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**Sr. Road Captain  
Lou Piano**

**M**otorcycle safety begins with the proper clothing and gear.

We all know that our home state of California requires all motorcyclists, driver and passenger, to wear a helmet. We have also seen many styles and colors of helmets but did you know that some of those helmets are not approved for use in California? It's true. We must wear a helmet which is DOT (Department of Transportation (federal)) approved. So the question is - how come they are sold in Ca? Well, they are sold as novelties by sellers who do not comply with the law to unsuspecting riders who just want to look cool. Don't fall into that trap. Always look for the DOT sticker.

Then, of course, is eye protection. Choose a style and type that allows you to see a wide panorama. If you need prescription lenses be sure to keep them up to date. Glass is better than plastic as it won't scratch as easily which would require replacement.

Motorcycle jackets are made of many materials but leather is best unless you choose a jacket with Kevlar, or similar,

built into it to protect you in case of a fall.

Boots should be sturdy and over the ankle to protect the entire foot and ankle from injury.

Gloves? Well, keeping your hands warm is important in order to maintain quick reflex actions and the ability to move your fingers on the controls easily. Good gloves will also protect your hands from flying road stuff. You know what it is. Little rocks and bugs and, well, stuff!

Rain gear may be optional but if you have ever ridden in the rain for any length of time you know the value of covering up with vinyl.

High visibility riding gear is a good idea but, good lighting is imperative. It allows you to see the road better and it allows other drivers to see you at a farther distance and judge accordingly..

Ride Safely.



## Upcoming Events

*JB - Socail Activities Chairperson*

### *March, April, & May 2017*

Gentlemen & Ladies of SCHRA: Contained herein is everything you need to know about events during the upcoming three months.

Actually, this article was never supposed to happen, following the February issue of Rolling Thunder, at which time a more complete rundown (next 4 months) of activities was unceremoniously cut from the newsletter in order to make more room for *Rodney Dan-gerfield!*

In a fiery retort to the editor for this sleight, I made it clear that there would be no further Upcoming Events articles penned by my good self, and I meant it!

Unfortunately, and concurrent with my advanced age and forgetfulness, I prepared the information below; not remembering my earlier threat not to do so. So make of this what you wish. It is mostly the stuff which was left on the cutting-room floor. Don't even read it if you don't want to.

#### **MARCH**

##### **Friday 3/3 to Sunday 3/5 - Fresno Blossom Trail**

Here is yet another event which is a new addition to our 2017 ride calendar. We did make a false-start about a year ago but windy and wet weather virtually guaranteed the absence of the blossoms we were hoping to see. Let's hope that the weather holds and we can enjoy a fabulous ride through the orchards of the San Joaquin Valley.

To book your rooms call Hilton Garden Inn at Clovis (Fresno) at 559.299.2203 and ask for Adrian. Five rooms were being held under the name "Gerald Bruce," confirmation number 3315943204, at the AAA rate of

\$225.56 for both nights (dbl. Q). Breakfast not included but there is an on-site restaurant.

##### **Sunday 3/19 - San Pedro & USS Iowa Battleship - CANCELLED!**

*Please note that this ride is to be rescheduled for some time later this year. Remove the above date from your calendar until further notice.*

#### **APRIL**

##### **Sunday, 4/9 - Long Beach Aquarium**

I don't know about you, but I really love fish, especially with a light garlic sauce, lemon juice, and a touch of cilantro. This ride, however, is not expected to provide this kind of culinary event.

This event is about going to see really big fishies who'd rather eat you and tear you to shreds if they could. I mean I'm talking about sharks and whales and giant-clawed lobsters and scary eels and maybe even a brontosaurus! Well, maybe not a brontosaurus.

Departure time, meeting place and road captain are yet to be determined so be on the alert for an alert.

##### **Wednesday 4/26 to Sunday 4/29 - Laughlin, NV Bike Rally**

Don't have much in the way of details about this event. If you are interested, speak to Ron Lynn to find out what he has in mind and/or what arrangements he may have already made regarding accommodations, etc. If there is sufficient support for this event an Event-Alert will be forthcoming.

#### **MAY**

##### **Friday 5/19 to Monday 5/22 - Death Valley & Environs with RCHR**

It's time for our annual gathering with our buddies from the north. Note that the event has been extended an extra day in order to provide more time for relaxation, etc. so this

will be a test-run for future joint events.

The plan will be to stay at the Longstreet Casino & Resort in Amargosa Valley, NV. Details can be found in the recently-released Event Alert. We will spend one day visiting sites within the park boundary, and on the second day we will explore areas of interest outside the park boundary.

RC designate is JB who will also lead during our stay in Death Valley. In the meantime we hope the Oroville Dam holds up; otherwise the folks from RCHR may be travelling to Death Valley by boat.

### **Sunday, 5/28 - Lockwood Valley (aka Reyes Creek/Camp Scheideck)**

Joe-Bob Gubbrud does the honors as RC as we make our way into the Padres National Forest to visit a very funky restaurant and watering hole, well hidden from most passers-by. Accessible either from Fraser Park or Ojai, the mountain scenery is spectacular. Calendar it now and then be on the lookout for your Event Alert for more details. Four-wheel vehicles welcome.

*Editors note: There was a bunch of crap in here I wanted to cut, but, I didn't dare!*



## **Let's Go To Nevada**

*JB - Independent Road Captain*

## **Let's Go To Nevada!**

*By JB*

Please consider this an invitation to all those who would like to participate in a fun 5-day ride to our neighboring State. This is not a SCHRA-sanctioned ride; just an itinerary which JB & Judy plan to follow (by trike) in late June. Whoever would like to join us is most welcome to do so.

We're going to leave on Wednesday, June 21 and head to Alamo, NV; about an hour-and-a-quarter past Las Vegas. For the next two nights we'll be staying at Windmill Ridge, just north of Pahrnagate Lakes. The rooms here all look like log cabins on the outside, but are normal motel-type rooms on the inside. A good restaurant and bakery is also on-site; otherwise this is a pretty remote location.

Next day, Thursday, June 22, we'll make our way east to Caliente and then north to Pioche. There are four Nevada State Parks in this area and we intend to try to briefly visit them all. The local park ranger says we won't be disappointed with what we see. The parks are all small and easily accessible. We then return to

Alamo for the night.

On Friday, June 23 we take an unhurried drive along the infamous Extraterrestrial Highway as we head northwest to the Town of Rachel and the quirky "Ale-Inn" (gift-shop and restaurant). This area is also known as Area 51, a site where secret government goings-on and alien-beings are commonplace.

Then we proceed to the Town of Tonopah where we coincidentally meet-up with some of our friends from RCHR who are doing a weekend ride of their own. Our accommodations are at The Tonopah Station & Casino.

We'll join RCHR on Saturday, June 24 as they spend a part of the day at The Tonopah Historic Mining Park, where, for a price, you can still mine for precious stones. This appears to be a highly interesting location where miners pulled a treasure out of the ground a century or so ago. Later we'll return to the hotel for a dip in the pool, or a dip in your wallet at the casino, and then drinks and dinner.

Sunday, June 25 we say our goodbyes as RCHR heads north and we head south and west over Westgard Pass to Big Pine; then Highway 395 south to home.

So far three other SCHRA folks have indicated interest in joining us on this trip. Call JB for further details.



## Presidents Message

*Jerry Stern*

Not only is February a short month, but it also goes along with my memory, which also seems to be getting shorter. So I'll keep this article short as well.

We had two successful Club events in February, neither of which involved riding because most every weekend was wet. The Super Bowl Party at the Sternz was attended by twenty members and guests, and it was certainly one of the most exciting games in Super Bowl history, with the Patriots coming back in the second half to pulverize the Falcons with a crushing defeat after they dominated the first half of the game. I think that everyone was on the edge of their seat(s) and the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Then on February 11th we had our excursion to the fabulous Mullin Automotive collection in Oxnard. The day was kind of iffy weather-wise, so we opted to go by 4-wheeled conveyance rather than ride. The collection features French-built cars which were never very popular in this country, but their styling was certainly world-class gorgeous. Afterwards, the six in attendance went for lunch at Cabo Restaurant, and then back home. While the weather stayed sunny most of the day, our concerns were borne out as the skies opened on the way home, confirming that our decision not to ride had been a wise one. We live to ride another day.

Ride Safely.

# SCHRA Boutique

Ask a board member for more info, prices or to purchase Some of this highly gifted stuff.

The SCHRA members boutique is now open for online and telephone orders! The winter 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 [Pres@schra.org](mailto:Pres@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.

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	Black	3			
LS	White	0			
	Blue	0			
	Black	2			
<u>XX-LARGE</u>					
SS	White	0			
	Blue	1			
	Black	2			

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### SCHRA 2017 Calendar- February

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
Fri - Sun	3 - 5	Fresno Blossom Trail	McDonald's at Kanan	C. Stern	8:30 am
Moved to	Oct.	USS Iowa		D. ZumAllen	

### SCHRA 2017 Calendar - March

		Long Beach Aquarium			
Wed - Sun	4/26-29	Laughlin River Run		Ron Lynn	

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