



SIR Monterey News

February, 2025

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President's Message



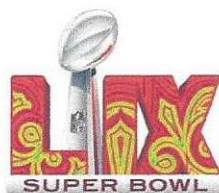
Hi Monterey SIRs,

Well, we're up and away in the new year with our activities and January luncheon. Our guest speaker, **Dick Crowell**, was just great in his return presentation and video on the history, his flight on the Concorde SST, and an update on the numerous efforts to develop the next generation of this super fast aircraft.

We're also about to launch a new activity for members in 2025 - *Board Games*. **Scott Van Tyle** has agreed to help get it started on Thursday, January 30th at 3:30pm at the PG Meeting House (formerly Juice & Java) 499 Lighthouse, downtown Pacific Grove. He's asking you to bring your favorite game be it backgammon, chess, cribbage, cards, liar's dice, dominoes, or whatever else you like. The venue has sofas, chairs, tables, all kinds of beverages and snacks. So, please join in the fun and fellowship if you enjoy board games and be part of what will hopefully be a monthly SIR Monterey event. And if you have any questions please contact Scott at gonzo7hunter@gmail.com or call him at 650-787-5306.

Finally, it's that time of year for us to pay our annual branch dues. Many of you have already done so. But if you haven't please send our Treasurer **Don Battles** a check for the \$30 or if you're planning on coming to the February 13th luncheon meeting, do so when you check in. Thanks!

See you soon,
John Hetz



Sunday, February 9th

February Program



Our guest speaker on February 13th will be **Luis Perez** who is the Monterey/San Benito Public Information Officer for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection that is responsible for wildfires and other emergencies in our area. He will talk about their mission, operations, resources and fire prevention. Overall this state agency is responsible for the stewardship of over 31 million acres of California's wildlands. Perhaps he'll also say something about the Los Angeles area devastating fires, too.

New Activity Board Games

January 30th



Calendar of Activities, Events & Meetings

- 1/30 SIR Wine Tasting
2:00 – 4:00pm
Parsonage Winery
Carmel Valley Village
Contact: Mike Carbaugh
mfcarbaugh@gmail.com
- 1/30 SIR Board Games
3:30pm – 5:30pm
P.G. Meeting House
599 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com
- 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24 SIR Golf Club
Various Monterey Bay Courses
Contact: John Ecklund
jecklund@sbcglobal.net
- 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 Geezer Golf
Tee times beginning 9:00am
Monterey Pines Golf Club
1250 Garden Road, Monterey
Contact: Jack Orchard
jojoorchard@gmail.com
- 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26 SIR Bocce Ball
10am followed by lunch
Monterey Custom House Plaza
Contact: Scott Van Tyle
gonzo7hunter@gmail.com
- 2/11 SIR BEC Monthly Meeting
10:00 – 11:15am via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com
- 2/13 SIR Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Check in begins – 11:30am
Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
Contact: Don Battles
donbatt@msn.com
- 2/20 SIR Book Club
2:30 – 4:00pm via Zoom
Contact: John Hetz
hetz.john@yahoo.com
- 2/21 SIR Bowling
2:00 – 4:00pm
Monterey Lanes
2161 No. Fremont St, Monterey
Contact: Mike Hartter
mhartter@gmail.com

January Luncheon



Guest Speaker **Dick Crowell**

Dick talking about the history of the Concorde Supersonic Transport aircraft, his personal flight on it in the late 1980's, its retirement from service, and future SSTs.



Michele Crompton of CSUMB/OLLI talking about their Spring catalog of about 60 short courses available for registration beginning January 22nd. She's holding a catalog provided to many interested SIR members



SIR Mark Goings vintage 1928 Model A Ford Roadster in the Elks Lodge parking lot.



Activities

Golf



Geezer Golf
Tuesdays 9am at Monterey Pines GC

Bocce



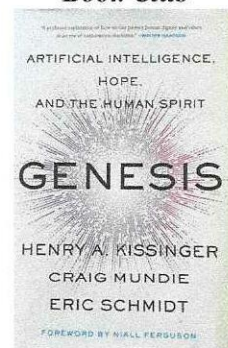
Wednesdays 10am at Custom House Plaza
followed by lunch at various restaurants

Wine Tasting



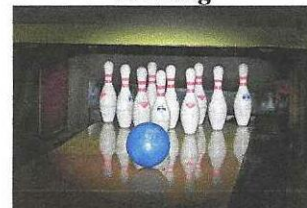
January 30th at Parsonage Winery
Carmel Valley Village

Book Club



February book
Thursday the 20th meeting via Zoom

Bowling



Friday, February 21st
Monterey Lanes



Monterey Branch 28
Monthly Luncheon Meeting
Thursday, February 13th at 11:30am

Guest Speaker: Luis Perez
Monterey/San Benito Public Information Officer
California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

Monterey Elks Lodge
150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey
PJ's Salad Bar/Buffer



Luncheon Reservation

Make check payable to:
SIR Branch 28

Mail reservation form and check(s)
for \$30 per attendee to:

Don Battles, Treasurer
25513 Hacienda Place
Carmel, CA 93923
donbatt@msn.com
(612)590-1096

Member Name _____

Email or Phone _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

No. ____ @ \$30 each = Total enclosed _____

Reservation(s) must be received by:
Monday, February 10th