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President's Message

Lou Piano

This is going to be the easiest article I have ever penned and the most difficult article I have ever written.

It is with great sadness that I attended the funeral of Duane Harte this past Saturday (12/5/15). At 68 years old he passed too quickly, not just for his friends in SCHRA but also for his many, many friends in Santa Clarita and his family.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years on active duty and 19 more as a reservist.

The funeral was one of the most honorable I have seen. The Navy sent an honor guard with a 3 gun salute and a flag folding and presentation ceremony to his wonderful wife Pauline.

A men's group sang the Navy hymn and I have not heard it done better. This ceremony included a 4 plane civilian flyover to honor Duane and I'm sure there was a little gleam in his eye as all this was taking place just for him. A young woman played the bagpipes as he was laid to rest. It was well deserved friend.

Duane had a successful career as a business man along with his wife, Pauline after the Navy and during his reserve career. He sold his business and was going to take it easy during retirement. Well, retirement for Duane and retirement for the rest of us seemed to be 2 different interpretations. He rode with the Patriot riders supporting veterans who passed away and worked tirelessly for the city of Santa Clarita even serving as a commissioner for the parks department.

He also served SCHRA as a road captain and put together one of his last club trips to Cambria during the 'pumpkin festival' this past year.

And how he loved his wine. Even going to the trouble of diverting our Cambria trip through Solvang in order to stop at Lucas and Lewellen wine shop to pick up some pre-ordered wine. It was a trip I will remember for a long time.

Rest in Peace, Friend.

Ride a lot and ride safe. Ed.

Submitted by: RuthAnn Levison

So Long, Shipmate | Commentary by Darryl Manzer

Now and Then in the SCV

DARRYL MANZER | MONDAY, NOV 30, 2015

He was a shipmate of mine, even if we never served on the same ship.

When I met Duane Harte, I immediately felt we had weathered the same seas in ships large and small. We loved the same things – especially the history of the Santa Clarita Valley.

We made a great team when we joined together on tours of Mentryville. He tended to keep me on track with my particular slant of Mentryville history. I needed that. Of course he would do that, because he was a senior chief petty officer, just keeping the crew in line. I imagine he is doing the same today since he crossed to the other shore.

With all he did for our little piece of California, the local seas are going to be a little rough until those 10 or more folks needed to fill his shoes get up and running.

Really, just how is the Fourth of July parade going to get lined up and rolling on time? How about the work he did for veterans all over this valley? Or the Elks? And we cannot forget the Senior Center, the Boys and Girls Club and just about every little and big event here.

Most of those events would not have happened without his efforts.

I think the one thing that set him apart from all of the other folks is that he gave of his time, talent and treasure and expected nothing in return in the way of recognition. When he was named the SCV Man of the Year in 2003, I think he didn't really expect to get it. He said at the time there were people far more qualified for the title. Funny – we couldn't name those folks then, and we cannot name them now. Compared to Duane, the others – while some of the best volunteers in the SCV – held only a candle to Duane's huge spotlight.

Duane didn't turn on that spotlight. I doubt if he knew it even had a switch to do that. That switch was found each and every time he took on a function, event or task that would in some way make our little valley better. He seemed surprised that a spotlight came on when he did.

The spotlight was on the project. Usually, if there was a program for an event, you would see his name off in the corner of the page while those less involved got top billing. Duane wanted it that way, because he was more concerned that the event was a success instead of him wanting to look good.

Last July 4, I pulled into William S. Hart Park to get my Jeep in line for the parade. Without looking at the clipboard, he was able to tell me where to park and what order I would be in. He also had me provide parade transportation for a Democrat. Yep, he got a laugh over that. I did, too. That was Duane.

For every event there is a Duane Harte story. Things like giving a tour in Mentryville for the folks from Placerita Canyon Park and having a rattlesnake show up for them. Duane remarked that he had that done on purpose, since they didn't seem all that interested in history. Well, they did want to look at the snake. That same tour, we went inside Pico Cottage (aka the "Big House") and Duane was able to find a small garter snake, and then he rescued a little sparrow. He released both outside. I'll bet the folks on that tour are still talking about it.

I just had a short discussion with him about Mentryville and Pico Canyon. He expressed, as always, his hope that the old town could be restored. If it ever does happen, there has to be some sort of recognition for him in the town. He wouldn't want it for himself; he would want it for the town.

All that he did was done with a smile and a willingness found in very few. All that he did was done out of love and nothing more. He asked for nothing in return.

Now Senior Chief Quartermaster Duane Harte has crossed to the other shore. His watch is over, and we somehow have to take that watch from him. It won't be easy. He set the example at the highest level. So, shipmate, I say to you: "Rest your oar because we have the watch. Fair winds and following seas are your blessing. The mess has an empty chair that can never be filled. You are missed greatly, so just rest your oar; you have crossed to that other shore."



SCHRA Boutique

Gerald Bruce- VP /OAL

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. 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.

Also in stock are large and small club logo patches suitable for sewing on your jacket, vest, or shirt.

Club hats in black and orange with embroidered SCHRA patch.

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

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SCHRA Holiday Party - 2016

Lou Piano - Host

WOW! Another spectacular holiday party for the Southern California Harley Riders Association. The entertainment, the music, the dancing girls, the decorations and banners, the emcee, the clowns, the magician. It was a great time. Oh, by the way, the cost to the club was only \$15.32. I guess I really know how to shop.

Thanks to everyone who attended:

- Jack & Nanette
- Ron & Sandy
- Mike & RuthAnn
- Bob
- Ralph & Judy
- Jerry and Judy
- Richard
- Lee & Anita
- Mitch & Leslie
- Joe & Caroline
- Jerry & Cindy
- Stanley
- Sharon

Did I mention food? There was plenty of food and drink. Thanks to everyone who brought something and especially to those who made their favorites.

Part of the holiday party for SCHRA is to have a the December club meeting in which we install the newly elected officers.

So, that's exactly what we did. There were only 2 changes - Jerry Bruce was elected as Officer-at-large and the position of Historian was eliminated by a vote of the officers. It was determined that due to a change in technology the webmaster has been archiving club pictures on the website and this produced an unnecessary duplication of effort. Thanks to Judy Bruce for your past work on this project.

After the installation of all of the new officers I noticed, as president, that we now had a vacant position to fill due to the sudden passing of Duane Harte who was the Vice President elect.

So, I dutifully informed our newly elected Officer-at-Large that he now had the responsibility to to be the VP. He was surprised as he had not made that connection yet and he was delighted to take the job as noted by his verbal outcry "WHAT?"

The Senior Road Captain, Webmaster, Editor and Activities Chairman all accepted appointments to continue in their club duties. Thanks to all of you for your continued club work.

The meeting came to an end and the partying continued.

Booze flowed freely, women started disrobing to the throbbing sounds of loud music and the men started fighting over the least clad women. Furniture was flying through the air china was thrown from one side of the room to the other in celebration of the year just passed and the exciting new one yet to come.

The police finally showed up due to many calls from the frightened neighbors and started to empty the place out. Finally, somewhere around 3 or 4 in the morning the last party-goer left.

Clean-up didn't start until the next morning and took several days to get everything back in order. It cost thousands of dollars to restore all back to it's original condition and I'm sure the club will re-imburse me for everything or else there could be a huge lawsuit.

Can't wait to host next years Holiday Party!!!!





Cold Springs Tavern

Lou Piano - Road Captain

Starting temperatures below 50 degrees did not bode well for a Sunday ride. Somehow I forced myself to leave my nice warm cozy bed and put on my long johns, boots, warm socks, and a couple of layers of shirts and drag my sorry ass out to my bike whereupon I donned my garbing, wrapped my chaps around my lower extremities, turned up the heated grips another notch, added another jacket for good measure and started my bike.

I was motivated by the great response I received from all the folks who wanted to go on this ride.



I took off for the meeting place - Mickey D's off Kanan - and was surprised at how pleasant it really was. The sky was blue and clear and despite being cold I was comfortable in all my gear.

All enlistees showed up in a timely way and, as usual, hung around long enough to make me nervous. I was in a hurry because we had to meet Joe & Caroline at the Seaward off-ramp at 9:45 (or did I tell them 10:00?). A quick discussion with JS led to some confusion as to whether or not there was actually an off-ramp on the north bound side of the 101. Doesn't matter. We had to go. Screaming, begging, cajoling and threatening the group to get going seemed to work really well as everyone finally got on their bikes and in their cars - yes, there were 2 cages - and we headed north up the 101.

Meeting J & C we headed to the 33 and then around Lake Casitas (it might soon be renamed "dirt crevice casitas") to the 192 which is Foothill Rd. to our regular stop at the 101 and Santa Monica Rd. A quick call for reservations to CST and back to the 192. We had a nice scenic ride through the back hills to the 154 and on to the turn-off which brought us to Cold Springs Tavern.

There weren't a lot of bikes there but the general turnout was pretty good considering the cold weather (must have been a bunch of folks from the east that thought it was warm!)



They had the SCHRA room ready for us when we showed up and I guessed correctly that we would land there at 12:15 (our actual eta was 12:14). The fire place was going and the room was warm and cozy for the 12 of us.

We started out with a gaggle of 13 but lost Ron Sarian at Santa Monica Rd. due to an emergency with his mother. Let's hope this one turns out ok. The hearty riders today were Jerry & Cindy, Joe & Caroline, Mitch & _____, JB, Ron, Lee & Anita, and Sharon - an invited guest, and of course your road captain, Lou.

Thanks to all who enjoyed another SCHRA lunch ride.



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15401 Delone St., Santa Clarita

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Kanan Rd., NE corner behind Shell Station

SCHRA 2016 Calendar- January

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
Thursday	1/14	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies	President	7:30 (Dinner 6:30)
To Be Determined by an Upcoming Road Captain's Meeting					

SCHRA 2016 Calendar - February



Holiday Party - Another View *JB -- Social Activities Chairperson*

22 Attend Fun 2015 Holiday Party at Casa Piano, Woodland Hills

Tradition has its own built-in momentum, none of which was lacking at the recent 2015 Holiday Party event hosted by Lou Piano at his Woodland Hills digs on Saturday, December 12. For the past half-dozen or more years the party has adopted the theme of "Hors D'oeuvres Extravaganza, a make-it-yourself, bring-it-yourself feast of hot and cold finger foods plus an incredible array of dessert items. Ah, yeah!

This year the party started at 6:00 PM and I anticipated a slow start because of the earlier time. Wrong! Judy and I walked in at just a few minutes after 6:00 PM and the first tray of cold-cooked shrimp was practically already gone. Fortunately, the back-up tray was waiting in the fridge.



This year we enjoyed some outstanding examples of what you guys can do on your own, and when asked politely. Thanks also to COSTCO for helping us fill-in some of the blanks. As Lou's helper this year, it was fun for he and me to sashay through the new mega Woodland Hills location as we held hands and pushed our cart through the multitude of holiday shoppers. Yes, we did get a few stares, but it was OK. We're not bad people.

Observed in Lou's crowded kitchen were a couple different kinds of meatballs, pot-stickers, a nameless but scrumptious Mexican dish, cheese plates, assorted croissant sandwiches, shrimp cocktail, brie en-croute, guacamole & chips, plus a variety of pies and cookies. The bar items included wine of both colors plus a variety of soft drinks, iced tea and water. Nobody went hungry/thirsty.

Nowhere is our SCHRA camaraderie more evident than at house parties, and this year Lou's kitchen was the place to be. I encountered many "quite-accidental" boob and butt bumps during the 50+ times I had to make my way through the mass of people! Other areas of congregation included the dining room, and a third group held court in the living room. Then we all switched places and a new series of boob and butt bumps began.

One of the traditional features of our annual Holiday Party is the introduction of the new officers and chairpersons who were recently elected and/or chosen to lead our club during 2016. For the most part they appear to be many of the same people who officiated during 2015. See the new assignments in this issue of R/T. We really appreciate volunteerism.

Special thanks to Lou, who actually has a lot of time on his hands these days, but still insisted on having the party at his home. Overall, it was a great evening and enjoyed by everyone. My only disappointment was the absence of valet parking!

"Upcoming Social Activities" January & February 2016

By JB - Social Activities Chairperson

Hi Folks:

I'm JB and I'm your recently appointed (by who?) new Social Activities Chairperson. I really hope I get to meet each and every one of you during the upcoming months and that you'll even consider volunteering your home for one of our planned "Social" events during 2016. I hope you all like the way I plan to handle my new responsibilities and I'm really excited to get to meet you and know you and hope that you like me too! Really. Honestly.

OK, now that you're past the bullshit, let me simply say that Super Bowl Sunday is on Sunday (what?) February 7, and we're thinking it would be nice if a bunch of folks decided to get together to watch the game together and eat some really crappy but good-tasting food.

For this to happen, we need a house volunteer. Who will it be?

Let JB know who is among the willing; but do it soon so we can "plan" or "ignore" as the case may be.

That's about it for now. Once we've had a planning meeting we'll publish a calendar of events for 2016. Then, let the pimping begin.



**Important Message from the
new VP/Officer-at-Large
JB -- Social Activities Chairperson**

The Veep Speaks!

By JB - Social Activities Chairperson

Somebody is playing with my mind.

There I sat, on the night of the recent Holiday Party, waiting to hear that I was, in fact, confirmed for the official crucial job of Officer-at-Large, when I was rudely informed that I had not qualified for that awesome responsibility and had therefore been promoted to V.P. or Veep, as you wish.

For the moment, let me put on my "Activities Chairperson" hat, and announce that, which you already know. We will be having some social events in 2016 and will likely include (1) Super Bowl Gathering, if someone volunteers a location; (2) Picnic to be determined by Ron Lynn; (3) Summer Party, likely to be held in Simi Valley;

and (4) a year-end Holiday Party, if someone will volunteer a house.

If you're looking for the recently departed Progressive Breakfast, let me remind you that our Board of Directors, at the last official meeting of same, decided that our numbers and turn-out statistics no longer warrant such an event. I'm somewhat disappointed by this decision because lox-and-bagels are one of my favorite meals and now I have only Brent's or Agoura Deli to turn to. Oh, I almost forgot, if you think it's difficult to find a house volunteer, try finding three house volunteers. Good luck with that!

Finally if anyone is feeling pangs of relief that you won't have to endure JB's monthly lengthy micro-explanations of upcoming events, consider this your notice that that isn't going to happen. You can't imagine how much fluff and stuff I can conjure up to talk about regarding our 2016 social activities. You've been forewarned.

Anyway, now that I have the above issues totally off my mind, let me say how pleased I am that you have such confidence in my capabilities, and such love for my wit, that You (with a capital Y) are the ones who insisted that I retain some degree of club responsibility. Yeah. You'll get what you've asked for.

DIVORCE vs. MURDER

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said, "I'd like to buy some cyanide.

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?"

The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband.

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he explained, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband, that's against the law.

I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide. Just get a divorce!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and said, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."



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