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For April RT
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Lou Piano
Editor

Back in the old days in order to put together a newsletter the editor(s) had to get the information sent to them or handed to them on paper at a club meeting. Then they usually had to retype them, or retype them on an appropriate size of paper. And correct spelling, punctuation and, frequently, content. Then they had to get pictures from whoever took the pictures and put them on the paper. THEN, they had to take it to a printer to make copies and collate them and have enough copies made to send to each member. At one time that was over 100 bikers and spouses.

Wait! I'm not done. Then they had to be inserted into envelopes or folded in a manner suitable for mailing. I'm still not done. They had to be addressed, stamped and finally physically brought to the post office.

Nowadays you'd think it would be a lot easier to put the newsletter together. Well, yes and no! The process is much different thanks to computers and email and attachments and the ability to send pictures through the internet.

But, there are still some time consuming challenges.

First you have to decide the size of the pages. Decisions have to be made about the font to use and each submittal has to be edited for font type and size, there are hun-

dreds available not to mention underlining, italic & bold for any and all letters and/or words. Next you have to decide what size the page is going to be and what the margins will be, both sides and top and bottom. Each time you set up a page you must get the margins exact It's not always that easy. How about the line around each page? Yup, you gotta set it up each time along with the number of columns. Oh, and the center has to be colored separately. You also have to choose the color, intensity and size of all of the lines. Then there's the extra space after an article has been inserted on the page. No one (not even me) can write an article that fits exactly on one or two pages. What to do with the extra space? It requires some creativity. And lots of jokes from the internet.

We have to insert the pictures and position them close to the descriptive wording about them.

Same thing with all the title headers and pictures of the author.

Now it's time to "edit" the articles.

I think I'll continue this next month as there is more to discuss. What the heck should I do now with the empty space at the bottom? See what I mean?



Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Guy & SrRc

March, April & May

To those who have fervently wished for more rain, oh please just shut up! Really, we've got more than 110% snowpack already in the Sierra's, so our annual water needs seem to be met. Even some of the local lakes are starting to gain back their former appearance with noticeably higher shorelines; although sadly, Cachuma and Casitas are still woefully low....so please continue to pray for rain!

The recent rain was also responsible for the temporary cancellation of our Solvang day-ride, and now it appears as if our March 1 three-day excursion to Borrego Springs is likely to be done by cage rather than by bike. Oh well!

Let's see what is coming up during the next 90 days:

MARCH

3/1 (Fri) thru 3/3 (Sun) - Borrego Springs: Sternz, 8:30/9:00 AM McD-Sepulveda

If its color you crave, this could be the best explosion of dessert color we've seen for years. With all the wet we've had, the ground is soft and moist; just the right environment for buried seeds to come to life. Keep your cameras handy. Accommodations at our favorite dessert digs, the Palm Canyon Resort.

3/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting: Four 'N 20 Pies, eat 6:30; meet 7:30 PM

Please note that our return to this venue may soon be replaced with a new location; one more conveniently located to accommodate the geographic needs of both old and new members. A committee has been working diligently to identify places which align with these changing criteria.

APRIL

4/4 (Thu) thru 4/9 (Tue) - Arizona Ride (5 nights): Launius, (meet-up TBA)

Planned originally for 2018, the prospect of rainy weather took a huge toll on the number of people who had signed up. Undaunted, Jack went on the ride anyway, and did get a bit wet, but not as much as anticipated.

Now it is 2019 and time to re-plant this interesting itinerary in our schedule. Throughout the 6-day ride we'll be staying at only two places: On 4/4 (Thu) and again on 4/8 (Mon) we will be at Best Western Yuma, AZ Mall Hotel 928.783.8341. On 4/5 (Fri), 4/6 (Sat) and 4/7 (Sun) we'll be at Holiday Inn Express Marana (Tucson) 520.572.4777. Be sure to mention our club name or Launius, when calling for rooms.

Jack has already provided a very thorough ride-plan which outlines all the accommodations information, dining locations and sightseeing opportunities.

4/11 (Thu) - Club Meeting: (Location to be announced): eat 6:30, meet 7:30 PM

Hopefully we will be ensconced in our new meeting venue by this date. We'll keep everyone informed by Event Alert whenever a change is made.

MAY

5/9 (Thu) - Club Meeting: (Location to be announced): eat 6:30, meet 7:30 PM

No. CA Winchester House: Lou, (Event is temporarily postponed)

Because of some personal scheduling conflicts, this ride, originally set for 5/16 (Thu) thru 5/19 (Sun) is "on hold" until new dates can be resolved. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. It is our aim to schedule events during time periods which can accommodate the greatest possible number of participants.

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2018 Was a Great Year, But.....! Some Observations?

By JB - SrRC

For all intents and purposes, the year just past was a good and safe year for SCHRA. I cannot recall, nor am I aware, of any significant or even minor accidents or incidents. This is suggestive of the fact that for the most part, we at SCHRA are a pretty good and pretty safe bunch of experienced riders, who despite the odds, have remained fairly trouble or accident-free.

Judging from what I see in the news, we are to be complimented on our skill in avoiding dangerous circumstances. We have been mostly very lucky because we are mostly very adept, and we nearly always follow the rules. This is an enviable record and I am proud of the fact that if there was some kind of an award for good safe driving, that SCHRA would surely be a recipient based on our long-term safety record.

If you're suspicious of the word "but" you'll take no offense reading on, because compliments are in order. Let's take a brief look at some of the improvements which were most noticeable during 2018.

Timeliness: We seldom, have to wait for members who arrive late at meet-up. We are to be complimented for being on time and not causing others to have to wait. Breakfast eaters almost always arrive early enough to eat or do a pit-stop without holding up the departure. Same goes for all other stops. It is obvious that everyone is making an effort to be ready to continue the journey at the

designated time.

Fast Starts: Considerably diminished during the past year. It is easier and safer and best to begin a ride in a relaxed and controlled state of mind, without the potential danger of having to play "catch-up."

Excessive speed: Our protocol has been not to exceed the posted speed limit by more than 5 - 10 MPH. With excessive speed comes the risk of serious accident and serious injury, notwithstanding the cost bike repairs and of a citation. My sense is that we're doing a good job of keeping the speeds appropriate.

Staying more toward the right lanes: I've noticed that there is no longer the tendency to hurry into the faster lanes just because we can. We're older (and wiser) and we've come to appreciate the tranquility and safety of not having to be in the number-one fast lane. It is much more relaxing and easier to make an exit if necessary.

Exiting the highway well in advance of the off-ramp. Noticeable improvements in this category. Most RC's are allowing at least a mile or more to slowly navigate toward the right lane to assure everyone has time to make the transition.

Waiting for those who get delayed or stopped at a signal. We have become very consistent in pulling over to the right side and out of the line of traffic, while we wait for someone who may have missed a signal or who became blocked by a slower vehicle.

Consistent use of hand/arm signals (and turn indicators): We have become very good at employing these signals such that everyone in the lineup quickly knows if a move is to be made or if the flow of traffic ahead is impeded.

Pre-departure RC meetings: We are mostly consistent with these pre-ride instructions, but this might represent an area for some slight improvement. If further comments or instructions are valid at any time during the

journey, it is best to do so while off the road and at a stop.

Keeping up: While there have been good improvements, it is necessary to understand that everyone has his/her own driving style. If you find yourself frequently with a large gap in front of you, chances are you are allowing other traffic an invitation to sever the lineup. If your style is to drive at a more moderate rate of speed, courtesy suggests you place yourself more toward the rear of the lineup. It is much appreciated.

Passing fellow riders without reason: I recall a time when this sort of thing occurred occasionally on a ride. It is always disconcerting to be passed by someone in your own group except where an emergency may require it. We should endeavor to stay in our initial spot, at least until a stop is made, at which

time it is perfectly OK to re-position yourself if you wish. Nobody has a reserved position except the RC in front and the RC/tail-gunner at the rear.

If you see something; say something: If, in the unlikely event you see something which is untoward or requiring an intervention, let the RC know at the earliest safe opportunity; especially if you are slighted or upset by something or someone. It is best to get it out of your mind as quickly as possible. If you wish to avoid an encounter with a fellow rider, then let the RC know the circumstances and he/she will handle it.

So, once again, I say good job, and offer compliments for all who have contributed to a safer friendlier happier riding environment. let's keep it up during 2019.



Best Friend

Fred Rubin

MANS BEST FRIEND (AND WOMEN'S TOO)

So recently we went online to digitally visit all the animal care shelters in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. We saw lots of descriptions and many pictures of beautiful animals that need a home. We narrowed our search down to the type of dog we wanted and planned a driving route of shelters one recent Friday that ultimately led us to Baldwin Park. All the little cute dogs already had a Commitment to Adopt which means someone else had first dibs when the dog becomes available. There are tons of large dogs and beautiful Shepherds and Pits that are available for immediate adoption. German Shepherds are my favorite dog but they need a large fenced area to run and exercise. The Coyotes out here will leave the large dogs alone and the Hawks can't grab and run. Huskies are my second favorite but they shed bales of hair.

So we went to find a small dog that likes staying indoors. By mid afternoon we found ourselves at the Baldwin Park Shelter. All the small animals already had commitments to adopt. We went back and forth several times from the kennels to the office hoping that we would see an animal that we missed the first and second and third time

around. We thought adopting a dog was like shopping for clothes. Find what we like, try it on and take it home. It wasn't. By now it was late in the day and frankly we were both disappointed. So we dawdled a few minutes with the animal control officer that helped us before we headed out.

Dawdling turned out to be a good thing this time. At that moment an adorable 3 month old mostly Black Poodle Min was being turned in by two ladies. Rossana interacted with the ladies and the dog and fell in love (with the dog). We immediately signed a Commitment to Adopt. We had to wait seven days to get the dog after it was checked for health, got vaccinated and spayed. It was a difficult 7 days waiting while we negatively fantasized that someone else would get the dog. Rossana visited the shelter almost every day. On our pickup day we learned that three other people tried to claim that the dog was theirs, but by now I am sure the animal control supervisor was watching out for us especially with Rossana's almost daily visit.

In the end it all worked out. Our dog "Luna" is home in Malibu. Safe from the shelter but we do have to be on the alert for Coyotes and Hawks. All you dog lovers out there which I believe is most of you know the rest. Man's best friend (and women's) is truly that. The shelters are crowded. Adopt if you can.

SCHRA
Southern CA Harley Riders Assn.
2019 Ride & Events Schedule

MARCH

3/1 (Fri) thru 3/3 (Sun) - Borrego Springs:
 Sternz (*changed from 3/22 - 3/24*)
 3/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting

APRIL

4/4 (Thu) thru 4/9 (Tue) - Arizona Ride:
 Launius
 4/11 (Thu) - Club Meeting

MAY

5/9 (Thu) - Club Meeting
 5/16 (Thu) thru 5/19 (Sun) - No. CA Winchester House +: Piano

JUNE

6/7 (Fri) thru 6/10 (Mon) - Kernville Joint Ride with RCHR: Bruce
 6/13 (Thu) - Club Meeting

JULY

7/11 (Thu) - Club Meeting
 7/12 (Fri) thru 7/14 (Sun) - San Diego +: Launius
 7/27 (Sat) - Picnic @ Malibu Bluffs: Piano

AUGUST

8/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting
 8/24 (Sat) - Summer Party @ Launius

SEPTEMBER

9/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting
 9/27 (Fri) thru 9/29 (Sun) - Cambria & Big Sur: Sternz

OCTOBER

10/10 (Thu) - Club Meeting
 10/25 (Fri) thru 10/28 (Mon) - Nevada State Parks + Mt. Charleston: Bruce

NOVEMBER

11/2 (Sat) - Foxen Canyon Wineries: Gourson
 11/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting

DECEMBER

12/14 (Sat) - Holiday Party @ Gubbrud or Sternz + Year-End Club Meeting

Current Inventory.

Small:

SS Black 3
 SS Blue 1
 LS White 1
 LS Black 4

Medium 0

Large

SS Black 1

LS Black 1
 XL
 LS Black 1

 2XL
 LS Black 1

Legend: SS = Short Sleeve. LS - Long Sleeve

Also: Hats - 2 colors and lots of pins and small patches

SCHRA

Southern California Harley Riders Assn. Next Event

3/1 - 3/3 Borrego Springs

March 14, 2019
(2nd Thursday of the Month)

Club Meeting
Four “n 20 Pies
5530 Van Nuys Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, Ca. 91401

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Dinner 6:30 ish
Meeting 7:30 Sharp (ha, ha, ha)

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SCHRA Boutique

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

All Shirts are \$15.00

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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

X-LARGE	
White	0
Blue	2
Black	5
LS	
White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
XX-LARGE	
SS	
White	0
Blue	1
Black	0
3XL	
LS	
White	3



Hats	
Black w/Logo	14 \$10.00
Orange w/Logo	4 \$10.00
Black w/SCHRA Logo	7 \$10.00

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