



SIR 101

# Bulletin

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## The Big Sir Message from Dennis Gately



As we roll into February and our weather gets "just that much nicer" I hope you all have a chance to get outside, spend time with family and friends, enjoying the green hills and valleys of the Tri-Valley! And, as the month progresses, we in Alameda County will see some changes in guidance on Covid-19 policies vis-a-vis lifting of indoor mask mandates for vaccinated individuals. Of course, businesses may still require masks, so please check before you enter. School-children and those in higher-risk areas like public transit and nursing homes or congregated living facilities are still required to wear masks. This new policy will start on February 16.

For SIR Branch 101, we will meet once again online for the month of February, via Zoom. Our hope is that we will have a luncheon venue large enough, that fills all of our requirements for the month of March! It has been difficult finding a temporary venue that fulfills our requirements at a cost that is affordable for our

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## Yearly Member Donation Reminder

You can best support our branch with your yearly \$20 donation. With Alameda County updating its policies on Covid restrictions, we expect more and more members will be joining our activities. SIR promotes entertaining and enriching our lives through many activities as well as branch meetups, like in-person luncheons, soon to restart after the Covid hiatus with the new policies as mentioned above. If you have not already donated for the year, please consider!

### Donate online or on your cell phone with Zelle or PayPal!

**Zelle**-You can easily donate for the year using your bank's app or the Zelle app on your phone. On your PC go to the [zellepay.com](https://zellepay.com) website and use Fred's phone number as noted below.

**Connect Zelle to:** Treasurer, Fred Coffield, cell phone: **925-216-0227**

**PayPal**-You can donate using the PayPal app on your phone or on your PC from the [paypal.com](https://paypal.com) website.

**Connect PayPal to:** Treasurer, Fred Coffield, cell phone: **925-216-0227**

**Questions? please contact:** Treasurer: Fred Coffield, [SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com).

## Announcements

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next **Meeting** will be Feb 22, 2022, SIR 101 members: watch for an email with the details. Future meetings are planned for Mar 22, 2022, Apr 26, 2022 and May 24, 2022.

Check out our **SIR Branch 101 web site**. Click [SirInc2.org/Branch101](https://SirInc2.org/Branch101) to see the latest edition. Click Mike Pocha, [SIR101Web@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Web@googlegroups.com) to email or call 925-443-1953 for the member id and password.

**Do you need a member phone # or email address?** Did you know our web site '**Members Only**' section has a Member Roster, Member Photo Gallery, Speaker Videos, Member Videos, BEC Meeting Minutes and Monthly Meeting Minutes?

## Speaker's Preview

February 22, 2022—SIR 101 member Mark Palajac -  
 “CAMP—Livermore Community Asset Management Program” via ZOOM



Our February speaker is SIR 101 member Mark Palajac. Mark is a committee member of CAMP who speaks to local organizations to educate and engage the community in decisions related to the management of the City's infrastructure. See the CAMP website <https://www.livermoreassets.net/camp-outreach-committee>. Mark will ask for feedback from the SIR members on their priorities and/or ideas for better maintaining the City's assets.

Mark grew up in southern California in a large family. Following a bachelors degree from Loyola University and an MBA from USC, Mark moved to Ohio and then Michigan with Ford Motor Co. Mark met his wife there and after she finished her Masters at U of Michigan, transferred to Ford Aerospace in Palo Alto. Mark tried leaving a few times but kept getting promoted. The name changed to Space Systems Loral where we designed, built and delivered Geo Communication Satellites. Mark was in the business side of things so go to interface with all of the different technical disciplines. It was a lot of fun working with very bright people.

Mark moved from Fremont to Livermore in 2016 just before we retired. Mark immediately got involved in civic activities. Mark is a commissioner on the Livermore Housing Authority. Mark served on the City's Equity and Inclusion committee and now on the Police Chief's Advisory Board and on CAMP, the Community Asset Management Program. I'm also on the board of the Friends of Open Space and Vineyards.

Mark has lots of hobbies. a pilot, an occasional fisherman, cyclist, swimmer, woodworker, and one of Art Hull's Hillhikers. Mark likes to stay busy.

Per Mark, this isn't the standard picture but it is kind of fun and he doesn't wear ties anymore.

SIR 101 members will receive a Zoom invite in an email closer to the presentation.

***Please invite your spouse or partner to enjoy this interesting presentation with you.***

Contributed by Bill Leach:

This winter so much rainfall has gone to the Pacific Northwest. A curious fellow died and found himself in the long line of Judgment. As he stood there he noticed that some souls were allowed to march right through the gates of heaven, but others were led over to Satan, who threw them into the burning pit. Only, every so often, instead of hurling a poor soul into the fire, Satan would toss a soul off to the side into a small pile. After watching Satan do this a few times, the fellow's curiosity got the better of him so he strolled over and asked Satan, "Excuse me, Prince of Darkness", I'm wondering why you are tossing those people aside instead of flinging them into the fires of Hell with the others." "Ah, those", Satan said with a groan. "They're all from Seattle. They're too wet to burn yet."

## Future Speakers

**A great attraction for getting potential new members to come to our SIR meetings is the speakers.** Here are the speakers for future meetings. Share this information with your friends to attract them to our meetings. Click [SIR 101 Meeting Speakers-Public](#) to see available information about each presentation.

Do you have ideas for speakers? Let Ted Schaefer, [SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com) know.

***Our Planned Speakers follow with dates to be confirmed:***

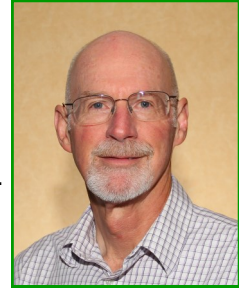
Mar 22, 2022—stay tuned

Apr 26, 2022—stay tuned

May 24, 2022—stay tuned

## Financial

**Contact:** Fred Coffield, Treasurer, 925-216-0227,  
[SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com)



SIR Form 28 Monthly Cash Report for January, 2022 See our web site for the complete Form 28.

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (Total Cash)...Line 1 .Month \$5088.22..YTD \$5088.72  
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## Membership and Attendance

**Contact:** Larry Wiley, Chairman, 925-443-7979,  
[SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com)



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS and GUESTS:

- New Members: 3** - Guy Cummins, Bob Johnson, Terry Tikalsky (#020)  
 ♦ **Visitors:** 0.  
 ♦ **Guests:** 0.

### MEMBER CARE GIVERS:

- ♦ Care Givers: 0.

### MEMBER CHANGES:

- ♦ **Deleted:** 3-Bo Wong resigned, David Abrahams resigned, Ron Volpa resigned.  
 ♦ **Passed:** 1-Caroll Shepard.

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- ♦ The ACTIVE Membership of SIR 101 as of February 15, 2022 is **184** members.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE**— The February meeting is via ZOOM. Future meetings method will be determined closer to meeting time. BEC meetings remain via Zoom.

- ♦ January (Attended) = approx. 40; Excused (Notified) = n/a; **Absent (Did not notify) = n/a.**

SIR Form 27 Monthly Branch Membership Report for January, 2022. Our web site has the complete Form 27 for January, 2022.

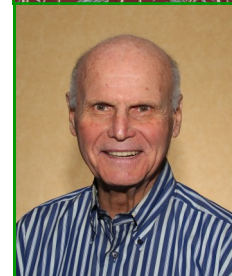
MEMBERSHIP		Previous Years												Year Total	Year %	Min Goal	Branch Goal			
		2018	2019	2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep					Oct	Nov	Dec
1	NUMBER OF MEMBERS LAST MONTH (= Line 4 last month)	144	199	190	184	183	182	182	178	178	178	179	181	181	181	183	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN	74	20	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	1	10	5.4%	12	12
3	NUMBER OF MEMBERS OUT (ATTRITION)	19	29	11	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	10	5.4%	-----	-----
4	NUMBER OF MEMBERS (Lines 1+2-3)	199	190	184	183	182	182	178	178	178	179	181	181	181	183	184	-----	-----	185	185
5	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES - including Partner activities	20	20	20	----	----	20	----	----	20	----	----	20	----	----	20	-----	-----	-----	19
6	NUMBER OF PARTNER ACTIVITIES	16	16	16	----	----	16	----	----	16	----	----	16	----	----	16	-----	-----	-----	15
7	MEDIAN BRANCH AGE	77.3	77.7	78.2	-----	-----	78.6	-----	-----	78.9	-----	-----	78.9	-----	-----	78.6	-----	-----	-----	78



### Backpacking

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Dave Lunn, Chairman, 925-784-2624,  
[SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com)  
Leo Bennis, Asst Chairman, 925-956-3044,  
[SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Backpacking@googlegroups.com)



Backpacking is on hiatus.  
Contact Dave for more information.

### Bocce

**When:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 11:30AM  
**Next:** Feb 24 and Mar 10 and 24, 2022  
**Where:** Bothwell Park, 8th and H St  
**Contact:** Chuck Molenkamp, Chairman, 925-455-1952,  
[SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com)



Bocce is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

Livermore SIRs play bocce on the courts at Bothwell Park. In January there were six players participating on both January 13 and January 27. The weather during January has been perfect for bocce; I have even been playing without a jacket by the end of the morning. On January 13th we played just 2 games which took 2 full hours. That means the score was really close and points were mostly scored one at a time. On the 27th we also only completed 2 games, but we did that in the normal 1 1/2 hours. A couple new players

The handsome players in the photo are Dale Schauer, Owen Brovont, Coleman Johnson, Werner Schlapfer, Raul Pomares, Chuck Molenkamp, Roger Everett, and Dom Saccullo. The photographer was Harry Levin.



have joined the bocce group this month. With 6 or more players we plan to use both bocce courts at Bothwell Park. In addition to the fun and competition of bocce, we have a good time visiting with each other. After all, the main reason for playing bocce is sharing time together. If you have not played before, don't be afraid. Our experience is that new players are just as good at bocce as those who have been playing with SIR for a long time.

If you are interested in joining us send an email request to Chuck Molenkamp [SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com) to be added to the bocce reminder email list.

### Bridge

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** open,- Chairman, [SIR101Bridge@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bridge@googlegroups.com)

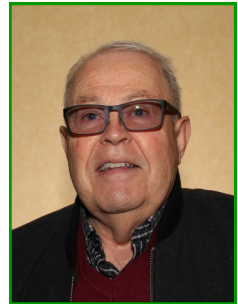
Bridge is on hiatus.

Please contact Activities chair [Ron Saltgaver](#) for more information.

### Chess

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Mike Miller, Chairman, 925-449-4062,  
[SIR101Chess@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Chess@googlegroups.com)



Chess is on hiatus.

### Dining Out

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Doug Mansur, Chairman, 925-640-5233,  
[SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com)

*Couples are always welcome*



Dining Out is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

### Fishing

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Roger Perry, Chairman, 925-518-8676,  
[SIR101Fishing@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Fishing@googlegroups.com)



Fishing is on hiatus.

### Bowling

**When:** tbd  
**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** open, [SIR101Bowling@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Bowling@googlegroups.com)

Bowling is on hiatus. Please contact Activities chair [Ron Saltgaver](#) for more information.

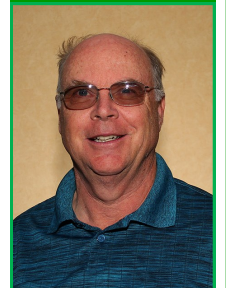
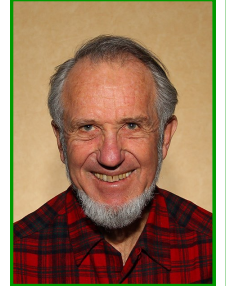
## Kayaking

**When:** 1st Tuesdays **Next:** Mar 1, 2022

**Where:** Discovery Bay

**Contact:** Dick Ryon, 925-447-8907, [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com)

Doug Mansur, 925-640-5233, [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com)



Kayaking is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

I heard from 14 SIR Kayakers regarding our February 1st outing to Elkhorn Slough. However, only two of us were committed to participate, with a couple more “maybes” who did not make it. This will let those interested in kayaking know what a great trip you missed!

There was a new moon, where the sun and moon are aligned on the same side of planet Earth, resulting in an exceptionally high tide. I think it was higher than the predicted 6.5 feet. I have never seen such a high tide at Elkhorn! The slough was incredibly wide, almost an inland sea. The water was on the edge of the parking lot at our launch spot. No muddy feet at launch this time! We launched IN the parking lot, paddling over the tire barriers at the lot edge.

We kayaked in places I had never been before, over fences and past “no trespassing” and “no shooting” signs along grassy hillsides, at least two feet above usual the pickle weed swamp that covers a wide swath on the north side of the slough. I occasionally detected the deeper water of side channels through the area. Within sight of the Highway 1 bridge, we returned to the main channel and proceeded to Moss Landing Harbor for lunch.

We had a fine lunch at Phil’s Fish Market and Eatery in Moss Landing. After lunch, we met the still-ebbing tide, coupled with a moderately strong breeze that made the return trip a bit of a chore. We saw lots of sea birds and otters, one of which kept us company for more than a mile. We arrived back at our starting point about an hour before low tide. I eye-balled the height of the morning’s high-water mark from the water’s edge, estimating the height at 7-8 feet. It was a great day in the company of my co-leader, Doug Mansur.

Our next scheduled outing will be the first Tuesday of March, the 1st. The plan is to go to Discovery Bay. Being just a bit more than 20 miles from Livermore, we hope and expect a larger group. In April, likely we will go to Lake del Valle, only 8 miles from Livermore. After that, we will possibly paddle in the northern reaches of San Francisco Bay.

Ask Dick about plans for an **“Introduction to Kayaking” course at Lake Del Valle** for those new to the sport or wishing to upgrade their skills. Topics covered will be efficient forward stroke, boat control utilizing other strokes, edging, sculling, and capsize recovery.

We welcome new participants. It is a great sport, giving access to places otherwise inaccessible and unseen from land. I say, “A day on the water is a great day!” If you try it, I think you will agree.

If you don’t (yet) have a kayak, contact Dick Ryon or Doug Mansur [SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Kayaking@googlegroups.com). We have extra boats and gear to lend. If you would like to join us, contact Dick Ryon.

Paddle and live long.

Contributed by Bill Leach

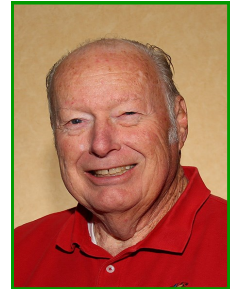
- Divorce Lawyers: Ditcher, Quick, and Hyde
- People are excited about the new iPhone but not everyone has caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.
- My wife talking to my sister about her new hearing aid: "It's the most expensive one you can buy, it cost me \$5000!"
- Sister: "What kind is it?"
- Wife: "It's 4:15 pm."
- Wife texts husband at work on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen, won't open."
- Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap the edges with a hammer."
- Wife texts back ten minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."
- "Before my surgery, the anesthesiologist jokingly offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle. It was an ether/oar situation.
- Walking back to the car because you forgot your mask is the new kinda pissed off.

## Game Day

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,  
[SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com)



Game Day is on hiatus.

I have successfully run a re-occurring Game Day for 3 years prior to the pandemic with satisfactory results. I am trying to make this available (albeit without meeting directly) via the Zoom computer tool.

I am proposing to run a Bingo session and possibly a Trivia or Timeline like game via Zoom. I need to know what you feel would be your best days and times for a 2 hour session of games. Name(s) of players, email addresses, favorite game, and how often would you like to meet. Send me an email at [SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101GameDay@googlegroups.com) to express your interest.

Game day was initially designed for a group of people to get together with an agenda: General conversation until all arrive; play 1 or more games as a group or by dividing up into separate groups; Heat up Dinner; Continue the same or a new game; Stop Games; Eat dinner; Have dessert; and Adjourn. We gathered together at 3:00; Play Games; at 5:00 reheat or cook dinner items; 6:00 have dinner and dessert; and adjourn. The number of people invited was based on the table size. We chose a max of 12 as my large table will just comfortably fit that many.

Due to the pandemic, we are unable to get together in person until all participants are vaccinated and we hold to the Pandemic rules. We are not there as yet, but we are closer.

Some of the Branches in SIR are playing games like Poker, Bridge, Pinochle, and Cribbage via an Online Network programs (Not Zoom). The results of each group of 4 are reported to the Game Coordinator so that results can be tabulated and shared.

- **Continuing**
- How to frighten the new generation: Put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch, and a TV with no remote.
- Then leave them directions on how to use...in cursive.
- I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise...and I was right.

## Investments

**When:** The last Friday of the month from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**Next:** Feb 25, Mar 25, 2022

**Where:** Zoom meeting

**Contact:** Rod Kiefer, Chairman, 925-447-4173,  
[SIR101Investments@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Investments@googlegroups.com)



Investments is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

The goal of our activity is to share investment experiences, strategies, market research tools, and other investment topics the group may be interested in discussing. If you're interested in joining the investment group, please contact Rod Kiefer.



### Hiking and Walking

**When:** Wednesdays, 8:00 or 8:30 am

**Where:** South L St. and Railroad Ave.

**Contact:** Art Hull, Chairman, 925-443-5479, [SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com)

Dave Lunn, Asst. Chairman, 925-784-2624, [SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com)

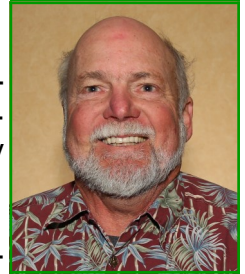
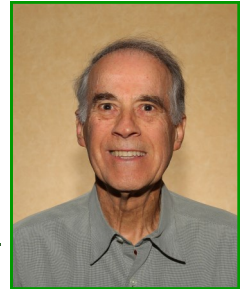
Hiking is a SIR 101 Approved Activity.

We meet every Wednesday at the southeast corner of South L St. and Railroad Ave. and leave at 8:00 AM or 8:30 AM for our hiking destination depending upon the weather. Spouses, friends and family are welcome. Bring plenty of water.

We form three groups of various hiking levels (Amblers, Ramblers, and Scramblers). The Amblers do a level hike usually at a park such as Sycamore Grove, Shadow Cliffs, or Holdener. The Ramblers do a moderate hike and the Scramblers do a more strenuous hike at one of the many surrounding regional parks such as DelValle, Sunol, Morgan Territory, Pleasanton Ridge, Vargas Plateau, Garin/Dry Creek, Coyote Hills, Brushy Peak or Lake Chabot.

Hiking is good for your heart, good for your brain, and good for making friends. I guarantee we have a group for you. Try it, you might like it!

**Our Motto:** Remember, there's no such thing as bad hiking weather, just inappropriate clothing.



TL: Red Tailed Hawk Fledgling; TC: Big Family Brushy Peak; TR: Tree Light Vargas Plateau  
BL: Ambler Selfie Brushy Peak; BC: Splittin Brushy Peak; BR: Fun in the Sun Vargas Plateau

Remember to Zoom in (Ctrl+) and out (Ctrl-) of any page.





Hiking January—February, 2022

Oh I'll bet that's uncomfortable



Ride 'em, Rick



Strange Creature of Newt Pond?



Large Hounds Tongue.



Mystery Hiker at the Bench

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## NEAL'S ROMEOs (Retired "O" Men Eating Out)

**When:** tbd

**Where:** At various restaurants. **Next:** tbd

**Contact:** Roy Porfido, Chairman, 925-455-0600,

[SIR101Romeos@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Romeos@googlegroups.com)

*Sorry—Men only*



Neal's ROMEOs, those Retired "O" Men Eating Out, is on hiatus.

## Golf

**When:** Mondays, 7:30AM through November

**Where:** Los Positas Golf Course and others

**Contact:** Bill Ormond III, Chairman, 925-443-1249, [SIR101Golf@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Golf@googlegroups.com)

Golf is expected to be a SIR Approved Activity.

Bill wants to apologize for the fact that sickness and family health problems have made it impossible for him to play much and to be a part of the changes taking place with the dissolution of Branch 155. However, He also wanted to remind SIR members of the various State Sir tournaments, the "Home and Away" at Discovery Bay and the State Quarterly tournaments conducted in Hawaii, Mexico, Las Vegas and in the Northern California area.

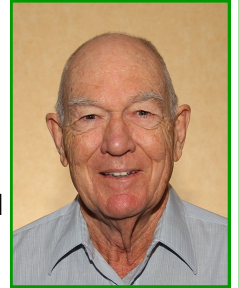
Other: For many years the Monday golf tournaments was a Branch 101 activity coordinated by Mas Hisaoka of Branch 155, with an advisory representative from Branches 101, 121, and 155. More recently, Jim Deines has been the coordinator and officials like the Starter (Deines), Secretary, Treasurer, etc., have been Branch 155 personnel. These positions will have to be filled by Branch 101 personnel after the first of the year. **Any volunteers?**

### Sunshine

**Contact:** Art Molvik, 925-373-8437, [SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com)

I hope that no news is good news to us all.

If you hear of someone needing a word of encouragement from all of us, or hear good news of someone's recovery, please let Art know. He will spread the news and get a card out to them.



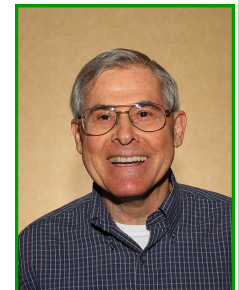
### Wine Tasting

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** Bill Bish, Chairman, 925-447-1266, [SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com)

Wine Tasting is a SIR 101 Approved Activity. Contact Bill for more information.



### Woodcarving

**When:** tbd

**Where:** tbd

**Contact:** open, Chairman, [SIR101WoodCarving@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101WoodCarving@googlegroups.com)

Wood carving is on hiatus. Please contact Activities chair [Ron Saltgaver](#) for more information.

### Activities

**Contact:** Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693, [SIR101Activities@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Activities@googlegroups.com)

**What:** Do you want to start something new? Describe it in your own words.

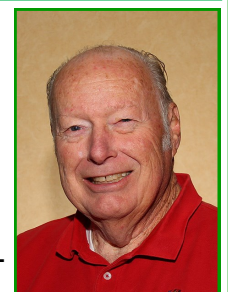
**Where:** Please, suggest location based on your ideas with current restrictions considered.

**When:** How often and what duration would you think would be best to keep up interest?

**Contact:** Do you want to be the Chairman for this?

We are restricted in many ways by the pandemic rules dealing with food and personal interactions, but you may have ideas on ways to comply while meeting California State and County guidelines. Send your ideas to Ron Saltgaver.

Please contact Activities chair Ron Saltgaver for more information.



## SIR 101 Travel

**"The world is a great place. You should see it!"**

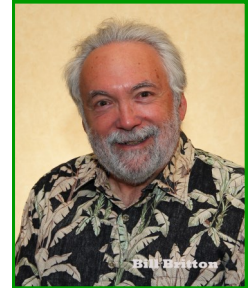
**Contact:** Bill Britton, Chairman, 925-443-9913,

[SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com)

Jon Lumia, Asst. Chairman, 925-373-9412,

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### The Magical Rhine/Moselle River Cruise



We have a great group already reserved for the river cruise next September, 2022. By the time you read this I may have all the cabins reserved that Collette set aside for me. They held 30 places, which is 15 cabins, for me until February 15. As I write I have 3 cabins still available. After the 15<sup>th</sup> I may still be able to get you on the trip, but only if there is space available. There is also special airfare pricing that will probably go up after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Click to see the [Discover the Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers September 12-25, 2022](#) brochure.

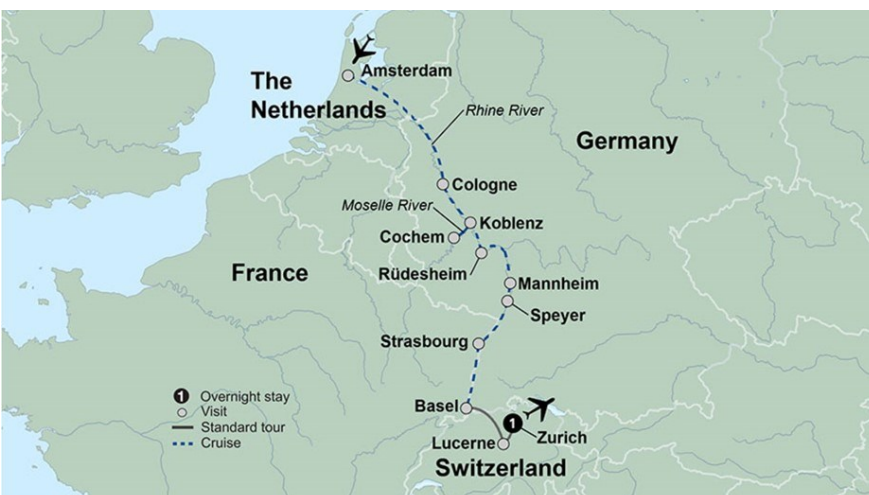
Here are a few details:

- Depart for Amsterdam on September 12, 2022 (2 days ahead of the regular trip).
- Return from Zurich, Switzerland on September 26, 2022 (3 additional days at the end of the regular trip spent in Lucerne, Switzerland).
- We will be cruising on the MS Amadeus Imperial (launched in 2020).
- Travel insurance is included in the pricing along with all tips.
- Ground transportation from Livermore to SFO and return.

The Amadeus river ships are new and modern. They are taking extra special precautions since Covid, which you can read about on their website here: <https://www.amadeus-rivercruises.com>.

Here is a map of the trip:

**Reminder:** SIR approved Collette Travel, has provided our overseas trips. If you want to plan



your own trip you can go to their website, [www.gocollette.com](http://www.gocollette.com), find a trip that interests you, and let me know. If you book through me, I can save you money on your trip.

Bill Britton.

**If you would like to be added to my list of interested travelers contact me here:**

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#### SIR 101 web information:

**SIR 101:** [SirInc2.org/Branch101](http://SirInc2.org/Branch101). Our site has a 'Members Only' section. SIR 101 members may contact our Webmaster for the User Name and Password. See the Member Roster, Member Photo Gallery, Speaker Videos, Member Videos, Form 27, Form 28 and BEC Meeting Minutes.

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#### Hyperlinks in this edition

This edition has several hyperlinks to help you quickly navigate between the pages, send an email or see a web site just by clicking on a hyperlink. Hyperlinks are underlined and of a different color than the nearby text.

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Hover the mouse over a hyperlinked **email address** and see a small 'mailto:' window popup. Click on the hyperlinked email address and an email subsystem will appear with the email address and subject line filled in ready to complete and send an email.

Hover the mouse over a hyperlinked **internet address (URL)** and see a small 'http.' window popup. Click on the hyperlinked URL and a browser window will open with that web site address.

#### Updates and suggestions

Send your updates and suggestions to the [Bulletin Editor](#).

**What is the Birthday Boys Program?** It is a program that offers each member, who is celebrating a birthday in the current month, to have a chance to receive a free \$25 egift certificate, if that member's name is chosen in a drawing and is in attendance at the monthly meeting. Currently, three names are called for each month and awarded a free \$25 egift certificate. Click [here](#) to see the current Birthday Boys.

**What is the Green Dot Program?** (Editor's note: the [Green Dot](#) program continues to recognize recent new members. Nov, 2021: The Luncheon benefit is available again for 'in person' meetings.

Each member is assigned an identification number that appears on his lapel badge which is filed in numerical order near the Luncheon Meeting entrance. He will wear his badge at all meetings and must leave it when he departs the meeting. For about the first six months after he joins SIR 101, his badge will have a **Green Dot** on it which signifies he is a new member and entitles members who share his dining table, [early access to the buffet line](#). The main purpose is to encourage members to introduce themselves to the new members and help them feel comfortable and learn what SIR is all about. The badges also provide a means of noting meeting attendance.

#### Current Green Dot members

*Jeff Anhalt, David Arterburn, Carl Asbury, Ron Baskett, Joel Bowers, Dave Burg, Vaughn Draggoo, Dave Dunlap, Patrick Epperson, Hugh Gregg, Roger Grimm, Rick Knowles, Paul McCandless, Bob McGarry, John Mulrooney, Steve Plummer, Rick Roller, Steve Skedzielewski, Joe Stetter, Terry Tikalsky*

**New Way to Pay** Members now have the option to use their PC or smartphone to pay your lunch and annual contribution. Most major banks support Zelle money transfers. Want to know more? Click [ZELLEPAY.COM](http://ZELLEPAY.COM). **On your PC** login to your bank web site. **On your smartphone** download your bank's app. If your bank doesn't have Zelle, then download the Zelle app from [ZELLEPAY.COM](http://ZELLEPAY.COM). Connect Zelle to your bank account. Connect Zelle to Treasurer Fred Coffield's cell phone 925 216-0227 or email [fcoffield1@comcast.net](mailto:fcoffield1@comcast.net). Fred prefers Zelle but some banks don't support Zelle. Fred will also accept **PayPal**. Either way, ZELLE or Paypal, send the money to Fred's cell phone number or email address whichever it asks for. You use Zelle or Paypal to send the money direct to the SIR bank account. You can also pay by cash/check by mailing or dropping payment at Fred's house. See the Member Roster on our website for Fred's street address.

If you have questions, please contact Treasurer Fred Coffield, [SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com).

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## Birthday Boys\*

**February Birthday Boys:** you must be at the February 22nd meeting for a chance to win one of up to 3 \$25 egift certificates

Bob Ackley, David Gire, Dick Hatfield, Dick Lerche,  
Bob Pankhurst, Pete Patterson, Dick Ryon,  
Robert Smith, Larry Suter

**December Birthday Boy Winners:**  
Dave Dunlap, Rick Knowles, Nile Runge

**January Birthday Boy Winners:**  
Ray Culy, Royce Eckard, Steve Skedzielewski

\* See page 12 'Birthday Boy Program'

## Events

**What:** 2022 Picnic

**When:** tentative June, 2022!

**Contact:** Ron Saltgaver, Chairman, 925-443-0693,  
[SIR101Events@googlegroups.com](mailto:SIR101Events@googlegroups.com)



**Big Sir from [Page 1](#)** members, while we await the completion of construction at our preferred venue, the Livermore Elks Lodge. Let's hope for good news on that!

I'll send out an email invite for the February 22nd Zoom Meetup, soon. For you February Birthday Boys, be sure to attend and get a chance for a \$25 eGift award from Amazon. You can't win if you don't attend!

Our outdoor activities continue to be the "go to" for many of you. Hiking, Kayaking and Bocce are great ways to have fun, stay healthy and socialize with old and new friends! Check out and be sure to "join in" on these fantastic opportunities on our website <https://sirinc2.org/branch101/home1.html>.

Along with outdoor activities, our Travel Activities Chair, Bill Britton has been working hard to provide excellent travel opportunities for our members. I for one, can't wait for this September's Magical Rhine/Moselle River Cruise (September 12-25). We'll get to enjoy Amsterdam, Lucerne and a host of cities along these fine European rivers!

Starting in January, our branch began using a new email service that we hope is providing better communication with all our members. You have already started receiving branch email with the Constant Contact service. Please be sure to check your Junk mail folders and set your email program to accept messages from "dgately+mac.com@ccsend.com". That way you won't miss any important communications from the branch.