



# BULLETIN

SIR# 172 • Twain Harte, CA  
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## November 2025



### A Note From Your Presicent

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Hello out there!

I hope you're all doing Fine and Dandy!!

It's been a busy few months for us, traveling and seeing family and friends. Truth, I'm looking forward to some home time, and to get settled back into our old routine.

I'm looking forward to seeing those who can make it to our veterans appreciation luncheon on November 5th.

Holiday season!!

I hope y'all can make it to our Twain Harte SIR Holiday gathering on December 13th. Social fun starts at noon with

lunch at 1 pm.

Back by popular demand- The White Elephant gift exchange!!

Please consider bringing a gift. The gift can be nice or funny (and get ready to steal from your friends).

I hope to see you there!

*"If you love life, don't waste time, for time is what life is made of"*  
~ Bruce Lee

### LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunches are at noon, the first Wednesday of the month, at the Moose Lodge, 20921 Longeway Rd. with Social Hour at 11:00 am.

**Lunch cost is  
\$20.00**

### Wednesday

**November 5, 2025**

Roast Turkey

### Saturday

**December 13, 2025**

**Christmas Lunch**

*See page 2*

### Wednesday

**January 7, 2026**

Chicken Fried Steak

*Each meal comes with  
vegetables & dessert*

### Our HOTLINE

Number:

**209 288-4944**

### November Speaker



**Frank  
Smart**

Veterans Advocate.



### A Note From Your Vice President

Clark Beermann 209 586-3387

The most important thing to extend life is to have regular checkups with your doctor. If I hadn't been having regular Echocardiograms, they might not had known my aorta valve was damaged. I was lucky to be able to have a TAVR which is less evasive than open heart surgery. Many people don't

like going to the doctor and taking prescribed pills. If you're not happy with one doctor's diagnosis, see another.

Don't ignore chest pains, chest tightness, light headiness, shortness of breathe, feeling faint, irregular or faster than normal heartbeat. Hoping this advise might save someone!

### November Birthdays

Rich Brandau Charles Luke Gary Smith

Tommy Vera Eddy Warzee



### FELLOWSHIP

Get Well Cards were sent to **Jerry Jensen** {recovering from knee surgery} & **Chuck Walker** (recovering from shoulder surgery).



**Twan Harte SIR #172**

# **Christmas Luncheon**

**December 13, 2025**

**Social @ noon**

**Lunch @ 1 p.m.**

**Moose Lodge**

**20921 Longeway Rd, Sonora, CA 95370**

**Salmon or Prime Rib**

*Hors d'oeuvre, complementary side dishes & a special dessert*

**\$37.00 per person**

Please ensure that your entrée selections are on your check

Purchase tickets at the November 5th Luncheon

or mail your checks to: SIR# 172, PO Box 1143, Twain Harte, CA 95383

We ask that you mail checks no later than November 25th if you're not bringing your check to the November Lunch.

**Back by popular demand**

**White Elephant Gift Exchange**

Bring a gift, naughty or nice, if you want to join in the festivities.

***Let's have some fun!!***

**More information:**

Glenn Arlands: 415-385-3509 or email: glennarlands@gmail.com

or Clark Beermann: 209 743-1463 or email: piman5@aol.com

# SIR# 172 TWAIN HARTE ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

*Group Chairmen have submitted planned event dates that will be covered by SIR Insurance*

## **BIKE** (Steve Happel, 532-7240)

*Rides are planned for the **SECOND TUESDAY** each*



Our bike ride in November will be on Tuesday, November 11. Due to the unpredictable weather in November, I will announce the venue a week or so before the outings via email. If anyone wants to be on the email list, they can email me at [stevehappel2@gmail.com](mailto:stevehappel2@gmail.com).



## **HIKE** – *Moderate difficulty, weekly, along the HWY 108 corridor*



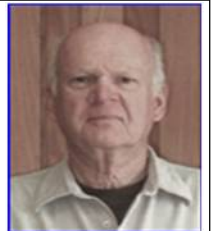
Michael Clay from Branch 77 leads the hiking group. This includes winter hiking in the lower elevations (e.g., Red Hills), snowshoeing in the higher elevations (e.g., Dodge Ridge), and hiking in the upper elevations in warmer weather. Contact Michael at 209 588-1345 and come join in the SIR adventures. Well-behaved ladies and dogs are welcome.



## **HORSESHOES** (Richard Brandau, P: 209 352-4320) [rbrandau1944@gmail.com](mailto:rbrandau1944@gmail.com)

*Call Richard to get on his mailing list. Games are planned for the last Thursday of the month at Tuolumne City Park, 18603 Pine St., Tuolumne*

**Horseshoes are done for the year.**



## **THEATER** (Dave Tibbets, P: 209 532-2453)

*Any member who wishes to be on the SRT Theater list, please send me an email asking to be added. My email is: [dksucs@att.net](mailto:dksucs@att.net). You will then receive all information on each play and dinner as it becomes available.*

**Million Dollar Quartet Christmas, Sunday November 23, 2025**



Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and Carl Perkins get together to share their holiday stories along with a mix of Christmas music classics and some of their most popular hit tunes at a Sun Records jam session that takes place at Christmas time in the 50's. This show has played nationwide and comes to SRTs East Sonora Theater for us to enjoy and to get us in a Christmas mood a little early. We have 40 very good seats for Sunday, November 23, 2025, 2:00pm performance for "The Million Dollar Quartet, Christmas." Tickets are \$30 each. Cut-off date is Thursday, November 6, 2025. Checks must be made to, Twain Harte SIR 172. Bring them to our SIR Luncheon on November 5, 2025 or, mail them to me, Dave Tibbets 16200 Stine Ct. Sonora, CA 95370 by November 6, 2025.



**Additional note:** Our last play of the 2025 season is, Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol," and will be on **SUNDAY** December 21, 2025 for a 2:00 pm showing at the Fallon House in Columbia.

**KAYAK** (Steve Happel, 532-7240)  
 2023 kayak trips are scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

October outing was well attended on a beautiful day with a paddle up the Stanislaus River from Tulloch Lake.

This outing will be the last one until Spring...



*Relaxing after a good paddle around Pinecrest*

**PINOCHLE** (Bill Lewis, 209 604-6304)  
 Tuolumne County Senior Center, Sonora. Each Monday except for the 1st.  
 Card playing starts at noon.  
 Entry fee has increased to \$5.00.  
 (3 to 3 players—winner takes all)

**Have fun with Pinochle. Join us.**



**PROPANE** (Walt Moneski 209-777-5988  
 oneski@sbcglobal.net)

If you want to get in our excellent JS West propane program, call or email Walt, or contact him at our next meeting.



**TECHNOLOGY** (Dick Chimenti 209-677-7070 casachimenti@gmail.com)

For information, please contact Dick



## Twain Harte Weather in November

**November**, the last month of the autumn in Twain Harte, is also a moderate month, with temperature in the range of an average low of 40.1°F and an average high of 58.6°F

### Temperature

The average high-temperature drops in November, from October's agreeable 70°F to a moderate 58.6°F The low-temperature in Twain Harte averages to a cold 40.1°F during the nights of November.

### Humidity

In November, the average relative humidity is 54%.

### Rainfall

In Twain Harte, during November, the rain falls for 6.5 days and regularly aggregates up to 3.07" of precipitation. Throughout the year, there are 77.4 rainfall days, and 29.06" of precipitation is accumulated.

<https://www.weather-us.com>

### Snowfall

January through May, November and December are months with snowfall. November is the first month it typically snows in Twain Harte. Throughout November, in the average 1.5 snowfall days, it receives 4.69" of snow. In Twain Harte, during the entire year, snow falls for 16.2 days and aggregates up to 38.07" of snow.

### Daylight

The average length of the day in November in Twain Harte is 10h and 7min.

On the first day of the month, sunrise is at 7:27 am and sunset at 6:01 pm PDT. On the last day of November, sunrise is at 6:57 am and sunset at 4:41 pm PST.

**Note:** On Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 am, Daylight Saving Time ends, and the time zone changes from PDT to PST. Daylight Saving Time starts again on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:00 am.

### Sunshine

In Twain Harte, the average sunshine in November is 6.8h.

## TRAVEL (Charles Luke, P: 209 533-3683)



October 2025



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News Milt Smith State Travel Chair [miltsmith549@gmail.com](mailto:miltsmith549@gmail.com)

**Cuba Trip March 12, 2026 Sold Out**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1INEx9n\\_KGNv4Qo\\_A4iswwB262YI7dwmC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1INEx9n_KGNv4Qo_A4iswwB262YI7dwmC/view)

The Zoom call is past and Several trips have discounts that expire on 9/2. See link for the most updated info. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#search/glenn+breslin/FMfcgzQcpKgmjzhRNggmmKGvhhjMXkMQW>

*Based upon both the SIR Multi-Branch travel questionnaire results and the related member interview input, these travel destinations have been chosen for future SIR Travel in priority order*

### SIR Travel Destinations

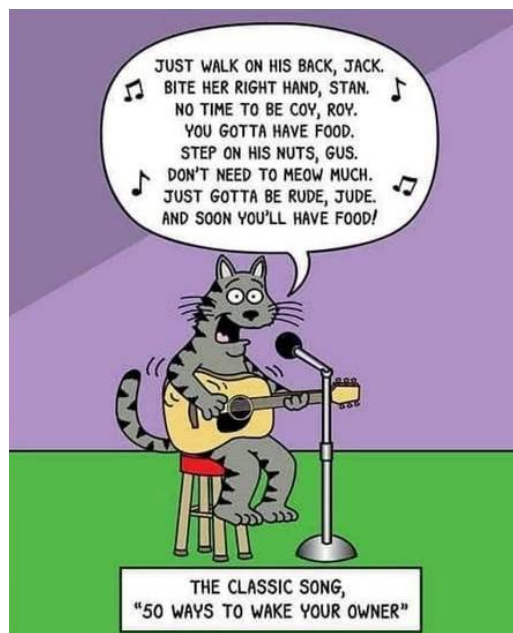
1. **Australia/New Zealand** 1/7/26 to 1/25/26 (\$5295/\$7645 with Air)
2. **Vietnam** 10/19/25 to 11/7/25 (\$3495/\$4695 with Air) **Travelers are in Japan**
3. **Japan/Korea** 4/1/26 to 4/16/26 (\$7495/\$9095 with Air) **Room for 2 more.**

**All these trips will be orchestrated by Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT).**

### NOTES

- 2. OAT Grand Circle is saving space, exclusively, for SIRs Travelers until March 9th
- After March 9th, the general public can book these previously saved SIRs slots on the Vietnam/Cambodia, Australia/New Zealand and Japan/Korea trips.
- 3. Any 2026 reservations by 3/31/25 will be *price-protected* against any OAT future price increases over the year.

**More information on dates and prices will follow soon.**



## 2025 CHAPTER 172 OFFICERS & SUPPORT

### BEC

|                           |                                         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>President</b>          | Glenn Arlands                           |
| <b>Vice President</b>     | Clark Beermann                          |
| <b>Secretary</b>          | Steve Spangler                          |
| <b>Treasurer</b>          | Rick Cavi                               |
| <b>Asst/ Treasurer</b>    | Randel Cole                             |
| <b>Membership</b>         | Shawn Hall                              |
| <b>1st Year Directors</b> | Mark Knapp, Ken Rorabaugh               |
| <b>2nd Year Directors</b> | Jerry Jenson, Charles Luke, Tom Francis |

### RAMP

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Recruitment</b>      | R:             |
| <b>Activities</b>       | A: Tom Francis |
| <b>Member Relations</b> | M: Open        |
| <b>Publicity</b>        | P: Paul Halek  |

### STATE OFFICERS

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Regional Director</b> | Jerry Morrow  |
| <b>President</b>         | Rich Carlston |

### SUPPORT

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Budget</b>     | Paul Halek                  |
| <b>Audit</b>      | Rich Brandau, Dave Tibbetts |
| <b>Nominating</b> | Charles Luke, Jerry Morrow  |
| <b>Fellowship</b> | Charles Luke                |
| <b>Webmaster</b>  | Dick Chimenti               |
| <b>Bulletin</b>   | Pat Vierra                  |
| <b>Historian</b>  | Vacant                      |
| <b>Propane</b>    | Walt Moneski                |

### LUNCH DAY ACTIVITIES

|                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Greeting Table</b> |                                 |
| <b>Attendance</b>     | Pat Vierra                      |
| <b>Cash</b>           | Michael Hauck                   |
| <b>Name-Badges</b>    |                                 |
| <b>Raffle</b>         | Bill Parsons                    |
| <b>Chaplain</b>       | Ron Hawke                       |
| <b>Song Master</b>    | Open                            |
| <b>Joke Master</b>    | Jim McCracken                   |
| <b>Table Caller</b>   | Charles Luke                    |
| <b>Picnic</b>         | Big SIR/Little SIR + volunteers |
| <b>XMAS</b>           | Big SIR/Little SIR+ volunteers  |

### BRANCH REPORTS

| The Chapter BANK      October 2025 |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Beginning Cash Balance</b>      | <b>\$5825.93</b> |
| <b>Receipts</b>                    | <b>\$1620.08</b> |
| <b>Disbursements</b>               | <b>\$2495.68</b> |
| <b>Ending Cash Balance:</b>        | <b>\$4950.33</b> |

### LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

| October 2025                  |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Members</b>                | <b>39</b> |
| <b>Guests, Visitors</b>       | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>Speakers</b>               | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL GUESTS, SPEAKERS</b> | <b>45</b> |

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

| October 2025                          |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>MEMBERS</b>                        |           |
| <b>Beginning Membership Count</b>     | <b>93</b> |
| <b>New Members</b>                    | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>Resignations, Terminations....</b> |           |
| <b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</b>               | <b>94</b> |
| <b>VETERANS</b>                       |           |

### Your thoughts

**Is 3I/ATLAS an extraterrestrial spacecraft or just a comet?**

**NASA finally comes out and claims it's only a comet. Why the delay? The plot thickens.**



WENDY GETS PRIVACY BY  
CREATING HER OWN BOOK COVERS