



BULLETIN

SIR# 172 • Twain Harte, CA
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May 2026



A Note From Your Big Sir

Clark Beerman 209 586-3387

It's sad that only half our membership attend our monthly lunches! We have had some really exciting guest speakers and hope to continue providing our members with .

We have done what we can to attract new members, Twain Harte Chamber music, Garden Show and any event we can attend to tell the SIR story. We have some great members who volunteer each time they are asked, but it would be nice if more would step up to the plate. This weekend we helped the Twain Harte Area Chamber with traffic control at their "Who let the dogs out" parade.

We will be looking for a new Little SIR for next year and new BEC members. Instead of complaining about things get on board and help

Thank You

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 \$22.00

Wednesday

May 4, 2026

Tacos

Wednesday

June 3, 2026

Meat Loaf

Wednesday

July 1, 2026

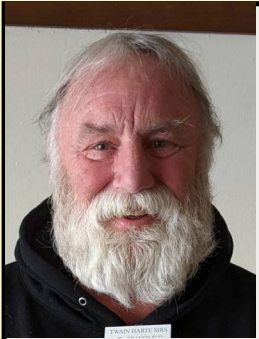
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs

Each meal comes with vegetables & dessert

Our HOTLINE

Number:

209 288-4944



A Note From Your Little Sir

Ken Rorabaugh 209-578-4494

Our speaker this month is the Twain Harte Chamber, to get more help for our local activities.

We are getting bids on our lunch with the ladies.

Our booth at the fairgrounds a total hit. Great job

April Speaker

Twain Harte Chamber

May Birthdays

Clark Beermann Ed Bolitho Dean Bowlus
Tom Francis Mark Knapp Tim Knepper
Tim McCaffrey Jim McCracken



FELLOWSHIP

Get Well Cards were sent to Chuck Walker and John Kinsfather who are recovering from health issues.

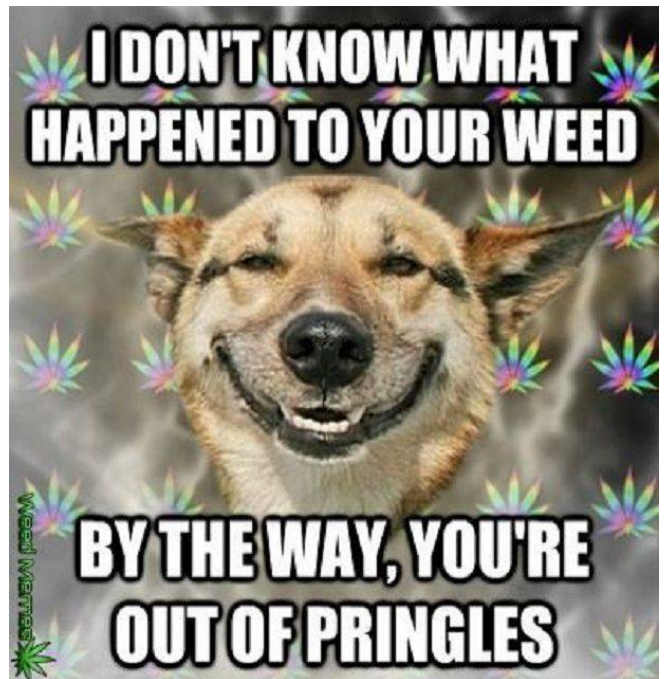


Mike Eachus turned 96 on April 23rd and received his Super Senior SIR Award on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Pictured, from left to right, are Jerry Morrow, Area Representative, Mike Eachus, Paul Halek and Clark Beermann, Big Sir 2026.

His membership dates back to January 25, 1994 when our branch received a Provisional Charter. Of the 100 potential Sirs who signed the Application To Form A New Branch Of Sons In Retirement, Inc., eleven of these gentlemen, on January 25, 2014, celebrated twenty years as a Sir in Branch 172. Sirs: Dick Anderson, Dick Bazerra, Mike Eachus, Gerry Emerson, Gordon Kavanaugh, Vernon Krell, Carl Nunes, Bob Nylander, Bill Smith, Bill Steel, and Don Wooldridge. Mike is the remaining Founder.

On Thursday, July 2, 2015, the SIR# 172 Twain Harte Branch held a lunch honoring our 20 Korean War Veterans that included Mike. Our guest speaker, Congressman Tom McClintock, presented each veteran with a US Congressional Certificate that recognizes their service to the Republic of South Korea and the United States during the Korean War.

SIR #172 Twain Harte's November 2022 Veteran's Recognition luncheon included Mike, being a U.S. citizen, telling his story of being a teenager living in Germany during WWII. Select "New Member Veteran Ceremonies" from our website's HONORING VETERANS section to read the full story



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 month*



Our ride for May will be to Yosemite on Tuesday May 12. We will meet at Kohl's at 7:00 and carpool to the Yosemite Valley for our ride. It is an easy ride about 10 miles long and everyone should pack a lunch. We are usually back at Kohl's by 5:00.



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.



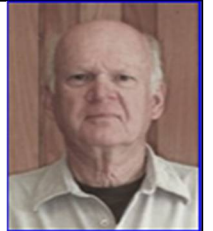
HORSESHOES (Richard Brandau, P: 209 352-4320) rbrandau1944@gmail.com

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



Hi guys~

The horseshoe activity participation is dwindling to a point where it may cease to be worth the effort as a Branch activity. However, we will play on May 28th and I will send out a reminder email to those on the mailing list

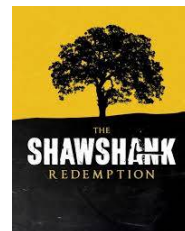


THEATER (Dave Tibbets, P: 209 532-2453)

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

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 will be the last day to buy tickets for SRTs. "Back To The 80s, A Tribute Concert." I will be at the Twain Harte SIR #172 Luncheon that day at the Sonora Moose

The next play is at the Fallon House in Columbia, CA, "Don't Touch That Dial," on Thursday June 25, 2026 at 2:00pm. This is a nostalgic look at our early television memories that will include the audience as part of the show. As always, \$32 for tickets. If you are looking forward to that show you may purchase tickets by emailing. or see me at our next luncheon



KAYAK (Steve Happel, 532-7240)

2023 kayak trips are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Our kayak adventure will take place on Tuesday May 26. We will meet at Pinecrest Lake and be ready to paddle at 9:00. There will be a BBQ afterwards. I will send out an email a week ahead of time to everyone on my list a week ahead of time. Ladies are always welcome. If anyone needs a seat in a kayak they can let me know then.



PINOCHLE (Bill Lewis, 209 604-6304)

Tuolumne County Senior Center, Sonora. Each Monday except for the 1st.

PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT-

Contact Bill Lewis: Call or Text @ 209 604-6304

Have fun with Pinochle We are accepting men from SIR's 172, 136, & 72 Significant other's welcome! Come Join Us... Player's Needed!

Tuolumne County Senior Center, Next to the Tuolumne County Library in Sonora. Every Monday except Holidays - Meet @ noon, start 12:15.

Entry fee of \$5.00. Awards for 1st & 2nd place. 3rd place depending on attendance. Play Cutthroat (3 players) or Partners (4 players) per table depending on attendance



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

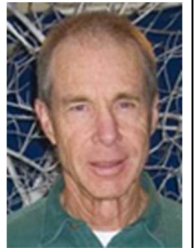
If you want to get in our excellent JS West propane program, call or email Walt, or contact him at our next meeting.



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

Got a problem with your smart phone, your iPad, your computer? We've got people in SIR with years of experience who can help. Before you spend money taking your equipment to a shop, try this first.

Dick Chimenti (casachimenti@gmail.com) and Steve Spangler (stevenjspangler@hotmail.com) of our branch and Rich Nedbal (richnedbal@msn.com) of Branch 77 can either answer questions or direct you to where answers might be found.



Twain Harte Weather in May

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

May, the last month of the spring in Twain Harte, is an agreeable month, with an average temperature fluctuating between 69.1°F (20.6°C) and 46.8°F (8.2°C).

Temperature

May's arrival coincides with a marginal rise in the average high-temperature, moving from April's comfortable 61.5° F (16.4°C) to an agreeable 69.1°F (20.6°C). In May, the recorded average low-temperature, of 46.8°F (8.2°C), exhibits a significant fall from the daytime highs.

Humidity

In May, the average relative humidity is 56%.

Rainfall

In Twain Harte, in May, during 8.3 rainfall days, 2.05" (52mm) of precipitation is typically accumulated. In Twain Harte, during the entire year, the rain falls for 77.4 days and collects up to 29.06" (738mm) of precipitation.

Snowfall

Months with snowfall in Twain Harte are January through May, November and December. May is the last month it regularly snows in Twain Harte. During 0.2 snowfall days, in May, Twain Harte aggregates 0.28" (7mm) of snow. Throughout the year, there are 16.2 snowfall days, and 38.07" (967mm) of snow is accumulated.

Daylight

The average length of the day in May is 14h and 15min. On the first day of May, sunrise is at 6:03 am and sunset at 7:52 pm. On the last day of the month, sunrise is at 5:39 am and sunset at 8:17 pm PDT.

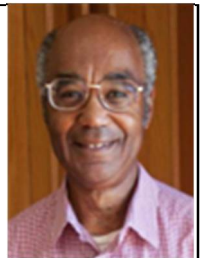
Sunshine

In Twain Harte, the average sunshine in May is 11.1h.

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



May 2026



SIR Branch Travel Chair Trips and News Milt Smith State Travel Chair miltsmith549@gmail.com

SIRs Multi-Branch Travel just completed 2025 with 13 SIRs traveling to Vietnam.

These 3 SIR trips are also sold out for 2026: Australia, Japan and Cuba. It is now time to plan for Fall 2026 and 2027 trips. The following trips are now available:

Explore the Great Lakes and Niagara Falls, May 3-11, 2026: Discover North America's wilderness alongside renowned cultural attractions aboard a small expedition ship. 378 passengers. Led by experts. Balcony staterooms \$6170-8295pp. Contact Michael & Kathi Gervais Br. 98. Kathig@shipsandtripstravel.com 916-337-1623. LINK: Great Lakes and Niagara Falls on the Viking Octantis

Golf in Hawaii, June 1-5 (approximate dates) Maui Join us for 5 days, 4 nights at the Outrigger Kaanapali Beach Resort. Deposit of \$1931.32 is due at time of booking, remaining balance is due April 17, 2026. Single rates are available. Contact Michael or Katherine Gervais, Ships and Trips Travel Agency. (916) 337 1623 or kathig@shipsandtripstravel.com

16 Night Hawaiian Island Cruise aboard Ruby Princess round trip from San Francisco: Oct. 23 thru Nov. 8 '26 From \$3,750 to \$6,055 pp. depending on cabin. Ports of call Hilo, Kahului, Maui, Honolulu, Oahu, Nawiliwili, Kauai, and Ensenada Mexico. Contact John Cardoza area 18 branch 143 209-483-7722 john@storageauctionexperts.com LINK: 2026 Hawaii Cruise

Christmas on the Danube with a extra 2 day Christmas Markets of Prague extension. Nov. 27-Dec. 8, 2026 Six night Danube River Cruise including Christmas Markets in Vienna, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Gluhwein Party. Pricing: \$5896-\$7497 pp, dbl. occupancy. Contact: Bill Britton Br. 101. bill.britton@comcast.net (925) 200-1062. LINK:



Make a fashion statement...

SIR shirts, hats, and other SIR branded materials can be purchased at the SIR ProShop website:

<https://sir.ourproshop.com/>

**Not an actual SIR shirt. Visit website for great selection.*



If I make you breakfast in bed, a simple 'thank you' is all I need.

Not all this 'how did you get in my house?' business.

Wife's Eulogy at Husband's Funeral

"Norman needed a blood transfusion, but his blood type was not on record, so the doctors asked me if I knew what it was. They urgently needed to know to save Norman's life.

Tragically I had never known his blood type so I only had time to hold his hand and say goodbye. I'll never forget how supportive my Norman was. Even as he was fading away he kept on whispering go me, 'Be positive, be positive'. That was my Norman. Always thinking of others."

2026 CHAPTER 172 OFFICERS & SUPPORT

BEC

Big SIR Clark Beermann
Little SIR Ken Rorabaugh
Secretary Steve Spangler
Treasurer Randy Cole
Asst/ Treasurer
Membership Open

Directors Jerry Jenson, Tom Francis, Mark Knapp, Glenn Arlands

RAMP

Recruitment R: Open
Activities A: Tom Francis
Member Relations M: Open
Publicity P: Paul Halek

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President Rich Carlston

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Nominating Jerry Morrow
Fellowship Charles Luke
Webmaster Dick Chimenti
Bulletin Pat Vierra
Historian Vacant
Propane Walt Moneski

LUNCH DAY ACTIVITIES

Greeting Table
Attendance Pat Vierra
Cash Michael Hauck
Name-Badges Open & Michael Hauck
Raffle Pat Chabot
Chaplain Ron Hawke
Song Master Dick Chimenti
Joke Master Jim McCracken
Table Caller Charles Luke
Picnic Big SIR/Little SIR + volunteers
XMAS Big SIR/Little SIR+ volunteers

Welcome New Member
Bob O'Connor #96

[BEC meeting minutes](#)

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<https://www.twainhartecc.com/events>

LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT	
Members	39
Guests, Visitors	2
Speakers	2
TOTAL GUESTS, SPEAKERS	41

MEMBERSHIP REPORT	
MEMBERS	
Beginning Membership Count	86
New Members	2
Resignations, Terminations....	8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	80
VETERANS	34

**After all the eating
 I did over the holidays,
 I'm happy to report
 that my socks still fit.**