



SIR Branch 96 Amador Amblings

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SIR BRANCH 96 MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch will be served at 11:30

If you cannot attend a luncheon meeting, please contact Rich Broderson at 296-1605

A Non Profit Organization For Retired Men Devoted To The Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

December 2019

FROM BIG SIR:

Fellow SIRs:

This weather we are having, in November, reminds me of a movie that came out in 1964. It was "Endless Summer". Not that I mind having nice days, but we could use a little rain.

A reminder that the Christmas Dinner tickets are on sale now. The price is \$30.00 a person. In my opinion this is one of the best dinners in all of Amador County.

I find it hard to believe that this is the my last post as Big SIR. It has been quite a year. I will be leaving you in good hands with the new Big SIR, Dan Edwards. He will be bring a lot of enthusiasm to this position.

If you have suggestions for improving our meetings or maybe a lunch menu, please email me at: wayneclark@hotmail.com

See you at the December meeting—Wayne

A Toot from the Little SIR:

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Just one more month before the year is over. I look forward to taking on the responsibilities of Big SIR. See you at lunch next month!

DECEMBER SPEAKER:

Guy Sheble from
SILVER PAW RANCH
Service Dogs for Veterans



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FISHING CLUB

Overall, catching fish still remains slow, however salmon fishing is still worthwhile in the **UPPER SACRAMENTO RIVER**. Sturgeon action has slowed with the cooler water. The **DELTA** has a water hyacinth problem that makes fishing a challenge. **AMADOR LAKE**—Trout fish plantings are scheduled for this month. As a result, the best fishing will be from the bank during the early mornings. **CAMANCHE LAKE**—Recent trout fish plants have been split between North Shore, South Shore, and South Shore Trout Pond (with the **Trout Pond** getting 50% of the plant). Cool water temperatures have slowed bass fishing. **RANCHO SECO LAKE**—Bass fishing is still the best bet with six pounders in the catch. **CAPLES AND SILVER LAKES** are winter fishing. **LAKE PARDEE**—closed on November 3rd, and will reopen February 13th 2020.

Remember to get your 2020 Fishing License and additional validation; available at Wal-Mart or Big 5. You will need your California Driver License.

FEES: Annual Basic---\$48

ADDITIONAL VALIDATION: Second Rod--\$15; Steelhead--\$7.56; North Coast Salmon--\$6.74

Licenses may be purchased On-Line at California Department of Fish & Game:

dfg.ca.gov—license-- online license service: You will need a credit card for payment .

Reservoir Status On December First

Reservoir	% capacity	% average this date	Feet down from full
Pardee	88	103	12
Camanche	72	125	18
New Hogan	46	125	62
New Melones	83	148	83



FIRST DAY OF WINTER—DECEMBER 21ST!



SIRS RV

Just a reminder, our annual luncheon is coming up . It is January 24th starting at 11AM at Mel's. Get your reservation to Ray Lindstrom and look for e-mails about it.

Good news...we have a new Wagonmaster for 2020-2021, former Big SIR Guy Garner will be running the club. Anyone interested in joining the RV Group and would like to come to our luncheon, contact Ray Lindstrom at 223-1444 for more information.

TRAVEL TALK

Our SIR's trip in October included an eye opening, for me anyway, dinner in downtown Detroit where we celebrated Guy Garner's birthday at a wonderful restaurant. The tour was also the occasion for celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Lee and Joan Suess! May God continue to bless them. It's quite an achievement!

Detroit has an amazingly impressive downtown of modern skyscrapers and clean, well-maintained streets and sidewalks. Not at all like the image I had formed in my own mind from news reports. Next was a memorable visit to the Ford museum with an exhibit of just about every conceivable car ever built and many historical exhibits to boot. We took a tour of the park grounds in a Model T Ford touring car and rode the horse that Clint Eastwood had ridden—on the park's merry-go-round with Lee and Joan. The next day we toured the Ford plant where we examined at our leisure from an overhead cat walk, an amazing assembly line and its workers that produce a Ford F150 every 53 seconds in various colors and models—all while on the same assembly line that turns out about 20,000 F150's per day. By this I mean, there might be several black trucks in the line and then a red one followed by a blue one with a sun roof—they are not cookie cutter vehicles in the same run—they can mix them up and choose the right parts or color or model. Some robots were at work but it appeared that most of the work was done by human workers. It was truly satisfying to see manufacturing of a substantial product by American workers in the good old US of A!

Next day we had a little added adventure when our bus had mechanical problems and we arrived late at the Grand Hotel. The host graciously stayed past her normal hours to provide us our own private dining room for our group dinner. All in all, we had an amazingly welcome stay on Mackinaw Island at the Grand Hotel with all its history, a myriad of colors and décor in every room and throughout the hotel, a very genteel staff and absolutely delicious food. There are no private motorized vehicles on the island, so we had a grand tour of the island by horse drawn carriage. We saw natural beauty in the island's landscape and rock formations, the mansions built by the wealthy of by gone days, and all the while we sat facing in our direct line of sight two horses' large derrieres that brought us back to the mundane world by their periodic and ample pooping—kind of ruined the romantic fairy tale feeling. But, what can you say, “_ _it” happens. (see photo, and article published in the Dispatch, page 8)

Our next visit was to Frankenmuth whose name has nothing to do with Frank's Mouth but, as Lee Suess explained, “muth” is a German word that expresses force or strength. It is in fact a pristine and beautiful little Michigan town of primarily German folk with an absolutely stunning Lutheran church having stained glass windows rivaling those I have seen in Europe. It also has a Christmas mega store with every conceivable Christmas decoration you can imagine and what you buy--you can have shipped home. My wife, Bev and several of the ladies in our group bought decorations and of course got a copy of the store's catalogue.

Our next destination was Niagara Falls. The falls on the Canadian side (Horseshoe Falls) are much more impressive than the falls on the American side. They are much larger in length as well as deeper in the depth to which the waters fall and so produce a roar and churning of the waters that is very impressive. The mist is tremendous and billows above the falls. You can take a boat as we did, that puts you up close and in the middle of this maelstrom of churning roaring water and mist. The falls are truly impressive and beautiful and should be on everyone's bucket list. At night we ate in the rotating restaurant high atop the needle that towers above the falls where we could look down on the falls lit up in multi-colored light. (CONTINUED)

TRAVEL TALK (continued)

Our next adventure that we are looking forward to is Talbot Tours New Year's Eve in New Orleans. It should be a lot of fun. It includes several different adventures and a great celebration of the New Year. Wherever you may be, may God bless us all with a healthy, happy and blessed New Year in 2020!

Hope to join you on one of SIR's great vacations soon!

It's Not Too Early to assure your place on your dream vacation in 2020. Plan ahead and a relatively small deposit will hold your vacation package until final payment is due sometime later.

Hawaii 2 Island Tour: Feb 24 - Mar 1, 2020 You will visit Oahu and Hawaii. We all love the Islands--great places to chill out, enjoy the tropical beauty and Hang Loose on a warm sandy beach!

Pacific Northern Coastal: Mar 29 – April 5, 2020 Sail out of San Francisco round trip to Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver, BC., and Victoria, BC. These cities are the jewels of the Northwest. And you don't have to get on an airplane!

Tour the Azores and Portugal: June 23 -July 8, 2020 (Still in works.)

US and Canada National Parks: July 30 -Aug 7, 2020 No mountains, glaciers, lakes, forests are more beautiful and so easy to get too. You will never forget this vacation!

Newport Mansions & Cape Cod Islands: Sept 20 (Still in works.)

Tuscany, Cinque Terre: Oct 2020 (Still in works.)

There are brochures for all the vacations offered available at the SIR meetings. Reservation forms are located on the backs of the brochures with instruction on how to proceed with your well-deserved vacation. Contact Tom Rushing at 209-772-3485 or bevrushing@aol.com

TOURS INCLUDE HOME PICKUP TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT (YES! –pick-up at your door and drop-off at your door when you return from your tour!), YOUR AIRFARE, TIPS AND MUCH MORE. Talbot Tours will work with you if you have additional requests (perhaps a few more days before or after your dream vacation.) Talbot aims to please, but be sure to make your requests when you first book your tour. It makes it a lot easier to fill your request. Then just go and enjoy your trip without hassles and worries—life is short, so enjoy it!

PLEASE GET OR RENEW YOUR PASSPORT WELL AHEAD OF PLANNED TRAVEL, if it's TO ANOTHER COUNTRY including Canada! It's very IMPORTANT, you can usually get it done at your local US Post Office.



MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOV 2019

Total Members:	131
Active Members:	129
Inactive Members:	2
Present Members:	88
Excused Members:	22
Unexcused Members:	19
Missing Badges:	1
Percent Present:	68%
Percent YTD:	61%

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, December 5, 2019

The Branch Executive Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month in the American Legion Ambulance Training Room at 9:30 a.m. All interested members of SIRs are invited to attend.

For a ride to the luncheon meetings you may contact:
From Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth and Fiddletown area:

- Dee Davis—Phone 245-6180
- From Pine Grove/Pioneer area:
• Guy Garner—Phone 295-7027



12 Month Calendar of Lunch Menus—2019

(All meals include Salad, Coffee and Desert)



January

Pork loin
Baked potatoes
Fresh veggies

February

Chicken with a teriyaki glaze
Rice pilaf
Fresh veggies

March

Corn beef and cabbage
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Fresh veggies

April

Ham
Au gratin potatoes
Fresh veggies

May

Pork Carnitas(slow cooked), Mexican rice, refried beans, corn salad
Flour tortillas-sour cream-green onions-Picante sauce-cheddar cheese

June

Roast top sirloin
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Fresh veggies

July

Cheeseburgers
Pasta salad
Corn on the cob

August

Special Menu TBD
Meeting held at Italian Picnic Grounds

September

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Fresh veggies

October

Baked Chicken
Baked Potato Casserole
Green Beans

November

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes with gravy
Fresh veggies

December

Chicken Fried Steak
Potatoes Au Gratin
Fresh veggies



December Birthdays

Galan Smith

Jerry Porter

Joseph Aparicio



LeJames Suess

Darrell Holder

SIRS GOLF

The Golf Club Had a busy November. First, we completed our 2019 Club Championship and 5 of 9 winners were SIRS 96 members. They were: Flight 1/Flight 2: 1st---Larry Parenti (\$75) Frank Elizondo(\$75); 2nd--Don Paris (\$50), Tom Graham(\$50), 3rd--Dan Borges(\$25).

On November 12th, the annual match play was held between Branch 15 and Branch 96. It was a very competitive day ending with a tie as each Branch won 5 matches. So, the trophy stays with Branch 96 for another year! We followed up the match play on November 19th, with our annual "Turkey Shoot". A good turn-out in which \$220 in Turkey Awards (gift cards to Raley's) were given out to the winners. It was a fun day.

The rest of the year, weather permitting, we will have regular flight play at Castle Oaks with a 10:30AM shot gun start each Tuesday. If you are interested, just show up or contact Don Paris at 770-3663 for more information.



SIRS ROSTER CHANGES November 2019

None to report.

SIRS 96 Travel Group at the Grand Hotel— Mackinac Island, Michigan



(This publicity press release was published in the Ledger Dispatch)

"The Ledger Dispatch traveled with the Jackson SIR Branch #96 on a tour of Michigan that included two days in Dearborn where they toured the Ford Motor Company F-1 Ford Pickup assembly line, the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. From there, the group travelled up to Mackinac Island and spent two days staying at the world famous Grand Hotel where this picture was taken. From there they visited Frankenmuth, a city founded by German Lutheran Missionaries in 1840 and there also visited the Bronner's Christmas store, the world's largest Christmas store that is the size of 1 1/2 football fields. From there, the group traveled to Ontario, Canada and ended their tour spending two days at the Niagara Falls."



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