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Big SIR sez:

And so we come to October . . . Columbus Day, Oktoberfest, Start of the Football Season, Homecoming Weekend, and the World Series (without the Giants or the A's) . . . all leading up to the month-end climax - HALLOWE'EN! Also, some of the liquid ambars have begun to turn, so go ahead and enjoy the FALL COLOR!

The Full Moon is the Harvest Moon, on October 5. Interestingly, the Harvest Moon is the closest full moon to the September Equinox. It is usually in September, but this year the closest to the Equinox is in October. So, the September Harvest Moon is in October - enjoy!

For the star gazers among us, you have probably been seeing the Big Dipper low in the northern sky soon after dusk during the months of August and September. But now it will have set by the time it is dark. It will reappear in the northeastern sky in January. Now, if you get up in the middle of the night and have a view of the southwestern sky, Orion is rising around midnight, and is especially bright in the southern sky from about 3:00 to 5:00 AM. Follow the line of Orion's belt about three fists to the right and you will find the blob of several hundred stars, the Pleiades. Meanwhile, look straight up and find the W-shaped Cassiopeia. We don't have many stars here locally, but there are four constellations that you can enjoy.

We welcome Mark Castro to our BEC (Branch Executive Committee) as our newest Director. He will be announcing the order of our tables going to our buffet lunch.

The officers and directors for

2018 were elected unanimously at our September 27 lunch. They are:

Big SIR - Foster Kinney
 Little SIR - Roy Dreisbach
 Treasurer - Pete LoPresto
 Assistant Treasurer - Carl Orta
 Secretary - Chris Vasquez
 Assistant Secretary - Phil Yurtis
 Directors - Al Stratz, Paul Butler, Mark Castro and Gary Hornberger

Get to know them and let them know any suggestions you may have to improve our Branch in the coming year.

SIR BRANCH 5 Menu 10/25

Salads

Tomato an Cucumber, Vinai grette
 Pasta Primavera
 Three Bean

Entrees

Crab and Shrimp Cannelloni
 Sirloin Tips

Desserts

Ice Cream

We sadly report that our recent money-collector, Ed Soohoo has died. No services are planned. Also, Big SIR in 2009, Ted Hinshaw. Services are planned in November, date to be announced. And, Larry Hansen's wife Barbara. Her funeral was held in September.

Come and join your fellow SIRs in our monthly activities. Bocce is first and third Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 Pm at the Hillview Senior Center in Los Altos. Golf is every Thursday. We play cards after our

monthly meeting, and for bowling we join branches 35 and 51 every Tuesday at 12:45 PM at the Homestead Lanes in Cupertino. We are pleased to announce that Richard McGrath and Mark Castro were recognized as second and third "Most Improved Bowlers." New players are always welcome at any of these activities.

So, decorate your house for Halloween, check out your neighbors' decorations and then come on down to Michaels on the fourth Wednesday, October 25, for our monthly SIR Branch 5 luncheon. See your friends and listen to Tom Gregory talk about the Technical and Economic Status of the Hyperloop. Our birthday winner for October is Roy Dreisbach, who chose our menu. Remember to bring your SIR Business Cards and you could be our October Raffle Winner. Bob Hertz won in September - a wine cork made by our wood-turning member JW Whittier. We'll see you there! **And** bring a friend. We'll buy his lunch!

Foster Kinney

Big SIR

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October Branch 5 Calendar

Oct. 3 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM
 Oct. 5 - Golf at Sunnyvale – 9:30 AM
 Oct. 12 - Golf at Shoreline – 9:30 AM
 Oct. 17 - Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00

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 Oct. 19 - Golf at Moffett – 9:30 AM
 Oct. 25 – Lunch Meeting at Michaels
 Oct. 25 – Cards at Michaels – after meeting
 Oct. 26 - Golf at Los Lagos - 10:00 AM
 Nov. 7 – Bocce at Los Altos - 2:00 PM

**October
 SPEAKER**

Tom Gregory obtained a Mechanical Engineering degree from Cal Berkeley, and then worked at NASA Ames for 37 years. He tested aircraft models in the wind tunnels, then on to computerized flight simulation, computerized aircraft design, aircraft tests, project management. and executive positions.

He led teams developing concepts for subsonic though hypersonic aircraft, orbital launch vehicles, and many other advanced vehicle concepts. They ranged in size from hand held robotic aircraft that can perch, to "aircraft carriers in the sky". A theme that spanned all his years at Ames, and afterward, had been the quest for a truly revolutionary and low cost means of transport on earth and to orbit. In that area, he was Director of Airframe Development and Chief Scientist for Ronald Reagan's "Orient Express" also known as the National Aerospace Plane Program (NASP) at the DoD/NASA Joint Program Office in Dayton OH.

One concept, that was a possible competitor to airplanes, consisted of capsules that traveled in evacuated tubes. But they never made economic sense. So he was amazed when Elon Musk proposed a version called Hyperloop Alpha in 2013 and suggested it was economic. He will discuss the technical and economic status of Hyperloop, and the reasons why it is in the news today

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Attendance

Report, 9/27

31 members
 2 speakers
 1 guest
 34 Total

Tom Donahue

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**Membership
 Changes**

Ed Soohoo has died.

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**Roster Changes
 None**

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**October-
 November
 Birthdays**

10/12 Chris Vasquez
 10/15 Lloyd Lettis
 10/23 Albert Donahue
 10/27 Howard Trudeau
 10/31 Roy Dreisbach
 10/31 Shum Mukherjee

11/1 Peter Brooks
 11/14 Roger Teter
 11/15 Ronald Fredlund
 11/29 James Stevens

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**Branch 5
 Executive Committee
 Meeting Minutes For
 September 27, 2017–**

1. Call to order at 10:09
2. Confirm quorum of six Board members
 Foster Kinney
 Roy Dreisbach
 Pete LoPresto
 Carl Orta
 Chris Vasquez
 Phil Yurtis
 Paul Butler
 Al Stratz
3. Minutes of August 23, 2017 BEC meeting approved
4. Introduction of Mark Castro as our new Director

5. Big SIR reports:

- a. Chris Vasquez is in Spain and Portugal. Phil Yurtis took minutes
- b. State SIR sent our 4th Quarter Assessment of \$90.00 based on 60 members @ \$1.50 /member/ quarter, due by October 15
- c. Update on Ed Soohoo
- d. Former Big Sir Ted Hinshaw (2009) has died. Services are expected in November.
- e. Roy Dreisbach was robbed September 18. Door repaired.
- f. Roy and Foster will attend the Big SIRs of the Peninsula, Area 13, on October 13.
- g. Officers and Chairmen are invited to RAMP training on Monday, October 23 at the Villages in south-east San Jose.
- h. Ways to grow our membership to be discussed. SIR membership has dropped by 50% in 10 years
- h. Larry Hansen's wife died on Giants Game Day. Al Stratz went to the funeral.
 Greg Kemist to send a SIR card

6. Treasurer's Report and approval – Pete LoPresto

Income	\$780
Expenses	\$849.59
Loss	\$69.59
YTD gain	\$1142.33
YTD balance	\$2679.20

7. Committee Reports:
- Attendance - Tom Donahue - Lunch attendance: 31 plus 1 guest for September
 - Bulletin – Les Spring
 - Membership - Paul Butler - 60 Members in August - Confusion exists over membership numbers corresponding to roster numbers. Will be addressed.
 - Recruiting/Retention – Bob Simons – 60 members total. Howard Trudeau is bringing a guest today – Phil Vollmer.

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Richard Garcia, a golfer, is questionable re membership. Golfers will see if he signs up for golf soon.

New Member Orientation - Phil Yurtis – will have Orientation when we have more new members

Speakers – Al Stratz – October: Tom Gregory will speak on “Hyper Loop” and technology and economy of the future
Web Master – Ed Nazzal - No comments.

Activities -

Carl Orta – Bocce going well but would welcome more participants

Howard Trudeau – Golf averaging 9 per session. Have room for 3 more golfers.

Shum Mukherjee – Cards have foursome for Bridge usually. Could use more and other games are welcome. Takes place after luncheon in bar area.

Mark Castro – Bowling – Mark and Richard McGrath are attending bowling with branches 35 and 51 at Homestead Lanes in Cupertino

9. Old Business:

a. Greg has 4 Giant tickets left over. Unsold tickets for Giants game addressed and Foster will solve

10. New Business:

a. Branch 35 and 51 are in the Town Crier as representing Los Altos. Can we also?

b. Expedia was hacked. Is Branch 5 affected? Should we get a speaker?

c. Officers for 2018 to be elected today:

Sir Foster Kinney – Big

Little Sir Roy Dreisbach – Lit-

Treasurer Pete LoPresto -

Treasurer Carl Orta – Assistant

Treasurer Chris Vasquez - Secretary

Phil Yurtis – Assis-

tant Secretary

Directors – Paul

Butler, Mark Castro, Gary Hornberger, Al Stratz

d. Items from Board members – We can have a turkey menu for our November 15 meeting per Carol

11. Al moves for adjournment and all agree.

Phil Yurtis

Assistant Secretary

September GOLF

Sunnyvale golf course

9-7-17

Greg Kemist 83 net 69
Richard McGrath 80 net 72

CTTP

Jim Stevens 98 net 72 CTTP
Mark Castro 98 net 72
Norm Nazzal 101 net 74
Jere Austin 112 net 77
Charles Shamieh 110 net 75
Jires Nazzal 111 net 79
Azmi Habib 117 net 82

Shoreline Golf course

9-14-17

Richard McGrath 75 net 66
Jim Stevens 95 net 68 CTTP
Jiries Nazzal 103 net 70
Norm Nazzal 100 net 72

CTTP

Howard Trudeau 111 net 74
Jere Austin 117 net 80
Azmi Habib 120 net 83
Charles Shamieh 122 net 85

Moffett Field Golf course

9-21-17

Howard Trudeau 112 net 74
Mark Castro 103 net 75
Jim Stevens 106 net 79
Charles Shamieh 124 net 86
Jiries Nazzal 122 net 88
Jere Austin 126 net 88
Azmi Habib 128 net 90
Gary Hornberger 113 net 91
Shum Mukherjee 53/9 holes

No one got CTTP.

Los Lagos Golf course

9-28-17

Greg Kemist 77 net 63
Richard McGrath 72 net 65

Ed Nazzal 89 net 66
Jim Stevens 93 net 68

CTTP

Mark Castro 94 net 68
CTTP

Azmi Habib 105 net 70
Phil Yurtis 96 net 74
Howard Trudeau 114 net 79
Charles Shamieh 115 net 80
Norm Nazzal 45/9 holes

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**MAC Group**

MAC users should contact W.A. Ross, <waross@closereach.com> (aka Skip) for information on this group.

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Bocce Ball

Bocce ball play in Los Altos: all members/guests/spouses are welcome, we play from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and it's free. There is no residency requirement. The courts are at the Hillview senior center, next to Room 10, 97 Hillview Ave. For 2017 we are playing on the FIRST and THIRD Tues. of each month. We plan to keep the Redwood City courts as a backup venue as needed, on the third Wed. of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come join us, stay active and learn a new sport.

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**Tennis:**

Tennis group meets Mondays and Thursdays at Rinconada Park, 777 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, at 8:00 a.m. when doubles are formed. Late arrivals will play as sets are completed. Skill level is about 2.5. Contact is Bob Kamin, 650-322-4300.

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

You can read the State SIR newsletter called SIR HAPPENINGS at the

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state website

www.sirinc.org/sirhappenings/, which includes travel news from other branches .

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

We bowl on Tuesday and always have a mix of players by ability. Be there by **12.45**. New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me in advance so we will be prepared.

TIM EASTHAM (366-2449)

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Biking
JIM LUNT
(408 252-6804)

jamesdlunt@yahoo.com

2nd Thursday— Sept 14, 2016, 11:00 AM

Wives and guests welcome

Rain cancels; Helmet required

Ride Location: Half Moon Bay/Pillar

Point: We will ride the paved flat trail along the ocean shore for about 6.5 miles from Poplar beach, located south of Half Moon Bay, to Pillar Point, to just past the town of Princeton. (some times we go down Airport Road to another place to eat. This adds about 5 miles to the total) We will then ride the same trail back for a total ride of about 13 miles or 18 Miles if we go down Airport Road

Ride Directions: Take I-280 north

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