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Comment & Opinion

Editor: Lou Piano

Ah, March. Spring is near and we are all anxiously awaiting a fresh new season of motorcycle riding. Some familiar places and friends to visit and the promise of new adventures and new places to experience and new friends to meet.

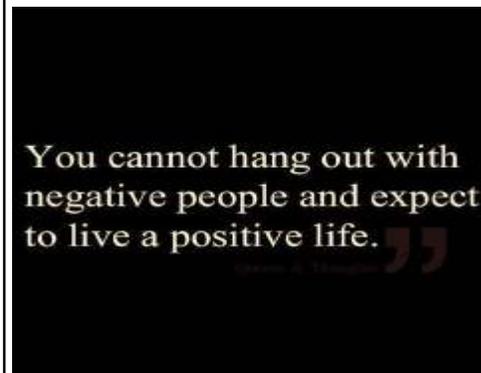
Time to be sure your motorcycle is serviced, the tires are good, the brakes have a few miles left on them and all the lights are working. Jerry Stern, Randy Rahm, Ron Sarian, and I can help you check all these things and let you know if they are in good condition or if they need to be replaced.

But how do we make all the necessary plans for all the places to stay, the food to eat and the venues to visit?

Of course we all have some ideas: Check google and find a motel close to where we are visiting and a place to eat and someplace to stop and a bunch of places to get gas, eat lunch, have breakfast. Wait, wait, wait. Geez, there's so damn much to do!!! I need help. Who can I turn to? Who knows how to do this stuff? Oooh, oooh, oooh. I know - JB. I'm gonna call him up and suck his trip planning brain dry.

JB and I will have more information next month with lots of good ideas on how to plan and execute a fun trip.

'Til next month





SuperBowl XLVIII

Jerry & Cindy Stern - Hosts

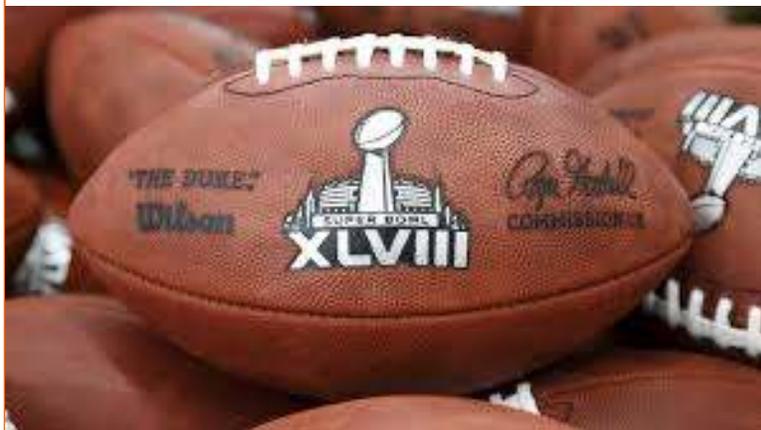


For football fans the Superbowl usually comes down to either feast or famine. If you were a Seattle supporter, the Superbowl was a fun feast. If you were a Broncos booster, you were probably looking for a rock to crawl under and hide. Such is the fortunes of sport, where after a long and exciting pro football season it all comes down to one game, and the winner gets the bragging rights, the Lombardi Trophy, and the challenge to try to do it again next year.



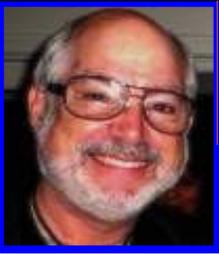
For the past several years a member of the Club hosts a Superbowl Sunday party at their home, and this year Cindy & I decided that no matter who wins or loses, we'd offer up a feast for our Club members. Superbowl Sunday is the

biggest eating day of the year - I'm told even bigger than Thanksgiving day. So for a Club whose unwritten motto is "Live to ride - Ride to eat", this was a challenge. We had honeyglazed spiral ham, sandwiches galore, shrimps, stuffed eggs, and more. As the afternoon wore on, the beleaguered Denver fans watched as the game slipped further and further away, so they took out their frustrations by making sure little was left on the table of culinary delights. We all know the final outcome, so to all Denver supporters, we hope the pain in your brain was offset by the treats in your tummy.



Cindy and I really enjoyed having everyone at our home to enjoy Superbowl Sunday with us. Many thanks to those who came to share it with us: J.B. & Judy, Mike & Ruthann, Randy & Linda, Ron & Karen, JoeBob & Caroline, Lloyd & Judy, Bob & Ana, Lou, Stanley, Richard, Steve, and special thanks to Gloria for joining in as well.





Product Corner

Ron Lynn

Optx 20/20 Hydrotac Stick-On Bifocal Lenses

Situation: You wear prescription glasses only for reading, your prescription glasses or contact lenses are only set up for long distance. How often do you try on non-prescription sunglasses you would like to wear but can't because you can't read anything with them. And now you can turn an ordinary pair of fashionable sunglasses into reading glasses and would now even be able to actually read the gauges of your car or motorcycle.

Why not just turn your favorite sunglasses or safety glasses, goggles, etc. into reading glasses? Well! Why not?



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+3.00, are distortion free and can be easily trimmed for custom applications.

NOTE: Some lenses have too much curvature for the stick-on's to stay attached but these are obvious.



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This is a great cost savings solution and smart alternative compared to buying additional prescription sunglasses. Not to mention avoiding having to constantly remove your sunglasses and putting on your reading glasses. My god I can see again!!

Available: Sunglassesusa.com for \$10 each; optx2020.com two pair for \$30.

If you see something you like, buy it.

SCHRA Road Captain Goes Missing While Leading Group Ride

By - Rolling Thunder Reporting Staff

Santa Maria, CA. A Road Captain for a So. CA. motorcycle group has disappeared after leading a group of riders last Saturday on a trip from Los Angeles to the Central CA. city of Santa Maria, according to interviews with several trip participants. The missing "road captain" who is known by the name Jack or JL seemed to be in fine spirits following dinner at the Santa Maria Shaw's Steakhouse, just prior to his mysterious disappearance.

When the group prepared to leave Santa Maria the following morning, expecting to be led back to the Los Angeles area Jack, or JL was nowhere to be seen and left no clue as to where he went and why he failed to lead the dispirited group back

home.

Desperate for guidance and totally confused, the abandoned riders split themselves into two separate groups, with each group engaging in a game of "musical chairs" until new road captains could be determined. One group became hopelessly lost as they sought a route home using CA. Highway 1, hoping the scenic route would help alleviate their plight. The other group, also hopelessly lost, wound up in Santa Ynez and were last seen at a local restaurant and enjoying an expensive brunch. Eventually both groups made it back to Los Angeles, still saddened by the unexplainable disappearance of their original road captain.

Jack, or JL, a rather nondescript person, appears to be in his 50's, is approximately 5'6" tall and has a strange shade of grayish hair, likely out of a bottle. When seen last he was riding a large black motorcycle loaded with accessories with three wheels and which reportedly gets terrible gas mileage.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of this person should send information to the SCHRA.org website, referencing the code-word "DILLIGAF."



One of the hardest decisions you'll ever face in life is choosing whether to walk away or try harder.



"THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DEATH AND TAXES IS DEATH DOESN'T GET WORSE EVERY TIME CONGRESS MEETS."

- WILL ROGERS





Upcoming Activities

JB - Activities Chairman

March & April, 2014

Having had but 28 days, February has come and gone even faster than imaginable. Can it be that we have only 10 more months before the electric icicles make their debut?

This past month we began on 2/2 with our 3rd Superbowl Party, ably hosted by the Sternz, who graciously opened their home and big-screen to those who would come to schmooze, booze and indulge in all of those sandwiches, shrimps, dips and chocolate-cashews (my favorite). Any time we get together the camaraderie just oozes out of the woodwork. Nice work J & C.

Other than our February Club Meeting, the only other SCHRA activity was our first overnigher of the year, a ride to beautiful downtown Santa Maria, where we were ensconced at the-old-but-new Santa Maria Inn at the deflationary price of just 99 bucks per room.

Well led by RC, Jack, we were entertained (scared shitless) with some untried back roads, some of which have long ago seen better days. If you know what it is like to ride up a steep, narrow, curvy road, very sharply banked, and with a badly mangled surface, you may well imagine some of the unexpected terror. "I rode it just a week ago and it seemed OK to me" mumbled Jack.

Food stops included a fun lunch at Quackenbush Café in Los Alamos, a delightful Santa Maria-style BBQ dinner at Shaw's Steakhouse, and next-day brunch in Santa Ynez at the Vineyard House.

So much for what was, was. Here's what's comin' up!

MARCH

Sunday, 3/2 - Ride the Rails to Olvera St. JB, 10:30 AM, NoHo Red Line Station.

Well, folks, the time for us to do battle with those f__kin ticket machines is upon us once again. As in

years past, a stranger will appear and help us overcome the vagaries of these "instruction-deficient" ticket dispensers. Whatever you do, however, don't board a train without your own Pay-Pal ticket or you may be headed for the slammer, and not the El Paseo Inn on Olvera Street. Let's meet at the top of the escalator. Parking at NoHo Station is free!

Thursday, 3/13 - Club Meeting at Four-N-20. 6:30 Dinner+Schmooze & 7:30 Meeting, raffle & jokes.

Just can't wait for my next big dose of corn-chowder!

Friday, 3/14 - 3/16 - Double-Overnigher to Alpine & Borrego Springs. JB, 9:00 AM, Solleys.

Now here's a new itinerary which is just packed with good stuff. We begin with a ride south to San Juan Capistrano where we traverse the highly scenic Ortega Highway and enjoy a spectacular view from the Lookout Roadhouse, which is our planned lunch stop. We'll then meander south to the little mountain-town of Alpine for our dinner at Mediterraneo and overnight at Ayres Motel.

Next day we head further south to some places where nobody has ever been before; or so I've been told. This is the old west along the fence; the US/Mexico fence, that is. We'll frighten the locals as we come flying through places like Dulzura, Portrero, Campo, Cameron Corners and Jacumba, where a fine lunch awaits at the Jacumba Hot Springs Spa Restaurant. I don't make these things up, folks!

The afternoon will take us through a spectacularly scenic but desolate part of Anza Borrego State Park, steadily increasing our elevation until we near the mountain town of Julian, then descending back to the desert floor at Borrego Springs. Dinner tonight at Carlee's Place and pillow at Palm Canyon Resort.

Our final day will take us in the direction of Salton Sea where we will traverse around the southern most tip on our way to Niland for a short stop to view Salvation Mountain. Then, north to Bombay Beach and lunch at the Ski Inn. Plan on some very strange sightseeing at this nearly desolate spot along the seashore. Then we'll continue north to the I-10 and the usual desert cities until returning

home in the late afternoon.

If there are any folks who would still like to join us on this kinda weird itinerary, just get in touch with JB and we'll see if there are any accommodations available.

Saturday, 3/29, 3/30 - Single Overnigher to O.B. (Ocean Beach). RR, 9:00 AM, Solleys.

Let's go to the beach, boys and girls. More specifically, let's go to Ocean Beach (San Diego) and go crazy trying to decide where we are going to dine, in a neighborhood (about 3 Or 4 blocks long) and which boasts in excess of 50 dining establishments.

Randy's plan is to head south (along an as-yet undisclosed route) and make directly for Hodad's Restaurant for lunch. Then we'll be off by foot, exploring this unpretentious community, centrally located in the heart of San Diego, and where you'll find antique stores, bars, restaurants, musicians, activists, bikers, artists and maybe a few feral cats. Later in the day we'll mount up again and take a short ride over to Point Loma for some great ocean and city views, plus the military cemetery and buildings.

Next day, we're coming home, but by a slightly different route, known only by our intrepid RC. If you'd like to join us, just dial the Ocean Beach Hotel at 619.223.7191 and ask if they have any queen-rooms available at \$129.95 + tax for the night of Saturday, 3/29.

APRIL

Sunday, 4/6 - Annual Progressive Breakfast. BT, 9:00 AM, Starbucks

A perennial club favorite, the 2014 version will take place with only two stops; one usually consisting of the traditional "lox-and-bagel" appetizer, and the second offering the main course. According to RC Bob Thompson, we are not disclosing the location of either of the house locations, and the specifics of the menu will not be known until we all show up.

Be sure to be on time for the departure, otherwise you won't know where you're going.

If you are planning to attend, please let Bob or JB know how many persons so we can be sure to prepare enough food. Also, please keep in mind that SCHRA is the official sponsor and there will not be any requests made for contributions. Just come hungry and spend some good "family time" with your riding buddies.

Thursday, 4/10 - Club Meeting at Four-N-20. 6:30 dinner and social intercourse & 7:30 meeting....if you're not too tired from the intercourse.

Remember, this is corn chowder night and corn does not disintegrate in the digestive tract! Most of you already know this, but.....whatever.

Saturday, 4/12, 4/13 - Single Overnigher to Kernville. JS & CS.

This tiny Kern County Mountain Town should be beautiful this time of year. The ride through Kern Canyon is spectacular and should not be missed. The particulars for this ride have not yet been provided but work is underway by our RCs to obtain some fine accommodations. Be sure to attend the March Club Meeting to hear the details first hand from our leader and leaderess.

Sunday, 4/27 - Poppies & Tehachapi. JG.

Here is another annual favorite ride whose details have not yet been submitted to your worried activities chairperson. The biggest problem is that if we don't get some significant rain very soon, there won't be any poppies to wallow-in. But ride we will!

Of course there is still the Tehachapi part of the trip, which is where we traditionally enjoy a mountain lunch. Then there are the choo-choo trains which come trundling through the canyons heading for the "Loop" an engineering marvel which enables trains to elevate or lower themselves by means of a rail-loop of more than 360 degrees. The engineer has the vantage point of seeing the back of his train below him and traveling in a different direction. Spooky! Kids love it. You will too. But still pray for rain.

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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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Large	1
Ex. Large	2
2XL	4
3XL	1

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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

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Jerry Stern ~ JS
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SCHRA 2014 Events - March

Sun	3/2	Olvera St Lunch	JB	NoHo Redline 10:30
Thur	2/13	Club Meeting	JL	Four 'n 20 Pies
Fri - Sun	3/14-15	Alpine & Borreggo Springs	JB	9:00 am Solley's
Sa-Su	3/29-30	Ocean Beach	RR	8:30 am Solley's

SCHRA Departure Sites

Starbucks
Ventura & Topanga Canyon

Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

Denny's Sand Canyon
15401 Delone St., Santa Clarita

SCHRA 2014 Events - April

Sun	4/6	Annual Summer Picnic	BT	9:00 am Starbucks
Thu	4/10	Club Meeting	JL	4 and twenty peyes
Sa-Su	4/12-13	Kernville	JS, CS	TBA
Sun	4/27	Poppies & Tehachapi	JG	

Extra Wind

Saturday at Starbucks parking lot on the corner of Ventura & Topanga Canyon Blvds. Show up around 9:30 - we leave around 10:00 or so. All brands of motorcycles are invited. This is not a club sanctioned ride. (The Lawyers made me say that!)

Contact Editor at Edit@schra.org to place extra rides or events in this magnificent electronic publication Edited magnificently and flaaawwleesssly by ME.

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