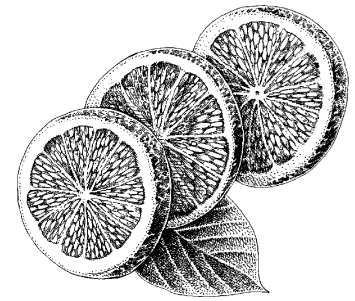




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February 2008

Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month

Location	Regular Monthly Schedule
Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge 11440 Elks Circle Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	Business meeting 10:30 Social time/registration 11:00 Meeting/luncheon 11:30

Next Meeting - February 20, 2008

Menu: Shepherd Pie, green beans, salad and dessert
Speaker: Sherry Byrd from Tracon No. CA FAA Traffic Control
Topic: What's happening above our Sacramento skies and airports

2007 Golfer's Luncheon



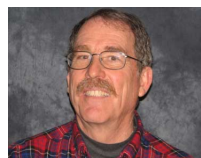
Jim Rae: Golfer of the Year

Rae Avila: "Hey, is this all I get?"



Clockwise from left: Chuck Caudle, Tinker Qualls, Jim Dodge, Neil Jensen, Stan Wirth, Roy Morrison, John Sigl, Skeeter Regan.

See awards detail on page 3



Big Sir Stan Wirth: Well, another year is off and running, bringing the cold weather with it. And yes, in case you were wondering, I have figured out that we meet at the Elks Lodge, not the Kiwanis. I expect I will do a few more of those before my time as Big Sir is completed.

I got a lot of good information from Silvia's talk on reverse mortgages. It was nice to have a better understanding of the true pluses and minuses of that financial instrument.

I would like to thank Bob Carlstroem for taking on the job of researching the cost of meals at other facilities. He has formed a small committee to check out the costs at other facilities and will get back to us in a couple of months. While I am on that topic, just a reminder that lunch will cost \$14 dollars. Therefore, be sure to give your caller accurate information. If you do not show, we may still have to pay for your lunch. I look forward to seeing everyone next month.

I would also like to thank Ralph Lingis, the new area 31 governor, for joining our meeting and recognizing Jerry Courter's role as Big Sir for 2007.



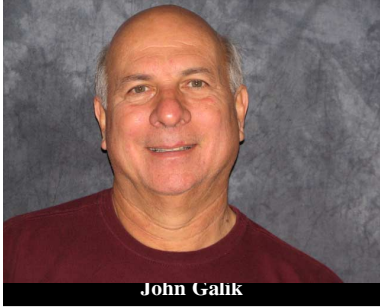
Little Sir Chuck Reed: This coming Feb. meeting I will be passing out a questionnaire asking the memberships feeling on entertaining ourselves after lunch instead of a guest speaker. If we can't laugh at ourselves, clap for a talent, cheer for a winner, then we really are old folk. We will have

several categories, such as can you top Jim Rae", the biggest fish tale, the best liars tale or any other fun thing you would like to have. Also if any member has a talent, share it with us. If you still play an instrument we would like to hear you. If you have a hobby we would like to see and hear about it. Write poetry then read to us. I really think we are a talented group who can appreciate each other. Till then think about how you can contribute.

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Spotlighted Sirs

By Bruce Kennedy



John Galik

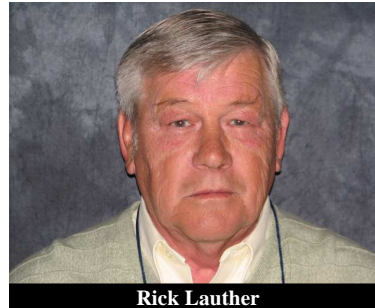
John was born in Morgantown, West Virginia which is about 50 miles south of Pittsburgh. He stayed there through high school and spent two years at West Virginia University. During summers of 1961 and 1962, he worked at a fast food place on the Jersey shore at Seaside Park. In 1962 he headed for Pompano, Florida and worked in a department store over the winter. John discovered

he was interested in computers when they were just beginning to emerge. So he returned to a computer programming school in Pittsburgh. It was a short term class and he was interviewing for a job with Westinghouse on the day President Kennedy was assassinated.

About the same time, as with many of us, his draft notice appeared. He rushed to his Navy recruiter and was on his way to San Diego, California with basic training being his first visit to the state in January 1964. The three other guys he went in with got lucky and got to go to Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago. This would be the first in perhaps more moves than any other member I have talked to. He left basic for electronics training at Treasure Island to become a communication tech, maintenance. There he would meet his wife, Ella, at a USO function in October 1964. Crypto training at Mare Island was next. After training John went to Cheltenham Naval Communication Station, near Andrews AFB in Maryland. He was married June 1966 to Ella. His total sea time was 6 weeks in dry dock aboard the Belmont in Norfolk Naval Station thinking he was going to the Mediterranean to replace the damaged ship, Liberty. That didn't happen. Although offered an early out, John chose to stay until his scheduled release on January 15, 1968. Why? His oldest son was born on the Navy's dime on January 7.

The family went to San Francisco and briefly stayed with Ella's parents. After short tours as a shoe salesman for Sears and a computer operator for Metropolitan Life, John moved down the Bay to San Jose and enrolled in San Jose City College for a year while working as a check processor for a bank. John's second son joined the family here. John got his notice of acceptance to Chico State in July 1969 on the day we walked on the moon. He graduated in 1971 in computer science and landed a job with the Army Material Command. Following 14 weeks of training in Rock Island, Illinois, it was back to the old stomping grounds at New Cumberland Army Depot, just outside of Harrisburg, PA. Roughly two years later, it was out to Mechanicsville Naval Supply Depot, a town along I-80 in Western Pennsylvania. Here John's daughter was born in 1973. We next find the family at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. They would stay there for 5 years until 1979 when a friend called John to tell him she was leaving her job with the Dept. of Agriculture in Sacramento. Wanting to get back to California weather and their family, John leaped at it. Five years later the same friend left McClellan and, once again, John takes over in 1984. And there he stays until retirement in 2000. Backing up to 1987, John took a second job. An Army Reserve recruiter came to talk to John's second son. He was not successful, but John decided to enlist for six years in that career before retiring in 1993.

There was a reason John was our Travel Coordinator for 5 years, he has traveled a lot. In 1979 there was a five week motor home jaunt around the United States with 4 kids, theirs plus one. Ella raised show birds for 30 years and they've been all the way back to New Hampshire for Nationals. He is also an accomplished wood worker with 20+ classes at Sierra College. John now works for the Elections Board during elections and for wine with Conti Estate Winery. He heard about SIR from Norm Benz, Lee Peterson, and Joe Ramay, but it was Joe who dragged him to a meeting with Branch 150. This got him hooked again on golf. With the kids largely in Southern California, and the 7th grandkid on the way, the Galiks are trying to move to San Diego.



Rick Lauther

Rick was born in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, just north of Philadelphia. George Washington marched through on his way to Philadelphia after crossing the Delaware at Trenton, New Jersey, also about 10 miles away. He grew up in that area, graduated from High School, worked a bit and enlisted in the Army for a three year hitch in 1963. He joined under a condition of a "guaranteed" assignment to Europe. So he went to Basic at Fort Dix, New Jersey and Communication School at Ft. Devon, Massachusetts. And then he headed out of country, for Camp Hovie, South Korea. That's pretty close to Europe. Half way through his 14 month tour, he was moved to Camp Red Cloud along the DMZ with North Korea. Then it was back to Fort Devon and a final stop at Fort Lewis in Washington. While Rick was doing all this another Branch 150 member, a Navy guy at Naval Air Station Lakehurst, New Jersey, was courting Rick's sister. They got married. So, when Rick got out in 1966, he headed for Sacramento to stay with his brother-in-law John Ramos for awhile.

The next period of Rick's life sounds like a "Will work at anything for food" sign. He was a Car Salesman at Arden Plymouth, salesman in a Rhodes Department Store, Crystal milkman and a UPS driver. During this time Rick met, and later married, his wife Catherine just over 40 years ago. Getting out of the UPS truck, Rick went to work for SMUD and stayed there 6 years. One day after he had been with SMUD over four years, he was up a power pole on a scorching hot Sacramento summer day when a friend drove up. The friend happened to be a Sacramento county sheriff in an AIR CONDITIONED squad car. Rick decided he wanted one of those.

It took a year and a half, but in 1979 Rick joined the Sheriff's Department. After the then obligatory 2 years working in the jail, he went on patrol. He then became a training officer and later detective. His first stint as a detective was in Sexual Assault, not Rick's favorite assignment. But he was able to move on to Narcotics and then Homicide. Rick said that homicide was the toughest to work, but also the most rewarding when you got the perpetrator. One particularly difficult case was a drive-by assault rifle killing of an 8 month child in her fathers lap. No witnesses. It was a guy down the street who had a second house in the Bay Area and went back and forth. And they got him. He went as far as Savannah, Georgia on investigations and got involved with the "Manson girls" and interviewed Patty Hearst in relation to the Symbionese Liberation Army events. He was the person who interviewed Michael Borton in Portland and helped in getting him to California for the Carmichael bank robbery trial where Emily Harris killed a customer. Needless to say the job involved a lot of overtime. So, Rick eventually took the sergeant's test and moved up. He spent his last few years as the day watch patrol supervisor for the North Area until his retirement in January 1999. Rick continued to participate as reserve deputy until this last year.

When Rick did retire he was already in one golf group, which we now know as the Raccoons. And it did not take too long for him to expand his golf opportunities when John Ramos (that guy again) invited him to play with Branch 150. Rick joined in July 2001. This interview confirmed that Rick is my kind of golfer, we're not any good, but we do enjoy the game and the company. Last year Rick attended a sort of high school reunion for golf at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and had a great time. The Lauthers have one son and three daughters with all but the youngest daughter living in the Sacramento area. The youngest lives in Austin, Texas. They also have 5 very active grandsons in which they invest a lot of time. Their other love is gardening, both flowers and vegetables. I intend to try to talk Rick out of some tomatoes this summer.

GOLF NEWS

Call **Harold Doppelmayer** at 922-6134 or his assistant **Brent Soulis** at 726-6326 if you have questions or concerns. Tournament sign-ups are available at www.sir150.com or at each monthly luncheon and at all tournaments.

Cordova Golf Course

Weekly Tournament Play

Every Friday except the last Friday of the month

Sign-up when you show up

End-of-Month Scramble

Every last Friday of the month

Prior sign-up required

2008 Away Tournaments

February 5 (Tue) *Bing Maloney - 9:00*
 February 19 (Tue) *Bartley Cavanaugh - 9:00*
 March 5 (Wed) *Teal Bend - 9:00*
 March 11 (Tue) *Micke Grove - 9:00*
 April 1 (Tue) *Lockford Springs - 9:00*
 April 14 (Mon) *Alister Mackenzie - 8:00*
 May 6 (Tue) *The Reserve - 8:30*
 May 20 (Tue) *Rio La Paz - 9:00*
 June 10 (Tue) *Plumas Lake - 9:00*
 June 24 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 8:04*
 July 8 (Tue) *Dry Creek Ranch - 8:02*

July 21 (Mon) *Ancil Hoffman - 8:00*
 August 5 (Tue) *Diamond Oaks - 9:00*
 (Note: above requires 10 day pre-payment)
 August 19 (Tue) *Mather - 8:00*
 September 2 (Tue) *Wild Wings - 9:15*
 September 16 (Tue) *Green Tree - 9:04*
 October 7 (Tue) *Bartley Cavanaugh - 8:30*
 October 22 (Wed) *Bing Maloney - 8:30*
 November 3 (Mon) *Alister Mackenzie - 9:00*
 November 18 (Tue) *Wildhawk - 9:00*

Congratulations to **Jim Rae** for receiving the Golfer of the Year Award and to **Brent Soulis** for receiving the Most Improved Golfer Award. Both, great accomplishments.

And to **John Sigl** for almost cleaning out the CTP prize fund for his 1st place - 1 foot 3 inches; 2nd place - 1 foot 10 1/2 inches on #8; and 1st place - 2 feet 2 inches on #16. **John Conner** finished 3rd - 2 feet 3 inches on #8. **Bob Trathen** placed 2nd - 2 feet 3 1/2 inches on #16. Don Severance received 3rd place - 2 feet 4 inches on #16. All great golf shots.



FISHING NEWS

Monthly Breakfast Meetings: Jolly Hookers meet at Folsom Elks on the 2nd Friday at 8:00 AM. Wheels & Reels meet at Coco's Restaurant on the 3rd Monday at 8:00 AM. If you are a fisherman and want to enjoy like company, why not join us for breakfast. For more information, contact **Bob Bonner** at 961-5403

For the January Derby and NDO [non derby outing] Alex Alexander had the largest fish at a little over five pounds. The February events are NDO at Engelbright on February sixth and Derby on February twelfth at Pardee. Next Jolly Hookers meeting is February eighth. Come join the fun.

COMMUNICATIONS

Help!! Telephone Tree Volunteers Needed!!

Can you spare 30 minutes to an hour each month to telephone 7-10 SIR Chapter members? Right now, I need a couple of volunteers to serve as Alternate Callers and, from time to time, I need Primary Callers too. The Alternate only calls when the Primary is unavailable (e.g., vacation). It is a great way to serve your chapter and to get to know other chapter members. Please contact me, Bob Neubacher, at 916-685-7528 or 916-212-4949(cell) or e-mail him at rneubacher@yahoo.com.

BRIDGE NEWS

For detailed information related to bridge meetings and schedules, contact Chairman **John Mahony** at 485-2449

January's winners, with record-high scores were: Doug Hilton, Jerry Courter (a new but excellent player), and Art White, in that order. Bringing up last place with a record LOW was LaVerne Mahony. The tallies carried football helmet stickers, and her tally had N.E. Patriots on it. Bet the Pats hope not to play that way in the Super-Bowl! Tom will be in charge for the next two months, so expect a call from him. Have a happy good time! We will be on our annual time in Hawaii and be thinking great thoughts of you and the bridge games.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

For detailed information contact **Jim Rae** at 967-4951. Printed rosters are available at the monthly meetings or an electronic copy can be requested from james.rae@att.net.

The following membership changes were made at our January meeting: Bill MacPherson transferred to the Roseville Branch of SIR. We now have 98 active members and 17 inactive members for a total of 115.

Win a Free Lunch in 2008

Beginning January through October, if you attend 9 of the 10 luncheons OR bring in a new member, you will receive a voucher for a free regular meeting lunch. Only one free lunch per member.

TRAVEL TIPS

The following destinations have been submitted by some of our members. If you would like to learn a bit more about these potential travel locations, these members are willing to share their experiences and provide you some tips such as touring company, costs, places to stay, things you must see, what to expect, and much more. Behind each members name you will find contact information. This is the preferred method. In other words, some might prefer to respond by the convenience of e-mail.

Where	When	Key	Where	When	Key	Key	Member	Preferred Method of Contact
Africa, East		7	Ireland	2002	13	1	Skeeter Reagan	armondregan@sbcglobal.net
Alaska		7	Ireland (Treasure of Ireland)	Fall 06	6	2	Dick Clausen	papadick@hnet.us or (916) 704-4817
Alaska	Aug 07	8	Israel	2000	13	3	Jerry Courter	jcourter2@yahoo.com
Alaskan Cruise	Fall 01	6	Italy	Jun 06	10	4	Len Bloom	lenbloom4@comcast.net
American Heritage Tour	Jun 01	6	Montana		7	5	Bob Carlstroem	bob@carlstroem.com
Australia/New Zealand		7	Nevada, Mesquite	Apr 07	2	6	Charlie Caudle	chascaudle@cs.com
China Land/Yangtze River Tour	May 07	9	North Carolina (Elderhostel)	Mar 05	5	7	Jim Jorgensen	jorgensensports@starstream.net
Costa Rica	Jan 02	4	Norway (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	8	Dan Berg	(916) 989-4816
Costa Rica	Jan 04	5	Nova Scotia (Elderhostel)	Sep 06	5	9	John Galik	johncg@aol.com or (916) 366-0195
Cruising, General	Apr 07	1	Philippines	2007	13	10	Bruce Kennedy	bandckennedy@sbcglobal.net
Durango CO, Silverton Railroad Trip	Aug 07	11	Rhine/Danube River Cruise	Spr 04	6	11	John Means	jojohnm@sbcglobal.net
East Europe	2005	13	Russia, St. Petersburg (Grand Circle)	Aug 07	5	12	Al Dumont	(916) 635-7813
Greece	Apr 07	4	South America		12	13	Ralph Grishaber	rgrishaber@value.net
Greece	07	12	Texas, South Padre Island	05	14	14	Norm Green	g19thgreen@surewest.net
Hawaii		7	Wyoming, Cody	Aug 07	2			
Hawaii, Big Island	Oct 07	13	Yellowstone National Park	Jun 07	3			
Hawaii, Maui	Jul 07	2	Yosemite National Park	Spr 07	3			
Ireland	Apr 07	1						

Fun Stuff

The first person to provide correct solution will receive a prize at the next regular meeting. Send your answers by e-mail to Bob Carlstroem at carlstroem@sir150.com or mail to 7990 South Lake Cir., Granite Bay, CA 95746. Last month's puzzle was first solved by **Ken Huseman**. Honorable mention extended to: Jim Rae, Skeeter Regan, P.J. Andrews, Mike Rumsey and Rich Sabbagh.

Exit Exam

Given: Three shapes are each given a value. Each value is a whole number. This whole number is at least 0 and at the most 10. Find the value of each shape: triangle, square and pentagon.

$$\begin{aligned} \triangle &> 5 \\ (\square + \text{pentagon}) \times \text{pentagon} &= 72 \\ \triangle + \square &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

January Solution

10,990 legs in the room

January Extra Credit: Marlin Perkins

Extra Credit: What is this?



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Honored Members

Past Big Sirs

- 1989 George Erkson *
- 1990 Jim Eastlund *
- 1991 John Mahony
- 1992 Lou Parton *
- 1993 Ken Allard
- 1994 Ruel Smith
- 1995 Bill McCarthy *
- 1996 Tom Wirth *
- 1997 John Means
- 1998 Jim Delk
- 1999 Bob Smith
- 2000 Bob O'Neal
- 2001 Lou Joaquin *
- 2001 Joe Ramay
- 2002 Bob Trathen
- 2003 Jim Rae
- 2004 Len Bloom
- 2005 Don Severance
- 2006 Bob Carlstroem
- 2007 Jerry Courter

* Deceased

Honorary Lifetime Member

- John Mahony 2001
- Jim Rae 2007

Birthday Boys

Ellington	Ross D.	1-Feb
White	Arthur N	5-Feb
Howell	Ronald R	16-Feb
Warner	Mark C	19-Feb
Gengler	William B.	21-Feb
Lamberson	Calvin L.	21-Feb
Sigl	John F	21-Feb
Avila	Raymond	22-Feb
Blanton	Parke	28-Feb

February Humor

On the first day of college, the Dean addressed the students, pointing out some of the rules: "The female dormitory will be out-of-bounds for all male students, and the male dormitory to the female students. Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time."

He continued, "Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$60. Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$180. Are there any questions?"

At this point, a male student in the crowd inquired: "How much for a season pass?"

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