



To all our Veterans, Thank you for your service!



BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2014

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Sonora SIR Branch #136 will meet at the Sonora Elks Lodge on **Tuesday, Nov 11th** (Starts at Noon)
Social Hour Starts at 11:00 am
The Branch Executive Committee meets at 10:00 am.



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE LINE

If you are not able to attend the regular monthly meeting please call the Membership Message Line at **536 - 6311** and leave a clear message with your **NAME & BADGE #** and the reason you will not be able to attend.

BIG SIR NOTES

John Bristow - 588-8066

I have been informed that I have two more weeks of recovery and then I will be valued.

That sounds very promising and I hope they are right. Thanks to everyone for your support I could not have managed without you.

This month is very special with the day of our meeting being on Veterans Day and I hope you are like me and looking forward to what our Veterans Recognition Committee have planned and from what I have heard you will be surprised just like me. This is also a Month of Thanksgiving and I wish all SIRs every one My Prayers and Thanks.

LITTLE SIR NOTES

Jim Johnson - 536-1595

Don't panic, but there are only 51 shopping days left before Christmas. It doesn't seem possible but Christmas is almost here. Our Ladies Christmas Luncheon will be on December 9. We have a great event scheduled so make sure you purchase your tickets at the November monthly luncheon. We are only selling 200 tickets, advance sales only. We will be having a drawing again so come prepared to purchase your drawing tickets for a large selection of prizes. Music will be provided by Greg Brown's Music Express. I heard a rumor that our own Baci Frecceri will be singing a Johnny Cash song.

Our November Monthly Luncheon Meeting falls on Veterans Day this year. Our program for the day will be recognizing the Branch 136 veterans. Everyone, veteran or not, plan on attending November's meeting. We have over 90-veterans in our Branch. Make sure you attend; you will not be disappointed as it will be action packed. We will also be having a traditional thanksgiving lunch will all the trimmings.

That's it for now, hope to see you at the November meeting and don't forget to purchase your Christmas luncheon tickets.



GOLF CHAIRMAN

Joint Br. 136 & Br.77 Golf Committee

Danny Laureta - 586-4567

Assistant Jeff Phillips - 588-2977

Handicap Tom Nischwitz - 694-8624

Results of October 28th Golf Tournament at Mountain Springs

Format: Four Man Assigned Hole

1st Place

Jeff Phillips, Matt Clay & Tom Nischwitz
Net 141

2nd Place

Don Banchemo, Gene Morales, Gene Deaver & Jim Simmons
Net 148

3rd Place

Tom Newell, Steve Hagel, Kevin Mooney & Larry Walls
Net 149

Closest to the hole #7:

1st Place Tom Nischwitz 15' - 10"
2nd Place Keith Tucker 18' - 1"
3rd Place Chace Anderson 30' - 0"

Closest to the hole #17

1st Place Tom Newell 7' - 3"
(skipped over water, hit rock into green)
2nd Place Keith Tucker 13' - 2"
3rd Place Tom Nischwitz 27' - 10"

Next Golf Tournament November 25th

@ Mountain Springs GC

Note Later Tee Time!

9:30 am Sharp! - Shotgun Start



PINOCHLE

Bob Morrison 588-0994

Please join us in playing pinochle. If you don't know how to play or haven't played for a long time, we will tutor you in our rules. You play free for your first two meetings. Thereafter, you pay only \$3 each meeting. (Where else can you have a fun afternoon so cheaply?) You win a prize if your score at the end of the meeting is one of the three highest. Moreover, you win \$10 if you score in the top 50% at a free meeting. You need not attend every meeting. Typically, 15 to 20 of us meet each Monday at the Moose Lodge. We have lunch together starting at noon. We start playing no later than 12:30 P.M. and finish by 4 P.M. For more information, go to web site

www.sirtwain.org and click on the pinochle icon.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

As of November 3, 2014:
Current Active membership 219
Inactive Members (was 8) 6



VIEW FROM PAROTTS FERRY BRIDGE

**WATER SHORTAGE
PLEASE CONSERVE**

New Melones Reservoir water level continues to drop as water is being released in 'surges' to stimulate the fish down river.

BULLETIN INPUT

Dale Decker - 533-0455

Assistant Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

The deadline for the next bulletin is

November 30, 2014

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Donald Utt	1st
Harry Weiland	2
Tommy Lively	8
Fred Vigil	10
Paul Sperry	10
Bob Harlan	13
Ken Barlett	13
Rick Bacon	13
Frank Kilpatrick	16
James Hagel	17
Jere Calef	17
Don Lloyd	21
Richard Milano	21
Ralph Lopez	23
Len Jacques	25
Gary Troedson	28
Tom Hall	29
Gerry Davis	30
Ken Lewis	30

INTERNET& ROSTER
sirjerry@Sonnet.Com

Our Branch website is at <http://sonorasirs.org>. Visit anytime you would like. There you can review current and past bulletins and other branch information.

Please feel free to contact Jerry about any

changes or additions in internet pages or the Branch #136 membership roster.

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 588-9529 and an application form will be mailed, or by downloading the form from our branch website. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to Angelo Costanza with a check for \$35 for processing. Angelo's address is 23497 Gold Springs Drive Columbia, CA 95310.



VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

If you are a veteran and still have your uniform and 'can fit into it' please wear it to our November 11th luncheon.

There will be a drawing for a free lunch awarded in January for one veteran in uniform at the November luncheon.



RV CLUB NEWS

Jim Botto - 586-0822

Ron Long - 586-1838

Monday, October 20th, the RV Travel Group headed out to the 49er Village RV Park in Plymouth, Calif. They had a great time visiting Apple Hill and some of the local wineries.

This was a 3 night/4 day trip with with lots of club activities and games.

SUNSHINE - CHAPLAIN

Paul Bullman - 588-8614

CHRONIC PRIDE:

THANKGIVING...That is 'GIVING THANKS' demands self-discipline on our part, if it is to be accomplished. Try this any time of the year as well as in November.

'GIVE OUT THE ROSES WHILE THEY CAN STILL BE SNIFFED!'

HELP WANTED

Jerry Bellefeuille needs an HTML programmer to work with him to improve our SonoraSirs website. If you have this skill please contact Jerry @ 533-3630.

REMEMBER LAST DECEMBER!



*...that free peoples may not
perish from this earth"*

ENLIST IN YOUR NAVY TODAY

SIRs

Branch 136

**Ladies
Christmas
Luncheon**

\$22 each

**Tickets will be on sale
at the November
meeting**

NOTICE

Due to the increase
in our meal costs.

Starting January 1, 2015

**Our Monthly Luncheon
Costs will increase to**

\$13



**Sons In Retirement
Sonora SIR Branch #136**

**Ladies Day
Christmas Luncheon
December 9, 2014**



New York Steak

With Baked Potato

Or

Salmon Filet

With Rice Pilaf

Salad, Vegetable, Bread and Dessert

Wine on the Table

\$22.00 per Person

11:00am Social Hour 12:00 noon Lunch

Elks Lodge

Tickets will be on sale at the October and November Meetings

Music By

Greg Brown Music Express



Mariano Garces 586-9973 * Maury Rollins 532-9170 * Bob Gelber 532-0199 * Jim Johnson 536-1595



SIR Mother Lode

#77 Sierra

#136 Sonora

#172 Twain Harte



Travel News - November 2014

SIR Travel events require a minimum number of participants. Small for local, 1-day trips and greater for any 2, 3 or 4 day events. Most trip deposits SIR has to pay are non-refundable.

Here are some events that ARE NOT BOOKED, but are listed for members to respond so we can tally a head count. The Per Person cost could decrease for large groups.

Please call or Email the responsible SIR Travel Chairman if you want to attend their trip.

SNOW TRAIN TO RENO

When: February 24-26, 2015
Includes: Bus to and return from train station
Train Fare, Sacramento to Reno
2 Hotel Nights at Eldorado Hotel, 1 buffet bkfst
Reno luggage handling, all tips
Snacks on train, cocktail party at hotel

Cost: Approximately \$400* Per Person
*early bird discount (\$15) if paid in full by December 1, 2014
*\$10 cancellation fee if cancelled within 48 hours of trip



Contact: Wil Reich (#77), E: wil36he@directv.net, C: 209-533-2626

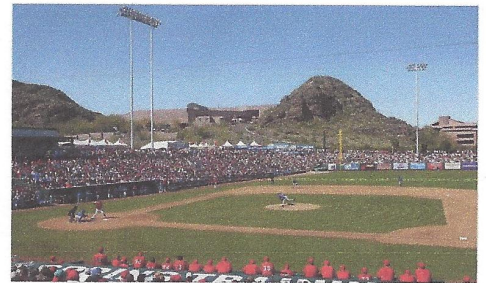
Want to go? Email or call Wil Reich to confirm.
When we reach the trip member minimum and the trip is officially booked,
you'll receive a required consent form to complete and sign to send with your payment

Cactus League SPRING TRAINING (Tempe, AZ)

When: March 2015 (Tuesday thru Friday, dates TBD)
Includes: Bus to and return from Sacramento Airport
Coach Airfare to Phoenix
2 or 3 Hotel Nights
1 Game Ticket

2 Hotel Night Per Person Cost: \$1,050
3 Hotel Night Per Person Cost: \$1,250

Note: Spring Training is extremely popular meaning flights, hotel rate your own online research to compare to what we're offering.



Contact: Paul Halek (#172), E: sierra.red@sbcglobal.net, C: 209-352-7399

Want to go? Email or call Paul Halek to confirm.
When we reach the trip member minimum and the trip is officially booked,
you'll receive a required consent form to complete and sign to send with your payment

Branch	Travel Chair	Phone#	Email
Sierra	Wil Reich	533-2626	wil36he@directv.net
Sonora	Rich Lundin	586-5632	wondjinaman@gmail.com
Twain Harte	Paul Halek	352-7399	sierra.red@sbcglobal.net



The riveter that launched a thousand ships

The origins of "Kilroy Was Here" remain murky and clouded by urban legend, but the most credible source of the saying comes from a shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, most historians agree.

On top of their military contribution overseas during World War II, the United States was heavily involved in the war effort producing ships, tanks, planes and weapons for the Allied Forces at plants across the country.

At one of the country's most prolific shipyards in Quincy worked James J. Kilroy — a rivet inspector who, like everyone in his trade, was paid by the number of rivets he checked and recorded his day's work on the machinery itself with a chalk mark. To avoid having his marks erased and moved by unscrupulous workers continuing his line of rivets, Kilroy began inscribing "Kilroy Was Here" on the machinery, historians say.

The dire need for ships overseas meant that most were launched into action before the workers' marks, including Kilroy's, were painted over or covered up.

American GIs began noticing the puzzling phrase scrawled on outgoing ships almost immediately, often tucked into hard-to-reach spots. At first, sailors treated an appearance of "Kilroy Was Here" like a kind of talisman, certifying that their ship had been properly checked and would be protected against the enemy. GIs later adopted Kilroy's standard and began tagging the places they'd visited across Europe, Asia and Africa.

The Kilroy character — just eyes and fingers visible from behind a wall or fence — was attached to the saying sometime early in the war.

By the end of World War II, "Kilroy Was Here" had achieved cult-like status, springing up in the unlikeliest of places — probably as a result of some friendly competition among GIs, historians believe — including some top-secret military installations. Latrines in France, beaches in the Pacific and walls in Germany were covered with the tag and, as the war progressed, it became a rally cry of the mounting Allied successes.

While Americans shared a few good-hearted laughs over the mysterious Kilroy, who somehow managed to arrive at every destination first, the slogan was a more serious matter for the opposition.

Japanese troops were so mystified by a "Kilroy Was Here" painted on a bombed out tank on the Pacific island of Guadalcanal that they reported the find to their senior intelligence officers, according to a U.S. Marine interviewed by World War II author Timothy Benford.

Hitler supposed that Kilroy was some kind of "Super-GI" or spy, other unconfirmed reports have stated, and ordered a contingent of men to track down the sneaky American. He would never be found.

The identity of the real Kilroy wasn't revealed until 1946, when a national radio contest searching for the original "artist" uncovered and authenticated the story of James Kilroy in Quincy, which still celebrates its hometown celebrity with Pin-the-Nose-on-Kilroy competitions.



THE LIGHT TURNED YELLOW

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the 'chrome-plated Christian fish emblem' on the trunk, so naturally....I assumed you had stolen the car."

WHO SAYS MEN CAN'T DESIGN?



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1997 - Dave Holton/1999 - Al Limon
2000 - Bob Gibbs/2002 - Jim Nuzum
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2013 - Phil VanSwoll

BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE

AND CHARTER MEMBERS*

*Baci Frecceri - Past Big Sir 1986-2012
Al Limon - Past Big SIR 1992-2012
Bill Dunlavy - Past Big SIR 2004

DIRECTORY of OFFICERS

Big SIR - John Bristow-588-8066
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DIRECTORS

First Year

Angelo Costanza 588-9529
Jake Parsons 736-0647
Mariano Garces 586-9973

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Bert Maxwell - 588-1177
Bob Gelber - 532-0199
Maurice Rollins - 532-9170

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & CO-CHAIRMEN

Attendance/Membership - Angelo Costanza - 588-9529

Bulletin - Dale Decker - 533-0455

Sunshine - Chaplain - Paul Bullman - 588-8614

Fishing - **OPEN**

Area 27 Golf - Danny Laureta 586-4567

Hon. Life Membership - Al Limon - 533-4944

House - Jerry Erath - 533-3791

Internet - Jerry Bellefeuille - 533-3630

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Lunch Tickets - Bert Abreo - 736-4804

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R.V. Travel Group - Jim Botto - 586-0822

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DECLARATIONS

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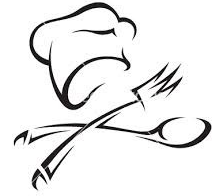
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any matters pertaining to said activities.

(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 429 & 421).



NOVEMBER 11th MENU

**Roast Turkey & Stuffing,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Cranberry Sauce, Corn,
Salad & Pumpkin Pie**

Guest Speaker

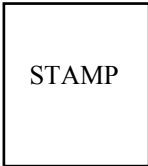
**Due to the Special
Veterans Day Program**

**There will not be
a Guest Speaker**

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