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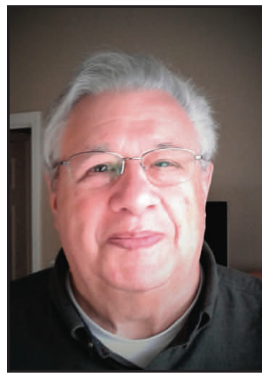
SIR
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEN

**“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH
FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”
FEBRUARY 2020 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143**

BIG SIR SAYS...

From Greg Back

2020 is off to a great start for our SIR Branch 143. Our first lunch of the year with our new caterer was a big success with 92 in attendance. The ribs were great and everyone I talked with enjoyed their lunch. We had a small hiccup with the direction of flow of the serving line but that will get corrected for our next meeting.



Our “each one, bring one” campaign is also off to a great start. We installed 5 new members in January and also had 4 guests in attendance. What was really exciting is that new member Manual Drumonde brought a guest even before he was officially inducted into SIR. Even better, his guest, along with 3 others, submitted applications and were accepted into our branch. Let’s keep it going throughout 2020 - if every member will bring just one guest, our branch will grow and remain healthy.

We continue to offer a great range of activities for our members. We have golf, bowling, great travel opportunities and fun RV outings. Our bocce ball groups is going strong, come join in and stay for lunch. We play the first and third Thursday of each month, 10am at the Dust Bowl Brewery. The new RC flying group is gaining interest and we have 2 new pilot trainees learning to fly. Come check it out. The RC group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, 1pm at the Turlock Air Park. The dine outs continue to be very popular and are always well attended. If you haven’t joined us yet come out and give it a try. The February dine out

will be at Memo’s on Main St. in Turlock, Feb-20. In March we should be having another wine tasting group outing with SIR member Russ Winton. Check elsewhere in the newsletter for more information.

I urge all members to come to our lunch meetings and support your branch. Our caterer is serving us freshly prepared, delicious lunches, but we need good attendance to keep our branch solvent. If we don’t have at least 90 members attending for lunch each month we lose money. Please help make sure that doesn’t happen.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting. Come join us for lunch, visit with old friends, make new ones and support your branch.

**FEBRUARY
LUNCH MENU:**

**SMOKED
MEATLOAF**

**Salad with fixin’s, Rolls, Dessert,
plus all the usual suspects**

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER IS:

MARCH 1-2 and 3



SIR Area 18 & Friends Presents

A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club Experience!!! Saturday - April 18, 2020

COST PER PERSON: TOUR DATE: \$143.00 Per Person April 18, 2020 / Saturday PICKUP TIMES AND LOCATIONS: 9:00 AM - Turlock: Wal-Mart parking lot Return Time: 8:00 PM 9:30 AM - Modesto: Clarion Hotel on Sisk Rd Return Time: 7:30 PM Minimum of 30 passengers needed by March 18, 2020 or the trip will be cancelled. Maximum of 44 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!!

TOUR ITINERARY: The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Modesto and Turlock.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Deluxe Storer Coachways Motorcoach
- Coffee & donuts will be provided in the morning
- Admission to the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club
- Delicious Hosted Buffet lunch in the Turf Club
- Complimentary Racing Program
- Storer Driver Tip



**For Reservations or more information please
contact Bill Stires at 209-544-2684 or 209-988-5445**



Turf Club Dress Code: All guests are requested to dress in smart casual style.

Ladies Stylish festival hats and stylish casual footwear including tennis shoes are welcomed. Sweat pants, T-Shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts of any style and tank tops are not allowed.

Golden Gate Fields reserve the right to deny access into the Turf Club if wearing inappropriate attire.

The Unofficial SIR Branch 143 Race Team



Did you know that our branch has enthusiastic autocross racers? Big SIR Greg Back and Branch Secretary Larry Date compete in sanctioned autocross competition driving Ford Mustang GTs.

What is autocross you ask? Very simply, you use traffic cones to make a mini-road course in a large parking lot or unused airport tarmac and see who can drive it the quickest without hitting any cones or going off course. It is

very safe as you compete only against the clock. Despite the generally low speeds attained during competition, it's one of the fastest paced, rapid-fire forms of motorsports you can find. It is also tons of fun.

The 2020 season is about to kick off, so now is a good time to recap the 2019 racing season. Local events with the American Autocross Series were held on the runways at NASA Crows Landing. Greg competes in a class called Classic American Muscle Contemporary (CAMC) for modified modern American muscle cars and placed 4th in points out of a field of 37 entries in class. Larry completes in a class for stock pony cars called F Street and placed 5th in points out of a field of 30 entries in class. Great results for a couple of old farts.

There will be many 2020 events held at Crows Landing so if anyone is interested in coming out to see the action and support our branch racers contact Greg or Larry for more information.



SIRs Personalized Hats, Shirts and Jackets

Show your pride in SIRs, wear a hat, shirt, vest or jacket.. We have some hats and shirts in stock and will have them at our the next meeting, or call Rick Kin-
dle at 209-652-8608 to pick these up... Vests and Jackets are special order, so we need your size. Also, if you want a different color for hats and shirts, these also need to be ordered.. if you have a special shirt you want embroidered, Russel Steeley can do this for \$10... Call him at 209-922-8832 to arrange drop off... he is right here in Denair on Eastgate Drive,



SIR Polo Shirt \$25



SIR Port Authority Jacket \$40

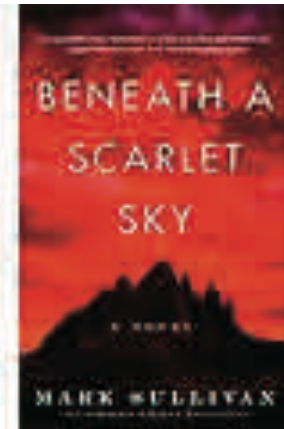


SIR Hats \$15



SIR Vest \$25

Our Speaker for the month of FEBRUARY Will Be Michael Lella



In 1943, Pino Lella was a 17-year-old living in Milan at the height of the British bombardment of the city. In order to protect him, his parents sent him to Casa Alpina, a boy's school in the Alps, where he trained to be an Alpine climber and ultimately became the escort of countless Jewish refugees seeking escape over the Alps into Switzerland. At age 18, he had to join the military and his family strongly persuaded him to join the German army, where he became the personal driver and confidant of Hans Leyers, a Nazi General, and ultimately became a spy for the Allies. Besides being an epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours, it is also a beautiful, but tragic, love story.



Pino's son, Michael Lella, will share the story of his father and his role in the forgotten Italian front of WWII. He will provide great dimension and background to the story, covering some of the facts and unknown details about his father's life. There is a short Q & A following Michael Lella's presentation.

Books will be available for purchase following the presentation.

**IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A LUNCHEON PLEASE CALL
Kevin Byrne, Membership Chairman...648-2373**



SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



*ALAMO WORLD TRAVEL PRESENTS FOR
SIRS #143, Area 18 and Friends
Here are details:*

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 26-29, 2020

Price for Double \$1,895 Single Supplement \$395
Escorted by Bill Stires (209) 544-2684 or Cell 209-988-5445



TOUR INCLUDES:

Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles
3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach
Tour of Ronald Reagan Library
Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company
Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express
Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island
Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano
Admission in the Sawdust Festival
Dinner at Tivoli Terrace
Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters
Guided tour of Los Angeles
Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit
5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
Gratuities for bus drive and step on guides
Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats at Pageant
Must have 20 passengers by March 1, 2020 to make trip a go
\$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip.
Final payment Due May 18, 2020

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**If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684,
cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com
to receive a reservation form.
Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.**

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NEW MEMBERS JANUARY 2020



New members being inducted from our January 2020 luncheon: TOM SLIGER - Sponsor Rick Kindle, MICHAEL JOHNSON - Sponsor Greg Back, WILLIAM SARGENTI IV - Sponsor Don Nordell, CHARLES GOLDING - Sponsor Rick Kindle, MANUEL DRAMONDE - Sponsor Kevin Byrne.



**Our Next Dine In & Dine Out will be held at:
Memo's Cocina & Tequila Bar**



Thursday February 20th
in downtown Turlock. We will have a special menu to choose from, Drinks at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00



NEW LUNCH PRICES
\$15 for lunch or \$5 for beverage and dessert only.

Please join me in supporting these programs.
Gary Toombs Activities Chairman

NEW PROGRAMS

We are starting or restarting a few new programs for SIR members. Please contact the following club members and get in on the ground floor if any of these programs interest you:

CRIBBAGE: Gary Potter 667 8516

GIN RUMMEY: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351

PICKLEBALL: Bob Lotspeich 485 6225 (cell) or 535 1748 (home)

RC AIRPLANES: Larry Date 632 7287 or Greg Back 585 6862

PINOCHLE: Wayne Rickey 634-7644

COMMEMORTIVE AIR FORCE:
Breakfast at Hanger 1-S Modesto Airport on 2nd Saturday of each month.
Contact Gary Toombs 604-8406
CHESS: Kevin Storms (a brand new member) 277 7644

Bocce Ball:

Bocce Ball is the First and Third Thursdays, of the month **10:00 to 12:00**, at the **DUST BOWL in TURLOCK**

If you have any questions call Tom Bundy at 209-668-5763

A photo from the last game.



PLEASE CHECK-OUT OUR NEW CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS IN THIS ISSUE



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
trail boss



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OCTOBER
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RESERVATION STEPS:

1. Call, text or email Ken for reservation request by March 1, 2020. I need name, contact phone.
2. After April 1, call the reservation number 805-773-1811 to confirm your reservation.

SIR #143 & GUESTS 2020 JACKSON RANCHERIA RV OUTING MARCH 29 - APRIL 3

WAGON MASTER: KEN KAJIOKA 209-602-8351

WE ONLY HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES LEFT
SO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW.

TENTATIVE AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SUNDAY - Arrive 3 pm Get set up and meet your neighbors
5:30 pm HOT DOGS and FIXINGS

MONDAY - 9:00 am BREAKFAST
5:30 pm DINNER POTLUCK (A-M Hot Dish, N-Z Cold Dish)

TUESDAY - 9:00 am BREAKFAST
5:00 pm DINNER Bring your own meat

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am BREAKFAST
5:30 pm DINNER, Spaghetti

THURSDAY - On Your Own

FRIDAY - Drive Safe - HAPPY EASTER!

SIGNUP PROCEDURE:

1. Call Jackson Roncheria for reservation 1-800-822-9466
2. MENTION SIR 143
3. Contact Ken Kajioka after registering with your name, dates and site #, call or text 1-209-602-8351

or

e-mail

kenkajioka@gmail.com

4. Get a Jackson Rancheria Players Card from casino for an \$8 per nite discount.

NOTICE TO RV OWNERS:

If we don't have enough reservations for this outing, it will be cancelled.

**IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS AN RV & Wants to Go
On Any of these events Call Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351**



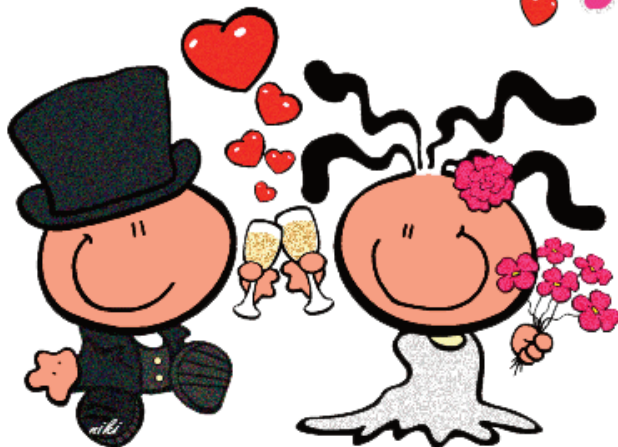
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Joe Bughi, Luis Duron, Kenneth Edwards,
John Ellefson, Lloyd Fantazia, Freddie Graham,
Michael Johnson, Chris Kiriakou, Carlos Marchbanks,
Ernie Peters, David Sargis, John Togliatti



Happy Anniversary



IN FEBRUARY

John Chance, Gene Evans,
Stanley Fidel, Carl Grubb,
Tom Lindquist, Al Maroo

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

BLACK BEAR DINER, TURLOCK

JANUARY 17, 2020

Attendance: Big Sir Greg Back, Secretary Larry Date, Treasurer Leonard Zumstien

Directors: Brad Sleeper, Mike Sakaguchi, Bob Holly (new), Larry Hughes, Fred Courter (new)

Committee Representatives present: Kevin Byrne Membership, Joe Adams Golf, Larry Hughes Web Master

Guests: None

Absent: Little Sir Ted Thorn

Directors Absent: Ken Edwards, Ken Kajioka, Rock Libby, Wardee Bruce, Gary Toombs, Mark Taylor

Call to Order/Welcome: 8:05 am by Big Sir, Greg Back

Secretary's Report: Larry Date – approved, 1st Leonard Zumstien, 2nd Larry Hughes.

Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstien – 2019 end balance: \$1,175.00. Income: Dues; \$2670.00, luncheon attendance; 91 (3 free for: birthday, lunch ticket, & speaker). Raffle: \$55.00, and 9 @ \$10.00 for extras, \$90.00. Expenses: Cater: \$1,294.00. Set up: \$275.00. Checking balance as of 1-17-2020: \$2,721.00 plus \$375.00 cash.. Leonard Zumstien sent in form 28. Approved: 1st Joe Adams, 2nd Brad Sleeper.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Kevin Byrne, Five (5) approved applicants inducted. 1. Manuel Drumonde #124, 2. Charles Golding #125, 3. Micheal Johnson #144, 4. William Sargent IV #145, 5. Thomas Sliger #159. Four new applications received: Andy Elder #50, Lyle Gehring #51, Andy Kahler #150, Mike Reed #151. Approved: 1st, Leonard Zumstien, 2nd, Mike Sakaguchi.

Golf: Joe Adams, Dryden Golf Course may be eliminated from the schedule.

Travel: Bill Stires, Not present.

Wagon Master: Ken Kajioka, Not present.

Sunshine: Ted Thorn, Not present.

Dine/Dine Out: Gary Toombs, Not present.

Bocce Ball: Tom Bundy, Not present.

Directory: Brad Sleeper, 200 Directories will be printed. 9 branch sponsors @ \$50.00 ea. Last year's cost \$469.00.

Hackers Golf Group: Gary Toombs/Ken Kajioka: not present

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Holly and Fred Courter added to Board Members. Approved: 1st, Larry Hughes 2nd, Mike Sakeguchi.

Mark Taylor – Nomination Chairman....need back up positions for officers.

Per Greg Back..Marvin Souza will do yearly audit.

Bob Holly stated that only Ladies Luncheon will be December meeting—previously approved in 2019.

Copy of minutes is to go to State Sirs, per Greg Back.

Treasurers position transferred from Bob Holly to Leonard Zumstien.

More coasters need to be ordered for guest speakers. (last ordered by Gary Toombs.)

The menu for the luncheons will be announced in the news letter.

Information for the News Letter is due NO LATER THAN 3rd of each month.

New caterer needs to move serving rotation from hallway to dessert table.

Fred Courter -Crab Feed for members of SIRS and guests.

OLD BUSINESS: none

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 am by Big Sir Greg Back. Approved 1st, Kevin Bryne, 2nd Fred Courter.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Date, Secretary Branch 14



CHECK-OUT OUR NEW WEB PAGE:

<http://www.sirinc2.org/branch143/>

If you have a prospective member and give them an invitation card, tell them the web page address is on the card and they can find out more about what we do on it... In the future, if you have pictures of SIR activities, please get them to either Fred Courter or Larry Hughes...

**TO SAVE 15% on TICKETS to the GALLO CENTER
USE CODE SIRS1920 (This Code is Good Thru 2020)**

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SIRs BRANCH 143 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Contact Committee Chairman for Activity Details

FEBRUARY 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3 Pickleball 8 am	4 RC Flying Club 1 pm	5	6 Bocche Ball 10-11 am 9-HOLE GOLF 9 am Pickleball 8 am	7	8 Commemorative Air Force Hanger 1-S
9	10 Pickleball 8 am	11	12	13 9-HOLE GOLF 9 am Pickleball 8 am	14	15
16	17 Pickleball 8 am	18 RC Flying Club 1 pm	19 Gin Rummy After Meeting LUNCHEON 11:30 am Cribbage After Meeting	20 Bocche Ball 10-11 am 9-HOLE GOLF 9 am Pickleball 8 am	21	22
23	24 Pickleball 8 am	25	26	27 9-HOLE GOLF 9 am Pickleball 8 am	28	29

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TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2020

Big Sir	Greg Back	585-6862
Little Sir	Rock Libby	634-6508
Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Assistant Secretary		
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Kevin Bryne	648-2373
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting	Wardee Bruce	634-6304
Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
Travel	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing	Brad Sleeper	620-2620
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine.....	Mark Taylor	620-6013
Newsletter Editor/Photographer	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Tom Bundy	667-6588
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program.....	Ernie Peters	581-3187
Catering/Hall Set-Up	Earl Hamilton	632-1101
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajioka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair	Mark Taylor	620-6013
Directors	Gary Toombs, Wardee Bruce, Ken Edwards, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Ken Kajioka, Fred Courter	

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Ed Benson - 925-943-7011
Regional Director: Rick Kindle - 652-8608
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