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## Modesto SIR Branch 103

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Branch 103 Website: [www.sirinc2.org/branch103](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)

### Big Sir Crows



The Graffiti Festival Car Show at the MCJ West Campus was a great success. We had a booth on June 6 and 7. We handed out many brochures and had many people asking what Sir were all about. We handed out cookies and had a cornhole set up for people. They came and played and asked questions about our club. I would like to thank all the ladies that made cookies for us: Vicky Bender, Marie Newman, Connie Tanquary, Pam Smith, Ellen Nelson, and Becky Salinas.

Hello Gentlemen, Summers in full swing and so are we! July is shaping up to be packed with good times, great friends, and plenty of sunshine. Whether you're teeing off, rolling strikes, hitting the open road, or just kicking back with your better half, there's something for everyone this month.

Here are some activities that are happening in July:

#### Big Sir Juan Salinas

Couples' Night Out – July 16 at 5:00 PM Dinner at [Gusto Italiano]. Bring your better half for a night of food, and laughter. A perfect way to toast to summer together. RSVP by July 14.

Festivals & Community Events : Carnitas Festival – Saturday, July 19 Celebrate Mexican culture with delicious carnitas, live music, and family-friendly activities at 711 I St., Modesto. Modesto Certified Farmers Market – Thursdays & Saturdays. Shop for fresh produce and local goods every Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to 1 PM at 16th Street between 'H' and 'I' Streets. Kaiser Modesto Farmers Market – Mondays Visit the farmers market every Monday from 9:30 AM to 2 PM at 4601 Dale Road, Modesto.

Sports : Modesto Nuts Baseball Games – Various Dates Catch the Modesto Nuts in action at John Thurman Field. Check their schedule for home games in July

# 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, Lance Underwood, Dave Cooper, and Paul Bender

**Committee Representatives Present:** Gary DelNero, (Sunshine) and Bob Kredit Thursday Golf

**Absent:** Directors- Dennis Imhoff and Roger Smith, and Tom Evans, Program, Gary DelNero, Sunshine, Bob Kredit,

**Guests:** Anthony Butera, Area 18 Director, from Branch 144, John Santillano, Jerry Strain, Bob Lewis, and Fernando Gonzales.

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

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

**Big SIR:** 1. Juan discussed the point of merger. They are: 1. We will be having lunch and meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month. 2. We will be charging for lunch \$25.00 and \$5.00 for anyone that attends but not eat. 3. We will we continue to have \$1.00 for ticket raffle and distributes money 4. We will be branch 103. 5. We do not need to change anything about badges. 6. We will select BEC members leaders, election in August. 7. We give for the birthday drawing, a SIR cup. 8. We will not charge lunch for any member 95 and older, ok free lunch for 95 and older 9. We will give a letter of appreciation to speakers. 10. We will we merge July 23, 2025 11. We will have 1 web site branch 103. 12. Bob Lewis will work with Jeff on the newsletter. 13. Juan Salinas, Big Sir, will lead the pledge. 14. Gary Goodman will do the song. 15. We can take turns giving the prayer. 16. 144 has someone that plays the piano for background music. 17. Keep the dining group as is. 18. Big Sir Juan Salinas. 19. Little Sir Fernando Gonzales. 20. Treasurer Ted Bracht. 21. Assisting Treasurer John Santillano. 22. Secretary Don Rowe. 23. Assisting Secretary Ray Tillery. 24. Membership Dave Cooper

**Little SIR:** NA

**Treasurer:** Ted Bracht reported that the June 29 report showed the Beginning balance- \$3,500.76. Receipts: luncheon proceeds less contribution portion- \$1,180.00, Raffle- \$55.00, Merchandise- \$169.50. Total receipts- \$1,404.50. Checks written- Margarito's Catering, \$1,151.95, Total deductions \$1,151.95. Ending balance is \$3,753.31 Motion to accept: Bracht- 2nd Copper- PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board of Sir Branch 103 resolves that the following members have signing authority to Farmers and Merchants Account: Ted Bracht, and John Santillano. Removed from this authority are Brian Donahue and Joseph Stackhouse. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Membership:** We have 1 new member application: Ron Lyda. Motion to accept: Cooper 2nd Bender - PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Luncheon:** good lunch! \$5.00 FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EACH LUNCH.

**Sunshine:** Gary's report was given at the luncheon.

**Golf:** NEED TO GET AN ASSISTANT FOR PAUL.

**Thursday Golf:** Juan reported that it is going great!

**Dine Out:** Juan Salinas will host on July 16 Gusto Italiano. Contact him- 209-605-6762, or at [juan-golfnut@yahoo.com](mailto:juan-golfnut@yahoo.com).

**Old Business:** NA

**New Business:** Motion: appoint Fernando Gonzales Little Sir, John Santillano Treasurer, and Ted Bracht Assistant Treasurer- Rowe, 2nd Tillery PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT 8:08 am

Other:



# 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. 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, \$54 (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  
Mon. Sept 15-River Oaks, 8:00, \$34 (cart opt. \$10) Host 103A  
Mon. Sept 22-Dryden, 8:00, \$36 (cart opt. \$20) Host 103B  
Mon. Sept 29-Swenson, 8:00, \$54 (cart incl.) Host 144  
Mon. Oct 6-Creekside, 8:00, \$37 (cart opt. \$20) Host All  
Mon. Oct 13-Castle Oaks, 8:00, \$58 (cart incl.) Host 103A

## 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 July. It is good to see how our members are doing and recovering.

Tom Evans had a bad blood infection and spent 8 days in hospital. He needed help and cited his wife and son for their care at home. Larry Iwens had a heart attack and spent a few days in the hospital. He is at home now recovering and all signs no residual effects... Paul Bender fell and suffered an injury to his back. This may be a very serious injury, our thoughts and prayers are with him and family.

Gary Del Nero



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

**July 23, 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 Gusto Italiano, 3948 Sylvan, Modesto on Wednesday, July 16, 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](mailto:juangolfnut@yahoo.com).



## 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 July 12, 2025. The lunch will be on July 26, 2025.

Clark Pearson	7/07/1944	81 Yrs. Old
Oscar Cherry	7/09/1934	91 Yrs. Old
Ron Saito	7/09/1939	86 Yrs. Old
Max Stowers	7/14/1939	86 Yrs. Old
Rey Cabusas	7/16/1945	80 Yrs. Old
Dennis Imhoff	7/17/1944	81 Yrs. Old
Randy Broughton	7/17/1952	73 Yrs. Old
Jeffery Chin	7/24/1953	72 Yrs. Old
Brian Donahue	7/24/1957	68 Yrs. Old
Leo Havener	7/26/1937	88 Yrs. Old

## 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.





## TURLOCK SIR #143 RAILTOWN EXPERIENCE AUGUST 6, 2025

# \$23 / ticket

Train Departs Station at 10:30 a.m.

Train Returns at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Lunch at Chicken Ranch Casino --TWLV Restaurant

9195 Red Tail Hawk Rd, Jamestown, CA

Limited Lunch Menu – **RSVP No later than July 30th**

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, and its operating entity, the Sierra Railway, is known as "The Movie Railroad." Both entities are a heritage railway and are a unit of the California State Park System, located in Jamestown, California, at 10501 Reservoir Rd.

To make your train reservations, call **(209) 984-3953** or go to their website to buy **tickets online** [Railtown1897shp@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Railtown1897shp@parks.ca.gov)

Let John Cardoza know when you have reserved your train ride and if you want to be included in lunch reservations. His phone number is: 209-483-

7722

**RSVP No later than July 30th**

## 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**



## SIR STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Rich Carlston..... 925 324-0838  
State Vice Pres. Lee Lamp..... 530 921-1375  
Area 18 Rep. Anthony Butera..... 209 985-3473

## SIR BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Juan Salinas.....209 605-6762  
Little Sir Brian Donahue.....209 988-2748  
Secretary Don Rowe .....209 634-0100  
Asst. Secretary Ray Tillery .....209 499-0955  
Treasurer Ted Bracht.....209 573-1690  
Asst. Treas. Brian Donahue.....209 988-2748  
Dick Nelson .....209 701-8108  
Dennis Imhoff .....209 846-9529  
Ray Tillery .....209 499-0955  
Vic Whaley .....916 509-2483  
Dave Cooper .....209 578-3789  
Roger Smith .....209 614-8684  
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 Kredit .....209 672-0326  
Bowling: Vern Masse ..... 209 544-1953  
Bowling: Jeff Chin ..... 209 602-3912  
Golf Chair: Roger Smith..... 209 614-8684  
Golf Co-Chair: Kerry Newman .....209 579-7747  
Golf Co-Chair: Gerald Hott .....209 602-2910  
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 Goodman .....209 578-0848  
Meal Tickets: Don Rowe, Roy Bruk  
Raffle: Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner  
Table Setup: Don Rowe .....209 634-0100  
Table Setup: Jim Bickner .....209 522-4345  
Lead Singer:  
Backup Singer: Gary Goodman .....209 578-0848  
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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jeffery Chin .... jefferygaryc@msn.com .....209-602-3912

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July

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
					Creekside Golf	Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	
6		SIR Golf-Dryden	8	9	10	11	12
					Creekside Golf		CAF Breakfast-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
13			15	16	17	18	19
		SIR Golf-Castle Oaks		Couples' Dine Out-Gusto Italiano Restaurant	Creekside Golf	Pickleball-Beyer Park, Modesto	
20			22	23	24	25	26
		SIR Golf-Creekside		General Membership Luncheon	Creekside Golf	BEC Meeting-Denny's Restaurant	CAF Lunch-Modesto Airport Hangar 1S
27			29	30	31		
		SIR Golf-Swenson			Creekside Golf		