



BULLETIN

September, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org

SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 10th

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:

Sept. 5, 2024

Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Green Salad and Chocolate Pudding

Guest Speaker:

Sid Gordon with State Farm

Insurance



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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A wonderful time was had by all at our annual summer picnic at Indigency Reserve. We had nearly 100 attendees show up for the festivities. Our caterer Perfect Day did a fantastic job with our BBQ lunches with all the fixings. I thought my ribs were cooked just right as the meat fell off the bones. I especially want to thank everyone that brought raffle prizes. We had over 40 items to raffle off bringing in nearly \$500 for the branch. I also had the pleasure of installing our newest member Sir Michael Booth. I also got to use our newest addition of a portable PA speaker for background music and announcing. Once I figured out the right adjustments it seemed to work quite well. I'll be traveling down to Walnut Creek on the 24th for a SIR State Meeting. This should be an update on the future plans for our organization. I'll have a full report to give at our October meeting. I'll see you at our September meeting on the 10th.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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Sid Gordon with StateFarm Insurance will be our guest speaker for our meeting this month. It should be quite informative as to where California and Tuolumne county are heading with these cancellations we are hearing about.

As far as the picnic itself, as usual it seemed that everyone enjoyed themselves - great location with great people equals great times.

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>.



GOLF CLUB NEWS

Raul Santana - (925) 451-7351

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The August tournament was held at Teleli GC. The weather was warm but comfortable. We had 22 golfers participating. The format was a Scramble with an orange ball. Once the orange ball was lost, the 2 man team was disqualified. Sadly, I lost our orange ball on the 5th hole, but Rick B and I still had fun. Unfortunately, no one from Branch 136 won any money.

The next tournament is scheduled for September 17 at Pine Mountain Lake in Groveland. Hope to see you there.

Raul Santana



RV CLUB NEWS

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[No input for this issue]

Eddie Toews Past RV Chairman

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@wsccpubs.net

The deadline for the next bulletin is:

Sept. 31, 2024



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707
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No activity this month
Steven Gregory



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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[No report this issue due to our picnic]



FISHING CHAIRMAN

Chuck Simons - (209) 532-9550
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Fishing has not improved with time. Melones is thick with the algae bloom. Bill Guenza and I fished twice this month. The first trip he landed a 3 pound 12 oz. Rainbows and I landed a 3 pound bass. Both at the same time. We have had several double hookups. Quite exciting. Hope to get pictures from Bill.

Chuck Simons



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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[No report this issue]

Ray Di Basilio



CAR CLUB NEWS

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[See Don Herzer's report on the Corvette Caravan, page 6]

Rick Bronner

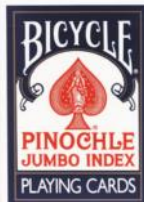


KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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Sol Robin



PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open



September Birthdays

Belochi, Steve	09/01
Costello, Jim	09/02
Armendariz, Manuel	09/02
Atkins, Ron	09/09
Barnes, Harold (Barney)	09/11
Moreda, James	09/11
Holt, Steven *DSA	09/12
Simon, Bill	09/12
Lewis, James (Scott)	09/16
Hagel, Steve	09/19
Abreo, Albert F.	09/24
Kutsch, Melvin (Mel)	09/27
Aberle, Dick	09/28
Johnson, (Tim) Timothy	09/28
Cocores, George *DSA	09/30
Bethel, Ron	09/30



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 Aug. Picnic



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The 7th National Corvette Caravan August 21-31, 2024

[Story By Don Herzer]

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of Americas Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the Anniversary Celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the latest event took place Labor Day Weekend 2024 and marked the Museums 30th Anniversary

My section of the Caravan covered Northern CA and Northern NV. The official Launch was at Abel Chevrolet on Aug. 21st – while many of you were enjoying the Picnic. Our first stop was in Reno, with a dinner at the National Automobile Museum. We picked up a large group of NV cars and 100 Corvettes headed for our second stop in Wendover, where we toured the Historic Wendover Airfield. The next day took us to Jackson, WY. A freak thunder/hail storm spoiled the dinner cruise we were suppose

to have in Grand Teton. The next day we toured Yellowstone before heading to dinner at the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, linking up with the Pacific Northwest section, that had 230 Corvettes. Day 5 took us to Cheyenne with a group dinner in the Little America Ballroom—nearly 700 people.



We then headed to Lincoln, NE, with a dinner in the Historic Haymarket District. The morning of day 7 started with a private tour of the three floors of the Museum of American Speed, before heading to our final night in Columbia, MO, enjoying a BBQ and ZOOM presentation by Josh Holder, Corvette Chief Engineer on the giant screen.

Day 8 of our drive brought us into Bowling Green, KY, joining an estimated 6,000+ Corvettes who had come from various parts of the U.S.

The next three days were the Anniversary Celebration of the Grand Opening of the national Corvette Museum, with multiple events, seminars, and various vendors on-site. Some people were able to sign up for a limited number of Corvette Factory Tours, and/or take their Corvette on spirited lead-follow laps on the nearby Motorsports Park track.

My responsibilities as Caravan Captain ended upon our arrival in Bowling Green, as there were no organized return groups. Many chose to take advantage of being so far East, to visit friends/relatives, and/or various sites/attractions on the East Coast. I joined another of our group who needed to return quickly, getting back to CA to publish this Bulletin.





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





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

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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.

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To all our members, if you frequent any of these businesses, please remember to thank them for their gracious support to our Branch.

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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

DATED MATERIAL

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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 Cocores 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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