their continued interest in the monthly mailing.

A Birthday List has been sent out.

8. Speaker Substitution-Our scheduled speaker was to discuss the USGS organization. She was unable to attend for some reason, but AI Stratz was able to get Martha Kendall who has written more than a dozen books, including one on the ERIE CANAL, which is the subject of her talk. Since the writing of these minutes follows the noon speaker's presentation, this secretary can report that the speaker did an excellent job. Both she and AI Stratz deserve our thanks for both her presence and an excellent job.

9. Old Business: Fred Van Kirk noted that we still need to find two more candidates to serve as Branch directors. For now, Fred knows of one possible candidate.

10. New Business: None.

There being no new business the

meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arthur Schmid,*  
Secretary

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GOLF

Sunnyvale 9-4-11

Jiries Nazzal	89 net 61 cttp
Adel Nazzal	87 net 66 cttp
Jim Stevens	98 net 71

Howard Trudeau	98 net 67
Azmi Habib	108 net 72
Fred Van Kirk	119 net 83

Moffett Field 9-8-11

Jim Stevens	103 net76
Howard Trudeau	107 net 76
Art Kraemer	97 net 78 cttp

Shoreline 9-15-11

Adel Nazzal	92 net 71
Jim Stevens	100 net 72 cttp
Jiries Nazzal	104 net 76

Jere Austin	96 net 62 cttp
Kamel Totah	107 net 71
Azmi Habib	115 net 78

Los Lagos 9-22-11

Jim Stevens	89 net 62
Adel Nazzal	84 net 63 Cttp, Cttp
Art Kraemer	90 net 69
Jere Austin	91 net 59
Azmi Habib	109 net 73

Moffett Field 9-29-11

Jiries Nazzal	95 net 68
Jim Stevens	108 net 80
Adel Nazzal	102 net 81

Kamel Totah	112 Net 77
Wayne Richter	117 net 80
Azmi Habib	126 net 89

No one hit the greens let alone came close to the pins.

Tough course?

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**CompuSIR**

**Chairman,**

**Jim Dinkey, Branch 35**

The CompuSIR group meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon for a brown bag lunch at the **Palo Alto Elks—4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto.**

The following speaker(s) are currently scheduled:

**Wednesday, Oct. 12th:**

**Topic - The Way It Was**

**Speaker - Jay Elliot, Steve Jobs Collaborator.**

Just when you thought everything had been said about the departure of Apple's CEO, Steve Jobs, the news comes of a new book entitled *The Steve Jobs Way: iLeadership for a New Generation*. It was written by former Apple exec. Jay Elliott in partnership with William L. Simon. Elliot is credited with helping to introduce the Macintosh. He is currently CEO of Nuvel, a software company which, among other things, makes apps for the iPhone. The title of this seminar implies the nature of his comments.

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TRAVEL NEWS
FOR AREA 16,
BRANCHES 5, 35,
& 51

Still looking for a travel chairman. See BIG SIR.

Feb. 14-16 2012 – Valentine's Day in Pismo Beach - Join our SIR escorts on Valentine's Day for a three-day Central Coast Caper. Enjoy great wine tasting, delicious meals, spectacular ocean vistas, and much more on the relaxing trip to Pismo Beach. Leave from San Jose with a stop at the Paso Robles Inn for a hosted lunch followed by wine tasting at the Eberle Winery. Stay at the

Shore Cliff Hotel on the ocean's edge in Paso Robles and dine at either of two of Pismo's best restaurants - Giuseppe's and McClintock's - with side trips to Eden Valley Winery and Claiborne & Churchill Winery. There will be an evening show at the Great American Melodrama & Vaudeville, a stop to see the monarch butterflies who seek refuge in Pismo each winter, plus a stop in San Juan Bautista for a hosted Mexican lunch at Jardines. The cost of the trip is \$595 pp. For more de-tails contact escorts Bill Kurtz (408-268-8830) or Dick Kohl, (408-268-0428).

April 9-26 - Hong Kong, Yangtze and Tibet via the World's Highest Railroad. - Visit Hong Kong, Shanghai, and take the Yangtze River cruise to Chongquin; fly to Lhasa, Tibet for three unbelievable full days; returning to Xi'ning via the luxury Tibet Express Train, the world's highest railroad; and return via Beijing. Incredible side trips are included in this 16 night, 41 meal trip. All the usual services and costs are included in \$5191 dbl. ocu. / \$6291 sngl. ocu. There will be a pre-trip presentation TBD. For more de-tails, contact escorts Neil Jameson (831-336-2476) or Wayne Dawson (408-972-1054).

For information on other SIR travel events, see the Branch 35 website at <http://www.closereach.com/sir/newsletters/travel1110.pdf>

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**Bowling**  
**BRANCHES 5, 35,**  
**& 51**  
**EVERY TUESDAY,**  
**HOMESTEAD LANES,**  
**HOMESTEAD AND**  
**STELLING.**

ART ENGLAND 650-948-5828 [Anm\\_Eng@att.net](mailto:Anm_Eng@att.net)

Assistant: Bob Taggart  
Prizes: Roy Robinson

Play starts at 1pm - Practice lanes available at 12:50pm. Join us for the Summer/Fall Tournament. We bowl on a handicap system, so all bowlers have an equal chance winning the team and individual prizes. Each season teams are revised and always have a cross section of bowlers by ability. If you're new, it's easier if you call Art in advance so we will be prepared.

**Tournament High Scores through Sept. 13**

Highest "3 game series":  
Tim Eastham: 620  
Dennis McFerran: 539  
Jeff Grundy: 529

**Highest game:**

John Snyder: 213  
Bill Nye: 205  
Chuck Huff: 204

**Highest handicap "3 game series":**

Roy Robinson: 691  
Bob Taggart: 668  
Bill Webster: 658

**Highest handicap game:**

Alan Gaudie: 268  
Earl Pampeyan: 250  
Hal Knowlton: 234

Bowler is listed only once above, and in the category where he has the highest ranking.

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Biking

Jerry Butler 650-494-8078
GXB366@aol.com

2nd Thursday, October 13, 11:00 a.m. Wives and guests welcome. RAIN CANCELS, HELMET REQUIRED.

Ride - Los Gatos Creek Trail. We will ride the rolling Los Gatos Creek Trail for about 7.5 miles

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from Blackford School to the town of Los Gatos where we will stop for lunch. Then ride back for a total of 15 miles.

Directions - Go South on I-280 (past Highway17) to Meridian; turn right. Go to Willow Street (the second stoplight); turn right. Take Willow until it dead-ends at Blackford Elementary School. Parking is available in the school parking lot and on neighborhood streets.

If you plan to ride or have questions, please reply to or contact Jerry Butler, as per above, or contact Karl Re-

seck at 650-941-8837 or karl.reseck@stanfordalumni.org.

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