



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

July 2019

FROM BIG SIR:

Fellow SIRS:

I hope you all will have an enjoyable and uneventful 4th of July. I know that my wife and I will be staying in town so we won't have to fight the traffic. Luckily for us, our daughters live within 5 miles so no long trips.

Last month's lunch meeting had a good turn out. We are still having a problem with unexcused absences - 39. I will be attending all of the rest of the year's meetings unless something happens to me.

The Amblings editor and I would like feedback on the changes that we made to the newsletter. Do we need to go back to the old format or keep tweaking the new format? I had some complaints that it didn't list all of the officer's phone numbers and the type was quite small, hence the new page with bigger print.

Don't forget to purchase tickets to the Ladies Day Appreciation Picnic. It is being held at the Italian Picnic Grounds Thursday, August 1.

Jacksons and Lindstroms
riding the dunes!

See RV News (pages 7 & 8)
for details!



A TOOT from the Little SIR

I want to take another opportunity to encourage our members to attend Ladies Appreciation Day on August 1st at the Italian Picnic Grounds. I know summers are a busy time and many of us have other commitments. If you are in town I would please consider attending. It occurred to me that a number of us might not currently have spouses. I would still invite you to attend. I think of our SIR organization as a large family and I would love to share this day with you as well.

We will have tickets available at the Wednesday, July 3rd meeting and you can order by mail by contacting Dee Davis. I am hoping for a large turnout this year. We will have many great raffle prizes, wonderful food and beverages and music by our own DJ Guy Garner. See you there.



June Speaker

Chris Kolton from the Amador Senior Center spoke about various programs available at the Center for Seniors.

Happy Independence Day

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FISHING CLUB

LAKE TAHOE is producing large numbers of Mackinaw. The last two years catching “Macks” was very difficult because of the daily high blowing winds so with the calm days, the catch is on. Shad fishing is good on the **AMERICAN RIVER** in the Rancho Cordova area using 1-inch grubs or shad darts. The best results are late afternoon near the Sunrise Bridge. At **LAKE AMADOR** the trout are holding at the deeper cool water. A catfish plant was made last week. **LAKE CAMANCHE** is still producing trout at the deep water area near the dam. Catfish fishing is good using the old standards baits, chicken livers, night crawlers, and frozen fish scrapes. Night fishing for trout under lights is a good option, but boats must stay anchored in the same spot throughout the evening and possess a Port-A-Potty. At **LAKE PARDEE** Kokanee are near the surface and unusual methods are the key to success. Catfish are being found at the usual hot spots. Big Kokanee are being caught by some at **NEW MELONES**, fishing is best high in the water column. At **RED, SILVER, AND CAPLES LAKES** the fishing is very slow. The trout fishing has been fair to good at **RANCHO SECO LAKE**. The **SAN JOAQUIN DELTA** is producing some largemouth bass, but striper fishing has been slow.

Reservoir Status On July First

Reservoir	% capacity	% average this date	Feet down from full
Pardee	101	107	-1
Camanche	94	130	4
New Hogan	67	127	40
New Melones	93	145	64

SIRS GOLF

SIRS Golf

The rains stopped but the heat came and we had to cancel a couple of Tuesdays. We were able to play one round at Mace Meadows. The course is improving and hopefully will continue to do so in order that we can play there during the hot days of July and August. We do have plans to play our annual Red, White and Blue Tournament on **July 2nd** in honor of the 4th of July and our great country. At this tournament, we play from three different tees. A fun challenge. We encourage any SIR that wants to try the game, to contact Don Paris, 770-3663. New players are always welcome.



SIR Ladies Appreciation Day Picnic

Italian Picnic Grounds

August 1, 2019 - 4 PM – 8 PM

Dinner – Dancing – Raffle – Karaoke

Those of you who still may need to purchase PICNIC TICKETS: You can send me a check (\$25 per ticket) along with a self-addressed envelope with stamp and I will send back your tickets. Dee Davis P.O. Box 97 Drytown, CA 95699.

TRAVEL TALK

TOURS CAN INCLUDE HOME TRANSFERS TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT, YOUR AIRFARE AND MUCH MORE. Talbot Tours will work with you if you have requests – they aim to please, but be sure to make your requests when you book your tour. Then just go and enjoy your trip without hassles and worries!

.....PLEASE GET YOUR PASSPORTS READY FOR TRAVEL TO ANOTHER COUNTRY!.....

Niagara Falls & Mackinac Island – October 18-25, 2019

Romantic horse drawn carriage rides, see magical Niagara Falls U.S. and Canada. **Hurry! It's filling up fast.**

New Port Mansions and Cape Cod – September 7 – 13, 2019

The legendary rich called them their “cottages”! You will marvel as you tour Vanderbilt’s Breakers Mansion, the grandest of New Port’s summer cottages and the Elms Mansion modeled after an 18th century chateau. You’ll tour Providence/New Bedford – and after touring check in at Hyannis Harbor Hotel in Massachusetts. From there you will enjoy the “Storybook Island” of Martha’s Vineyard. Next day you’ll explore Cape Cod, as you travel down the Old King’s Highway where you will experience New England architectural heritage in the various colonial villages on your way to Provincetown and the Pilgrim’s landing. You’ll do some whale watching (after all, this is Moby Dick’s world.) You are going to Hyannis of Kennedy fame. Then, board your High-Speed Catamaran for a cruise to the stunning island of Nantucket and after you tour, feast on your classic New England lobster Dinner.

Canary Islands 11 Day Sapphire Princess Cruise– October 6 – 19, 2019

This cruise includes a day in London, and then Vigo, Spain, Madeira, Portugal, and the islands of Tenerife Las Palmas and Arrecife of Spain’s famous Canary Islands. Vigo was settled by Celts about 300 BC. They still play bagpipes. Madeira wine is known through the western world. Tenerife has the 12,200 feet Mt Teide. Gran Canaria island has been a winter haven for Europeans for many years and it grows a wide variety of produce. On Arrecife, take a camel ride in its volcanic park and later you can enjoy a volcano-broiled steak at the park restaurant. Unique islands that were very important in the history of global explorations

New Years in New Orleans December 30, 2019 – January 3, 2020

We are going to the BIG EASY for New Year’s 2020! *Laissez les bons temps rouler* and phonetically it is pronounced Layza lay bon ton roo lay. That’s Cajun French for “Let the good times roll!” Have you figured out what Vieux Carre is in English?

Four nights at the fabulous Astor Crown Plaza located in the middle of it all, on the corner of Canal and Bourbon Street where we will greet the New Year with dancing, dining, drinks and good cheer. Now’s your chance to put on your glad rags, hold your precious one close and show off your best moves on the dance floor. Don’t forget that kiss as the clock strikes twelve midnight, and to blow your horn and wish a Happy New Year for us all at the top of your lungs. (continued)

TRAVEL TALK (continued)

We are going to visit the Oak Alley plantation, so called because of the overarching 300 year old oak trees that line and cover the approach to the antebellum style mansion. The slavery and Civil War exhibit in the Sugar Cane Theater bring alive the period before and after the Civil War.

You have a choice on the 2nd day of the New Year between 2 very different excursions:

World War II exhibit that celebrates our finest generation (which one of our members has said is the best ever.... anywhere!) This includes an experience aboard the USS Tang, the most successful submarine in the war! Plus, a Pontoon Bayou Swamp tour among the ancient cypress trees where you will see snakes, racoons, possibly other critters, and of course, some big gators. Not for the faint of heart!

.....**.OR.**.....

Enjoy, watch, learn from entertaining New Orleans Chefs at the New Orleans School of Cooking and then have an exotic Cajun/Creole meal. Then we are off to Mardi Gras World where you will learn the history of Mardi Gras in New Orleans and get to see the “float den” where the floats are built and see the floats much closer than you ever could at Mardi Gras.

The Following are 2020 Tours --- It's Not Too Early to buy those Green Bananas !

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

Mar 29 – April 5, 2020: Princess Pacific Coastal North: Sail out of San Francisco round trip to Astoria, Seattle, Vancouver, BC., and Victoria, BC. These cities are the jewels of the Northwest.

May 09 - 21, 2020: Oberammergau, Imperial Splendors: This is the Passion of Christ Play to eclipse them all. It only happens once every TEN YEARS – so if you dilly or dally—you are out of luck. You will also visit these great cities: Munich, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg.

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

Oct 09 – 18 , 2020: Tuscany, Cinque Terre & Italian Riviera: These places are loaded with beauty, history and are the regions from which many of us came – go see your relatives and home towns!

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

MONTHLY REPORT FOR June 2019

Total Members:	148
Active Members:	142
Inactive Members:	6
Present Members:	75
Excused Members:	39
Unexcused Members:	28
Missing Badges:	0
Percent Present:	53%
Percent YTD:	63%

NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING

Wednesday, July 3, 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

Chicken-fried steak
Au gratin potatoes
Fresh veggies

November

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes with
gravy
Fresh veggies

December

Baked Chicken
Roasted red potatoes
Fresh veggies

Keith Davis

Jim Norris

Thomas Graham

Alfred Dorman

Juergen Muenster

Wayne Clark

Randall Birge

July Birthdays



Michael Evans

Lonnie Mateo

Larry Rupley

William Edwards

William Buecher

Victor Kulberg

Bill Dyer

SIRS July Roster Changes

Remove:

Henning, David #151 Moved

Phone Number Change:

Leese, Emil #69
209-296-3151

e-mail Change:

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SIRS 15/96 RV Group

The RVing season finally kicked in with 17 rigs going to the Kinetic Boat Races in the Eureka, CA area from May 23rd to May 28th. We stayed at the Riverwalk RV Park in Fortuna. It was a fun-filled five days of racing, watching, and enjoying all the contraptions that are invented to go the 50 miles on land and in water. We also enjoyed group dinners in the RV club house, lunch together at the Marina and at the Samoa Cook House. It was an adventure and thanks to Bev and Tom Rushing for being the Trail Bosses. The trip continued for 10 rigs as we went up the California coast into Oregon on US 101. The Oregon coast is spectacular, to say the least. We had five days at the Heceta Beach RV Park in Florence, Oregon, from May 29th to June 4th. (continued next page)



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SIRS 15/96 RV Group (continued)



Heceta Beach
RV Park
Welcome

The days were filled with many activities, including visiting the Sea Lion caves, driving the coast to see the light houses, experiencing the Oregon sand dunes in a sand rail or a large sand buggy, (photo on front page) golf on a ocean link course, and a group dinner at the Bridgewater Fish House and "Zebra" bar. We also enjoyed a London broil dinner at the RV club house, which was ours for the entire five nights and even watched the Warriors game on the large screen TV in the club house. Ray and Carole Lindstrom as Trail Bosses, thank all those who help make it a fun and pleasant experience both at Florence and Astoria.

Still more travel for six rigs, as we completed the drive up the Oregon coast, going to Astoria and staying at the Lewis and Clark RV Park from June 4th through June 10th. Again, we had a club house for our use each night and had our group dinner there. The park was real spacious and lots of grassy areas. A lot of history in the area. We took a guided tour of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, spent a day in the Columbia River Maritime Museum, toured the historical Flavel House museum, and saw the Astoria Column where three of us climbed (164 steps) to the top for a view of the Columbia River meeting the Pacific Ocean.

More trips to report next month as we had a group go to Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespeare Festival in mid-June and a group to the Carson Valley RV Park at the end of June. Contact Ray Lindstrom at 223-1444, if you want information about our group.

Astoria Column

