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Next Meeting:
November 10, 2016

Publishing Deadline:
Oh, hell, Whenever!



President's Message

Gerald Bruce -President Pro-Tem

President's Message

Not to worry, folks: The "pro tempore" simply means "for the time being" so please don't get nauseous about any of my lengthy lectures. I reserve those for pimping the rides and social activities. My name in the above slot is only temporary; very temporary.

I don't mean to imply (from the above remark) that I am unwilling to do my share for our club. Of course it was quite a shock to leave on vacation as "activities chairperson" and return 10 days later as "president."

My passion and expertise is in the plan and design of world travel. After becoming a member of SCHRA in 2007 I extended my repertoire to include trips on two wheels (or three) and I am perfectly pleased and willing to continue for as long as you will have me. Having served as president of my college fraternity and also having served on the board of directors of our synagogue, I know I can serve better

by planning a ride or a party.

Now, back to reality. Seems like the most important item of business now before our club is the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year. Having missed the October meeting (I was on vacation) I am not sure if nominations were made or not. In any event, if they were made, then it will be time to vote in November. If they were not made, then we shall attempt to accomplish both the nomination process and the vote at the November meeting.

My actual first piece of business (as pro tem) was to send out an Event Alert to all who still remain active members of SCHRA. At last count the number was 23 people. The purpose of an "Alert" was really to emphasize the fact that we need everyone present at the next meeting in order to conduct necessary business.

The November meeting is unique in several respects.

First, it is really the last business meeting of the year; December being only a congratulatory huggie-kissie thing we do at the Holiday Party.

Second, we still have a couple of scheduled events on the 2016 Calendar. One of these events is scheduled to be led by Ron, who at last glance still is darting around on his scooter. Another event, Santa Monica and Venice Beach Walk is also scheduled but has yet to be promoted.

Third, we may still smart from the vestiges of our bout with “liability” which raised passions high enough to cause a resignation from the board. Personally, I believe and hope the matter is resolved and that we are able to get back to our normal mode of business.

So these are several of the reasons that your attendance at the November meeting is so critical. Depending on the number who actually appears at the meeting, and the willingness to step up and be a part of the infrastructure, will determine very much the future direction of our club.

In this regard, I have suggested that perhaps we could do with fewer officers and/or committees. In terms of actual participation, the past few months being evidence, there have only been perhaps 8 or 10 or 12 people who actually attend the monthly meetings. (The liver and onions really isn't that bad!)

From a “constitutional” point of view, I am not privy as to what offices can be retired or maybe combined with another, such that we have enough people to allow us to do business. It begs the question as to whether or not we need a formal corporate entity in order to plan rides for 5 or 6 or 7 people who are willing to show up.

I'm sure that there will be some who think the current corporate form is necessary and appropriate to continue. I happen to agree with that assessment. There may be others who feel that an informal gathering of friends, operating without organizational constraints would be less burdensome.

If we are serious about trying to bring SCHRA back to fighting weight, then we might consider the fact that a corporate structure already exists; which mitigates our doing away with a perfectly good constitution and by-laws. I believe it is crucial to continue in corporate form if we are to continue a plan of recruitment.

Anyway, if you've read this far, it should be obvious that we must either grow or we will soon diminish to a point of no return. With only 5 or 6 or 7 people willing to support our club, the ability to produce fun rides and social events is critically impaired. I know we can do better.

Well, I began by saying no lecture, but I've already violated my own edict. Trouble is I care deeply about this organization and about the great relationships which have resulted since Judy and I wandered into Four N' 20 some 9 years ago. I support a plan which allows us to keep what we have and to stimulate future growth. I also support the notion that the way to make this happen is for a few more folks to volunteer or be willing to accept nomination. We need everyone at this meeting in order to make it happen.



Dear alcohol,
We had a deal that you would make me prettier, funnier and a better dancer.
I saw the video, we need to talk.



Has the Fat Lady Sung? Not Yet!

By JB - Social Activities Chairperson

Dear friends and riding comrades; please indulge me:

I am but the lonely, slovenly Social Activities Chairperson; however my lust and greed for more power and persuasion forces me to depart the confines of my stated chairmanship and have the audacity to talk about non-social events. I beg for forgiveness but in actuality I really don't give a s__t.

We still have some events which as yet remain "non-cancelled" on our 2016 Activities Calendar! OMG!

For those who are still awake, after having been nudged to sleep by my tome above as Prez-Pro-Tem, be assured that we are still a riding and partying club and there are three events yet to come, all of which take place during the month of December.

Saturday, 12/3 - Lunch @ Fromin's Santa Monica & Venice Beach Walk:

Join us at the Independent Principality of Santa Monica at Fromin's Deli where we indulge in all sorts of forbidden artery-clogging food....prior to taking the short drive to the Venice Beach Walk where we ogle the crazy people and start fights

with those littler than us. What a day! Still can't believe that this incredibly boring itinerary was of my own making; however I am committed to having my kreplach soup and half a chopped liver sandwich. Won't you join us? It'll be a real heart-stopper. Departure location and time to be provided soon (I hope) by the road captain.

Sunday, 12/11 - David Mann Chopperfest @ Ventura Fairgrounds: Ron L.

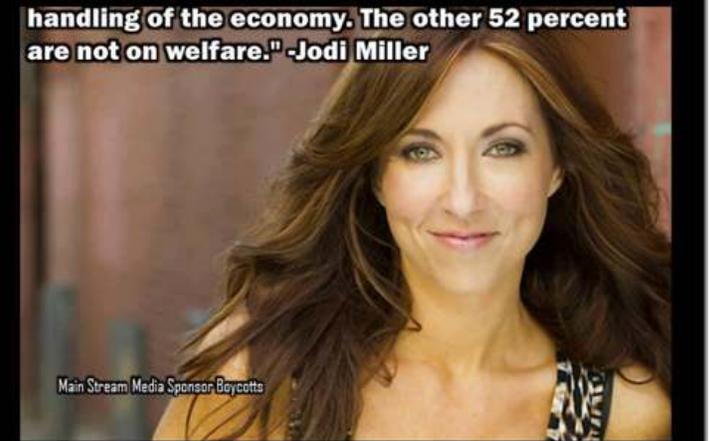
Here is an opportunity to see how Ron plans to lead us while kicking up dust on his scooter-go-jet. Perhaps he'll do this thing by car, or perhaps not at all. I mean he really is disabled. He's not faking it. Let's see how he creatively plans to lead us to this event. Have not received any details about the Chopperfest but assume it has something to do with sawing logs after the trees have been chopped down! Further details are presumably forthcoming. Ron! Ron! **Oh Ron!!**

Saturday, 12/17 - SCHRA Celebration of all Year-End Holidays: Lou P., 7:00 PM

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and he'll be hanging out in Woodland Hills this night as the merry-makers indulge in the annual Hors 'Oeuvre Extravaganza or however our host plans to have it. In the past this meant you were expected to bring a hot or cold hors d'oeuvre or a dessert which you made with your own hand. As we may have a somewhat smaller group this year it will be up to the host as to how he proposes to handle a ravenous group of motorcycle riders. But it'll be good; you-betcha. Yes folks, we will want your RSVP's sometime in early December, but it is not too soon to start thinking of what your offering is going to be.

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point. The glass is refillable.

"According to a new poll, 48 percent of Americans approve of President Obama's handling of the economy. The other 52 percent are not on welfare." -Jodi Miller





Ron Lynn
Contributing Writing

Motorcycle Passenger Etiquette: **(Outline)**

While riding two-up can be a great way to share the joys of motorcycling with your spouse or friends. Including them in your favorite pastime can be challenging and adding to your risk factors. This activity requires mutual cooperation and understanding between the rider and the passenger.

The Rider needs to master the basic motorcycle skills before taking on a Passenger. In addition to just a motorcycle license, the rider should have some experience behind him/her riding alone.

Insurance: Might be a good idea to check your motorcycle insurance coverage to make sure that you are covered under medical expenses or that your new passenger has adequate health insurance.

All the Gear, All the Time (ATGATT): Make sure both of you are fully geared up;

Adequate helmet

Armored pants and jacket

Full fingered gloves

Boots which cover your ankles.

Bright colored vest etc. Additional visibility wouldn't hurt.

For the first-time Passenger it is a good idea to go over all of these procedures to promote safety for the both of you.

The Rider should mount first and stabilize the bike with both feet on the ground and both hands on the handlebars. Have the kickstand down just in case. However, do not

rely on either a center-stand or kickstand to hold the bike up.

Make sure that both of the rear footpegs are in

Getting on the Bike: The Passenger should indicate to the Rider that her/she are ready to mount the bike. When the Rider indicates to the passenger that it is safe to mount the bike, the passenger should do so smoothly:

Step onto the Left footpeg with the left leg.

The Passenger should stabilize themselves by placing their left hand on the left shoulder of the Rider.

Throw the right leg over the saddle while pushing straight up and centering themselves directly over the bike.

Place the right foot on the right rear footpeg.

Sit straight down avoiding any side-to-side motion.

Riding Position:

Passenger should hold on to either the rider's waist; the bike's seat strap; or handholds provided on the bike. As a courtesy if you plan on many two-up rides you might want to consider adding a backrest to your motorcycle for additional safety and comfort.

The Passenger should always keep both feet on the footpegs at all times, including when the bike comes to a stop.

Normal riding position should be in the center of the seat.

Changing or adjusting riding position: Notify the Rider (two taps on the shoulder) that you want to adjust your riding position. Then only upon Rider confirmation and while holding onto the Rider, lift up using both feet on the footpegs and make the adjustment. One tap on

the Rider's shoulder could indicate your adjustment is completed.

Turns:

Do not attempt to help the Rider in turns.

Instruct the Passenger to just lean with the bike and not try to over accent the movement.

Keep your body aligned with the angle of the bike. Do not attempt to keep your body vertical while in a turn.

By looking over the rider's inside shoulder in turns and keeping your eyes horizontal to the ground, will help the passenger lean with the bike.

Don't look down!

Stopping:

Today's breaking systems are very powerful, so try to limit short-fast starts and stops and unnecessary swerving. Safety is the key note here!

If you are hitting helmets during a stop, this is an indication that the stop may be too abrupt.

The Passenger can help during a short stop by temporarily shifting the weight more onto the footpegs and off the seat.

Communication:

The Rider can use the technique of tapping the Passengers leg or the Passenger tapping the riders shoulder.

Occasionally make sure that the Passenger is relaxed but not asleep. Riding as a Passenger can be a very relaxing experience.

Any other intimate gestures can be adapted here.

Try to avoid head slaps if possible! Don't

ask!

Dismounting:

At the end of the ride, the Rider should again stabilize the bike as instructed above, including having the kickstand down.

Notify the Passenger that he/she is ready for them to dismount the bike.

Passenger confirms that they are dismounting.

The Passenger should repeat a slow exiting off the bike in the reverse order to mounting it.

A slow deliberate first test ride with a first-time Passenger is a good idea. This means keeping the speed and lean angles modest along with smooth stops and starts. You want to make this introduction to motorcycling a fun experience and not a terrifying one which could easily turn them off to the sport.

Hopefully following these procedures should result in a safe and pleasant experience for both the Rider and the Passenger who will want more of this addiction.

Remember: THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT!

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.

Outline by Ron Lynn:

Ref: Motorcycle Consumer News: February, 2016

Pillion Proficiency by Nancy Foote



Article Excerpted

Ron Lynn - Ghost writer (not his real name)

Definition of a Biker.

Riders or bikers, whichever term you personally prefer are unique in the fact that they are:

- Very independent.
- Value personal freedom.
- Adventurous.
- Self-sufficient.
- Strong (even sometimes bullheaded)
- Determined.
- Charitable to those in need.
- Sometimes brutally honest with each other.
- Love of Life.
- Open to new ideas.
- Flexible to change.
- Cherish their friendships.
- Do anything for a friend in need.
- Extend help to total strangers.
- Demand honesty.
- Do not judge people by their social/economic status.
- They come from all walks of life.
- Generally fun loving.
- They will always be there for you, expecting nothing in return and they know you will do the same for them.
- They dress as if they are in a war zone!

Adapted: from ABATE 9-2016 Newsletter "The Bailing Wire" by Dave Hastings



Tehachapi Lunch Ride

Joe-Bob Gubbrud - Road Captain

The "Head-in-the-Sand" ride.

On a beautiful day on Oct. 9th, with just a hint of fall in the air, several members of SCHRA saddled up and met at the Mickee D's in beautiful downtown Sylmar for a ride to the mountain town of Tehachapi. Also, a few members showed up in "cagers" to accompany us on the ride. Joe/Bob led the ride up the 14 and through Santa Clarita and up to San Francisquito road. After a brief stop in Green Valley, we drove by twice what used to be Lake Elizabeth just to confirm there still was no water in the lake. From there we rolled up to Tehachapi and to the wonderful smoky smell of the Redhouse BBQ. We arrived just before the Sunday crowd and placed our orders. The food was fantastic as usual with everyone getting filled up on BBQ and indian fry bread. Sadly, they had removed the fried dill pickles from the menu since our last trip there. Oh well, maybe next time !!



From the Redhouse, we headed west to the Indian Point Ostrich Ranch. The Ranch has a beautiful view of the valley and mountains. We fed the 3 ostriches that were available. However, it seemed they were not that hungry. In any event, it was fun to see them up close and personal. I was disappointed in that best I tried I could not get them to put their head in the sand. I guess this group of bikers is just not scary enough. Perhaps we should work on that!!



From the Indian Point we went down the back-side of the mountains and checked out the Tehachapi Loop where the trains go in a complete circle so as to be able to pull the grade to Tehachapi. Sadly, no trains were passing but it was a great stop and interesting point of interest.

As we headed down the mountain, the heat arose and we stopped just before getting on the I-5 south to go over the grapevine. One last fuel top-off and cool beverage before hitting the freeway and heading home. Traffic was not bad and we had a speedy and safe ride back home.



SCHRA Boutique

Ask Lou 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 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 Pres@schra.org. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

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SCHRA 2016 Calendar- November

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time

SCHRA 2016 Calendar - December

Sat	12/3	Lunch at Fromin's - Venice Beach walk	Starbucks	TBD	10:00 am
Sun	12/11	Chopperfest - Ventura F"Grds		Ron Lynn	
Sat	12/17	SCHRA Holiday Party	Lou's home	?	7:00 pm

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