



BULLETIN

June, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 11th

Reserve your spot(s) with:

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is:

June 6, 2024

Menu: Meatloaf & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Green Salad, and Strawberry Shortcake

Guest Speaker: Katie Dunn,
President of our local Sonora Chamber of Commerce.



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:

corvdon@wscppubs.net The deadline for the next bulletin is:

June 30, 2024



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille (209) 588-3978
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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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We had a wonderful luncheon for our Ladies Day event. Dino and staff barbecued up some good old New York Steaks as well as preparing Salmon and Chicken Piccata alternatives for lunch. The event was well attended with almost 80 in attendance. There was a good old raffle with special prizes for the ladies as well. I'd like to thank Stan Enos and George Corcores for all the hard work they put in to get this event going. We also need to thank the Ladies from Sierra Foothill Women's Club for the beautiful table decorations. All in all a good time was had by all.

I'm pleased to announce our guest speaker for our June meeting will be Katie Dunn. Katie is the president of our local Sonora Chamber of Commerce. Katie is also quite instrumental in the Second Saturday events held in downtown Sonora. The first Second Saturday event of 2024 will be on June 8th at Coffill Park in downtown Sonora. This will be a free concert starting at 8pm with the band Hired Gunn. All your favorite straight forward Rock Music, performed with an edge! There will be free shows each month thru October. Katie will keep us informed with all that's happening with our local Chamber of Commerce. Here's a link to the Chambers website if you want to explore;

<https://sonorachamber.org/>

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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[Mike is on Medical leave. We wish him well.]



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776

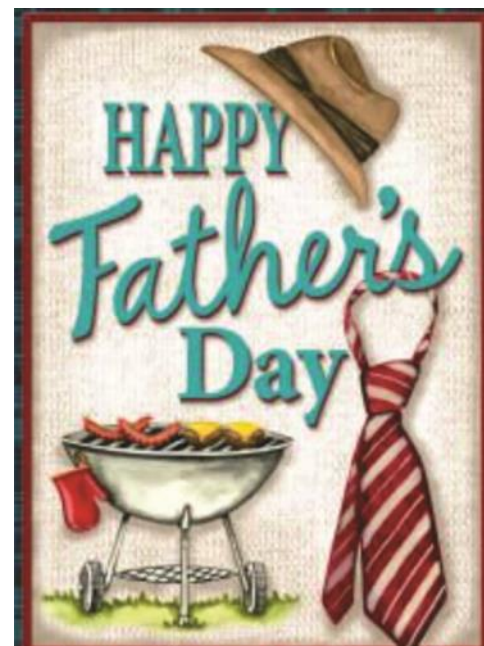
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[Editor's Note: I left the following in from the May Bulletin]

Our next outing will be from July 14th to July 19th to Sugar Barge RV park in the Delta. The RV Club is now open to all Sirs Member in good standing that would like to join us on an outing. You don't have to have an RV, as a lot of the parks have cabins or 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 a RV Club member for more information.

Eddie Toews

Don't Forget Father's Day!





MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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Say Hello to Bill Simon who will be a new member for June. Fred Kehr had him as a guest at our April luncheon and invited Bill and his wife to the Ladies Day Luncheon. Fred handed me his application at the May event. Way to go Fred!!

We will install him at the June 11th luncheon.



GOLF CLUB NEWS

Raul Santana - (925) 451-7351

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The May tournament at Teleli GC once again had great weather. The greens were in much better shape. 20 golfers were on hand for the six-six-six format. Yours truly and my partner, Matt Clay, came in first place with a net 74. Congrats to Rudy Flores for 3rd place closest to the pin on hole #12.

The next tournament is scheduled for June 18 at La Contenta GC in Valley Springs.

Raul Santana



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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Fishing has been slow on Don Pedro and Melones. Took a ride to Tuttle Town this afternoon and found 7 or 8 trailers in the parking lot. Bill Guenza and I managed 11 bass to the boat at Melones. Wind was a factor also. Two to three foot brackets. Sol Robin and I along with our wives fished Pinecrest from Sol's pontoon boat. Caught 4 nice planters. Breeze was chilly but still a good day.

Let me hear of any other fish stories.

[See pictures page 7]

Chuck Simons



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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We've got a bowling tournament this month in Placerville on June 6th and 7th at Red Hawk Casino. I was hoping to attend but I have recently sprained my ankle. I most likely will be missing several weeks of bowling for it to heal. Don't forget the SIR State Tournament is coming up in August from the 12th thru the 14th.

Applications for this and all SIR Bowling tournaments are on the SIR bowling website; <https://sirbowling.org/>

Hope to see you there.

Rick Bronner



CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826

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I was able to attend three car shows last month. The first one was the annual Hot Copper Car show in Copperopolis. Knowing the weather outlook was sketchy I got there early with my bud Gene. We grabbed a good old breakfast burrito and walked around to check out all the cool cars. We had just about finished walking the venue when the clouds let loose. I'm sure it was a real bummer for all those who spent hours detailing their cars just have it rained on. Next up was the Rods to Rails Car show in Jamestown. Again, I had to get there early since I had a bowling tournament that day. However, the weather was just perfect. It looked like a pretty good turnout with the streets and parking lot packed with cars. I saw several of our SIR's members there with their hot rods. The third show was the annual Cars, Cops and Coffee show at the Diana J. White Cancer Institute in Sonora. Not one of the bigger shows due to space limitations. The Lack family Band played some classic rock while everyone was checking out the cool cars. I saw something I'd never seen before. A 1920's Rolls Royce that had been turned into a firetruck.

[Car Club cont.]:

The story goes it was transformed for use at a prestigious estate in Sweden. Quite unusual to say the least. By the way if you liked the music, the Lack Family band is opening music at Westside Park in Tuolumne on Wednesday June 5th. Looking to keep in touch with the local car scene? Every Friday evening starting at 5pm there's a gathering of cool cars at the Columbia Frosty. They have a large patio area to hang out while you can check out the scene.

Rick Bronner

PINOCHLE REPORT

**No Report this month
Chairman Position now open**



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707

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Blessings and Happy Father's Day to all our Dads, Grandpas and Greatgrandpas!

Steven Gregory



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284

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May's Kayak outing at Pinecrest was tremendous! We had 8 kayakers and enjoyed beautiful weather as well as Ospreys overhead diving for fish. Join us for our next leisure paddle on June 25th! The photo is of Chuck and Franchesca Simons as well as their dog Dusty.

[see picture on page 4]

Sol Robin





SIRs BRANCH 136 ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Will be held at Indigeny Reserve



Social hour will be at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch will be at approximately
12:00 P.M.

Menu

Choice of:

BBQ RIBS or BBQ CHICHEN
or GRILLED GOURMET SAUSAGE
or VEGETABLE SKEWER

Sides will include:

Ranch Style Beans, Mac & Cheese,
Sweet Potato Salad, Honey Cornbread,
Desserts, Sweetened Ice Tea,
Lemonade and Infused Water.



Branch will provide Beer and Wine
while it lasts. Each person will
receive two drink tickets when they
check in at the gate.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person and
will be on sale at the June and
July regular meetings. Tickets will
NOT be sold at the door.

RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Eddie Toews 209-770-3776

Stan Enos George Cocores

Gene Zannoni Mel Kutsch

Rick Bronner

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER

AUGUST 15, 2024



June Birthdays:

- Durand, Paul 06/07
- Bellefeuille, Jerry *DSA 06/08
- La Foy, Donald (Don) 06/16
- Chernoff, Nicholas 06/17
- Decker, Dale HLM 06/19
- Schloffel , Barry 06/20
- Peluso, Serge 06/22
- Banchero, Donald (Don) 06/22
- Smith , Martin 06/22
- Boatman, Bill 06/24
- Boire, Ernest 06/24
- Rancatore, James P. 06/27
- Kangas, Herbert A. 06/28



A couple neat rods that Rick Bronner saw at
Rods to Rails



Kayaking on Pinecrest



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. Pinochle is open and available.

Volunteer today!



Scenes from our May Lady's Day Luncheon



More of Lady's Day





SIR Classifieds

SIR Members are now invited to place ads for **items** that they want to sell—services are not allowed. A 10% fee will be charged based upon the selling price, up to a maximum fee of \$100 per item. If you are just donating an item, there is no charge.

FREE—FREE--FREE

Pioneer PRO 141 FD 60" HD Flat Panel
Originally \$ 7000---This was the best of the best at the time
Wall Mount Only (Bracket Included) Monitor -
No speakers
Contact-Rick Bronner-408-318-4826—Here's a link to the brochure;
<https://www.pioneerelectronics.com/ephox/StaticFiles/PUSA/Files/PRO-141FD.pdf>

FOR SALE

4 ACE 19x8 Alloy Wheels
Originally \$400 each. Asking \$400 for all 4
Rick Bronner 408-318-4826 bronnerrick@gmail.com



Fishing Pinecrest





2024 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities:
 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	77 136 172	Donald Ronalter Rick Bronner Mark Knapp	(209) 984-9383 (408) 318-4826 (209) 613-7767
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Branch #</u>	<u>Activity Chair</u>	<u>Telephone (209)</u>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	(408) 318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simmons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	136	Raul Santana	(925) 451-7351
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay	588-1345
		moderate hike every Friday	
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau	352-4320
		Last Thursday of the month	
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	(707) 315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4th Tuesday of the month	(650) 867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	770-3776
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 March 2024

Want Some SIRs Apparel?

Here is how to get it:

Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him.

If you don't have a computer, find a friend who does and have him help you.





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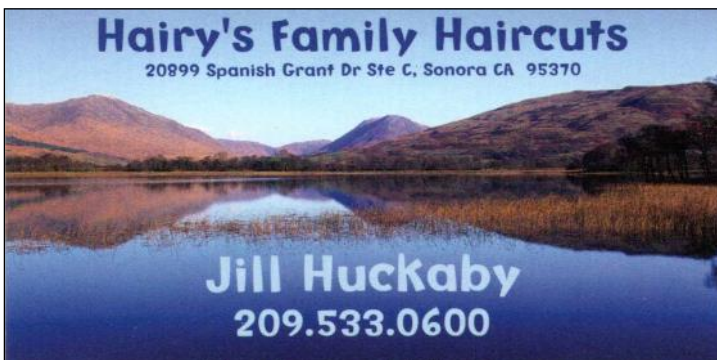
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2017 - Danney Laureta 2018 - Paul Squeri
2019 - Jim Botto
2020 & 2021 - Gene Zanoni
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BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current
Gene Zanoni - Big Sir 2020 & 2021

HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
We are all so sorry for his passing on

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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 Ccores with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

Jan. 24, 2024

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