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**May 14, 2015**

**Publishing Deadline for  
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## President's Message

*Lou Piano*

Rest in Peace Lloyd. For anyone who does not know, our friend Lloyd Farber was in a tragic car crash a week ago last Saturday and died along with a passenger in his car. Our condolences to Judy, his wife. His funeral was sad and respectful. See his Sum-buddy article later in this newsletter.

Otherwise it's been a nice month for club rides. First there was the 3 day over-nighter to Joshua Tree National Park. Cindy won't tell you what a great job she did planning the ride and picking the park and lunch stop on Sunday, so I will. I never would have thought that place would be so interesting! Lots of colorful scenery and plants that would only grow at very specific altitudes and roads that were perfect for riding. I can't wait to read more about it myself.

Then there was the progressive breakfast. The food was

excellent, Duane and Pauline were great hosts and their home is beautiful. More on this great event later too..

All the bikes have been running great and the biggest problem was JB's crooked light! Doesn't seem like such a bad thing, but he dutifully took it over to Simi Harley and had it corrected. He was AWOL for a few hours but that problem was resolved too. Next time, CHECK IN with the appropriate authorities!!!

It rained just enough last Saturday (4/25) to really screw up my clean bike. Now I'll have to find a couple of hours to wipe, clean & polish it before next week.



'Til next month,  
ride a lot and ride  
safe.

Ed

RT



# Joshua Tree/Twenty-nine Palms

CS - R/C

Joshua Tree - April 11-13/2015  
Cindy Stern

by Road Captain

Our small group of intrepid desert explorers met up on Saturday morning at Millies, and headed down the road toward our weekend adventure. Co-R.C. Jerry, JB, Lou, Duane and I took off and were soon making our way briskly toward our first attraction, which was to be lunch at Pappy and Harriet's. We've had some excellent and fun lunches there on trips past, and this was no exception. The weather was perfect so we ate out on their patio. The food was very good, but we all ate too much, which I guess is a fitting way to start any SCHRA trip.

The official motto of the town is "Keep Joshua Tree Weird" so we had scheduled a visit to the Noah Purifoy Museum of Assemblage Art" which was his home on ten acres where he built sculptures out of recycled and repurposed metal, objects and appliances and all kind of other things. These were constructed to represent his concerns in life—social, artistic and otherwise. Well, he's been gone for some years now, but his sculpture remains, out there in the desert gradually being reclaimed by the weather, the wind and the elements. As an aside, Noah Purifoy was the first director of the Watts Towers Community Museum that we had visited just a few weeks earlier with JB at the helm. Just a strange coincidence that we had already planned to visit his place in Joshua Tree. It was just different enough to satisfy my criteria of desert oddity, much like Elmer Longs Bottle House a couple of years ago outside Victorville.

Joshua Tree National Park hasn't changed much in many thousands of years. But it beckons



us to keep going back to visit this beautiful place, the only place in the world where these particular "trees" grow. They aren't trees at all, they are actually members of the yucca family --- which most of us think of as the flame-looking things with the puffy white flowers off highway 14. So after the botany lesson on the "trees", our exploration of the park included a large garden (their term not mine) of cholla cactus, otherwise known as the jumping cactus because if you get too close the spines seem to jump onto you and they're a bitch to get out. But we rode for miles and miles and suddenly came upon this landscape of chollas that seemed to have been plunked down out of nowhere because they were contained to this one relatively small area off the road. The only thing missing was the sign that says "yes folks the cactus UFO flew by and threw all these things out here because they just weren't getting along with others" and so there they landed.

We had some lunch at Chiriaco Summit, otherwise known as "the place out east of Indio that has the Patton Museum" and then continued on around the park. We visited the one true oasis that was to be found, the Cottonwood Oasis. It is currently an oasis without water but that doesn't stop the giant palm trees from growing and building superstructures of dead fronds. Which prompted Duane to comment "this is why we don't allow these in our Homeowners Association" and posted it up on his community facebook page. Our final lap of the park was the loop, where we saw all the giant rock formations, groves of Joshuas and drove up to Keys View where we proposed a toast to the original "Joshua Tree Seven". Missed you Mike and Ruthann, and Richard, on this trip.

And then a return to the El Rancho Dolores Motel for some libations and dinner. The motel was just a tad funky for us all, and we will probably stay at the nice Best Western on our next trip. But a good time was had by all, the Sternz weather karma held true and it was another satisfying trip on our two-wheeled dream machines.

## ***A Tribute to Lloyd Farber***

*Original Article from July 2008*

Sumbudy chose a quiet young chap for us all to meet this month. One that has been a participating member since 2005, introduced to SCHRA via Lenny Weinberg. He rides a beautiful candy apple red Softail Deluxe, also an '05, and always gleaming clean and shiny. Sumbudy finds his presence comforting on any ride, as he is a genuine mechanical marvel with the ability to use the tools many of us carry but don't really know how to utilize. His biking started around the age of 10 with the construction of a mini-bike kit, and continuing through to his 60th birthday this July 3rd. Lloyd Farber was born right here in L.A. at the old Cedars of Lebanon hospital, coincidentally the same place where Sumbudy's own daughter was hatched. Lloyd's father was a pharmacist and owned several successful drug stores in town, while his mom, like most of ours in those days, was a homemaker. The family first lived in Westchester not far from LAX, then Cheviot Hills, and ended up in Bel Air, putting our pal at University H.S.

Surprisingly, being a little trouble prone, he ended up graduating from the Marion Colbert School (for the difficult) where he says he actually learned something, and then attended Santa Monica C.C.

The year was 1968 and the draft was still very much in effect. With Lloyd carrying 3 units less than required, he was drafted into the military, opting for the Navy. He served 3 tours of duty on the oil fired steam powered aircraft carrier Coral Sea,

sailing around the Tonkin Gulf. With his talent and mechanical abilities, he spent his service time working in the ship's machine shop, helping keep the boat afloat and moving in spite of the antics some fellow crew members would occasionally pull off. Like when 2 air-to-air rockets were accidentally fired below deck from a returning plane, killing several sailors and doing considerable damage. He left the Navy in '71, still in one piece.

Lloyd has been married to wife Judy for 32 years and they have a 26 year old son. tragedy struck their firstborn child, a daughter who was diagnosed at age 3 with a malignant brain tumor. Surgery, fortitude, and years of chemotherapy

and treatment enabled her to live beyond the original age expectation of 5 to 7, until she passed on at age 22 in 2000. Sumbudy knows of no scenario more difficult for a parent to endure. The Farbers have done so with admirable courage and grace.

Judy works as a music teacher and entertainer to pre-school children, singing and playing guitar in a group called Shirettes. They also are devoted to and dote over their Chinese Shih-Tzu dogs, Ricky & Lucy. With years of experience in the construction industry, Lloyd is now working as a public insurance adjuster, assisting people in settling significant claims with their own insurance companies. He has one brother 3 years younger, now living in Arizona with a wife and 2 kids.

As mentioned earlier, his relationship with motorcycles stretches back to childhood, with dirt biking and motocross racing his primary involvement. A series, of mostly Japanese machines, resulted in a whole bunch of broken bones to no one's surprise. He finally bought his first Harley, a '47 Knucklehead chopper, which spent most of its time being repaired. A young family to now be considered, he phased out of dangerous dirt bikes and into hotrods. He transformed a '31 Ford Victoria sedan into a street rod, and followed it with the purchase of a restored supercharged '32 Ford Roadster. A super fast Pantera-DeTomaso was next. This was after he went off the road in Topanga Canyon, went into a ditch and flew off the bike, breaking his hip and several ribs. The present '05 Deluxe marked Lloyd's re-entry into biking, but it really was his first street bike. With his compulsion for mechanics, he changes handlebars and makes modifications on it with the frequency most of us change socks!

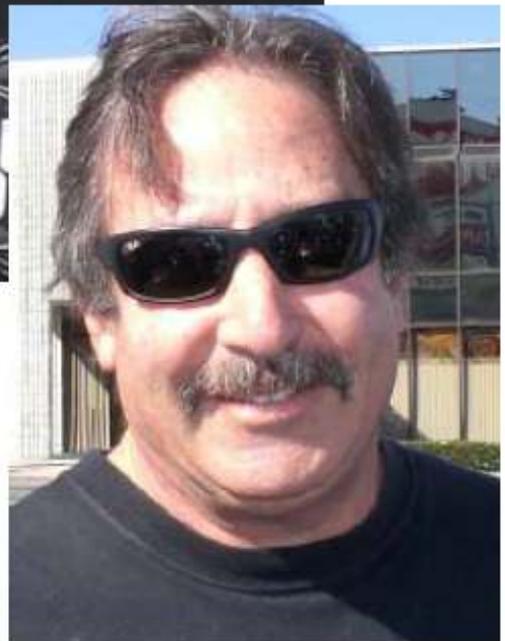
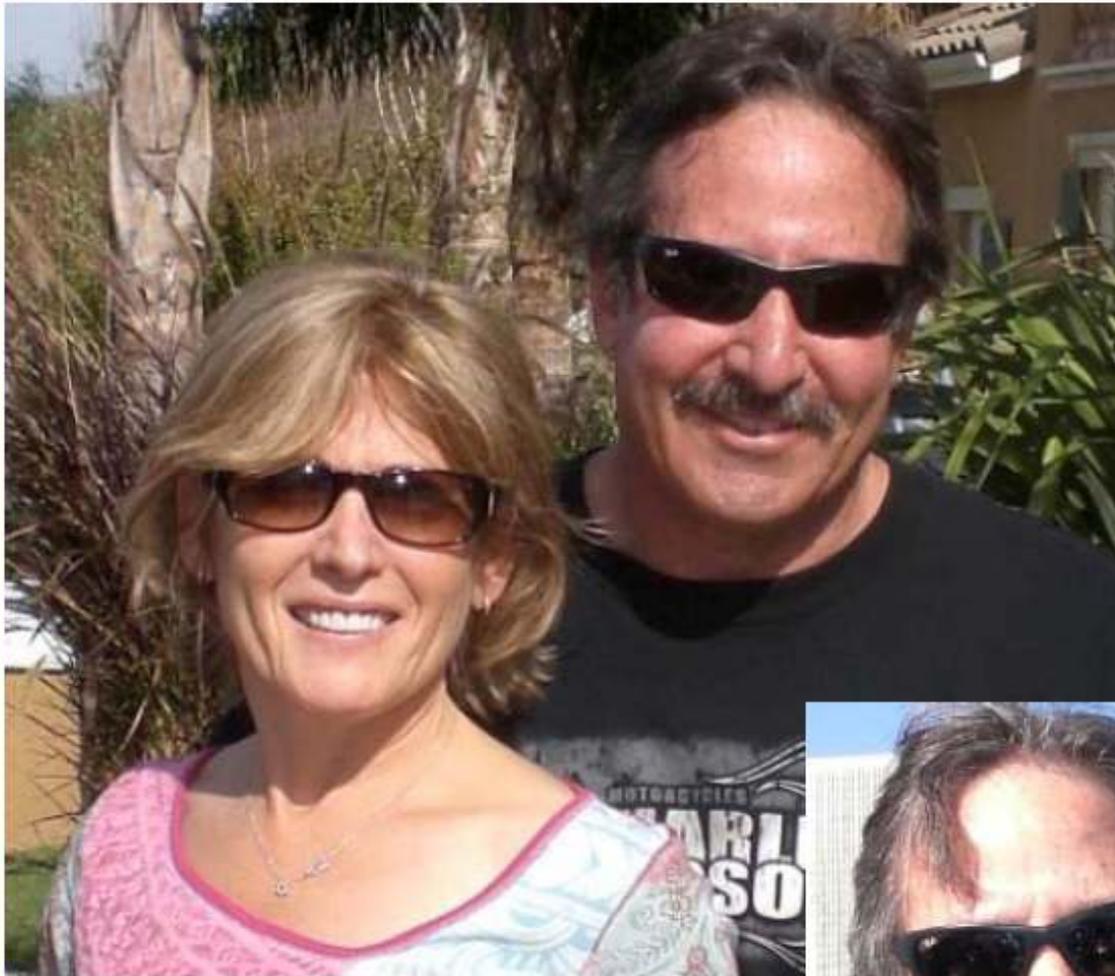
When Sumbudy asked him his favorite feature of SCHRA, he answered: "The outstanding camaraderie prevalent in the club". Add to that annual trips to his favorite restaurant, Jocko's, it's a great combination indeed! We are proud to include the Farbers as members!

Editor's note: This sounds like a life well lived. Lloyd will be missed for his friendly personality and his helpful knowledge of mechanics. Thanks also for his service in the U.S. Navy during a time of war.

# Meet Your Member (cont'd. from page 5)

*Sumbudy*

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## Progressive Breakfast

JS - R/C

**O**n Sunday 4/26, SCHRA held its annual Progressive Breakfast. In past years this was one of the most popular events on the calendar, drawing out members that we rarely see elsewhere. This year's event was hardly progressive. The number of host homes have dwindled down from four to three to two to this year's one, and the number of attendees has progressively dropped as well

But it's not all doom and gloom. The weather was great. The ride, although somewhat truncated, was fun, and the highlight of the event, the Harte's home and the breakfast itself, exceeded expectations.

Eight riders on six Harleys showed up at Millie's at the start: Jack & Nanette, Lee & Anita, Lou, JB, myself, and Cindy. The ride went out Soledad Canyon to Palmdale, where we made a comfort stop. From the comfort stop I called the Harte's who responded that everything was set up and ready to go. Because the rest of the planned route would likely have taken an extra hour or more, I made the decision to alter the route and go straight back to their house. Just as we arrived, so did all of the 4-wheel contingent, so our timing was perfect. There was Mike & Ruthann, Bob & Anna, Ron & Karen, Judy B., Sandy Lynn, Stanley, and of course Dwayne & Pauline.

Firstly, let me congratulate the Harte's on their beautiful new home and the fabulous outdoor landscaping treatment which is one of the nicest and most comfortable I've seen. Secondly,



the breakfast spread which has customarily been spread over the three or four homes that have constituted the progressive aspect of the Progressive B'kfst, was all concentrated into one boffo

spread that incorporated the breakfast equivalent of "soup to nuts". There was more than enough delicious quantity and variety for seconds and thirds, and still more left over at the end.

After the usual schmoozing and story-telling sessions, everyone headed off for the rest of their Sunday activities. I'm sure most, if not all, made it the only meal of the day, 'cause it was all so scrumptious and satisfying. For those who

missed it, eat your Harte out!

Thanks again to Duane & Pauline for their hospitality and willingness to step up.





## Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Chairperson

# Upcoming Events: “May & June, 2015”

I'm beginning to distrust all this crap about April Showers. The month has come and gone and nary a drop of rain. Of course, as a rider, I'm delighted not to be rudely inconvenienced by having to climb into raingear, especially after my clothes are already soaking wet.

The 4<sup>th</sup> month was a busy one with three significant events on the SCHRA calendar and which included (1) a double-overnight return visit to Joshua Tree National Park, (2) the annual “modified” Progressive Breakfast, and (3) JB's 11-day Excellent Adventure (only the first few days of which were in April).

What lies ahead, you may ask? Keep reading.

## MAY

### Sunday, 5/17 – Ride for Guides (the seeing-eye kind): LP, 8:30 AM, Millies

Registration for this event takes place between 9:00 and 10:00 AM at the “Route 66 Classic Grill (not at Guide Dogs of America). The address is 18730 Soledad Cyn. Rd., Canyon Country. The sponsors will provide each registered guest with a pin, lunch, a poker sheet and a fun-filled day. Plenty of raffles to win and lots of puppy-kisses at each stop on the poker-run route. All for just \$30 (advance registration) or \$35 on day of the event. C'mon, it's for charity! Puppy kisses?? Oh yes!

### Friday, 5/29 thru Sunday, 5/31 – Sequoia & Kings Cyn. + RCHR: JB, 8:30 AM, Millies

I've lost count but this may be the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> get-together with our cousins from Sacramento. At last count 29 fun-lovers from both clubs have made their reservations at Comfort Inn, Three Rivers, CA. Our plan calls for a Saturday - full day ride through both parks, plus group dinners and

Happy Hour at the Gateway Restaurant. If you haven't already signed up but think you'd like to, check with JB to see what housing arrangements might be available.

## JUNE

### Sunday, 6/7 – Lockwood Valley Ride & Deer Lodge Dinner: LP, 3:00 PM, Millies

Now here's an event that ought to be of interest to everyone; a fabulous afternoon ride through Lockwood Valley, followed by dinner at Ojai's famous Deer Lodge. Be aware that the drive home is likely to be at dusk or after dark so the plan will be to take the easiest route back to the freeway. Lockwood Valley and its surrounding high mountains are gorgeous this time of year, and the rustic cuisine at Deer Lodge is a perfect accompaniment. Better calendar this event right away and let Lou know if you want to be included in our reservations.

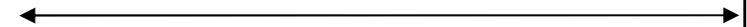
### Friday, 6/26 thru Sunday, 6/28 – Angels Camp & Mammoth Lakes: DH, 8:30 Millies

If you're looking for something new, then this itinerary is for you. We've picked two fun places to spend a night; one on the western slope of the Sierras and one on the eastern slope. Angeles Camp is in the heart of the CA Gold Country, and Mammoth Lakes is the place made famous by its ski slopes. What better reason than to cross one of the famous High Sierra Mountain Passes during the summertime. This will be Duane's first multi-night event and he deserves our support.

If you have not yet made your reservations, here is what you need to know:

Angels Camp – Friday, June 26. Cedar Inn Best Western. 209.736.4000.

Mammoth Lakes – Saturday, June 27. Quality Inn. 760.934.5114.



He said..... Why are married women heavier than single women?

She said..... Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.





# SCHRA Boutique

?Glen Jace - VP /OAL

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. Simply decide what you need and place your order via email at [VP@schra.org](mailto:VP@schra.org). We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

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### SCHRA 2015 Calendar- May

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
We - Sat	4/29-5/9	JB's Excellent Adventure	Millie's	JB	8:00 am
Thur	5/14	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies		7:30 pm
Sun	5/17	Ride for Guides	Millie's	LP	8:30 am
Fri - Sun	5/29 - 31	Kings Canyon - Sequoia. RCHR	Millie's	JB	8:30 am

### SCHRA 2015 Calendar - June

Sun	6/7	Deer Lodge by way of Lockwood Valley	Millie's	LP	3:00 pm
Thur	6/11	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies		7:30 pm
Fri-Sun	6/26-28	Angel's Camp & Mammoth Lakes	Millie's	DH	8:30 am

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