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*Mike Levison*

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**Next Meeting**  
**Thursday**  
**March 12th**  
**7:00 pm**

Some communication housekeeping 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!

# From the Editor

Linda Marks

Anything even remotely related to bikes, biking and/or bikers is always welcomed by our reading audience, be it a joke, cartoon, safety article, travelogue, photograph or other depiction, or just a short blurb about a product you or a friend tried and liked or disliked. Forward what you will to

# Senior Road Captain's Report

Jerry "JB" Bruce

The Ides of March are upon us (although not a happy time for Julius Caesar) and the nights are less long and the mornings less brisk. I'm itchin' to climb aboard my bike and hit the road.

Our March calendar begins on Sunday, March 8, the same day as Daylight Savings Time begins, giving us an extra hour to enjoy each day until next November 1. March 8 is also the date we will make our annual trek to the Santa Ynez Valley. Mitch Pullman promises no ponies this year, so it will be interesting to find out what else he has up his sleeve. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Woodlake Bowl.

Thursday, March 12, is our regular meeting date; be there or be square.

Next up is Marv Feuerman's ride to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 15. Departure will be from Solly's, but the timing is still undecided. It is likely we will depart first for lunch, and then enjoy our tour in the afternoon (normally all MOT tours take place in the afternoon). Depending on when the tour ends, we may even decide to continue with dinner, for those who are interested. Come to the meeting and find out more.

Join Cindy Stern as she leads our first double-overnighter to Julian and Anza Borrego on Saturday, March 28 through Monday, October 30. Because of the recent rains, we're hoping for a preponderance of flora in the area. Although our booking guarantee at the Julian Lodge has already expired, I suspect some rooms may still be available. Phone the lodge at (800) 542-1420 and book for either 1 night or 2.

Finally, let's jump into April to see what lies ahead before our April 9 general meeting. We've scheduled a dinner ride for Sunday, April 5, to Yolanda's Restaurant in Camarillo. Richard Slobin leads our departure from Woodlake Bowl at 4:30 p.m.

Finally, finally, we have a calendar change to report. The Palm Springs – Air Museum ride, originally set for February 28, was bumped to make room for the U.S. Marines event at the Rose Bowl. But fear not, as Mike Levison has opted to lead the trip to Palm Springs, the Air Museum and Hamburger Mary's on Saturday, April 11. Be sure to make this adjustment to your ride calendars.

Ciao for now.

# Meet Your Member

Sumbudy

The gentleman Sumbudy chose for this month's introduction and infamy thru appearing in *Rolling Thunder* is a most unique individual in several important ways. Being born in Chicago on July 11, 1937 is not one of them, but having a Philippine father and a German mother is. Having a Master's degree in pottery from USC sure as hell is. Having a 30 year relationship with his significant other, Natalie Neith, has got to verify the uniqueness label. When you add his short tenure as president of SCHRA, a position he acquired as elected vice president when the then president resigned, confirms it in Sumbudy's mind. Unique is an understatement! We are of course talking about the quiet spoken Ken Catbagan.

Our guy's family moved to the Phoenix area in 1946, and bounced between there and San Francisco - wherever his father, a graduate of Northwestern, could find work. Ken went to high school and junior college in Arizona, and then did a stint in the Navy from '55 to '59. They put him into aviation electronics, which tied in perfectly with his natural artistic interest and talents?! After the Navy, Ken went back to college, attending the University of Arizona -Tucson, receiving a B.A. in commercial art in '65.

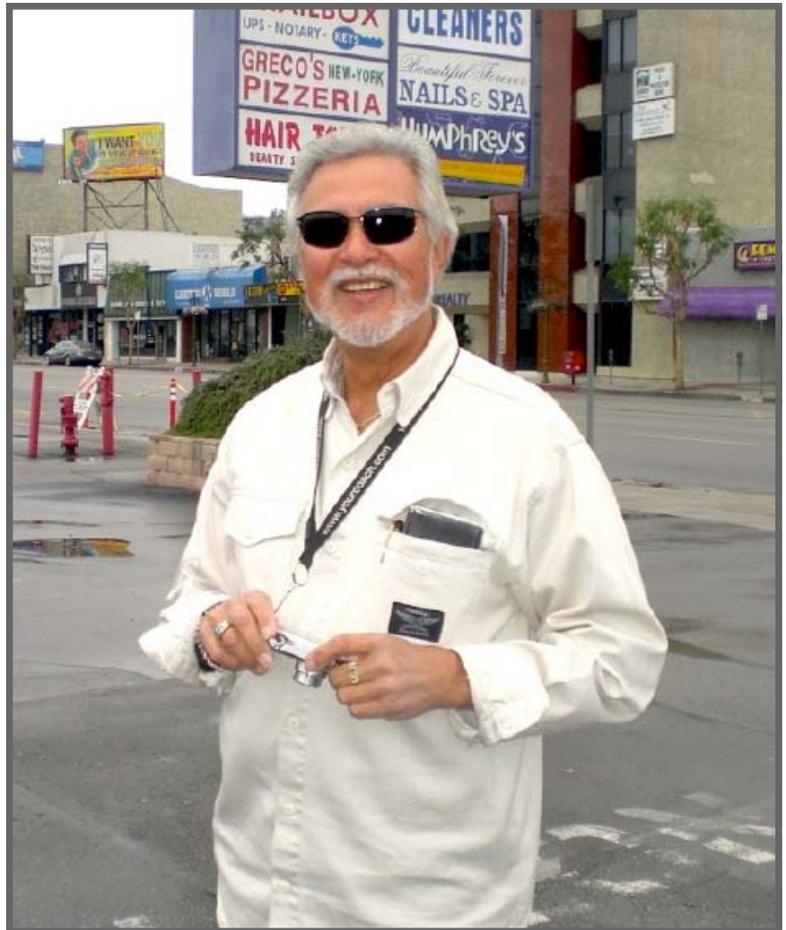
While in that program he took an elective class in pottery making, which started a new career path. Ken became a pottery ceramist teacher, doing such at Mid Tennessee State for 11 years. Over the years he acquired and divorced a couple of ladies, with a now 40 year old daughter and year old grandson the result. They live in the Minneapolis area, which Ken visits when possible.

With his USC degree in his pocket and Natalie now at his side, they opened a pottery school/gallery in art-appreciating Santa Monica. That occupied the years '81 to '96, when then they transitioned into their present real estate business. Twenty-three years ago they purchased an authentic old craftsman style house in West Los Angeles, and after 3 years moved into a larger one in the West Adams Historical District, their present home. They

share the house with Valentine, a 10 year old Golden Retriever/Great Dane mix.

Ken's history with motorcycles began in '72 with a Yamaha 250, and progressed thru a couple BMWs, a Honda 6 cyl Valkerie, and finally a used 2000 Electra Glide purchased so he could join SCHRA. He found his way to us via meeting the Sterns and the Greenbergs on a vacation trip to China. He is now riding a 2007 Ultra Classic. He has experienced only one serious wreck over the years. While on his BMW in Tennessee, a guy ran a stop sign. They t-boned, with Ken flying over the car and the bike being totaled. Fortunately, he came thru with only cuts and bruises but no broken bones.

Due to our club's geographically inconvenient location for Ken, he is now also a member of the much closer Bartel's HOG chapter. Sumbudy can only conclude that nobody is perfect, and hope that Ken & Natalie will continue to participate with SCHRA whenever possible. We reluctantly are willing to share Catbagan & Neith!





# Product Review Corner

*Ron Lynn*

Your regular columnist is knee deep in other people's tax returns.  
This trend may continue for a good many months.

If you saw something you liked and bought it,  
we would love to hear about it.

If you saw something you thought you'd like and bought it,  
much to your dismay,  
we are sitting up and paying attention.

Send your article to [editor@schra.org](mailto:editor@schra.org).  
Be sure to include at least one URL where people  
can read further on how the product is used  
and where it can be purchased.

# All Things Motorcycle

*John Napolitano*

I have a friend whose son, George, is a young man (24 years old) who had a bad accident in a fall and has been 80% disabled and confined to a wheelchair. He really gets great pleasure in reading about motorcycles - any kind of motorcycles. He loves magazines, posters, books, photographs, pins, hats and every other item you can think of that has to do with motorcycles, riding and bikers.

Any members who have items they think George might like can bring them to a club meeting or I can pick them up from you at home or at work. Give me a call at (818) 787-6784 to let me know.

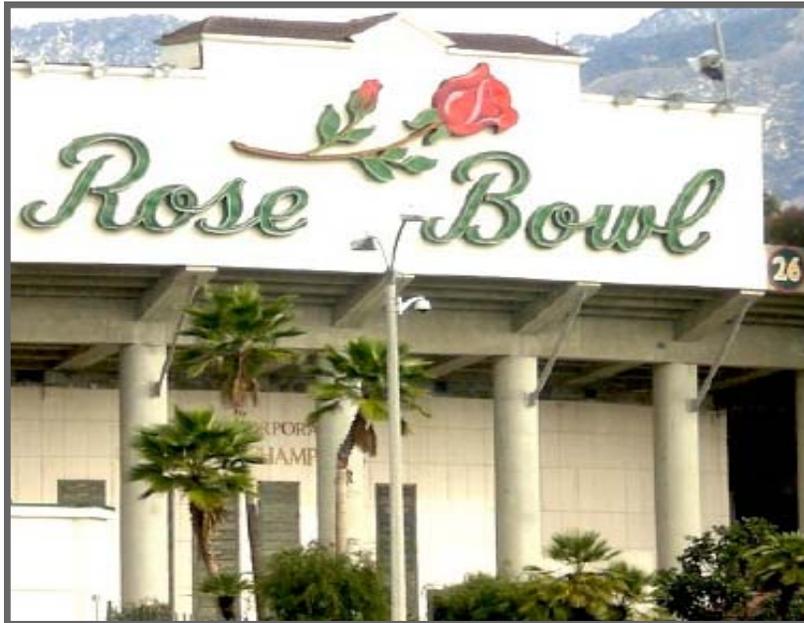
Thank you.

# SCHRA and Marines Do Rose Bowl

Mike Levison

We got lucky! Experiencing several weeks of rain showers and cool weather almost daily, Saturday, February 28, was a perfect early spring day. Temperatures reaching 80 degrees, balmy breezes blowing, and a high cloud cover that was just enough to keep the sun at bay. A smaller group of SCHRA folks than

should have been sat comfortably in the Rose Bowl with about 20,000 spectators, ready to enjoy a performance by the USMC Drum & Bugle Corps, and a demonstration by their unique Silent Drill Platoon. They followed impressive performances by the Simi Valley High School marching band and close order drill team, and the Granada Hills High School Highlander Band, decked out in full Scottish attire of plaid kilts, etc.



At 8:30 that morning, our group met at Millie's for some breakfast prior to the short ride to Pasadena. A pleasant surprise was having Johnny Morino join us with his new friend Michele. We haven't seen him in awhile. Our new members Phil Cocuzza and fiancé Barbara also came along, with our other usual suspects

Slobin, Piano, the Bruces and and the Levisons.

It was a delightful show of expertise in music, marching bands and drill teams. We followed up with our own expertise; motorcycling over to the chosen restaurant for a late lunch at Louise's Trattoria in Old Town Pasadena. All the sun, good food, friends and riding made the afternoon nap upon arriving back home the perfect finish to a terrific day!



# 2009 Ride Schedule

# Extra Wind

<b>Solvang Day Ride</b> Woodlake Bowl, 9a, Mitch P	Mar 8, Sun
<b>Museum of Tolerance Day/Dinner Ride</b> Solly's, t/b/a, Marvin F	Mar 15, Sun
<b>Julian and Anza-Borrego Overnighter</b> Millie's, 9a, Cindy S	Mar 28 - 30, Sat - Mon
<b>Camarillo Dinner Ride</b> Woodlake Bowl, 4:30p, Richard S.	Apr 5, Sun
<b>Air Museum Palm Springs Day Ride</b> Solly's, 8:30a, Mike L	Apr 11, Sat
<b>Death Valley Overnighter</b> Millie's, 8:30a, Mitch P	Apr 25 - 27, Sat - Mon
<b>Tehachapi Day Ride</b> Millie's, 9:30a, Jerry S	May 9, Sat
<b>Guide Dogs of America Poker Run Day/Lunch Ride</b> Millie's, 9a, Ron L	May 17, Sun
<b>Noriega's Day Ride</b> Millie's, 9a, Mike L	May 24, Sun
<b>JB's Excellent Arizona Adventure Overnighter</b> Millie's, 8a, Jerry B	May 28 - Jun 1, Thu - Mon
<b>Big Bear Chopper Show Day Ride</b> Millie's, 8:30a, Jerry S	Jun 6, Sat
<b>Picnic Dinner Ride</b> Woodlake Bowl, 4p, Lou P	Jun 13, Sat
<b>Seventh Annual Kotler Ranch Run Overnighter</b> Denny's Sand Canyon, 8a, Mike L	Jun 25 - 28, Thu - Sun
<b>Kernville Day Ride</b> Millie's, 8a, Cindy S	Jul 19, Sun
<b>San Pedro Dinner Ride</b> Solly's, 4:30p, Dave M	Jul 26, Sun

Anyone looking for riding buddies or a group discount hotel rate on a planned ride *not* on SCHRA's 2009 Ride Schedule can network here by e-mailing the date and destination to editor@schra.org so other members can hook up with you. **These rides are not meant to compete with SCHRA rides** and, because these rides are **not** sanctioned SCHRA rides, there may **never** be a SCHRA Road Captain on any of them. However, if your calendar prevents you from attending all the SCHRA rides as scheduled, or you just need more wind in the face than the SCHRA 2009 Ride Schedule provides, then look here every month, and by all means feel free to submit whatever scheduled or "any time" itineraries your bike screams at you to take!

**Calico Ghost Town** \*any time  
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cabin stay, amenities, full moon guided ghost tours to the mines, best taken around Halloween, reserve early

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\*These rides may end up on the SCHRA 2009 Ride Schedule later in the year - then again, maybe not.

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### SCHRA Ride Departure Locations:

Woodlake Bowl  
23130 Ventura Blvd, Woodland Hills

Solly's  
4578 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks

Millie's  
10318 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills

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Phil Cocuzza and Barbara Rogers (husband and wife)  
 Jeff and Stacey Gourson

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## **Important Reminder:**

**Make the March Meeting for  
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### ***Next Meeting:***

**7:00 pm - Thursday, March 12th, 2009  
Four 'n' 20 Pies  
5530 Van Nuys Blvd. Sherman Oaks**

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