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*Mike Levison  
President March 2009*

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**S**ome communication house-keeping is in order at the moment: to our friend, long time riding companion and past president of SCHRA Stan Myers.

Our condolences on the recent passing of his brother. Also, our wishes for improvement in both the health of his wife and the difficulties he is experiencing with his arm which is affecting his riding ability.

Next, I wish to make a public apology to my good friend and dedicated Senior Road Captain JB Bruce. At our general meeting in February, due to the unexpected distraction and discussion of conflicting meeting nights with a local HOG chapter, I experienced a senior moment and overlooked calling on JB for his Senior Road Captain report. Being the meticulous individual that he is, which is why he was given that responsibility to begin with, he had spent significant time and effort preparing his presentation, which I proceeded to ignore entirely. He was understandably upset and you could say pissed off. When this was brought to my attention, it

was too late for the damage was done. I could only claim in all honesty that it was an unintentional and innocent brain fart.

Our relationship extends all the way back to high school, and not wanting to diminish it in any way, I am hoping this public apology will smooth any ruffled feathers. And should something similar happen again in the future, it won't come as a surprise, for I have already shown my capabilities. Really am sorry old friend!

On the positive side, I'm pleased to announce the new membership of Jeff & Stacey Gourson of Sand Canyon. She rides her own bike, a shiny Heritage Softail Classic. They happen to live about a mile down the road from Ruthann and me, owning a house built by the same builder as ours. We have a long relationship with their house. It was purchased new in 1982 by a very close friend and then business associate who later, to our chagrin, sold and moved back to New York. That fact made the Goursons instant best friends when we met them recently. They will be a very nice addition to our dynamic and congenial family group of Harley riders! Welcome aboard kids!



## Upcoming Events

*JB - Activities Director*

# February, March, & April

SCHRA had a great turnout of guests at the January 10 club meeting. Joining us were many members of the former SVHD HOG Chapter. The group continues as "Best in The West" (BiTW), but are no longer sponsored by SVHD.

It is remarkable how BiTW manages the logistics of so many bikes. They divide themselves into groups of eight, the front and the rear being occupied by road captains. Each group leaves the meet-up independently and then follows a pre-set course, with all arriving separately but at nearly the same time.

There is yet another meet-up group which has been formed from the HOG Chapter and they call themselves VC Riders (Ventura County Riders). Participation is informal and is open to all-brands and all-sizes; obviously being of interest to those who prefer smaller vehicles.

Personally, I view these groups, all of which exist in the same geographical area, as an opportunity to make some new friends and participate in one-another's rides. At present, BiTW is now an independent group of friends who want to continue to ride together. There are no meetings, no dues, and few rules and regulations, other than continuing to ride safely. That could change in the future, but for now it keeps good friends riding together.

Several from this group have expressed interest in, or have already become members of SCHRA, so if you see some faces you don't recognize, be sure to introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome. They are a fine group of Riders, now without a club. We are a great HD Club which needs to attract more membership. In that spirit, President Jack has extended an invitation to BiTW riders to check us out gratis for the next several months, and to attend any of our events.

So, that's the news you need to know. Now, let's look at what is coming up in the next three months at SCHRA:

### FEBRUARY

### 2/3 (Sun) - Super Bowl Party: Residence of Jack & Nanette Launius.

If memory serves me correctly, I think this is the fourth year we are gathering to socialize, camaraderize (is this a word?) and enjoy some great food and drink together. I'm not privy to all the details but I think the cuisine is likely to have a definite south-of-the-border taste. This, of course, is in addition to whatever appetizers and deserts are volunteered by the attendees. Gather at around 1:30 PM and hopefully most will still be awake at 3:30 game time.

### 2/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting: Mimi's on Corbin, 6:30 Eat; 7:30 Meet.

Well folks, for the time being, I believe we are going to continue to tolerate the poor service here; at least until we assess our space requirements while adding some new membership. The food is good, and there's a bar for those who like bars. Also, separate checks are very convenient. We'll just wait and see.

### 2/17 (Sun) - Solvang Day Ride: Lou Piano, 9:00 AM, McD - Kanan.

This is a great time of year to visit this tiny Danish enclave. Unfortunately, details of where we're going to dine and how we're going to get there remain tightly ensconced in the cranium of our leader, Lou. Tag along anyway; be surprised. Who knows, maybe an Event Alert will appear.

### MARCH

### 3/1 (Fri) thru 3/3 (Sun) - Borrego Springs: Sternz, 8:30 AM, McD - Sepulveda

Formerly set for 3/22 thru 3/24, the recent rains have injected a sense of urgency and compelled us to plan our visit earlier to enhance the likelihood of seeing some fantastic wildflowers.

An Event Alert has already gone out so the details of what you need to do are waiting for you to make your res. This is a busy time of year at Palm Canyon Resort, but rooms are still available if you call now. Double-Q rooms are going for AAA rate of \$167 + taxes and resort fees, so your looking at about \$180 per night. 760.767.5341. Mention "Stern." The ride "to and from" may include some weird off-the-beaten-path places..... which you'll love.

### 3/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting: Mimi's on Corbin, 6:30 Eat; 7:30 Meet.



## A New Bike

*Fred Rubin*

I was recently talking to a neighbor about motorcycle riding. He mostly does dirt riding on scramblers and had a Honda Street bike sitting in front of the house for at least a couple of years. The Malibu weather was eating the metal and it didn't help the paint either. He started the Honda and rode it locally every few weeks just to keep it workable. He commented as to how beautiful my Harley was and of course I took the opportunity to encourage him to buy another bike and ride with us sometimes. Finally he bought a new Triumph Bonneville. It's 900 cc, all black and chrome, but at 450 pounds is much lighter and stiffer than my Road King. I told him it was a beautiful bike and explained how I prefer road bikes. We started to talk about open road riding.

I shared one memorable trip in Canada. I said we rode out in a fog with beautiful scenery and rain throughout the day. As we dropped over a hill with the valley below it was like Dorothy approaching the Emerald City. It was breathtaking. Bright green and very lush terrain moistened from the rain with a white cloud cover blanket above. Almost too distracting to be on a motorcycle. However, and this is a really big however, I said we hit the worst road I have ever been on, and I mean the worst. This section of road was under construction for several miles. Some of it was somewhat compacted earth and gravel which was bad enough. But then we got behind a slow moving pilot truck that took us through a lengthy uncompacted section of road still wet from the rain and the water truck spraying as we were trying to ride. We were severely challenged to stay vertical. I was last in line and close behind me was a huge semi that probably could not stop if I went down. I could have become part of the pavement for the new highway. By evening, wet and cold from the last half hour of heavy rain, we came into a town and rolled a valet cart full of our bags across the wooden sidewalk into a Best Western Hotel. My neighbor didn't seem thrilled with my description of the ride.

So I told him about another Canadian road trip

where the road had potholes the size of Wyoming which bottomed our bikes and flung us in our seats. We were into some beautiful country along with scattered rain. A few miles later we were going through some fog and finally pulled into Toad River where we stayed for the night. I explained that I didn't realize how cold it was until I got off my bike and tried walking on stiff knees which weren't working by now. The others in my group also complained of assorted cold induced ailments.

He still didn't seem too thrilled about Road trips so I shared one more trip with him. In Arizona, we were heading toward Prescott. The temperature was cooling but still very nice. A few scattered drops of rain here and there but nothing significant. We went through the hillside town of Jerome at about 10 mph. At the bottom of the hill the sky looked threatening way ahead. The four riders in the group debated whether we needed to suit up for a little rain. The suits won. I told him now here is the interesting part. After suiting up when we started out it was dry. Not a drop on the ground. I mean not a drop. Within 5 minutes it was pouring so hard that there was too much water in front of my face to see. I couldn't even tell where the road was. I stopped in the middle of the road and when I put my foot down the water flow was up to my ankles. I said remember five minutes prior it wasn't raining. Fortunately a car stopped behind us which shielded us from other cars plowing into us. We backed up the bikes 100 feet to a side street and headed to an empty carport. We were safe under the metal carport from all that lightning. The rain was pounding so hard we had to shout to hear each other. A police car tried to cross the road where we just were. It was drowned out and stuck in the flooding.

My neighbor could see that I loved reliving memories and telling those stories. But somehow I don't think I convinced him about how wonderful Road trips could be. Maybe I shared too much about rain and cold and bad pavement. Maybe if I told him about trips with smooth straight roads and sunshine. There was this trip I was riding in Kansas. The road was straight and smooth for two hundred miles and it was 109 degrees out. Hmm. Boring. I decided to skip that memory and change the conversation.



## I Had A Dream

*A Ron Lynn Fantasy*

Preface: I am on vacation in Maui, missing the Saturday motorcycle rides with my friends, having had dinner with friends the night before and was talking about guns, and the previous day reading the AARP magazine with financial advice.

So it's 7am and I had this very realistic dream. Normally I cannot remember any details of my dreams, however this one was recounted very clearly.

Setting: I am at a busy corral on the outskirts of an old western town, waiting to pick up a horse for my weekly ride with friends (horse/motorcycle - get it!)

I observe John Wayne (JW) riding into the corral area on a horse with a mule following behind, tethered by rope with a shovel attached to its side. JW stops and clearly beckons to me by name: "Ron! Would you mind going into the General Store and picking up some 45-80 full rounds of pistol ammunition for me?" (I have never heard of this caliber) Naturally I indicated an excited voluntary-compliance and sauntered (western for casually walking) over to the store.

I approached the counter and indicated to the lady clerk that John Wayne wanted to pick up some ammunition. She went into the back room and reappeared at the counter holding a medium sized wooden box clasped shut at the center with a brass clip. When she opened the box it revealed various items obviously belonging to our famed hero: His gun sheathed in his worn holster with the waist belt wrapped around as if it were waiting for its owner; a box of ammunition held in a small worn, thin cardboard container; two used pistol barrels; a cowboy's neckerchief; and a horse hair hat band (can you believe the detail).

I asked the clerk why was she holding JW's

possessions? She indicated he was broke and pawned these items to go prospecting. I asked her how much it would cost to purchase the contents of this box--she responded; \$560 (not \$500 or \$600). For a moment I thought; wouldn't it be a great gesture to buy back these mementos and present them to JW as a gift. As I pondered the situation of putting the \$560 on my credit card, which would be a very small cost to me but a big benefit to JW, I reflected on the fact that my wife would kill me. However, balancing the pros and cons and considering that I would be doing this for one of our most revered western heroes, I was about to give into handing over my credit card to the clerk to close the deal. But Wait!

Then it hit me! What if I were to pay for these items, present them to JW only to find out that he would just return to the store and re-pawn them. This now appeared to me that this might be a SCAM!

At that point, having realized that our hero would be reduced to an ordinary scammer, my internal conflict must have escalated to a point where it caused my to awake felling disillusioned from this experience. What a nightmare!

I hope this has not affected the memory on my hero John Wayne.

As recounted under hypnosis by Ron Lynn



# SCHRA

## Southern CA Harley Riders Assn.

### 2019 Ride & Events Schedule

#### **FEBRUARY**

2/3 (Sun) - Super Bowl Party: Launius  
 2/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 2/17 (Sun) - Solvang Day Ride: Piano

#### **MARCH**

3/1 (Fri) thru 3/3 (Sun) - Borrego Springs: Sternz (*changed from 3/22 - 3/24*)  
 3/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting

#### **APRIL**

4/4 (Thu) thru 4/9 (Tue) - Arizona Ride: Launius  
 4/11 (Thu) - Club Meeting

#### **MAY**

5/9 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 5/16 (Thu) thru 5/19 (Sun) - No. CA Winchester House +: Piano

#### **JUNE**

6/7 (Fri) thru 6/10 (Mon) - Kernville Joint

Ride with RCHR: Bruce  
 6/13 (Thu) - Club Meeting

#### **JULY**

7/11 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 7/12 (Fri) thru 7/14 (Sun) - San Diego +: Launius  
 7/27 (Sat) - Picnic @ Malibu Bluffs: Piano

#### **AUGUST**

8/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 8/24 (Sat) - Summer Party @ Launius

#### **SEPTEMBER**

9/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 9/27 (Fri) thru 9/29 (Sun) - Cambria & Big Sur: Sternz

#### **OCTOBER**

10/10 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
 10/25 (Fri) thru 10/28 (Mon) - Nevada State Parks + Mt. Charleston: Bruce

#### **NOVEMBER**

11/2 (Sat) - Foxen Canyon Wineries: Gourson  
 11/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting

#### **DECEMBER**

12/14 (Sat) - Holiday Party @ Gubbrud or Sternz + Year-End Club Meeting

Additional Possible Day Rides:

- “Wrightwood or Lake Arrowhead”
- “Lockwood Valley – Reyes Creek”
- “San Pedro – Maritime Museum & Battleship”

Your Ideas:

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# SCHRA

## Southern CA Harley Riders Assn. Next Event

*January 2019*

**Club Meeting at Mimi's Café  
19710 Nordhoff Pl.  
Chatsworth, CA 91311**

**Dinner 6:30 ish  
Meeting 7:30 Sharp (ha, ha, ha)**

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### SCHRA Road Captains

### SCHRA Departure Sites

Jerry Stern - JS Lee Blackman ~ LB Jerry Bruce ~ JB Joe Gubbrud ~ JG	Ron Lynn - RL Lou Piano ~ LP Cindy Stern ~ CS	Starbucks Ventura & Topanga Canyon  McDonald's 11015 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills  Denny's Sand Canyon 15401 Delone St. Santa Clarita	McDonald's Kanan Rd. NE corner behind Shell Station  Luna Grill (old Solley's) Van Nuys Blvd. 1 Block South of The 101 Freeway
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## SCHRA Boutique

*Ask a board member for more info, prices or to purchase Some of this highly gifted stuff.*

All Shirts are \$15.00

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Last Update 5/10/16

SMALL

SS	White	0
	Blue	5
	Black	3
LS	White	1
	Blue	0
	Black	5



MEDIUM

SS	White	0
	Blue	0
	Black	0
LS	White	0
	Blue	0
	Black	2



LARGE 0

X-LARGE	
White	0
Blue	2
Black	5
LS	
White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
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SS	
White	0
Blue	1
Black	0
3XL	
LS	
White	3



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