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April 14, 2016**

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President's Message

Lou Piano

The first 3 months of this year have been ride vacant.

Keep your finger(s) crossed for April!

Ride a lot and ride safe Ed.

Sometimes it takes a whole tankful of fuel before you can think straight



Blossom Trail

Jerry Stern - Sr. R/C

Or, The Ride That Almost Happened.

The Club Calendar included a new for-the-first-time overnight ride scheduled on March 12/13 which was intended to view the magnificent annual blossom of the fruit and nut trees in the Fresno Valley and a stay at the La Quinta Inn at the town of Fowler. The blossom generally takes place between mid-March and Mid-April. This year Mother Nature had other plans, and the blossom was at its peak at the end of February. The weekend of our scheduled trip was immediately following a period of rain and wind in the Central Valley which wiped out the blossoms and pretty much made the purpose of the trip moot. Additionally, heavy rain was forecast (and did in fact happen) in that area for Sunday the 13th, the day of our intended return. Consequently, the trip was cancelled.

As the old saying goes, "The best-laid plans of mice and men often go astray". As the new saying goes, "Better luck next year".

Jerry Stern

Fellow Members

Some of you may not be aware that we now have a presence on MEETUP.COM.

I encourage you to go onto the website, type in "motorcycle" or some other motorcycle key word like maybe "rider", and our Club logo should come up. Even if you are an inactive member, please go onto the site and then send me an email with your critique/opinions/suggestions for how we can improve our exposure. I am new at this and welcome all the helpful suggestions I can get.

We just had our first guest rider as a result on Saturday 3/26, a very nice former Marine & Afghanistan and Iraq combat veteran. He said afterward that he had a blast riding with us. This is possibly the best shot we have of getting prospective new members. If you click on the appropriate spot, it registers as a reply, which looks better to people perusing the site.

Please check it out and let me know.
Jerry Stern

Yesterday I had an appointment to see the urologist for a Prostate exam. Of course I was a bit on edge because all my friends have either gone under the knife or had those pellets implanted..... The waiting room was filled with patients.

As I approached the receptionist's desk, I noticed that the receptionist was a large unfriendly woman who looked like a Sumo wrestler.

I gave her my name.

In a very loud voice, the receptionist said,

"YES, I HAVE YOUR NAME HERE. YOU WANT TO SEE THE DOCTOR ABOUT IMPOTENCE, RIGHT?"

All the patients in the waiting room snapped their heads around to look at me, a now very embarrassed man.

But as usual, I recovered quickly, and in an equally loud voice replied,

'NO, I'VE COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT A SEX CHANGE OPERATION, BUT I DON'T WANT THE SAME DOCTOR THAT DID YOURS.'

The room erupted in applause!

DON'T MESS WITH OLD RETIRED GUYS



Lost in Hawaii

Ron Lynn - Globe Traveler

Seven Weeks on Kihei, Maui

ALOHA!

All I can say is that 7 weeks in Maui is not enough! When you find a place that makes you feel more at home than home, you just want more. Since January through April is the winter season in the islands it is not as humid as the summer. In fact, it can get down to a freezing 65 degrees during a real cold spell. But most of the time it hovers in the mid 80's with a humidity factor of 50-60%.

Sometimes the trade winds will come up in the afternoons and even some light rain during the day. But it is usually a warm rain usually only lasts for a short time except for Upcountry where the temps can drop to the low 50's with heavy, cold rain and fog.

Another anomaly on Maui is a condition called VOG. This is caused by eruptions from Kilauea, the active volcano on the Big Island (Hawaii) which sometimes spews out heavy smoke which then blows over to Maui covering the island.

Buy what do you do for 7 weeks on an island in the Pacific?

Week 1-3:

Many great beach days on our favorite beach, Keawakpu in Kihei located on the border of the posh Wailea-area. The entrance to this beach is via a Public parking lot which is located between two hotels. The tourists usually think it is private and they don't park there leaving parking easy access to the locals. This beach starts at a dead end lava outcropping with a beautiful 6 story rectangular all glass-front condomin-

ium building accented by palm trees presenting a picture perfect backdrop to the area. From the parking lot you walk onto a beautiful grassy area under large shade trees down to the beach. There are restrooms, showers, a small general store, an activities concierge, a bike rental store and a kayak-paddle board rental facility. These services are very unique for the public beaches on Maui.

Mondays are committed to two hours of ukulele playing and singing class in Pia at the Senior Center. Mostly locals there playing their Ukes and singing Hawaiian songs in English and Hawaiian. Very challenging at first, trying to figure the rhythm to a Hawaiian song you have never heard before. But after a while you get to know the tunes and you feel a recognition of your new favorite songs. NOTE: The music pages just consist of the lyrics and the chord notations at the top of the lyrics. So you are not really "reading" music just strumming the chords indicated.

My son comes to Maui as part of his two-week trip to the islands and we show him some of our old haunts as he has been to Maui before.

Second week I contract a light case of a bladder infection and head over to the local Urgent Care for some antibiotics. I am fine in two days.

Week 4:

Beach every other day with many trips into Kahului & Wailuku for shopping at the large Queen Ka'ahumanu Center; the only large shopping center on the island, along with our weekly trips to Costco. Sometimes we just stop by Costco for the Pizza.

Early in the week I now contract a light case of pneumonia and head over to a real doctor's office for some heavy antibiotics, codeine cough medicine and throat sprays. It seems that there has been an outbreak of this new virus in

the states which has carried over to the islands. It is a bronchial infection with coughing, but not really any breathing issues. I can't go into the water but still go to the beach and the Ukulele classes. 4 times a week.

We have met up with various friends during this time whom we had met on previous trips to Maui and who return during the same period we are there. One of them is a retired Canadian airline pilot from Vancouver and his wife and another couple who is a retired traveling salesman (a one-armed man) and his wife from Wisconsin. The story of how he lost his arm as a result of a small cut on his finger while on a business trip in New York City is an amazing story by itself. He was very lucky that a Doctor there figured out which virus it was just in time to save his life. These two stay for three months and rent in the same complex we do, so we see them a lot. The people at this complex are very friendly and social and we make it a point to hit the Jacuzzi in the evening where we meet them. Many are from Alaska and Canada and have great stories about their lifestyles up there. They love my comments that "I hate Southern California Winters". I really do though!

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm there is entertainment in the outdoor area at the "shops At Wailea". Besides having various entertainers from the local and Honolulu hotels they have unknown local amateur performers who are very talented. Sometimes they have a Hula performance which is not commercial like those at the Luaus.

Week: 5-6

Many more beach days but I am still a bit weak and tired from the cold and have not been able to take my inflatable 10ft. Kayak out which I lugged on the plane with me. Last year I used it a few times and had a ball.

Motorcycle Connection: One evening while Sandy and I were in the Jacuzzi, (Oh yes, Sandy came along with me) we met this guy who worked for the Maui Harley dealership in Kahului. I casually mentioned that I rode a Harley and was and officer in a Harley club. I think he probably thought I was in an MC not a social club, because he immediately offered me a free courtesy Harley rental for the day. I was totally taken back and was not sure I heard him correctly. This is a \$220 rental package with the insurance. A few days later I dropped by the dealership and took out a new 2015 Heritage with 2,700 miles on it. The same color as Mitch Pullman's Heritage. Every time I stopped somewhere people would come over and tell me what beautiful bike it was, to which I replied that it was a rental and I missed my Road King.

Since I did not bring any heavy long pants I decided to go to one of our favorite stores "Savers" to pick up a new pair of jeans for \$4.99. If I had waited one more day they would have been ½ off. This store receives donations of clothing and other items from individuals and the local Wal-Mart, Target & K-Mart stores. Their used merchandise is usually in very good condition.

I decided to ride up west through Lahaina-Kanapali-Kapalua and around the top of the island back to Wailuku. I had done this ride 20 years ago which actually started me on the Harley obsession. However, I forgot that the first part was a comfortable wide two lane highway, but half way around the backside of the island it turns into a 1 lane well-paved twisty road with cars coming the other way around blind turns. I decided to follow other cars so that the oncoming vehicles would see them first. This practice worked out well since I could now just enjoy the scenery and the twisties in moderate safety. When I reached Wailuku I still had 45 minutes

left so I headed up the mountain to Up-country for a milkshake. While in the McDonalds the sky opened up with a downpour so I dumped the shake and quickly headed back down the mountain for the dry warmth. The riding was just what I need to get myself back into the groove and cease feeling sorry for myself that I could not go swimming in that beautiful clear warm water. I wound up putting over 120 miles on the bike; and on an island.

Week 7 (Final)

The weather turned cloudy and very windy in the afternoons. We hit the beach in the mornings then I talked Sandy into taking Hula lessons after my Ukulele classes. She loved it and so did I. So now we were going to Hula two times a week and on Sunday afternoon at a Church. Oh yea! On Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Sandy and I would go over to a local church and play ukuleles with a large group of people. Sandy only knows two chords but would just strum along with the music. The best part of these ukulele groups is the good players cover you up so no one actually hears any one individual make mistakes. What fun!

Well it was time to say our goodbyes to all old and new friends. Everyone was sad at our leaving and welcomed us back next year. We have already made our reservations for 2017. The prices are going up every year and it is getting more difficult to find a rental especially on our favorite condo complex.

On the day before we were to leave for home, Sandy forgot to close the rear tailgate of the car and we lost her IPAD. We spent the next few hours driving around looking for it and then to the local Verizon store to have it locked and erased.

The next day on the way to the Airport we stopped off at a local cookie manufacturer to pick up their famous Macadamia Nut cookies at half

the local selling price. I took back a box and quickly went through them in the next week at home.

After dropping the rental car off and being taken to the airport my Ukulele unexpectedly disappeared. We originally thought it was stolen and checked the airport lost and found before boarding the plane with no results so I just wrote it off. While on the plane prior to takeoff, I received a telephone call informing me that Alamo somehow got hold of my Uke. Now I had to arrange for it to be mailed back to me.

All in all, this was another fantastic vacation to Maui. Seven weeks is more like a mini retirement as you are not pressured by limited time issues. You do not feel that you are going to miss anything which allows you to move around at a very relaxed pace. If you can imagine me relaxed. I am already anticipating next year!

Hope you enjoyed us sharing our extended Hawaiian experiences.

Mahalo Nui and Malama Pono, Y'all

Ron Lynn

SCHRA Boutique

The SCHRA members boutique is now open for online and telephone orders! The summer riding season is quickly upon us and you'll want to refresh your supply of miscellaneous SCHRA logo items. We have in stock a wide variety of shirts, patches, pins & hats. Simply decide what you need and place your order via email at VP@schra.org. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

Also in stock are large and small club logo patches suitable for sewing on your jacket, vest, or shirt.

Club hats in black and orange with embroidered SCHRA patch.

Club logo pins with two-post mountings that can be easily switched among garments, hats, etc.

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Medium	4
Large	0
Ex. Large	3
2XL	5
3XL	1

White Short Sleeve

Small	0
Medium	0
Large	2
Ex. Large	0
2XL	0
3XL	0

White Long Sleeve

Small	1
Medium	0

Large	0
Ex. Large	2
2XL	0
3XL	3

Dark Blue Short Sleeve

Small	5
Medium	0
Large	0
Ex. Large	4
2XL	0
3XL	0

Lt. Blue Short Sleeve	
2XL	1

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SCHRA 2016 Calendar- April

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
Sat - Sun	4/2 - 3	Overnighter to Santa Maria	TBA	Joe Gubbrud	
Thurs	4/14	SCHRA Meeting	Four 'n Twenty	Who Knows	7:30 ish
Sun	4/24	Dayride to Camp Scheideck	TBA		

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Fri - Sun	5/13-15	Cayucas - River City Week-end		JB	
Sun	5/22	Cahpman College/Huell Howser			

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