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BIG SIR - Rich Turoff

Thank you for the wonderful attendance at our annual June Ladies Day picnic. For the second year, it was held at Promontory Park in El Dorado Hills and we had 87 members, spouses, and guests. The weather was unseasonably cool but, just one week later, it was over 100 degrees. Under those circumstances, I guess we should not complain about the cooler than normal temperature since it was generally quite pleasant. I would like to thank our Board members support in helping to set things up prior to the starting time of the picnic. Because of their assistance, we were able to prepare our site with plenty of time to spare. I would be remiss in not extending our special thanks to Little Sir Joe Giacomini for the fantastic job he did in organizing this event. Don Cockcroft again led the popular bocce tournament and Joe reintroduced the bingo games for the ladies which was well received. I think we will keep these activities on the schedule for next year's event.

Our Board is just now beginning discussions regarding our leadership positions in Branch 95 for next year. This would include officers, directors at large and chairmen. Over the next month or so, we will be discussing our needs with our Branch 95 SIR members. For those who have not served in the past, I ask you to consider stepping up to do so for the upcoming year. Although the pay is lousy and cash bonuses are non-existent, these commitments are relatively short-term and the time taken to perform the duties of each position is fairly limited. However, one gets the satisfaction in knowing that, in some way, you helped our organization's efforts to grow and prosper. Without your support, SIR Branch 95 will not survive.

I hope you all had a happy 4th of July. It took time and the loss of many lives to obtain our independence and to gain the freedoms that we now all enjoy in our country.

LITTLE SIR - Joe Giacomini

Bill Battersby is a retired T.V. cameraman from the early 1960's. He is 81 years old and has worked on many T.V. shows that we are familiar with. He has worked on Gunsmoke, Gilligan's Island, Matlock, Hill Street Blues, Laramie and others. Bill will have many interesting stories to tell us and has some photographs to share with us.

