



BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



This issue of the Bulletin has a list of the submitted Officers for Twain Harte SIR for 2009. At the July luncheon meeting the selection committee chairman will be proposing these members be elected as Twain Harte Branch Officers and 1st. and 2nd year Directors. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor to be voted on at this meeting.

At the recent Branch Committee Meeting the subject of returning to the Twain Harte Golf Clubhouse for our luncheon meetings was opened in light of the change in management for the restaurant operations. Sir Dick Feaster moved, seconded by Little Sir Ed Nissen, that the Branch open discussions with the Clubhouse Management to have our luncheon meetings at the Clubhouse. The motion was approved. Big Sir Don Denhard appointed Sirs Beltran, Feaster, Nelson, and Vacca to a committee to be chaired by Big Sir Denhard, to meet with and negotiate the terms for returning to the Twain Harte Golf Clubhouse for the Branch luncheon meetings. The first meeting has been set up for June 12th at the clubhouse.

On the activities for this month Jerry Jensen will be organizing a hike to Calaveras Big Trees State Park on June 18th and Dick Chimenti will be holding a CUG meeting on PC cleanup procedures. If you think your PC is running slow this is the meeting to attend on June 26th at China House in Twain Harte.

Just a reminder that tickets are available for the Picnic at Rail Town in August. Harvey Uhl is the contact.

As you can see we continue to be an active Branch and I look forward to seeing you at the July 3rd meeting

NEXT LUNCHEON

Elks Club - Sonora

Thursday, JULY 3, 2008

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

MENU

BAKED SHORT RIBS

OVEN BROWN POTATOES

COLE SLAW

SHERBERT ICE CREAM

OUR SPEAKER

Our July speaker will be **Beverly Grabel of Sundowner Insulation**. Sundowner is the PG & E representative in our area to perform home energy efficiency inspections and to make available PG&E low cost options for families of limited income. She will talk about those programs. Having a heat efficient home makes for great operating cost savings and improved comfort, so her talk may be of benefit to most of us.

BULLETIN ONLINE !

by Stu Heller

Our SIRS BULLETIN is always available online, and the newest version is posted typically the day after the input deadline, in a **PDF** format, at **www.sirtwain.org**. If you prefer to view the Bulletin online as opposed to receiving a hard copy, please call **Bill Anning at 586-4955** and request to be removed from the hard copy mailing list. This will save postage \$\$ and allow you to view pictures in high resolution color.

ATTENDANCE

Planned Absence: Call in to our answering service HOTLINE at **536-6333** before 12:00 Noon the day before the luncheon if you are requesting an excused absence. Anything later than that is considered an un-excused absence. **Remember to clearly state your name and badge number when leaving a message.**

Guests: Please phone Bill Bamford, our Ass't Attendance Chairman, no later than the Sunday preceding the Thursday meeting if you plan to bring a guest. Your help to keep the number of meals correctly ordered is appreciated. You can contact Bill at 586-7279 for GUESTS only scheduling.

Herb Spierling, Attendance Chair

herb@sierrasurfin.com
Bill Bamford, Assistant

JULY BIRTHDAY BOYS

Bill Anning
Bill Bamford
Dan Bertelli
Ricard Broddie
Jack Downes
Bob Galligani
Dave Holton
Richard
Robinson
Jim Schneider
Gil Voeks
Gil Wesson

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

We received a good response for the trip to Alaska. Although the signups are not commitments, we have 24 interested. I will pursue this further and keep you posted.

This is a 15 Day Alaska Cruise and Land Tour. The tentative date is May 2009. The tentative cost is \$3,299, air inclusive, however with the recent increase in fuel costs, I would expect an increase when the Travel Agencies announce their 2009 prices. If you have any interest, call or e-mail Earl Nelson at 586-5661 or earlnelson@aol.com.

We have 16 travelers going on the River Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam in September.

COMPUTER USER GROUP

by Dick Cheminti

The meeting for this month is 6/26 (Thursday), 5:30 at the China House Restaurant in Twain Harte. Dinner first followed by a discussion on cleaning up Windows computers to speed up boot time and hopefully make the computer run a bit faster.

Twain Harte Branch Officers

Big SIR	Don Denhard	536-0825
Little SIR	Ed Nissen	586-3307
Secretary	Dan Mohn	586-4430
Ass't Sec.	Dick Feaster	536-9106
Treasurer	Rich Brandau	586-3399
Ass't. Treas	Richard Robinson	588-9519

Board of Directors

2nd Year:	Henry Beltran	586-3165
	Ray Pfoutz	533-9309
	Herb Spierling	536-0380

1st Year:	Bill Bamford	586-7279
	Paul Desrosiers	532-5754
	Dennis Honeychurch	586-2117

Activity Chairmen

Attendance:	Herb Spierling
Ass't Attend:	Bill Bamford
To Be Absent:	536-6333
To Bring Guest:	586-7279
Bulletin:	Stu Heller
Bulletin Distrib:	Bill Anning
Chaplain:	Wayne Bolitho
Computer Group:	Dick Chimenti
Digital Photo:	Ray Pfoutz
Fellowship:	Carl Nunes
Golf:	Richard Broddie
Hiking:	Jerry Jensen
Historian:	Eddie Krause
Joke Master:	Arlen Richardson
Luncheon:	Henry Beltran
Luncheon Asst.	Jim McCracken
Membership:	Ralph Legg
Asst. Membship:	Bob Wright
Movie Group:	Ray Pfoutz
Ass't. Movie:	Gil Wesson
Publicity:	Gil Wesson
Drawing:	Rick DeSambad, Dean Squires

RV:	Harvey Uhl
RV Ass't:	Bob Becker
Song Master:	Jerry Lewis
Sound Master:	Dennis Honeychurch
Theater:	Ralph Bushnell
Ass't Theater:	Rich Brandau
Travel:	Earl Nelson
Website:	Dick Chimenti

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Bulletin is **MONDAY, JULY 7th**. Please send your articles to **Stu Heller**.

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R.V. GROUP by HARVEY UHL

DATES	LOCATION	WAGONMASTERS
JUN 17-21	BETABEL	Dan & Charlene Bertelli
JULY 13-19	BUELLTON (confirm by June 23)	Don & Marlene Parr
AUG 7	RAILTOWN PICNIC	Harvey Uhl *
AUG 26-SEPT 1	FT. BRAGG	Hobsons & Porters
SEPT 24-30	GREYEAGLE (confirm by Sept. 1)	Gary & Sharyn Pendleton
OCT 17	POTLUCK-2009 PLANNING	Harvey Uhl and Bob Becker

* **HARVEY WILL BE SELLING TICKETS(\$12) TO THE AUG. 7 PICNIC AT OUR JULY LUNCHEON**

SIRS Hike - Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Where: Calaveras Big Trees State Park, Hwy 4. North Grove.

When: Meet at 8:00 AM at Junction Shopping Center, in front of Gottschalks, and car pool.

Length: Approximately 2.0 miles, round trip, with additional optional hiking loop. Optional drive to the South Grove

Starting Elevation: 4,500 feet . Elevation Gain: 100 vertical feet.

Bring: Hiking clothes in layers, lunch, water, camera, and sun block.

Driving: Take Parrots Ferry road to Hwy 4, continue on Hwy 4 through Arnold to Big Trees State Park.

Features: Giant Sequoia trees, old growth sugar pines, with interpretive trail. Visitor center. Geological features.

Weather: Expect summer weather. Possibility of thunderstorms. Call Jerry Jensen for additional information. 209-928-1278.

Note: Entrance fee per vehicle - \$6.00/ \$5.00 for drivers over 62

Below is a group of diehard SIR hikers at Red Hills in April 2008



BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, JUNE 30, 2008** at Papa's New Roost. Breakfast starts at **7 AM** and the meeting at **8 AM**. All officers, board members and activity chairmen are urged to attend. Other members of our branch are also welcome to come and sit in.

FELLOWSHIP

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

Carl Nunes, 532-9017

SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2009

Our nominating committee has generated the following slate of Officers and Directors for next year, as follows. The election will be held at the July Luncheon.

BIG SIR: ED NISSEN
LITTLE SIR: EARL NELSON
SECRETARY: DAN MOHN
ASS'T. SEC: DICK FEASTER
TREASURER: RICH BRANDAU
ASS'T TREAS: RICHARD ROBINSON

1ST YEAR DIRECTORS: Jerry Jensen, Ralph Legg, Harry Vacca

2ND YEAR DIRECTORS: Bill Bamford, Paul Desrosiers, Dennis Honeychurch

SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

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Rule 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following:

a. Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.

b. Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period. Note: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance. (Revised 6/6/06)

Rule 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12 month period.

Rule 102. Attendance by a State elected or appointed officer, State Advisor or State Committeeman at a meeting of the State Board, a meeting of a State standing committee or a meeting required by the Bylaws or Standing Rules, shall be a credit to his requirements. The attendance by any other member at such a meeting may likewise be so credited by the Branch Executive Committee.

State Officers: President - Arthur E. Pufford; Director Region 3 - Al "Rock" Sorgman; Area Governor, Area 27 - Norman D. Whitsed; Editor, *Sir Happenings*, Dwight Sale.

Websites: State website - www.sirinc.org Twain Harte 172 - www.sirtwain.org; Jackson Branch 96 website - www.sir96.org; Sonora Branch 136 - www.sonorasirs.org.

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