

The Riel Family Welcomes:

**LIAM
RYAN
KEITH**

June 17, 2011

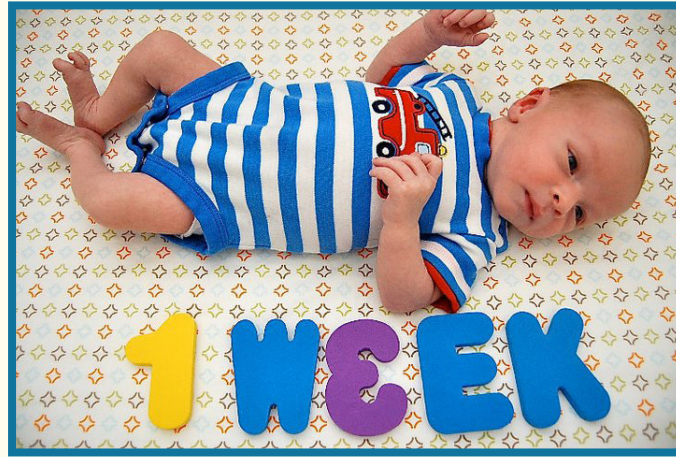
7 lbs 13 ozs 20" long



I love being in Spain, but missing out on family events, especially the one-timers like Liam's birth, is very difficult. Luckily, with the help of Skype and my mom's spiffy Iphone, I have participated in Thanksgiving, Christmas, Birthdays, Sunday lunches, and more. But the pinnacle event for me was on June 17th. I had a front seat to my first nephew's birth, 5,852 miles away. Throughout the day (or rather night, for me in Spain) I would receive little messages from my mom, "She's having contractions," "5 cm dilated," "She's pushing..." It was amazing! It was so fun to be involved in Liam's birth. I cannot speak on behalf of Kristy, but considering that I thought it was a long night waiting for the news, I can't even begin to imagine how exhausted she must have been! I am soooo happy to be an Aunt, and cannot wait to meet Liam in October! Congratulations Kristy and Seamus!

Annie Gillingham





SEAMUS GETS EARLY DADDY'S DAY GIFT

Two days before Fathers day, Seamus officially became one. Yet right up to the last minute his mind was still analyzing the process known as child birth. Armed with his trusty iPod he was all set to participate, study, and in every way (except the physical pain) truly experience the birthing of his son. Below is his report sent to his co-workers:



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Nyro and Semco Team,

I am very proud to announce the newest (and youngest J) Certified Semco Operator in San Diego, Liam Ryan Keith:

Liam arrived at 7:22pm on 6/17, weighed-in at 7 lbs 13oz, and was 20 inches long "out of the chute"! We are very excited for the value this little guy will bring!

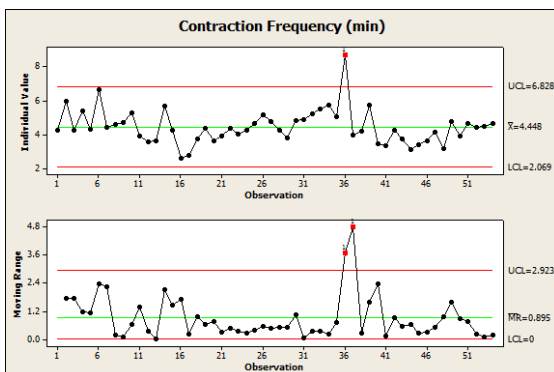
As the Nypro-Semco team is working down a path towards implementation of SPC, in his limited time with us, Liam has already played an integral role in this initiative by participating in a SPC Project analyzing Contraction Frequency and Duration during his labor. We believe this information to be groundbreaking! The results are summarized below:

Keith Labor Contraction SPC Project:

Date Data Taken: 06/17/2011 Time Range of Data: 2:41 am – 6:41am
 # Samples Taken: 54 Measurement Device: Contraction Counter – iPod App

- Terms:
- Contraction Frequency = time from the start of one contraction to the start of the next contraction (units = minutes)
 - Contraction Duration = how long the contraction lasted from start to finish (units = minutes)

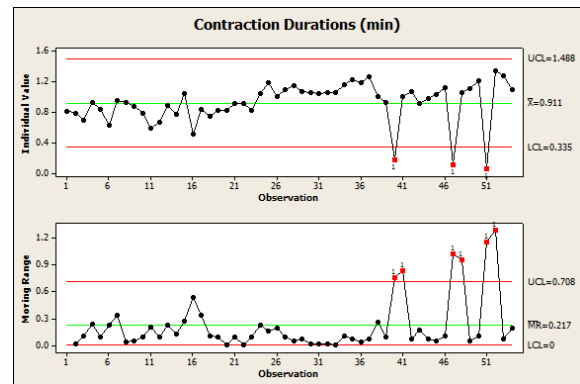
Contraction Frequency I-MR Chart:



Conclusion:

- Contraction Frequency demonstrated adequate statistical control throughout the testing period with the exception of one out of control point. This was found to be caused by operator error from the data collector. That person's name remains to be unknown, but it is believed to have been the father of the baby and husband of the subject. We will be retraining this individual.

Contraction Duration I-MR Chart:



Conclusion:

- Increasing statistical trend showing the duration of the contractions steadily increasing over time.
- Three out of control points towards the end of the testing period. The root cause was found to be caused by distraction as the data recorder was frantically packing the car in preparation to go to the hospital!

Executive Summary:

- Everyone is happy, healthy, and doing well!

Cheers!

Proud Parents,

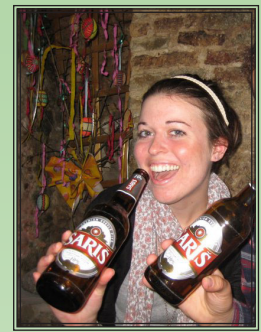
Seamus and Kristy Keith



In the American Somoa's Craig got tattoo'd by a man named Wizard with the tusk of a boar that he caught and killed. As Craig puts it "Blood, bones and wizards, what could be more metal?"



Micheal, Ashley and her mom Judy joined Uncle Bob and Aunt Karla for dinner just outside of Denver Co.



Annie is enjoying life in Spain and has a new job this year. Sorry Bob, it's not beer tasting, that's just a side gig.



Margaret was speaking at the Action Research Conference last month. She used this occasion to announce that she would be President Obama's new running mate in 2012.

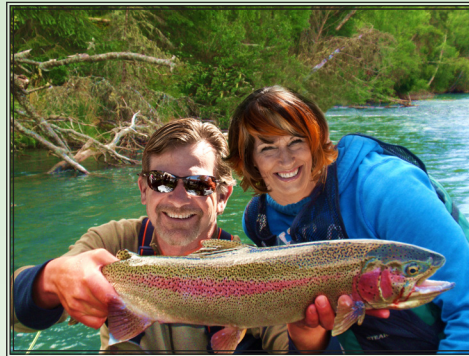
Birdy, Bruce and Francie all traveled back to see Michelle receive her PhD in Massachusetts. It won't be long before Michelle and David travel to San Diego to get married!



FAMILY SHORTS



Katy is doing well in her job at GEICO insurance. She just received a raise and is being trained to become a supervisor. If you ever need an insurance quote for your car or home call Katy!



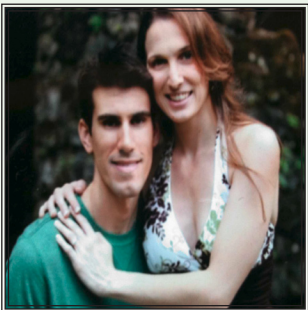
Yes it's true; Lyle and Francie are fly fishing in Alaska! As of the printing date they are still up there, swapping fishing stories, sitting around a camp fire, cleaning fish guts off their hands and in general having a great time. It's hard to believe but Francie is catching more fish than Lyle. As the saying goes Francie can just talk them out of the water and into the boat!



The family Father's day celebration was hosted at Lyle and Francie's home with Chef Bryce providing an outstanding lunch for the group. He started off by providing delicious hors d'oeuvres then a specially made peach soup. Next came the salads each hand served by Francie. The meal was rounded out by expertly prepared main course of meat, salmon and potatoes.



It's easy to contribute to "FAMILY SHORTS" just send in a photo with a sentence or two to alpinebob57@gmail.com and let the rest of the family know what you're up to. Otherwise we might have you join the Riel bald headed club. Do you really want to be featured with no hair?



Julia, who is the daughter of Michael Merica the youngest of the Romulus Merica family, is getting married in July to Doug. Congratulations to the whole Merica Family!



Later Francie read a poem she wrote especially for grandpa. The whole day was topped off by dessert which included a homemade cherry pie with the word DAD cut into the top.

LAUREN and DUSTIN'S BABY SHOWER at the OWLES NEST



On June 11, Carol and Jeff hosted a baby shower for Dustin and Lauren. Their back yard had been transformed into the “Owls Nest” just for the occasion. There was plenty of good food including BBQ'd shish kabobs expertly prepared by the Benesch clan.

This was a “couples” shower, meaning that husbands, boyfriends, etc did not get the free pass on this one and were in attendance. Fortunately, there were “guy friendly” games such as how fast you could drink beer from a baby bottle.

Editor's note: If you will remember back a good 10 years or so, Bruce Hartman was brought up on charges of being a wimp just for shopping with his wife. The innocent bystanders investigated the allegations and ultimately he was cleared of all charges. All that can be said about this generation is that it's a good thing there was beer in those baby bottles!

For the more creative souls there was the baby shirt decorating contest where everyone had the opportunity to make a custom T-shirt for soon-to-come baby Benesch. Then there came the presents. Both Dustin and Lauren opened them much to the ooohhhs and aaaahhhs of the gathering.

All in all it, was a wonderful afternoon and everyone had a great time! We thank Carol and Jeff for their hospitality in putting on such a wonderful event.



“NO THING UNDER THE SUN IS NEW”

(Ecclesiastes 1:9)

“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.”

While many people would argue with the quotes above, they would certainly have to agree that many things do reincarnate themselves over and over again. Simply put, some “original ideas” are so good that they are never lost. Does heredity play a role in the types of ideas an individual will dream up and help determine the way they are implemented? Absolutely! And we have proof!

Take for example the Riel Bowl. One could argue that a twenty year, annual family get-to-gather, with a tradition of good food, presents, conversation and games is not unique. In fact, in a lot of ways it's just another family reunion, even though for the most part we all see each other throughout the year. But come on, the level of competitiveness in everything we did, including the gift exchange. Having to have a commissioner to run the thing and try to keep the peace. The need for rules!... Well that just has to be a new twist on an old idea. This unique style in which we celebrating Christmas, New Years Day and Edith Riel's Birthday has to be new! At the very least, new to our family, something that future generations will aspire to emulate, Right? ... Wrong! In fact, we are just living up to our own heritage.

Thanks to Dan Southam, the nephew of Edna (Southam) Riel, who was Frank Riel Jr. (Grandpa's) Mother, we have the following report on family reunions held from at least 1900 – 1932. Check for the similarities to our own celebrations: [\(editorial comments in blue\)](#)

The Southam/Gould family had annual one day reunion/picnic in the early part of the 1900s. They had an old Hotel Register book where the people would sign in. This book shows that the Riel family attended in the following years:

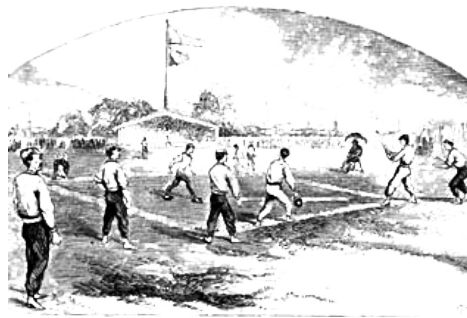
- 1913 - no address shown
- 1914 - no address shown
- 1915 - only shows Cleveland
- 1917 - 3024 West 100th Street in Cleveland
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- 1921 - only shows Fremont

- 1923 - 124 Wilson Avenue in Fremont
- 1925 - 124 Wilson Avenue in Fremont
- 1926 - RFD #7 in Fremont
- 1927 - RFD #7 in Fremont
- 1932 - RFD #7 in Fremont

In addition to the above attendance list, they also kept a separate book with notes on the various picnics. Here are some items that you Riels might be interested in. – [Sounds a lot like the RFNL](#)

4 July 1900 - “Miss Edna Southam read a short history of the Southam family.” (She would have been about 19 at that time.)

2 Sept. 1907 - Edna Southam was appointed to be on the Program committee for next year's reunion. – [Program committee? Sounds a lot like the Riel sisters.](#)



6 Sept. 1908 - I don't know what entertainment the program committee had arranged, but apparently not everyone watched it. The book says “The officers of 1907 were elected for 1908 as the men and boys were in such a hurry to play ball, they could not wait to see the races or hear the program the entertainment committee had arranged to have.” Edna was again assigned to the program committee for next year. – [This never happened with our soccer or football games right?](#)

3 Sept. 1911 - Edna Southam was appointed to be on the Entertainment committee for next year and she was designated as the Historian for next year's 1912 reunion.

2 Sept. 1913 - The minutes of the reunion don't show who recorded the event in the book but the handwriting is that of the Secretary for this reunion - Capt. John R. Southam. This year's minutes show the first reference to Frank Riel - the following is the full text of minutes for this year:

The 14th annual meeting of the Southam-Gould family was held at the home of Capt. John R. Southam Sept. 2nd, 1913. Minutes of the last meeting read + approved.

Historian read the history of the family for the past year reporting the following births, Willma Sarah Xander; Marie Sarah Southam; Francis Gould; and the following deaths: ___ Gould. The report was accepted and the committee on Memoirs was instructed to send letters of sympathy to the families of deceased members.

Treasurer's report of 51 cents on hand was made, audited and accepted upon the treasurer showing the 51 cents. Collection of \$3.95 taken up. Bills of Capt. Southam for \$3.50 and Mr. Riel of \$0.80 were allowed and the treasurer ordered to pay same leaving a balance of .16 cents in the treasury.

Motion was made that the Sec. be instructed to prepare a family tree. Was amended to read that Mrs. Frank Riel bring the one that was made up to date. The amendment was carried.

The entertainment committee was told to report after the election of officers.

- Officers elected:
- President Mr. Wm. Gould
 - Vice President Mr. Corbett Southam
 - Secretary Mr. Frank Riel
 - Treas. Mrs. Corbett Southam
 - Historian Miss Blanche Southam

Invitation of Mr. Walter Gould that we meet at his place next year was accepted. The president appointed the following Com: (Dan's note - the list of committees was blank)

During the meeting the members all registered to one registering on a certain line to receive a prize. Miss Ester Southam being the lucky person.

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Frank Riel Sr. and Jr.

Edward Sixt and Mr. Frank Riel both guessed the number of beans in a glass.

Mr. Walter Gould won the cracker eating contest, but there was a question raised about his putting about 2/3 of it back in the box, but upon his offering to eat the whole box full he was given the prize. **Controversy over the outcome of a event? That never happens at Riel Bowl!**

Mr. Earl Southam won the children's race.
Mr. Frank Riel won the shoe race.

7 Sep 1914 - Since Frank Riel was the Secretary for this year, he recorded the following minutes (which were very easy to read due to the neat handwriting):

The 15th annual reunion of the Southam-Gould families was held at the home of Mr. Walter Gould, North Olmstead on Sept. 7th, 1914. The meeting was called to order by the president.

Minutes of the past meeting read and approved. Historian's report for the year past was as follows:

Marriages: Alexander Gould - Stella Sebring; Minnie Gould - Meron Harrison; Will Southam - Mary Goldsack; Mary Southam - Warren Sigrist. Deaths: Charles Heath. Births: Mr. and Mrs. Saul - son, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gould - son. This report was accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President - William J. Gould
- Vice President - Leon W. Southam
- Secretary - Frank J. Riel
- Treasurer - George Gould

The following bills were presented:

Mr. W. J. Gould	\$6.00 Ice cream
F. J. Riel	\$0.90 postage and prizes
Total	\$6.90

Moved that the gentlemen present pay the bills. Collection of \$7.50 was taken having a balance of

60 cents in the treasury which was turned over to the treasurer.

Motion made and carried that president appoint all committees.

Motion made that the reunion be held the following year at Puritas Springs. Motion lost.

Motion made and carried that the reunion be held the following year at the home of Mr. Edwin Southam, Berea. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

F. J. Riel, Secretary

There were about forty persons present including members of the family from Berea, Cleveland, West Park, Toledo, Bellevue, Strongsville, North Olmstead and Brunswick. The oldest person present was Henry Warner of Brunswick aged 89. The youngest Miss Marie Southam of West Park aged 15 months. The contests were in charge of Mr. William Gould and Mr. Frank Riel:

Two Commissioners?

- Registering on lucky number - J. E. Clement
- Cracker eating contest - William Neil
- Guessing number of beans in bottle - Belle Baker
- Guessing kernels on ear of corn - John R. Southam
- Ball throwing for distance for ladies - Blanche Southam
- Ball throwing for accuracy for ladies - Ruth Gould
- Pining bottle in baby's mouth - Bessie Kelley
- Clothes pin race won by the side captained by Doris Southam

In a very exciting ball game the team composed of F.J. Riel captain, Earl Southam, Addison Neal, John Southam, Walter Gould, George Gould, and Will Southam defeated the team composed of Leon Southam, William Neal, Herbert Baker, Henry Gould, William Gould, D.H. Wilder and J.E. Clement by a score of 7 to 5. There was a little dispute on this score but as Mr. Riel captained one team and also kept score there was no chance of his side losing. **So that's where we get it from!**

Ice cream and cake were served after the contests. Everybody appeared to enjoy themselves and went away happy hoping to repeat the fun

and good time at the following reunion. **It was the best reunion ever!**

6 Sept. 1915 - Frank Riel again wrote the minutes for this year since he was again the secretary:

The 16th annual reunion of the Southam-Gould families was held at the home of Mr. W. J. Gould, North Olmstead on Sept 6, 1915.

The meeting was called to order by the president. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of births, deaths and marriages was as follows: Deaths - Henry Warner, Kenneth Tenbrook. Births - Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Riel - son, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison - daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Beebe - daughter. Marriages - none. This report accepted.

Officers elected for the following year:

- President Mr. William Southam
- Vice President Mr. Leslie Gould
- Secretary and Treasurer Miss Esther Southam

The following bills were presented: Postage 25 cents, prizes 40 cents, total 70 cents.

Motion made that collection be taken to pay bills. Collection of \$1.05 taken and added to balance of 60 cents left from last year made total of \$1.65. After paying bills the treasurer had a balance of 95 cents.

Motion made and carried after some discussion that date of next reunion be changed from Labor Day to Fourth of July. Invitations for the next reunion were extended by Mr. F. J. Riel and Mrs. George Gould. Voted to meet at Mrs. George Gould the following year. As there was no more business the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, F. J. Riel

The following contests next took place:

- Gum drop race - Ruth Gould
- Throwing paper bag - Doris Southam
- Peanut race - Leslie Gould
- Hopping race for ladies - Blanche Southam
- Hopping race for men - Leslie Gould
- Hopping race for children - Virginia Gould
- Ladies walking race - Mrs. Harrison
- Ladies ball throwing contest - Mrs. Geo. Gould
- Clothes pin race - side captained by Mrs. Leslie Gould

After spending an enjoyable afternoon the guests departed for their various homes hoping to repeat the pleasant time at the next meeting.

4 July 1917 - The book says that Frank Riel was appointed to be on the Committee for Games and Entertainment for next year.

That is all I could find about the Riel family in these books. I always enjoyed reading about the family picnics that were held a hundred years ago and I thought you might like it also. - Dan Southam

