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## President's Message

There is still time to join in on a ride. we have places to go and things to see including, but not necessarily limited to, Bikefest leaving on this coming Thursday. Also, the club meeting. It's October and that means the nomination of new (or old) club officers. How about American Heat on the 25th. This promises to be another fun event. The activities chairman, road captains and yours truly will be working on next year's ride schedule soon. If you have any ideas about where you would like to go or if you have any preferences on what days of the week work best for you, drop me or the senior road captain a line. See the article by our Activities Chairman, Jerry Bruce, for more detail about these promising events.

Like to ride on a weekday? Send us some suggestions. How about a night ride? Everything

will be considered and appreciated.



Got another idea for a picnic? Send it along!

How about ideas for recruiting new members? Got any friends with nice Harley's? They might need some new riding buddies - Us! Tell us why you joined the club. Perhaps this will help us get some new members. Let's have a great October.





## Editors' Notes

*Lou Piano, Editor*

E Pluribus Unum. Pro bono. Carpe Diem. Mea Culpa. Latin phrases we are all familiar with and yet are not clear about their meaning. But hear someone say "SEMPER FI" and you immediately know you are listening to a United States Marine Corp member or former member.

The above latin phrases translate roughly as - Out of one, many: No Charge: Seize the Day: Through My Fault. And of course we all know Semper Fidelis - Always Faithful. But what does this phrase actually mean?

Respectfully shortened to "Semper Fi" by Marines who are always trying to make short work of everything, it means more than simply always faithful to another Marine. It embraces the ideals of the Marine Corp which include respect for one another, all service members and all Americans. It means having honor for the job they are trained to accomplish and to do it with pride and precision. It includes respect for rank - both military and civilian. Young Marines will always respond to you as "yes, sir" or "yes, Ma'am". Did you ever wonder why they are universally so respectful? It is because of their new found pride and respect for themselves and confidence in their own abilities and knowing they stand second to none.

United States Marines are revered for their downright fanatical dedication to each other, their service, and their country. In part due to their small numbers which allows them to be trained as an elite force.

What is left unsaid in the motto is also notable. The phrase is "Always faithful." It isn't "Sometimes Faithful." Nor is it "Usually Faithful," but always. It is not negotiable. It is not relative, but absolute. Who is always faithful, though. and to what, exactly are they faithful? Interestingly, the simplicity of the phrase and the calculated neglect to specify its parameters seems to strengthen it. Marines pride themselves on their straightforward mission and steadfast dedication to accomplish it. Things do not need to be spelled out for them; they know what it means and what to do about it .

Even though Marines are known to swell with pride from time to time (they do, after all, have a noble legacy to continue), they are not snobbish.

The Marine Corps has traditionally been the first landing force on places like Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Guam, Iwo Jima, Con Thien, Khe Sanh, and so many more famous battles. The Marines also guard the White House and all foreign embassies.

The longer I am out of the service, the more I recognize the importance of the culture of "Semper Fidelis." I suspect that reading this will impart nothing significant to Marines, as they already are aware of their glorious charge. It is my earnest hope, however, that it may help others understand the reason Marines hold the Corps in such high esteem. All those references by former Marines, in their new jobs, to "back when I was in The Corps," will begin to make a little more sense. Marines are imbued with Semper Fidelis, and all it means, and because they lived it for so long, they have difficulty accepting any less from others.

Semper Fi!

While waiting outside the Pearly Gates, a Soldier, a Sailor, an Airman, and a Marine got into an argument about which of the armed forces was the best. Saint Peter butts in and tells them to cool it.. he'll ask God and get back to them. The next time they see Saint Peter, he's got a letter in his hand, and he reads to them aloud:

FROM: God

TO: Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines

RE: Which service is best

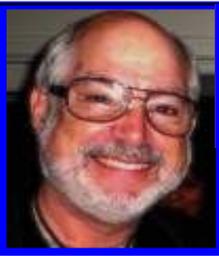
Dear members of the armed forces,

I've been watching and here's what I think. All branches of the United States Armed Forces are truly honorable, courageous, well trained, and capable.

Therefore, there is no superior service.

Sincerely,

God, USMC (Ret.)



**Summer Picnic**  
**Ron Lynn - Road Captain**

**SCHRA PICNIC-2013: Santa Susana Park, Simi Valley, CA**

Organizing a SCHRA picnic is fun because the members really support this event with enthusiasm. Does a FREE LUNCH cause this miraculous turnout? Judging by the fun everyone seemed to be having I think this is only one of the perks.

We left our embarkation location of Woodlake Bowl at the fashionable time of 11:25 am ; with 13-bikes, 18-riders and two in a Corvette. Getting these gabby riders to mount-up was a daunting task as I forgot my small Bull-Horn and everyone was ignoring me. I get no respect! A number of others showed up at the park in cages and were welcomed. We had a total turnout of 30 participants from a total membership of 43. Not bad!



As I indicated in my email the ride was a short one, but since the destination was a secret, I felt that all were constantly wondering where we were going to wind up. Taking Valley Circle to Plummer then transferring to some side streets which passed a cemetery and actually crossed a short stretch of dirt road, we momentarily halted at Topanga Canyon where I informed all to cross busy Topanga Canyon where there was no light and to meet up on Santa Susana Pass. All made it without in-



cident or complaint.



I live off of Santa Susana Pass and take this short but twisty and slightly challenging scenic road frequently. However, I didn't think that everyone else has this opportunity so I thought it would be a nice change. I enjoyed leading it over to Simi Valley joining Kuehner Dr. where I conveniently passed the left turn to the entrance to the lovely tree sheltered Santa Susana Park. There is a back way which follows Katherine Rd. and which appears to meander upwards into the hills but actually does a loop back to Kuehner Dr. ending up at the entrance to the park.

Earlier that morning (6 am) I had stationed myself under the large trees where three tables are situated in order to insure our un-interrupted usage for the picnic. Sandy took over at 8:30 am freeing me up to lead the ride. It was cloudy and drizzling at that time but by our arrival at 12:15pm it was sunny and beautiful.

Sandy and I had discovered these Turkey-Cheese-Pesto Sandwiches on Ciabatta bread prepared by of all places; COSTCO. So with some dips, chips, three Pizzas, cookies, mini cinnamon rolls and drinks the crowd seemed to love the tasty fare. A special thanks to Judy Bruce for picking up the hot food from Costco.



After indulging in lunch we proceeded to set up the games. Randy and Linda brought a ring throwing game consisting of two raised short-rectangular-carpeted-boxes each with three holes in the top. The object was to stand on one and throw the large-steel-washers at the other box a few feet away hoping to sink the washers into one of the three holes.



Each hole scored different points according to their distance. This turned out to be a great competitive game with the group.



Others were throwing a tennis ball at two Velcro covered catching mitts. They make it easier to catch and there is much less running after the ball--which at our ages is a plus. Also included was the lawn dart game. Everyone was gabbing, eating or playing one of the games.

All in all I would say by the comments that this was another one of SCHRA's usually fun picnics. Sandy and I enjoyed putting this event together and that those of you who could not make it really missed a fun afternoon. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to organize this event for our club.

Ron & Sandy Lynn



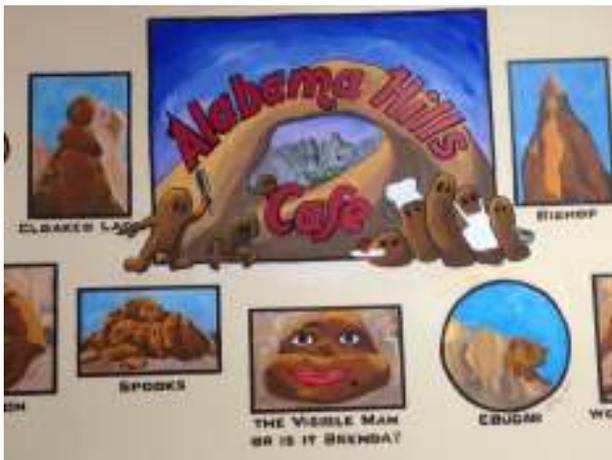


**Topaz/RCHR**  
*Road Captain: Mike Levison*

## Topaz & Tahoe 2013

Many of our group of adventurers have been making this trip north on beautiful Hwy 395 along the Eastern Sierras every year now for about 9 years. The highlight of our trip always being an elaborate dinner party at the Badly Bent Ranch in Smith Valley, hosted by dear friends Gary and Cathryn Kotler, the proud and friendly owners. If you've never joined us on one of these trips, you have indeed done yourself a considerable disservice.

This year we changed a couple of items for variety's sake. We included our pals from River City Harley Riders of Sacramento for our annual get together, to stay at the delightful and picturesque Topaz Lodge. Had dinner with them in the outstanding steakhouse downstairs, and took them for a light brunch at Kotler's the next morning. The feature there was fresh baked goodies I picked up at the Alabama Hills Café in Lone Pine on the way up. This was a prelude to our scenic ride over Monitor Pass, thru Markleeville and up to South Lake Tahoe. That is where we hooked up with the Tahoe Queen, a replica Mississippi river boat holding several hundred passengers, for a two hour cruise of the blue waters of spectacular Lake Tahoe and Emerald



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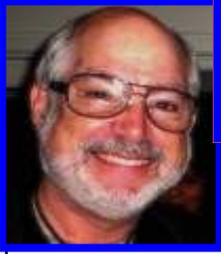
Bay. We had around twenty people between our two congenial groups for a relaxing boat ride.

By 4:30PM we had docked and were enroute back to Topaz, via the incredible Kingsbury Grade with it's mindboggling views. We only had a short time before it was necessary to depart for our 7:30PM dinner reservations at JT's Basque Café in Minden, a 25 minute ride. This restaurant is hugely popular, crowded as could be, serving great Pincon Punches by the hundreds, and is one of the nosiest places on planet Earth. I heard several people complain the next morning that their ears were still ringing! I could only remember a Van Halen concert at the Sports Arena that I took my son to in the eighties that surpassed the noise level. My ears rang for several days after that one!

The weather Gods were smiling on us the whole weekend, with clear, sunny and dry skies, temperatures in the 70's & up, and the lows never going down to the predicted 30's at night. We did run into some substantial winds while cruising on the highway, and no matter which direction we were traveling they were always headwinds!

We bade our farewells to our Sacramento counter-parts Sunday morning, and headed south on 395. We tried a new lunch stop in Lone Pine, the Mt. Whitney Café, which was fair. We finished the day with coffee or iced caramel mocha drinks at McDonald's in Mojave, and how could they be bad?!





# Product Corner

Ron Lynn

## Samurai Shark: Knife Sharpener

DUM! DUM DUM! DUM! DUM DUM! No! Not Dumb, Dumb! If you unlock your imagination this is supposed to be the Jaws theme. Get it-- Shark! Didn't get it-forget it.

I will bet that almost everyone at one time or another has tried a myriad of knife sharpeners or just gave up on that dull knife altogether, especially kitchen knives and just replaced them with a new sharp one.

This relatively simple creation, which has similar construction to many other small sharpeners, easily puts a sharp edge on cutlery. Easy to hold in your hand (do not sharpen this way) and with a "groove" on one side so that you can position it against your kitchen counter top or a table top. This will allow it to kind of "lock" into and hold its position while you are carefully drawing the knife along its sharp "tungsten carbide" blades.

There are actually two sharpening blades--one at each end. The main blade is clearly visible at one end, and is adjustable to modify the depth of the cut. This one is primarily used to sharpen common straight edged knives. At the other end is a retractable straight-edged tungsten carbide blade with a lock screw lending itself well for sharpening scissors, serrated knives and shears.

Although the manufacturers claim is that it sharpens everything, professionals suggest that *"it works best when you have absolutely no other means of sharpening the knife."* Well, isn't that usually the case with most of us? This is due to the fact that it is gradually

tearing away the blade. Sure, we could use that familiar round sharpener which no one seems to use or have the knives professionally sharpened once each year as recommended. But is this actually a viable option? Maybe it would be if you have extremely expensive knives which you would not want to replace.

The V-groove of the tungsten carbide blades will only grind your blades at "one" specific bevel. Therefore it may not be right for every knife, scissors, axes or many of the other products that Shark says it'll sharpen. But it does work! I have found that for your average inexpensive kitchen knife this tool puts on a sharp edge in a very short time and with very little effort.

HINT: Anchor the Shark against a table or counter top with one hand. Then run the knife through the sharpener three (3) times. Wash off knife before using removing any metal flakes.

Now go out and "cut a rug", a tomato, a sponge or anything else that needs cutting.



## Shark-Sharpner

Available: Homesmart-Samurai Shark: On various web sites like eBay and Amazon. Prices range from \$3.80 including free shipping to \$20.00 plus shipping. So do your research.

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



**Upcoming Events**  
*By JB - Activities Chairperson*

# October & November 2013

*By JB - Activities Chairperson and all that stuff*

September kinda became a mangled-month, what with the various event cancellations and/or future realignments of the Ride Calendar. I like to begin these monthly tomes with a review of the recent past but September gives up very little to talk about. "Hey, wasn't that a great meeting in September?" See what I mean?

Or how about "Annual Picnic a huge success, except for the numbing sound of passing trains." Well, that event hasn't even happened yet, as I am writing this article a little earlier this month.

"Topaz/RCHR Reunion Event reportedly simply divine." Divine? Who knows? As I write this it's still two weeks off!

OK, enough of the silly stuff; let's see what lies ahead. Divine??!!

## **OCTOBER:**

### **Thursday, Oct. 3 thru Sunday, Oct. 6 - Las Vegas Bike Fest: Ron, 9:00 AM, Millies**

First thing to point out is the change of departure location to Millies (instead of Dennys). This will be the second time in as many years that SCHRA is providing a ride to this event. We'll be staying at the elegant downtown Golden Nugget Hotel, so don't forget to bring swimsuits. Last year most of us just looked longingly at the very nice outdoor pool accommodations but were not prepared to partake. In addition, Ron mumbled something about a possible ride to Valley of Fire, and you'd not want to miss that!

**Thursday, Oct. 10 - SCHRA Monthly Meeting at the pie place - \*Fressers & Schmoozers at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM \*(Eaters & Talkers)**

### **Friday, Oct. 25 thru Sunday, Oct 27 - Palm Springs American Heat Bike Rally: Lee, 9:00 AM, Solleys**

WTF! Two rallies in one month? Whose brilliant idea was that??!! But I digress. Just come along, grin, and bear it; it's gonna be fun and the motel is just a walk to the activities in downtown Palm Springs. Maybe they'll bring back the booth that offers all the unlimited free soft-drinks with the purchase of one of their funky tin cups. Lee has arranged for a couple other surprises as well and maybe even a visit to Casa de Sample.

**"Topaz/RCHR Reunion Event reportedly simply divine." Divine? Who knows?**

## **NOVEMBER:**

### **Friday, Nov. 1 thru Sunday, Nov. 3 - A Weekend in Capitola: Sternz, 8:00 AM, Woodlake**

Here's a new addition to the Ride Calendar that sounds just divine (there's that word again). Capitola is tiny spot located on the beach just a few miles south of Santa Cruz. When we perused it on a recent trip, it seemed to offer some great eats, shops all encompassed in an easy-to-walk Old Town. The route back home will encompass a spectacular ride south on CA Highway 1. I am told this event is already a sellout, but if you're a latecomer and are interested, contact the Sternz and see what arrangements can be made.

### **Thursday, Nov. 14 - SCHRA Monthly Meeting at the pie place: Dinner at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:30**

Y'all better come to this'un on account of ther ain't gonna be one in December.

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# 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.

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- Black long sleeve logo t-shirts - S to 3XL
- White long sleeve logo t-shirts - S, 2XL & 3XL

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Last Update: 1/12/13

Black Short Sleeve

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Small     | 3 |
| Medium    | 3 |
| Large     | 1 |
| Ex. Large | 5 |
| 2XL       | 2 |
| 3XL       | 0 |

Black Long Sleeve

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

White Short Sleeve

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Small     | 0 |
| Medium    | 0 |
| Large     | 2 |
| Ex. Large | 0 |
| 2XL       | 0 |
| 3XL       | 0 |

White Long Sleeve

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Small     | 1 |
| Medium    | 0 |
| 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 |



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Jerry Stern ~ JS  
Bob Thompson ~ BT

## SCHRA 2013 Events October - November

|          |                |                                               |       |                             |
|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| Thur-Sun | 10/3 to 10/6   | Las Vegas Bike Fest                           | Ron   | Denny's 9:00am              |
| Sat      | 10/5           | LASD Chili Cook-off                           | Mike  | Millie's 10:00 am           |
| Thur     | 10/10          | Four 'n Twenty Pies<br>Nomination of Officers | SCHRA | 6:30 Dinner<br>7:30 Meeting |
| Fri-Sun  | 10/25 to 10/27 | Palm Springs<br>American Heat                 | Lee   | Solley's 9:00am             |
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|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| Fri-Sun  | 11/1 to 11/3 | Capitola     | J. Stern | Woodlake 8:00am |
| Thursday | 11/14        | Club Meeting | SCHRA    | The Pie Place   |
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## SCHRA Departure

Woodake Bowl  
23130 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills

Solley's  
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's  
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Denny's Sand Canyon

## Extra Wind

Saturday at Starbucks parking lot on the corner of Ventura & Topanga Canyon Blvds. Show up around 9:30 - we leave around 10:00 or so. All brands of motorcycles are invited.

**\*\*Saturday October 5 - LASD Chili Cook-off: Tapia Cyn Rd, Castaic, 11AM\*\* (open event)**

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