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Next Meeting:

May 8, 2014

**Publishing Deadline for
June Rolling Thunder is
May 30, 6:23 pm**



Letter From The President

Jack Launius

There has been a lot of talk about bringing in new members but very little action. I can certainly understand we all have things to do, people to see and places to go. It is no surprise that good intentions get waylaid in the course of our busy days. What I don't understand is why anyone would think it is alright to show up at any motorcycle or club event without their colors on, outside of the Christmas or summer party perhaps. The only other time I could see not wearing club colors is on extended multiple overnight rides. Certainly day rides, or even single or double overnights, colors should be worn.

We should all wear our colors on any club ride and even on the Saturday rides. How in the world could anyone know we are even a club and not

just a bunch of people riding together without them?

Please join me in showing the world our colors.....Be proud, put it out there.





Progressive Breakfast

Bob Thompson - Road Captain

On Sunday April 6th several thousand club members and guests, lured by the expectation of free food, met at the Ventura/Topanga Starbucks for this year's running of the Progressive breakfast. If you were in the crowd, you know who you are. If not you made an unfortunate mistake.



The weather made this a perfect day for a little riding. We began with a short trip to Lou Piano's home for a starter round of coffee, juice, sweet rolls, lox and bagels with all the fixings and stuff like that. After lounging around for a bit of a while and eating more than we should, we mounted up for round two.



The second leg of the hedonistic trip took us into the depths of Burbank to Linda and Randy's place. Here we were presented with a wonderful spread of rice, beans, Taco construction materials and all manner of drink and desert options. The eating and conversation came easy in the patio area and no one seemed to run out of things to talk about.



This year's Progressive Breakfast was a very pleasurable outing and if you worked it right, you probably didn't need diner that evening.





Poppies & Tehachapi

Joe Gubbrud - Road Captain

Sunday, April 26th, those of us who did not go to Laughlin, met up at Millie's for the annual ride to the poppies. We had 5 bikes, 2 cars and a total of 9 people. We welcomed guests of yours truly, Bob and Beth, who rode on their recently purchased Harley Ultra.

We headed out to the I-5 to the 126 where we cut over to San Francisquito Canyon road and headed north. The Canyon was beautiful with purple flowers on the mountains and the weather was chilly but very nice. We stopped at the Green Valley gas and general store for a break and intake and outflow of coffee. Jerry S. accepted Mitch's offer to "tool around" in his very cool sports car. Jerry never hesitated and took off for parts unknown. He did return shortly and was smiling from ear to ear.

We continued up into the Antelope valley and then things turned cold and windy!! While there were poppies out, the wind had blown off many of the flowers and we did not hang around long. We took off north toward the beautiful freshly dusted white mountains and Tehachapi.

As we got closer and at higher elevation the wind and cold took a bite out of a few of the riders. Seeing fresh snow in the ditches and on the mountains reminded us that summer was not here yet !! In short order we arrived at our lunch destination, The RED HOUSE BBQ. We were all ready to go in and get warm (except for the people in cars) !!

The Red House BBQ was a great find as the ribs, brisket and chicken were all wonderful. It is a funky little place but the portions are HUGE and prices reasonable. Most could not finish their lunch. Fun bites were the Indian fry bread and the fried pickles. The chili was smoking' and good !!! I cannot wait to go back !!

Full from lunch, we headed out to see "Big Bird's" relatives. We headed to Indian Point Ostrich Ranch. It is located in a beautiful valley just outside of town. The wind had died down and with the sun out, it was very enjoyable. We had great fun seeing and learning about the big birds. We all got to feed them and get up and personal. They

called it "bonding", although I think all the birds were interested in was the food. (Kind of like some of the women I dated when I was single.) Yours truly purchased an ostrich feather duster which was admired by Cindy S. who intimated it could be used for things other than dusting (blush).

From the ostrich farm we headed down the mountain on a very scenic road , hit the I-5 , and headed home. Another truly great day !!





Product Corner

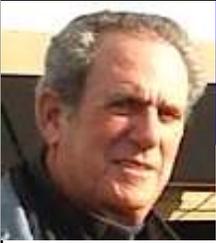
Ron Lynn

Something about a back-up battery was sent to me in a .pdf file and I don't have the necessary software to capture it, edit it, and put it in here. Take my word for it, it was really cool.

Ed.

:~)

Remember. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE, BUY IT



New Bike

Mitch Pullman

Mitch went on our usual Saturday ride last week and decided to stop by Simi Valley Harley and check out the used bikes they had for sale. He was considering selling his Ultra or trading it for another bike. We arrived around 1:30 or so and Mitch headed for the used bike section. Some of us didn't know where he went but after some diligent searching we discovered in the building next door to the main showroom admiring a nice used Heritage softtail Harley with only 7800 miles on it.

After some haggling with the salesman he struck a very good deal and made the trade. Congratulations Mitch on a beautiful new bike.

So folks, now Mitch is in need of a couple of items to customize his bike and make it his own ride. He could use some nice Hi-way pegs and turn signal extenders. If you have either of these items you would like to part with, contact Mitch by phone or e-mail.





Upcoming Activities

JB - Activities Chairman

Upcoming Events: May & June, 2014

As is my custom in this monthly column, let's look back at a few recent activities before they are consigned to memory lane.

"O-B" aka Ocean Beach

Although Ocean Beach was not written about in our April issue of Rolling Thunder, it did take place on March 29 and 30, and what a kick it was! Notwithstanding the heavy traffic encountered on south I-5, we arrived in OB as planned, just in time for lunch. Because there was no pre-planned itinerary we individually "picked our poison" from the incredible array of good eateries within just a few blocks of Ocean Beach Hotel.

If you're wondering where all "the hippies" went, they are alive and well and living in OB along with their other un-scrubbed, pierced and tattooed brethren...most of whom ride ancient Schwinn Bicycles and padded after by doggies of every breed. Newport Ave. is the main street through OB and provides most of the restaurant, bar and head-shop activities. Of course there's the fabulous 50 year old pier and the ever present anglers looking to hook a free dinner. We certainly enjoyed ours at a nice place just adjacent to the hotel.

On Sunday, Randy avoided the northbound beach traffic by returning home via route I-15 where we exited for lunch in Temecula and bee-lined to our favorite roadhouse, Texas Lil's. From there we continued north to I-210 and home. RC Randy did a fine job and everyone had a delightful time during our brief time-warp.

Progressive Breakfast

The weather was dead-on perfect for the April 6 start of our social/party calendar. Aply led by Bob Thompson, the 2014 edition of PB stopped at only two locations; first, the Woodland Hills home of Lou Piano, for the lox and bagel portion and next, to the Burbank home of Randy and Linda Rahm for the main course and dessert. All the hosts did a terrific job and will probably be re-appointed for next year's meal??!!

Read all about it in the article (which Bob has surely written) located elsewhere in this fine newsletter.

Other April Activities

As I am writing this on April 7, and plan to be away for the balance of April (enjoying some personal travel time) there will be no further comment on what else we did in April because it hasn't happened yet! Suffice to say, it will all be great, the road captains will all be geniuses, and all will surely have their newsletter articles for your perusal and enjoyment elsewhere in this issue!

MAY:

Sunday, 5/4 - Day Ride to Solvang: LB, 9:30 AM, Westlake

Close though it may be, it seems like we have not actually visited the charming Danish Town of Solvang in some time, nor its well known Motorcycle Museum (admission \$10). Lee plans to start this ride from our new meeting place in Westlake Village. (For those who forgot, exit 101 north at Westlake Blvd. and turn left over the freeway. At Townsgate turn left and then immediately right into the Mobil Station).

Following the traditional rest/coffee stop at Santa Monica Road in Carpinteria, we will continue, circuitously, to the environs of Solvang to enjoy an al-fresco lunch at the lovely Alisal River Grill Restaurant.

**Thursday, 5/8 - Club Meeting @ Four 'N 20:
Dinner @ 6:30; Meeting @ 7:30**

What can be said about this event which hasn't already been said before? Keep in mind that this is corn chowder night.

**Friday, 5/16 thru Sunday, 5/18 - Reunion with
RCHR @ Pismo: JB, 9:00 AM, Millies**

Here's our once a year opportunity to schmooze with our buddies from Alta California. This year we'll be staying at Oxford Suites while RCHR will be ensconced at the Pismo Hotel near the pier. We were told there would be plenty of room for us and RCHR both, but this ultimately proved not to be so.

Anyway, we'll still have lots of opportunity to visit and be together at our two scheduled dinners; Friday night at Rosas Ristorante Italiano and Saturday night at McClintocks Saloon. Also planned on Saturday AM is a dune buggy ride (for those who wish to do so) and later, a joint ride to a fine lunch spot.

If you have not already done so, contact Oxford Suites at 800.982.7848, as there are still some rooms available. They offer single king rooms for \$125 + tax or double-queen rooms for \$143 + tax. Also included is a hot breakfast and an afternoon wine/beer reception. If you sign up, please let JB know you'll be there.

**Saturday, 5/31 - Hogly Wogly BBQ & Nethercutt
Museum: BT, 11:00 AM, Solley's**

I call this "two good things together." First, some Tyler Texas BBQ followed by one of the finest car museums in California. It has been some time since we last visited either location and I understand the museum has been re-organized and expanded. But at Dr. H-W BBQ the restrooms are still outside in the alley!

JUNE:

**Saturday, 6/7 - Jalama Beach Lunch: LB, 9:00
AM, Westlake**

You were probably wondering when this location was going to pop up again. Well, wonder no more

because it's booked, Dano. Only thing to wonder about is the route which Lee intends to take to get us there and back. Just checked the Jalama Café Menu and they do have more than just burgers. Cobb Salad? Probably not!

**Thursday, 6/12 - Club Meeting at Four 'N 20:
6:30 Dinner; Meeting at 7:30**

Does it matter that the corn used in the corn chowder probably does not fully digest?

**Saturday 6/14 thru Sunday 6/22 - JB's Excellent
Adventure: 7:30 AM, Millies**

If you're looking for something more than a single or double overnigher, this is your opportunity to spend 9 torturous days in the saddle as we encounter mile after mile of unforgiving sandstorms, thunderstorms, not-so-nice-Indians, and relentless hot weather. Hang out with a gang of disgruntled fellow riders as we battle dangerous and poorly paved terrain for miles on end. Enjoy lumpy beds in sleazy motels crawling with unknown varieties of vermin and meals whose main ingredient is recycled cooking grease.

Still undecided? Call JB for further details, but I'll likely be in a surly mood. At this point, nine dummies have already submitted their RSVPs. WTF are they thinking?

**Saturday 6/28 thru Monday 6/30 - Shaver Lake:
STERNZ, (TBD), (TBD)**

Here it is folks, the opportunity to visit with James & Janet Parr on their own turf at beautiful Shaver Lake. This trip always includes a fabulous day ride to or through parts of the Sierras which nobody has ever seen. They may be paving new roads and carving new tunnels even as we speak. Mountains, lakes, waterfalls, blue skies, plentiful food, great friends and lots of fun. Accommodations details will be discussed at the next club meeting.

S.C.H.R.A.

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Meetings are Held on the 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 pm

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Randy Rahm VP

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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.

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	5
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3XL	0

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

White Short Sleeve

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

Dark Blue Short Sleeve

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



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SCHRA 2014 Events - May

Sun	5/4	Santa Ynez & Lunch @ Vineyard House	LB	9:00 am Starbucks
Thurs	5/8	Club Meeting		7:30 pm
Fri	5/16-18	Pismo Beach w/RCHR	JB	9:00 am Millies
Sun	5/18	Optional ride. Ride for Guides	None	9:00 am Old Road Harley
Sat	5-31	Hogly Wogly & Nethercutt	BT	11:00 am - Solleys

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

Mobil Station
Westlake Blvd. & Townsgate Road

SCHRA 2014 Events - June

Sat	6/7	Lunch @ Jalama Beach	LB	TBA
Thurs	6/12	Club Meeting	Oh!	Please. You know where!
Sa-Su	6/14-22	Excellent Adventure - Arizona	JB	7:30 am Millie's
Sa	6/28-30	Shaver Lake & Parr Extravaganza	JS & CS	TBA

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!)

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Time has come for me to realize that "touring" is not in my future as much as "a Heritage Softail. My bike is an '09 Electra Glicruising". Therefore, I have decided to sell or trade my bike for a Classic with many custom features such as very quick change tour pack, garage door opener on fairing, Gerbing heat control also on the fairing, connection to the heating is on center console, pearl white and silver paint, almost new Michelin tires, just did 30,000 mile service at Simi Valley Harley and there is absolutely nothing wrong with the bike. If I were to trade, I would be looking for an '09 or later Heritage Softail to scoot around.

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