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 Joke Master: John Kinsfather  
 Luncheon: Don Wooldridge\*  
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 Publicity: Gil Wesson  
 Raffle: Bob Nylander, Dean Squires  
 RV: Harvey Uhl\*  
 Song Master: Jerry Lewis  
 Theater: John Kinsfather  
 Ass't Theat. Ralph Bushnell  
 Travel: Mick Eachus  
 Website: Don Denhard  
 \* No email

**Second Digital Camera Meet**

Tuesday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.  
 At the home of Ray Pfoutz, 16373 Ridgewood Drive, Sonora  
**SHOW and TELL**  
 Bring cameras, manuals, questions and comments regarding your picture taking experiences as well as any photos you would like to show. A lap top will be available if you want to have your photo on a CD. We will go around the table to learn and help one another. Among all the megabytes and megapixels there should be some good photographs.  
 Ray Pfoutz, Phone 533-9309, e-mail [ray@sonnet.com](mailto:ray@sonnet.com).

**RVers Set Dates**

The R V Group has these dates planned:

Date	Event	Wagon Master
April 23-28	Orange Grove, Bakersfield	Meckleas
May 28-31	Carson City	Eachus
June 19-24	Hollister (Betabel)	Leo Villar
July 17-TBA	Tahoe	Hobson/Pendleton
August 3	Jamestown Rail Yard - SIRs Picnic 11 am - 2 pm \$11.00	Harvey Uhl
September	Bronson	Bertelli
October 27	CF Clubhouse - Planning Meeting 4 pm	Roger Cabral
December 21	THCC - Christmas Dinner - 5 pm	

To join RV Group, contact Harvey Uhl, 694-8819.

**Fellowship**

Please give me a call if you know of a fellow SIR or member of his family who is ill or has died. An appropriate card will be sent to the member or his family.

Carl Nunes  
532-9017

**BOARD MEETING**

The first board meeting of the new year for Branch 172 will be held on Monday, January 30. As usual, we will meet at Papa's New Roost at 8AM; or come earlier for breakfast. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend.

**Bulletin Deadline  
February 3**

Ed Nissen, Editor - [edjeanne@mlode.com](mailto:edjeanne@mlode.com)  
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# BULLETIN

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## Our Next Luncheon

Twain Harte Golf Club  
**Thursday, February 2, 2006**  
Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.  
Luncheon at Noon  
Price \$13

Don Wooldridge - Chairman  
586-6316  
Bill Steel - Assistant Chairman

### OUR SPEAKERS

Jim and Carlene Cunningham

The Cunninghams love to capture wildlife and landscape images, traveling to many unusual places to get these pictures. In Alaska they were up close and personal with the grizzlies. In the Arctic Circle they photographed polar bears, walrus and reindeer. Many other places right here in the western states were visited that most people have not seen, and they hope their images will give us a feel for these locations.

**Note:** The Golf Club has raised the price of their luncheons to \$13.00.

### LUNCHEON SEATING

At our last meeting, we again had a problem with finding a place for late comers to sit down. After everyone had taken their seats, every place was either occupied or had been reserved for someone who did not show up. This caused a lot of last minute scrambling, confusion and unhappiness for late comers. In the future, it would be helpful if table space is not reserved for someone unless you are sure they are coming. Thank you.

### ATTENDANCE

If you are NOT going to be able to attend, please call Herb before the luncheon. If you are bringing a visitor, call Bill Bamford. To help reduce confusion and errors when leaving a message, please speak slowly and be clear. Leave your full name and your badge number. If you are bringing a guest, give Bill the guest's full name, your name and badge number.

Herb Spierling - 536-0380  
Bill Bamford - 586-7279

## Big SIR Feaster's Feature



Greetings to all the great SIRs of our Twain Harte Branch #172. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

For those who missed our first meeting of 2006, you missed a couple of good jokes by our Jokemaster - John Kinsfather, missed meeting our new Songleader - Jerry Lewis and you also missed a very interesting movie and talk on the building of the New Melones Dam.

However, you did not miss a good meal. Due to a misunderstanding between the Club's Chef and us, we had chile, cornbread and salad (prison food?). Not great for what we paid! I talked to Brett (the Chef) after the meeting. He had been planning on only 26 people attending because that is what his records showed for our attendance in January 2005. He did not find out about our planned 105 head count until too late to order meat and had to scrape something together at the last minute. (We actually had 106 people at the 2005 meeting, so their records were mixed up.) Brett also promised me that he would make it up to us in the future meal menus. I feel we have usually had good meals for lunch and this was a on-time screw up. I want to assure you that Don Wooldridge and I will make sure that this does not happen again on our watch.

Anyone interested in learning more about the proposed propane co-op should call Roy Sweeney.

We look forward to a good program next month and hope to see you there.

Dick Feaster

## Welcome, New Member

Gary Jones



Re-electrified an Oakland Gay Night Club, Gary tells us.

### T. K. Keller's

#### Follow-On Notes:

Dick:

Thanks for your note. You have a great group and it was a pleasure for me to share my experience of a part of this County that is sadly little known by its citizens. Obviously, we could have spent more time covering the topic. I wished I had been able to cover the direct benefit to everyone there: that is, that the subsidized federal power from the project has provided over \$2 million per year in electrical cost savings to government agencies in Tuolumne County, from school sites, to City and County facilities, to water and sewer agencies like THCS and TUD, etc. That's over \$50 million in energy savings so far to agencies within the County that the SIRs members pay taxes to support.

T. K.

### FISHING

There is a trip planned to go steel-head fishing on the Chetco River in Oregon in February for the 20th - 23rd. According to our Area 5 state fishing chairman, this is a great place to catch a trophy fish. Also, plans are in the works for a trip to Mexico later in the year. Anyone who is interested in fishing should contact Herb Spierling at 536-0380.