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Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows



Big Sir Juan Salinas

Summer 2025 is here, bringing with it long, sun-drenched days and a world of possibilities. It's a time to embrace the warmth, explore the outdoors, and create unforgettable memories. As the days stretch longer and the nights become more inviting, summer offers a unique blend of relaxation and adventure. In the words of Charles Bowden, "Summertime is always the best of what might be."

This season is a canvas for new experiences, whether it's a spontaneous road trip, a backyard barbecue, or simply enjoying the beauty of a sunset. Summer also invites us to slow down and appreciate the simple pleasures. As Henry James noted, "Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. So, whether you're planning a grand adventure or savoring quiet moments at home, let this summer be a time of joy, discovery, and cherished memories.

If you're interested in local events or activities around Modesto this June, this is what I find out is going on:

American Graffiti Classic Car Parade: June 6, Location: Downtown Modesto & McHenry Avenue. **American Graffiti Festival and Car Show:** June 7-8, Location: Modesto Junior College West Campus. Celebrate Modesto's cruising culture with hundreds of classic cars, live music, food vendors, and a nostalgic car cruise through the

city. Organized by the Kiwanis Club of North Modesto, this annual event honors the city's connection to George Lucas's film American Graffiti.

Modesto Nuts Baseball Games Venue: John Thurman Field Catch the Modesto Nuts in action: ☐ June 6 vs. Lake Elsinore Storm ☐ June 20–21 vs. San Jose Giants As always if you can help with any participation in our club invite a friend to come to our luncheons.

Happy Father's Day!

SIR Branch 103 BEC May Minutes

Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Attending: Big SIR, Juan Salinas, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Ray Tillery, Treasurer Ted Bracht. Directors: Vic Whaley, Dennis Imhoff, Lance Underwood, Dave Cooper, and Paul Bender

Committee Representatives Present: Gary DelNero, (Sunshine) and Bob Kredit Thursday Golf, **Absent:** Director Roger Smith, and Tom Evans, Program, Bob Kredit.

Call to Order: Big SIR Juan Salinas, called the meeting to order at 7:27A.M. at Denny's. Restaurant. Ten Executive Board members were present for a quorum.

Secretary: April Minutes was offered for modification. Motion to accept: Rowe, 2nd Tillery-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Big SIR: 1. There is a proposal for Branch 144 to fold and join Branch 103. Motion to approve- Rowe, Bender- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. They will have a meeting Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at Denny's, at 9:00 AM. 2. We also discussed ideas to get members to attend the luncheon.

Little SIR: NA

Treasurer: Ted Bracht reported that the May 29 report showed the Beginning balance- \$3,246.77.

Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,090.00, Raffle- \$54.00, 2025 dues, \$100.00, Donation from Women's Auxiliary(bowling), \$50.00, Merchandise- \$54.00. Total receipts- \$1,380.00. Checks written- Margarito's Catering, \$1,126.91, Total deductions \$1,126.91. Ending balance is \$3,499.86. Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Rowe-PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Membership: We have 2 new member applications: Robert Tillery and Abe Guzman- Motion to accept: Cooper 2nd Rowe -PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Luncheon: Good lunch! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EAT LUNCH.

Correspondence: Rick Kindle sent a memo about Branch 144 merging with Branch 103.

Program: NA

Health and Safety: NA

Sunshine: Gary reported that Bob Hall's wife fell and broke her leg. Good fortune that Bob was home when she fell. She had surgery and presently in the healing process. Earl Glenn's wife is home with a slow recovery. Talked to Don Rowe still having health issues.

Golf: WE discussed the problem of golfers not signing up at the luncheons.

NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

Thursday Golf: Juan reported that it is going great!

Newsletter: NA

Bowling: NA

Merchandising: Dennis reported that he had some green hats.

Travel: See June Newsletter

Computer: NA

Activities: 1. We will have a car show at our June luncheon. Call Lance Underwood. 2. Juan will set up a table at the Car Show at MJC-WEST on the 7th and 8th. Other members of the BEC will also be there.

Couples' Dine Out: Juan Salinas will host on June 18 at BJ'S. Contact him-209-605-6762, or at juangolfnut@yahoo.com.

Old Business: Dick Nelson asked us to approach members about serving as an officer or director.

New Business: NA

Other: We discussed the idea of taking pictures of new members and activities and placing them in the newsletter.

Adjournment: 8:27AM

Respectfully submitted, Don Rowe



GOLF

All payments for golf must be made by 6:00 PM Wednesday before the Monday Tournament. There will be NO payments at the golf course. Mail all checks to Roger Smith, 3612

Incline Ct., Riverbank, CA 95367-3123. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course. All fees, golf and cart fees must be paid with check.

Mon. Jun 9-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host 103B
Mon. Jun 16-Micke Grove, 8:00, \$62 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. Jun 23-Creekside, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103A
Mon. Jun 30-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103B
Mon. Jul 7-Dryden, 8:00, \$35 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144
Mon. Jul 14-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$58 (cart incl.) Host 103A
Mon. Jul 21-Creekside, 8:00, \$37 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B
Mon. Jul 28-Swenson, 8:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 144
Mon. Aug 4-Elkhorn, 8:00, \$53 (cart incl.) Host 103A
Mon. Aug 11-Tracy CC, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 103B
Mon. Aug 18-Dryden, 8:00, \$35 (cart opt. \$20) Host 144
Mon. Aug 25-Pheasant Run, 8:00, \$64 (cart incl.) Host 103A
Tue. Sept 2-Creekside, 8:00, \$37 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B
Mon. Sept 8-Atwater, 8:00, \$59 (cart incl.) Host 144

Creekside Golf

Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is now a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 6:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.

Sunshine Report

By Gary Del Nero



Here's the Sunshine Report for May and June. It is good to see how our members are doing and recovering.

Gary reported that Bob Hall's wife fell and broke her leg. Good fortune that Bob was home when she fell. She had surgery and presently in the healing process. Earl Glenn's wife is home with a slow recovery. Talked to Don Rowe still having health issues.

Good news Kerry Newman is on the mend. He is out and about using a cane. Maybe few weeks/months back to golf hopefully our thoughts are with him. Today is May 1st and Earl Glens' wife's birthday, but the best news is she was in rehab and again going home on her birthday. Great day for Earl and wife. Don Rowe pace maker worked again (3rd Time). Don says he is a cat, and after the pacemaker worked it third time, he has 6 lives to go. A bit of humor or truth, we may find out. Glad to have Don at our executive meeting was wonderful to see him there.



The Pickleball Activity is be scheduled the first and third Fridays of every month at the courts at Beyer Park at 9:00 am. Please come out and give it a try. There will be experienced players to help introduce you to the game. All the equipment will be provided. All members and their spouses are invited.

Branch 103 General Membership Luncheon

June 25, 2025

10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Masonic Temple

800 Rose Ave. Modesto, CA

Luncheon Price \$25.00



Couples' Dine Out

The Couples' Dine Out will be at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, 3401 Dale Rd., Modesto on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 5:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please call Juan Salinas at 209-605-6762 or email at juangolfnut@yahoo.com.

Don Stevenson	6/02/1950	75 Yrs. Old
Gary Coonce	6/11/1965	60 Yrs. Old
Martin Oertwig	6/15/1946	79 Yrs. Old
Ken Lindsay	6/22/1960	65 Yrs. Old
Dick Nelson	6/23/1947	78 Yrs. Old
Vic Whaley	6/29/1953	72 Yrs. Old



LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-Out will be taking some time out. Please read the upcoming newsletters to find out the next date.



The Commemorative Air Force Central California Valley Squadron holds fund-raising meals twice a month. A Second Saturday Pancake Breakfast and a Fourth Saturday Lunch. The breakfast time is 7:30 am to 11:00 am. The lunch time is 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person for breakfast and \$13 for lunch. No reservations required. The meals are served at the hangar 1-S at 700 Tioga Dr., Modesto. The breakfast will be on June 14, 2025. The lunch will be on June 28, 2025.

BRANCH MERGER JULY 2025

Branch 144 will be merging with Branch 103. The merged branches will be Branch 103. Although the many details have to be decided upon, the merger will take place on July 1, 2025. The major change for Branch 144 will be the General Membership Luncheon, which we will be having together as Branch 103 on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 23, 2025.



BRANCH 103 CAR SHOW



Leo Havener
2021 Chevy Corvette



Dave Cooper
2007 Toyota Solara



Rey Cabusas
1958 Chevy Impala



Don Fitzgerald
1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass

16 NIGHT HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CRUISE ABOARD THE RUBY PRINCESS

**SAILING ROUND TRIP
SAN FRANCISCO
OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

PORTS OF CALL

Hilo, Big Island/ Kahului, Maui/ Honolulu, Oahu
Nawiliwili, Kauai and Ensenada, Mexico

THE RUBY PRINCESS



****Add the Princess Plus Package for \$960 per person**
Includes: Beverage package, Wifi, Crew appreciation, Premium
desserts (2 per day), Fitness classes (2 per cruise) and unlimited Juice Bar, 2 Casual
Dining meals per guest, Room service delivery**

BOOK BY JULY 1, 2025 AND RECEIVE A \$150 PER PERSON DISCOUNT!

ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA (209) 483-7722 cell



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State Vice Pres. Lee Lamp..... 530 921-1375
Area 18 Rep. Anthony Butera..... 209 985-3473

SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

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Treasurer Ted Bracht.....209 573-1690
Asst. Treas. Brian Donahue.....209 988-2748
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Dennis Imhoff209 846-9529
Ray Tillery209 499-0955
Vic Whaley916 509-2483
Dave Cooper209 578-3789
Roger Smith209 614-8684
Lance Underwood.....209 681-6989
Paul Bender..... 209 324-1793



COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership: Dave Cooper 209 578-3789
Assistant
Program Chair: Tom Evans 209 551-1836
Assistant:
Member Orient.: Brian Donahue..... 209 988-2748
Public Relations: Bob Kredit209 672-0326
Bowling: Vern Masse 209 544-1953
Bowling: Jeff Chin 209 602-3912
Golf Chair: Roger Smith..... 209 614-8684
Golf Co-Chair: Kerry Newman209 579-7747
Golf Co-Chair: Gerald Hott209 602-2910
Golf Handicap: Jerry Strain..... 209 574-9301
Book Exchange: Earl Glenn 209 537-7254
Travel Area18: John Cardoza.....209 483-7722
Merchandise Sales: Dennis Imhoff .. 209 846-9529
Lunch Menu: Juan Salinas..... 209 605-6762
Computer Club: Jeffery Chin 209 602-3912
Activity Chair: Lance Underwood....209 681-6989
Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero.....209-681-1100

Health & Safety: Kerry Newman...209 579-7747
Chaplain: Dick Nelson.....209 701-8108
Asst.Chaplain: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Meal Tickets: Don Rowe, Roy Bruk
Raffle: Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner
Table Setup: Don Rowe209 634-0100
Table Setup: Jim Bickner209 522-4345
Lead Singer:
Backup Singer: Gary Goodman209 578-0848
Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Coe Barnard
Nominating Committee:
Ladies Dine Out: Barbara Webb.....209 526-6511

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Bob Kredit

SENIOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Don Reed

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June

2025

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	SIR Golf-Dryden	2	3	4	5 Creekside Golf	6 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	7
8	SIR Golf-Elkhorn	9	10	11	12 Creekside Golf	13	14 CAF Breakfast-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
15	SIR Golf-Micke Grove	16	17	18 Couples' Dine Out-BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse	19 Creekside Golf	20 Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	21
22	SIR Golf-Creekside	23	24	25 General Membership Luncheon	26 Creekside Golf	27 BEC Meeting-Denny's Restaurant	28 CAF Lunch-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
29	SIR Golf-Tracy CC	30					