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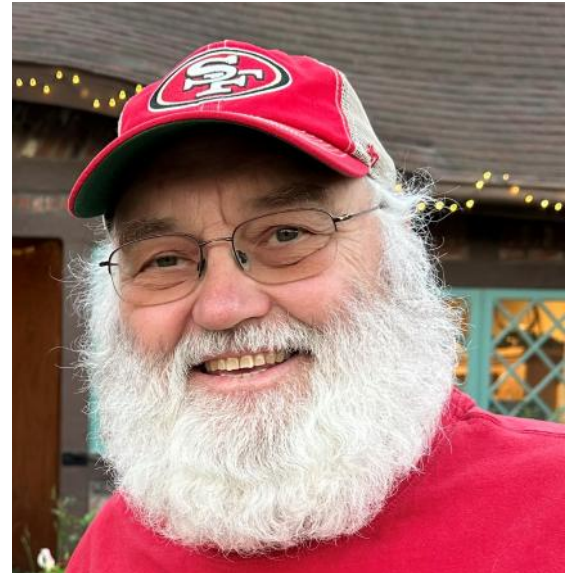
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The Big Sir Message from Bob Johnson

Fall has arrived, at least according to the calendar, and football is in full swing at all levels. I just returned from two weeks in Central Illinois, where I saw my alma mater, Illinois, beat USC with a field goal in the final seconds. It was an exciting game with a final score of 34 to 32. It was hot at the game, though, with a high of 87 degrees. At least the humidity was not bad. Most days that I was there the daily high was well over 80 degrees. So much for cool, crisp fall days I experienced growing up. The heat certainly brought on the harvest of corn and soybeans. When I first arrived only a few fields had been harvested and not many combines could be seen. By the second week combines were everywhere, most harvesting soybeans, but several doing corn too. Country roads were not built to accommodate today's farm machinery. Great care was needed when meeting a combine or large grain cart on a road.

It is always wonderful to see family and friends. I saw a friend who I met in the first grade and a friend who I grew up with in the same neighborhood. Lots of good memories.



At our September luncheon we enjoyed a presentation, with many beautiful photos, about traveling in Morocco by Vicki Stephens. For our upcoming luncheon on October 16th the speaker will be Tony Mazzucco, who will give an overview of the new James Webb Space Telescope, the world's most powerful space telescope. This will be a really fascinating presentation. Don't miss it! Hope to see you on the 16th.

Save the date: Holiday Dinner is December 11th

Yes, English can be weird.

It can be understood through tough, thorough thought, though.

October Speaker

Speaker: Tony Mazzucco
Topic: James Webb Space Telescope

Time and Location:
Thursday, October 16, 2025, 11:30AM
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA



Tony Mazzucco is a retired aerospace engineer who worked for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale for 35 years supporting a variety of space programs. He is active in the SIRS men's program locally in San Jose, enjoying the golfing, hiking, pickleball and wine clubs. He volunteers with his wife at their church in San Jose, serving in the Children's Ministry, Food Pantry and Grief Share programs. He also volunteers as a teacher of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) at his local elementary school. Tony will be sharing a brief overview of the new James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), the world's most powerful (and expensive) space telescope, including its incredible engineering design and some of the amazing discoveries and images collected since it began its science mission in mid July 2022. Webb is designed to "look back in time" to see the most distant galaxies in the Universe, and study how

stars and galaxies evolved over cosmic time. Webb will study planets orbiting other stars looking for the chemical signatures of the building blocks of life, as well as study the planets in our own solar system.



French fries didn't come from France. They were cooked in Greece first

December 20, Memorial for Roger Everett

A memorial service for our dear friend Roger Everett will be held on Saturday, December 20, at 2:00 pm at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Roger was a very special person who touched many of our lives and was a long time leader in SIR and other organizations.

Check out our **SIR Branch 101 web site**.

Click SirInc2.org/Branch101 to see the latest edition. Click on this link to email Dennis Gately, SIR101Web@googlegroups.com or call 925-443-1953 for the member id and password.

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

Financial

Contact: Roger Grimm, Treasurer, 925-290-5891
SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com



Monthly Cash Report for September, 2025
 See our web site for the complete Form 28.

Beginning Cash Balance (Total Cash)..Line 1: Month: \$6225.10 **Jan 1:** \$7116.59
 Ending Cash Balance (Total Cash).....Line 8: Month: \$6071.30

Membership and Attendance

Contact: Scott Henderson, Chairman
SIR101Membership@googlegroups.com



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, VISITORS and GUESTS:

New Members: 1

Tim Meier

- ♦ **Visitors:** 1.
- ♦ **Guests:** 1

MEMBER CARE GIVERS:

- ♦ Care Givers: 0.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

- ♦ Deleted: 0
- ♦ Passed: 1—Roger Everett

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- ♦ The ACTIVE Membership of SIR 101 as of October, 2025 is **130** members

MEETING ATTENDANCE— All lunch meetings are planned to be in-person

- ♦ September: 60 attendees .

BEC meetings follow in-person lunch meetings.

The complete SIR Form 27
 Monthly Branch Membership Report for September, 2025 is available on our website.



Twenty years of leading hikes and all I get is a cap?
 Oh, there's a pin, too. :-) THANKS ART!

Future Speakers

Our Planned Speakers :

November 20 — Ricky Deutsch, HEXAGON
Spies in the Skies—Reconnaissance Technology During the Cold War.

Speakers are a great attraction for attracting po-

tential new **members to attend our SIR meetings.** Do you have ideas for speakers? Let Terry Tikalsky, SIR101LittleSIR@googlegroups.com, know.

Bocce

When: 2nd and 4th Thursdays 10:00am

Next: October 23, November 9, 2025

Where: Bothwell Park, 8th and H St

Contact: Chuck Molenkamp, Chairman, 925-413-1414

SIR101Bocce@googlegroups.com



The SIR Bocce players met twice during September, on the 11th and 25th, at the Bothwell Park bocce courts. Each time there were four players, about half our usual number due to travel and medical issues. Even with a smaller group we had a wonderful time visiting together and playing bocce. During October we plan to play bocce on the 23rd. We would love to have a

few new players join us and hopefully the travelers will be home and the injured recovered. If you are not on the bocce email reminder list and would like to join us, just email Chuck Molenkamp (cmole44@gmail.com) asking to be added to the list. October and November traditionally provide some of the nicest weather for bocce - a great time to come test your shots.



SIR Bocce players on September 11 are Chuck Molenkamp, Scott Henderson, Bruce Henry, and Werner Schlapfer.

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"How did you meet your husband?" "I'm a pharmacist. He came in to buy condoms, asked for size XXXXXL. Only after we were married did I realize that he stutters."

Dining Out

When: Usually 2nd Tuesdays at 5:30pm

Next: October 14, 2025

Where: Cattlemen's, 2282 Kitty Hawk Rd., Livermore

Contact: Ted Schaefer, Chairman,

SIR101Diningout@googlegroups.com



The SIRS Dining Out group will meet at Cattlemen's in Livermore at 5:30pm on October 14. If you haven't already done so, please let Ted know in advance so that he can make a reservation for you (and your date!)

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

When: Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 11:30am

Where: TBA

Contact: Vic Wheatman, Chairman

SIR101Romeos@googlegroups.com



Seven Romeos trekked to beautiful downtown Pleasanton to try the new Nachtmarkt Austrian restaurant for an interesting selection of salads, sausages, fish salad, pork chops and more, plus an extensive array of alcoholic beverages. The discussion ranged across many topics like the differences between IPAs, Lagers and Pilsner beers. There was talk about cooking pizza on the charcoal grill versus using pizza ovens. Real estate and vintages entered the discussion of wine and wineries for sale; one member recently poured for 250 patrons at a wine release par-

ty. Another member was asked about his mid-west farm and if the harvest had started. The plight of the farmers touched on the situation with soybeans, how autonomous tractors and combines worked and more. Appropriately, the fortieth anniversary of FarmAid was noted. We remembered SIR Roger Everett and noted the upcoming event honoring the man who gave so much to SIRS. We finished with a brief talk about the preparation for December's seasonal member dinner. Santa Claus will appear. A fun time was had by all and the food was good!



From left: Jim Hermerding, Steve Skedzielewski, Bob Johnson Ken Nugger, Vic Wheatman, Chuck Molenkamp, Paul McCandles

Hiking and Walking

When: Wednesdays, 8:00 & 8:30 am (see note below)

Where: South L St. and Railroad Ave.

Contact

Larry Wiley, Chairman, 925-443-5479

SIR101Hiking@googlegroups.com



We try to do a different trail every Wednesday forming 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 Del Valle, 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. To walk in nature is good medicine! I guarantee we have a

group for you. Ramblers and Scramblers leave at 8:00 AM from the parking lot on the southeast corner of South L Street and Railroad Avenue and Amblers leave at 8:30 AM, usually from the trailhead but sometimes from the aforementioned parking lot if carpooling is needed. Amblers check a signup spreadsheet that is emailed every week.

Spouses, friends and family are welcome. Bring plenty of water and hiking poles if needed.

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





A yawn is a silent scream for coffee

SIR 101 Travel

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

Contact: Bill Britton, Chairman, 925-443-9913,
SIR101Travel@googlegroups.com



I am happy to announce that our SIR 101 BEC approved the 12 day **Christmas on the Danube** cruise for November 27 to December 8, 2026. You can find more details on the trip in last month's newsletter. I want to point out some key things that are included:

- * Hometown (Livermore) transfers to and from SFO
- * Round Trip air included which also includes airport transfers in Europe
- * All gratuities (tips)
- * 10 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, & 7 Dinners
- * Travel Insurance
- * Cancel for any reason up to 24 hours before departure and receive a full refund minus the cost of the insurance.
- * All ground transportation in Europe
- * Full time tour manager
- * Local guides with Whisper Headphones
- * One additional pre-night in Wurzburg
- * 2 nights Prague Post Tour Extension with possibility to add an additional night

I have 24 spots reserved through November 29, after which booking will be based on space availability. To get your preferred cabin category it is important to reserve as soon as possible. A deposit of \$1,597/person is required to reserve your place(s).

I may schedule another Zoom Informational meeting after our October Luncheon. I am available to answer your questions in person at our SIR October Luncheon or over the phone or by text at 925-200-1062. I can also email you the brochure. You can find more information or sign up for the trip at:

<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1271367>



Lower Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$5,897; Single \$7,437;

Middle Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$6,697; Single \$8,737;

Upper Outside Cabin Rates: Double \$7,097; Single \$9,437;

Suite Cabin Rates: Double \$7,497; Single \$10,537;

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Francisco Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers, Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person, Gratuities and SIRS fee



Golf

When: 7:30 Monday and/or 8:30 Thursday Mornings

How: Through the Livermore Valley Golf Club

Where: Las Positas golf course

Contact: Dwight Lang 925-784-1389



Many new SIR 101 members have expressed an interest in playing golf with a group. We currently do not have organized golf activity in Branch 101, as we do not have over 20 member golfers needed to form a SIR golf activity.

Many SIR 101 members now play with the Livermore Valley Golf Club, as I do, and the organizers of

that club are welcoming SIR 101 members to join their club. They play on Monday and Thursday mornings at Las Positas golf course. Information about how to join this group is available from Dwight Lang.

Sunshine

Contact: Art Molvik

SIR101Sunshine@googlegroups.com.



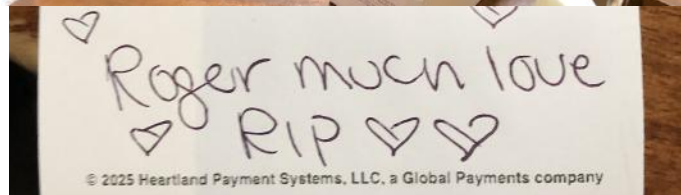
Unfortunately, the Sunshine Activity has gotten way too active.

Carl Rosenkilde has been in rehabilitation while he gains strength.

Everett White has had pain in his leg that had him spending time in the ER.

We will greatly miss Roger Everett who we lost this month. See the note on page two for more on the December 20 memorial.

At Left: Alehouse, noon, Sept 24, 2025: Brook Witherspoon knew that Roger liked apples and apple desserts, and brought to our table apple fritters from Paris Baguette, in Roger's memory. The lunch bill arrived with a heartfelt note from a longtime server and friend.



Wine Tasting

When: Friday October 31, 3pm
Where: Charles R Winery, 8195 Crane Ridge Road, Livermore
Contact: Steve Skedzielewski, Chairman, 925-455-5579
SIR101Wine@googlegroups.com



We'll head south past the end of Greenville Road to visit Charles R winery this month.

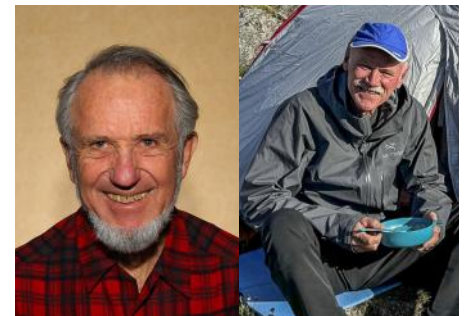
Steve will send more details (snacks, tasting fee, comped purchases) using the mailing list of

those who have expressed interest in the group. To be added, just send your contact info to him at skedz@acm.org.

SIR 101 Kayaking

When: *Second* Tuesday of the month (*usually*)
On hiatus
Contact:

Dick Ryon, Chairman 925-447-8907
Kim Grandfield, Asst. Chairman



Dick's recovery is taking longer than hoped and Kim is recovering from his second knee surgery, so we don't have an update about the kayaking activity this month. However, an informal set of outings is happening—if you're not receiving

invitations and would like to join them please let Dick know.

Paddle and live long!

Investments

When: Friday October 24, 2025 from 9:30am-10:30am
Where: Zoom meeting
Contact: Bob Dashner
sir101investmentschairman@gmail.com



If you are interested in joining the group, please send a note to Bob at the address above and he'll add you to the group's email list.

The next online meeting of the SIR 101 Investments Group will be on Friday, October 24, 2025, from 9:30-10:30 via Zoom. If you are interested in attending and have not received an invitation, send an email message to Bob Dashner, at sir101investmentschairman@gmail.com.

The main Agenda topic will be:

- Financial Planning for 2026+

Branch 59 hopes to host these 'invite a branch' outings once a quarter. During lunch they gave each of us a list of twenty or more possible events/places and asked attendees to rank them in order of their own interest. We expect to hear the group's consensus soon.



Five 101'ers went to Blackhawk Museum in Danville on 9/26 at the invitation of Branch 59. From left, they were Dom Saccullo, Marcus Libkind, Bill Leach, and the Garbutt Bros. They toured the auto, western history, and Oriental exhibits, then joined the 59'ers at Fat Maddie's for lunch.

Birthday Boys*

October Birthday Boys

Dave Coats
Gregory Davis
Don Faul
Hugh Gregg
Bruce Henry

Paul McCandless
Jim Muir
Jim Murray
Chuck Noland
Ken Nuger

Ted Schaefer
Henry Shay
Terry Tikalsky
Larry Wiley

September Birthday Boys Winners

Bill Whalen and Ron Dueltgen



*** What is the Birthday Boys Program?** It is a program that offers each member who is celebrating a birthday in the current month, a chance to receive a free luncheon credit. Two names are drawn each month, however, the member must be present at the monthly meeting when the names are drawn to receive the credit

Lunch Prepayment Instructions / Yearly Member Dues Reminder

Prepay your \$33 lunch or make your Annual Dues payment of \$30.

You can best support our branch with your yearly \$30 dues. SIR promotes entertaining and enriching our lives through many activities as well as branch meetups, like in-person luncheons, If you have not already paid for the year, please do so!

Pay online or on your cell phone or computer with Zelle ([preferred](#))!

Check with your bank to see if it provides the Zelle service. If it does, you can use their app or web site to send money *at no cost* by just adding the SIR101Treasurer@gmail.com as a payee.

If your bank doesn't participate visit the zellepay.com website.

Avoid the long lunch line: RSVP the meeting invitation online, pre-pay your lunch via Zelle and arrive early to visit at the lunch.

PayPal We currently can't accept PayPal payments.

Mail checks to: Roger Grimm at 3034 Chateau Way, Livermore 94550

Questions or more Information? Contact Treasurer: Roger Grimm, SIR101Treasurer@googlegroups.com.

What is the Green Dot Program?

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 year 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 are:**

Vic Avila, Greg Barr, Dale Berven, David Cabral, Jim Durkee, Phillip Garbutt, Dick Lear, Marcus Libkind, Bob Lormand, Thomas Parham, David Pendleton, Ken Simons, Mike Telang, Gary Tompkins, Rick Vistnes, John Whitehead

Membership Rules:

- A Member will be considered in good standing if his annual dues are paid up. There is no longer a luncheon-attendance requirement.
- A member is responsible for replying to the RSVP alert sent via email prior to each monthly luncheon, If he responds that he will attend but later finds that he cannot, he must notify Werner Schlapfer, SIR101Attendance@googlegroups.com not less than 48 hours before the luncheon.
- Each member is responsible for confirming that we have accurate contact information for him.
- If you plan to bring a guest or caregiver, please send an email to Bob Johnson, SIR101BigSir@googlegroups.com at least 48 hours before the luncheon.

Non-responsibility clause: All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, SIR, Inc. and its Branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matter pertaining to said activities. Travel events of four (4) or more nights and all air and sea travel must be arranged and booked through a travel agency. Members and guests shall make their checks payable to the travel agency involved. Tour and travel events of three (3) or fewer nights shall require participating members and guests to make their checks payable to the appropriate Branch of SIR, Inc., whether or not a travel agency has booked the event.

SIR 101 web information:

SIR 101: 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.

Is your Photo Gallery photo missing? Send a digital photo similar to the Photo Gallery pictures to Webmaster Dennis Gately and to Bulletin Editor Steve Skedzielewski. No photo? Contact the Bulletin Editor.

State SIR information: SIR Inc.: sirinc.org, SIR Sports: State SIR Sports Chair W. Lee Moy, HealthStudio@gmail.com (559) 709-9851. The SIR newsletter [SIR Happenings](#) features news about SIR and all the things that are still going on in our Branches.

