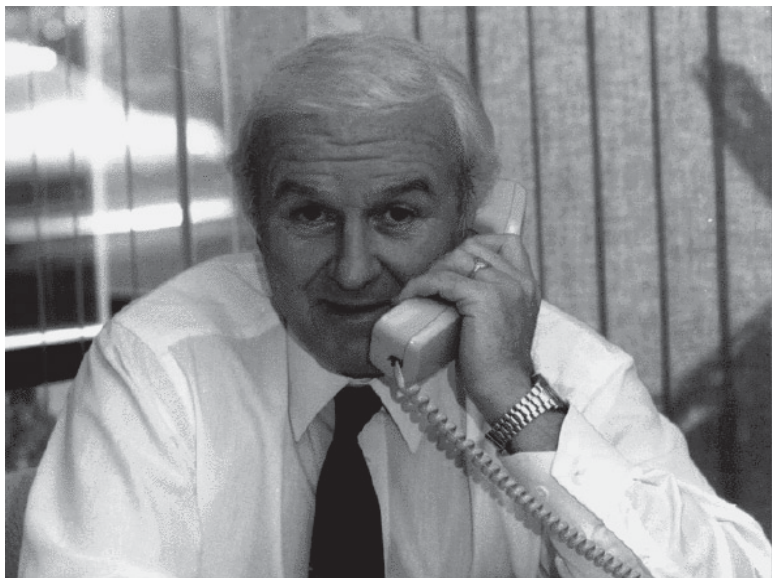




# BULLETIN

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## Don's Deliberations



The Annual Picnic at Railtown was a great success. The weather was perfect and the RV group excelled themselves with the quality of the fare and the presentation. I would like to thank all the members of the RV group individually but I am sure to miss somebody so let me thank you all as a team of dedicated members of the Twain Harte Branch. I would also like to thank Bill Bamford for backing up Jerry Lewis in the singing; we obviously have a potential Songmaster in the Branch.

I had a follow-up phone call with The Twain Harte Golf Club concerning our returning to the Club for monthly lunch meetings. The new Catering manager Sid Foster is sending me a proposal and cost for serving lunch. I will present this to the Executive Committee at the next monthly meeting.

It's good to see the dedicated firefighters are getting a hand on the local and Northern California fires. We cannot thank enough these brave men and women who put their lives on the line every year to protect us.

On the activity front, Jerry Jensen has a hike planned for Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and if you feel you need to get out and about after the inactivity we all get into during the hot weather, here's an opportunity to experience some cool and bracing Sierra scenery. Details are included in this Bulletin.

It's time to start planning the Christmas Festivities (I know it's only August, but these things take time). The reason I am sharing this is I would like input from members concerning entertainment for the Christmas Dinner. If you have knowledge of a performer(s) that would be suitable for Christmas entertainment, please contact me.

## NEXT LUNCHEON

**Elks Club - Sonora**  
**Thursday, SEPT 4, 2008**  
Refreshments - 11:00 a.m.  
Luncheon at Noon  
Price \$12

### MENU

TRI TIP ROAST  
RICE PILAF  
MIXED GREEN VEGGIES  
SALAD GREENS  
VANILLA PUDDING

### OUR SPEAKER

September's speaker is Bob Leslie from Sonora. Bob has faced prostate cancer and dealt with it through a non-invasive treatment method. He will talk about this relatively new approach and how it avoids the problems of other procedures while beating this terrible disease.

### 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](http://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](mailto:herb@sierrasurfin.com)

Bill Bamford, Assistant

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY BOYS

Jim Beacom  
Bob Becker  
Jim Dearborn  
Harold Granados  
Tom Hale  
Hank Hobson  
Eddie Krause  
Ken Lew  
Carl Nunes  
Bob Ottesen  
Fred Ray  
J.R. Raymond  
Arlen Richardson  
Bob Rogers  
Rich Schwarzmenn

## TRAVEL

by Earl Nelson

Enclosed with the August Bulletin, you will find the information on our Land Cruise to Alaska. We will fly from San Francisco to Anchorage where we will spend the first night. The next day we drive to the quaint community of Talkeeta. We spend the night there heading to Fairbanks the following morning. After a couple of days of touring the Fairbanks area we head to Denali National Park. We will spend time touring the Park then on day six head back to Anchorage in a glass domed railcar.

On day seven we board Holland America's ms Ryndam for a weeks cruise to Vancouver. We will cruise by the Hubbard Glacier then have stops at Sitka, Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. After cruising the Inside Passage we arrive in Vancouver. Jerry Jensen just returned from this trip and said it was dynamite.

We have 26 signed up at this point. You can take advantage of deep discounts if you book early. We will be doing this trip through Vantage Travel. The number to call for reservations ( they will also advise you of what the early booking savings will be, as this changes daily ) is 800-322-6677. Be sure to tell them you are with Twain Harte SIR #172 and that we are Group # G453900. This should be a super trip.

If you have any questions you can call or e-mail me. Telephone is 586-5661 or e-mail at [earnelson@aol.com](mailto:earnelson@aol.com).

## 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
<b>To Be Absent:</b>	<b>536-6333</b>
<b>To Bring Guest:</b>	<b>586-7279</b>
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, SEPT 8th**. Please send your articles to **ED NISSEN**.

[edjeanne@mlode.com](mailto:edjeanne@mlode.com)

**snail mail:** 23080 Comstock Ranch

Sonora, CA 95370

# **R.V. GROUP** by HARVEY UHL

**I would like to thank the following members of the R.V.Group for their efforts at the 14th Annual Ladies Day Picnic, August 7th, at Railtown.**

CHEFS: Frank Meckler, Gerry Emerson

BEANS: Harry Vacca

LIBATIONS: Roger Cabral

RIGHT HAND MAN: Gary Pendleton

BREAD & SERVER: Fred Ray

SLICER & SERVER: Bob Becker, Dick Bezzara

SALAD: Mike Eachus, Jim Alsup

Many others helped set up and clean up, including Guest Duane Porter

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**DATES****LOCATION****WAGONMASTERS**

AUG 26-SEPT 1

FT. BRAGG

Hobsons & Porters

SEPT 24-30

GRAEAGLE (confirm by AUG. 1)

Gary & Sharyn Pendleton

OCT 17

POTLUCK-2009 PLANNING

Harvey Uhl and Bob Becker

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## **SIR Hike - Tuesday, August 19, 2008 - Lost & Sword Lake**

Where: Sword & Lost Lake Trail, County Line Trail Head, and Clark's Fork Road off Hwy. 108

When: Meet at 8:30 AM at Twain Harte Market Parking Lot, and car pool.

Length: Approximately 5 miles, round trip.

Starting Elevation: 7,000 feet. Elevation gain - approx. 700 feet

Bring: Lunch, water, mosquito repellent, sun block.

Features: Great views of Dardanelle Peaks, Spicer Reservoir on North Fork of Stanislaus River, Upper Middle Fork of Stanislaus River, and summer flowers.

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**Thanks to Bill & Margaret Bamford and Dennis & Angie Honeychurch for a wonderful job of hosting the SIR's Theater Group get together for ALTER BOYZ, and the East Sonora Conference Center for dinner. Photo by R. Bushnell**

## BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on **Friday, August 29, 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

The SIR State Insurance Committee requests that the following message be either inserted in the Branch Bulletin or read during a luncheon meeting:

## PLEASE - NO CELL PHONES

Using a cell phone while driving to and from a SIR activity (ie. A branch meeting, a SIR golf tournament, etc.) may be a very costly event for you and for SIR. The recent change in the motor vehicle code seems small, but the real impact is the problem a cell phone user incurs in the event of an "at fault" accident.

To protect yourself, your passengers, and SIR, please do not use your cell phones while driving. If you must make a call, please pull over, stop your vehicle, and then make your call.

## SIR RULES & REGULATIONS

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities. (Rule 345). Checks, money orders or credit cards for travel for one day or less (no overnight), where a bus/busses is/are used as the primary means of transportation, may be made payable to the branch sponsoring the event. All other checks, money orders or credit cards for travel must be made payable to the travel agency (Rule 420 & 421). Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the branch locale. (Rule 60). **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE - Article 8 - Required Attendance**

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](http://www.sirinc.org) Twain Harte 172 - [www.sirtwain.org](http://www.sirtwain.org); Jackson Branch 96 website - [www.sir96.org](http://www.sir96.org); Sonora Branch 136 - [www.sonorasirs.org](http://www.sonorasirs.org).

**DATED MATERIAL**

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