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## President's Message

Stan Myers

*Tampons to the rescue in Iraq.* Tampons have been carried by combat medics for years. The

At our August meeting we were privileged to have Sgt. Rhett Price, a CHP motorcycle officer, speak to us about a variety of things related to motorcycle safety practices, the California Vehicle Code, etc. This was an encore appearance for Sgt. Price; he spoke to our group once before, about four years ago. Judging by the comments from a number of our members as well as my concurring opinion, this was a very interesting and valuable presentation. We are once again very grateful to Sgt. Price for giving us his time away from his family to speak at our meeting, and we are grateful to Richard Slobin who arranges for such speakers at some of our meetings. Also, Lenny Weinberg has known Sgt. Price for over thirty years and Lenny obtained the name and address of Rhett's Commanding Officer so I could send him a letter of appreciation and commendation.

On Saturday evening, August 18th, James led us on a dinner ride to Smokey Jack's Blues, Beer and Barbecue Restaurant in Carpinteria. I will not go into the details because I am hoping James will get off his bony ass and write about it. But I will say it was a well attended ride and everyone seemed to have a great time, enhanced in no small measure by ending up at Mitch Pullman's beautiful new home for dessert. If you have not gone on a club ride lately, especially a dinner ride, you are really missing out on some priceless fun and camaraderie. If you do not go because you do not care to ride your scooter at night, feel free to go in your car. It does not have to be a Harley; it can have four wheels on a dinner ride!!

following story may be attributed to the mother of a Marine in Iraq and appeared in the August newsletter of Post 603, Jewish War Veterans of the USA. I think you will all enjoy this.

The story relates how she and other mothers regularly send care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The packages are sent for both male and female troops and one of our male Marines mistakenly received a female package which included, among other things, various lotions, chapsticks and tampons. When leaving on a mission he grabbed for some of the lotions, etc., to take along and inadvertently took some tampons too. All the guys teased him about not forgetting his feminine hygiene products. Well, it seems they were ambushed by insurgents and one Marine was severely wounded. The wound was deep and they were unable to slow down the bleeding when one of the guys remembered the tampons and said, "Hey, try the tampons." They put a tampon in the wound and, whaddaya know, it expanded (well, yeah!) and successfully slowed down the bleeding until they could get the Marine to a medical treatment facility. The doctor later said that if not for the tampon the Marine probably would have bled to death. One Marine mom's mistake saved another Marine's life! Now that platoon regularly carries tampons in their medical wound kits. They do not believe in mistakes - they believe that G-d had a plan all along - the female care package was sent to save a Marine's life. G-d bless our Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine personnel, and G-d Bless America.

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**September 13th**  
**7:00 pm**

# From the Editor

Linda Marks

remember that the *Rolling Thunder* audience loves to hear from you and we welcome your submissions. Send ride stories (whether a SCHRA ride or not), humorous items and interesting articles to [editor@schra.org](mailto:editor@schra.org)!

Welcome to our new members, and welcome back to new members who left SCHRA and recently decided to return. Whether new, returning or an old-timer,

# Safety Officer's Message

Jerry Stern

TO: NEW MEMBERS and  
all us old-timers too. Listen up!

Sometimes we lose sight of some of the fundamentals of riding in a group, especially on freeways. With several weekenders coming up that involve freeway riding and freeway speeds, we need to stay sharp and be on our A game. Remember: group riding on the freeways requires skill and constant vigilance. Some new members have recently joined SCHRA, and may possibly have never ridden with a large group in a club setting before. Also, there are some among us, and I am not excluding myself, who have participated in many of our club rides and have possibly become just a bit hazy or lazy with some of the *dos 'n' don'ts* associated with safe group riding practices.

SCHRA is to be congratulated for, and we should be proud of, having a very good safety record in the group rides we have scheduled over the last 15 years. There have also been a few bumps and scrapes and most unfortunately a few broken bones along the way. I suppose that is to be expected in any high-risk activity, however every effort must be applied to avoid potential problems before they occur because results of a motorcycle mistake always involve pain. Mostly, over the years, we have done pretty darn good, so now is not the time to be letting

our guard down. We can keep up the safety record if we review and remember the fundamentals of safe group riding practices. Let's not start getting sloppy. We should all periodically review the guidelines for safe riding; SCHRA has them available on request. Also, you can borrow SCHRA's MSF-issued kit entitled *The MSF Guide To Group Riding*, which includes a guideline handbook and 15-minute VHS tape (remember those?). If there is any interest, we could look into selecting a morning and maybe do a group review with a few of the Road Captains.

Riding in a group, and especially on the freeway, is not that difficult yet it is not exactly intuitive either. If you are new to our group or unclear about group riding, do not be timid about asking questions. And if you are one of the veterans and you see someone in the group doing something which could be potentially hazardous, or perhaps something they might not be aware of, either mention it to the Road Captain or politely bring it to the individual's attention and point out your observation. I am sure they will appreciate it.

We are responsible to each other to maintain a safe group riding environment and, at least in this case when we are riding in a formation, we ARE our brother's keeper.

Ride Safe.

# Ride to Idyllwild

Mike Levison

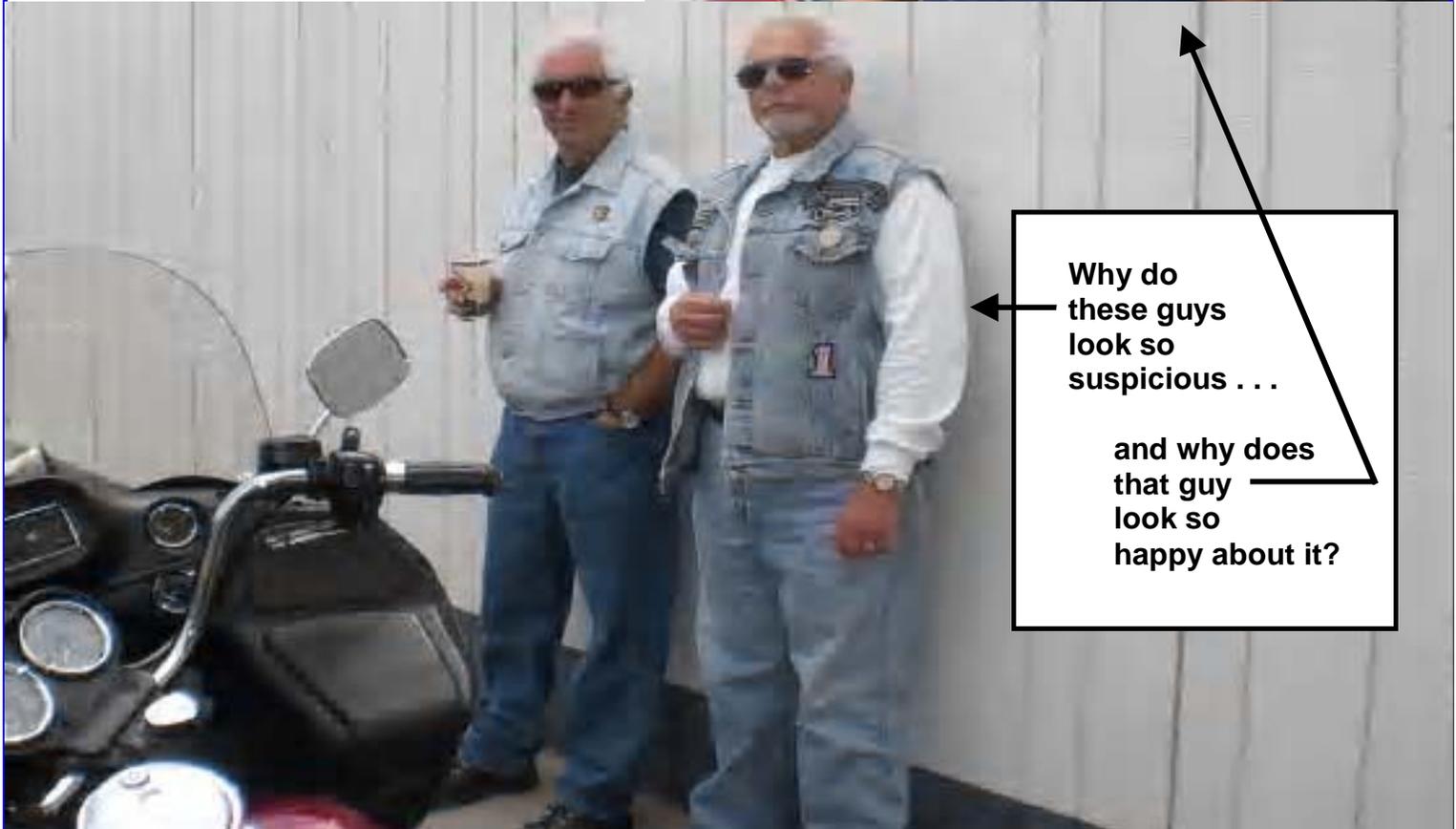
Thanks to the remnants of hurricane Dean making its way from the Caribbean all the way to southern California, our hearty group of 12 SCHRA riders was able to enjoy moderate summer temperatures on Sunday, August 26th. They (in case they need an alibi) were: Jerry and Cindy, Mike and Ruthann, Richard, Marvin, Ken, Steve, Lou, Rick, Dave, and Bob G.

Meeting at Solley's at 9 a.m., we were on our way by 9:20 under partly cloudy skies. We unfortunately lost one rider enroute; new member Bob Gottlieb had a fuel line malfunction requiring a call for roadside assistance. From the 101 we took the 134 to the 210. We rode the newest section which was recently completed, finally connecting to the 15. It was then down to the 10 and eastbound to Banning and the delightful highway 243. A favorite road of mine, it begins on the desert floor and climbs its way to over 6,200 feet, offering spectacular views around almost every turn. The terrain changes from desert to moon-like landscapes to lush mountain pines. Thanks to hurricane Dean, my windshield-mounted thermometer displayed a cool 60 degrees. The pavement was still wet in places, indicating we had missed the rainstorm by scant minutes.

Arriving in Idyllwild at 12:30, we parked at our restaurant of choice, the quaint and very good

Idyllwild Café. The eleven of us were seated almost immediately, even though the place was filled.

The food and service was to everyone's satisfaction I can happily report. By 2 p.m. we were back on the road, heading south on 243 to the 74 westbound, which took us down the hill to the outskirts of Hemet, and then over the Ramona Expressway back to the 10 and our route home. Hard to imagine a better day than one spent riding Harleys with a bunch of good friends over great roads, enjoying spectacular scenery and good food!



# 2007 Ride Schedule

<b>Bryce Canyon Overnighter</b>	
Denny's Sand Canyon, 9a, Janet P.	Fri Sep 14 - Mon Sep 17
<b>Jocko's Run for the Pork Chops Day Ride</b>	
Denny's Roxford, 9a, Marvin F.	Sun Sep 30
<b>Buca de Bepo Day Ride</b>	
t/b/a, Cindy S.	Sat Oct 13
<b>Yosemite Overnighter</b>	
Denny's Roxford, 9a, James P.	Sat Oct 20 - Mon Oct 22
<b>Ride for the Grapes Day Ride</b>	
Woodlake Bowl, t/b/a, Marvin F.	Sat Oct 27
<b>Progressive Breakfast</b>	
t/b/a	Sun Nov 4
<b>Petersen Museum Day Ride</b>	
Solley's, 9:30a, Jerry S.	Sat Nov 17
<b>Pioneer Town Day and Dinner Ride</b>	
Solley's, 9a, Mike L.	Sat Dec 1
<b>SCHRA Holiday Party</b>	
t/b/a, 7p	Sat Dec 15
<b>Ride Safe</b>	

# 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!

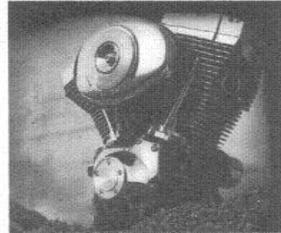
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Welcome back returning members: Steve Cowan, Lou Piano, Toni Napolitano, Bob Dunn, Mike Evans

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# L'Shana Tovah!

## ***Next Meeting:***

**7:00 pm - Thursday, September 13th, 2007**

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