



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date April 12, 2018

Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program : PG&E, outlook for the future, Denny Boyle

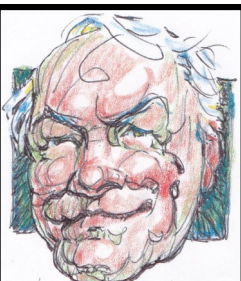
Social Hour 11:00 AM

Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for April

Date	Event	Contact
Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
Apr 3	Poker	Michael Levine
Apr 5, 11, 19, 26	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
Apr 18	Dine out Night	Howard Zinn
Apr 3, 10, 17, 24	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
Apr 10, 24	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
Apr 12	SIRs Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
Apr 17	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
Apr 17	Technology	Roger Deal
Apr 17	Investments	Rich Colby
Apr 25	Men's Luncheon - A J Cuisine Lunch	Lee Moy
Apr 11, 25	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis

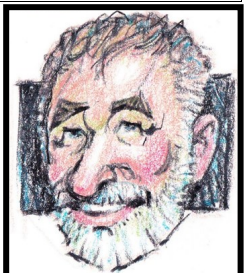
Each year my oldest son, Chris, and I have a friendly competition filling out our brackets for the NCAA BB Tournament. Since he lives in Charlotte it gives us an excuse to text back and forth often over the two weeks. In the past 8 years I have only bested him one time. I don't know about you but my brackets were busted all to hell and gone after the first round. Who would have thought that Baltimore Elementary Day School Community College would topple Virginia? As I write this column my team Duke is still alive. Every year Chris



Big SIR Mike

"There are no strangers here; Only friends you haven't yet met." William Butler Yeats

How true the above statement is especially as it relates to our SIR organization. One only has to watch the interaction of our members in that hour before lunch is served each month. Prior to our lunch on Thursday, March 8th, I was talking with Ron Wilson and as we observed the crowd, Ron turned to me and commented, "this is what Sirs is all about". Until Ron made that remark, it had not occurred to me that in that one hour before lunch, the interaction between members could be so remarkable.



Little SIR Rich

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(Big SIR continued from page 1) picks Michigan to win it all. It is his alma mater after all. “Once you’ve gone Blue, you always will be true.” It is fun to try and predict the outcome and next year I plan on running a SIRs March Madness Competition for fun and maybe for some prizes.

Spring has officially begun and our SIRs activities are in full swing. You can golf three times a week, go bowling, throw some horseshoes, watch FSC softball and baseball, and play cards. Not enough? Dinner and Lunch Out will get you out and about at some interesting local eateries. Contact information is found in the activity calendar. You can always get information from our Branch 159 website. A big thanks to SIR Gary Morgan our Web Master.

Our March luncheon was a success as our attendance continues to rise. Our guest speaker, while controversial, was informative about the impact of legalizing marijuana for recreational use. You can always count on Little SIR Rich Lewis to find the most interesting speakers. Rich is standing in for me at a meeting with all the State Officers at the end of March and will be able to update us on trends and the direction the State is taking us. Bring a friend (Big SIR continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) Our branch is here for all of us to enjoy one another through fun activities and events while creating friends for life. One of these events is the monthly lunch where we meet, greet and eat, all in the spirit of good fellowship. Some members are not able to participate in the many activities available through our branch so they derive their satisfaction as members of SIR from the luncheon meetings. It is really great to see our seniors enjoying the day. So whether you only enjoy lunch with friends, or you can add activities and lunch to your enjoyment, you have many of your fellow SIR seniors here to help by serving on the various committees we have, to make SIR 159 an enjoyable endeavor. All that is asked of us, as members, is to bring friends to a lunch to see how they too, can enjoy what we offer, and if it is in you, to help our organization by serving when asked.

“Hello fellow SIR's!!! What a great organization and membership we have. Just stop and think about in just the last year, the people and friends, fun times, great moments and good food we have all shared. I think this is what keeps us young and I'm thankful to be a part of it. I tend to think of the many memories, good and bad, the friends I've made and all that I have and continue to learn. Much of this I owe to SIR's.”—Very well stated, by then Little SIR Steve Whitehead—2011.

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New Members

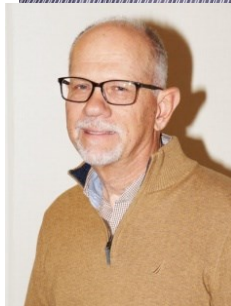
Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon and help get them involved. Let them know that we consider it a privilege that they have chosen to spend some time with us.



Larry Moore

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Gary Lemaster

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(Big SIR continued from page 2) to the April luncheon.

The Family Picnic and BBQ is now shaping up quite nicely. Eric Wagner, of Branch 169, owns Outlaw BBQ and will be our caterer. John Crawford heads up the Scottish Games for the area and has arranged for a demonstration by some of the athletes who actually compete. I also wanted to know how to toss a caber! My wife's horse and carriage group will be driving around the park and putting on a friendly cones course competition. I know that there will be some horseshoes played. And, we will have some things to raffle off. Please see the flyer and get your check into Stan Day. This is one of our fun events where we try and do something a little different.

Speaking of something a little different, I think it only fair that I get to win at Poker this week and that Duke wins the NCAA putting the Wolverines in their place! Update 3/26/18: The old man takes a beating again at the hands of his son. Curse the Jayhawks and curse the entire state of Michigan!

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Stroll down Memory Lane— Golf 2011:

1) In May it was James Whitmer at Ridge Creek Golf Course in Dinuba. In August it was Bobby Jones at Madera Golf & Country Club. Most recently it was Dennis Ensminger who on October 18th recorded a hole in one at the oldest golf course in Fresno, (dating back to 1911), Sunnyside Country Club. Dennis fired his ace on the par three 4th hole, hitting a six iron into the 160 yard pin location. For Dennis, this was his second ace as he had a hole in one at Airways a year and a half ago.

2) In the first flight, Terry Dondero ranked at the top with a net 62 followed by Mike Moyle at net 68. The 2nd flight had Danny Munoz in front of the field with a net 66 and Dave Barredo following at net 69. Vic Froehmer outdistanced the field in the 3rd flight with net 66, 2nd place going to Ben Romo at net 72. In the 4th flight Perry Huffman edged out Duke Marshall for first, net 66 vs net 67. In the (Little SIR continued on page 5)

SIR of the Month - Stan Day

Stan originally joined SIR Branch 179. Professor Dick Nordstrom of the Fresno State business school was his sponsor. Stan became a Director on their Branch Executive Committee in his second year. Since SIR 179 does not have a golfing group, Stan was attending many of the SIR 159 events. Ray Phillips and others suggested that Stan transfer to SIR 159. He was made to feel so welcomed by members of Sir 159 that transferring seemed a logical step. And so, Stan transferred to SIR 159 in August of 2017



were hardworking blue-collar citizens of Indiana. His father, served in the US Army in Okinawa WWII. Stan's family is deeply rooted in the history of the United States. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution resulting from many of his ancestors that left Europe and came to America in 1600's.

Stan's early years were quite normal for a Midwestern farm boy. The expectation was that he would probably own a small farm, raise beef cattle, and supplement his income working in a factory, for this was the life of his parents and many of his relatives. In pursuit of these goals, he was a member of the (Stan Day continued on page 4)

Stan Day was born in Greencastle, Indiana in 1947. He spent his youth on a farm. His parents

(Stan Day continued from page 3) Future Farmers of America. He served as the chapter President of the local FFA chapter. He was active in 4-H and was on the Livestock Judging Team. Of course, being from Indiana, he played basketball. Stan attended the local public schools. Stan spent three summers baling hay. As a senior he decided to pursue an air-conditioned job. So, he was a sack boy at the local Kroger's grocery store.

Stan attended Purdue University, where he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Stan initially studied AG economics. He eventually dropped the AG emphasis to pursue a Finance / Economics curriculum. (The truth is that he majored in "Party".) Stan was at Purdue long enough to have a Ph.D. However, at age 24, he decided to move on. Stan did not receive a degree, and therefore, his claim to be "a dumb farm boy from Indiana".

Shortly after leaving Purdue he was selling Insurance, and met his wife to be, Marla. Best thing that ever happened to him, for upon getting married, he found a purpose and become focused on the future. This did not include a small farm or a factory job. He started working for the DANA Corporation in Hagerstown, Indiana. After one year, he was promoted to a special sales position at a subsidiary company in Melville, New York. In this position, he traveled the 48 states. WOW quite an adventure for a farm boy from Indiana.

He was then (1975) moved to Fresno, California as a District Sales Manager. His primary customers were served out of the NAPA Fresno Distribution Center. He was awarded the NAPA Fresno "Factory man of the Year" award in 1978. In 1979, he was promoted to the ZONE Sales Manager position for 19 Western states. In this position, he had 20 direct reports covering the 19 western states. He was responsible for recruitment, hiring, training, and managing this sales

group. His Zone sales team earned the TOP ZONE award in three different years.

In 1989, Stan was promoted to Service Parts Pricing and Marketing Manager of Spicer U-joint Division of DANA Corporation in Toledo, Ohio. His primary objective was for margin improvement and distribution logistics. In this position, Stan was also the Chairperson for the Heavy-Duty Service Parts Council. This was an industry group of Parts Marketing Executives from all the major truck builders in North America.

Stan was then promoted to the position of Group Manager, North American Commercial Vehicle Group, of the Spicer Driveshaft Division of DANA Corporation. Spicer Driveshaft is the largest publicly owned driveshaft manufacturer in the world. As Group Manager, Stan led the combined disciplines of Sales, Marketing, and Application Engineering functions to all Heavy Duty, Medium Duty, and Bus manufacturer's corporate purchasing, engineering, assembly facilities in North America. This was the position from which he took an early retirement (golden handshake) in late 2001.

As Group Manager, one of the greatest personal accomplishments was his participation in writing the application for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality award. The **Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award** recognizes U.S. organizations in the business, health care, education, and nonprofit sectors for performance excellence. The Baldrige Award is the only formal recognition of the performance excellence of both public and private U.S. organizations given by the [President of the United States](#). The Department of Commerce sponsors this award. Stan had the privilege to attend the awards ceremony April 2001. The award was given by Norman Mineta, (Stan Day continued on page 5)

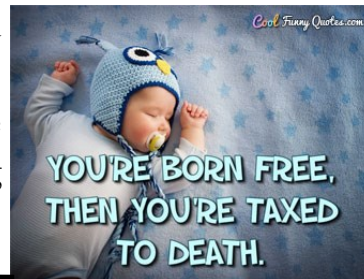
(Stan Day continued from page 4) Secretary of Commerce, and President George W Bush. (Not bad for a “farm boy from Indiana.”)

Stan and Marla came back to Fresno in 2003. They have two sons that have also moved to Fresno. They are blessed with two grandchildren, ages 4 & 2. Marla is now retired, and most days they can both be found at Fig Garden golf course. When they are not involved with their children, grandchildren, or Fresno State athletics they manage to explore Europe and other destinations to broaden their horizon’s. Stan and Marla attended the British Open this past July and hope to complete the “Grand Slam” at the Masters sometime soon. In Stan’s words, “I am a non-contributing member of society.

jury members receive a per diem of \$15.00 per day and roundtrip mileage at the standard Federal rate. Each prospective nominee should sincerely and thoughtfully weigh all family, personal, and business obligations before accepting this nomination.

I served on the Grand Jury in 2012 and found it to be very interesting, however one must commit to the time involved.

“Tax Day” is April 17, 2018



(Little SIR continued from page 3) CTP contests, Mike Moyle won on hole #4 Lakes at 10’ 4” and Ted Fox won on hole #5 Valley at 6’ 8”.

The information, above, is readily available on our updated website. If you haven’t visited our website lately, google “sir branch 159” and you will be in for a treat. Gary Morgan has done a fantastic job of making our website, if not the best, one of the best websites in all of SIR. Issues of the Chanticleer go all the way back to 2011 and is where I found some of the information above. GREAT JOB, GARY!!!!!!

If you have ever had a interest in serving on the Grand Jury, log onto www.fresno.courts.ca.gov , click on Grand Jury and follow the instructions to apply.

Each June, nineteen citizens of Fresno County are sworn as Civil Grand Jurors for twelve-month service. Jurors’ responsibilities are time consuming, with each grand jury establishing its own work schedule. Everyone who is nominated to serve must be fully cognizant of the time involved: 40 to 80 hours per month attending meetings, conducting investigations, and working on reports. Grand

DON’T FORGET TO BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH, AND LET US KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE SIR 159 MORE ENJOYABLE.

APRIL 13, 2018 BASEBALL

BEIDEN FIELD 6:00 P.M.

FREE

FRESNO STATE v. SAN JOSE STATE
WEAR ANY FACIAL HAIR, REAL
OR FAKE, AND GET IN FREE

Try to get a seat on
the first base side.

159 Officers

Big SIR – Mike Rumley
Little SIR – Rich Lewis
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer – Stan Day
Treasurer – Bruce Corwin

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Rich Lewis (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)
Manuel Nunez (2020)
Ron Wilson (2020)

Bridge Results

March 6

1st Ron Rayburn , 1st Russ Mott, 2nd Gene Tognazzini
3rd Charles Ratcliff , 4th Vic Froehmer, 5th George Rurik, 6th Jim Lund
7th Bob Moore, 8th Janet Wrazel, 9th Bob Cleveland ,
10th Nancy Ratcliff, 11th Hugh Cox, 12th Fred Wrazel-

Consolation Bob Amato

High table 1,720

Russ Mott & Charles Ratcliff-

High score 4,960

Ron Rayburn & Russ Mott

March 20

1st Charles Ratcliff, 2nd Janet Wrazel, 3rd Hugh Cox, 4th Vic Froehmer, 5th Fred Wrazel, 6th Russ Mott , 7th Tess Mott, 8th Jim Lund, 9th Bob Amato
10th Bob Moore

Consolation

Gene Tognazzini

High table 1,200

Charles Ratcliff & Janet Wrazel-

High score 4,060 Charles Ratcliff

Next Games Apr 3, 17

Anniversaries

Karen & Gerry Fields
Vera & John Leal
Julie & Jerry Poochigian
Helen & Bob Sexton

Birthdays

Rick Aranjó, Al Baez, David Barredo, Allan Baxter, Ed Beier, Kevin Cameron, Armen Dervishian, Paul Gabrielson, Chico Garcia, Hank Gomar, Cliff Henderson, Hector Leyva, Fred Martinez, Sal Morales, James Noriega, Shane Petersen, Dennis Rich, Reg Rosander, Donald Smith

Attendance

In March, 2018 Branch # 159 had 195 active members with 138 of those members attending the February luncheon. This represents 70% of the active membership. Of the 57 members absent 50% were excused. Members are expected to attend the monthly meeting or to notify the attendance chairman when you wish to be excused.

Three consecutive unexcused absences or six unexcused in a twelve month period

Constitutes a jeopardy to membership. If you are unable to attend a further meeting

Please call 277-3971 or send an email

to fresnosenior@aol.com. When

you call or Email please include your name and badge number.

Dell Kerns, Attendance Chairman

Computer Group and Investments

We will meet Tuesday 04/17/18 1 PM at the Woodward Park Library, River Room 944 East Perlin Ave, Fresno. All SIR Branches, Wives and Guests are welcome. Bring your computer, smartphone, media, photography, etc. issues. Following our 1-2pm meeting, Rich Colby's Investing/Economic Group will meet at 2-3 pm in the same River Room.

Roger.Deal@Comcast.net

Roger Deal

History Roundtable

The History Roundtable will convene again on Tuesday, April 17 at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café on Blackstone just north of Shaw Avenue. We had a great meeting with some new attendees in March. We talked about the history of time changes and how the ancients were able to predict the change of the seasons to the very day. There is a lot of history associated with April as well. One topic we thought would be fun to research is the origins of April Fools Day. Please come on by and enjoy a good lunch and fun conversation. Everybody learns something new each time.



**Rooster of the Month Lee Moy
with Big SIR Gary Smith**



**Feb Speakers -John A. Gliatta and Maira
Aguilar with Little SIR Rich Lewis**



**Little SIR Rich Lewis and
Mar Speaker George Boyadjian**

**Next time you are in LA,
check out
KING TUT
TREASURES OF THE
GOLDEN PHAROAH
Californiasciencecenter.org**

hours, and if you can put up with yours truly and some other pals for a bit, then nine-hole golf at Airways is for you. Each Wednesday at 10AM we meet to play at least nine, and more if you want to. It is a pleasant and healthful activity bringing an unmatched serenity to the spirit (until you chunk your approach or shank one into the rough!)

Yes sir, fellowship on the fairways at Airways, each Wednesday at 10AM! I will see you there.”
Charlie Barrett

Poker
Our next SIRs poker tournament is April 3, Tuesday, at Steve Whitehead's home. The game begins promptly at noon. Please let Steve (559 307-6830) or myself (559-250-4137) know if you can make it.
Steve's address is 1513 East Via Estrella Drive, Fresno CA.
Michael Levine
559-250-4137
mikelev1@comcast.net

Nine Hole Golf
“If you could use a mid-week ride or walk in the park for a couple of

NEWS in the Golfing Community

Ron Rich update: By the time of publication we have completed 5 of the 8 second round matches in our annual Ron Rich Match Play Tournament.

In March we have had our ups and downs with the weather and as I look to the last event of the month the weather forecast is looking to be warm and dry for a spell. We had rain-outs at Pheasant Run and Valley Oaks We managed to get a round in at Madera G&CC where we played a scramble won by the team of Dennis Ensminger, Gerry Fields, Bill Leavitt and Lynn Streit as well as a 2Man BB competition won by Roger McCoy and Pete Openshaw in a tie breaker over two teams of Al Martinez and James Noriega and the other comprised of Dell Kerns and Rick Pezzi. The third scheduled tournament was an all scramble at Ridge Creek won by the team of Joe Hushek, Richard Neilson, Joe Cabral and Jerry Poochigan. There was some other golf going on with Sir 159 members Mike Moyle, John Volkman, Jejj Shahbazian, Carl Merz and myself playing up to 6 six rounds and five baseball games down in spring training in Phoenix, AZ. Joe Hushek, the monthly chair has a novelty game called "Par is Your Friend" a 2ManBB spin-off set for the final Thursday of the month.

Our Monthly chairman for April will be Chris Kahn (408) 799-7862 and Chrisk4463@ yahoo.com .

The new interactive sign-up on our web page seems to be going fairly smooth with a few problems. It should be noted that the sign-ups are locked down (no more changes on the web page allowed) at 7 pm on Sunday. After this time call or email the monthly chairman.

Also of note we finally received our access to USGA Tournament Management program pow-

ered by Golf Genius. As we speak changes are in the wind. Our pairings page is now just a link to our Portal Page at USGA TM. The results Page will also take you to our Portal page. Just hit 'em down the middle!

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

Branch 159 April Golf Schedule

Chairman Chris Kahn 799 -7862

Thur	4/5	8:30	SG	Sunnyside CC
Wed	4/11	11AM	SG	Fig Garden
Thur	4/19	9:AM	SG	Madera Muni
Thur	4/26	7:30	SG	Airways
Thur	5/3	9:AM	SG	Riverside
Wed	5/9	9:AM	SG	Madera CC
Thur	5/17	9:AM	SG	Ridge Creek
Thur	5/24	8AM	SG	Dragonfly
Thur	5/31	8AM	SG	Madera Muni

March's Best Bowling

The Fall-Spring league has begun.. We invite any and all SIR members to come join us – Tuesday afternoons, 1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. Anyone interested, please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there. NOTE THE NEW DAY BUT OLD TIME.

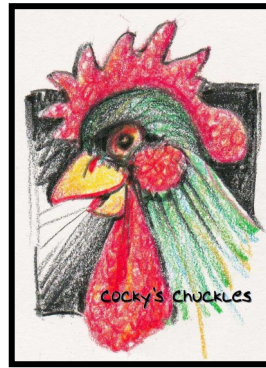
DATE		NAME	SCORE
6-Mar	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159	609/212
	Hi Hdcp. Series	James Noriega 159	639
	Hi Scratch Game	Duke Marshall 159	193
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp 175	227
13-Mar	Hi Scratch Series	Alan Barton 159	603/213
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Terry Schneider 159	587
	Hi Scratch Game	James Noriega 159	202
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp 175	199
20-Mar	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva 159	707/ 246
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 159	605
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton 159	214
	Hi Hdcp. Game	Merle Knapp 175	242
27-Mar	Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva 159	658/348
	Hi Hdcp. Series	Duke Marshall 159	565
	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton 159	188
	Hi Hdcp. Game	James Noriega 159	207

Sunshine

John Pokorny, a former Big SIR, fell at home and broke his hip and has had a hip replacement. He is in the San Joaquin Rehab Hospital and wanted to let us know that he is mending well and hopes to be coming back to the luncheons soon. Stan Littleworth is recovering well at the Terraces and hopes to be back hitting the ball with Charlie on Wednesdays and luncheons with us. George Gruner is at the Terraces also and is doing well. Hank Gomer is at the Armenian Home and is getting dialysis 3 times a week. A big blow for the branch is the loss of former Big SIR Ray Allen who succumbed to bone cancer on March 23. Let's think fondly of him and keep his family in our prayers.

Obit for JOHN METZGER — John Metzger, a near 20-year member of SIR Branch #159, passed away in late February. John joined this Branch back in 1994. He was active in many ways, but certainly he enjoyed golf with his SIR buddies. John was not one to sit around and watch; he was a participant. No small part of his life as a SIR was to become Little SIR of #159. Of course, that was followed by his year as Big Sir. Now that was back in 2003 and 2004 respectively. Branch #159 faced some issues that led to he, John Metzger, resuming the role of Big Sir a 2nd time. That was in 2006. John was viewed as a doer, a contributor, a participant - - - and more. Somewhere along the way, he initiated a more formal newsletter – more so than what was produced before – a publication that took the name ‘Chanticleer’. That’s what we know today. John Metzger was bestowed the ‘Honorary Life Member’ recognition back in 2011. Unfortunately, John was forced to resign from the Branch because of serious hearing issues. Eventually he had to leave Fresno for the California Bay area to

live with one of his daughters. John Metzger was there when he passed away. As we say, May His Memory be Eternal!



WRONG E-MAIL ADDRESS

This one is priceless. A lesson to be learned from typing the wrong email address!!

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter.

They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier. Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the e-mail.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack. The widow decided to check her e-mail expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife

Subject: I've Arrived

Date: March 6, 2018

I know you're (Humor continued on page 10)

(Humor continued from page 9) surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

P. S. Sure is freaking hot down here!!!!

"\$5.37!"

That's what the kid behind the counter at Taco Bell said to me.

I dug into my pocket and pulled out some lint and two dimes and something that used to be a Jolly Rancher. Having already handed the kid a five-spot, I started to head back out to the truck to grab some change when the kid, with the Elmo hairdo, said the hardest thing anyone has ever said to me.

He said, "It's OK. I'll just give you the senior citizen discount."

I turned to see who he was talking to, and I then heard the sound of change hitting the counter in front of me.

"Only \$4.68" he said cheerfully.

I stood there stupefied. I am 56, not even 60 yet? A mere child! Senior citizen? Nooooooooooooo way! I took my burrito and walked out to the truck wondering what was wrong with Elmo Was he blind? As I sat in the truck, my blood began to boil. Old? Me? I'll show him, I thought. I opened the door and headed back inside. I strode to the counter, and there he was waiting with a smile.

Before I could say a word, he held up something and jingled it in front of me, like I could be that easily distracted by some trinket! What am I now? A toddler?

"Dude! Can't get too far without your car keys, eh?"

I stared with utter disdain at the keys. I began to rationalize in my mind! "Leaving keys behind hardly makes a man elderly! It could happen to anyone !" I turned and headed back to the truck. I slipped the key into the igni-

tion, but it wouldn't turn.

What now?! I checked my keys and tried another. Still nothing. That's when I noticed the purple beads hanging from my rear-view mirror. I had no purple beads hanging from my rear-view mirror. Then, a few other objects came into focus: The car seat in the back seat. Happy Meal toys spread all over the floorboard. A partially eaten dough nut on the dashboard.

Faster than you can say ginkgo biloba, I flew out of the alien vehicle. Moments later I was speeding out of the parking lot, relieved to finally be leaving this nightmarish stop in my life. That is when I felt it, deep in the bowels of my stomach: hunger! My stomach growled and churned, and I reached to grab my burrito, only it was nowhere to be found. I swung the truck around, gathered my courage, and strode back into the restaurant one final time.

There Elmo stood, draped in youth and black nail polish. All I could think was, "What is the world coming to?" All I could say was, "Did I leave my food and drink in here"? At this point I was ready to ask a Boy Scout to help me back to my vehicle, and then go straight home and apply for Social Security benefits.

Elmo had no clue.

I walked back out to the truck, and suddenly a young lad came up and tugged on my jeans to get my attention. He was holding up a drink and a bag.

His mother explained, "I think you left this in my truck by mistake."

I took the food and drink from the little boy and sheepishly apologized.

She offered these kind words: "It's OK. My grandfather does stuff like this all the time."

All of this is to explain how I got a ticket doing 85 in a 40-mph zone. Yessss,... I was racing some punk kid in a Toyota Prius. And no, I told the officer, I'm not too old to be driving this fast. As I walked in the front door, my wife met me halfway down the hall. I handed her a bag of cold food and a \$300 speeding ticket. I promptly sat in my rocking chair and covered up my legs with a blanket.

The good news was that I had successfully found my way home.



How about it, fellow SIRs?
Shall we have a Model
Railroader interest group?
Interested? Contact
Bob Sexton
559-325-7528 or
rdsexton57@gmail.com

CULTURAL

DIVERSITY

EVENTS

Men's Luncheon

March 22, 2018-Th-11 a.m.-Lunch
House of JuJu-565 Pollasky #101

docent tour of Clovis Museum



Armenian Recognition

April 25, 2018-Wed-11 a.m.,
AJ Cuisine-Lunch
5048 N. Maroa, nr Shaw

UC Exhibit Hall-Museum
FSU Genocide Monument

Hispanic Heritage

May 23, 2018-Wed-11 a.m.
Wahoo's Fish Taco
3053 Campus Dr

Campus Pointe-nr Maya Cinema



SIR Lee Moy
State SIR Sports

Varoujan Der Simonian

Founder, Curator

Armenian Museum of Fresno

UC Merced Exhibit Hall/Building

Men's Luncheon Guest/Docent Tour



Men's Luncheon

April 25, 2018

Wednesday, 11 a.m.

5048 N. Maroa/Shaw

Armenian Recognition

food, history
cultural experience

**ALL ARE
WELCOMED**

Fresno State
Genocide
Monument



Lee Moy
former Area 29 Governor



WILD WILD WEST EIGHT ATE-BLACK ANGUS STEAKS



SIR Members & Guest included: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wulf, and regular Men's Luncheon friends Randy Morris, Doug Duke, Ron Travis, Lee Moy, Peter Openshaw & neighbor. Not pictured: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Duba.

Lee Moy
State SIR Sports Director



SIR 159 FAMILY DAY BBQ AND PICNIC

COME CELEBRATE

“FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND FOOD”

MAY 10, 2018

11:00 AM KEARNEY PARK

ADDRESS: 6725 W KEARNEY BLVD, FRESNO, CA 93706

BBQ CATERED BY OUTLAW BBQ OWNED BY BRANCH 169'S ERIC WAGNER

MENU: BBQ TRI TIP ROAST AND/OR BBQ CHICKEN, GRILLIN' BEANS, RICE PILAF, GREEN SALAD, ROLLS, AND LEMONADE.

You Bring: Table Settings, Dishes, Lawn Chairs, your own Beverage of choice, and Hors d'oeuvres. Wine is allowed in Kearney Park

We Provide: Great Food, Beer, Prizes, and Entertainment

Demonstrations of Carriage Driving and Highland Games

Please Note that there is a \$5.00 fee to enter the park

Mail RSVP to Stan Day, Treasure by Monday, May 7, 2018

9592 N Ann Avenue

Fresno, CA 93720

SIR _____ Guest(s) _____

Total number of lunches _____ X \$18.00 = _____ Please put check # _____