



BULLETIN

SIR# 172 • Twain Harte, CA
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October 2026



A Note From Your Big Sir

Clark Beerman 209 586-3387

The Lady's picnic was a great success, the food was outstanding and the weather was just right, We had an abundance of gifts and if you bought enough tickets, you were guaranteed one or more prizes !

Remember, our next meeting is on Oct 7 and we have a special guest speaker. Looks like the weather is still going to be in the high 70's low 80's. Please try and make the meetings, one day

a month \$22 shouldn't be a burden on anyone. I want to thank everyone who help set up and clean up after the picnic. Start thinking about the Christmas party and what you would like served.

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

October 7, 2026

Enchiladas & Tacos

Wednesday

November 4, 2026

Roast Turkey

Wednesday

December 2, 2026

Christmas Lunch

Each meal comes with vegetables & dessert



A Note From Your Little Sir

Ken Rorabaugh 209-578-4494

I'm so proud of the members we have. Let's start with our "Guest" speaker. He is one of our own, Paolo Maffei.

I attended the Leaders meeting in Lafayette's Veteran's Memorial Building. The thing I took away is for us to have fun & try to have more events..



I want to thank Steve & Linda for a better lunch than you could believe with the kayak group.

Our Ladies Day picnic went off without a hitch. It's wonderful to work with so many great people.

Our HOTLINE

Number:

209 288-4944

Guest Speaker



Paolo Maffei

October Birthdays

Shawn Hall • Stu Heller • Steven Spangler



FELLOWSHIP

Nothing to report this month.
Yea



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

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

- Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 AM at Twain Harte Market.
- Route Details: We will carpool halfway down Beardsley Road to Spring Gap Road to drop off our bikes. Then, we'll drive the cars down to the dam to park them and carpool back to Spring Gap Road to start the ride.
- Ride Overview: It is about 15 miles on dirt roads and mostly downhill. Along the route, we'll get to see a mostly intact old steam donkey.
- Post-Ride: We will grab lunch together in town afterward.



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

Details: I will select the venue closer to the date once I can check the water levels, and I will send an update to everyone on my email list.

- Post-Kayak: BBQ to follow the trip.



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)

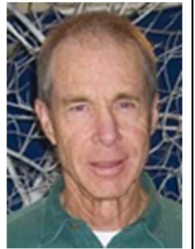
If you want to get in our excellent JS West propane program, call or email Walt, or contact him at our next meeting.



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 October

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

October, like September, is an agreeable autumn month in Twain Harte, California, with temperature in the range of an average low of 48.4°F and an average high of 70°F

Temperature

The onset of October comes with a shift in the average high-temperature, falling from a warm 81.9°F in September to a pleasant 70°F Twain Harte anticipates a considerable drop in temperature at night in October, with an average low of 48.4°F

Humidity

The average relative humidity in October is 43%.

Rainfall

In October, the rain falls for 4.3 days. Throughout Octo-

ber, 1.14" of precipitation is accumulated. In Twain Harte, California, during the entire year, the rain falls for 77.4 days and collects up to 29.06" of precipitation.

Snowfall

June through October are months without snowfall.

Daylight

In Twain Harte, the average length of the day in October is 11h and 11min.

On the first day of the month, sunrise is at 6:57 am and sunset at 6:43 pm. On the last day of October, sunrise is at 7:26 am and sunset at 6:02 pm PDT.

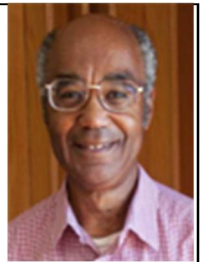
Sunshine

In October, the average sunshine in Twain Harte is 7.5h.

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



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



Doctor: Due to new privacy regulations we can no longer use patient names in the waiting room...



Will the patient with the itchy vagina please follow me...

I run every day for 20 minutes & if I miss a day, I add 20 minutes to the next day. This has truly been a game changer. Tomorrow, I'm supposed to run for 4 months



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

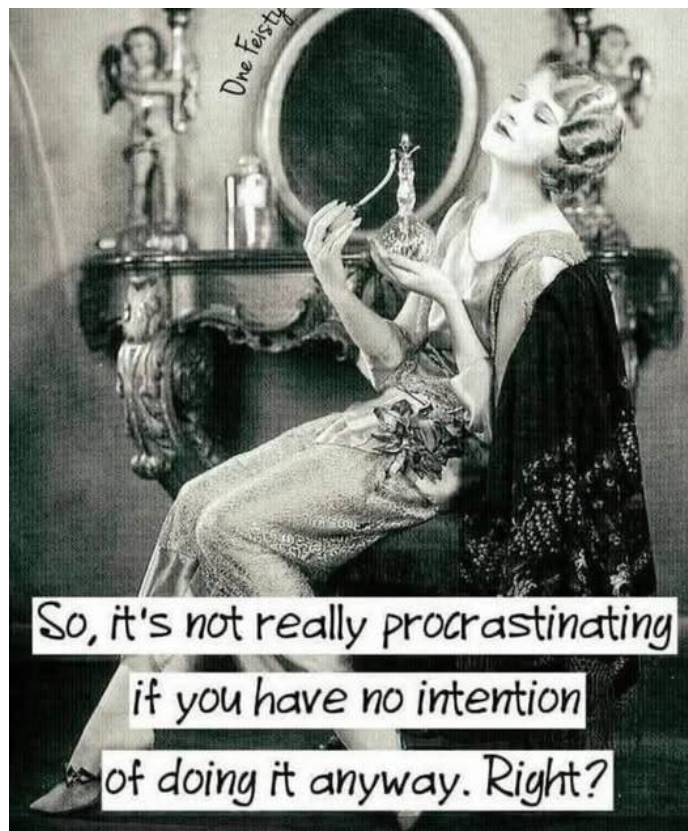


Stay in touch with your community by supporting the great events put on by your Twain Harte Chamber

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

It's finally October!

Which means all of the cobwebs and dust in my house just became Halloween decorations.



So, it's not really procrastinating if you have no intention of doing it anyway. Right?

LUNCH ATTENDANCE REPORT

Members	45
Guests, Visitors	0
Speakers	0
TOTAL GUESTS, SPEAKERS	45

picnic

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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