

Gravel Talk

NEW TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT Springtime in SAVANNAH & CHARLESTON, including Jekyll Island, St. Simon Island, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and tour the beautiful Magnolia Gardens nature train ride, horse drawn carriage ride through historic Beaufort and 12 meals (all breakfasts and all but two dinners). Start planning and mark your calendars for this one, March 23 - 30, 2010. Be sure to pick up a brochure to read all about the TOUR INCLUSIONS & TOUR HIGHLIGHTS. Escorted by Lee Suess, 296-2235 or email baldeagle@volcano.net. **Final payment for this tour is January 12. However, after that date you can still apply and we will do everything possible to get you included at the same air-fare rate, etc.**

Note: All tour brochures are available at the St. Sava Reception Desk. See "travel" www.sir96.org
Please contact:

Lee at 296-2235 / baldeagle@volcano.net. ~ or ~ Gary De Rosa 296-4934 / garyderosa@volcano.net



FISHING CLUB

The January rains kept the Club from enjoying any organized fishing, however the rains will improve local fishing waters by increasing storage in most of our lakes and reservoirs. Rancho Seco is still a good prospect for February. Pardee will begin the 2010 season on February 5th with the gate opening at noon. It should be another good year at Pardee. More on Pardee "My Way" of fishing and cat fishing as the water warms. Some information on the guided fishing trip to Lake Tahoe later this winter (Tahoe winter goes into May). I will need to get an approximate number of those interested in order to finalize some of the options such as the guide and size of boat. The guide will sell one day licenses, provide lunches, and clean the catch. Let me know if you are interested. Non Fishing Club members are welcome. Remember that we meet before each Luncheon Meeting outside the front door. Dee

Reservoir Status On FEBRUARY First

RESERVOIR	% CAPACITY	% AVERAGE THIS DATE	FEET DOWN FROM FULL
<i>Pardee</i>	88	96	-2
<i>Camanche</i>	80	126	-12
<i>New Hogan</i>	25	45	-44
<i>New Malones</i>	50	82	-165

SIRS #96 RV Group

The SIRS #96 RV group got off to a great start this year. We had our annual luncheon and planning meeting at Mel's on January 15th. Our turnout was very good with close to 50 people and over 20 rigs. Returning once again to lead us as Wagon Master is our Big Sir, Ed Maloney, and for the third year in a row, assistant wagon master Mel Glunt. We have four outings in the planning stages with room for several more. If you are interested in any of these outings please contact the Trail Boss or Assistant.

May 10-14: Calistoga. Trail Boss Ed Maloney (223-5617) Assistant John Arnold (295-5745).

June (later half): We are planning a trip to McCloud. Trail Boss is Harm Higgins (257-1255) and is assisted by Gary DeRosa (296-4934).

August: Trip to Kings Canyon. Trail boss Carl Ramsey (772-8968). Carl may need an assistant.

September: Pismo Beach, Trail Boss Paul Finch (772-1599). Paul may need an assistant.

As you can see there is room for several more trips. So put on your thinking hats and let's go somewhere. The RV park doesn't have to be far away or new to the group. There should be a variety of activities available in the area. If you have a favorite place and would like to Trail Boss an outing or Assist, please contact Ed or Mel, and we will give you suggestions on dates and planning. An outing can be as simple or complex as the Trail Boss wishes. There are no set rules on what is required, only that you have a good time.

Our SIRS RV group is open to any SIRS at any time.

If you wish to join, see Ed Maloney or Mel Glunt.

Wagon Master: Ed Maloney

emaloney@volcano.net 223-5617

Asst. Wagon Master: Mel Glunt

black_oak@comcast.net 267-1564

In Memoriam

Charles Frederick Cook, one of our 90 year old members, passed away on January 13, 2010. He served in the 184th infantry of the California National Guard in 1940 and was drafted into the US Army and served in the Pacific Theatre from July 1943 to September 1945. Charles was Honorably Discharged as a Staff Sergeant from the 251st Ordnance Ammunition Company on September 28, 1945.





February Birthdays



John Asmus, George Demcak, Kenneth Edwards, Frank Fasmer, George Joss, Jack Lewis,
Robert Martini, Joseph McGee, Richard Pastroino, Dennis Rosengren,
Sandy Sanders, John Stettler, Gene Young

COMMUNITY BRIEF: The Ledger-Dispatch spends New Years Eve in Arizona along with hundreds of Son of Retirement members from all over Northern California. Branch 96 members and guests, led by Travel Chairman Lee Suess, participated in the four day event to bring in the New Year at the Carefree Resort in Scottsville. Many interesting side trips were enjoyed by the group. Professionally led travel and tours are just a part of the local Branch 96 programs and interclubs. Golf, Fishing, Rving and other activities provide members with alternatives available in the branch. For more information about Amador's branch of SIR's check out their Website: www.sir96.org.

**L - R Front: Cathy Wood, Kay Drummond, Eva Johnson, Joan Suess
Back row: Les Mears, Bill Wood, Lee Suess**



SIR BRANCH 96: The February meeting of Sons In Retirement Branch 96 is scheduled for February 4th. A buffet lunch will be served at the St. Sava Mission at 11:30. St. Sava is located at 604 Broadway in Jackson across the street from the Buy & Sell Press Building. Mike Abdollahzadeh, retired Amador County School Administrator will be the featured speaker. New members are always welcome in this Branch, which is one of 159 branches state-wide. We have over 220 members with about a 70% turn-out for the monthly luncheons and we are not a service club...just fun, activities and socialization with old or new friends. We have a very active golf group that plays every Tuesday; an excellent Travel/Tour program led by our own highly professional guides; Rv'ers that join up for several scheduled trips each year and a fishing group that always catches the big one! There are no dues or membership fees. Social hour begins at 10:30. For more information about Branch 96, go to www.sir96.org or call 296 2235 and talk with Lee Suess, Membership Chairman.

Submitted by Paul Murphy, Publicity

ROSTER CHANGES

Please send any change in your membership information to Henry Cardana:

223-0674 or henryxcpa@volcano.net

JANUARY 2010 CHANGES:

DELETIONS:

JIM SMALLFIELD #199, DECEASED

CHANGES:

E-MAIL:

TIM JELSCH #121, jelsch@hughes.net

THOMAS PAUL #221, frtriva@sbcglobal.net

PAGE 7: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DELETE: BILL GARRETT & LEE SUESS

ADD: DICK BARGHOORN 267-0046

MANNY ROBLES 296-5042

PAGE 8: CHAIRMEN

ADD:

ASST. ATTENDANCE: TOM PAUL 223-4640

PUBLISHER: NICOLE GUZMAN

ASST. MEMBERSHIP: LEE BURKETT 296-6191

ASST. ROSTER: JOE CARDANA 223-0674

BRANCH 96 GOLF



After a very successful 2009, ending with a Christmas party attended by 96 people, the club started 2010 with 64 active members. We were able to get in one Tuesday of play, January 5th, but the weather has not made play possible since then. We plan on playing each Tuesday, on courses like Greenhorn Creek, Castle Oaks and Lockeford Springs during the winter and early spring, before moving to back to our home course,

Mace Meadows. Anyone wanting to play golf, please contact Ray Lindstrom at 1223-1444 or lindstrom@volcano.net.



ATTENDANCE:

ATTENDED 142 65%,

EXCUSED 31 14%,

ABSENT 45 21%,

This Year to Date: 65%

NOTICE:

If you cannot attend a meeting please contact: Joe Cardana ~
209-223-0674 or
sir96@anadrac.com



NEXT LUNCHEON MEETING:

Thursday February 4, 2010

The Branch Executive Committee meets on the First Thursday of the month in the American Legion Ambulance Training Room at 9:00 am. All interested members of SIR are invited to attend.

**For a ride to the luncheon meetings you may contact in the Camanche Village, Ione area:
Bill Garrett-Phone 274-6793.**

**From the Pine Grove, Volcano, Pioneer area:
Dick Anderson Phone 223-3613.**

Website www.sir96.org



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