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President's Message

Lou Piano

Life is about change, options and choices.

Sure, you do the same thing for 20 years then all of a sudden something changes - divorce, death of a friend or family member, a new Harley. Huh? Harleys?

Well, I was looking to buy a new Harley in 2014 because of all the cool new stuff. You know, GPS, Bluetooth, digital display of just about everything, liquid cooled heads, more horsepower and more stuff. Then the next year they came out with the Ultra Limited Low. Low? Yes, the bike is 2 inches lower and the handlebars are 2 inches longer. Now I'm really starting to get interested. You might even say my mouth is starting to water. At least figuratively.

But then came the choice. I love my current bike. I changed the mufflers to pipes I like. I added XM Radio and upgraded the air filter. I also added a few lights and accessories. It's perfect!

So I anxiously waited for the 2016 models to be unveiled. Ouch, not much change. I was hoping that my model - an FLHX,

would come out with a few upgrades like, Gel cooled engine heads, XM (or Sirius) radio and most importantly, a cb radio.

Nothing. Not one single upgrade to the Street Glide. The Ultra Limited has all of that stuff but do I want to change models and spend 20 grand to upgrade.

See. Choices. Now what do I do?

Sturgis is coming up. Do I want to ride my old Street Glide or buy an Ultra before the trip? What changes will the 2017's have? Should I wait. I mean I can always do Sturgis again next year on the new bike. Or maybe I should wait 'til 2018. I'll bet there'll be lots of changes then. Or maybe not. Then I'll have wasted time not getting another shiny new bike with all the fancy, and useful, gadgets.

No wonder I walk around confused all the time. Oh, Well. We'll just wait and see!!

Ride a lot and ride safe Ed.



Santa Maria - No Freeways!

Ghost written by Casper

It was a cold and scary night....Oh, wait. It was actually a bright and sunny morning when we left Millie's for an overnighter to Santa Maria.

Joe-Bob promised that we would get there and never lay a tire on a freeway. Ha, ha....this I gotta see!!

Of we went straight toward the 405 freeway. Okay, Joe, I said to myself - you're gonna blow it before we've even gone a couple of miles. Whoosh..right past the on-ramp. Okay, okay you slid past that one, but you've got a long way to go.

After a circuitous ride through Santa Clarita, San Francisquito Canyon, past Lake Hughes, to the 138 and to Gorman Post road and a quick stop at the Mickey D's in Gorman we headed through Frazier Park. To Pine Mountain for lunch, to the 133, 166 and sure enough, to Santa Maria from the north without ever laying rubber on a freeway. We pulled into the hotel and I'm boiling by now. I have all sorts of remarks for Joe-Bob about how I knew he couldn't do it. Now what? I was speechless.

The rest of the week-end and the trip back were equally wonderful and I'm completely frustrated

'cause I have nothing nasty to say about the entire ride and week-end. I suppose I'm just going to have to quit going on these trips if everyone's going to have fun and be friendly and happy.

Most of the folks on this trip even had walkie-talkies on their bikes so they knew when someone was lagging behind.

Oh, wait. That's right! They had walkie-talkies and guess what they were talking about - or should I say who?

Yup. Me! Six hours on the road, count 'em - 6, and they spent most of that time talking about me. Oh, I know what you're thinking. I'm just paranoid. The truth is you're jealous because they aren't talking about you. That explains all the funny looks I got when we finally arrived at the hotel and why no one would talk to me.

I strongly suggest that if the club goes on any more rides you all (y'all for our southern friends) don't go. Just turn them all down because you could be their next target of gossip. Imagine all those people on cb's talking about YOU for hours on end.

You've been warned. You're on your own from now on.

(damn tricky bikers!)

Marriage Counseling

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling.

When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable – an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched – with a raised eyebrow.

The woman shut up and quietly sat down in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays I go fishing."

I took down my Rebel flag (which you can't buy on e-bay any more) and peeled the NRA sticker off the front door

I disconnected my home alarm system and quit the candy-ass Neighborhood Watch.

I bought two Pakistani flags and put one at each corner of the front yard. Then I purchased the black flag of ISIS (which you CAN buy on e-bay) and put it in the CENTER of the yard.

Now, the local police, sheriff, FBI, CIA, NSA, Homeland Security, Secret Service and other agencies are all watching the house 24/7.

I've NEVER felt safer and I'm saving \$69.95 a month that ADT charged me.

Plus, I bought burkas for my family when we shop or travel. Everyone moves out of way and security can't pat us down.

Safe at Last!

Camp Scheidick
Cindy Stern - Road Captain



**You should'a
been there !
BTW - Best Burg-
er Ever !! :-)**



A Funny Thing Happened... On the Way to Oregon

By JB - Rolling Thunder Freelance Writer

So the original plan was to take a nine-day car trip through Northern California and into Oregon to visit friends and family. We did this trip in 2015 and decided to do a repeat in 2016 as well.

But sometimes, things don't always go as originally planned. Our trip inadvertently got better; much better, so read on.

First thing that happened was the cancellation by our friends who live in Merced, CA and with whom we were planning on dinner and then overnight in a motel. Our friends had to cancel the visit because of a death in their family which required they be out of town.

The change in our Merced plans now presented a new unique possibility. Instead of staying overnight in this somewhat uninteresting San Joaquin Valley wide-spot-in-the-road, we were now free to stay-over somewhere else; but where?

Now, fast-backward two or three weeks to a moment when I was visiting the RCHR (River City Harley Riders) website. I wasn't snooping; just wanted to see what upcoming trips they were planning. One, which sounded kind of fun was a Saturday day ride to the town of Chico, CA for lunch and free tour of the Sierra Nevada Brewery. The date happened to coincide with our planned car trip north.

OK, now fast forward again. We don't want to overnight in Merced. After a brief glance at the map, I realized that if we could find lodging further north, we might be able to crash the RCHR day-ride to Chico. We located a small wine-town just south of Sacramento with the funny name of Lodi. We booked ourselves a room knowing we could now easily arrive in Chico in time to crash their scheduled lunch at the brewery at 11:00 AM.

Never having visited Lodi before, we knew nothing other than the fact that there were lots of

good wineries and restaurants in the small town (sandwiched between I-5 and CA-99). Unsurprisingly, we picked one called "Pietro's Trattoria." Tough choice!

As we arrived and parked we were followed into the restaurant by another couple who had just arrived 30-seconds after we did. Judy and I were immediately seated (yes, we did have a reservation) and noticed that the couple who followed us into the restaurant were also seated alongside us; two tables for two, separated by about two-feet.

Dinner was great and the place was packed with locals, most of who looked to be more prosperous than in most San Joaquin Valley towns. Also, during our meal, Judy and I were both aware that the couple sitting next to us were speaking to each other in Italian. Although I am also fairly conversant in this language, I opted to not intrude during their dinner. That plan worked well until our check arrived and Judy inadvertently asked "quanto costa" (how much is the bill) to which I replied "ottanta dollari meno la mancia" (eighty dollars less the tip).



At that moment, our few words in Italian registered with the couple sitting next to us who then asked (in English) if we were speaking in Italian, to which I replied "no, non parliamo in Italiano!" (No, we don't speak Italian!) The husband erupted in laughter, and the race was on!!

For the next two-hours we became transfixed in conversation with Luciano and Lara Minnucci, residents of the nearby town of Ripon (near Modesto) and both natives of northern Italy near the

town of Lucca. We spoke half in Italian and half in English and the time just flew by. What fun to find such an interesting and amusing couple in a town we had not previously visited.

Finally, after having spent three-hours at Pietro's it was time for us to leave, so we both left together only to spend another thirty minutes in the parking lot saying "buona notte" (good night). We exchanged email addresses and our parting words to one-another was that we would, in fact, see each other again, on purpose, after their return from an annual three-month visit to Italy, scheduled for April 1.

The next morning we arose at 8:00 AM, breakfasted and headed directly north on CA-99 for the two-hour drive to Chico where we virtually collided with a very surprised group of motorcyclists crossing the Sierra Nevada parking lot on their way into the restaurant. Lots of familiar happy faces (see photos attached).

Following lunch we were invited to join RCHR on their tour of the brewery, which we happily accepted. During the tour our docent recounted the history of Sierra Nevada Brewery, having been founded by a young man named Kenneth Gross-

man from Los Angeles who went to school in Chico and ultimately opened his brewery with \$50,000 of borrowed money. Our docent also provided everyone with a full glass of Pale Ale as we were given the details in all their statistical glory.

Today, Sierra Nevada is the seventh-largest brewery in the U.S. and has recently opened an east coast facility. Both operate three shifts, seven days a week, and can barely keep up with demand. With their thousands of rooftop solar panels they generate all of the power needed for their huge modern facility.

Our tour ended in the tavern where we were given generous samples of an additional six types of Sierra Nevada Beer. Then began the goodbyes with all of our good RCHR friends.

From here on the further visits on our trip were also wonderful and we got to see quite a few friends and family members from both sides of our family. Yes, it rained....actually quite a lot....but only in Oregon. The balance of our nine-day trip went very well, but the best parts were those which were unexpected and no doubt may result in some new best friends.



SCHRA Boutique

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

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. We'll either bring your order to the next meeting or arrange delivery in some other fashion.

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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 directly on your biker scarred body. Miscellaneous items are in stock as well. Don't hesitate to inquire. Call! Operators are standing by.

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Large	0
Ex. Large	3
2XL	5
3XL	1

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

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Small	1
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Large	0
Ex. Large	2
2XL	0
3XL	3

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SCHRA 2016 Calendar- May

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
Thurs	5/12/16	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies	LP	7:30
Fri - Sun	5/13-15	Cayucas - River City Week-end			
Sun	5/22	Cahpman College/Huell Howser			

SCHRA 2016 Calendar - June

Thurs	6/9/16	SCHRA Meeting	4 and Twenty...	LP	7:30
Thu-Sun	6/23-26	Mother-Lode & High Sierras	TBD	JB	Who knows?

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