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*Stan Myers*

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**Thursday**  
**January 10th**  
**7:00 pm**

This is my last message as the 2007 president of SCHRA, and it is one of gratitude. I'm grateful to all the members for having had the opportunity to serve. It has been a rewarding experience for me and I'm quite pleased with the progress and productivity of our fine club. We owe all of it to the many volunteers who stepped up to the plate this year. I won't attempt to name them all because I'm quite sure I would omit many of them (senior moments cause that to happen, you know) but in addition to all our usual never-say-no stalwarts we happily had many new volunteers, too.

It's important that I also reaffirm that you elected an outstanding 2007 board of directors who served you very well. Mitch, Marvin, Ron, Bob and James handled every subject and situation competently and intelligently, and I was honored to work with them. I must also mention it was a really good year of riding and we need to thank our senior road captain and his excellent (yes, excellent) crew for their planning and execution. I only wish more of the

m e m b e r s h i p  
participated in our  
rides because

SCHRA rides are such enjoyable experiences, a prime example being that "killer" Progressive Breakfast ride, the best one ever in my eleven years with SCHRA.

This year we commemorated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club with an unforgettable party at the beautiful home of the Levisons. It was a magical evening; one of great enjoyment and renewal, and all made possible by our superb activities chairpersons and more than a dozen hard-working volunteers.

In about two weeks on December 15<sup>th</sup> we will gather for our annual holiday party at the home of Amy and Jim Sample for the second consecutive year. How generous is that?? I will be passing the gavel that evening with a bit of ambivalence - happy that in 2007 SCHRA grew and prospered and averted any permanent disasters but also a little sad that this wonderful year is over for me. I am, however, truly thankful to all of you.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a healthy, happy and rewarding New Year.

# From the Editor

Linda Marks

As I write this, my last article of 2007, I am thankful for the many contributions submitted by the membership, and guest contributors as well, to *Rolling Thunder*. We are a fortunate group.

The articles and photographs people send me are what make *Rolling Thunder* something SCHRA can be proud to publish on the internet. Now, more than ever because we are accessible to the world at large, is a premium opportunity for SCHRA to put its best foot forward. As the adage goes, first impressions are everything.

We have a fair amount of diversity in our club. While we all own and operate the requisite Harley-Davidson motorcycle, with some of us riding touring bikes and others on cruisers, there are a number of members who also own and operate non-Harley cruisers and touring bikes and, yes, even crotch-rockets!

SCHRA is likewise not limited in diversity by religion, gender, race, age or marital status. During my nearly ten year membership I have been proud to be seen riding in a club that is open to female operators, old people, young people, beginners and old timers, people of color, people of very colorful character (okay, *they're* just outright *characters!*), and allows women to take office and board positions.

Whether you say Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy Harley Days or none of the above, you belong to an elite and eclectic riding club. You might be the one who eats like a bird, or maybe you're the one who's always asking the person next to you, "Are you gonna eat that?" There are those who would have to turn themselves into an accordion to ride certain other member's bikes, and then those who are too green to do so, and none of it matters because it is our

very diversity that binds us together into one fun-loving, face-stuffing, joke-telling, always entertaining riding club.

One of the more admirable attributes of diversity affords us the opportunity to ride with and learn from the well-seasoned, the well-traveled, and the well-trained operators. A good number of our club has taken advantage of specialized and advanced technical riding classes. In fact, the quantity of member operators signing up for these classes has benefited SCHRA with discounted tuitions. Further, these operators share with us what they've learned and, at the same time, help to maintain SCHRA's superior safety record by spotting potential problems before they occur.

As to the well-seasoned among us, many an overnighter has been spent lounging around into the wee hours while being regaled with stories of the fantastic, the eerie, the inane and, in some cases, the never to be spoken of again under pain of death! And let us not forget our well-traveled, those globetrotters who fascinate us with tales of riding in Asia, Europe, Alaska, Canada and Mexico.

Whether you find yourself reading a story in *Rolling Thunder* about a ride in which you participated, one you wish you had made, or a trek you never imagined doing, if you're truly SCHRA material then you know that the next best thing to riding is reading about riding! Or maybe it's eating. Yeah, it's probably riding, then eating, *then* reading about riding. Or reading about riding and eating. And sex. Okay, forget all that - it goes like this: riding, eating, sex, and *then* reading about riding while eating and having sex.

In any event, if you have any stories about riding, eating and riding, eating *while* riding, or riding while having sex, please share them in *Rolling Thunder* and keep the diversity alive!

# Billy Boy's

*Mike Levison*

When I got up Saturday morning, Dec 1st, and looked out the window, I saw nothing but fog shrouding the mountains across the street, and the trees bending in strong winds. Not a good omen for a planned and eagerly awaited lunch ride. The wireless thermometer on my desk, monitoring the outside temperature, was telling me it might reach 40 degrees soon, with luck.

Putting on long-johns under our jeans, plus chaps, and 4 layers of tops under our jackets, Ruthann insisted she share this experience with me. That's why we've been married almost 50 years! We cranked up the bike and headed for Millie's in the blustery cold, knowing we would be the only ones to show up for this ride. If I hadn't been leading it, I would have been a no-show! We decided to have a good breakfast there and return home.

Lo and behold there was already a bike in the parking lot: Jerry and Judy Bruce's. Of course, they are fairly new riders and don't know any better! Within minutes, to our great surprise, other bikes started arriving: Ron Lynn, Fred Rubin, Lloyd Farber, Lee Blackman, Dennis LeVine, Mitch Pullman, Marvin Feuerman and Richard Slobin.

After much discussion about alternate better

weather destinations, we opted for the original planned ride (somewhat to my chagrin!). Eastbound on the 118 we merged into the 210, and then over to the 2 onto the Angeles Crest Highway. As we climbed the hill, the ambient temperature gauge on my windshield read 36 degrees, not counting the wind chill.

To be perfectly honest, most of the riders (wimps) enjoyed Gerbing Electrics (the Levisons not included), but Marvin's wasn't working (poor baby!). We had to keep a sharp eye out for ice due to rain from the previous night. Happily, no mishaps occurred. At my earliest opportunity I departed the Crest onto Mt. Gleason Road, a sensational strip of pavement, took it down to Angeles Forest Highway, and then over to Mt. Emma and into Pearblossom. With our normal pleasant temperatures, that is a spectacular ride. This time, however, it was done with teeth clenched tight!

Billy Boy's - named after the owner's dog, an Australian Shepard - was very charming and served up large quantities of good food from a terrific menu. To make the visit most unique, Richard admired a mounted antelope head to the owner. She gave it to him, and it rode home in the buddy seat of his Heritage!

Overall, it was another fun day for those of SCHRA courageous enough to participate. And it only took until 9 p.m. to thaw out!

# Winery Run

*Marvin Feuerman*

As some of you may already know, the Winery Run was rained out midway into the ride. Under cloudy skies eleven hardy souls took off to the Sisquoc Winery.

We hit a couple of light rainy spots along the way, but when we stopped in Carpinteria to top off our tanks the rain started to come down pretty hard. We were already experiencing slick road conditions so we took a vote and decided

to call the winery to cancel with them.

We had lunch at the Cajun Cafe in Carpinteria, which is always a treat especially if you have never eaten there before. By the time we finished eating, the skies cleared up a bit and we headed back down the coast.

All in all, it turned out to be a good ride and a great lunch. The Winery Run will be rescheduled for early spring when the rain gods are in better spirits.

# Petersen Museum

Jerry Stern

We are lucky in Los Angeles to have some world class museums. Although it isn't one of the largest auto museums by size, the Petersen at Wilshire and Fairfax makes up for that deficiency with some larger than life special exhibits.

The first floor is a fixed exhibit which follows the evolution of the automobile from the earliest units built in blacksmith shops to the megazillion proportion it's become, especially in Los Angeles which is often referred to as the car capitol of the world. The exhibit is a fascinating story told through elaborate displays and dioramas.

The second floor is dedicated to special exhibits, currently featuring a special display of custom cars of the low-rider culture. While you may not especially relate to low-riders, when you see what went into some of these

creations there's no denying that the incredible detail, engineering, engravings, paintwork and artistry make them very impressive and a memorable viewing experience.

Other current exhibits include microcars, electric cars and cars of Carroll Shelby. There are also many cool motorcycles. You can boom through in two hours or make a full day of it. There's plenty to be enjoyed.

We left Solley's at 9:45 and rode south, then up Beverly Glen and along the ever-scenic Mulholland Drive, east to Nichols Canyon and onto Hollywood Boulevard, then down La Brea to Wilshire. We arrived at the Petersen at 10:45 and were ready for lunch by 1 p.m. We then rode up Fairfax to the world-famous Canter's Delicatessen where we essed and fressed 'til we could ess 'n' fress no more. Thanks to the riders and passengers who came along: president-elect Mike, Ruthann, president Stan, Bob T., Lloyd, Ron and Sandy, Mitch and Rita, Marvin, and Mathew.

# Introducing "Sumbudy" (an alter ego!)

Mike Levison

A recycled monthly feature will hopefully debut in SCHRA's *Rolling Thunder* this January: *Meet Your Member*, by Sumbudy. The previous anonymous author (KnowBuddy) of this entertaining and informative series of articles hung up his pencil prematurely, for lame personal reasons.

No spin zone here! Just interviews, photos and biographies presented with candor and attempted humor. At least that's the plan! So, if you're tapped on the shoulder, or phoned at an inconvenient time, be appreciative and cooperative. It might be Sumbudy wanting to make you famous!

Interviews and biographies could conceivably (not likely) be boring and long. Can you expect more? Do you deserve that much? Besides,

considering what we have to work with, Sumbudy can do it as well as Enibudy (a sibling)!

If you're sad and lonely tell Sumbudy! If you don't participate in the SCHRA rides and activities, Sumbudy cares and needs you and wants you to ride with them! Comments, criticism (a minimum) and enthusiastic approval regarding this new/old feature should be directed to our friendly, self-sacrificing, warm and fuzzy new Prez Mike.

Keep in mind, Sumbudy cannot thrive on indifference or constructive criticism alone. Considerable praise is also necessary and required to thrive!

If you missed reading this article, please tell Enibudy!

# 2008 Officers and Board

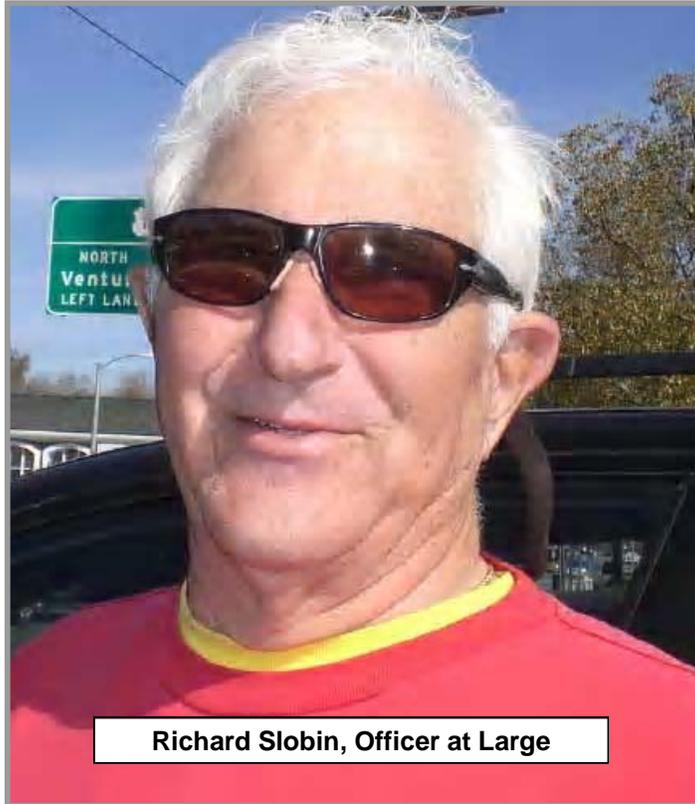
Mike Levison

For the first time that I can recall, we experienced multiple candidates for each SCHRA office and board position at our November election, instead of requiring willing but reluctant volunteers. I interpret this as a renewed enthusiasm for our club in general, and am delighted to see it. The official results of this election are *(cont'd. on page 6)*:

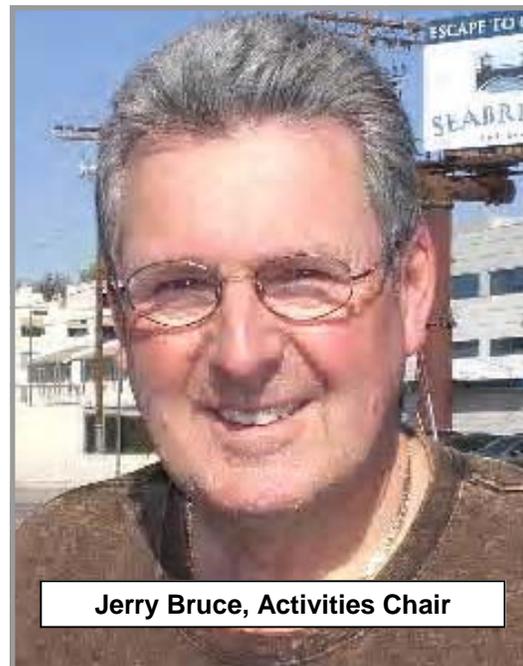


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Mike Levison



We are also very pleased to announce that the following critically important positions have been proposed, accepted and unanimously approved:



This outstanding group of members pledges to do their very best to bring about a year of enjoyable rides and fun social activities for our great club!



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# Membership Updates

## Please welcome new members:

none to report  
 PLEASE NOTE corrected spelling: Scott Pillath

## Please note the following new e-mail address:

none to report

## Please note the following new address/telephone:

none to report

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Be sure to contact [editor@schra.org](mailto:editor@schra.org) if any of your contact information changes.

## **Important Reminder:**

**SCHRA's Annual Holiday Party is  
Saturday, December 15, 2007.  
Be on the Lookout for Your E-Vite!**

### ***Next Meeting:***

**7:00 pm - Thursday, January 10th, 2008  
Four 'n' 20 Pies  
5530 Van Nuys Blvd. Sherman Oaks**

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