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Thursday
May 10th
7:00 pm

President's Message [sic]

Stan Myers

It has been less than 48 hours since I returned home from our SCHRA

Any person who has the task to write a monthly message such as this *President's Message* is burdened with the mental need, so to speak, to write something that others will derive something of value from (not end a sentence with a preposition such as I did just now). I was bewailing that burden recently when one prominent member of our elite club, whose name shall remain unmentioned said, "Just write some of your thoughts. That's what I want to read about." So here goes!!

If you ask a person who is Irish, "Why do the Irish always answer a question with a question?" most likely you will get the answer, "Do they?" If you ask a Jewish person the same question you will likely get the answer, "Do they?" Isn't that one more indication that we are all brothers and sisters under the skin? Well, not the Jihadists, of course!

I was in a Ralphs Market yesterday and experienced yet another example that you often do not get an answer to your question. A married couple was shopping and they were in adjacent aisles from one another. The husband yelled over to the wife, "Do you want any tomatoes?" Her answer was, "We don't have any." Whatever happened to answering what is asked instead of using non-sequiturs like that? Similarly, at our local VA Clinic I once asked a dietician whether a given food supplement was necessary or of value. Her answer was, "Well, you can take it, it won't hurt you." Ridiculous!!

3-day weekend ride to Death Valley. I won't go into detail about the ride as I'm sure our Senior Road Captain will handle that elsewhere in this *Rolling Thunder* issue. I will say, though, while I usually enjoy our overnights, this one was something very special! Everyone seemed to have a marvelous time. We ate and drank, we laughed and partied, we enjoyed warm camaraderie; a beautiful sense of togetherness. Good friends, good rides, good times, good feelings -- this is the very essence of SCHRA, folks. If you weren't there I'm sorry you missed it. Try not to miss the next one!

I received the following in an e-mail, with no author attribution, and I thought the simplicity was outstanding: A mother asked Pres. Bush, "Why did my son have to die in Iraq?" Another mother asked Pres. Kennedy, "Why did my son have to die in Viet Nam?" Another mother asked Pres. Roosevelt, "Why did my son have to die on Guadalcanal?" Yet another mother asked Pres. Wilson, "Why did my son have to die in the Argonne Forest?" The same question was no doubt asked of Lincoln and Washington. And possibly a long time ago, a Jewish mother asked, "Heavenly Father, why did my son have to die on a cross in Jerusalem?" The answer to all those questions is the same: "So that others may have life and dwell in peace and freedom".

IF YOU DON'T STAND BEHIND OUR TROOPS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STAND IN FRONT OF THEM.

From the Editor

Linda Marks

A good number of newcomers have graced SCHRA with their membership since the beginning of 2007. For them, and as a reminder to our longstanding members, this article will discuss the content of *Rolling Thunder*.

While no one in SCHRA is required to submit an article, by tradition those who hold the offices of President, Senior Road Captain and Editor typically contribute to each issue. Because an article from these officers is not mandatory, the content can be about pretty much anything the writer cares to cover. Senior Road Captains have submitted anything from ride reports to safety articles; I have provided twelve months of travel documentaries on my solo journeys, including a 15 day, 10 state, 5000 mile Sturgis tour and a week long adventure through northern Baja. *Rolling Thunder* has published articles on non-SCHRA rides as well as no-ride trips by SCHRA members through Ireland and China. And, of course, we all love jokes and funny stories!

Rolling Thunder has also published plenty of articles from first time writers. These are people don't write for a living, nor do they write on a regular basis. It can take a lot of guts to not only sit down and write an article but to actually submit it for publication. Most people are just too shy to do that.

If you ever decide that you, too, would like to see published in the *RT* something that struck you as humorous, interesting or just

plain noteworthy in your humble opinion, then get over your humbling block (!) and send it to me at editor@schra.org. If it needs a little work, no problem - that's my job.

I have been sent submissions for publication by people who don't even like to write (hell, they can barely type). Those submissions were little more than notes, blurbs, and strings of non-sequitur sentences. Yet the *RT* audience has no idea which articles came across my in-box in that form because it's a secret known only to me and the person submitting the writing; and that's the way it should be.

No article is too long or too short. In addition to articles, we all love photographs and we *really* love cartoons! Ride reports need not cover SCHRA rides - they can cover any ride done by any member. In addition, stories about rides your friends described to you can make good content. Hey, we're riders, and when we're not riding we love to read about rides.

Technical and safety articles are not the exclusive bailiwick of certain members either, so you need not be a road captain or wrench to submit that kind of article. In short, if it's about bikes, bikers, rallies, rides, or pertains in some way to you as a SCHRA member, please share it with the rest of us. The other members will thank you for it!

My publication deadline is the last Thursday of each month.

Save These Dates!

May 12 - 14: overnighter to Paso Robles. Moved up a week because it conflicts with some other big event in town. Call Cindy at (818) 703-7570 for details.

May 20: Guide Dogs of America charity poker run. Not an official SCHRA ride however if you would like to ride with other SCHRA members write to editor@schra.org and the *Extra Wind* column will hook you all up together.

June 2: dinner ride to somewhere. Got ideas? Call James at (818) 884-3825.

June 10: Rip's Bad Ride. Poker run to fight diabetes. Vendors, bands, food, *etc.* Details t/b/a.

June 23 - 25: Fifth Annual Kotler Ranch Run. Always a SCHRA favorite. See p. 4 for all how to get a room.

July 6 - 8: historical world famous Hollister run. Not an official SCHRA ride however if you would like to ride with other SCHRA members write to editor@schra.org and the *Extra Wind* column will hook you all up together.

July 14 - 16: overnighter to Cambria with a post-rally Hollister visit. Get the best of all worlds: Hollister and Gilroy with much better rates and no crowds plus cool ocean breezes at Cambria.

2007 Ride Schedule

Overnighter to Paso Robles	
Denny's Roxford, 8:30a, Cindy S.	Sat May 12 - Mon May 14
Dinner Ride to T/B/A	
t/b/a (see p. 7 for details)	Sat Jun 2
Poker Run: Rip's Bad Ride	
t/b/a	Sun Jun 10
Fifth Annual Kotler Ranch Run	
Denny's Roxford, 8a, Mike L.	Sat Jun 23 - Mon Jun 25
Overnighter to Cambria and Hollister	
t/b/a, James P.	Sat Jul 14 - Mon July 16
Overnighter to Yosemite	
t/b/a, Janet P.	Sat Sep 15 - Mon Sep 17
Stay Tuned	
for	
Upcoming Rides	

Extra Wind

Anyone looking for riding buddies or a group discount hotel rate on a planned ride *not* on SCHRA's 2007 Ride Schedule can network here by e-mailing the date and destination to editor@schra.org so other members can hook up with you. **These rides are *not* meant to compete with SCHRA rides** and, because these rides are ***not*** sanctioned SCHRA rides, there may **never** be a SCHRA Road Captain on any of them. However, if your calendar prevents you from attending all the SCHRA rides as scheduled, or you just need more wind in the face than the SCHRA 2007 Ride Schedule provides, then look here every month, and by all means feel free to submit whatever scheduled or "any time" itineraries your bike screams at you to take!

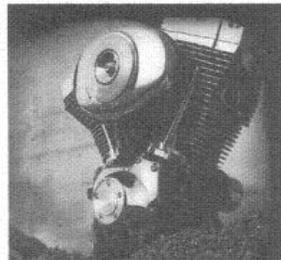
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* These rides may end up on the SCHRA 2007 Ride Schedule later in the year - then again, maybe not.

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4578 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks

Millie's
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no new e-mail addresses to report

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no new address/telephone changes to report

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Important Reminder:

**Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noon bugs.
May bugs taste just as bad as June bugs.
Riding a Harley makes you smile.
Acquire a taste for bugs.**

Next Meeting:

**7:00 pm - Thursday, May 10th, 2007
Four 'n' 20 Pies
5530 Van Nuys Blvd. Sherman Oaks**

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