



BULLETIN

SIR# 172 • Twain Harte, CA
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PO Box 1143 • Twain Harte, CA 95383

September 2026



A Note From Your Big Sir

Clark Beerman 209 586-3387

Well summer has come and is almost gone; hope you have enjoyed yours! We are preparing for the upcoming Ladies' Day picnic on September 17 (no luncheon on September 2). Remember the picnic and Christmas party are so we can have a significant other attend with us. This year we moved the picnic from August to September to avoid the heat and hopefully increase our attendance. Please answer the email sent to help us to determine the count so the Moose can prepare the correct amount of food. The final date to respond is September 2.

REMEMBER you cannot bring alcoholic beverages to the Moose, although you can purchase alcohol from the Moose bar.

Be careful when driving. School is in session!

Hope to see you on the 17th of September!



A Note From Your Little Sir

Ken Rorabaugh 209-578-4494

Everything is on track for our Ladies' Day Picnic on September 17. I might need some volunteers to help, please contact me if you can volunteer. I have a couple more potential donations.

I'm hoping to get our fire chief to speak at our next meeting. Clark and I worked the concert in the park. We didn't get any new members. My goal was to show all of our opportunities to get outside with our friends.



September Birthdays

Randy Cole

Steve Happel

Ken Hayes

Mark Massman

Fred Ray

Lee Smith

Patrick Vierra

Mike Williams

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**

**Thursday
September 17, 2026**

Picnic

**Wednesday
October 4, 2026**

Enchiladas & Tacos

**Wednesday
November 4, 2026**

Roast Turkey

*Each meal comes with
vegetables & dessert*

Our HOTLINE

Number:

209 288-4944

Guest Speaker

No speaker for
the Picnic



FELLOWSHIP

Nothing to report this month.
Yea



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SIR# 172 Twain Harte



LADIES' DAY PICNIC @

MOOSE LODGE, Sonora

THURSDAY, September 17, 2026

Tickets are \$32 each payable at our July, August & September lunches
or mail checks payable to: Sir Twain Harte
Mail to: PO Box 1143, Twain Harte, CA 95383



When: Thursday, September 17, 2026

Social Hour: 4:00pm to 5:00pm / Dinner: 5:00pm to 6:15pm

Raffle & Silent Auction: 7:00pm

Cutoff Day to receive payment: September 4, 2026

Mail Checks to: SIR Twain Harte Picnic, PO Box 1143, Twain Harte, CA 95383

Menu: Tri-Tip, BBQ Chicken Breast, & BBQ Chicken Thighs

RAFFLE

6 tickets for \$5 12 tickets for \$10 24 tickets for \$20

Shade: The pictures tell the story – hats and sunscreen are good to have

Seating: Plenty - bring your favorite lawn chairs if you want



SIR WINTER **BOWLING LEAGUE**

Winter 2026 Season

Mondays at Noon
Starting September 14th

Location: Black Oak Casino

Teams: 3–4 players

Cost: \$20 per person

End of Season Awards

Open to All SIR Members and Significant Others

A fun, friendly league for beginners, casual bowlers, and seasoned rollers.
Join the SIR crew for good competition and great camaraderie.

Sign-Ups on Monday, September 14th

Contact: Rick Bronner

Phone: 408-318-4826

Email: bronnerrick@gmail.com



**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR MEN**
— CALIFORNIA —

SIR STATE FALL CLASSIC

2 DAYS • 2 GREAT COURSES



DAY 1

TUESDAY

9/16/2026

TURKEY CREEK GOLF CLUB

4-MAN SCRAMBLE

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY

9/17/2026

LINCOLN HILLS GOLF CLUB

4-MAN 2 BEST BALL



\$75

PER PLAYER

\$300

PER TEAM



**FRIENDSHIP.
COMPETITION.
TRADITION.**

That's the SIR Way!

VISIT SIRGOLF.ORG FOR DETAILS

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*

We will meet at Twain Harte Market at 8:30 AM and carpool to the trailhead where 3n01 and 3n07 meet out of Longbarn. The ride is about 15 miles long and is mostly downhill. For anyone who prefers not to ride back up to retrieve the cars, you can wait by the side of the road while others pick them up. For some of the older riders, you may remember this as one of Ralph Legg's rides. We will have lunch afterward in town.



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.



KAYAK (Steve Happel, 532-7240) 2023 kayak trips are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of the month

We will meet at Pinecrest Lake at 9:00 AM to paddle around the lake followed by a BBQ.

Ladies are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please let me know by Sunday evening, September 20, if you plan to attend the BBQ so I can gather the necessary supplies.



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.

"Dracula, a Comedy of Terrors'," is our next play on Thursday, October 29, 2026 at the East Sonora Theater, 2:00pm.

Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale gets a hilarious makeover in this lightning-fast farce! With just five actors playing dozens of roles, this laugh-out-loud romp stakes its claim as a gothic comedy for the ages. Expect quick changes, ridiculous accents, high-camp thrills, and a biting sense of humor that will leave you howling.

Tickets are \$32 each. Bring checks or, cash to our October 7, 2026 luncheon made to: Twain Hate SIR 172. Bill Bamford will be at the front table to collect your check. If you cannot be at the luncheon but wish to attend the play send you payment to, our PO Box, "Twain Harte SIR, P.O. Box 1143, Twain Harte Ca, 95383. Payment must be received by October 14, 2026.



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 players from SIR's 172, 136, & 77.

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 209-770-5988 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.



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.*



Twain Harte Weather in September

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

The first month of the autumn, September, is also a moderately hot month in Twain Harte with an average temperature fluctuating between 56.1°F and 81.9°F

Temperature

A moderate decline in average high-temperatures is noted in September, moving from a tropical 87.4°F in August to a moderately hot 81.9°F Throughout September nights, Twain Harte reports a steady thermal contrast from the day, with an average low-temperature of 56.1°F

Humidity

The average relative humidity in September is 36%.

Rainfall

In Twain Harte, in September, it is raining for 2.9 days, with typically 0.24" of accumulated precipitation. Throughout the year, there are 77.4 rainfall days, and 29.06" of precipitation is accumulated.

Daylight

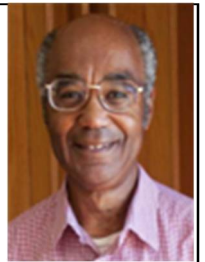
In September, the average length of the day is 12h and 25min. On the first day of September in Twain Harte, sunrise is at 6:31 am and sunset at 7:29 pm. On the last day of the month, sunrise is at 6:56 am and sunset at 6:44 pm PDT.

Sunshine

In Twain Harte, the average sunshine in September is 11.3h.



September 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:

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

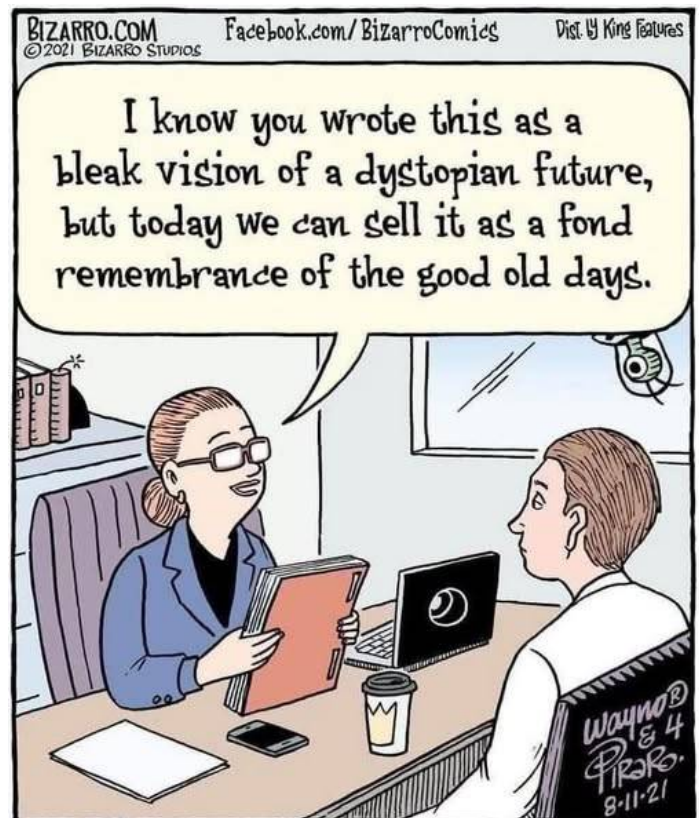
john@storageauctionexperts.com LINK: 2026 Hawaii Cruise

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.

A SIR trip to Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Slovenia with an optional pre-trip to Albania, is departing in **May of 2027**. This is an OAT trip. We can have our own group with as few as 12. You need not be a SIR to sign up, you can also be a guest. We need to fill it by Aug. 14, 2026, to secure our SIR spaces... again guests (spouse, partner, traveling companion) are welcome. If eight more people sign up by Aug. 1. '26 we can keep this an exclusive SIR trip. At the moment **Single Supplement, traveling alone, is free but time and space are limited and could fill quickly**. There are significant discounts by signing up now.. If you have any questions at all please feel free to contact Milt Smith by email, miltsmith549@gmail.com phone or text at 925-285-2897



"It takes two Wagnerian heroes to change a lightbulb—one to die trying, and the other to sing for forty-five minutes about what led up to the attempt."



Understanding Engineers

PERCUSSIVE MAINTENANCED I hit it and it started working • CYCLE POWER TO THE PANEL Turn it off and on again
HIGH IMPEDANCE AIR-GAP I forgot to plug it in • ORGANIC GROUNDING I got electrocuted
THERMALLY RECONFIGURED It melted • KINETIC DISASSEMBLY It blew up • THERMAL SHOCK It burned

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, Jerry Morrow

RAMP

Recruitment	R: Tom Franciis, Glenn Arlands
Activities	A: Tom Franciis, Glenn Arlands
Member Relations	M: Tom Franciis, Glenn Arlands
Publicity	P: Paul Halek

STATE OFFICERS

Regional Director	Jerry Morrow
President	Rich Carlston

SUPPORT

Budget	Paul Halek
Audit	Rich Brandau, Dave Tibbetts
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



Stay in touch with your community
by supporting the great events put
on by your Twain Harte Chamber

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

Welcome New Member

Rick Moore

LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Members	41
Guests, Visitors	0
Speakers	2
TOTAL GUESTS, SPEAKERS	43

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

MEMBERS	
Beginning Membership Count	84
New Members	2
Resignations, Terminations....	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	86
VETERANS	35

