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Info & Comment

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ELECTION NIGHT!

Whew! It was a battle to the finish. The insults were flying through the chamber, the electioneers were mud-slinging well into the night. Finally, the crucial moment came when it boiled down to the electorate casting their secret ballots it was unanimous except for one lonely disparate vote (there's one in every crowd)!

The results were in - SCHRA has a new board of officers.

1. President: Jack Launius
2. Vice-President: Randy Rahm
3. Treasurer: Ron Lynn
4. Secretary: Sandy Lynn
5. Officer-at-Large: Glen Jace

This new board will be installed at the Holiday Party (note I did not call it by a particular religious designation which would not be politically or religiously correct). Once officially installed it will then be the duty of the board to fill positions of Senior Road Captain, Activities Chairman, Historian, Webmaster and Rolling Thunder Senior Edi-

tor.

Also they will have a board meeting, one of which is required every quarter, and discuss secret stuff that they will never talk about in public. Even among themselves they refer to the secret events in hushed tones and code words. Any written documents will be immediately shredded in order to maintain a strict level of deniability and obfuscation.

Duties include and are not necessarily limited to:

Pres - Run all meetings

VP - In charge of all sales to members and getting all the good stuff. T-shirts, patches, etc.

Sec'y - Taking detailed notes of all meetings and archiving for future reference.

Treasurer - Accepting money and paying most of the bills.

Officer-at-Large - Nothing. But, the title has a wonderful sound to it.

'Til next month

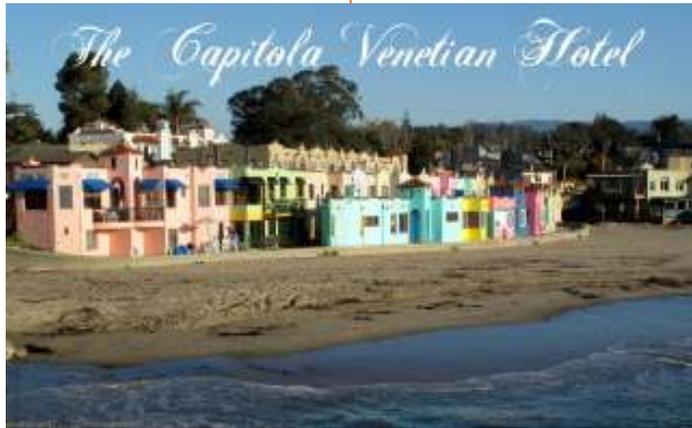


Capitola

Jerry & Cindy Sternz - R/C's

This year's riding season has been just great! If we totaled up all the miles of all the members' bikes ridden in 2013, it would probably be about a billion! We rode to all points on the compass, and all the miles were adventurous and fun.

Capitola comes as the season's final ride on this year's calendar, and it was an unexpected gem. I'd never heard of it, let alone been there, but it was quite different from most places I'd ever been before. J.B. and Judy had ridden through Capitola at the end of their ride to the Trinity Alps in July, and were so impressed, they suggested we alter our planned late October Carmel ride for Capitola. So we met at Woodlake Bowl at 8AM, Cindy & I, J.B. & Judy, Duane & Pauline, Lee & Anita, Jack, and Randy. The route I planned to travel was mainly up the 101 for two reasons: We wanted to get to the hotel early enough to check in and chill out for a few hours before dinner, and also I had



talked with Bob Berry about meeting up for lunch in Paso Robles. Unfortunately Bob had to cancel, but the other part worked out fine, arriving at the Capitola Venetian Hotel just a bit after 4PM. This old hotel is right in the heart of downtown, built right ON the beach, next to a fresh water lagoon on one side, and the Capitola Wharf on the other side. Parking is severely restricted and very expensive, so we were lucky to be able to park in the hotel's limited parking and walk to all local destinations. The suites in this old hotel are quite strange in several ways, but remind me and I'll tell you about it. (See page 5 - Ed.)

As soon as we unloaded our bags we went out walking. The town has a European-coastal-village sort of charm, and the lagoon, beach, and adjacent ocean had what must have been 100,000 birds, pelicans, seagulls, terns, - all feasting on a sardine run happening just offshore, being herded by local seals. What a sight! There's lots of small shops, galleries, bars, restaurants, etc. within literally five minutes walk from the hotel, except for the restaurant where I'd made dinner reservations. It turns out Shadowbrook Restaurant is up a hill opposite the hotel, and while not a far walk, it was up a hill! They would have sent a car to pick us up, but being the athletic types we are, we decided to walk. We all survived the climb, (barely) but this



restaurant is something to behold, an incredible masterpiece of design. We had a private room with a giant fishtank wall, and a novice waiter who caused some service issues, but everyone agreed the food and the faire, once delivered, was outstanding. Many of the group opted to take the car service, a 1950 Dodge taxi, back down the hill, but Cindy & I walked - it was much easier downhill than up. After dinner most turned in for the night, with the exception of those wild and crazy kids, Jack & Randy, who went out for a bit of late-night "exploring."

Saturday we all breakfasted independently, then mounted up heading north to Half Moon Bay, with a stop at Harley's Goat Farm in Pescadero. Yep, that's right, a goat farm. The place is a kick, believe me, or ask anyone. After goats we lunched at Duarte's in Pescadero, a 100 year-old saloon and a well-known lunch destination for an off-the-beaten-path town, then because it was overcast and chilly, instead of continuing north we opted instead to ride back to Capitola, where it was much warmer and sunnier. It's such a pretty town this gave everyone the opportunity to do some more individual daytime exploring on the wharf and in the town area. Cindy and I took a fun walk on the beach, surprisingly clean and free of bird detritus, then back through the town, stopping for ice cream and some souvenir shopping. Everyone did something.

Dinner Saturday was at Zelda's on the beach, about a three-minute walk and no hills. We sat on the outdoor deck with nice heaters, relaxed, told stories, took pictures, had many laughs, and another really good dinner, this time with no complaints and super service to boot.



Sunday's ride home was to take us south on Highway 1, one of the best motorcycle roads on the planet. We packed the bikes and rolled out at 7:30, stopping five minutes later for an unexpected treat at Gayle's Bakery, a local favorite, for breakfast coffee and scrumptious pastries. Thanks, Lee & Anita for that one. Soon we were rolling along the Coast Highway on a beautiful sunny clear day with balmy temperatures and very light traffic. We made some photo-op stops along the way, a cappuccino pause at Ragged Point with another unexpected surprise; the migrating Monarch butterflies were in full fluttering regalia in the gardens behind the restaurant, presenting a very rare and special photo-op. We visited the sea lions at San Simeon Beach before stopping

for a delightful lunch in San Simeon. A quick gas and pit stop in San Luis Obispo, and then we were onto the 101 South for the rest of the way home. Saturday night the clocks had changed back one hour, so darkness set in while we had to contend with the usual traffic congestion below Santa Barbara, but everyone was able to

deal with it and most were home by about 6PM.

I really liked Capitola and would go back again. Thanks to all who joined us on this trip, and for those who didn't, there's always next year.

Jerry Stern





Product Corner

Ron Lynn

Miracle Grill Mat: BBQ

It's a miracle I tell you! No really, it's the Miracle Grill Mat; a reusable cooking sheet which just lies on top of your BBQ and cooks almost anything you would normally broil, bake, sauté or fry. This very thin flexible sheet of black PTFE (PFOA-Free) coated non-stick fabric is safe to use up to 500 degrees Fahrenheit and can be cut down for smaller grills and cleans up with just a damp cloth.

Place the Mat on top of your BBQ grill, place your food on the Mat, no need to preheat, and cook. You can even add oil or sauces to your food. Great for steaks, chops, burgers, ribs, fish and fresh vegetables; and the juices will not disappear into the BBQ.

When your food is cooked it just slides off the Mat without sticking to the grill, so common with



conventional BBQ cooking. Your food will no longer break up and or fall between the grill bars. And even better, no need for skewers to cook Shish-Kabobs or baskets to hold those smaller

food items or wrapping the food in foil. Cook unusual items like bacon, marinated foods, eggs, pancakes, pizza and more. Can't do this on a conventional BBQ grill!

Storage! The Mat can be loosely rolled-up and stored inside one of those cardboard paper towel rollers you normally discard after using up all the paper towels.

Warning: Avoid sharp utensils that may scrape or tear the Mat. It's strong but not steel. Choose wood, plastic or silicone utensils.

Why not increase your ability to cook more food items on your BBQ which normally just sits out there waiting for those special occasions to cook limited types of fare. No more burning or flare-ups. Expand your culinary horizons while enjoying the outdoors and your BBQ.

Available: buymiraclegrillmat.com: \$20 plus shipping.



They include two sheets and a flexible skewer. Others include a third sheet for baking in your microwave. Check other offers on line but look for the name: Miracle Grill Mat only. There are other products which make similar claims but may be of inferior quality.

Remember: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE, BUY IT

Conniving Motel Guest at Capitola Cleverly Outwits “Captains Bed”

By- Conniving Motel Guest at Capitola

Although the fabulous Capitola Trip may be but a distant memory, we thought it apropos to share an incident which took place in the privacy of Room No. 136 on the night of Friday, November 1, 2013. The unsuspecting idiot who created and then unwittingly photographically demonstrated this technique should be pitied and encouraged to “get a life.”



In your own world of travels, have you ever found yourself incarcerated by one of those beds, usually referred to as a “Captains Bed” in which the occupant can only enter or exit the bed from

one side? This awkward arrangement may have been good for the captain, sleeping alone, and protected from falling out should the ship roll or pitch a bit too far.

But what of the hapless motel guest who shares such a bed with a spouse, friend or significant other? How does one navigate a bed from only one side, when that one side is already occupied by a sleeping mate?



What is one to do when, during the “wee” hours one finds he/she has to “wee,” only to be separated from the potty by a sleeping occupant whose



length and girth are blocking the way?

In the incident faithfully documented below, the doofus with the skimpy shorts and full bladder indulges in a technique which doubtlessly demonstrates for the world to see, his brilliant escape-the-bed technique, thereby minimizing the possibility of a wet bed and a surly bed-mate.

Notice this guy's “shit-eatin-grin” as he jeopardizes his own family-jewels by climbing over the splintered ledge of his confinement while on the way to visit the big white porcelain bowl.





You are cordially invited to attend the SCHRA 2013
Holiday Party & Hors d'Oeuvre Extravaganza

**Sunday, December 15
Home of Ron & Karen Sarian
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM**

Hi Gentlemen and Ladies of SCHRA:

This year our party venue will be in La Canada and also on a Sunday starting at 6:30 PM.

Happily, the party format remains the same. Your price of admission is a homemade hors d'oeuvre, in amount to service about 12 – 15 people. Choose from “a hot hors d'oeuvre” or “a cold hors d'oeuvre or “a dessert.” We know it is tempting, but please try to avoid Costco or other store-made products if at all possible.

Please RSVP for this event no later than December 8, 2013. Reservations are to be made to our Activities Chairperson, JB or Judy, by either email or a phone message. When you make your reservation please tell us what sort of “goodie” you plan to bring. This helps us avoid duplication and also lets us fill-in the blank spots. If you're having trouble deciding what to make/bring, just call JB for some ideas.

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Randy Rahm VP

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

Also available at no charge are commemorative patches honoring members who have passed. Foss, Whitey, Julie. These patches are suitable for sewing on your jacket or vest or....? Miscellaneous items are in stock as well. Don't hesitate to inquire. When you call us (Jack, anyway) we haul ass! Operators are standing by.

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, etc. 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.

We have:

- Black short sleeve logo t-shirts in sizes - S to 2XL
- Black long sleeve logo t-shirts - S to 3XL
- White long sleeve logo t-shirts - S, 2XL & 3XL

All Shirts are \$15.00

Last Update: 1/12/13

Black Short Sleeve

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

Black Long Sleeve

Small	4
Medium	4
Large	1
Ex. Large	2
2XL	4
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	0

Dark Blue Short Sleeve

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



Hats		
Black w/Logo	14	\$10.00
Orange w/Logo	4	\$10.00
Black w/SCHRA	7	\$10.00
Patches		
Extra Small Patch	9	\$ 7.00
Small Patch	46	\$ 7.00
Large Patch	0	\$25.00
Pins		
	95	\$5.00



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Randy Rahm ~ RR

Cindy Stern ~ CS
Jerry Stern ~ JS
Bob Thompson ~ BT

SCHRA 2013 Events November - December

Sunday	12/15/2013	See Flyer		
Tuesday	December 2, 2013	Road Captain's Initial Exploratory Meeting	6:30 pm	Sternz'

SCHRA Departure Sites

Woodake Bowl
23130 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills

Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Denny's Sand Canyon
15401 Delone St., Santa Clarita

Extra Wind

Saturday at Starbucks parking lot on the corner of Ventura & Topanga Canyon Blvds. Show up around 9:30 - we leave around 10:00 or so. All brands of motorcycles are invited. This is not a club sanctioned ride.

Contact Editor at Edit@schra.org to place extra rides or events in this magnificent electronic publication

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