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President's Message

Jack Launius

May 2013

We're well into the 2013 riding season with many great trips on the agenda. For everyone's enjoyment and safety please keep these simple things in mind. For our club rides the road captain has spent hours planning the ride for the enjoyment of all the participants. They plan the gas and comfort stops, lunch, hotels, overnights, dinner and other activities. Getting to and from our destinations safely and without unnecessary frustration is important for the road captain and all the participants. While it has been said many times before, group riding etiquette is an important factor in the enjoyment for all involved. Fortunately, or unfortunately, riding with a group has requirements. There are specific times for a ride to start which means you need to be ready, helmet and gloves on, on your bike and ready to go at the designated start time. Keeping the other riders waiting is just rude. This goes for the start of the ride and any stops during the ride. And before I get e-mails and phone calls, I'm not saying we should be a precision military operation or that occasionally someone won't be tied up in line at a bathroom or gas pump, that's understandable. Not being ready to go when the group is ready and

waiting should be the exception not the norm. When riding you need to keep a safe but reasonable distance. If you are lagging too far behind the group it can cause stress for other riders in the group. The people in front don't know if you are having difficulty or if you are day dreaming. (Unless of course you have a CB and can let others know what is going on.) When pulling up at a stop light or when pulling in to a parking area keep a little space between you and the rider in front of you. The person in front of you may back up or turn and if they don't know you're there someone could go down. For those leading the ride and others closer to the front, keep in mind that the people in the rear of the pack can't always see you. Hand signals are important for every lane change or turn.

Be courteous, ride safe and enjoy the moment.



Big Bear & Arrowhead
Lee Blackman - Road Captain

Big Bear...and More!

By Lee Blackman RC

The morning of Saturday, June 9, was bright and sunny as Lou, Dave, Joe and Caroline, Jerry and Cindy, JB and Judy, and Anita and the author of this article rode out of Denny's Sand Canyon for an overnigher at Big Bear. After a comfort stop at McD's at Cajon Junction, we headed for Lake Arrowhead, where a very nice lunch awaited us on the patio at the Belgian Waffle Works overlooking the Lake. After lunch, we enjoyed strolling around the Village and gazing at what seemed like countless beautiful, classic Woodies and wooden boats at their 34th Annual Antique & Clas-



sic Wooden Boat and Classic Woodies Show.

Then it was back on the bikes for a one-hour ride to Big Bear on the scenic Rim-of-the-World Highway. After checking in at the charming Best Western Big Bear Chateau, our hotel for the night, some of us spent the rest of the afternoon relaxing in our rooms or in the hotel spa. Dinner was in the hotel's attractive dining room, where we had fine meals and celebrated Jerry and Cindy's Wedding Anniversary!

Sunday, after a very nice breakfast at the hotel, we checked out and began the ride home by way of Highway 330, admiring the plentiful Scotch Broom growing alongside the road.

Lunch was at Mr. D's Diner in La Verne, a first for our group, but based on the fine food and excellent service, definitely not our last!

Everything on this trip was super-smooth...right until we turned into the parking lot at Mr. D's. That's when Joe's drive belt "bit the dust," leaving him with a beautiful



bike that was going nowhere!!! AAA and a flatbed came to



the rescue, so Joe got to finish the ride home as a passenger in the front with his bike safely secured in back.

Then there was “just one more thing.” My Garmin GPS had shut down unexpectedly, so I tried to resuscitate it when we arrived at the diner, but nothing doing. After I finally gave up trying to get it to turn on (which requires power from the ignition) I forgot to turn off the ignition switch! So, when we returned to the bikes after lunch, my new battery (installed by Scottsdale Harley a couple of months prior) was completely dead. After

more attempts proved to be futile as the trike weighs almost 1200 pounds!), we jump started it courtesy of Jerry Stern’s skill at accessing the battery terminals so my portable power supply could be connected.

At last, we were all on the road home, after an enjoyable trip to the mountains... with a few unexpected events thrown in at the end!



attempts (many thanks, guys!) at push-starting failed (one was successful, but the engine quickly died, and a few





Mammoth Joint Ride

JB - Road Captain

12 Enjoy Joint Annual RCHRI/SCHRA “Mammoth Ride”

By JB

Weather in the Eastern Sierras is always unpredictable, and such was the case as our two groups of equal number descended from north and south from June 22 thru 25 to the quaint ski-town of Mammoth Lakes for our traditional annual joint ride and schmooze-fest. Yes, the weather was warmer than we had hoped but not nearly as hot-sticky-nasty as it could have been; the only real negative being the several construction road-delays visited upon the Sacramento group.

Despite the discrepancy in miles travelled and unforeseen delays, both clubs arrived at Sierra Lodge only minutes apart. We checked in, unpacked, and then met for “Miller Time” on the motel



patio adjacent the spa. Seemed like everybody brought something and the beverages and munchies went quickly as we all shared the news since our last joint gathering.

Next order of business was to determine a place to go for dinner, which fortunately was located just across the street from Sierra Lodge. Seems like the restaurants in Mammoth Lakes have colluded with one another and nobody accepts reservations anymore. We had a brief wait at a

pizzeria and found ourselves occupying separate tables. Following dinner...you guessed it; more schmoozing back at the motel.



Saturday arrived, and we assembled in the breakfast room for what could best be characterized as a carb-fest. Long on bagels, sweet-rolls, dry cereals, etc., short on protein, and offset by a meager assortment of bananas, apples and tangerines. But not to worry; our lunch proved to be a real winner at the Whoa Nellie Deli in Lee Vining, but more about that ahead.

Led by JB, our first visit on the tour was a short ride north to the incredibly magnificent June Lake Loop, which in 12-miles passes a total of four separate lakes and one not-so-full waterfall. The temperature was mild and the sky clear but starting to develop some haze



from a nearby wildfire. From the loop it was but a short hop across Highway 395 to the South Tufa Visitor area at Mono Lake. Despite about a mile of gravel roadway, everyone did fine getting down to the lake, where SCHRA member Ron Lynn proved to be a decent-docent by explaining the history of the area and the strange history of the lake.



Following the Mono Lake visit, it was back up the gravel road and a few miles to Lee Vining where we enjoyed an al-fresco lunch at the storied “Whoa Nelli Deli.”

Who could have imagined finding such a delightful restaurant at a Mobil Gas Station; however, the word has been out for many years that this is the best place to dine in the Eastern Sierras.

At this point our ongoing plans for the afternoon tour were changed due to the likelihood of road construction delays toward the north. Instead we decided to head south to Tom’s Place where we exited the highway and made our way into the high country to visit a little-known High Sierra Lake located in a spectacular basin, surrounded by 12,000 foot



high rock peaks. Wow! The fishermen seemed happy, we were happy, and I believe even the fish were happy. Beautiful.

Then back to Mammoth for more socializing before setting off to dinner at a very nice Mexican Restaurant. I was having such a good time here that I got caught off-guard when the “happy birthday ice-cream” was deposited in front of me and the singing began. And as if that wasn’t enough, I had previously ordered a tray of Schat’s Cookies to be shared back at the motel following dinner. Sleeping with a stomach full of chips, salsa, ice cream, and then cookies proved to be a real challenge.

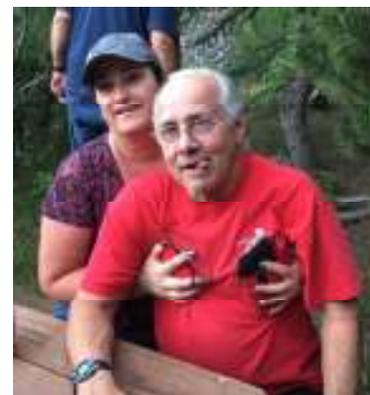
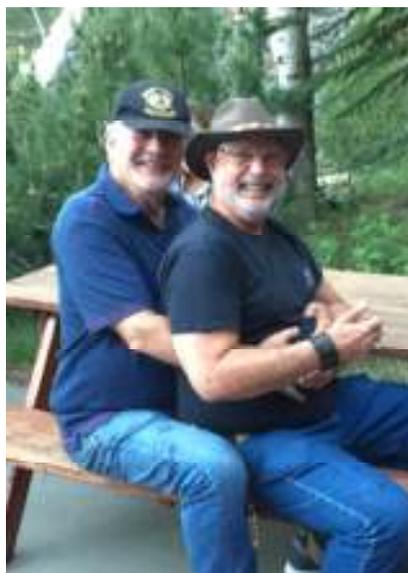
Sunday also began with the same unimaginative breakfast as before. This is what you get when you try to save a few bucks on lodging. We departed around 10:00 AM and headed south for a brief visit to Convict Lake and then proceeded into Bishop, CA for lunch at Jack’s before travelling a few miles out of town to visit the Laws Railroad & Western Museum. This is a place run by volunteers and provides some amazing restored residences and commercial buildings filled with paraphernalia from the days when the railroad was the major means to travel and ship goods. The exhibits were extremely well presented, and the volunteer staff couldn’t have been nicer.

The Sunday farewell dinner was held at a Tahitian-style restaurant in the newly-designed Village Shopping Center. In my humble opinion the best part of this meal was at the ice-cream shop a few doors away. Yumm! After all that food and dessert it was a good thing we had chosen to walk to dinner that evening.

As always, sadness comes on departure day, but some of the goodbyes had already been made for those who had commitments at home and had to leave the group early. No matter, the enthusiasm remained until the last person departed. Luckily and happily, the temps returning south were not nearly as uncomfortable as during the trip north. Don’t know the circumstances for the River City group but assume that smoke from the nearby fire was no more than a minor inconvenience.

Thanks to all who participated in this, our tenth (I think) joint venture between our two great Harley Clubs. Insofar as our 2019 event is concerned, think about the very first joint meet-up and you may even guess it will be K_____e!

Ciao for now.



Apparently the high elevation changes our perception of how to give a message. I told Chris she’s only got 10 or 15 minutes to stop or else!





Upcoming Events

JB - Sr. Road Captain

Upcoming Events: “July, August & Sep- tember 2018”

By JB - SrRC & Activities Guy

Summer always seemed to be the time for lots of ride activities and the weather didn't seem to be much of a factor. Sure, we found ourselves in some hot and sticky situations occasionally but somehow we muddled through, stopped more frequently, soaked our cooling-vests, or left really early in the morning to avoid the heat.

Now that summer is here, I note with some degree of disappointment, that there isn't much on the SCHRA calendar to talk about in the way of rides for July, August and September. We used to brag to non-Californians that we have a 12-month riding season, yet now we seem to avoid summer rides like the plague.

Personally, I'm going to create some rides of my own to enjoy during the next three or four months. Also, our brethren from the north have an active summer calendar and “we” are always welcome to join “them” if we wish. Likewise, RCHRi are always welcome to join us on our rides. Not counting club meetings, there are only two events calendared during July, August, and September!

JULY

7/12 (Thu.) - Club Meeting at Black Bear Diner: 6:30 eat; 7:30 meet.

If you have not joined us yet for a meeting at Black Bear, this is your next opportunity. We will vote informally as to whether we wish to continue with Black Bear so your opinion is

important.

7/28 (Sat.) - Summer Party @ Launius: 6:30 PM

Party time is just weeks away, so it is time to let Jack or Nanette know if you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. So far, as your Activities Guy is concerned, SCHRA is footing the bill for the entire bash so come and enjoy an event which is paid for by your dues.

If you'd like to bring “a little something” to share with everyone, please let Jack or Nanette know in advance so they can coordinate with their overall plans.

AUGUST

8/9 (Thu.) - Club Meeting at Black Bear Diner: 6:30 eat; 7:30 meet.

As noted above, the location may change based on a consensus at the July meeting. If a change is made, an Event Alert will be sent.

There are no further activities calendared for this month.

SEPTEMBER

9/13 (Thu.) - Club meeting at Black Bear Diner: 6:30 eat; 7:30 meet.

Same caveat as for August, above.

9/29 (Sat.) & 9/30 (Sun.) - Springville Revisited: Bruce, 9:00 AM, McD's No. Sepulveda

It has been some time since we've visited this charming Central-Valley town, nestled in the Sierra Foothills. If twisty-turns and piney-pines are your thing, make plans to join us for some fabulous mountain driving. Call Springville Inn-Hotel at 559.483.9525 for a reservation for this one-nighter. Rates @ \$149 for Q-bed.



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Southern CA Harley Riders Assn. 2018 Ride & Events Schedule

JULY

7/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting
7/13 (Fri) thru 7/15 (Sun) - Carlsbad & San Diego -
Sternz Cancelled.
7/28 (Sat) - Summer Party @ Launius

AUGUST

8/9 (Thu) - Club Meeting

SEPTEMBER

9/13 (Thu) - Club Meeting
9/10 (Mon) thru 9/20 (Thurs) - The Big Ride
9/29 (Sat) & 9/20 (Sun) - Springville Revisited

OCTOBER

10/11 (Thu) - No Club Meeting because of overlapping
AZ Adventure Event
10/11 (Thu) thru 10/15 (Mon) - Arizona Adventure (5-
Days, 4-Nights) - Launius
19/20 (Sat) - Randsburg; Blackman T&P TBD

NOVEMBER

11/4 (Sun) - Randsburg - Blackman
11/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting
11/18 (Sun) - Pappy & Harriet's - Pioneertown: Bruce,
8:30 AM, Sand Canyon

DECEMBER

12/15 (Sat) - Winter Holidays Party "Hors d'Oeuvre Ex-
travaganza" @ Bruce

(Version #118, I think, - 6/14/18)

Hello All,

The other day I had occasion to utilize one of the recently popularized battery booster packs to start a bike with a discharged battery. In case you are unfamiliar with what it is, booster packs are essentially compact-sized high-output batteries equipped with jumper cables that can be carried with your bike's tool kit and utilized if you should find yourself in a situation requiring a starter boost for yourself or a fellow rider.

To access the battery on a pre-2009 H-D touring model, you simply remove the seat and there's the battery, easily accessible and easily connected to. However, most of us have newer models that require a LOT more work to access the battery, making it complex, difficult, and darn near impossible if you've never done it before.

It wasn't until I got home that I realized there's a simpler method of hook-up that does not require accessing the battery or even removing the seat.

On all H-D models, the positive battery cable runs

directly to the starter solenoid which is located behind the rear engine cylinder. Nothing needs to be removed to access it. A rubber cap covers the post & nut where the cable is connected to the starter solenoid. Carefully prying up the rubber cap reveals the perfect place to connect the red cable from the booster. The negative cable can connect to any other handy ground point, like a clean bolt or clamp.

Hit the starter button and you should be back in business. Once started, the alternator should recharge the battery as you ride, assuming it has not failed internally.

A battery booster is something you hope you never have to use, like a tire-plug kit. But, if the occasion should arise, you can save a lot of time and trouble if you remember this hook-up tip.

Jerry Stern

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

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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

<u>X-LARGE</u>	
White	0
Blue	2
Black	5
<u>LS</u>	
White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
<u>XX-LARGE</u>	
SS	
White	0
Blue	1
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LS	
White	3



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