

"OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH

FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE"

JULY 2023 Newsletter - Turlock Branch 143

BIG SIR MARK TAYLOR SAYS..

Greeting fellow SIRs. I am happy to report that our new change of venue to the Black Bear Diner appeared to be successful. By a show of hands at the regular meeting and the discussion at the BEC.



the consensus was that the members enjoyed the experience. As such, we will continue to meet there. Our attendance was good at the last meeting, but I hope that many of you will mark your calendars and attend our July 19 meeting at Black Bear Diner.

In other news, I discussed the activities available to seniors at the Turlock Senior Center. These activities do not clash with the ongoing activities offered by SIR and offer more opportunities for seniors to enjoy their retirement. The annual cost to join TSC is \$25. Many SIR members are already enjoying the diversions such as pool and bingo. For more information on activities and costs (if any) check out the complete list on page 10 of this newsletter.

Have a happy Fourth of July and see you on July 19 at the Black Bear Diner.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS:
AUGUST 1-2 and 3 of 2023

JOIN US IN JULY

11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting JULY 19th - WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.
8:30 am - BEC meeting JULY 21st- Will be at BLACK BEAR DINER 8:30 am start time.

NEW LOCATION BLACK BEAR DINER
3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock



SIR TRAVEL

Bill Stires, Travel Chairman John Cardoza, Travel Assistant





AUTUMN COLORS 🌣 TRIP TO EAST COAST

10 Days, October 13 – October 22, 2023 Price: \$5130 double occupancy, Single \$6127

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights:

2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free-time on own.

- Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

- Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.
- Professional local tour guide for entire trip.
- 9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.
- 14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

SIR 143 - 2023 OFFICERS

Working For You!



Greg BackWeb Master



Gary Toombs Big Sir



Bob Holly Little Sir



Joe Adams Golf



OPEN Membership



Mark Taylor Past Big Sir



Our Sir 143 - 2023 Officers: LtoR Rock Libby, Robert Lotspeich, John Cardoza, Leonard Zumstein, Mark Taylor, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter, Greg Back, Joe Adams, and Bob Holly.



Rock Libby Assistant Secretary



Fred Courter Newsletter



Bill Stires
Travel
Chairman



John Cardoza Assistant Travel



Roger Jackson Secretary



Leonard Zumstein Treasurer

JOIN US IN JULY - New Location, BLACK BEAR DINER

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BEC Meeting JULY 21st- Will be at BLACK BEAR DINER

Business meeting will start at 8:30am Breakfast will start at 7:30am

BEC MINUTES BRANCH 143 - SIR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Held on - JUNE 23, 2023

Site: BLACK BEAR DINER Turlock - Quorum is present:

Guests: None

Attendance: Greg Back, Fred Courter, Bob Holly, Larry Hughes, Roger Jackson Joe Adams, Mark Taylor, and Bill Stires, John Cardoza, and Rick Kindle Absent: Rock Libby, Leonard Zumstein, Kevin Byrnes, Gary Toombs, Treasurer's Report: Leonard Zumstein was absent. NO report. Secretary's Report: The minutes of the MAY 19, 2023, BEC Meeting were unanimously approved as emailed and printed in the Newsletter with a 1st by Greg Back, and 2nd by Bill Stires

Committee Reports:

Membership Report Form 27 was filed, by Rick Kindle, Temporary Membership Chairman. Rick reports 43 Members were present at our June luncheon. We had 1guest and 1 speaker. Visiting SIR members 0. There were 46 members were absent. The Membership report was approved unanimously with a 1st by Bob Holly and 2nd by Fred Courter. Also included in the report is the following:

Members dropped:

Jay Smith – passed away Art Pargament passed away Stan Fidel- moved away

Members re-instated:

Baba Benyamin, Toby Masterson, Berine Mailloux

Golf report -Joe Adams: There are not enough participants for the state tournament. Members are to put together their own teams for the tournament. Attendance is at about one-half. Or 50 percent at Manteca.

Travel – Bill Stires reports he will be out of the country for the next three months. He is on a world tour. Bill states that the last trip he has planned during his tenure with SIRS as Travel's Chairman, is the one to the EAST COAST, to see the Fall Colors. John Cardoza: will take over as Travel Coordinator beginning in January. He is exploring a variety of options.

Bocce Ball: Mike Johnson: First and Third Fridays at 11:00 a.m. at Dustbowl

Dine in/Out – Gary Toombs was absent. A dine out was discussed as being planned for July

Nominating Committee: Greg Back shared the list of 2024 Proposed State Officers:

Big Sur Robert Holly Little Sur Roger Jackson

Secretary Greg Back

Asst Secretary -----OPEN-----

Treasurer Leonard Zumstein

Asst Treasurer Vern Segars

Director 1 Kevin Byrne

Director 2 Gary Toombs

Director 3 Fred Courter

Director 4 Rick Kindle

Director 5 Bill Stires

Director 6 Rock Libby

The BEC endorsed the 2024 Proposed State Officers with a 1st by Bob Holly and a 2nd by Joe Adams

Old Business: Discussion:

A vote was taken by the BEC to approve the venue change to Black Bear Diner for both the SIRS monthly meetings on the third Wednesday and the BEC board meetings on the third Fridays of each month. SIRS Wednesday Meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m. and BEC Friday breakfast meetings will begin at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and business Meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A vote to accept the venue change and times was voted on with a motion and a 1st by Greg Back and 2nd by Bob Holly. Motion was carried. Rick Kindle brought up that because of the venue change, we will need to update the business cards and tri-fold pamphlets. Rick further mentioned he would be willing to work on updating the SIRS "business cards " and the tri-fold flyers to reflect our current meeting place and hours.

Rick also mentioned we need new "sandwich "signs as well as "banners" that need updated. A cost of \$500.00 to spend on these items was approved with a 1st by Bill Stires and 2nd by Bob Holly. Rick mentioned the Form 20 needs to be updated. Roger and Rick will work on this.

New Business:

Lady's day luncheon at the Fruit Yard for December 20th was approved with a per person cost of \$38.00 Tickets will be priced at \$30 per person and the branch will be underwriting \$8.00 for each person. A Payment of a \$500 deposit to the Fruit Yard was approved to secure the date.

A motion was made by Greg Back and a 2nd by Bill Stires to approve the deposit of \$500.00, as well as, underwriting the cost of \$8.00 above the \$30.00 ticket cost . Motion passed.

Also, the Treasurer, Leonard Zumstein, is authorized to provide a check for \$500 made out to the Fruit Yard for the deposit.

Greg Back brought up in discussion that we need to work on a projected budget for the upcoming year. A finance committee was suggested. Members will be Greg Back, Leonard Zumstein and Joe Adams.

The finance committee will work on the projected budget for 2024 as well as any other potential needs. It was suggested the committee develop a plan by November 2023 to announce at our December 2023 monthly meeting, so we can potentially adjust the cost of dues for membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Jackson, Secretary, Branch 143

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: Joe Pruzzo, CEO, Castle Air Museum

Joe Pruzzo, CEO of the Castle Air Museum in Atwater will be our speaker in July. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS TALK! Castle Air Museum is preserving our military aviation heritage for future generations. Castle Air Force Base provided primary air crews training in the B-52 and KC-135 aircraft from the mid-50's until the base was closed in 1995. The museum represents history in a way the whole family can enjoy and share. While there is nothing glamorous about war, our majestic warbirds are awe-inspiring reminders of how fragile our freedom can be and how men and women have stepped forward when that freedom was threatened. Joe Pruzzo will give us a peek into the past and lends insight into the evolution of aircraft and the past milestones of aviation. Joe offers visitors of all ages a glimpse of what the future of aerospace might look like. Home to over 80 restored vintage military aircraft ranging from pre-WWII to the present-day fighters, the Museum houses a fascinating collection of wartime memorabilia, uniforms, historic photos, and personal military artifacts from the past century. The Museum is proud to display the most complete lineage of Bomber Aircraft on the West Coast dating from prior WWII to the end of the Cold War spanning nearly 70 years.

Our new year began with one of the most sweeping acquisitions in the history of the Museum. Four helicopters acquired from the former Barbers Point Naval Aviation Museum on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii have joined the collection! These are a Bell AH-1W Cobra, SH-60 Seahawk,

Sikorsky UH-3
Seaking and CH-53
Seastallion! These
four aircraft coupled
with our HH-43
Huskie, CH-47 Chinook, and UH-1V
Huey now gives the
Museum Rotary
Wing Aircraft from
all four U.S. Military



services! This momentous undertaking would not have been possible without generous donations and support from Pasha Hawaii Shipping, which underwrote the \$150,000 plus dollar cost to donate all shipment! Museum member and Volunteer Mr. Sam Knaub of Specialized Aviation Services, Sam and his crew for disassembly and packing for shipment, and Kirby Manufacturing of Merced for their donation of roundtrip trucking, hauling the Aircraft from the Port of San Diego and returning the empty trailers back to the Port! Thank you to all for this outpouring of support and generosity in sharing the mission of "preserving military aviation heritage for future generations." Thank you to all of our generous individuals and corporate donors for your unbelievable support!

See our website: www.castle airmuseum.org

SIR Branch 143 July Lunch Meeting NEW MEETING LOCATION!











Date: Wednesday, JULY 19th, 2023
Time: Doors Open at ~10:30am
Place: Black Bear Diner
Address: 3050 N Tegner Rd, Turlock

COMING IN A FUTURE DATE

In a future date we will have an outing to the

CASTLE AIRBASE AND MUSEUM

Look for info to follow.

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The Foundation has relied mainly on volunteers to restore and
maintain the sirctoff. The current site was obtained by the
Foundation after the closure of Castle Air Force Base. The
Foundation opensors manurerous public resents and works with a
variety of youth organizations and schools.



PRESERVING OUR MILITARY HERITAGE

The aircraft on display at Cartle Air Moseam are as much a part of America's heritage as Independence Hall and the Battlefield at Gettysburg. Yet only a handful of these flying testimonials to our country's devention to democracy have survived decades of neglect and the salvage torch.

The United States Air Force's Heritage Program was instituted in order to preserve the few remaining examples of these sizerals for neutrons.

Accepting the challenge of restoring, maintaining, and displaying World War II. Kowan War, and Victoum Conflict aircraft, a group of dedicated enthusiasis in the Advates-Merced stea formed the Cantle Air Miniscom Feundation in 1981. It was their dream to baild a measure to exhibit restored bisnoric aircraft for public enjoyment.

BECOME A PARTNER IN PRESERVING THIS HERITAGE

A sustaining Membership is \$15.00 annually and entitles you to a newsletter subscription, 10% discount in the Gift Shop, and unlimited free admission for yourself and one goest.

Call the Museum at (209) 723-2178 To Join x301 | To Volunteer x305 To Donate Artifacts x306

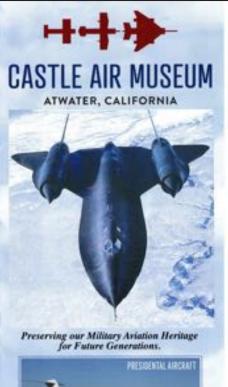
THERE'S MORE INDOORS

Once you've explored the outdoor sirerall displays, visit the indoor Moseum where you can see a flacinating collection of war-disel memorabiles, including and outstanding array of Army Art Crops and Air Force uniforms and the once imp-scent Norden Bomb Sign. You'll also find a collection of models, network, books and other fine gifts in the Museum's gift shop, as well as snocks and drinks.



5050 SANTA FE DRIVE - ATWATER, CA 95301

(209) 723-2182





5050 SANTA FE DRIVE, ATWATER, CALIFORNIA (209) 723-2182 HOURS OF OPERATION: DAILY 9 AM TO 4 PM

LAST ADMISSION TO AIRCRAFT/GROUNDS AT 3:15 PM



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

John Cardoza, Bill First, Lyle Gehring, Dan Gorman, Al Kosters, Don Petersen, Bill Preuss, Ernie Scheuber, Ray Walker, Lenny Zumstein

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Jim and Donna Artrip, Richard and Margie Brown, John and Selma Chenault, Edward and Sarrah Darrah, Bob and Helen Holly,

Darrel and Janet Leaman, Ray and Julia Walker



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State Sponsored or Co-sponsored Golfing Events

"BRANCH 116 AND SIR STATE GOLF INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER IN RENO" TUESDAY 9/5/2023 THRU FRIDAY 9/8/2023

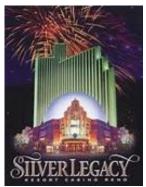
Information along with registration forms is posted on our State Golf website. Go to the site to get additional details. In case you're not familiar with the website it's address is www.sirgolf.org. After going to the website click to view and printout the flyers:

Reno Tournament State Team Championship

To get further information contact:

Mark Stuart 2023 State Golf Chair 916 218-2287 mss95678@hotmail.com







GOLF

Joe Adams, Chairman



SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2023									
МО	DATE	DAY	TIME	HOST	COURSE	GF	PRIZE	TOT	REMARKS
Jul	3	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	10	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Castle Oaks	\$45	\$9	\$54	Carts Included
*	17	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15
	24	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Swenson - Ride	\$37	\$9	\$46	Carts Included
					Swenson - Walk	\$20	\$9	\$29	
	31	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Tracy CC	\$43	\$9	\$52	Carts Included
Aug	7	Mon	8:00 SG	103B	Manteca	\$38	\$9	\$47	Carts Included
	14	Mon	8:00 SG	103	Dryden	\$23	\$9	\$32	Carts Optional @\$15
	21	Mon	8:00 SG	143	Atwater	\$40	\$9	\$49	Carts Included
	28	Mon	8:00 SG	144	Creekside	\$25	\$9	\$34	Carts Optional @\$15



THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)



Peachy Canyon Winery Named 2023 Winery of the Year

Judging for the 21st Annual 2023 Central Coast Wine Competition was held in Paso Robles on June 13-15. The CCWC named Peachy Canyon Winery as the 2023 Winery of the Year. The Paso Robles winery had 17 entries place this year with one best of class, one double gold, nine golds, six silver and one bronze. This is the first Winery of the Year honor for Peachy Canyon. The Best of Show wine honor went to the 2022 Viognier from Lucas & Lewellen Estate Vineyards, Buellton CA. Other top awards went to:

Best of Show/ Best White Wine—Lucas & Lewellen Estate Vineyards, Buellton, CA 2022 Viognier, 98 points.

Best Rose' Wine—Villa San Juliette. San Miguel, CA 2022 Grenache Rose' Reserve, 96 points.

Best Dessert Wine—Glunz Family & Winery, Paso Robles, CA Mission Angelica California, 98 points.

Best Sparkling Wine—Broken Earth, Paso Robles, CA 2018 Sotto Voce 100% Verdelho, 98 points.

Best Red Wine—Pear Valley, Paso Robles, CA 2019 Merlot, 98 points.

More results will appear in the next 'Wine Line' or check out www.centralcoastwinecompetition2023.com.

Barbera Festival Returns for It's 10th Year

The Amador Vintners Association has announced the return of the Barbera Festival on September 9, 2023 at the historic Terra d'Oro Winery. Barbera lovers can taste from 50+ California wineries in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. In addition to the grand tasting, festival goers can enjoy gourmet food, live music, local artists and a new Premiere Access area with limo and bus parking. The Premier Access ticket also includes a section inside the winery with live music, special catering and where guests can relax and stay cool in the seated lounge. A portion of net proceeds will go to the Amador Community Foundation that provides funding to various projects, non-profits and local organizations in need. The event historically sells out. Find more information and tickets at www.BarberaFestival.com.

CRU Announces New Vineyard Partners

CRU Winery of Madera is expanding their single vineyard portfolio to include the Regan and Fiddlestix vineyards. CRU Winery sources Rhone and Burgundian varietals from the Santa Lucia Highlands, Edna Valley, Paso Robles and Santa Maria Valley. The new additions will expand their footprint into the Santa Cruz Mountains and Sta.Rita Hills AVAs. Good move CRU Winery!

What's on Our Table

The 2020 Amayan Malbec from the Valle de Uco Mendoza in Argentina is the deal this week. Native yeast fermentation in concrete tanks produced a deep color, round tannins and a touch of minerality. It's just \$6.95 at the Grocery Outlet. Looking for a bargain Pinot Noir? Check out your supermarket for the 2021 Monterey Noble Vines 667. The SRP is just \$12 and sale price is a few bucks less and that's a real steal. Cheers!

Comments? find me on Facebook or at

COMING IN DECEMBER - LUNCHEON AT THE FRUIT YARD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th - 11 am to 3 pm
LADIES INVITED TO THIS LUNCHEON
Per person cost of \$38.00 - the branch will be underwriting \$8.00 for each person
COST PER PERSON WILL BE \$30.00



IT'S DINE-IN-DINE OUT TIME

Vito's - Thurs., July 27th

Meet 5:30 drinks - 6:00 dining call Gary to RSVP 209-604-8406

Need Firm RSVP By July 20th

TURLOCK SENIOR CITIZENS DAILY ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

ALL SENIOR ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT THE TURLOCK SENIOR CENTER

1191 Cahill Street, Turlock, CA 95380 - VISIT US ON THE WEB: www.turlockseniors.com

MONDAY	LOW IMPACT EXCERCISE WALK & FIRM QIGONG SPINNER / DOMINOES BILLIARDS	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM 10:00 - 11:30 am (1st & 4th Mon) 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	FREE FREE \$5.00 per class \$1.25 per class FREE
TUESDAY	CHAIR YOGA ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS CHORUS/UKULELE BILLIARDS LINE DANCING	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	\$5.00 per class FREE FREE FREE \$3:00/HR
WEDNESDAY	LOW IMPACT EXERCISE WALK & FIRM BEGINNING LINE DANCE LINE DANCING BILLIARDS QUILTING CLASS BUNCO BIG BAND PRACTICE & DANCE. 6:00 NO THURSDAY ACTIVITIES AT THIS		FREE FREE \$3:00/HR \$3.00/HR FREE FREE \$10.00 FREE
FRIDAY	LOW IMPACT EXERCISE WALK & FIRM BEGINNING LINE DANCE INTERMEDIATE DANCE BOARD MEETING BINGO	8:00 AM - 8:40 AM 8:40 AM - 9:15 AM 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM 10:15AM - 11:30 AM (NO CLASS 2ND FRI.) 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (2ND FRI. OF MONTH) 1:00 PM (1ST & 3RD FRI.)	FREE FREE \$3.00/HR \$3.00/HR \$2.00 per sheet
	BRIDGE	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (1ST, 2ND, 4TH, & 5TH)	FREE

TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN OFFICERS FOR 2023

Big Sir	Gary Toombs	604-8406			
Little Sir	Bob Holly	668-2786			
Secretary	Roger Jackson	535-1784			
Assistant Secretary	Rock Libby	634-6508			
Treasurer	Leonard Zumstein	634-8878			
Assistant Treasurer	Vern Segars	634-2142			
Membership	.Rick Kindle (temporary)	652-8606			
Assistant Membership	Bob Holly	668-2786			
Recruiting	OPEN				
Bowling	OPEN				
Travel Chairman	Bill Stires	988-5445			
Travel Assistant	John Cardoza	483-7722			
Roster/Mailing	OPEN				
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	Mike Johnson	613-6801			
Program	Gary Potter	667-8516			
Assistant Program	OPEN				
Catering/Hall Set-Up	OPEN				
Chaplain	OPEN				
Wagon Master	Ken Kajioka	602-8351			
Trail Boss	OPEN				
Dine-In ~ Dine-Out	Gary Toombs	604-8406			
Nominating Committee Chair/	585-6862				
Directors: Kevin Byrne, Bill Stires, Gary Toombs,					
Fred Courter, Joe Adams, Greg Back.					

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