

**DRY DIGGIN'S  
BRANCH 70**  
Chartered September, 1977



**AUGUST  
2008**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dick Allured, Dave Davidson,  
Howard Hanson, Frank Thomas

**A NON PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT  
ORGANIZATION FOR RETIRED MEN**

**BRANCH 70  
ELECTED OFFICERS**

**BIG SIR**

Dale Snyder  
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**LITTLE SIR**

(To be announced)

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TIONS**

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Hi All... We had a nice turn-out for the July luncheon. There were four guests in attendance. One of them was **Frank Pignata** from Branch 165.... He is presently seeking to form a golfing group to be made up from all four of our local area SIR branches. He gave a brief presentation and asked if any of our fellows were interested. Several raised their hand. If you are interested, you may contact **Frank** at 677-8009.

As you know, our **Big SIR, Bob Gilmore**, died on June 15<sup>th</sup>. His memorial service was held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. An election was held at our July luncheon to replace him for the remainder of the year. Nominations were taken from the floor and there was only one. **Bob Goggins** nominated **Dale Snyder** and there were no further nominations. A voice vote was taken at that time and **Dale Snyder** was elected as our new Big SIR for the remainder of 2008.

**Susan Davies** from M.O.R.E workshop gave us an interesting insight into what they do. It sounds like a very worthy non-profit organization that helps our local handicapped individuals. Our speaker for the September luncheon is going to be **Mike Spruell**. He is the Community Relations Representative for the Miwok Tribe and will give us some insight into their plans. He said that he will try to bring along the hotel/casino manager if possible. It should be an interesting presentation.

A total of fifty-eight tickets for our August 7<sup>th</sup> picnic have been purchased to date.... If you don't have yours yet you may contact **Bob Goggins** at **626-6773** and arrange to have them mailed to you... There will be **no tickets sold at the door** and the deadline for tickets by mail is **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. We still need prizes for our drawing, so if you have something that would make a nice prize, please bring it along. Our picnic Co-Chairmen are **Bob Ames** and **Dick Henderson**.

All of our caller's thank you for responding promptly to their calls...On a separate note: Our Nominating Committee, **Jim Eliassen** and **Aldo Brunello** are having difficulty finding candidates for our Big and Little SIR positions. Please give some thought to this and consider if you might be willing to step up.

Dale Snyder

**Editors Note:** In addition to bringing prizes for the drawing, don't forget to bring your knives, forks, plates, etc. for the BBQ.

# THE WORLD OF SIR TRAVEL



## Travel Bulletin

**August 16-24, 2008 *Trains of the Colorado Rockies.*** Nine day trip with 12 meals. Some of the highlights are: Denver, Rocky Mountain National Park, Georgetown Loop Railroad, Vail, Durango & Silverton Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, Royal George Railroad, and Pike's Peak Cog Railroad. Cost is \$2199 PPDO. Offered by Branch 117. Contact **Tony Praxel** at (916) 285-9656.

**September 5 - 14, 2008 *Grand Alaska Land Tour*** The Grand Alaska escorted land tour is an experience of a lifetime. See spectacular mountains and valleys; watch wildlife and sea in their natural habitat, and view enormous glaciers. This is the perfect cruisers to Alaska. We will travel to Anchorage, Veldez, Fairbanks, and Denali National Park. Trip includes all air transportation, most meals, professional tour manager, round trip transportation to the Bay Area Airport, and other amenities. Price is \$3,900PPDO. Offered by Branch 88 Travel. Contact **John Hoffman** at (707) 642-4925.

**September 7-11, 2008 *The Big Apple*** There is no place quite like New York and September is the very best time to see it. Trip includes all transportation, stay at the Edison Hotel, right in the heart of Times Square. Two Broadway Shows, guided tours, and much more. Cost is \$1848 PPDO. Offered by Branch 143 Travel. Contact **Bill Torrens** at (209) 667-0244.

**September 13, 2008 *Grand Tour of Germany*** From the Alps to the North Sea, the Black Forest and the Rhine Valley, to the once divided Berlin...discover the varied regions of this European power-house, with an exciting blend of culture, cities, rivers, and Bavarian charm. The trip is extensive, but leisurely priced. Price is \$3660 PPDO. Offered by Branch 96 Travel. Contact **Lee Suess** at (209) 296-2235.

**September 13-27, 2008 *A Taste of Northern Italy*** A ten day adventure through Northern Italy. The trip includes: The Lake District, Cinque Terre, and a visit with Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper. Cost is \$2999 PPDO including air from SFO and 13 meals. Contact **Michael Clark** at (650) 347-0919.

**September 21-October 2, 2008. *Mexican Riviera Cruise.*** A 12 day round trip cruise from San Francisco aboard the Norwegian Sun with visits to Mazatlan, Acapulco, Ixtapa, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. Prices range from \$1260 to \$1682 PPDO. Offered by Area 7 Travel. Contact **Paul Peters** at (510) 724-8345.



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**BOB GOGGINS**  
**Br. 70 Funds Available**  
Checking     \$1646.33  
Petty Cash     230.00  
Total Funds   \$1876.33

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**  
**JOEL ENNS**

Active: 80

Inactive: 1

## TRAVEL (CONTINUED)

**September 25-October 10, 2008 River Cruise on the Rhine & Danube** A 16 day River Cruise beginning in Budapest, Hungary and finishing in Amsterdam. Our journey will take you to 11 cities in Hungary, Austria, Germany, and the Netherlands. You will explore the regal splendor of Budapest, meander along the fabled "Blue Danube" to Vienna, transit the Main-Danube Canal and glide past Germany's castles (during Oktoberfest), to the canals of Holland. All meals, tours, and flights are included. Cost is \$4,5115 PPDO. Offered by Branch 172 Travel. Contact **Earl Nelson** at (209) 642-4925.

**October 1-6, 2008, Washington D.C.** Visit Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol, Major Monuments, Cruise the Potomac, and see a performance at the Kennedy Center. Cost is \$2170 PPDO. Offered by Branch 189 Travel. Contact **Richard Beers** at (559) 431-3728.

**October 6-19, 2008 Danube Dream** Glide past fairy-tale castles and medieval villages aboard the river cruise ship, MS Switzerland II, traveling the longest river in Europe. Take in views of the Czech Republic, Germany, Slovakia, and Hungary. Many shore excursions are included with visits to interesting cities and historic sites. Trip includes r/t air from SFO to Budapest, with return from Prague. Prices range from \$3415 to \$3660 PPDO. Offered by Area 2 Travel. Contact **Bob Hagler** at (925) 934-7620.

**October 24-November 4, 2008 Cruise the Mexican Riviera** Cruise aboard the Norwegian Sun , roundtrip from San Francisco. Ports of call will be Mazatlan, Acapulco, Zihuatejo/Xtapa, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas. This trip has real bargain rates, so it will go fast. Prices range from \$1035 to 1580 PPDO. Offered by Area 1 Travel. Contact **Paul Thiebaut** at (925) 345-9375

**November 3-15, 2008 Vietnam & Thailand** A 13 day adventure that will take you to Ho Chi Minh City, the Mekong Delta, and Halong Bay in Vietnam, and then to sites in Thailand. Price includes r/t air, hotels, breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Cost is \$3885 PPDO. Offered by Branch 146. Contact **Bob Spellman** at (925) 934-8428.



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**NEXT MEETING**  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**AUGUST 7, 2008**  
**HIGH HILL RANCH**

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Checks for travel events of three (3) nights or less shall be made payable to the branch, or, if arranged through a travel agency, checks may be made to an agency at the branch's option. Checks for travel events for four (4) or more nights shall be made to the travel agency.

**ATTENDANCE**

Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings without NOTIFYING THEIR ATTENDANCE Chairman giving a valid reason, or attending less than six (6) meetings within the last twelve (12) months shall be notified by form letter #4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch meeting will be considered as credit to the attendance record.