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## President's Message

*Jack Launius*

One of the greatest benefits of being in this particular Harley riders group is we don't just get together to ride we get together just to be together.

What a club.

February is behind us and warmer weather is ahead and with that come more rides, more miles and as much fun as people can have without having to pay more tax.

Some words to ride by.....

With the new riding season please keep in mind to arrive at our starting point with a full tank, use your hand signals, and keep a sharp eye for everyone and everything going on around you. Situations change in the blink of an eye, cars pull out from seemingly nowhere, traffic stops suddenly, truck tires blow out and the list goes on.

Keep the rider in back of you in your mirrors and remember to frequently check your mirrors. Use hand signals and turn signals when turning or changing lanes. When pulling into a lane in front of a car and make sure you have plenty of room between you and their bumper before you pull in.

On our ride this past Saturday, if we would have been in a riding class many people in our group would have failed. I watched one of our group pull in dangerously close to the car behind him, and several people never used a hand signal. It is just as important on a non-club ride to use the proper safety measures as we do on club rides. Hurt is still hurt and dead is still dead. You get my point.

When we are riding as a group passing cars, the people in the lead need to speed up when appropriate to make room for those in back. As a person who often rides sweep I can say that it is all very frustrating trying to guess what the person or persons ahead of you are going to do. It is extremely important for the leader and those behind them to watch for the people in the rear.

This month we have some terrific rides planned, I hope we see all the usual folks and hopefully some of you that have been hibernating all winter will venture out to join us for some motorcycling fun.

So let's all ride safely and responsibly....

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**Super Bowl Party**  
*Richard Slobin - Host*

# Super Bowl Party Draws 17 on Feb. 3 to Slobin Oak Park Residence

By JB - Activities Chairperson

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, SCHRA has concluded a highly successful get-together to view the Super Bowl Game on TV and also to sharpen our partying and dining skills while watching grown men trying to maim each other while chasing an oblong leather

football.

Notwithstanding the mayhem on the large screen, the revelers also enjoyed a variety of croissant sandwiches, jumbo cooked shrimp, guacamole & chips, plus a variety of homemade hors d'oeuvres contributed by various attendees. Also available were everyone's favorite beverages plus a variety of totally-fat-free desserts, cookies and candies.

Among the most memorable food items was Jane's pasta, Cindy's brownies and Fifi's brie & guacamole dip. JB also carved and prepared an excellent pineapple. I don't remember all who contributed something to the event so please excuse us if your name was left out. We all had a great time, including canines Sadie and Kugel.

Participating in the event were Richard, Lou, Mike, Ruthann, Mitch, Jane, Jerry, Cindy, Randy, Linda, Bob, Ana, Ron, Sandy, Stan, JB, & Fifi. The party committee for the 2013 edition of this exciting game included house-host Richard, activities guy JB, and all around good-guy & volunteer Lou.

Thanks to everyone who in one way or another helped to support this fun event.



**Olvera Street Lunch**  
*Jerry Bruce - R.C.*

# La Golondrina Satisfies as Ten SCHRA-sters Visit Olvera Street

I knew it wasn't going to be a big crowd, but I got downright nervous when I asked the Saturday-Ride Group how many planned on attending our Olvera Street lunch and only two hands went up - one of them mine. But, as so often is the case; not to worry. Ten of our brethren did show up on Sunday, February 24 at the NoHo Red

Line Metro on or before the 10:00 AM departure time.

Now it doesn't exactly take two-hours to get to Olvera Street from NoHo, but our past experience tells us that we must first spend an unknown amount of time doing battle with the f\_\_ing ticket dispensers. This year, something new has been added called a "tap Transit Access Pass" and everyone who rides the subway train must have one; at a cost of \$1.00 per person. This is in excess of the actual transit fare, which on a Sunday are only 25-cents per direction per senior-citizen-person.

But what puzzles me even more is how the hordes of all the other bus and subway riders all seem to know how to navigate the ticket machine, while I and my 15-years of university and post graduate work can't seem to figure it out. If I am to run this trip again in the future, there will surely be an assistant RC appointed, whose job it will be to obtain our tickets for us. Tips are always appreciated.

We arrived safely at Union Station and after doing the toilet-thing were all ready at 11:30

AM to walk the two short blocks to Olvera Street. As always, the narrow street was already crowded with vendors and visitors, all vying for the latest version of unnecessary junk, all attractively wrapped. We showed up early at La Golondrina (The Swallow) and were advised that our table was ready and waiting.

Having been to this well-known eatery many times in the past, I already knew that the food offered would be delicious, and it was. Our only disappointment were the corn chips and salsa offered gratis before the meal. On this unfortunate day the lady who usually makes the corn chips and tortillas was out ill and the substitute store-bought chips on a scale of one-to-ten were barely a two! Too small, not fresh, too dry, and too tasteless. To add insult to injury, the salsa which they served was hot enough to be labeled “explosive.”



Throughout our casual lunch, the restaurant was constantly filled with the sounds of the erstwhile Mariachi’s singing for dollars. On our last Olvera Street visit (at another venue) we were also serenaded by uninvited Mariachis and afterward a member of their merry group walked around our table soliciting gratuities. This year, we employed the tactic of avoiding eye-contact as they sauntered by, and the technique worked; Gracias a Dios.

Following lunch we all walked the short tour to the bottom of the street and then back up the other side towards the Plaza. The same Aztec Dancers we saw in the Plaza two years ago were still in attendance and the wide-eyed children were loving it; as was Richard. At about 2:00 PM we were all ready for our return rail ride, but this time there was no need to go to war with the ticket machines, as we all had our “tap-Cards” which allowed the automatic turnstiles to provide entry to the platform and the trains. The ride back to NoHo was about as exciting as the ride to downtown, and that’s the way old people (like us?) like it.

On exiting the station at NoHo, Judy was accosted by a woman who somehow got the impression that we might have been some type of ministry or church group. This made no sense to me until I realized that the shirt I was wearing was adorned with four-Christian-type Crosses on the back (the side I never look at). Holy Hanukkah!! This shirt will be offered up at our next club raffle.

As if all the above was not enough, Randy suggested that we wrap-up our delightful event by going a short distance to Porto’s Bakery for coffee and ...! No argument there. A bit too crowded but the lines moved quickly, and I only spilled my cappuccino once, all over me and Lou and a little bit on the guy sitting behind me; an omen of some kind?

Thanks to all who support SCHRA events and those members who plan them. Kudos to Jack, Lou, Richard, Bob & Ana, Randy & Linda, and JB, Fifi & Dave Ramos for your participation.



Ed Note: Second Opinion

The complimentary chips and salsa were great! The chips were fresh and not overly crunchy and most were the perfect bite-size. The salsa was chock full of ingredients with a touch of cilantro for flavor and color and just enough bite to add that great Mexican flavor we have all come to expect and enjoy. And Hey! What can you say about ‘free’ appetizers?!



## Bass Pro Lunch Ride

Lou Piano - RC~AL

**S**o, you'll never guess who got stuck....I mean who had the privilege of taking over the lunch ride to the world famous 'Bass Pro Shop'? Oh, you guessed already! Yup, me!

After a quick request from the original RC who had inadvertently double booked appointments I agreed to lead the ride. He offered suggestions as to what his agenda would have been and handed me the reins. Or is that riens? Or rains? Anyway.....

Amazing how I always seem to show up in the newsletter pictures. I must just be photogenic!



I assembled a hearty group of riders at Millie's which consisted of Mike L., Richard S., Bob T., and Ana, JB & JB, and Lee & Anita B. A quick road captions meeting - you know, the same old blah, blah, blah about keeping it under 95 etc.

We dead headed it to the 210 all the way to Rancho Cucamonga and took a new off-ramp and back way to the Bass Pro shop eatery. The food, as usual, was excellent. A little shopping beforehand and the usual marveling at all the stuff in this huge store.

Time to go and Mike and Bob and Ana took off for home while the rest of us headed to the 10 freeway and Laidlaws Harley Davidson. This is

one big dealership. They had tons of bikes and just about every model on the showroom floor. They also had an upstairs for clothes and accessories. Naturally we did some more shopping. \$30.00 for T-Shirts! Well, back to K-mart for me. Or is that Whitefront? The owner, Bob Laidlaw, was there riding around on his scooter and he took plenty of time to sit and chat with us. He's a friendly and knowledgeable guy.

Back on the bikes and home through L.A. downtown. We covered about 130 miles. The weather was cool but comfortable with a couple of layers and the streets were dry and clear. Another fun day with SCHRA.



*THEY say money doesn't  
bring you happiness...  
I say neither  
does being broke...*

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**Lane Splitting**  
**Mike Levison R/C**

Attention: SCHRA Riders  
Re: CHP Guidelines on Lane Splitting

**REALLY IMPORTANT!**

### Lane Splitting General Guidelines

Lane splitting in a safe and prudent manner is not illegal in the state of California.

The term lane splitting, sometimes known as lane sharing, filtering or white-lining, refers to the process of a motorcyclist riding between lanes of stopped or slower moving traffic or moving between lanes to the front of traffic stopped at a traffic light.

Motorcyclists who are competent enough riders to lane split, should follow these general guidelines if choosing to lane split:

1) Travel at a speed that is no more than 10 MPH faster than other traffic - danger increases at higher speed differentials.

- A speed differential of 10 miles per hour or less allows an alert, competent rider enough time to identify and react to most dangerous situations that can occur.

- The greater the speed differential, the less time a rider has to identify and react to a hazard.

2) It is not advisable to lane split when traffic flow is at 30 mph or faster --- danger increases as overall speed increases.

- At just 20 mph, in the 1 or 2 seconds it takes a rider to identify a hazard, that rider will travel approximately 30 to 60 feet before even starting to take evasive action. Actual reaction (braking or swerving) will take additional time and distance.

- Braking and stopping distance varies greatly based on a multitude of factors (rider, machine and environment).

- As speed increases, crash severity increases.

3) Typically, it is safer to split between the #1 and #2 lanes than between other lanes.

- Other road users are more accustomed to motorcy-

cles splitting between the #1 and #2 (furthest left) lanes.

- Avoid splitting in lanes near freeway on-ramps and exits.

- Avoid splitting lanes when another motorcycle rider is splitting between other nearby lanes as cars may make additional room for one rider and accidentally reduce space for another.

4) Consider the total environment in which you are splitting, including the width of the lanes, size of surrounding vehicles, as well as roadway, weather, and lighting conditions.

- Some lanes are narrower than others, leaving little room to pass safely. If you can't fit, don't split.

- Some vehicles are wider than others -- it is not advisable to split near wide trucks. If you can't fit, don't split.

- Know the limitations of your motorcycle --- wide bars, fairing and bags require more space between vehicles. If you can't fit, don't split.

- Avoid splitting on unfamiliar roads to avoid surprises such as poor road surfaces.

- Seams in the pavement or concrete between lanes can be hazardous if they are wide or uneven.

- Poor visibility, due to darkness or weather conditions, makes it difficult for riders to see road hazards and makes it more difficult for drivers to see you.

- Help drivers see you by wearing brightly colored protective gear and using high beams during daylight.

5) Be alert and anticipate possible movements by other road users.

- Be very aware of what the cars around you are doing. If a space, or gap, opens up next to your lane, be prepared to react accordingly.

- Always be prepared to take evasive action if a vehicle changes lanes.

- Account for inattentive or distracted drivers.

- Riders should not weave back and forth between lanes or ride on top of the line.

- Riders should avoid lingering in blind spots.

- Never ride while impaired by drugs, alcohol or fatigue.

- Constantly scan for changing conditions.

## The Four R's or "Be-Attitudes" of Lane Splitting:

Be Reasonable, be Responsible, be Respectful, be aware of all Roadway and traffic conditions.

- Be Reasonable means not more than 10 MPH faster than traffic flow and not over 30 MPH.

- Be Responsible for your own safety and decisions.

Don't put yourself in dangerous positions.

If you can't fit, don't split.

- Be Respectful --- sharing the road goes both ways. Don't rely on loud pipes to keep you safe, loud pipes often startle people and poison the attitude of car drivers toward motorcyclists.

Other vehicles are not required to make space for motorcycles to lane split.

- Be aware Roadways and traffic can be hazardous: uneven pavement, wide trucks, distracted drivers, weather conditions, curves, etc.

### Disclaimers:

These general guidelines are not guaranteed to keep you safe.

Lane splitting should not be performed by inexperienced riders. These guidelines assume a high level of riding competency and experience.

The recommendations contained here are only general guidelines and cannot cover all possible combinations of situations and variables.

Personal Safety: Every rider has ultimate responsibility for his or her own decision making and safety. Riders must be conscious of reducing crash risk at all times. California law requires all motorcycle riders and passengers wear a helmet that complies with the DOT FMVSS 218 standard.

Risk of getting a ticket: Motorcyclists who lane split are not relieved of the responsibility to obey all existing traffic laws. With respect to possible law enforcement action, keep in mind that it will be up to the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer to determine if riding behavior while lane splitting is or was safe and prudent.

When is it NOT OK to split?

You should NOT lane split:

- If you can't fit.

- At a toll booth.

- If traffic is moving too fast or unpredictably.

- If dangerous road conditions exist --- examples include water or grit on the road, slippery road markings, road construction, uneven pavement, metal grates, etc.

- If you cannot clearly see a way out of the space you're going into (for example, if a van or SUV is blocking your view).

- Between trucks, buses, RVs, and other wide vehicles.

- Around or through curves.

- If you are not fully alert and aware of your surroundings.

- If you are unable to react to changing conditions instantaneously.

- If you don't feel comfortable with the situation.

### Messages for Other Vehicle Drivers

1) Lane splitting by motorcycles is not illegal in California when done in a safe and prudent manner.

2) Motorists should not take it upon themselves to discourage motorcyclists from lane splitting.

3) Intentionally blocking or impeding a motorcyclist in a way that could cause harm to the rider is illegal (CVC 22400).

4) Opening a vehicle door to impede a motorcycle is illegal (CVC 22517).

5) Never drive while distracted.

6) You can help keep motorcyclists and all road users safe by

Checking mirrors and blind spots, especially before changing lanes or turning.

Signaling your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic.

Allowing more following distance, three or four seconds, when behind a motorcycle so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.



# Product Corner

Mr. Ron Lynn

*course we all know that this is always done by our mechanics for inspection.*

## K & P Engineering Micronic Oil Filter Resuable

Add the super strength magnet installed in the top of the unit which acts as a pre-filtering process to capture the metallic particles and you have additional protection for your engines. The higher cost of this reusable filter can be offset by the cost of replacing the paper filters with each oil change, over the life of the bike, and definitely by the costs of possible expensive repairs in the future.

Why would anyone even consider replacing the stock factory paper type oil filter with a paperless reusable Micronics type oil filter and pay from \$149-\$223 for one? Well, you're asking the wrong person here. I love my Harley! Treat it right and it will treat you right. Penny wise pound foolish. If you really care ..... enough already!

So why not treat your very valuable Harley engine to a better choice. I did and discovered very early that some orange plastic particles had broken loose and were trapped in the filter, which could have caused extensive damage if they had gone undetected.

To begin with, most riders are unaware that oil filters have built in bypass valves which will activate when the



filter element becomes clogged or the oil flow slows down. Next, the water which naturally condenses in the oil, causes the paper filter elements to swell, slowing down the oil flow through the filter. This can happen very easily and early into your oil change intervals, essentially rendering the oil filter useless since the oil is now bypassing the filter.

Available: [kandpengineering.com](http://kandpengineering.com) Local Installer: Comanche Custom Cycles in Moorpark, CA. The S4 model fits most Harley's.

Price: Machine Finish - \$149; Chrome - \$175 and variations up to powder coated - \$223.

Encased in a solid billeted aluminum stylish housing, the medical-grade stainless steel micronic filter cloth captures particles down to 35 microns (most filters allow from 50-90 microns to pass through). This increases the oil flow to over 7 times more than the standard paper filters. When cleaning this filter, it is very easy to inspect any particles which were trapped rather than having to cut open the paper filter for inspection. Of



*Remember. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE, BUY IT*

## Meet Your Member

*Sumbudy*



**W**hen you read this article, if it seems a little familiar that is because it should. We published it two and a half years ago in Rolling Thunder. However, when Sumbudy reads his own articles six months after they're written, they possess no familiarity whatsoever. It could be described as a touch of literary Alzheimer's! Assuming many of you might enjoy similar memory experiences, due to the present circumstance of the subject matter now being our elected SCHRA Prez, we are updating and repeating without apology this fascinating article.

The quiet spoken gentleman Sumbudy is profiling made an immediate impression on our congenial group upon his arrival. It was due to his unique Harley-Davidson, rather than his looks or personality. Jack Launius brought to SCHRA it's first Harley "Trike", which he bought new from Van Nuys H-D in February '09. When there he met one of our old members who referred him to our February meeting. While we were admiring the shiny and spotlessly clean new black machine, he was observing how warm, friendly and unpretentious our group behaved. He joined that first night and has been actively participating with wife Nanette on most all of the club activities ever since.

Jack was born on Feb 16, 1956, in the small town of Ottawa, Illinois. The family owned and worked a 90 acre farm, with Jack being the youngest of 3 kids. He has a 12 year older brother and a 10 year older sister, so obviously he was an accident. A blessing or a surprise gift, take your pick or ask his folks! His dad worked a full-time job at a local sand and silicon mine in addition to full-time

farming corn, soy beans, etc. Mom was an accountant, going back to school for a degree when Jack got older. Going to high school in Ottawa, he spent some time in a local community college before attending Illinois State University. Jack was one of those farm kids we always hear about, having to do his chores starting at 4 o'clock in the morning before going off to school.

Jack's first bike was a Honda 350, which he bought used from his sister. Then came a Honda 750, which he souped-up and raced. A series of Japanese machines followed, including a Yamaha dirt bike, an 1100 Shadow and a Kawasaki 1000. He had a head-on collision when a car went over the yellow line around a curve, totaling the Kawasaki but miraculously leaving him and his passenger with only cuts and bruises. The Trike, acquired exactly four years ago, is Jack's first relationship with a Harley-Davidson. Sort of explains why he can be seen cleaning and polishing his bike while the rest of us

are standing around our dusty and bug splattered motorcycles bullshitting.

Our pal came to California in 1993 at the behest of his then but now ex-wife. He had worked as a sales trainer in industries affiliated with home construction in the mid-west, but found himself through circumstances crossing into the pest control business. After going through several divorces, Jack met Nanette while working for the same company out here. They started a new pest control business together in 2002, using the least toxic "green" materials available. Being immediately successful, he

smartly married his new partner in 2003. Nanette had a grown daughter at the time. They now enjoy a 4 year old grand daughter. They worked in the business together 6 to 7 days a week until starting to take time to participate in our club activities. Sumbudy knows nothing clears the brain of business concerns like cruising down a scenic highway with a group of friends on Harleys!

Curious, I asked Jack why the trike? He replied he had been into bikes since childhood, but a



workplace accident 3 years earlier left him little choice. It ironically was not a traffic or bike mishap, but a common “fell off a ladder” situation. He was inspecting some high work on a building while utilizing a tall extension ladder. The guy holding it steady didn’t. The ladder slipped on the smooth concrete surface, dropping him 28 feet to the ground. He broke a bunch of bones on his right side, like a hip, arm, elbow, and four vertebrae, etc. He was in surgery 24 hours while they bolted him back together with titanium rods and screws. The doctor didn’t expect him to walk again, much less ride motorcycles. After 3 plus weeks in the hospital, Jack endured 6 months of painful therapy to make a spectacular recovery and walk without canes or limp, but the resulting strength on his repaired right side isn’t enough to hold up a heavy bike in one of those ‘dropping moments’ we have all experienced. The potential to re-injure himself is



greatly lessened ‘cause dropping a trike is really hard!

As our membership ages, if that is even possible, Sumbudy thinks it most probable that more Trikes will be joining our ranks. Other than lane-splitting, and we can only do that in California, and parking space, there doesn’t appear to be many negatives. And they are mechanical works of art!

At this concluding point in our Meet Your Member articles, I usually mention how pleased and proud we sincerely are to have the subject be a fellow club member, friend, and riding companion. The only difference this time is while that is our honest sentiment, Jack specifically wished to say thank you to our membership for the welcoming kindness and friendship both he and Nanette have received and have been shown since joining us. It has indeed been our pleasure Mister Prez!





**JB's Excellent Adventure to Explore CA's Trinity Alps**

*"Hey Timmy; we're going to Happy Camp. Let's get some beef jerky"*

**A**mong other things, what I recall the most were the beef-jerky signs which all seemed to point to the quaint hamlet of Happy Camp; also home of the would-be big-foot.

But we were there to raft the Klamath River, not to chew old beef sticks laden with nitrates. So here we are at the put-in point on the river and looking forward to the next 7 days of bliss, punctuated by moments of stark terror in the rapids. This is my memory of Shasta-Trinity National Forest, just a short 35-years ago.

But our 2013 trip will offer much more than just a river and trees and beef jerky:

Day (1) will be transition day from the heat of Southern CA to the heat of Northern CA. We'll spend the night at the historic Jeffrey Hotel in beautiful downtown Coulterville. The early-birds will get the rooms with the private baths. The others, not so much. Maybe just a short jump across the hall or down the hall, whatever.

Day (2) will take us through the region of the CA Gold Country, with a planned lunch stop somewhere around Sacramento; maybe my favorite place - Fat City, in Old Town. In the afternoon we resort to the freeway to get us up to Red Bluff. What can you say about Red Bluff that hasn't been said before? I dunno, never been there! Overnight at the BW (Best Western).

Day (3) begins the adventure in the mountains. We'll head west and then north to a wide-spot in the road called Weaverville; probably for lunch. Then we will proceed north through the magnificent forest, all the way to Yreka (pron. why-reeka). How about another BW? Here's another place I've only passed while driving to Oregon.

Day (4) we'll follow the Klamath River as it winds its way through the heart of Big-Foot Country and also pass through Happy Camp for those who need a chew. Lunch will be wherever we can find it, possibly in Happy Camp or maybe not in Happy Camp. I dunno. We're spending the night in Fortuna at, yes, another BW.

Day (5) and we're heading south on Highway 101, skirting the Pacific Ocean as we go through the Big Trees. I'm thinking lunch around Willits. Then we continue south into the CA Wine Country and some gracious little but well known wine towns. Our destination for tonight is Napa. Maybe another BW? Yes, of course.

Day (6) and we're all lined up for the fast ride back home on Interstate 5. Probably Coalinga for lunch; or not. Nobody goes hungry on I-5

So there it is. Six days & five nights with the flavor of Gold Country, Big Tree Country, The Forest Back-Country, and Wine Country. A total of 1600 miles, for an average daily spin of about 267 miles.

Below are the particulars for those who are ready to sign up. Remember, you can always cancel if necessary, however if you wait too long you may be disappointed. We have taken a total of six rooms per night and one of those rooms is already booked by me. When you call, just mention the date and the name **Bruce**.

Thursday, Aug. 1: Coulterville - Jeffrey Hotel, \$112+. 209.878.0461

Friday, Aug. 2: Red Bluff - BW+ Antelope Inn, \$89.99+. 530.527.8882

Saturday, Aug. 3: Yreka - BW Miner's Inn, \$94.60. 530.842.4355

Sunday, Aug. 4: Fortuna - BW Country Inn, \$116+. 707.725.6822

Monday, Aug. 5: Napa - BW+ Inn at the Vines, \$149+. 707.257.1930

Tuesday, Aug. 6: Tonight you sleep in your own bed.

So there it is; now go get it!

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## Upcoming Events

By JB - Activities Chairperson

# Upcoming Events: March & April

We had some memorable events during the past month of February starting off with the SCHRA Super Bowl Party, again hosted by Richard Slobin. This is now the second time we've tried a club party for (SB) and it was well attended. Attendees found a good variety of food and drinks, as well as the camaraderie which normally accompanies all club events.

We also paid another visit to the wonderful Bass Pro Shop in Rancho Cucamonga, including a terrific lunch at the Islamorada Restaurant, and served in the very private and prestigious Board Room. Mike reports that the quality of the fudge remains at a consistent "10."

To wrap things up in February we took another ride on the Red Line Metro to the Union Station and another fun lunch at the La Golondrina (the Swallow) Restaurant on Olvera Street. Being in fear of where our next meal would come from we also decided to pay a visit to the incredible Porto's Bakery before heading home for our naps.

### March 2013

#### Saturday 3/9 - Famoso Drag Races: 9:00 AM, Millies, Joe-Bob

Please note that this event was originally scheduled for Saturday, March 2, until we learned that it was actually a week later. Join Joe-Bob as he leads our group into the San Joaquin Valley for a day of good-old knock-down, dusty as hell, drag races y'all!

#### Thursday 3/14 - Club Meeting @ Four N 20: 6:30 PM dinner, 7:30 PM meeting

Remember, corn chowder is served on Thursdays!

#### Saturday 3/16 - Integration Tour - Landers: 8:30 AM, Denny's (SC), Joe-Bob

This seems to be Joe-Bob month at SCHRA as he takes the RC helm on two rides to strange places. The Integraton is located in the desert near 29 Palms and features a venue designed to make your

ears very happy. Try it, you'll like it.

#### Saturday 3/30 - Lunch @ Far Western - Orcutt: 9:00 AM, Woodlake, Jack

Nobody doesn't like the Far Western and the same holds true for the Town of Orcutt. Located just next door to Santa Maria, this restaurant is the re-iteration of the historic Far Western which was originally located in old Guadeloupe. Come see if you can discern any difference in taste and ambience.

### April 2013

#### Saturday 4/6 - Poppies & Tehachapi: 9:00 AM, Millies, Joe-Bob

Now that we've had some decent rain in the state, poppy viewing should be excellent. The best time to go is generally between March and May, with mid-April providing the best showing, so our timing is just about right. Lunch to follow in the quaint little mountain berg of Tehachapi; you know, located along the railroad tracks.

#### Thursday, 4/11 - Club Meeting @ Four N 20: 6:30 PM dinner, 7:30 PM meeting

Hey, the young ladies (waitresses) are back and now everything seems to flow quicker and smoother. Dinner prices are moderate.

#### Friday 4/12 thru Tuesday 4/16 - Arizona Adventure: 8:00 AM, Millies, JB

Here's our first multi-nighter of the year, taking us to Kingman, Old Route 66, Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, Jerome, and Prescott. Four nights & five days of great "out west" riding and sightseeing. As of this printing, one room (out of 6 rooms booked) remains available if anyone is interested, otherwise it will be cancelled by mid-March.

#### Friday 4/26 thru Sunday 4/28 - Death Valley: 8:30 AM, Millies, C. Stern

This classic trip runs for two-nights and three-days and covers the most interesting view points in the Valley and surrounding mountains. As of this printing, no reservation information is available, but will be announced shortly by way of an Event Alert.

So there-you-have-it folks. Can't believe that one-third of the year has already appeared in this monthly column and summer is almost upon us. If anybody has any ideas for future locations or events, please let JB know about it because, believe it or not, we are already thinking about our venues for 2014. The weary get no rest.

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## March

- 9th Famoso Ride  
Sat., Millie's 9:00 am
- 10th Daylight Savings - Move Clocks Forward  
About 1 hour or so.....
- 16th Landers Integration Tour  
Sat., Denny's 8:30am, Joe
- 30th Orcutt Lunch & Far Western Tavern  
Sat., Woodlake Bowl 9:00am, Jack

## April

- 6th Poppies & Tehachapi Lunch  
Sat., Millie's, 9:00am, Joe
- 12-16 Arizona Adventure  
Fri., Millie's, 8:00am, JB
- 26-28 Death Valley  
Fri., Millie's, 8:30am, Cindy

### *This stuff is nothing to laugh at.*

The children were gathered on the front pew one Sunday morning for the Children's Sermon. The minister asked, "Does anyone know what the resurrection is?"

One little boy blurted out, "I'm not quite sure but I do know that if you have a resurrection that lasts longer than four hours, you have to see a doctor."

It took about ten minutes for the congregation to settle down enough to continue with the worship service.

Ever since I was a child, I've always had a fear of someone under my bed at night. So I went to a shrink and told him, "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy. "

"Just put yourself in my hands for one year, " said the shrink. "Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears. "

"How much do you charge? " "Eighty dollars per visit," replied the doctor. "I'll sleep on it," I said.

Six months later the doctor met me on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" he asked.

"Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought a new pickup! "

"Is that so!" With a bit of an attitude he said, "and how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

"He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't nobody under there now! "

### HOW TO INSTALL A SOUTHERN HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

1. Go to Goodwill and buy a pair of size 14-16 men's work boots.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine.
3. Put 4 giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your front door that reads:

Bubba,  
Me and Marcel, Donnie Ray and Jimmy Earl went for more ammo and beer. 'Be back in an hour.  
Don't mess with the pit bulls. They got the mailman this morning and messed him up bad. I don't think Killer took part but it was hard to tell from all the blood.  
Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside. Be right back,

Cooter



# SCHRA Boutique

Lou Piano VP

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](mailto: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 \$15.00 |
| Medium             | 3         |
| Large              | 1         |
| Ex. Large          | 5         |
| 2XL                | 2         |
| 3XL                | 0         |

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|------------------------|---|
| 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 |

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Black Long Sleeve |   |
| Small             | 4 |
| Medium            | 4 |
| Large             | 1 |
| Ex. Large         | 2 |
| 2XL               | 4 |
| 3XL               | 2 |



|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| White Short Sleeve |   |
| Small              | 0 |
| Medium             | 0 |
| Large              | 2 |
| Ex. Large          | 0 |
| 2XL                | 0 |
| 3XL                | 0 |



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|-------------------|---|
| White Long Sleeve |   |
| Small             | 1 |
| Medium            | 0 |

- Dark blue short sleeve t-shirts - S, L, XL
- Baby blue short sleeve t-shirts - XXL
- Most t-shirts have a pocket.

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.

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.

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| 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       | 47 | \$ 7.00 |
| Large Patch       | 2  | \$25.00 |
| Pins              |    |         |
|                   |    | 0       |



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### Extra Wind

All Motorcycle Riders are invited to show up at Starbucks' parking lot on Ventura Blvd. & Topanga Canyon Blvd. on Saturday @ 9:30am for an impromptu ride. Check the SCHRA calendar to be sure no club rides are scheduled. Actual departure time is sometime between 10:00am and 10:30am depending on 'Sample' time and how many hot women park close to us and go into Starbucks for their morning pick-me-up!

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