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“OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”

JULY 2021 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR SAYS...

BY ROCK LIBBY

It has been a long and rough road but it appears we are about to get back to some semblance of normal with a free “Pizza Lunch/Meeting” July 21st at the Denair Community Center. Our plans for a BBQ or a Brown Bagger in the park have fallen through since it is, after all, July and it is HOT! Our gathering in the Air-Conditioned room will be much more comfortable and it will certainly be good to see each other once again. Of course, our lunch must follow the SIR protocols which are as follows as written in the minutes of the BEC Meeting of May 21st:

“A motion was made to amend and update the currently approved COVID safety protocol for our monthly branch meeting to conform to current (as of May 21) State SIR directives. The updated protocol will require a signed waiver (one time only), proof of vaccination and a temperature check before members, guests or speakers may enter.” The motion passed with one abstention. Though things are much better than in the recent past, these practices are in place to provide a safe environment for our



membership and that is our primary concern.

I am looking forward to seeing our Branch get back together again. Our phone tree callers will be making calls very soon and one of their questions will deal with whether or not you plan on attending our Pizza Lunch. Did I mention it's free? We need an accurate count. We don't want to run short and we don't want to purchase too much. After all, one can only eat so much pizza. A reminder, if you have not yet paid your dues, please bring a check (we do accept cash) to bring your membership current as that day is our drop day for unpaid members. So, no dues No free pizza! It is an economically sound decision. If you cannot make it to the luncheon, please mail your dues payment to Mike Sakaguchi, 1395 Alex Circle Turlock, CA 95382. We don't want to drop any members and we appreciate your helping us avoid having to do so.

The COVID 19 virus with its mutations and variants is still out there and with a significant percentage of the population as yet unvaccinated, it poses a very real threat. Be careful out there and be safe.

See you in July.

Rock

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
AUGUST 1-2 and 3**

BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

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at the Denair Community Center**
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SIR TRAVEL

BILL STIRES
TRAVEL CHAIRMAN



**Top of Switzerland and
Oberammergau, Germany
and the Passion Play.**
**August 27 -
September 7, 2022**

Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only)
Airfare to be added in October 2021.

Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation by June 15, 2021.
So sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip

Highlights:

- 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.
- 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "Top of Europe" with a Panorama 360 Degree Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.
- 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunnigasse, once awarded the title "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."
- 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.
- 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.
- 2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz.
- 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more.**



**Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or
209-544-2684
to reserve your spot.**

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Trip from Louisville to Nashville September 16-24, 2021

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville

At this time vaccination or test is needed 72 hours before trip.

Tour Features Included:

1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
4. 9 nights first class accommodations
5. 12 meals
6. Gratuities on all included features to bus driver and tour guide

**Price: \$3,995 per person
double occupancy
\$5,093 single occupancy**

Pay in Full at time of reservation.

Space is limited and sold on first-come-first-served basis only.



**RSVP: BILL STIRES 544-2684
Cell: 988-5445 to reserve your spot.**

This trip was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 and is rescheduled.

★ Holland Tulip Festival Tour ★

Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$3,895 Per Person
Double Occupancy
\$5,375 Single Occupancy

Deposit \$650 per person
Final Payment January 10, 2022

Trip Highlights:

- Transportation to and from airport
- Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver
- Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city
- Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan
- Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade)
- Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island
- Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage
- Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour
- \$40 in Mayflower Money
- Much, much more

As this trip was cancelled it will fill up fast with all those that did not get to go on the trip in 2020.

**Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or
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to reserve your spot.**

BEC MINUTES

BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

ZOOM MEETING - JUNE 18, 2021

Call to Order/Welcome @ 10:00 a.m.

by Big Sir Rock Libby.

It is determined a Quorum is present.

Attendance Officers: Big Sir Rock Libby, Little Sir Greg Back, Secretary Ken Edwards, Treasure Leonard Zumstein, Assistant Treasure Mike Sakaguchi.

Directors: Gary Toombs, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly, Kevin Bryne, Fred Courter, Mike Sakaguchi, Larry Hughes,

Committee Representatives: Gary Toombs, Greg Back, Kevin Bryne, Bill Stires, Larry Hughes, Bob Holly.

Guests: Rick Kindle Sirs Vice President, Richard Provost Sirs Regional Governor.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve report for 5/21/2021.

Motion to Approved 1st Greg Back, 2nd Bob Holly, approved unanimous.

Treasures Report: By Rock Libby for Leonard Zumstein

\$3245.94 checking

\$ 375.00 Cash on hand

\$3,620.94 Balance total

Motion to approve 1st Bill Stires, 2nd Gary Toombs, approved unanimous.

Committee Reports:

Membership: By Rock Libby for Larry Hughes:

Membership stands at 134 with the reinstatement of Ron Martella

Motion to approve reinstatement of Ron Martella
1st Bob Holly 2nd Kevin Bryne approved unanimous.

Travel: By Bill Stires:

All Planned trips are going as planned.

Golf: Motion to approve Thursday Golf
1st Gary Toombs, 2nd Mike Sakaguchi

Dine In/out: By Gary Toombs: Working on startup As soon as possible.

RC Flying: By Greg Back: Ready to start has been approved by BEC.

Group is ready to go and waiting for participants.

Old business: Phone tree follow up new script to be worked up by Bob Holly and Rock Libby

New Business:

A brown Bag Luncheon will be held at the Denair Senior Park in Denair on July 21 at 11:30 A.M.

Motion to participate in the Denair Family Farm Festival on September 11, 2021

1st Bob Holly, 2nd Larry Hughes, motion passed unanimous.

Motion to adjourn the Meeting a@ 10:46 A.M. 1st Gary Toombs 2nd Bill Stires, motion passed unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted Ken Edwards, Secretary
Branch #143



RV TRAVEL

Ken Kajioka
RV Chairman



Pismo Coast Village RV Outing Oct. 24-29, 2021

The Village just opened their reservations for this time period and based upon the high demand for RV camping sites, they will go fast.



Wagon Master: Ken Kajioka 209-602-8351
kenkajioka@gmail.com
Reservation Transferable
Invite Friends and Neighbors

RESERVATION STEPS:
1. Call for reservation
April 1st or later
2. Call or text Ken Kajioka
to confirm reservation

Ken encourages you to make your Reservations ASAP. You will be making your reservations as Individuals... After you make your reservations, please send an email or call Ken and advise him of the date you will be there...If you have other friends going with you and want to be placed close to them you should declare that on your reservations. At a later date, Ken will provide all the names of our attendees to PCV for placement of sites. Any further questions, please feel free to call Ken at 209-602-8351.

Make your reservations now by calling PCV at 805-773-1811.

Currently this is not a SIR trip but if conditions improve it may be so we can use the clubhouse for gatherings.

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 Kindle 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 143 RC FLYING

Are you interested in RC airplanes? Our branch RC Flying group is starting back up and now is a great time to get involved. If you are interested call Greg Back at 209-585-6862 for more information about RC model airplanes and beginning flight training programs.



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



Nael Aly, Charles Nichols, Al Kosters, Bill First, Lyle Gehring, Robert Rearick, Don Petersen, Lenny Zumstein, Ivan Porter, Ray Walker, Robert Newell, Earnie Scheuber, Bill Preuss, Melvin Gardner, Larry Hughes, Toby Masterson, Chuck McPherson, Victor Higlesias, Robert Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY



Brad Bates, Abe Roberts, Al Kosters, Carlos Marchbank, Ted Thorne Walfred Spycher, James Jensen, Greg Miranda, David Brown, Walter Farrar, Ben Dorsett, Roger Kirkes, Art Pargament, Lloyd Fantazia, Bill Preuss, John Robnik, George Soles

Please join us for our SIR Branch 143
FREE PIZZA MEETING
 at the **COMMUNITY CENTER in DENAIR!**
DATE: Wednesday, July 21st, 2021
 Will start at 11:30am.

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Big Sir.....	Rock Libby	634-6508
Little Sir/Web Master.....	Greg Back	585-6862
Secretary	Ken Edwards	620-9532
Assistant Secretary	Larry Date	632-7287
Treasurer.....	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878
Assistant Treasurer.....	Mike Sakaguchi	602-5740
Membership.....	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Assistant Membership.....	Ted Thorne	874-2249
Recruiting.....	OPEN	
Bowling	Tony Ferro	634-8377
Travel	Bill Stires	544-2684
Roster/Mailing	Larry Hughes	578-1194
Golf.....	Joe Adams	632-8197
Assistant Golf	Ray Walker	606-9889
Sunshine	Ted Thorn	535-8696
Newsletter Editor/Photo	Fred Courter	226-1173
Bocce Ball	Tom Bundy	668-5163
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516
Assistant Program	OPEN	
Catering/Hall Set-Up	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Chaplain	Earl Hamilton	606-4525
Wagon Master.....	Ken Kajjoka	602-8351
Trail Boss	OPEN	
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out.....	Gary Toombs	604-8406
Nominating Committee Chair.....	Greg Back	585-6862

Directors: Gary Toombs, Kevin Byrne, Bob Holly,
Larry Hughes, Fred Courter, Mike Sakaguchi

STATE OFFICERS

State President: Stu Williams - 510-865-5000
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