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September 11, 2014**

**Publishing Deadline for
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Front Page News

By Lou Piano, Editor-in-Chief

It has been a reasonably quiet month. No dog stories to tell and everyone seems to be busy.

We did have some nice rides and the regular club meeting is always a nice friendly event with lots of schmoozing.

The new Harley's have been released for sale. Barger's is supposed to have test rides of the new bikes in the next couple of weeks. The Road Glide is back and according to the motor company it's better than ever. You can check them all out on the website. Try not to drool on your computer - it's not good for the CPU!

'Til next month, ride a lot and ride safe.

Ed



Summer Party

Jerry & Judy Bruce - Hosts

37 Members & Guests Attend Summer Party "Greek Dinner"

By JB & Fifi- Host & Hostess

With balmy summer temps and lots of twinkling lights, some 37 SCHRA'ers and guests enjoyed a highly successful cocktail/dinner party at the Wood Ranch home of JB and Judy Bruce on Saturday, August 16.

The theme this year was decidedly "Greek" and featured the appearance of a Spartan Warrior in full fighting regalia; his job, to dispense Ouzo for those with a yen for a taste of liquid-licorice, perfectly chilled. Our barman was none other than long-time Greek Friend Demetri Zafiris, accompanied by his Significant-other Carol Tauber.



We especially wanted Big-D (as he is frequently called) and Carol to meet our motorcycle riding friends and this was accomplished by enlisting their assistance as party helpers. We H-D riders have developed quite a reputation among the non-biker public and we were delighted by their reaction of being surrounded by normal, friendly, interesting, well-mannered and fun people.

It is most fortunate that Judy and I, along with Carol and "D" have been attendees at the annual Greek Festival at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church; for it was here that we were able to obtain excellent referrals for a great Greek Food caterer and an outstanding Greek Pastry chef.



Casually dressed partiers began showing up at 7:00 PM and started out by sampling the excellent Greek cooking with Tzatziki (homemade yogurt with shredded cucumber and garlic) and also Hummus (garbanzo beans,

Tahiti dip with lemon) all served with fresh pita bread.

At 8:15 PM the dinner-bell sounded and everyone began to line up at the fully stocked buffet table. Guests self-served their own Greek Salad (tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce, pepperoncini, onion, feta cheese, olives and Greek dressing, also accompanied by pita bread.



The main course was a combination of Chicken Kabobs (marinated chicken breast on a skewer) plus a portion of Gyro (seasoned blend of grilled lamb and beef).

Side dishes included generous portions of Spanakopita (spinach and feta cheese folded with filo dough) and also Tropita (famous Greek cheese Pie). Other accompaniments included rice and roasted potatoes.

For dessert our great pastry lady (Maria Janios) made a nice assortment of popular Greek delicacies and this was also accompanied by freshly cut pieces of sweet watermelon.

As at all SCHRA social events, the socializing and schmoozing lasted until sometime around 10:30 PM. Even at that hour, the weather held and everyone appeared comfortable on the al fresco patio and lawn.

Having hosted this party for the past several years I can say that our club preferences are not quite what one might expect. For example, not a single bottle of beer was consumed. Of the wine, we favor reds over whites by two-to-one. Other than the Ouzo, the most popular beverages were bottled water and diet coke. Go know!



Thanks to all who participated in this annual event and who handled their co-pay and RSVP's in a timely manner. Thanks again to Demetri and Carol who were of much help and who said they really enjoyed meeting our club members.

But the best and biggest thanks go to son-in-law and all-around good guy, David Ramos, without whose help this event would have likely been cancelled because of my current health issues. The success of this event goes mainly to David who did everything!

Be sure to check the website photo albums for a visit to our outstanding Greek Night.





Upcoming Activities

JB - Activities Chairman

Upcoming Events: September/October 2014

At the time of this writing, only two events have taken place during the month of August 2014.

First, was our monthly club meeting at Four 'N 20 Pies; where the corn chowder is always outstanding.

Next, was the Greek-themed Summer Party which was held at Jerry & Judy's residence in Wood Ranch; also an outstanding event. A total of 37 members/guests attended a beautiful evening, al fresco, while enjoying a catered Greek dinner while tavern-style music was playing. Our Greek friend Demetri volunteered to be the Ouzo barman.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER:

Sunday, 9/7 - Mt. Baldy and Basque Lunch: RR, Millies, 8:30 AM

Having recently participated in the pre-ride of this event it will delight those who love lots of curves and elevation changes. From the bottom of the mountain plan on a ride of about 1 ½ hours to get to Baldy Village. After a rest stop, and using a different route, we'll be back down the mountain in about 12 minutes! Then it's off to a fine Basque lunch.

Thursday, 9/11 - Monthly Club Meeting @ Four 'N 20: Dinner 6:30; Meeting 7:30

Saturday 9/13 & Sunday 9/14 - Overnight at Solvang: JL (9:00 AM @ McDonald's off Kanan)

This is a venue we've all visited many times before, but usually only to "pass through." Join us on this ride and you'll actually have time to visit many of the quaint shops and bistros as we walk this Danish themed village. Call Royal Copenhagen Inn to see if any rooms are still available (805.688.5561).

Sunday 9/21 - People Watching & Lunch at Cook's Corner: RR, Millie's, 9:00 AM

This is Orange County's version of the Rock Store. Lots of bikes, interesting folks, venders and fast food. Located in a scenic canyon but still freeway close.

Friday, 9/26 to Sunday 9/28 Ride to Topaz Lake is now CANCELLED. If you've already made a reservation, be sure to cancel it! (no charge if cancelled up to 72 hours prior)

COMING IN OCTOBER

Thursday 10/2 thru Sunday 10/5 - Las Vegas Bike Fest is now CANCELLED as an official SCHRA ride. Seems like there were just too many bike rallies spaced very close together. The event will still take place for those who wish to attend.

Thursday, 10/9 - Club Meeting at Four "N 20: Eat at 6:30; Meet at 7:30

Friday 10/10 to Sunday 10/12 - Palm Springs American Heat: LB, Solly's, 9:00 AM

This is a fun and easy trip to the desert and our accommodations are just across the street from the event in downtown Palm Springs. Our road captain has arranged for some interesting meal venues. Call Comfort Inn at (760)778.3699 for room availability.

Sunday, 10/19 - Calico Ghost Town: RL (no time or departure details as yet)

Here is a venue we've not visited in several years. Enjoy an easy ride through the high desert to the historic Calico Mine and Ghost Town (originally renovated by the folks at Knott's Berry Farm. Taken over by the San Bernardo Parks Dept. in 2005). Lots of interesting stuff to see and photograph.

Sunday, 10/26 - Temecula Old Town & Texas Lil's: Sternz, (no details as yet)

Here is another opportunity to spend some quality time in a town we frequently visit but never have an opportunity to explore. Texas Lil's has become our go-to place when visiting the Old Town area.



Pine Mountain

Joe Gubbrud - R/C

FREEWAYS !!!

How we all have our love/hate relationship with FREEWAYS !! When they are wide open and we want to get somewhere fast, we love them. When they resemble the worlds largest parking lot (405 north on Friday afternoon) we hate them. For the most part, on my bike, I hate them. However, due to our topography and Cal Trans planning, it sometimes seems they are impossible to avoid. Thus, on Sunday, August 24th, I took on the seemingly impossible task of leading our ride from Millie's in the San Fernando Valley up to the top of the "Grapevine" and into the beautiful "Mile High" village of Pine Mountain Club WITHOUT having our tires hitting ANY part of ANY freeway !!! Impossible you say??

You have to take the 405 north you say ?? You have to take the 5 North you say??? In the words of the late Amy Winehouse song "Rehab""I say: ... NO....NO... NO..."



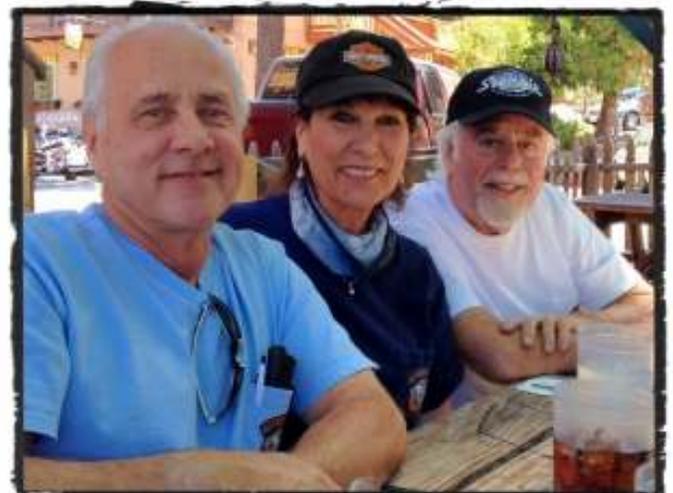
Several of our members joined me for this challenge. By 9:00 we had 8 bikes and 13 riders assembled ready to see if their road captain could deliver on his promise of "NO Free-ways". By 9:10 our last rider putted in and we were soon on our way. We headed north from Millie's on Sepulveda to Rinaldi where the entrance is to the 405 freeway but, I said "NO... NO...NO " and we turned left and headed west to Woodley where we turned right. Many of us had never been on this delightful street with unique houses and for many others it had been a long time since they had. We rode Woodley to Balboa, turned right and took Balboa to San Fernando road and turned left. This is the "Old Road" which was the only road before they built the FREEWAYS overhead. We followed the Old Road up into Santa Clarita and turned right on Rye Canyon. Rye Canyon becomes Copper Hill and takes

us to San Francisquito Canyon Road. We then rode this beautiful ride up to the nearly dry Lake Elizabeth (which was sad looking and worse smelling) and the "Rock Inn". AHHH, the first leg of the trip completed....with NO FREEWAYS !!!

Now, to get us to Pine Mountain from here !! We headed west on Pine Canyon Road up to the 138 where we turned left and went past "Mount Vernon" (see more below) and the lovely Quail Lake toward the dreaded 5 FREEWAY !!!... But not to worry since before getting to the freeway, we veered right onto Gorman Post Road which took us directly into the metropolis of Gorman. Here we went UNDER the 5 freeway and turned right on to N. Peace Valley Road. This took us straight to Frazier Park Road where we turned left and soon after arrived at Pine Mountain Club !!! We did it !!!!!!!!! Never did a tire touch a FREEWAY !! " I say..NO...NO...NO ".

We arrived at noon and the temperature at Pine Mountain was in the upper 70's. The smell of the fresh air and pine scent was wonderful. We had a great leisurely lunch at La Lena Mexican restaurant sitting out on picnic tables under the pine trees enjoying the beautiful mile high scenery. Lee filled us in on the amenities of Pine Mountain as his family has a cabin just up the street from where we dined (lucky guy!!).

After lunch we packed up and headed back down the mountain toyou guessed it...the FREEWAY....where we all headed safely straight home.





Product Corner

Ron Lynn

PrepPen-Glass Fiber Tool

Rust Remover

Demon Rust! We need to fight that evil which is all around us and which one day will eat up all that metal which we rely on so desperately. End of sermon! Or is it?

Ever open an electrical device which is powered by those small batteries (AA/AAA/9Volt) only to find they leaked onto the contacts and spread all over the battery container. Ever notice how suddenly and without warning you notice one of your prized screw heads are rusted. If on your bike then depression immediately sets in. Folks this is a serious threat!

But wait! There is a simple solution at hand: PrepPen, originally created for automotive shops to clean rust from small paint scratches. The tool looks like a small fat-retractable-mechanical pencil which pushes out a tight tube of fine white glass fibers - razor sharp and very strong. Like that pencil, turn one way and it extends the glass fibers, turn the other way and it retracts.

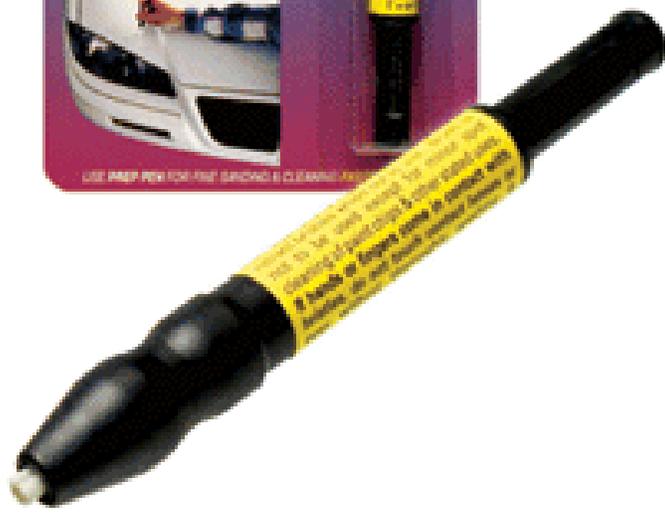
These glass fibers are very abrasive facilitating in removing that pesky

rust or corrosion from electrical terminals, it also cleans metals, coins, paint scratches, screws, bolts and rivets, etc. (A lot of etc's here). It allows you to get into those very small places, which sand paper just cannot accommodate.

CAUTION: The minute glass shards will break off during use and are very small and sharp. Use eye and skin protection when using this product. Safe on chrome and glass.

Most of us out there are amateur mechanics and have hobbies; a simple and inexpensive product like this has many uses for those small pesky jobs. If ordering on-line get at least two.

And remember it is our duty to do our part in eradicating "Pesky Rust"! This is really the end of the sermon!



Available: Manufactured by Pro Motor Car Products 877-460-6032. They do not sell retail.

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- ◇ Holiday Parties
- ◇ Men & Women Riders
- ◇ New Members Welcome

Meetings are Held on the 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 pm

**Four 'N 20 Restaurant
5530 Van Nuys Blvd.
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SCHRA Boutique

Randy Rahm VP

- Dark blue short sleeve t-shirts - S, L, XL
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Club hats in black and orange with embroidered SCHRA patch.

Club logo pins with two-post mountings that can be easily switched among garments, hats, etc.

Also available at no charge are commemorative patches honoring members who have passed. Foss, Whitey, Julie. These patches are suitable for sewing on your jacket or vest or....? Miscellaneous items are in stock as well. Don't hesitate to inquire. When you call us (Jack, anyway) we haul ass! Operators are standing by.

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. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

We have:

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

All Shirts are \$15.00

Last Update: 1/12/13

Black Short Sleeve

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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



<u>Hats</u>		
Black w/Logo	14	\$10.00
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Black w/SCHRA	7	\$10.00
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SCHRA 2014 Events - August

Sun	9/7	Mt. Baldy & Basque Lunch	Time ?	RR - TBA
Thur	9/11	Club Meeting	7:30 pm	Four n 20 Pies!
Sa/ Su	9/13- 14	Solvang Overnighter	TBA	JL - TBA
Sun	9/21	Cook's Corner Lunch & People Watching		
Fr- Su	9/26- 28	← Lake Topaz 2 nights & → ← Visit w/Kotlers →	TBA	Cancelled

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Ventura & Topanga Canyon

Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Denny's Sand Canyon
15401 Delone St., Santa Clarita

McDonald's
Kanan Rd., SW corner behind Shell Station

SCHRA 2014 Events - September

Thurs	10/2	Vegas Bikefest - Cancelled Too	Never	No-one!
Thurs	10/9	Club Meeting		
Fri	10/10-12	Palm Springs - American Heat	9:00 am	Solley's - LB
Sun	10/9	Calico Ghost Town	TBA	RL
Sun	10/26	Temecula Old Town	TBA	Stern

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. This is not a club sanctioned ride. (The Lawyers made me say that!)

Contact Editor at Edit@schra.org to place extra rides or events in this magnificent electronic publication Edited magnificently and flaaawwleesssly by ME.

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