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May 9, 2012

**Publishing Deadline for June
RT is May 29th, 6:00pm**



President's Message

Jack Launius

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' on overnighters, 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.



Arizona Adventure JB - RC

Arizona Adventurers Return; All Are Alive & Well!

OK, I admit that the headline was meant to catch your attention, and not to lead into any lengthy explanation of things which might have gone wrong on the trip. Actually, we all had a wonderful time, even the person who dropped his bike and who suffered a cut on the hand." OMG!! My point is not to believe everything you hear through the grapevine because much of it may not be so.

There were 8-people who actually participated in all or most of the ride which departed on Friday, April 12; a planned four-night, five-day jaunt through some of the prettiest landscape in the State of Arizona. Most of our route was in familiar territory but there were a few folks who had not previously visited places like Oatman, Hackberry, or Jerome. I love the expression on people's faces on entering Oatman!

Most of the trip members met at Millie's at 8:00 AM and included Lou, Richard, Cindy, Jerry, Fifi and me. As we headed north on the 14-Freeway, we slowed down to 50 MPH so Caroline and Joe-Bob could meld into the group, having been waiting safely in a truck turnout area.

Our first stop was in Little Rock for a potty-stop and an Egg McMuffin. We then continued north through Victorville and then topped-off our gas in Barstow, before beginning our trek across the mighty Mojave. A couple hours later we were paying for \$5.10 per gallon gasoline in Needles; I mean Needles. Found some good "home cooking" for lunch, then crossed the Arizona Border, where Joe-Bob immediately offed his helmet as we headed into the mountains to Oatman.

There was plenty of donkey-poop in the streets of Oatman and lots of visitors playing hop-scotch as they made valiant attempts to not skid in the stuff while crossing the street. We did the obligatory stop for ice-cream and also visited a few of the shops. The people-watching was excellent as always. When we had seen enough, it was back on the bikes for the spectacular ride over Sitegreaves Summit and then down the hills toward Kingman.

This was where "disaster" struck..... if you call dropping your bike and scraping your hand a disaster. Within minutes an ambulance arrived out of nowhere, but they were looking for someone who had apparently broken a leg; not us. Then, minutes later, a sheriff's car pulled up. Again, we declined the services of the officer and he was soon on his way to catch some bad-guys. Fifteen minutes later we were all safely ensconced in our Kingman Best Western hotel and ready for dinner.

The next day dawned bright and sunny and after our hot breakfast at the hotel we were soon on our way on Historic Route 66 to the town of Hackberry. Now this is a place which time has definitely forgotten, but the remnants were plentiful and loaded with nostalgia. This interesting tourist site is anchored by a store offering "all things 66" and we had a delightful visit with a big doggie named Max.

On leaving Hackberry, we continued east on 66 to the town of Seligman where we enjoyed a nice lunch at the Road Kill Café & Route 66 Saloon. After another hour or so we were back on Interstate 40 heading towards Flagstaff. We topped-off our tanks, and then made our way south on beautiful Route 89A through Oak Creek Canyon to our digs at Sedona's Kings Ransom Hotel. Some napped, some soaked in the spa, and others relaxed with a good book. We later walked the short distance to Tlaquepaque where we enjoyed an excellent dinner at one of the many restaurants.

The following day began with breakfast at the hotel and then a short ride to the spectacular site of the **Chapel of the Holy Cross**. The view from this vantage point is breathtaking and we lingered to soak in the incredible red rock landscape which envelops the area. Then, back a few miles to Tlaquepaque for some window-shopping at the upscale stores, followed by lunch at a beautiful garden restaurant. For those not familiar with

Sedona, the Tlaquepaque development is a gorgeous upscale arrangement of stores, galleries and restaurants set alongside Oak Creek, in the heart of the old town. We never tire of re-visiting the unusual ambiance of this area.

At mid-afternoon we left Sedona and drove the thirty miles or so through Cottonwood to the former ghost town of Jerome, nestled not-too-firmly on a hillside named Cleopatra. In this incredible location, one can look out over the entire Verde Valley all the way to Sedona's red rocks, and even beyond, to the spectacular snow covered San Francisco Peaks north of Flagstaff. There are not enough superlatives to describe this ghost ridden town of noisy saloons, old museums, antique stores and excellent restaurants.

Fortunately the pounding rock music coming from the saloon below our hotel rooms was scheduled to stop at 6:00 PM, and so it did. At nighttime this place once again becomes like a ghost town and regains some of its creepiness of years gone by. Famous for its open pit and below surface mines, the United Verde Mining Company extracted millions of pounds of copper, gold, silver and zinc until copper prices dropped and the mine temporarily shut down.

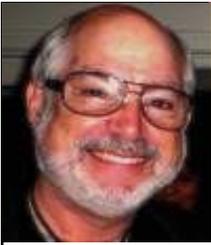
Years later, when the price of copper went up again, Phelps-Dodge came in and continued mining operations until the town finally shut down again in 1973 and the 10,000 population dropped to only 50 inhabitants. Shortly thereafter, hippies began to inhabit the empty stores and houses and this led to the re-birth of Jerome. One of those refurbished old buildings housed our destination for the night, and the Connor Hotel did not disappoint. The outside well worn brick was little indication of the bygone beauty and comfort of the inside.

The next morning, following breakfast at a small café, we visited a couple of museums, including the state historical park located in what used to be the Douglas Mansion. The best part was a 30-minute film which described the entire Jerome story in an interesting format and with priceless photos and film from the good-old-days. This town is once again growing quickly and I fear that much of this quaint and nostalgic place could be lost. If you've not been to Jerome, consider doing so sooner rather than later, while ghosts still haunt the hotel rooms and roam the streets during the breezy dark nights.

After our delightful lunch at the Jerome Haunted Hamburger Restaurant, we resumed our ride to the nearby town of Prescott where we were ensconced in the aged Hotel Vendome. Although the rooms were a bit small, the overriding benefit of the Vendome is its location just half a block from the downtown Public Square and infamous Whiskey Row. Here, many excellent restaurants can be found and we dined happily at the Prescott Brewery. After dinner the weather became chilly and the wind came up, so we walked slowly back to the Vendome for some relaxation and a good night's sleep.

On our final day of the trip, the sun shown bright but the winds had not yet subsided. After a light breakfast at the coffee house next door, we then headed south on highway 89 and spent our final hours in the beautiful mountains and valleys of central Arizona, descending from the mountains to the high desert to the low desert, and then re-crossing the Colorado River and back to the Golden State.

Now, as I write this on the day after our return home, I already sorely miss the invigorating wind-in-the face and the tremendous feeling of having successfully accomplished another lifelong memory. Thanks to all those who helped support the trip by their attendance. Next month, Nevada!



Product Corner

Ron Lynn

We often hear the phrase during exercise workouts “feel that burn” which is a good thing. But when we experience this effect on our butts during our long motorcycle rides, this same result is certainly not consistent with a pleasant afternoon. Many of us experience hot spots and pain more often than we would like to admit which is caused by the blood circulation being cut off in our posterior. This phenomenon is clearly revealed by the subtle dance moves seen by the rider lifting off the seat or squirming from side to side in an attempt to return circulation.

Solutions vary from installing custom seats, gel pads, foam pads, mesh pads and even beaded attachments. However, there are significant drawbacks to each of these cures and especially for those of us who do not have ample fatty tissue on our derriere. Over the years I have tried all of these cures including three custom seats, but due to my limited personal padding, I have never found a workable cure. That is until now!

Last year I purchased the AirHawk “R” which is a flexible, interconnected, air-cell seat pad which allows the air to flow between the enclosed cells which in turn are separated by spaces. This allows the seat to distribute pressure and to conform to your shape and also permits the outside air to circulate between you and the seat.

The included seat cover is constructed of the following: the top is a machine washable, stretch polyester fabric, the sides are a 3 layer knit polyester and the bottom is a rubber non-skid base. The pad can be mounted to your seat via the provided two straps, or just placed loose on the seat and removed when parking the bike. Your weight and the non-skid bottom prevent the pad from moving while riding.



AirHawk Seat

One drawback is getting the pad adjusted so that there is a minimal amount of air between you and the seat. Too much air can result in a feeling of an exaggerated side to side movement while riding the curves. After attaining the correct air adjustment, you will become used to the slight movement in turns but the feeling of “floating on air” is well worth the relief from a burning butt.

The trick is to fully inflate the pad then while sitting on it, let the air out by moving from side to side so that just a very thin layer of air remains between you and your seat. “Less is more” in this particular situation.

Originally designed for wheelchair usage, over the years this product has evolved into a viable solution for the ‘burning butt syndrome’. If you are plagued by seat issues try this product and see if you don’t feel the ‘Ride on Air’ effect.

Price: J&P Cycles; Revzilla; Competition Accessories-\$170 Free shipping.

The cushion is made of durable rubber while their many other models are also available in the less expensive and less durable polyurethane.

Remember: IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE, BUY IT

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AirHawk



Kernville

*Jerry Stern - R/C*

This space is reserved for our story about the just-completed Kernville Overnighter which was attended by 19 members of SCHRA. I think that might be some sort of recent record for overnighter

attendance. Our complete story and pictures will appear in NEXT month's issue of Rolling Thunder. Sorry, not enough time to do it justice before this month's deadline. Jerry & Cindy, Road Captains



## Upcoming Activities

By JB - Activities Chairperson

Well, "shit-howdy" all you lucky riders. We're jus back frum da wild west of Arid-zona and the accent continues to linger jus a bit. Yuh kin read all 'bout it in this here issue.

This is the time of year when our longer rides begin to make an appearance and our 5-day trek through central AZ was just a sample.

This month (May) adventure hunters will enjoy a 4-day visit to some of the most sparsely populated areas of Nevada, including the legendary Loneliest Road.

If that isn't enough, come June, there is the 3-day trip to Shaver Lake featuring a visit to the Parr Log Mansion.

In July, join us for a 4-day ride and visit to the Hollister Rally, now apparently back from the dead.

Also in July is our 3-day stay at Big Bear Lake.

In August you can really get away for a while on JB's Excellent Adventure with a 6-day ride to the Trinity Alps.

In mid-August we've scheduled a 2-day visit down the coast to Carlsbad.

Then, toward month end there's a 3-day ride scheduled to Springville and quite likely also another attempt to reach Balch Park.

September provides a spectacular Highway-1 ride to Carmel for 3-days.

Also in late September we will join River City Harley Riders for our annual 3-day combined bash at Topaz Lake.

October provides three opportunities for overnight festivities, the first of which is the 4-day Las Vegas Bike Fest.

Mid October is the 2-day Cambria Scarecrow Festival.

Last, but not...you know what, cap the year with a 3-day visit to Palm Springs and the American Heat

Rally.

So, folks, don't let me hear you saying that we don't have enough overnight stuff going on in this here club.

Now, let's get started on what is coming up during the next 60 days.

### MAY

#### Saturday, Mayo Quottro - Exciting Fillmore: Lou, Woodlake, 10:00 AM Sat 5/4

Yes, Virginia, there is some excitement going on in Fillmore, and you'll just have to join the group to find out what it is.

#### Thursday, May 9 - Club Meeting at the Pie Place

Always provides plenty of unadulterated excitement.

#### Friday, May 17 to Monday, May 20 - Loneliest Road: JB, Millies, 9:00 AM

A too-short visit including overnights in Las Vegas, Ely and Tonopah. (All of our rooms are now booked, but if you want to go, you might get lucky)

#### Sunday, May 19 - Guide Dogs Event: Mike, Millies, 9:00 AM

For those not getting lonely in Nevada, here is an alternative event which sounds of interest and includes a poker-run and lunch - \$30. (Lunch only - \$15)

### JUNE

#### Sunday, June 9 - Day Ride to Idyllwild: Lee, Solley's, 9:00 AM

For those who like their rides to begin and end the same day, here is an opportunity to go out-of-town to the mountains and some great food.

#### Thursday, June 13 - Club Meeting at the Pie Place

Remember, this is corn chowder night (non-constipating).

#### Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23 - Shaver Lake: Sternz, Millies, 9:00 AM

The snow is mostly melted and the Parr's are again able to come down from their hillside and buy groceries. Also, the lake is once again back to full after some much needed work to the dam. This will be a dam good trip!

And so, as is oft said, "that's all she wrote."

Ciao for now.

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This stuff is nothing to laugh at.

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jig-saw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

The neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

lolsotrue: #1222

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers, if you do find one, what's your plan?

lolsotrue.com

GHOSTS

A professor at Wayne State University in Detroit was giving a lecture on Paranormal Studies. To get a feel for his audience, he asks, "How many people here believe in ghosts?"

About 90 students raise their hands.

"Well, that's a good start. Out of those who believe in ghosts, do any of you think you have seen a ghost?"

About 40 students raise their hands.



It's an advertisement for penis enlargement

Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.



"That's really good. I'm really glad you take this seriously. Has anyone here ever talked to a ghost?" About 15 students raise their hand.

"Has anyone here ever touched a ghost?" Three students raise their hands.

"That's fantastic. Now let me ask you one question further....Have any of you ever made love to a ghost?" Way in the back, Hamad raises his hand.

The professor takes off his glasses and says, "Son, all the years I've been giving this lecture, no one has ever claimed to have made love to a ghost. You've got to come up here and tell us about your experience.."

The Middle Eastern student replied with a nod and a grin, and began to make his way up to the podium. When he reached the front of the room, the professor asks, "So, Hamad, tell us what it's like to have sex with a ghost?"

Hamad replied, "Shit, from way back there I thought you said Goats."

Miscellaneous Page



This was taken by my friend Andy Morrison's mom in front of his house in Newton, Massachusetts, September 1956. She wrote the date on the backside. This was my first Harley, and a miserable hard-starting beast it was. Now considered a collector item because of its unique one-year-only features, it's likely worth more than all the Harleys I've owned put together. Andy found this picture when going through some of his mother's old stuff and surprised me with it at lunch on 4/23/2013. Jerry Stern



Kernville Overnighter



Shocking News!

SHCRA bikers caught actually eating inside a restaurant! I'm afraid to think about what's next!





SCHRA Boutique
Lou Piano VP

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.

We have:

- Black short sleeve logo t-shirts in sizes - S to 2XL
- Black long sleeve logo t-shirts - S to 3XL
- White long sleeve logo t-shirts - S, 2XL & 3XL

All Shirts are \$15.00

Last Update: 1/12/13

Black Short Sleeve

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| Small | 3 |
| Medium | 3 |
| Large | 1 |
| Ex. Large | 5 |
| 2XL | 2 |
| 3XL | 0 |

Black Long Sleeve

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| Small | 4 |
| Medium | 4 |
| Large | 1 |
| Ex. Large | 2 |
| 2XL | 4 |
| 3XL | 1 |

White Short Sleeve

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| Small | 0 |
| Medium | 0 |
| Large | 2 |
| Ex. Large | 0 |
| 2XL | 0 |
| 3XL | 0 |

White Long Sleeve

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| 2XL | 0 |
| 3XL | 0 |

Dark Blue Short Sleeve

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| Small | 5 |
| Medium | 0 |
| Large | 0 |
| Ex. Large | 2 |
| 2XL | 0 |
| 3XL | 0 |



- Dark blue short sleeve t-shirts - S, L, XL
- Baby blue short sleeve t-shirts - XXL
- Most t-shirts have a pocket.

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.

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Also available at no charge are commemorative patches honoring members who have passed. Foss, Whitey, Julie. These patches are suitable for sewing on your jacket or vest or....? Miscellaneous items are in stock as well. Don't hesitate to inquire. When you call us (Jack, anyway) we haul ass! Operators are standing by.

Hats

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|---------------|----|---------|
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| Black w/SCHRA | 7 | \$10.00 |

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| Small Patch | 46 | \$ 7.00 |
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SCHRA 2013 Events April & May

May

5th Fillmore Lunch
Sun at Woodlake Bowl LP 10:00am

9th Meeting
17-20 Loneliest Road

Fri-Mon Millie's 9:00am JB

19th Guide Dog Poker Run
Sun. Millie's 9:00am Mike L.

June

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SCHRA Departure Sites

Woodlake Bowl
23130 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills

Solley's
4578 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks

Millie's
10318 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

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

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.

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