

Book Exchange 2015 History Report

Tom Kerns, Chairman

Assistant Chairmen: Rob Laaback, Alan Curtis, Stan Orlik

The crowd of SIRs around the Book Exchange tables speak to the popularity of this activity. The Book Exchange was kicked off in January 2008, so we are approaching our 8th anniversary. The concept remains for SIRs to bring books and electronic media to the monthly luncheons that they have enjoyed and wish to donate/exchange with other SIR members. We estimate that we now maintain an inventory of 800-1000 books (around 40 boxes). The Book Exchange team sets up about 20 of these boxes on tables at each luncheon. They encouraged participation, answer questions, publicize the service and bring the books to their respective homes for storage after the luncheons.

In May of this year, Ken Main was replaced by Alan Curtis as Assistant Chairman. Ken is involved in running several other activities and was getting stretched a little thin. Alan volunteered to step in as a replacement. As in previous years, Tom and his Assistant Chairmen had two "weeding" parties to reduce the number of books down from about 50 boxes to 40 boxes. The local libraries and the Diablo Valley Assistance League benefited from their discards.