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Mike Levison

assuming our computers don't crash, the cell phones receive

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

I wish all my fellow SCHRA members a SAFE RIDING happy and healthy New Year, filled with more good times and good friends! And the fortitude and good humor necessary to tolerate and survive a national election year with its never-ending bickering, exaggerations, untruths and counter-productive partisanship. May G-d continue to bless and protect our incredible country, and continue to provide us fortunate Americans the most beautiful place on our planet to live, ride and prosper.

There seems to be a renewed vigor in our club which is delightful to see. New members are trickling in, and will find they only have to show up on rides regularly to become an integral part of our group. The new board is enthusiastic about making 2008 a banner year filled with fun rides to new and exciting places. We will do our very best to find them! Any new ideas for such will be appreciated and carefully evaluated. If you have one, be sure we write it down when you tell us. Our memory is not what we believe it once was!

Due to the technological marvels of our day, we are now all electronically connected to one another. That is

service and our website behaves. With all that in mind, our monthly newsletter *Rolling Thunder*, filled with important information, entertaining articles and photos, tips and recipes for better living (?), etc., and considered required reading, will be available only electronically. No more hard copies will be mailed, thus saving SCHRA paper and postage expense. We can now all print our own copies for permanent record keeping. Ain't that something?! (For a guy brought up in the fifties, it really is!)

The SCHRA annual holiday party was a smashing success! It seems the club is getting better and better at throwing parties! Our heartfelt thanks to Jim and Amy Sample for graciously providing us their home. And to the sizable group of volunteers that did the heavy lifting -- setting up and cleaning up. Thanks and appreciation also to the outgoing board and Stan Myers. They did a fine job of making 2007 an interesting and enjoyable year. I can proudly declare to those inclined to listen, we are a great bunch of people!

Ride your Harley like you're INVISIBLE, and remember to THINK HAPPY and EAT WELL!

# From the Editor

Linda Marks

## 2007 Ushers in 2008



# Senior Road Captain's Report

*Cindy Stern*

captains. They all have lots of experience on

I've held every other office in this club, so this is what's called saving the best for last. I was honored and complimented when Mike asked me to be senior road captain this year. Organizing, planning and leading rides has always been the most gratifying thing I could do for the club. Riding and camaraderie is what this club is all about. So our challenge this year will be to bring some fresh ideas and new rides to the membership. Making my job easier, of course, is the history and legacy of my predecessors who have accumulated an enormous body of knowledge. We already know many things that work and remain popular year after year, so we will keep those things. And we'll add some new ones.

In that category, we welcome Lou Piano, Dave Malin and Ron Lynn to the ranks of the road

the road, and great ideas for rides. Our returning road captains, to round out the team, are Jerry Stern, James Parr, Janet Parr, Bob Thompson, Marvin Feuerman, Richard Slobin, Mitch Pullman and Mike Levison.

Each January, the new senior road captain starts the year by asking the membership to contribute ideas and feedback for day rides and weekenders. I will continue that fine tradition by extending my request here and now to all of you. No idea is too crazy so don't be shy. Please surprise me by actually contacting me or any of the other road captains. We'll be working on the calendar for the first half of the year so call soon.

See you all at the January meeting. Happy New Year!



# Meet Your Member

Sumbudy

The candidate picked for this issue is an obvious choice for many reasons, at least to Sumbudy! This candidate volunteers to haul tables and chairs for a party, handle whatever chores for the club are necessary - from website work and photo album management to party cleanup - and always does so with good humor. I view him as the glue that has kept this club together for 15 years!

The story goes: referred to SCHRA in July of '92 by an acquaintance and previous Van Nuys HOG guy, he joined during the first month of the new club's existence. This makes him one of our longest standing current members. He is still our youngest member, tallest member only foreign born member, and used to have the longest hair (if a ponytail counts).

Even my not too bright and slutty sister Enibudy (she's had a mad crush on him for years) knows by now we must be talking about that handsome young man with the great sense of humor who has been SCHRA president twice; who has also served as VP, secretary, activities chairman, senior road captain twice, and is currently historian, webmaster and a road captain: **James ("Not Jim") Parr**.

Not Jim was born just recently in Essex, England, on July 25, 1968 to be exact. His parents brought him to the Boston area at age 2, then on to L.A. at age 8. "Not Jimmy Either"'s father held a Ph.D. in electronic engineering, specializing in radar design. He worked on those huge radar systems you see on Navy battleships and aircraft carriers. James' mom sold real estate, did security work,

and eventually evolved into a "garage sale professional". He has 3 older siblings: 2 brothers and a sister, scattered around southern California.

Called "Jamey" by his mother and "Jaimie" (as in *Jaimie Town* by Jesse Jackson) by his Hispanic classmates, he attended the Catholic Chaminade Schools. There he discovered his talent and calling: computer geekhood, his present profession. After graduating school, he worked in the computer department for Pepsi in San Francisco; came south to work for Countrywide Mortgage; and spent 7 years with KPMG, the national "Big 4" firm. Not Jim is now responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of Countrywide's software systems, and keeping the company computers working.

Years ago, when first at Countrywide, our pal met Janet. Only because he owned a Harley ('89 Sporty) and she agree to go out with him. It became a motorcycle relationship made in heaven. They entered a satisfying illicit relationship, living together 5 years before getting married 11 years ago. Landing Janet is one of his major achievements he claims, so thank you H-D!

They ride their current Harleys extensively. In '02 they rode to Alaska, which qualifies as their favorite ride among their many so far. He enjoys all the long distance rides they take, weather not withstanding, Ebbetts Pass (Hwy 4) over the Sierras being a special highlight. For a local favorite, it's the ride to McNally's near Kernville for hamburgers.

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# Meet Your Member (cont'd. from p. 4)

Sumbudy

result in considerable and similar spectator amusement!

Motorcycle mishaps can and do happen. For example, while traveling on the freeway enroute to San Francisco on July 4, 1996, a car in front of them spun out, sliding across the lanes. James went one way and Janet the other to get around the spinning vehicle. James collided with the car, ending up in the hospital with a few broken bones and a badly damaged bike.

They had a friend at home who hooked up their bike trailer and drove it to San Francisco the next day to pick up them and the disabled bike. Sumbudy thinks that's the definition of a really good friend! The lesson learned here, says James? Follow Janet!

On the lighter side, they were riding through a small town in Oregon when they found themselves sharing Main Street with a herd of cattle. Another lesson here, he says: Keep on moving! For when you stop, the whole herd stops, really pissing off the trail boss. This tends to lock you in and make you part of the herd, giving one an opportunity to become more familiar with the toilet habits and smells of a large group of cattle than probably desired.

To avoid other embarrassing incidents I'm told by our youthful but experienced member that it's always a good idea to unlock your fork before riding off. The bike tends to dive rather suddenly otherwise. It's also smart to remove your own rotor lock before starting out, and not smart to intentionally drive off the road into unknown deep gravel to demonstrate and show off one's riding skills. This can and did

James and Janet are now in the process of building their dream house; a large log home on acreage they own in the western Sierras near Shaver Lake. But Harleys continue to make up a significant part of the Parrs' life together, as do their pet animals and our club.

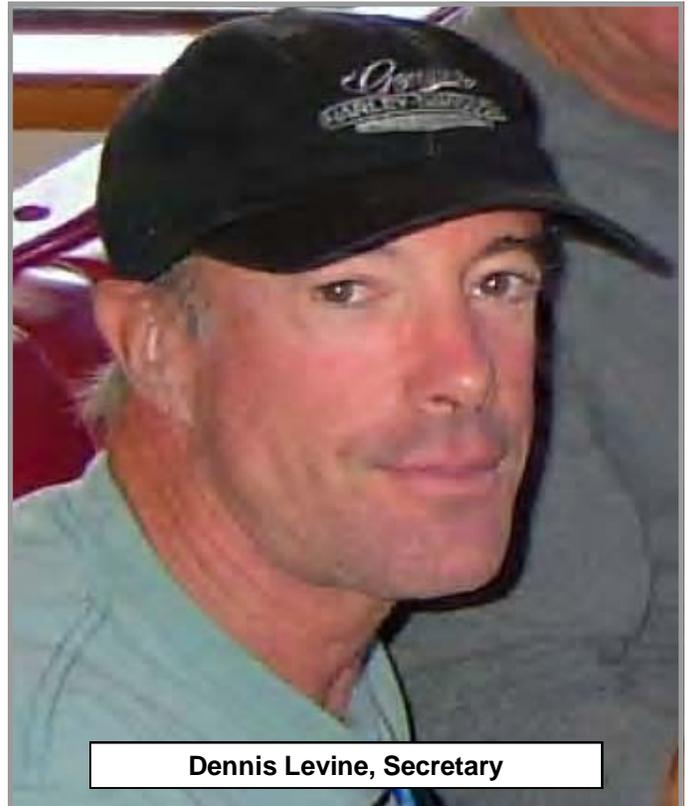
For him, the most enjoyable part of SCHRA activities is hanging out with the group at the bar after dinner on an overnight ride. So call him *James, Not Jim, or Not Jimmy Either*, but enjoy his intelligence, wit, friendship and good humor for your own sake whenever you have the good fortune to do so, says Sumbudy!



# 2008 Officers and Board

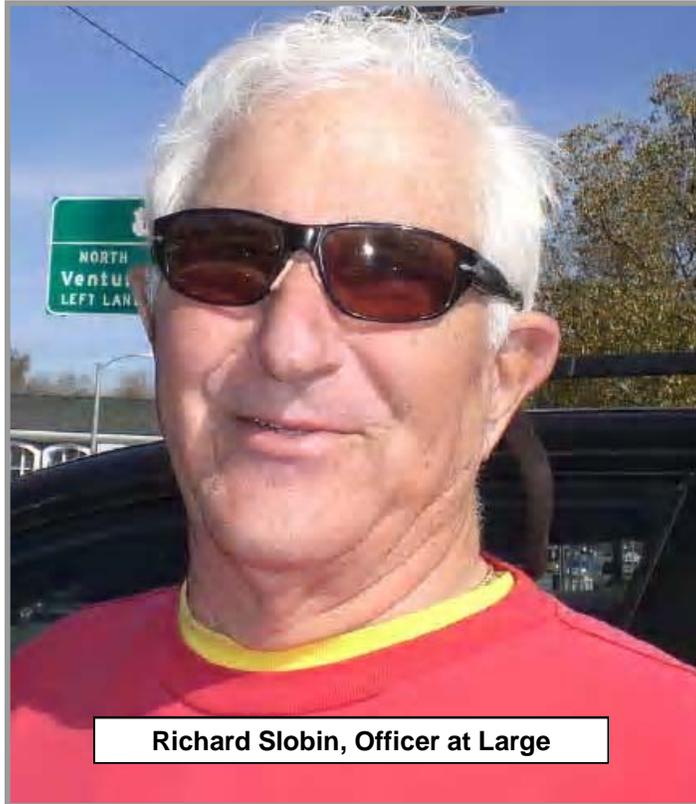
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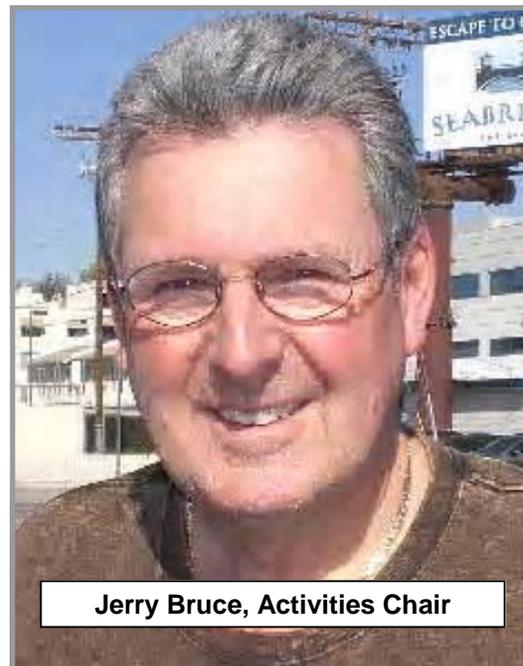
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**Richard Slobin, Officer at Large**



**Cindy Stern, Senior Road Captain**



**Jerry Bruce, Activities Chair**



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

none to report

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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  
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