



BULLETIN

February, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Feb. 13th

Jerry Bellefeuille
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Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests. Deadline for reservations is: **Feb. 8, 2024**

Menu:

Roast Pork & Apple Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Green Salad and Cookies



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE

Don Herzer Editor - (209) 586-3078

If you have any photos of your activity please attach them to your reports. If I do not receive your report by the deadline I will just report no activity for the month. Please send all bulletin input to Don Herzer at:

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The deadline for the next bulletin is

February 29, 2024

INTERNET CHAIRMAN



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Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you can look at current as well as old bulletins, BEC meeting minutes and more. Please let me know if you have a new email address so I can get timely branch information to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Our state sir bulletin can be viewed at <https://wearesir.com>.



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner
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I missed our January meeting because I was laid up with a bad case of Vertigo. I've spent two weeks going from the ER to urgent care and after a battery of tests including an MRI, they all came back negative. Talk about frustration! Fortunately, my niece is a physical therapist and after one session I was back on my feet again. Simply a case of what's known as benign paroxysmal positional vertigo. Don't we all enjoy getting older. OK back to business.

I've been communicating with the board while I was out and we're working on some exciting plans for 2024. Were going to push to make our summer picnic the best yet. Were talking a real BBQ menu and prices that will please everyone. We will also need to discuss modifying the date so all our members can attend. It seems every year the SIR State Bowling tournament is the same day as our regular meeting. Our goal this year is to get the most out of all our events both financially and a make them fun This month we will be finalizing our Ladies Day luncheon menu and pricing this month. Tickets will go on sale starting with our March Meeting. We will also be talking about the upcoming Home and Garden show on April 20th and 21st. Were hoping to have a booth again this year and we have new displays with brochures to hand out.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

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I would like to start off with saying I thought it was a good January meeting.

Attendance was fair and I really appreciated Todd Simonson joining us for lunch and giving us his professional views on the economy. I also learned a new phrase "red herring" which was voiced from a member of our group.

One other thing I would like to add from Big Sir Rick's last bulletin, is also stabilizing your small engine equipment. Basically the same. Dump your old fuel. Add stabilizer to your fresh fuel, then to your machines, Add your mix oil for your 2 strokes and start and run for approximately 1 to 2 minutes. This will be long enough to coat your carburetor's internal jets which is what we want to stay clear and out of the repair shops. As with everything else, parts are getting expensive and labor is insanely expensive. Let alone the down time. Have a great February. Little Sir Mike signing off.



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776
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The RV Club is getting ready to kickoff the 2024 season with a breakfast meeting at "The My Garden Restaurant" here in February. Our first outing will be in March to Betabel RV Park near Gilroy. Anyone that has an RV is welcomed to join us. Contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman for information about the outing.

The RV Club is now open to all SIR Members in good standing that would like to join us on an outing. You don't have to have an RV, a lot of the parks have Cabins, tent camping and you can rent an RV or a hotel room close by and spend the week with us enjoying the activities. Just contact Eddie Toews, RV Chairman, at 209-770-3776, or RV Club member for more information.

Be safe and see you down the road.
Eddie Toews



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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If the weather co-operates our first tournament of 2024 should be on March 19th.



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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SIR bowlers: the 2024 season has started. The results are in from our first event of the year at Napa. Mitchell Wisinski from branch 161 took first place. Mitch shot an impressive 803 with handicap. Our next event is on February 15th and 16th at County Club in Sacramento. Here is the link to the application which can be found at sirbowling.org

https://sirbowling.org/tournament_applications/2024/2024-02-15_Sacramento_Fields.pdf
Rick Bronner

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CAR CLUB NEWS



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[EDITOR'S NOTE: I LEFT THIS ARTICLE IN FROM LAST MONTH AS WE STILL HAVE SOME WINTER TO GO THROUGH, AND THIS IS GOOD INFO]

It's that time of year again. If you have a special vehicle that you don't plan on driving during the winter like I do it's time to think about preventative measures. Ideally putting your car on jack stands and adding a fuel additive like Stabil is recommended. Also, a full tank of gas is preferred since it will minimize the amount of condensation build up. A good car cover is always a smart thing even if it's garaged. Add a trickle charger and when Spring

arrives you will be ready to hit the road. One more thing to consider is keeping rodents out of your car. That even includes plugging your exhaust openings. You might even consider one of the rodent deterrent devices like mouse blocker products-
<https://mouseblocker.com/>

Happy New Year *Rick Bronner*



FISHING CHAIRMAN

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The fall is usually spent duck hunting with not much time for fishing. I had a good report from Don Pedro. Some nice trout were taken last Friday. Bill Guenza and I fished Melones today Monday. Only landed one bass and one rainbow. It was more being on the water than the fish. Weather was perfect 73 degrees and no wind. Take care and get out on the water.

Chuck Simons



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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December Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance Couples 114

Current Month Membership:

Active Membership (December) 133
Applicants Being Installed 0
Active Members Lost -1
Active Membership January 132

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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Frank "Dick" Taylor Badge #215, age 91, passed away peacefully January 24 at his home. May he RIP ☐



KAYAKING

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The kayak group will begin our schedule for 2024 in either April or May, depending on weather. Our outings are slow paddles around Pinecrest Lake followed by a BBQ or picnic. Spouses or significant others are welcome and encouraged to join in!



February Birthdays

Alameda, Dennis (Denny)	02/02
Rodrigues, Jim (J.R.)	02/06
Stoddard, Andrew (Andy)	02/06
Harm, Ray	02/23
McGuigan, David (Dave)	02/25
Toews, Eddie L. HLM	02/27/46



We need volunteers, It seems that the same few people do all the work. If you like your membership in our club do your part and volunteer.

Contact any officer or board members to volunteer for an event or become an Activity Chairman. Bowling, Golf and Pinochle are open and available.

Volunteer today!



ATTENTION ALL 2024 DUES

ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AS
OF JANUARY 2024
DUES ARE \$30.00

DUES WILL BE DELINQUENT
AFTER FEBRUARY 13, 2024

IF DUES ARE NOT PAID BY THE MARCH 12TH
MEETING THE DELINQUENT MEMBERS
NAME WILL BE POSTED IN THE MARCH BUL-
LETIN.

Make Checks Payable To “SIRS Branch 136”

Pay Dues To: John Salmon or Ed Toews at back table or Mail
to:

10844 Countryside Ct., Sonora, Ca. 95370

Thank You, John Salmon, Treasurer

In Remembrance:

Taylor, Frank “Dick” Richard

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Frank Richard Taylor passed away peacefully at home on January 24, 2024, at the age of 91. He was very proud of his home in Sonora, which he built himself. Many people knew Frank by his nickname “Dick”.

Frank was born March 9, 1932 in Chariton, Iowa to Frank Edward Taylor and Nellie Elizabeth Blanchard. He had one stepbrother, Melvin, and two sisters, Elizabeth and Rosalie. His family moved to Oakland, California when he was only 8 years old.

Frank was a Korean War veteran and served on the Aircraft Carrier “Leyte”. After his discharge in 1954, he married Arlene Joan Christensen who had attended the same high school in Oakland.

Frank was a carpenter like his father and worked several years building houses in the California Central Valley before he and Arlene started their family with three children. In 1961 he was hired to be a maintenance man at the State Hospital in Ceres, California. Then, in 1965, he moved his family to Sonora, California, where he worked as an instructor at the newly constructed Sierra Conservation Center State Prison. He retired in 1986.

After retiring, Frank became an active member of the Sonora Elks and Sons in Retirement (SIRS). Frank loved to backpack and fish in the Sierra Mountains before and after retirement. He also loved to travel with his wife Arlene. They traveled to Norway, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama, New Zealand, Hawaii, and Alaska. Other hobbies included antique car restoration and home improvement. During his later years, he became an avid card player with a group of friends.

Frank’s wife of 63 years, Arlene, passed away in 2017. Frank is survived by his children Russell Taylor of Spokane, Washington, Douglas Taylor of Tuolumne, California, and Ann Crane of Sonora, California. Grandchildren include Benjamin Taylor of Sagle, Idaho, Amber Taylor of Santa Rosa, California, Kevin Taylor of San Mateo, California, Kelly Mermod of Sonora, Clayton Mermod of Sonora, and Clayton Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona. Great grandchildren include Avery and Clara Taylor of Sagle, Luke and Clint Mermod of Sonora, Kaley and Erik Taylor of San Mateo, and Shane Medrano of Sonora.

At his request, cremation is planned with a Private Family Memorial to celebrate his life. Terzich & Wilson Cremation-Funeral Home entrusted with Cremation arrangements.

- **Date of Death:** 01/24/2024
- **Age:** 91
- **Residence:** Sonora, CA





2023 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities v1.0

All SIR members are welcome to join in any other branch activity.

Many items are for couples so please contact the Event Chair.

Please start and chair a new activity if it's not listed.

Area Big Sir Roster	77	Donald Ronalter	984-9383
	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
	172	Tom Francis	533-3180
Activity	Branch #	Activity Chair	Telephone (209)
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2 nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	408-318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay (moderate hike) Every Friday	588-1345
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau Last Thursday of the month	352 4320
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	707-315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4 th Tuesday of the month	650-867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	532-3970
Tech/Computer	172	Dick Chimenti	677-7070
		Rich Nedbal	247-6497
Theatre	172	Dave Tibbets	532-2453
Travel	143	Bill Stires (Modesto)	988-5445
	172	Charles Luke	533-3683

As of April 2023

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Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current

HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
We are all so sorry for his passing on
Jan. 24, 2024

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 456-9814 and ask for an application form that will be mailed to you, or by downloading the form from our branch website.

www.sonorasirs.org. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to George Cocores with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

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