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January 12, 2017**

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President's Message *Jerry Stern*

[Happy New Year To SCHRA](#)

As the newly elected president of SCHRA, I want to wish everyone a very happy New Year!

Going forward into 2017 our Club faces many challenges; principally among them are our dwindling membership and rider participation. At the November meeting, held at Four N'20, there was a vote on whether or not to even keep the Club going. This was a first for this group, and it was pretty scary. Until I saw the strong show of hands in support I was frankly worried that the outcome would be negative. Fortunately, the show of hands to keep going was overwhelmingly positive.

I know we're more than just a club; we're a group of strong friendships which would likely have survived if the Club disbanded, but we've chosen to keep our 25-year-old organization alive. However, there's a strong caveat; in order to maintain its existence, it HAS to grow. If there's no growth, it inevitably shrinks, and then it's only a matter of time 'til the subject of disbanding comes up

again.

I'm the president, but I can't magically snap my fingers and get new signups. The Meetup site we opened last year has been closed, not only because of perceived liability issues, but also because of operational issues within the site itself. It can be re-formed, but I'll need help. As it was, it created limited results. What will it take to make us look attractive to potential prospects? From whence will we draw our prospects? As we've seen, there's a decline in Harley ridership, and let's face it - we're a group of mostly grey-beards (in a manner of speaking, and apologies to our female contingent). Since that makes us not especially attractive to younger riders, there's not a large pool to draw from.

It's not hard to see the dilemma we have, so I'd like everyone to put on their thinking caps and jot down some ideas that we can explore at our next meeting on Thursday January 12, 2017. See you there!

Jerry Stern



Ex President

Lou Piano - Former President

Democracy - it sure sucks. At least the part where ALL the people get to vote for their leaders. Just as I was starting to make some headway, some troublemaker demanded we adhere to the rules of the original constitution and 'hold a vote'. Some vote! I'm sure votes were cast by unregistered voters. And I'm pretty sure some of them were deceased.

Gone is the ultimate power & prestige. The ability to crook my little finger and get stuff done in the blink of an eye. The adulation showered upon me by the little people. The wondering looks from other bikers thinking "How the hell did he rise to power?". And you can see their eyes, wide in amazement, at how all the members in my club cater to my every little whim.

A new regime has conquered the old one, and knowing some of them as I do, I know they will simply cave in to one another. No real leadership. Just endless meetings asking one another "well, I dunno, what do *you* want to do?" The fear and confusion in the boardroom will be palpable from the beginning of the first agonizing meeting to the last. The club will be stuck in never never land with no real progress. The members forced to move forward on their own making decisions in a secret conclave unbeknownst to the ineffective named leaders.

I don't even want to get into the dirty rotten jobs the new puppetmasters have forced upon me. Oh sure. You think that editing the club newsletter gives me the power of having my voice heard through out the entire world (through the miracle of the internet) but the rules dictate that the president must approve every word, phrase, paragraph, article and punctuation mark in this tome effectively rendering me moot.

I haven't even gotten to the part where they have foisted activities on me without so much as asking my opinion or ability to perform those tasks. Yes, at the top of that list is the Holiday Party. Sure, sure, sure, it sounds innocuous enough but think about it.

First, after demanding that I host this made up event they set forth all sorts of parameters and demands that even a professional event planner would have difficulty meeting. Then they abruptly abandon me and expect that I will take care of every eventuality. I don't mean to whine but there is a long list of things to prepare unassisted.

- * Buy stuff
- * Put stuff out
- * Clean the stuff up after the party
- * Act like I enjoyed the whole thing.

I'll bet any amount that they'll lie about what a great time they all had and demand that I do it again next year! Ha! Fat chance. I'm still devastated over the whole troubling event and probably won't recover for a few weeks.

Anyway - have a great 2017!

Don't drink and drive!

With Christmas close upon us, I would like to share a personal experience with you about drinking and driving.

As you know, some of us have been known to have brushes with the authorities from time to time, often on the way home after a "Christmas Party" with family or friends.

Well, two days ago, this happened to me. I was out for an evening with friends and had more than my share of beers. Although relaxed, I still had the common sense to know I was slightly over the limit. That's when I did something

slightly different - I took a taxi home.

Sure enough on the way there was a police roadblock, but since I was in a taxi they waved it past and I arrived home safe and sound.

This was a real surprise to me, because I had never driven a taxi before. I don't know where or how I got it but now it's in my driveway and I don't know what to do with it.

So, anyway, if you want to borrow it give me a call.

Happy New Year



Accident Scene Management

Ron Lynn - Plagiarist

Accident Scene Management: OUTLINE

Whether you want to be or not you could be the first individual on an accident scene which may require you to act to help an injured rider. If so the following are some suggestions which you might want to consider in taking on that responsibility.

Using the acronym: **P.A.C.T** may help in remembering these suggestions:

P): Preventing Further Accidents:

Alert motorists & directing traffic.

Post others as road blockers at both points.

Keeping space open for emergency vehicles.

Moving the injured rider away from the bike on top of him or at risk of fire or leaking of hazardous fluids.

A): Access the Situation:

1. Where are you: Determine the location.
2. How many people are involved.
3. How severe are the injuries.
4. What types of vehicles are involved.
5. How many vehicles are involved.

C): Call the EMS (Emergency Medical System)

Have someone call while you check out the injured.

Give the dispatcher the information you collected.

2. Your Name
3. Your contact (telephone) number
4. Location of the accident.
5. Description of the accident
6. Your description of the injury and condition of the rider.
7. Whether mutual aid (EMT-Ambulance) is required.

8. Let the dispatcher end the call.

T): Treat the Injured:

Calm the accident victim until professional help arrives.

If the victim is bleeding attempt to stop the bleeding. Pressure or Tourniquet.

If the victim is not breathing check if helmet is blocking the airway. Consider removing or

moving the helmet to restore breathing.

Treat for Shock: If injured turning pale elevate the feet & keep them warm.

5. If unconscious: Gently nudge, check breathing, check airway for blockage.
6. Stay with them and talk to them.
7. Tell them your name & ask them for theirs.
8. Make conversation that provides information.
 - a. Is there someone we can notify for you?
 - b. Reassure them that you are there to help. That you called for help.
 - c. Ask them where they hurt. Can you move your arm/leg?
 - d. When was the last time you had something to eat/drink?
 - e. Do you have any allergies?
 - f. Are you taking any medications?
9. Have someone else write down the answers so EMT's can evaluate how the insured's conditions have changed.

When EMT's arrive do not leave. You may be helpful in moving the victim or keeping onlookers at a distance.

If the ground is hot, consider rolling him over on to clothing or a blanket.

Good Samaritan Law: This protects an individual who intercedes in helping another in time of danger with the intent to save their lives. The law considers this act as protected against legal action based on your not being qualified to perform these actions.

For more information at **accidentscene.org** and consider getting certified or at least take an CPR class.

Outlined by Ron Lynn from an Article in Rider Magazine September, 2016 by S. Williams



David Mann Chopperfest

Ron Lynn

Another planned SCHRA ride goes off without a hitch. The anxious group assembled at 9:30 at the Kanan Rd. McDonalds for a quick breakfast and some idle chit-chat. Since there was really no rush and the weather was beginning to clear up we didn't get going until around 10:30am. After our safety briefing and reviewing the complex but efficient route to Ventura, we headed out in anticipation of an exciting morning



Traffic was very moderate and we arrived at the Ventura Fair Grounds accompanied by numerous motorcycle enthusiasts. The weather at the Fairgrounds was sunny, warm and clear the whole

time while rain clouds pressed up against the mountains east of the venue.

There were many vendors plus areas of used parts for sale of all kinds being offered by individuals wanting to rid themselves of their collection. The bike show was, and always is, fascinating in that there were custom low-end choppers on display (not the expensive customs we see at most shows). Although most were Harley's there was a mixture of many older brands going back to the early 1940's. These were all rideable machines and some looked like they would not even be able to go around the block.

The live entertainment was worth the \$15 admission price alone. The food vendors were very average and since we had just eaten we were not interested in food. *Did I actually say that!* Anyway, we met some attendees and vendors we knew from our various past motorcycle experiences and exchanged greetings.

Since we arrived early and it was crowded we left around 1pm and leaving through an increasing swarm of new arrivals. All in all it was a very enjoyable experience. Being around all those who share our passion and seeing various creative expressions via motorcycles, and the camaraderie of our special group.

Oh! I want to thank the members of our group attending for their friendship and support of the ride: Ron & Sandy Lynn and Jerry & Cindy Stern. "That's all folks!"

Ron Lynn



SCHRA Boutique

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

The SCHRA members boutique is now open for online and telephone orders! The winter 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. Simply decide what you need and place your order via email at Pres@schra.org. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

Also in stock are large and small club logo patches suitable for sewing on your jacket, vest, or shirt.

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.

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	Black	0			
LS	White	0			
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SS	White	0			
	Blue	2			
	Black	3			
LS	White	0			
	Blue	0			
	Black	2			
 <u>XX-LARGE</u>					
SS	White	0			
	Blue	1			
	Black	2			

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SCHRA 2017 Calendar- January

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
		Not yet !!!! :-)			

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