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Stan Myers

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**Next Meeting
Thursday
August 9th
7:00 pm**

Our SCHRA 15th anniversary party has come and gone and I wish we had planned on a 15th anniversary Week, or at least a weekend. I could use a few dozen superlatives from Roget's *Thesaurus* to give you my assessment of the party, but you'd accuse me of showing off, so I'll try to hold it down – here goes: in the ten years I've been a SCHRA member we have had many parties and all of them have been really great, happy evenings. But this one was the best by a wide margin and a thousand kudos to Natalie and Ken.

The venue, Mike and Ruthann's beautiful home and the gardens surrounding their home, was perfect. We owe the Levisons a huge debt of gratitude. The caterers did a fine job and the food was delicious. There were more people at this party than at any other in my SCHRA experience, including a goodly number of former members. I took special pleasure at seeing Syd Levine and Ann Kelly who came all the way from Palm Springs, and Jim Thurmond and his wife who reside in Camarillo. Special thanks to our lady volunteers Natalie, Cindy, Ruthann and Judy, as well as all the volunteers who showed up 3 hours early to set up the tables, chairs, signs, etc. What a superb group of people we have in SCHRA, and how will we ever top this one?? How about James' slide show! WOW!!

state's Mountain Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) new installation of automated cameras designed to ticket drivers who make "boulevard stops" (rolling stops) at stop signs in the canyons. The first installations were activated on July 9th at Franklin Canyon off Mulholland Drive in the heart of Los Angeles, and at the top of Topanga Canyon, and there are more coming! The MRCA will be issuing \$100 fines of which \$20 will go to the camera company, Australian vendor Redflex. Such payments to a vendor are strictly forbidden by section 21455.5 of the California Vehicle Code, so we'll have to see if the inevitable challenges succeed. Hopefully they will. On a related matter, Lee Blackman sent me an article from the *Malibu Times* about a joint effort between the CHP and the Sheriff's Dept. to clamp down on canyon speeders on all 500 miles of roads in the Santa Monica Mountains. This is in response to complaints of noise and speeding, as well as accidents, some of them fatal. We can thank Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky for this new program, dubbed "Operation Safe Canyons." He said, "law enforcement is coming down like a ton of bricks." Is that a schmuck or what?? In any case it behooves us to start making full stops with both feet down at all stops signs and stay within the posted speed limits in the canyons. Comes the Revolution, they'll all be sorry!

From the Editor

Linda Marks

My best friend is a tile contractor. Not just any tile contractor. Back in the early 90s he was written up as third best in the world by *Los Angeles* magazine – the two ahead of him were in Spain and Mexico, respectively, and about 90 years old. Since that time my friend has been hired by the likes of Jon Bon Jovi, Ben Stiller, the owner of the Franklin Mint, and owner of L.A. Gear. The list goes on: the 12th richest man in the world (third richest in Mexico), the richest woman in the world, and some other seriously wealthy people have flown my friend, his crew and all their tools (once via private jet) to Mexico City, Aspen and the Hamptons. My friend's name is Steve.

He told me, way back in May, that I needed to have my bathroom floor torn out on an emergency basis due to visible water damage around the toilet (yuck!). It took me two months to line up all the logistics because everyone specializes these days: the guys who tear out the floor can't replace it, the guys who replace the floor can't return the toilet or sink to the bathroom and, well, you get the picture. I figured that as long as I'll be taking off time from work to hang around while hordes of construction workers traipse through my house, I'll just go ahead and have those French doors installed in the back bedroom that I've been dreaming of since I can't remember when. Of course, the guys who install the doors can't paint it, or even replace the stucco they removed when they tore out the wall to install the doors. I'd have to hire someone else for those jobs.

Steve told me he would loan me the best of his crew to tile my bathroom floor if I decided to go with tile, and he wouldn't charge me for anything but labor and materials (and he let me buy my tile at the contractor's discount price). I was reluctant to accept his offer, and tried 'til I was blue in the face to get him to let me pay him, because my tiny little job was a ridiculous joke compared to the hoity-toity stuff he does. He wouldn't hear of it.

After the bathroom floor was torn out and the tile was in, the floor was raised by half an inch. That meant the piping for my pedestal sink and Victorian style toilet had to be refigured, which meant I had to hire a plumber. And because I failed to figure that possibility into my logistics from the start, I was left with a sink and toilet sitting in my front yard while I scrambled to find a plumber on a moment's notice to come re-set the sink and toilet. After considerable

fretting and legwork, I got a guy to come on the Saturday of SCHRA's anniversary party and give me a quote. He wanted \$625 for the job, and I begged him to show up on Monday, to which he finally agreed.

My tile was scheduled to be grouted that Saturday, but no one in Steve's crew would agree to work on a Saturday, not even for extra pay, so Steve came and did the job himself, something he hasn't done in over a quarter century. After the plumber left, I showed his written estimate to Steve. He was outraged! I thought the price was a little on the high side yet I really had no choice. Although the plumber was well referred, my first choice plumber was so busy that he had to pencil in a tentative of the following Thursday just to make phone contact and discuss a possible future date for coming out to give me an estimate.

Steve's response was that the job just couldn't possibly be that complicated, and this after weeks of telling me that he won't allow his crew to touch plumbing because (a) they aren't plumbers and (b) his insurance doesn't cover that. Nevertheless, after spending a Saturday on his knees grouting my tile with very unconventional, newly marketed and extremely hard to use epoxy grout, he put his foot down by announcing he would show up the next day, Sunday, and come hell or high water the two of us were going to re-install my sink and toilet to the tune of about \$30.

Long story short, we did it. It wasn't fun, and it took us twice as long as it would have taken the plumber. The hardest part, by far, was installing those stupid little white plastic caps – purely aesthetic – to cover the bolts securing the toilet to the floor! And ironically, after four consecutive days of watching the front gate like a hawk to ensure that some careless construction worker doesn't inadvertently let my dogs out of the yard, on Sunday evening while Steve was leaving is exactly when my most opportunistic, and most energetic, of dogs decided to bolt.

While I'm very happy with my new French doors and marble floor, I learned a valuable lesson: Fuck it. Fuck it all to hell. Let the floor rot out until you can't walk on it and, regardless of how much better a room can be with French doors opening onto the patio, just fuck it. Having construction done on your home is like moving – you're glad you did it once it's done, and you'll never, ever, ever wanna do it again. For crying out loud, I could have been riding my Harley!

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2007 Ride Schedule

Jalama Mama Day Ride		
Woodlake Bowl, 9a, Richard S.		Sat Aug 4
Progressive Dinner		
t/b/a		Sat Aug 18
Idyllwild Day Ride		
Solly's, 9a, Mike L.		Sun Aug 26
Channel Islands Car Show Day Ride		
Westlake Bowl, 9:30a, Jerry S.		Sun Sep 9
Bryce Canyon Overnighter		
Denny's Sand Canyon, 9a, Janet P.	Fri Sep 14 - Mon Sep 17	
Jocko's Run for the Pork Chops Day Ride		
Denny's Roxford, 9a, Marvin F.		Sun Sep 30
Buca de Bepo Day Ride		
t/b/a, Cindy S.		Sat Oct 13
Yosemite Overnighter		
Denny's Roxford, 9a, James P.	Sat Oct 20 - Mon Oct 22	
Ride for the Grapes Day Ride		
Woodlake Bowl, t/b/a, Marvin F.		Sat Oct 27
Progressive Breakfast		
t/b/a		Sun Nov 4

Extra Wind

Anyone looking for riding buddies or a group discount hotel rate on a planned ride *not* on SCHRA's 2007 Ride Schedule can network here by e-mailing the date and destination to editor@schra.org so other members can hook up with you. **These rides are not meant to compete with SCHRA rides** and, because these rides are **not** sanctioned SCHRA rides, there may **never** be a SCHRA Road Captain on any of them. However, if your calendar prevents you from attending all the SCHRA rides as scheduled, or you just need more wind in the face than the SCHRA 2007 Ride Schedule provides, then look here every month, and by all means feel free to submit whatever scheduled or "any time" itineraries your bike screams at you to take!

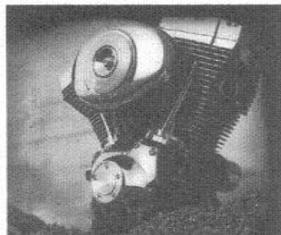
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Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks

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no new address/telephone changes to report

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Be sure to contact editor@schra.org if any of your contact information changes.

Important Reminder:

**The August meeting will be like no other!
Don't take my word for it. Come see for yourself!**

Next Meeting:

7:00 pm - Thursday, August 9th, 2007

Four 'n' 20 Pies

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