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January 8, 2015

**Publishing Deadline for
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January 30, 6:00 pm.**



President's Message

Lou Piano

The Holiday party is over and the last official ride of the year has been rode. The 8 pound average weight gain is behind us - no, literally, behind us! Time to make our new year's resolutions and have a road captain's meeting to fill in our ride calendar.

A new proposed ride calendar has been submitted for review, approval, modification, additions and/or changes. It looks like another exciting year with some interesting changes. New venues and changes to old rides to make them look new and even more exciting and fun. The last couple of rides of this year were fun and interesting and rife with camaraderie.

We end the year with the loss of one of our own. Johnny Morino has passed away from Valley Fever and complications from that disease. His funeral will be held on Saturday the 3rd of January. Details will, or have been, sent to everyone.

Watching the news I should point out to everyone, even though we know it, how fortunate we are to live here in southern California. It's January and we are still riding our motorcycles. Yes, we are having a cold spell, but for us that means 50 degree temps during the day! Still pleasant enough to plug in our heated jackets and have a great ride.

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

Ed

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

RT



Holiday Party
Jerry Bruce - Activities Chairman

Nobody Doesn't Like The SCHRA Holiday Party!

For the second year in a row, SCHRA'ers from all over the world, (particularly from the San Fernando, Santa Clarita, and Simi Valleys), gathered at the home of Karen and Ron Sarian, who hosted another spectacular Hors d'Oeuvre Extravaganza at their La Canada digs.

Following the highly successful formula of past Holiday Party events, attendees paid the price of admission by bringing their own home-made (if possible) hot hors d'oeuvre or a cold hors d'oeuvre or a dessert. (The checkout lines at COSTCO did seem a little longer than usual.)

Scheduled for 7:00 PM, and despite a nasty but short back-up on the 210 Freeway, the goodies started showing up on the dining room table at the Sarian's beautifully holiday decorated home.

This seasons offerings included pulled pork Sandwiches, two types of meatballs, baked brie, whitefish salad, two types of chicken drumettes, guacamole dip, rumaki, stuffed eggs, artichoke dip, spicy potatoes, cheese and crackers, California-rolls, pigs-in-a-blanket, apple pie, cake, cookies, and more. Also on hand were all the usual hot and cold beverages (for which Trader Joe's thanks you).

As is the tradition, a significantly shortened version of our SCHRA December meeting was held so the outgoing board of directors could receive their thanks from the membership. Likewise, the new 2015 board and committee chairpersons were then officially installed and congratulated by the multitudes (27 people). Acceptance speeches were quite brief.

Again, our many thanks go out to Karen

and Ron for allowing us to return to their home for our annual event. We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas, a Krazy Kawanza, a Bubbly Boxing Day and a Happy New Year.





Bass Pro Shop - Lunch

Duane Harte - R/C

Well, for the umpteenth time this year, we were faced with another canceled ride due, this time, to the illness of the appointed Road Captain. Since I had already received the go ahead on this ride from "the boss" and given our regrets to another luncheon invitation, I wasn't about to let this ride die a horrible death. I raised my hand and volunteered to be interim Road Captain. I will recount the events of the day knowing that, by the time the newsletter comes out, Linda Rahm will be home again and the surprise will have been revealed!

The 7 of us met at Millies and hopped on our hogs and took off for the Bass Pro Shop in anticipation of a good ride and a sumptuous feast. Pauline, Lou (the Prez!), Mike, Randy, Jo-Anne and Glenn and I jumped on the freeway for a leisurely 70 minute ride to our destination.

Upon reaching BPS, we disembarked (that's a Navy term for you non-Navy vets) from our bikes and strolled toward the restaurant for lunch. As we passed by the front door to the store Pauline



spotted a couple sitting on the bench with a 9 week old Chocolate Lab puppy. I figured we'd lose a half hour there but the pup was a little doll face as all Labs are. Just about the time we were ready to leave the pup Randy showed up and sat down with it. That pup took to him and was shortly gnawing on Randy's hand as Pauline and I left for the restaurant where the rest of our party had already obtained seating.

After the waitress brought us all our drinks I decided to go see what was keeping Randy. The couple was gone, the puppy was gone and I finally

spotted Randy wandering over to the restaurant. He was now the proud owner of a Chocolate Lab puppy having purchased it from the owners who were looking to sell it. All he had to do was get his bike home after lunch and go out to pick up the pup. Best of luck, daddy!

After lunch we did 30 minutes of shopping and then prepared to head back home. I, as Road Captain, headed off down the road with the other 4 bikes in tow (Randy had already gone back for his child), with the idea of taking a slightly different route back to I-210 thereby eliminating the I-15 altogether. We rode through some really nice neighborhoods and passed *over* I-210. Ok, I thought, I'll just give my entourage a look at an area they probably have never explored before. About a block later I looked back to find that everyone had made a u-turn and headed back to the intersection we had just passed before the freeway. So much for "follow the Road Captain." I once again regained my spot at the head of the group and successfully lead everyone back to the barn. Another nice ride in the can.

A man went to church one day and afterward he stopped to shake the preacher's hand. He said, 'Preacher, I'll tell you, that was a damned fine sermon. Damned good!'

The preacher said, 'Thank you sir, but I'd rather you didn't use profanity.'

The man said, 'I was so damned impressed with that sermon I put five thousand dollars in the offering plate!'

The preacher said, 'No shit?'

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland . As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. 'These,' she explained, 'are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce.' She then asked, 'What do you do in America with your old goats?'

A spry old gentleman answered, 'They send us on bus tours!'



Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Chairman

Upcoming Events: January & February* 2015

When last we visited the subject of Club Rides, the request was put forth that your personal ideas for future events would be most helpful and sincerely welcomed. To date we have received but a single response. Surely, with such a diversified group, somebody should have some ideas regarding the kinds of activities we should provide.

Because of the sparse response, and because the new year is already upon us, we have prepared the Upcoming Events Schedule only for the month of January and only a single event for the month of February.

JANUARY

**Thursday, 1/8 - Club Meeting @ Four 'N 20 Pies:
Dinner-6:30 PM, Meeting-7:30 PM**

You are kindly invited to attend the first club

meeting of the New Year. See how well the new officers and appointees perform their jobs in front of a live audience. Also, taking a hint from the opening comments above, be prepared to offer your own ideas for the Activities/Events Schedule; otherwise we'll do it for you!

**Saturday, 1/10 - Lunch in Randsburg: (RC TBA),
9:30 AM, Millies**

Now here's a creepy way to begin the New Year. It has been a few years since we last visited this wide-spot-in-the-road, and you can count on the fact that nothing has changed. Dine in traditional Randsburg-splendor at the General Store, and then explore the fascinating junk which are crammed into the funky antique shops and empty lots. Looking for an RC volunteer.

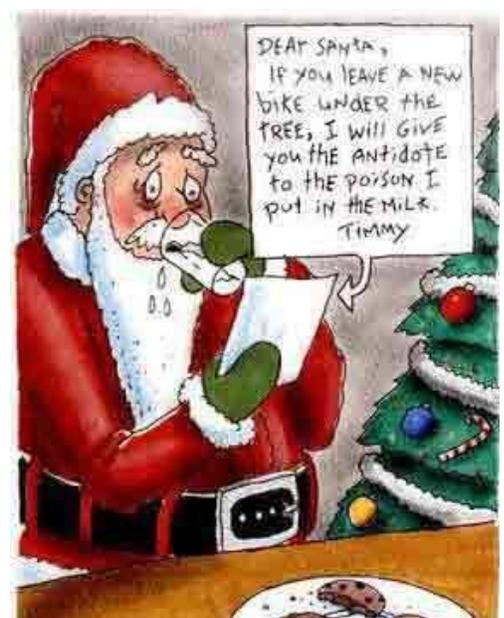
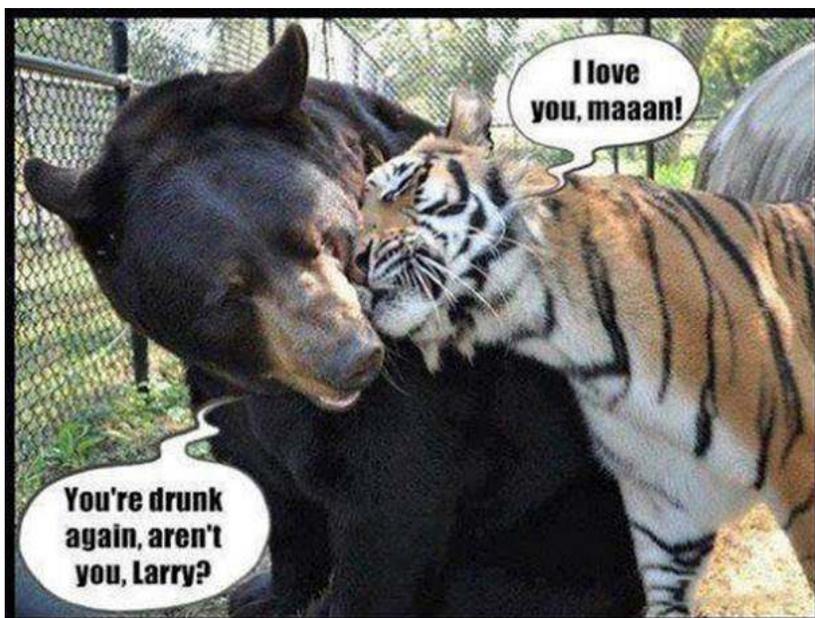
Sunday, 1/18 - Santa Barbara "Art Walk": (RC TBA), 9:00 AM, Kanan

Join us for a scenic ride along the coast and then an easy stroll along Cabrillo Blvd., for the weekly (Sunday only) Art Walk. Here, you'll see a great array of local artworks plus all kinds of hand-crafts, created (for the most part) by the folks (and their dogs) who occupy the many booths. Afterward, lunch at "who knows where?" Looking for an RC volunteer.

FEBRUARY*

Sunday, 2/1 - Super Bowl Sunday: (Location TBA), 1:00 PM

Looking for a volunteer to host this exciting annual event. Pot-Luck. Details to follow.



The “Saturday” Report:

By JB - Activities Chairperson

Years ago I was speaking with my rabbi and he asked “What is the most important Jewish Holiday of the Year.” I pondered the question and presumed there was a “trick” involved in his asking. As it turned out, Shabbat (Sabbath) is the most important; that is because it is observed/celebrated 52 times each and every year!

So as I was triking my way to Topanga & Ventura on Saturday 12/27, it occurred to me that the Saturday Ride, like Shabbat, is also perhaps the most important ride on our Activities Calendar.....because of its occurrence every seven days. So let’s treat it with some respect!

The “Saturday” Ride is frequently the most popular and well-attended event.....and it isn’t even listed on our Ride Calendar. This led to the decision to provide a brief newsletter blurb about all the stuff you’re dying to know, such as who showed up, where did we go, who dropped their bike, and most importantly, where did we eat?!

Saturday, 12/27/2014:

Four members showed up on this, the last Saturday of 2014 and included Lou, Ron L, Mitch and JB. Following a lengthy discourse on the status of our recent medical issues, the conversation then turned to “what stupid stuff did you do while on active military duty?”

Finally, at about 20-minutes past 10:00 AM (Jim Sample Time), Lou appointed himself leader of the group which included two 2-bikes, 1-trike, and 1-Miata. We decided to ride to the seafood restaurant (it has a name but damned if I can remember it) in Oxnard, by way of Mulholland Highway to PCH.



We were on PCH only minutes before the ominous “Road Closed Ahead” signs signaled an attempt to screw-up our fine plan. Being disbelievers all, we actually rode all the way to the wooden barriers before we realized that those signs were posted so normal-thinking people might heed the advice and go back from whence they came.

After a brief stop at Neptune’s Net, we made our now-obligatory U-turns and proceeded back south on PCH to Cross Creek and the Marmalade Restaurant. Following lunch we single-filed ourselves over Malibu Canyon and then on to our various places of abode. The weather was brisk but clear and beautiful.

Just thought you’d like to know what you missed!

Riverside Holiday Lights

Jerry & Cindy Stern - R/C's



lunch stop. Tom's Farm is an attraction in its own right, featuring several restaurants of varying cuisine, shops for the shoppers, trains and rides for kids and the young-at-heart, lakes, fountains, music acts, etc. Last time we visited Tom's Farm for lunch, the food lines were long and only J.B. and Judy were happy with their meal, a mushroom & onion pizza; in fact they gave it an 8.5 on a 10 scale. So upon arrival we headed directly for the pizza stand and all agreed it was surprisingly delicious. Afterward we browsed the shops and attractions before departing. It's a fun place to take in at Christmastime.

ANOTHER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Jerry & Cindy Stern

Two years ago our Club made its first trip to Riverside Mission Inn and we were so bedazzled by the sheer breadth of the extravaganza that we determined it was worth coming back to do it again. This being the 22ND anniversary year of their ever-evolving display of lights, animated creatures, and sounds of Christmas, how could we in good conscience miss it, especially being only 100 miles down the road, and its having been voted the Num-



ber 1 Christmas decoration display in the World! This year only 8 riders were at Millie's for the 10AM departure - myself and Cindy, Linda & Randy, Jo-Anne & Glenn, and Lou and J.B.

Since the ride to Riverside is relatively short, and we wouldn't be able to check into our hotel before 3pm, we detoured to Tom's Farm in Corona for our

Rather than the direct route up the freeway to Riverside, we detoured through some picturesque back roads and took a long indirect approach into Riverside which gave us some exposure to the historic residential areas southwest of the city center. We checked into our hotel, the Downtown Hyatt on Market Street, which is only one block from the Mission Inn and we could see on arrival that the crowds were larger this time than last, so the plan was to meet for dinner first before embarking on our evening walking adventure. This gave us a couple of hours downtime to relax and decompress.

Because of the large crowds, no restaurants take reservations for dinner. On our last trip we had dinner at the Marriott Hotel restaurant nearby because they had been so nice to us in '12, setting us



up in a private dining area overlooking their pool, so there was no reluctance to going back there again. You know how sometimes you are happy with a restaurant, and the next time you have a 180 degree-opposite experience? Well, I am happy to say that to a person everyone was thrilled by their entree selections, excellent attentive service & ambience, and even accurate separate checks to boot. Cindy remarked that this has to be the best kept restaurant secret in Riverside.

People come from all over the world to witness the Mission Inn Christmas display, and I think at least half the world was there that night! The huge four-block-long plaza adjacent to the hotel was set up with music acts, food, souvenir and gift kiosks, carolers, an ice-skating rink, several performance stag-



trances were less likely to be blocked during daylight hours, and our assessment was correct. We walked in through the front courtyard unimpeded and roamed the lobby viewing the exquisite decorations and the hotel's collection of historic bells, and coincidentally, ran into Steve T., a non-member of SCHRA who has joined us several times on the Saturday Guy ride. We chatted for a bit then returned to the Hyatt for the check-out mounted up and headed out for the return ride with Randy as road captain to guide us up the various freeways in the shortest quickest route with no traffic and plenty of time for lunch in front of the TV and Sunday afternoon football.

es, and numerous other attractions. And the Inn itself? One cannot imagine how many lights, animated figurines, and incredibly detailed displays are set up for this Holiday! The sea of humanity there to view it all was almost beyond comprehension. The streets adjacent to the Inn are blocked off to all vehicles, so it's only pedestrians allowed, and you're not really walking; it's more like shuffling along. Last time we were able to sneak inside the Inn through an unattended back entrance, but not this time. Multiple burly guards blocked all accesses except to guests with keys. Walking around with our jaws agape, I must have said "unbelievable" about 100 times. We partied and reveled along with everyone in the spirit of the season. On the way back to the Hyatt we stopped at a sidewalk café and enjoyed hot cups of steamy cocoa while commenting



Thanks to all who came out. Happy New Year to all!



on the nights activities and delightful experiences.

The Hyatt Hotel included a full breakfast which included eggs, waffles sausages, and many fresh items. Following breakfast, but before checkout, we walked back to the Mission Inn, figuring the en-

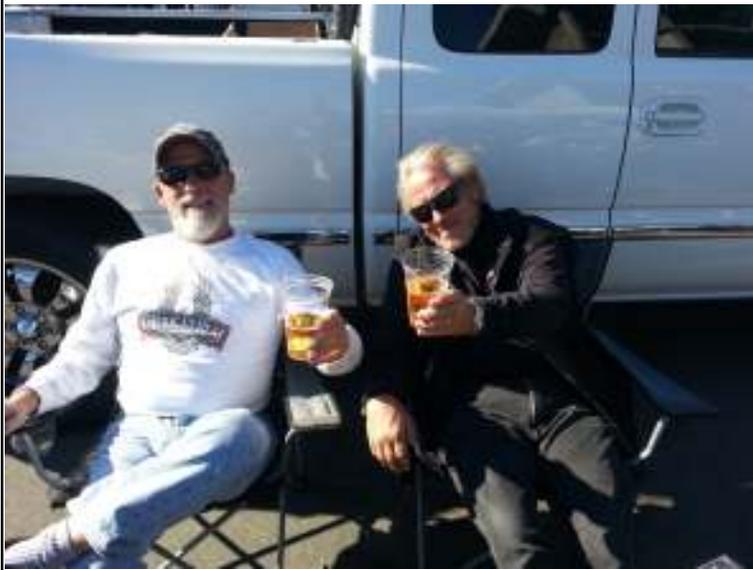




Swap Meet

Sales Agent: Ron Lynn

Well we pulled off another SCHRA swap meet at the Long Beach Motorcycle Swap. All entrants have to be in their spaces by 6:30am. Randy, Jack & I pulled up to the vendor entrance gate at the last minute, 6:27am. With 7 tables to set up including a truck load of product and one car completely loaded we went to work fast to get everything set up by 8am when the main gate opens. They come in with small wagons to buy various parts and it's like a "food frenzy". Although most of the buyers were very frugal due to the after Xmas spending, we did not do so bad. We raised \$787 with costs of \$212 netting us \$575 for the SCHRA kitty.



But you really just had to be there to see Jack L. at his best and here is Just one example: A young girl picks up an HD gas cap with a winged insignia. She asks how much and Jack jokingly says \$50. She just stares at the cap so Jack retorts, "How much would you pay?" She responds \$45 so Jack realizing this is ridiculous and wants to seal the deal quick says, "Make it \$40 and you have a deal." She goes for it and hands him the cash. An old used gas cap for \$40. Only Jack could pull this

off. This is just one example of moves that Jack perpetrated all day.

Thanks again to the club members who donated so many parts and accessories. We could not have done it without you.

Ron Lynn



Three ladies are playing the 4th hole at a members-only golf club, when a naked man wearing a bag over his head walks out of the trees and strolls casually across the green right in front of them.

The ladies are in shock, but can't take their eyes off the man's enormous "asset."

The first lady says, "Well, I'll tell you one thing - he is definitely not my husband."

The second lady says, "Well, he sure isn't my husband."

The third lady says, "Not only is he not my husband, he's not even a member of this club!"



Senior Road Captain's Soapbox

Jerry Stern - Sr. R/C

This is pothole season. Rain, cold weather, lack of maintenance, and other seasonal conditions deteriorate the pavement surface at a faster rate than at other times of the year. Hitting a pothole while driving your car is usually a minor inconvenience, and if you're lucky no damage will be suffered. However, even in your car/truck if it's a severe pothole it could cause tire, wheel, and/or suspension damage, so you must use extreme caution to avoid hitting them. For those whose vehicles have oversized wheels and low-profile tires, there's a pretty good certainty you'll damage a wheel, at least.



Hitting a pothole with your bike is a whole other story. It could easily cause a loss of control and could be downright disastrous! We must be extra vigilant to avoid potholes while riding, and that involves moderating your speed, consciously looking ahead for pavement damage and maintaining your high visual horizon. Increasing your following distances behind other cars and trucks improves your visual ability and lead time to adjust your line and avoid the holes.

It also means that when riding with other bikes it is *essential* to give the proper hand signal pointing to damaged pavement, so even if you're in the middle of a group and the rider in front of you failed to point out a pothole, take up the slack yourself and make the point to the bikes behind you.

These poor road conditions are likely to persist for some time, so don't let your guard down for an instant. Ride defensively, slow down, be extra observant, and stay safe.

Jerry Stern

A rather elderly gentleman (mid-eighties) walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is very well-dressed, smelling slightly of an expensive after-shave, hair well-groomed, great-looking suit, flower in his lapel. He presents a suave, well-looked-after image.

Seated at the bar is an elderly fine-looking lady (mid-seventies).

The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, good looking, do I come here often?"



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Randy Rahm VP

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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.

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- Black long sleeve logo t-shirts - S to 3XL
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Last Update: 1/12/13

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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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Kanan Rd., NE corner behind Shell Station

SCHRA 2015 Events - January

Thurs	12/8/15	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies	7:30 pm	6:30 Dinner
Saturday	12/10/15	Randsburg - Lunch Ride	TBA		
Sunday	12/18/15	Santa Barbara Art Walk	TBA		

SCHRA 2015 Events - February

Sunday	2/1/15	Super Bowl Party	Still begging people	To host this event	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday	2/12/15	Club Meeting (I hope I don't forget)	Four 'n 20 Pies	Same as January	
Sunday	2/15/15	Santa Paula lunch at Rabalais Bistro	TBA		
Sat - Sun	2/28-3/1	Julian Overnighter	TBA		

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