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January 13, 2011

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President's Message

Mike Levison

The year 2010 is now history, and for SCHRA it was a really good one. It passed by awfully fast, but that no doubt is because as we age that seems to be a consistent issue, and when you're having a fun and enjoying life, that is a consequence. A few of our pal members have experienced some serious health situations. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them. For most of us, we are living "the good 'ol days" here and now, and acknowledge our good fortune and count our blessings daily. Happily enough, to the best of my knowledge, no serious mishaps or injuries involving our motorcycles took place. With good luck and common sense prevailing, I hope to be able to repeat this observation December 2011!

Based on all the feedback we've received, plus our own evaluation, the SCHRA Holiday Celebration was a smashing success! The party format we are now using is proving to be outstanding, and the many unique food contributions made for a delightful and delicious experience. Ruthann and I have received many positive comments and expressions of appreciation for the providing of our house for the party, for which we reply: you're welcome. In all honesty, being able to look around and see our home filled with so many good friends, happy and having a wonderful time, it makes the place even more beautiful and is absolutely a delight for us. We hope it continues as an annual tradition!

My personal thanks to the club officers and Road Captains that made this last year so enjoyable and successful. We are working on the calendar for 2011 now, and hope to publish the resulting schedule in this January issue of Rolling Thunder. Our itinerary is always somewhat flexible, so if anyone wants to recommend a destination to try, or suggest a unique restaurant, please pass the word along.

Wishing our SCHRA family a safe, healthy, and wonderful New Year!

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## Meet Your Member *Sumbudy*

Our club's need for a tall charming attractive blue-eyed blond female were finally met in June of 2009. She found us via our website on the internet. Even though her husband Joe was going to be out of town on business, visiting his large family's farm in South Dakota on the particular date, she volunteered her home and services to host the main course stop on our progressive breakfast for the coming October. No mystery or wonder why Caroline Faith Gubbrud became an immediate hit with Sumbudy, and the rest of the SCHRA membership. No reluctance to get involved for this terrific gal!

Neil Diamond dubbed her "Sweet Caroline", which works for me! She was born in Cambridge, Mass. on Nov 27, 1957, and doesn't mind if you do the math. The family moved to Canoga Park when she was only 3 months old. Her father, having a Master's Degree, worked for Hughes Aircraft in information technology (early computers I think!), and mom followed 13 years later as a cost analyzer. That left our girl the substantial responsibility of helping raise her 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

Mom was a 1st generation citizen from Germany, coming in thru Ellis Island. Wanting the kids to know their roots, each one was sent back to the old country when very young, to absorb their culture and heritage. Caroline was only 2-1/2 when shipped off, and didn't return here until 4 years old. Obviously, she was fluent in the German language by then, but had to learn English all over again. At age 7 she began classical piano lessons, which lasted until 17, but due to the necessary time requirements, stopped and said "auf wiedersehen" (goodbye/adios) to the piano. At that time she was a member of the Girls Drill Team at Canoga Park H.S. and a serious participant in field hockey and academics.

It was off to local Pierce College and then on to CSUN (Cal State Northridge), where she earned a Bachelor of Sci-

ence Degree in finance; the year was 1980. Shortly thereafter, she married a fellow who in hindsight was of questionable mentality, producing 2 girls and a boy. It lasted 20 years, with our gal being the poster-girl soccer mom in Valencia. The three, now 25, 28 and 30 were all high achievers in school, finishing near the top of their classes. A divorce was finally obtained, while Caroline worked her way up in finance oriented positions with banks, insurance companies, and now as Controller/ Operations Mgr. for a firm manufacturing hydraulic valves for aircraft.

in 2004 she married a genuine cowboy, much to her own amazement, Joe Gubbrud from South Dakota. They met thru a popular computer dating service. She claims that if ever it was necessary to bring her out of a coma, all that was necessary was to put cowboy boots on her feet, her disdain was such. She now loves them and owns 6 pair. Meanwhile, she was falling in love with this cowboy Joe ( a.k.a. "Bob" in SCHRA), and her kids wanted to adopt him. Sumbudy did a Meet Your Member article on him in the March 2010 Rolling Thunder, and also wanted to adopt him! It can be revisited on our website (Newsletters).

After joining our merry group and enthusiastically participating in our events, loving our trips to Cambria, Reno, and Pismo Beach, our girl became so impressed with Cindy Stern's ability to ride, she decided she wanted her own bike. Joe dutifully went to work on Craig's List, finding a gorgeous '08 Softail Deluxe with only a few hundred miles, for a terrific price. It now sits proudly and beautifully in their garage, waiting for the weather to clear. It is pictured in this newsletter. So, Sweet Caroline can now add to her yoga time, candle making, Europe traveling, and hockey games, our SCHRA rides on her own Harley. Sumbudy is speaking for everyone in saying this lady is one terrific addition to our great group of Harley riders and fun-loving friends! Wishing a safe and healthy New Year to all!

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Nous vous souhaitons un tres
Joyeux Noel, ainsi que beaucoup de
Bonheur, Sante et Prosperite pour la
Nouvelle Annee,

The Wilmot's

Paul, Sylvie, Julie & Lauren

I checked with my Aunt, Mme. Marquis
and she interpreted this greeting for us.
They said, "SCHRA members are the cool-
est people in the world, especially Lou"

Oh, yeah, she also said something like...

The French language has a lot of frills in it.

Nous vous souhaitons means (We wish
you)

un tres Jouyeux Noel (a very merry Christ-
mas)

ainsi que beaucoup de Bonheur (also
much happiness)

Sante means (Health) and (et)
means (and)

Prosperite pour la Nouvelle Annee
Means (Prosperity in the New Year)

Thanks Paul. Sylvie, Julie & Lauren

Have a very Happy New Year and a Pros-
perous 2011.

Ed



Product Corner

Ron Lynn

Solar Hybrid Flashlight

Reaching for my trusty flashlight, I hit the switch and think “Let there be light!” Why doesn’t this thing work? The batteries are dead just when you need the light; a common occurrence in this day of electronics. But wait! I have a solar flashlight so all I have to do is switch the light source selector switch to solar and “let there be light” becomes a reality.

This is possible with a relatively new creation, a standard looking flashlight which runs on small backup batteries and has a solar panel which can hold a charge for over 3 years, yes years. The unit measures 8” long by about 1” in diameter so the unit is easily stored in your car or even on your person in an available pocket. The super bright LED bulb has no filament to break and throws a fairly bright light for a good distance.

Can be charged over and over; floats & waterproof up to 80 ft.; resistant to vibration and shock; and best of all can be charged from direct sunlight or room light which can last for over 3 years. You can see testimonials on their web site at: hybridlite.com. They are available in black; camo; yellow & green. Now go out and “light up your life”.



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Hybrid Solar Light (preferred model)
chooserenewables.com \$16-\$21

Some discount stores carry a package of two for \$20.

Peterson Solar Flashlight: Similar product
Sears; Amazon.com; \$13-\$21

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## Coming Activities

*JB Activities Chairman*

# Activities

## January & February 2011

*"Stuff you need to know"*

Following a dinner consisting of Popeye's Fried Chicken, plus Stonefire Grill Pizza, your 2011 Road Captains (RC's) sat down together to put the finishing touches on our SCHRA 2011 Events Calendar. Held on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, in the Stern family dining room, it took but 2 to 2 1/2 hours for this highly efficient group of RC's to put together a 12 month plan which includes 33 events (not including monthly meetings).

The 2011 offerings include a number of new rides, plus a few with which we are already familiar; but maybe with a new twist. The objective was to include enough variety so there would be something for everybody to enjoy. There are numerous lunch rides, dinner rides and a good selection of single and double overnight events. For those with the ability or desire to take more time, we present the 4th edition of Excellent Adventure during the month of June; a 9-day, 8 night drive to Southern Oregon and back. We'll also enjoy the usual parties and social events you have come to expect.

Here's what to expect during January and February:

**January 8 (Sat) - Randsburg - Lunch Ride. RC - Richard S; Millie's @ 9:30AM**

If you like the desert while it's cool, plus the funkiest small town this side of Oatman, Randsburg is a treat. This tiny town in the middle of the desert retains the ambiance of the old west plus a mining museum. We'll probably lunch at the mercantile store and then explore some of the wonderful junk which litters the empty lots.

**January 13 (Thu) - Club Meeting @ the Pie Place; 6:30 dinner & 7:30 meeting**

**January 23 (Sun) - Dinner Ride (TBD); RC - Mike L; Millie's @ 5:00PM**

Judging by who is leading this ride, suffice to say it's gonna be good. Don't be surprised if it's out in the Santa Clarita area. Come by bike if the weather's good or by car if it isn't. SCHRA people love to eat and schmooze; here's a great opportunity for both.

**February 5 (Sat) - Bass Pro Shop - Lunch Ride, RC - Jerry S; Millie's @ 9:30 AM**

Let's take a ride out to Ranch Cucamonga to visit this mammoth sporting goods store; the one with the fabulous fish restaurant under the giant cupola. Alligator appetizer anyone?

**February 10 (Thu) - Club Meeting @ the Pie Place; 6:30 dinner & 7:30 meeting**

**February 20 (Sun) - Dinner Ride (TBD); RC - Mitch P; Woodlake @ 4:00PM**

I really don't know what Mitch has in mind, but don't be surprised if our destination is in Ventura County.

**February 27 (Sun) - Olvera Street Lunch Ride; RC - JB; Woodlake @ 10:00AM**

The plan is to meet at Woodlake Bowl and then ride to NoHo (North Hollywood) where we park at the subway terminal and then travel by train to Union Station. Olvera Street is just across the street from the station and the restaurant will likely be La Golondrina. Chips, salsa and margaritas.

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Biker Funnies

It's late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in northern Alberta asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society, he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky, he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But, being a practical leader, after several days, he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, 'Is the coming winter going to be cold?'

'It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold,' the meteorologist at the weather service responded.

So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

A week later, he called the National Weather Service again. 'Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?'

'Yes,' the man at National Weather Service again replied, 'it's going to be a very cold winter.'

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later, the chief called the National Weather Service again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?'

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen.'

'How can you be so sure?' the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, 'The Indians are collecting a shitload of firewood'.

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife. "You comma to de front door of the apartmenta. I am inna apartmenta 301. There issa bigga panel at the front door. With you elbow, pusha button 301. I will buzza you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with you elbow, pusha 3.

When you get out, I'mma on the left. With you elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"What You comin' empty handed?"





Excellent Adventure (EA)

JB Activities Chairman

JB's 2011 Excellent Adventure; 2000 Miles in Nine Days

"The Long & Short of It"

"The Long & Short of It" is much more than just a play on words. The 2011 edition of EA is, to be precise, one day longer than the 2010 trip; yet it is actually shorter when considering that the daily average mileage is only 222 miles per day (you do the math).

My primary objective with every edition of EA is to provide a fun adventure while visiting sites which are generally beyond our ability to visit in just three or four days. With three trips already in the photo album, I wanted to be sure that we could have the time to better explore certain areas, and not feel the need to rush. To accomplish this objective, I've tried to reduce the traditional per-day mileage to something in the 200 - 225 mile range.

Shorter per-day mileage allows us to spend more time on scenic byways, rather than speeding along an interstate. We can relax more and still arrive at each destination early in the day, to allow for more local exploring. Fewer miles per day will also reduce the fatigue factor, despite the fact that we will do some riding each and every day.

The 2011 trip will depart on Saturday, June 11, and return on Sunday, June 19. Here is a brief run-down of where/how we plan to spend each day:

Day 1 - Travel to the charming gold-rush town of Murphy's, located in the Sierra-Nevada foothills.

Day 2 - Continue through the Mother lode, visiting numerous important towns which sprang to life as a result of the 1849 gold rush. Spend night in Sierra City.

Day 3 - Stay on northerly course and drive through Lassen Volcanic Park and Burney Falls while on our way to McCloud, a former lumber town in the shadow of Mt. Shasta.

Day 4 - Remain on northward course and cross Oregon border at Klamath Falls. Continue to Crater Lake for lunch in the famous old lodge. Our destination for the next two nights is Jacksonville, OR, just a few miles from Medford. Cute doesn't begin to describe this place.

Day 5 - Drive the short distance to Grant's Pass and enjoy a mail-boat ride on the Rogue River, followed by an al-fresco dinner. Back to Jacksonville.

Day 6 - Proceed southwest toward the Pacific Ocean, crossing back into California. Lunch in the quaint Victorian village of Ferndale, followed by an afternoon drive along the Lost Coast Road and Avenue of the Giants (Redwood Groves). Spend evening in Garberville.

Day 7 - Southward down 101 and then transition to CA Highway 1 along the ocean. Lunch in Mendocino. Continue south to Occidental, a charming village nestled in the hills of Sonoma County.

Day 8 - Drive through Marin County, stopping for lunch in Tiburon (overlooking San Francisco Bay and Angel Island. Cross Golden Gate Bridge and continue south to Carmel Valley.

Day 9 - Leisurely drive through Coast Mountains and rejoin highway 101 north of King City. Remain on 101 to home.

I hope that this very brief description may whet some additional appetites and that you will consider joining us for this adventure. Several people have already mentioned that it is their intention to participate in this trip. If you wish to join us, please let me know because I will shortly be reserving rooms and need to know how many to put on reserve.

Look for more details about this trip in future editions of Rolling Thunder.

Ciao for now.

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SCHRA Boutique
Bob Thompson, VP

DEAR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

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 Vice-Pres@schra.org or . If no answer, leave a message. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion. We have:

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3XL

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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 (Jerry, anyway) we haul ass! Operators are standing by.



2011 Ride Schedule

| Destination | Day | Date(s) | Meeting Place | Time | Ride Captain |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------|---------|--------------|
| Randsburg Lunch Ride | Sat | Jan. 8 | Millie's | 9:30am | RS |
| SCHRA Meeting | Thurs | Jan. 13 | Four 'n Twenty Pies | 7:00pm | |
| Dinner—TBA | Sun | Jan. 23 | Millie's | 5:00pm | ML |
| Bass Pro Shop Lunch Ride | Sat | Feb. 5 | Millie's | 9:30am | JS |
| SCHRA Meeting | Thurs | Feb. 10 | Four 'n Twenty Pies | 7:00pm | |
| Dinner Ride—TBA | Sun | Feb. 20 | Woodlake Bowl | 4:00pm | MP |
| Olvera St. via Subway | Sun | Feb. 27 | Woodlake Bowl | 10:00am | JB |
| Temecula Lunch— Texas Lil's | Sat | Mar. 5 | Solley's | 9:00am | LP (!) |
| SCHRA Meeting | Thurs | Mar. 10 | Four 'n Twenty Pies | 7:00pm | |
| Famoso Stock Car Races | Sat | Mar. 19 | Millie's | 8:00am | JG |
| Breakfast Ride | Sun | Mar. 27 | TBA | 9:00am | JL |

Go to SCHRA.ORG for complete list.

SCHRA Departure Sites

Woodlake Bowl
23130 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills

Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Denny's Roxford
12861 Encinitas Ave., Sylmar

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

Extra Wind

This column is available for members to publish requests for additional rides, lunch meetings or dinner dates.

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