

Recent Events



Car Enthusiasts Visit Al Engels Automotive Museum

Joe Sauerland



Twenty-seven SIR car enthusiasts, spouses, and friends recently visited the Al Engels Automotive Museum enjoying an exclusive tour of one of Northern California's largest private transportation related collections. Located in Richmond, the museum houses rare and historically significant classic cars, hot rods, custom vehicles, race cars, boats, airplanes, and other eclectic transportation artifacts.

Mr. Engels and his team walked us through his incredible collection housed in five buildings, so massive a bus was utilized to ferry us among the various locations. There was everything from an historic

Playland-At-The-Beach bumper car to a Venetian gondola, to an Indianapolis 500 race car. The engine section alone housed over 20 working motors, some valued at over \$100,000, and ranging from a Rolls Royce jet turbine to a World War II merlin tank engine. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity view Mr. Engels fascinating collection which took decades to assemble. It was a trip down memory lane, rekindling fond memories from our youth.

Thank you, Ron Simon, for arranging our tour. We'll be back next spring for a return visit.

Editor's Note



Summer Days *Erick Young*

It's hard to believe it's already Labor Day.

Historically, that's been the unofficial end of summertime and the time to get more serious about fall. For those of us who have been enjoying the (very) warm weather, it's difficult to think of the fall briskness.

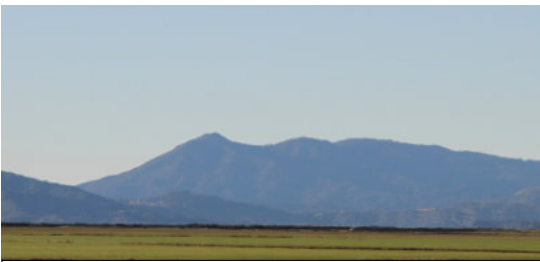
There was an interesting article in the Washington Post about one of the impacts of climate change. The article came with a calculator for every ZIP code that showed the increase in summer-like days. For Novato there are now 23 more days above 66° than 30 years ago! Hopefully, not too much warmer. Enjoy your extra month and have another cool beverage in the yard.

NEXT LUNCHEON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 McInnis Park Club

Reservations: <https://sir47.org/monthly-luncheon/>

Or call 415-881-7477

Please bring a check for \$36 per person



Big SIR Report



Big SIR Report for September 2025

Frank Luttringer

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<https://sir47.org>

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Secretary	Alan Lutsky
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Directors	Mark Bosch
	Marshall Gross
	Bill McNicholas
	Ron Kosciusko
	Bill Wickley

Past Big Sir	Carl Dawson
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Activities	Kurt Heilman
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Membership	Open
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A big thank you to Charlie for stepping in to lead the August lunch. I understand that he did a great job and the speaker was enjoyed by everyone.

As of this newsletter there is only one more summer special event scheduled so sign up now before it is too late. The September Bay Cruise is scheduled for September 20th. You will find details on this event, as well as our other ongoing activities here in the Tamal Talk.

Our list of officers and directors for the Branch 47 Executive Committee (BEC) for 2026 was approved at the August lunch (see page 3). We have had some success with our outreach to members to fill open positions. Jim Purvis is our new assistant Secretary for 2026, and Bill Wickley is our backup treasurer. We also have at least two new members working on our various technology needs. I will issue more updates next month.

As reported at our August luncheon, dues are being increased to \$45 per year in 2026 to fill the many needs of our branch. See the article later in the Tamal Talk for background and details. We are making every effort to keep costs of dues, luncheons, and activities as low as possible to encourage participation, but just like everything else today, costs

continue to rise, and we must keep up to provide the same level of service to all our members.

On August 26th Carl Dawson, Ron Nelson and I attended the annual SIRs state meeting. Many state representatives updated us on the status of SIRs at the state level. SIRs has stabilized with about 8000 members and 79 branches with an average age of 80+. We approved adjustments to the bylaws to eliminate the word retirement but keep the word seniors. We approved expansion of SIRs to include Southern California as interest in SIRs spreads. We also expanded the ability of branches to allow family members and others to join us at our functions at the branch's discretion. The state website is being improved to allow easier access to the information that you may be looking for. The state board is listening to us and no significant changes have been made or are anticipated, but they continue to review possible changes to slowly improve the organization with Branch approval. For more information, please visit the state website at Sirinc.org.

Frank Luttringer
Big SIR 2025 for Branch 47
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Next Board Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday September 23, 2025, 9:30 AM.

McInnis Club Restaurant; luncheon after meeting.

Little SIR Report



Little SIR Report for August 2025

Charlie Panfely

In August we were privileged to welcome Zach Mendes from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). He explained how MALT was founded in 1980 to protect family farms in Marin from mounting development pressure. To date, they have safeguarded 58,917 acres through the acquisition of 98 agricultural conservation easements and have \$112,364,595 invested in protecting Marin farms and ranches. It was a very informative presentation and there were many questions. Zack's email address is zmendes@malt.org if anyone has further questions.

Coming up in September we will have John Geoghegan presenting White Elephant Technology: An

Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions. This will be a light-hearted showcase of inventor's talents in building things no one actually asked for.

Our speaker in October will be Ki Siadatan. His topic is entitled: "Revolutionizing Aging: How Innovation and Emerging Technologies are Shaping the Future of Longevity and Healthcare." His presentation will explore the impact of emerging technology on aging and healthcare over the next 5, 10, and 20 years.

Be sure to RSVP for our September luncheon on the 23rd. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Charlie Panfely
cpanfely@att.net

September 2025 Membership Report

Active Members	127
Alumni	19
Total Members	146
Honorary Life Members	4

Passing

Hal Nygard

We lost long time member Hal Nygard last month. He was a member of Branch 47 since 1999. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

Sunshine Committee

If you know of any SIR who has passed, is ill, or just needs contact, please call **Frank Ghazzagh**, Chair of the Sunshine Committee. He will make sure the Branch provides the needed contact.
415-505-7931

SIRs Branch 47

Proposed Officers and Directors for 2026 Slate Adopted by Vote of Members 8/26/2025

Officers:

Big SIR – Charlie Panfely
Little SIR – Ron Nelson
Secretary – Alan Lutsky
Assistant Secretary – Jim Purvis
Treasurer - Bill Stewart
Assistant Treasurer – Howard Foster

Directors:

Carl Dawson (Area 8 Representative)
Frank Luttringer (Past Big SIR)
Bill Wickley (Backup Treasurer)
Bill McNicholas
Ron Kosciusko (Webmaster)
Kurt Heilman (Activities and Travel)



MALT Director of Land Protection spoke at August 26 Luncheon

Zach Mendes, a Director of MALT (Marin Agricultural Land Trust) spoke about the organization's efforts and challenges to preserve the agricultural lands that make Marin a special place.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

SIR Branch 47 Board Meeting Tamalpias Branch In Person Meeting June 24, 2025

The BEC Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Big Sir Frank Luttringer. A quorum was determined to be present. Attendees: Officers and Directors of 2024 Board were present as follows: Frank Luttringer, Charlie Panfely, Carl Dawson, Alan Lutsky, Kurt Heilman, Bill Wickley, Ron Kosciusko. Tamal talk: Erick Young, Guests: Rick Coburn, Doug Twitchell. Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Board agenda for July 22, 2025, and minutes for BEC meeting of June 24, 2025.

Big SIR Report:

Frank stated that he will be away for the State meeting on August 26. Carl Dawson and Ron Nelson will also attend the state meeting. The next BEC meeting was rescheduled to Monday, 8-25-25 at 10:30 at McInnes to allow more members to attend and prepare for the Tuesday luncheon. Other items covered will be below. The budget for 2026 will be reviewed later in the meeting. New members who join before July 1st will pay full dues.

Little SIR Report:

Luncheon speakers are now scheduled through the end of the year.

Our speaker today will be the Marin County Sheriff, Jamie Scardina. He will talk about the sheriff's organization and what they do. The hot topic of Immigration will be discussed as well as current trends in crime affecting Marin.

In August we will have Josh Mendes from the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT). He will provide a general overview of MALT and discuss some of their current projects.

In September John Geoghegan will present *White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions*. This will be a light-hearted showcase of inventor's talents in building things no one asked for.

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing further to report – see Budget item

Membership Report:

Rick Coburn and Doug Twitchell are handling attendance for the July and August luncheons. The Luncheon attendance is 71 meals that includes 1 guest and 1 speaker.

There are currently about 126 active and 20 alumni members.

We need a permanent volunteer for membership and attendance.

No new members will be sworn in today.

Secretary Report:

Nothing further to report.

Area 8 Report:

Carl and Kurt have a tentative date for the Bay cruise of 9-20-25 to be confirmed and published in the Tamal Talk. Other Branches will be invited.

Old Business:

Tamal Talk –Erick needs more input and photos from activity chairs.

Special Activities-Updates

- a) Picnic – July 15th - Tom Culhane. There was a voluntary \$4.00 charge. There were 37 attendees. Pictures will be published in Tamal Talk.
- b) Senior faire – September 17. See below.
- c) Bay Cruise -Sept 20th - area 8 activity. Kurt will be the interim chair. We will look for a 3-person committee to take over.
- d) Christmas Party - Kurt – Tuesday December 9th. See below.

Branch Executive Committee Minutes

Technology Update:

Mark is on vacation, returning in August. A Website orientation meeting was led by Ron K. and was very informative. More technology meetings will be scheduled in August.

Credit Card Payments:

Carl is continuing work to find a fit for credit card payments that will work for Branch 47. Ron discussed Plug-ins needed for possible credit card usage.

Volunteers:

We continue to need volunteers for Special Committees. See the list of 2026 officers and directors for open positions that need to be filled.

Senior Fair:

September 17. A reservation and a \$200.00 deposit were made by Mark. He was able to get the preferred location for our booth. Three volunteers are needed to man the booth. Howard, Ron Nelson, and Carl volunteered to be on site for the fair. Frank will assist with compiling all the equipment required to set up the booth.

2026 Budget:

An increase in **dues** was discussed. A draft budget for 2026 using various dues scenarios using data from 2024 and 2025 to project the expected expenses for an increase in 20 new members. Right now, our only source of income is dues, but we can review other possible sources. Ideas for budget reduction and increasing income include limiting the Birthday wine, have guests pay for lunch, increasing lunch cost to cover the speaker's lunch, and printing fewer rosters.

Dues Increase for 2026 - A motion to increase dues to \$45.00 was made by Bill W., seconded by Kurt and approved by acclamation. Kurt will draft an article for the Tamal Talk to address the increase in dues.

Guide Dogs Tour:

Bill McNicholas is setting up a tour of the Guide Dogs for the Blind facility in August. Advertising will be in Tamal Talk.

New Business:

A list of 2026 officers and directors was presented. The list will be published in Tamal Talk.

New Officers Needed:

- (i) 2nd Assistant Treasurer
- (ii) Assistant Secretary
- (iii) Membership
- (iv) Attendance
- (v) Technology (website and database)

With no further topics to be raised, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. The next BEC meeting is scheduled for Monday August 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Lutsky
Secretary

Dues and Membership Plan for 2026

Adopted by BEC August 25, 2025

1. Set an ongoing goal of cash reserves at 1 to 1.5 times the net operating yearly cost (\$5,000 to \$7,500).
2. Increase dues to \$45 per year for active members to begin to achieve cash reserves while covering expenses in 2026. At these rates it may take 2 or more years to get us into the desired range of cash reserves. The BEC will reevaluate cash reserves annually and report to the membership.
3. Have new members who join prior to August 1st pay yearly dues.
4. Continue free lunches for guests, birthday wine, printed roster, and other general expenses.
5. All activities should support themselves without support from the general fund except monthly luncheons and the Senior Fair.
6. Senior fair participation will be reviewed after this year's results are recorded.
7. Lunch will remain at actual restaurant cost for members.
8. Alumni members are past members who no longer can attend activities or luncheons (usually due to health-related issues) but would like to continue to receive our newsletter. They do not have to pay dues and can attend one luncheon at their expense if they are able. If they want to attend a second luncheon, they need to pay dues and become an active member.
9. Guests are defined as men who are sponsored by a current active member who wants to introduce a friend to SIRs Branch 47 due to their interest in joining. Their sponsor will register them for lunch and attend the luncheon with them. They will receive a guest welcome package that will include an application for membership. They will receive only one free lunch. Sponsors will report back to the membership chair as to the status of their guest's possible membership status.
10. Visitors are defined as non-members who want to attend one of our luncheons due to their relationship with a member and interest in the speaker that month or to assist the member in attending the luncheon due to health issues. Visitors are not encouraged except when special meetings are announced where we encourage spouses or friends to join us for a special luncheon. Visitors must pay the member rate for lunch and be registered by a member.
11. Each luncheon will have 1 or 2 speakers arranged by the Little Sir. Branch 47 will pay for their lunch.
12. Organizers of SIRs Branch 47 activities (not including monthly luncheons) can choose to allow members to bring nonmembers to any activity if they choose to do so.

Branch 47 Condensed 47 Budget

We have reviewed SIRs State recommendation for cash reserves, and they say that “Branch cash reserves should be budgeted at about \$40.00 per member minimum at year end”. Currently, we have 127 active members so our minimum cash reserves should be about \$5,080. Our projection for the end of 2025 is \$2,559 which is only about half of what we should have as a minimum. The BEC wants to gradually get up to the minimum amount while maintaining our current level of service to our members and keeping the luncheon cost at actual cost paid to the restaurant per person. So, we have decided to raise dues to \$45 per year.

Previously Branch 47 members paid \$35 dues, but we lowered dues to \$30 in 2019. At that time, we had a large “cash” balance, and this seemed like a good way to give this back to our members. Since then, the State SIR has increased the assessment that Branches pay to the State SIR from \$5 to \$11 per member. As a result, by this year's end, our Branch’s “cash” on hand will be below our target deemed to be fiscally sound, i.e. between \$5,000 and \$7,500 “cash”, which equates from 1X to 1.5X expected annual expenses.

The adopted plan will put us back on track to maintain a healthy cash reserve.

Frank Luttringer
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	2024 Actual	2025 Projected	2026 Budget
Assumptions for Budget:			
Dues			\$45
Members			125
Luncheon Cost			\$37
Luncheon Attendance			65
General Accounts			
Dues	\$4,753	\$3,695	\$5,625
State Assessment (1)	(\$1,720)	(\$1,684)	(\$1,500)
Branch Expenses (2)	(\$997)	(\$1,471)	(\$1,300)
Net General Accounts	\$2,040	\$540	\$2,825
Custodial Accounts			
Luncheon Receipts	\$32,401	\$31,736	\$26,455
Luncheon Costs (3)	(\$34,900)	(\$34,208)	(\$28,373)
Luncheons Net	(\$2,499)	(\$2,472)	(\$1,918)
Events Receipts (4)	\$8,769	\$10,011	\$9,570
Events Costs	(\$9,525)	(\$10,376)	(\$9,730)
Events Net	(\$756)	(\$365)	(\$160)
Net Custodial Accounts	(\$3,255)	(\$2,837)	(\$2,078)
Branch 47 Net for Year	(\$1,215)	(\$2,297)	\$748
Beginning Cash	\$6,071	\$4,856	\$2,559
Ending Cash (5)	\$5,080	\$2,559	\$3,307

Notes:

- 1) State SIRS assessment is \$3 per member each quarter or \$12 per year.
- 2) Branch expenses include postage, travel to State meetings, Roster Book, and software.
- 3) Luncheon costs include cost of meals, birthday wine, and meals for speakers and guests.
- 4) Events and parties are expected to be financially neutral, except Senior Fair.
- 5) Goal is to end up with 1x to 1.5x annual net operating costs as a cash reserve (\$5000-\$7500).



September 23, 2025 Luncheon Speaker

John Geoghegan

White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions

John Geoghegan will present **White Elephant Technology: An Entertaining Look at Unusual Inventions.**

From Jeeps that flew to tanks that shouldn't; from a wave-powered boat that took forever to reach its destination to a jet-powered train that nearly shook itself apart, an entertaining look at WETech inventions which showcase an inventor's talent for building something nobody asked for.

This talk will be lavishly illustrated with rare photographs and brief film clips demonstrating that failure is not just entertaining, but has something important to teach us.

Menu Choices

All choices include, bread or rolls, butter, and dessert.

(1) Beef Stroganoff

(2) Grilled Salmon mango papaya salsa with rice and vegetables

(3) Vegan Plate- Mushroom Risotto

(4) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

SUNSET BAY CRUISE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

From 6 pm - 7:30 PM, Departing from Tiburon Ferry Terminal



We will cruise around Richardson Bay & Sausalito up to the Golden Gate. (We could pass under the Golden Gate, but only if the weather permits.) We are obtaining a group reservation at a cost of \$22 pp. However, you need to let Carl Dawson Dawsongroup@comcast.net know if you and any guests are attending by Sat. Aug 30 to secure this discount. If there is cruise seating available, we might still be able to get you the discount rate of \$22 vs. \$33, but after Aug. 30, this will be on a first-come basis.

As in the past, you may bring your own food and drinks (to share if you wish). Plan time for parking and be there by 5:40pm as we need to check you off our list as you queue up along with the other passengers. One of us will secure a place as you enter where you can place the food & drinks for people who want to share.

We will have a sign-up sheet at our Tues. BR 47 meeting and/or you will be able to sign up online at sir47.org (when that is available).

After sending an email you are welcome to mail your check for \$22 per person made out to SIR Branch 47 to:

Carl Dawson
759 Rowland Blvd
Novato, CA 94947



Saturday September 20, 2025

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tiburon Ferry Terminal

Your Name	
Address	
email	
Phone	
	Names of Attendees
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	

Please mail sign-up form along with check for \$22 per person to:

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SIR Multi-Branch Travel News

Glenn Breslin
SIR 146 Travel Chair
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New Trip Announced:

Many SIRs have mentioned interested in going to CUBA on 3/12/26 for a 7-day tour. If you are interested, then please let me know glennbreslin@gmail.com. Trip details will be sent to all SIRs soon.

The October 2025 Vietnam/Cambodia Trip has 13 SIRs going! It is now **Sold Out**.



Australia/New Zealand

Jan 7, - Jan 25, 2026.

Australia: Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Arrowtown, Queenstown, Rotorua, Auckland.

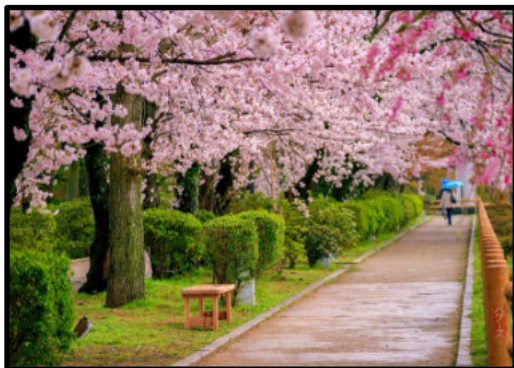
New Zealand : Te Anau.

Starting from \$6,495 including air. Free Single Supplement. Pre-trip 5 nights to Melbourne & the Outback

From \$2,395. Post trip 4 nights to Fiji from \$1,995 SIR Group Code is G6-30339.

Contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com Branch 146 for more information. Or call direct 1-800-955-1925 Be sure to use the SIR Group Code.

Link: <https://www.gct.com/trips/land-tours/south-pacific/australia-and-new-zealand/2021/itineraries>



South Korea & Japan: Temples, Shrines & Seaside Treasures.

April 1, - April 26, 2026

Korea: Seoul, Japan: Tokyo, Toba, Kyoto. '26. Starting from \$7,495 including air. Pre-trip Mongolia: Ulaanbaater & the Gobi Desert. 9 nights from \$1495. OR... Vietnam: Hanoi & Halong Bay Cruise 5 nights from \$1,495. SIR Group Code G6-30339

For more information contact Glenn Breslin glennbreslin@gmail.com Branch 146

Link: <https://www.oattravel.com/trips/land-adventures/asia/south-korea-and-japan-temples-shrines-and-seaside-treasures/2021/itineraries>



Cuba

March 12-18, 2026

\$4611 with airfare included

Immersion into culture and history

Five star lodging. All Meals but one included

All tours included

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Link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Lj0SXJIn7aSk4_2p6cSuoJA4N6ea4-12/view

Wednesday October 22, 2025. San Francisco Orpheum Theater

SIR's #7, 47, 58, & 147 invite you to a matinee performance of:

SUFFS
THE MUSICAL

COST: \$143/PP

COST IS BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 40 GUESTS



Show Description: Straight from Broadway, the sensational and Tony Award®-winning musical SUFFS is here to entertain and inspire! Dive into the vibrant world of brilliant, passionate, and witty American women who fought with flair and determination for the right to vote. Crafted by the talented Shaina Taub, who made history as the first woman to independently snag Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score in the same season, this musical is a “thrilling, inspiring, and dazzlingly entertaining” (Variety) masterpiece.

It's a lively exploration of the victories and setbacks in the ongoing quest for equality, complete with catchy tunes and unforgettable performances.

Show Duration: 2 hours and 30 minutes

Pre-Show Experience: Lunch at Max's Opera Cafe, with your choice of entrée, soft drink, and dessert.

Bus will pickup/dropoff at 2 locations

- **Departs by 9:30am:** Petaluma Fairgrounds – directly across from the Petaluma Regional Library, 150 Fairgrounds Dr, Petaluma, CA 94952 – Groome Parking Lot
- **Arrival 10am:** Smith Ranch Park & Ride Lot, 2 Smith Ranch Rd, San Rafael, CA 94903
- **Departs 10:15am for Max's Opera Cafe**
- **After Show Return to Smith Ranch by 5:30pm**
- **Return to Petaluma by 6:30pm**

Cost Includes: Luxury Motorcoach Transportation, Bus Fees (Parking, Driver Gratuity, Bridge Toll, Fuel), Lunch at Max's Opera Cafe (Please make meal choice at registration), Rear Orchestra Seats for the matinee showing of Suffs at the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco

All checks should be made out to TravelCenter Tours & Travel Trust Account
Mailed to: Bruce Scheibach 199 Haverfield Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952
Questions? Call Bruce at (707) 338-2593

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SUFFS AT ORPHEUM THEATER

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND 2025 - \$143/PP

Sign-Up By Friday August 22nd, 2025 To Reserve your Space!

All checks made out to TravelCenter Tours & Travel Trust Account
Mailed to: Bruce Scheibach 199 Haverfield Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____ Branch: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____

Circle Entrée Choice(s): All Entree's Served w/ Soft Drink & Dessert

-Reuben Sandwich w/ Fries

-Veggie Wrap

-Chicken Cobb Salad

-Cheeseburger w/ Fries

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Upcoming Events in 2025

BYO Dinner & Tiburon Bay Cruise

Saturday September 20, 2025

Branch 47 & Other Area 8 Branches

Contact Carl Dawson or Kurt Heilman.

SUFFS Musical and Lunch

Wednesday October 22, 2025

Branches 7, 47, 58, and 147

Bruce Scheibach, coordinator

Holiday Party at The Club at McInnis Park

Tuesday December 9, 2025

Kurt Heilman, coordinator

ACTIVITIES

Area 8 Activities- updated 5/28/2025

Activity	Frequency	Chair	Email	Phone	Branch
Billiards	1st & 3rd Thursday	Bob Bundy		415-342-4935	7
Biking	Friday Morning	Bob Bundy		415-342-4935	7
Coffee Klatch	Monday 9 AM Bayside Café	Al Wuthnow		415-640-6747	7
Golf		Ron Radtke		415-559-8995	7
Hiking	Thursday AM	Michael Sommer		415-264-0166	7
Snapshots Book Group	2nd Tuesday	Dave Cooke		415-305-3173	7
18 Hole Golf	Twice Monthly	Bill Wilhelm	Bill@billandbev.com	415-479-6028	22
9 Hole Golf	Weekly on Monday at 9:30am	Jim Bitter	jybitter@aol.com	415-388-7897	47
Bocce (Co-Ed)	1 st Monday	Kurt Heilman	heilmanfour@comcast.net	415-408-8489	47
Bocce (League)	Weekly	Jack Friesen	friesenjack7walter@aol.com	415-226-8896	47
Book Swap	Monthly at Luncheons	Pikk Pikkarainen	pikkdata@sbcglobal.net	415-454-3843 415-453-4295	47
Car Enthusiasts	3rd Tuesday 11:30 am	Joe Sauerland	joesauerland@comcast.net	415-479-8442	47
Hiking / Walking	Thursdays	Jake Solomon	J_Solomon@comcast.com	415-845-1645	47
Investors Lunch	2 nd Friday	Will Kaefer	willmary@pacbell.net	415-927-1043	47
Poker	After Luncheon	Jim Waltz	geezer831-home@yahoo.com	415-408-8695	47
18 Hole Golf		Jim Larkin	jlark57@yahoo.com	707-766-8402	134
Bicycling including e-bikes	Wednesday @9:30 Later Coffee	Jim Barden	jbarden@aol.com	415-897-6537	134
Book Club	Wednesday	Dick Locke	rflocke@comcast.net	415-897-1572	134
Bridge member and couples	4 th Thursday	Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134
Foreign Policy	2 nd Wednesday	Frank Jamieson	frank.jamieson.0710@gmail.com	415-328-7692	134
Gardening	Inactive	Bob Mauceli	bmauceli@comcast.net	585-734-3856	134
Genealogy	2 nd Thursday	Jeff Vailant	topspinut@yahoo.com	415-897-7808	134
Hiking	4 th Thursday	Jim Gloystein	jimg@gloyboy.com	415-717-3163	134
Military History	1 st Wednesday	Alan Dunham	alnberta@comcast.net	415-897-8886	134
Science Discussion Group	3rd Thursday at 10am	Don Pierce	Not listed	415-897-2701	134
Tennis		Bill Cline	wacline@comcast.net	415-892-0209	134

ACTIVITIES

Family Bocce

Our BR 47 Family plays non-competitive bocce on the first Monday of each month. With the warmer weather we will meet at 10:00 AM to play at the Margret Todd Senior Center. Lunch will follow at 11:30 AM at Mamita Cocina on 340 Ignacio Blvd., Novato. Please let Kurt know of your interest so he can make the appropriate restaurant reservation. The plan this month is to play on Labor Day.

If you are on Kurt's bocce email list, you will be advised of any changes in the schedule by email. If you are not on the bocce email list and want to be included on our bocce email list, contact Kurt Heilman. Members, spouses and all guests are invited. There is no charge for playing bocce, but we do ask you to bring your bocce balls if you have them.

Cheers, Kurt Heilman at heilmanfour@comcast.net, or call Kurt at 415-892-2460.



SIR State Bowling Committee

SIR Bowling
For information, contact:

Dan Weller, Chairman

925-935-5510 dweller@astound.net

Investors Lunch Bunch

Come join us every second Friday of the Month at Sam's Place in Novato at 11:30. You can order any menu item and receive a separate check. No reservations are required. Try to get there a bit early as we are filling up the room quickly.

<http://www.samsplacenovato.com>

Will Kaefer, willmarv@pacbell.net

Pickle Ball

We play on the Third Monday of the Month at the Margaret Todd Recreation Center in Novato at 2 pm. The Novato courts have six dedicated pickle ball courts.

Please see the video on pickle ball basics on YouTube if you are not experienced before you come to play. Please bring your paddles and pickle balls and wear court shoes.

ACTIVITIES

Auto Enthusiasts' Group

You're invited to join our car enthusiasts' group for an upcoming visit to the California Automobile Museum on Friday, September 19. The museum is located at 2200 Front St., Sacramento (old town Sacramento). Our docent-led private tour begins at 10:30 AM. Cost is \$10/person for those 65 or older; spouses and friends are welcome. Please RSVP to Kurt Heilman or Joe Sauerland if you'd like to attend.

Branch 47's car enthusiasts meet for lunch on the 3rd. Tuesday of each month at Sam's Place Restaurant, 1545 South Novato Blvd., Novato. Meetings begin at 11:30 AM. If you enjoy motorcycles, automobiles, automotive memorabilia, car shows, etc., the car enthusiasts' group is for you. Guests are always welcome. Owning a classic vehicle is not necessary.

For more information contact Joe Sauerland at 415-479-8442 or joesauerland@comcast.net.

Poetry Group

Poetry is a somewhat new but enjoyable experience for me. My academic degrees and teaching experiences during my academic career have focused on "Applied Mathematics". That is why I chose to focus on something quite different, but very enjoyable, in retirement. I would like us to form a group to pursue poetry experiences at this time. This activity does not require experience with poetry, just an interest in the area.

If you have an interest in joining us to pursue this activity, please contact me.

Jack Fuller
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Email: jfuller@wvu.edu

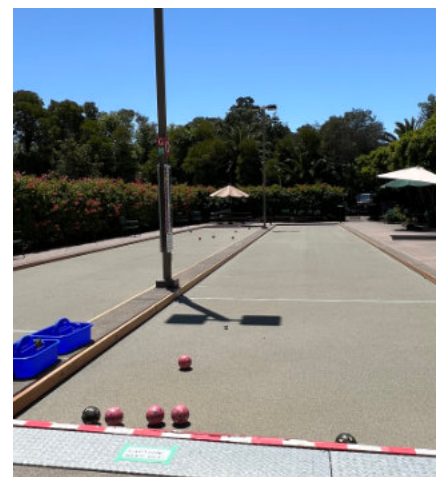
League Bocce

The summer league ended on August 14th. The Monday Guiseppe Grasso team finished in 2nd place and the Bravi Ragazzi SIR team finished in 4th place both in the upper division. The Wednesday Piacevoli SIR team finished in 3rd place in the upper division and the Gli Squali SIR team finished in 6th place in the lower division. The Thursday Boccismo finished in 5th place and the 1 Mezzo Buoni team finished in 8th place both in the upper division.

The summer league has rolled along smoothly, with spirited matches and impressive displays of teamwork from all participants. The camaraderie on the courts has been matched only by the quality of play, making for an enjoyable and competitive bocce experience. As the season progresses, it's clear that enthusiasm for the game continues to grow within our branch, with both seasoned players and newcomers contributing to the lively atmosphere.

Additions to the rosters of our SIR teams for the fall league must be made by the end of August. Our Branch teams are always interested in adding players to their rosters. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact me and I will put you in touch with the team captains.

Jack Friesen, Bocce Chair
email: friesenjack7walter@aol.com



ACTIVITIES

Thursday 09:45 Walking/ Hiking Group

1st Thursday	Jake Solomon	415-472-3069
2nd Thursday	Mark Rudy	415-924-4219
3rd Thursday	Al Springstead	415-250-3808
4th Thursday	Charlie Panfely	415-302-4391
5th Thursday	Rotation of leaders in the same order as above	

Call leaders for details about future walks and hikes.

Chairman: Jake Solomon at j_solomon@comcast.net

9-Hole Golf at McInnis Park

Every Monday (Weather Permitting and except Holidays) a group of golfers plays nine holes of golf at McInnis Park Public Golf Course. McInnis offers golf, a putting green, a driving range, pull carts and electric carts, (which must be reserved).

Contact Jim Bitter at jybitter@aol.com

Travel

The SIRs Travel activities are primarily arranged by the the State organization. For example, check out the page on Multi-Branch travel. Kurt Heilman has agreed to be the Point of Contact for Branch 47, so the state activities can be distributed to the members of Branch 47.

One interesting possibility that has come up is a trip to Cuba. If you are interested, contact ASAP

Glenn Breslin

SIR146 Travel Chair

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Branch 47 Roster Book



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The Branch 47 Roster Book for 2025 is now available. They have been distributed at the luncheons, and they will be available again at the next luncheon. If you would like your copy of the book otherwise, just send a note to Erick Young, and we will make sure one is sent to you.

The book provides contact information and pictures for all the members of Branch 47 as well as information about our many activities.

Contact: Erick Young at erickt.young@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 FAMILY BOCCE	2	3	4 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	5	6
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21	22 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 18 HOLE GOLF 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9 HOLE GOLF AT McINNIS GOLF PARK	23 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM BRANCH 47 SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 LUNCHEON	24	25 9:45 AM - 2:00 PM THURSDAY 09:45 WALKING/HIKING GROUP	26	27
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



September Birthdays

Name	Years
Charlie Panfely	70
Mark Rudy	74
Rick Scripture	78
Russ Flaum	79
Knut Larssen	80
Bob McLaughlin	84
Ken Nemzer	85
Jim Watt	87
Bill Smith	90

September Anniversaries

Name	Years
Jim and Leslie Purvis	5
Dan and Joanie Hurlbutt	21
Charlie and Judy Panfely	36
Vic and Beth Reizman	38
Lucky and Marianne Lindbeck	40
John and Trudy Noren	45
Tony and Joy Gerald	51
Jim and Irene Watt	59
Larry and Mary Breeze	61
Norbert and Roswitha Winter	63