



BULLETIN

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Don's Deliberations



The July luncheon was significant for two reasons. We had the Area Governor, Norm Whitsed visit us and as I haven't heard anything from Head Office, I assume the Luncheon Meeting met his expectations. Dean as usual served an excellent lunch which must have helped. Norm also mentioned that he was surprised at the number attending. I told Norm that with a waiting list of 20 people, members are motivated to keep their luncheon meetings attendance record in the black .

The second reason was the acceptance by the Branch of the proposed Branch Officers and 1st and 2nd year directors for 2009. The submitted names were in the June Bulletin. I would like to thank all the SIR Officers of Branch 172 for giving their time to enable our Branch to be as successful and active as it is.

In the June Bulletin I mentioned that the Branch intended to open discussions with the Twain Harte Golf Club Manager to have our luncheon meetings at the Club. We met with the manager Jeff Burmester and he was very receptive to our proposals. Jeff is in the process of negotiating the catering contract with a new chef so he could not give us a price for lunch. The committee will follow up on this in the coming months.

Our next big event is our annual Picnic at Railtown on August 7th. I look forward to seeing you all there.

NEXT LUNCHEON BBQ PICNIC@ RAILTOWN Thursday, AUG 7th, 2008

Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon at Noon

Price \$12

need to buy tickets in advance from
Harvey Uhl- call him@694-8819

MENU

BBQ Tri-Tip and Chicken

Salad

Beans

Garlic Bread

Cookies

ALL REFRESHMENTS

INCLUDED

OUR SPEAKER

Since our normal meeting is replaced by the Railtown picnic, we will not have a speaker.

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. You can also print out the PDF file if you need a hard copy.

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAY BOYS

RON BARRETT	EARL NELSON
NORM BETTENORT	DON PARR
JOE GIL	GARY PENDLETON
GIL GILLESPIE	TED THORN
JIM GROH	HARRY VACCA
DUANE MELOTT	BOB WRIGHT

TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

Alaska's Mighty Glaciers & Denali National Park is the first trip planned for 2009. The departure date is May 23, 2009. We fly to Anchorage, then motor up to Talkeetna and Fairbanks. Next stop is Denali National Park with a tour of it's 6 million acre wildlife sanctuary. The ride back to Anchorage will be aboard the McKinley Explorer Rail in it's glass-domed railcar.

From there it's a seven day cruise aboard Holland America Line, ending up in Vancouver. The cost will start at \$3,599 which includes air travel. More information is to follow. Give me a call @ 586-5661 if there is any interest so I can put you on my e-mail list.

Everyone who is going on the River Cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam is counting the days to departure. This Cruise is full.

NEW SIR



HEINZ BUSEMAN

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, AUG 11th**. Please send your articles to **Stu Heller**.

lakewoodancers@goldrush.com

snail mail: 19511 Michigan Drive

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R.V. GROUP by HARVEY UHL

Our Betabel trip, organized and led by Wagonmasters the Bertellis, was a huge success, with lots of golf and socializing. The only setback was that one of our members had a mild stroke and was hospitalized briefly. He is doing fine.

The Buellton trip had to be cancelled due to lack of signups. I do want to thank Don Parr for doing all he could to try to make this trip happen.

Our SIRs August 7th Picnic at Railtown in Jamestown is made possible by the hardworking members from our RV Group. Be sure to thank them at the picnic. **You need tickets in advance to attend, so if you did not get them at prior Luncheons, call Harvey Uhl at 694-8819.**

<u>DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>WAGONMASTERS</u>
AUG 7	RAILTOWN PICNIC	Harvey Uhl
AUG 26-SEPT 1	FT. BRAGG	Hobsons & Porters
SEPT 24-30	GREYEAGLE (confirm by AUG. 1)	Gary & Sharyn Pendleton
OCT 17	POTLUCK-2009 PLANNING	Harvey Uhl and Bob Becker

SIRS Hike - Fraser Flat to Old Strawberry Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Where: Fraser Flat on Stanislaus River to Old Strawberry Road and Return.

When: Leave at 8:30 AM from Twain Harte Park (Golf Course Parking Lot), and car pool.

Length: Approximately 6.5 miles, round trip. The trail is on an old railroad grade with interpretive signs along the Stanislaus River, and is easy hiking.

Starting Elevation: 4,900 feet.

Elevation Gain: Approximately 300 feet.

Bring: Clothes in layers, lunch, water, and sun block.

Driving: Take Highway 108 east to Fraser Flat Road, trailhead is approximately 2 miles on paved road. Park at the bridge.

Features: Views of river. Historic Railroad logging, and views of historic Stanislaus Experimental Forest.

Weather: Expect mild to warm weather.

Contact: Paul Desrosiers – 532-5754, email = sonorapaul@earthlink.net

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 4, 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

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PAST BIG SIRS

1994 – BEN VAN DE VOORD
1995 – HAL LOHMAN (deceased)
1996— BILL GILLISPIE (deceased)
1997— CHUCK RAABE (deceased)
1998 – FRANK JOYCE
1999 – BOB SCHOLLAERT
2000— GERRY EMERSON
2001 – NORM ALLEN (deceased)
2002 – CARL NUNES
2003— BILL STEEL
2004— JOHN KINSFATHER
2005 – JIM JOHNSON
2006 – DICK FEASTER
2007 – ROY SWEENEY

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.

DATED MATERIAL

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