



BULLETIN

November, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 12th

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:

Nov. 7, 2024

Menu: Roast Turkey & Stuffing, Gravy & Cranberry Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Green Salad and Pumpkin Pie

Guest Speaker:

Carol Stoddard President of Tuolumne Spay and Neuter.



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:

Nov. 30, 2024



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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November is a very important month for our SIR members. Not only do we look forward to a wonderful turkey dinner served at our monthly meeting but hopefully many of you will be with family for a Thanksgiving dinner on the 28th as well. November is also a month to honor our veterans for their sacrifice in serving our country. Veterans day falls on Tuesday the 11th this year the day before our monthly meeting. Each year we recognize our newest members that joined who are veterans. This year we recognize the following new members for their service:

Michael Booth
Bill Simon
Ron Atkins

This is the last monthly meeting to buy your tickets for next months' Christmas banquet. We will be serving your choice of Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken Piccata with a shrimp cocktail appetizer and rice and veggies and desert for only \$35. We've even got a deal with the bar if you want wine bottles are only \$10! So, I hope to see you all there on Tuesday December 10th. No-host bar opens at 10 and lunch will be at noon.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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Our guest speaker for November will be Carol Stoddard President of Tuolumne Spay and Neuter. It is a nonprofit corporation founded in 2022.

They facilitate spay and neuters for the over population of feral cats and dogs from the unsheltered population in Tuolumne County.

I also want to explain the way to stabilize our fuel the correct way for winter storage of our 2 and 4 stroke equipment.

The most dependable and easiest way is to buy a bottle of fuel stabilizer. All the automotive stores have it along with tractor supply and harbor freight.

The directions are on the bottle and you will see that a few ounces is all you will need for a two gallon mix.

Remember though, for your 2 stroke equipment, you will need your 2 stroke mix, gas and stabilizer. And of course for your straight gas it will be just the fuel and stabilizer. My own personal preference is to use the premium fuel at the pump because the premium blend has less alcohol in it. Alcohol is a killer with the fuel lines, gaskets and all rubber components.

Now finally, add a quarter tank of your stabilized fuel to each one of your machines. Start and run each piece for 5 minutes or so, shut down the equipment and tuck them away til spring. Come next time to use whichever piece to run, it will start with your standard amount of effort. Use your leftover stabilized fuel to start and run for the next time needed.

Mike





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>.



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707
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Please pray for Earl Randall who suffered a serious stroke and is now in speech therapy. He's our newspaper front page star member known for "It's nice to be nice..."

Steven Gregory Chaplain



November Birthdays

Hurley, Timothy (Tim)	11/07
Sperry, Paul	11/10
Salmon, John	11/18
Cunningham, Hal	11/19
Sampson, Martin (Marty)	11/27
Hall, Tom	11/29



GOLF CLUB NEWS

Raul Santana - (925) 451-7351
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Our October tournament was at Teleli GC. Once again the weather cooperated. The 2-man format was six-six-six, which means holes 1-6 (best ball), 7-12 (scramble) and 13-18 alternate shot). Myself and partner, Jack Samuelian placed 3rd. Also congrats to Jim Simmon for 3rd place closest to the pin on hole #5.

The last tournament of the year is scheduled for November 17 at Teleli GC. Golf will start up again in March 2025.

Raul Santana



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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[MEMBERSHIP REPORT
OCTOBER 2024

October Luncheon	
Luncheon Attendance (56%)	68
Excused Absences (44%)	53

Current Month Membership	
Active Membership (Sept.)	122
Applicants Being Installed	0
Active Members Lost	-1
Active Membership Oct.	121



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
solrobin57@gmail.com

Kayak outings are held the last Tuesday of the month, from late spring to early fall. Spouse or significant others are welcome and the paddle is followed by a picnic or BBQ. Please call Sol at 707-315-1284 for time and place or any other information.

Sol Robin



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776
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The RV Group will be having its annual Christmas dinner on December 5th. This will be the last function for the group this year.

Eddie Toews Past RV Chairman



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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No report this month. .

Chuck Simons

PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Ray Di Basilio **Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826**
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Striking up Friendships

FROM RAY:



Bowling in Brentwood – what a success story! Cindy and I spent Monday evening with the tournament manager and hosts Ron and Marie Wilson preparing for the tournament on Tuesday. The Wilson’s have hosted many folks in their home, including Walter Ray Williams. We even slept in the same bed – cross that one off the bucket list!

Ron commandeered about 20 door prizes for the event. Ray, the manager of Bowlero, offered a burger bar lunch with all the fixings, delicious! Although it was only a one-day tournament, SIR bowlers filled the 32 lanes with a record 85 members which kept us hopping. Scores were high in both singles and doubles with too many 200 games to announce. This will surely become one of next year’s most desired tournaments.

The 2025 SIR Bowling Tournament calendar is in the works and will be available soon.

We hope that bowlers from our branch can join us at the last tournament of the year November 7/8 at McHenry Lanes in Modesto. We’ll be there both days. Look forward to seeing you there!

For more information about SIR bowling, the full calendar, applications, and results, check out our website: <http://www.sirinc3.org/sirBowling/index.html>

Ray Di Basilio

FROM RICK:

The last SIR bowling tournament of the year is this month on November 7th and 8th at McHenry bowl on Modesto. It’s a singles and doubles tournament. If you haven’t already signed up yet and you want to bowl your last chance is to email ymasse@sbcglobal.net immediately. As always, the applications are online at sirbowling.org I hope to see you there !

Rick Bronner



CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826
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I recently attended the Snelling Car Show hosted by the Yosemite Corvette Club. The event was held on Sunday October 13th at Henderson Park in Snelling. There must have been well over 100 cars of all types on display including several Corvettes of all years. I ran into our fellow SIR member Stan Enos and who had his custom Ford Panel Truck. Stan was there with several other members of Mother Lode Antique Car club displaying their classic cars. There was even a rare Plymouth Superbird on display. For lunch there was a deep pit BBQ serving up BBQ beef sandwiches with all the fixings. It was pretty foggy when everyone arrived early in the morning but it soon cleared up for a clear and sunny day.

Rick Bronner





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.



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!



Branch #136

Christmas Luncheon

December 10, 2024



Elks Lodge
100 Elk Dr., Sonora, CA

Raffle prizes are always greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Lunch @ Noon

Menu:

Shrimp Cocktail
Prime Rib w/ Baked Potato
-or- Salmon with Rice Pilaf
-or- Chicken Piccata
with Rice Pilaf
Includes Vegetable, Salad
and Dessert

\$35 per Person

Tickets will go on sale at the
Oct. 8th & Nov. 12th Luncheons

SEATING IS LIMITED
DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AND
CANCELLATIONS IS DEC. 3, 2024
ALL SALES ARE FINAL AFTER THAT DATE

Anyone wanting wine, it will be available at the bar for \$10.00 per bottle.

No Host Cocktails @ 10:00 am



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 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 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 on-line. 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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1997 - Dave Holton 1999 - Al Limon
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2022 - Phil VanSwoll 2023 - Eddie Toews

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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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 Cocreos 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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