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Front Page

The Saturday ride - October 5th, 2013. A sparse, but rewarding, turnout. Lloyd showed up and declared relief from pain due to a shot in the ass (or was it the back). We waited for Mitch and decided to go north and find a place to eat. The "Fisherman's Catch" sounded good so there we headed. Over Mulholland to Encinal to PCH with a quick 'comfort' stop at Neptune's Net (and boy, was it comfortable!).

There we admired a new Ultra Classic limited. We struck up a conversation with the owner, Paul, and questioned him on every new accessory and upgrade we could find. Getting ready to continue our ride we invited him to come along and he did. A nice lunch, as always, at the fish place and we parted ways having made a new friend.

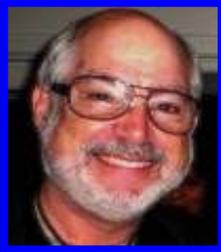
So, what about the new bikes? Well, the radiators we have all been speculating about have started to arrive. The 2014 Ultra's, Trikes, and Ultra CVO's have some nice features. A gel

filled radiator now occupies half of the lower fairings, one on each side, and cooling hoses going to the exhaust valves. This allows the engines to handle more horsepower and torque, about 6%. The brakes now are reflex linked. When you are traveling in the 20 - 25 mph range and apply either brake, both brakes are automatically applied. Below that speed the rear brake can be operated independently.

The radio now has 25 watts to each speaker, built-in 6.5" screens, gear indicator for all gears, and digital readout of the air temperature. Of course they also have GPS and XM available.

The fairing looks the same but a closer look reveals a flow through vent in the center which can be opened and closed with one hand. The same is true of the side bags. A very nice feature.

The front end has been modified with larger diameter legs and pistons for a smoother ride. And with all this fooling around Harley has managed to maintain the look and feel of the bikes we all love.



Las Vegas Bikefest
Ron Lynn - Road Captain

Las Vegas Bikefest-2013: SCHRA

Our 9 am meeting at Millies and our quick embarkation to LV went off without delay as I intended. My friend Alan Fick and I were joined by some last minute participants--Glen J., Jack L., Bob Thompson and his riding mate Anna. Although I must admit that earlier I had thought it would just be two bikes leaving for this fabulous ride to LV. The weather was perfect as there was some cloud cover to keep that searing desert heat off our ride.

As we pulled into the Standard Station in Victorville, we noticed that the other two riders we were to be connecting up with, the husband and wife team of Darrel and Debbie who came up from San Diego, were gassing up their bikes as we pulled in. What perfect timing! Debbie is Alan's daughter and she and her husband Darrel and my friend Bob H. were the group I rode with this summer on my trip to Oregon. Just in case you inadvertently missed this fun filled, detailed journey--see my article "Oregon Zig Zag" in the July, 2013 Special Issue of Rolling Thunder.

The ride to LV on Hwy 15 was very relaxing since the traffic was relatively light and the cloud cover accompanied us all the way to Baker, which is usually "HOT" but today was just moderately so. After lunching at one of our favorite spots, The Mad Greek, we were back on the road heading north.

Just past Primm, NV there is a turnoff to Goodspeed, a little ghost town-like establishment

which I had visited on my last trip to LV Bikefest. Alan, Darryl and Debbie were anxious to get to the hotel, after all they had ridden up from San Diego, so Glen, Jack, Bob, Anna and I took the off-ramp west to Goodspeed. Our small group seemed to enjoy checking out this sparsely populated oasis with its bar, small stores and a large outdoor country western entertainment area. Too bad it was too early in the weekend for us to witness the onslaught of bikers which would later clog the intersection and surrounding parking lots to party as they so aptly do.

After checking into the Golden Nugget Hotel on Fremont Street, which is a far better location than the dark "D" we stayed at last year, we hooked up with Sandy, Jerry and Judy Bruce, George Wejbe, Bob and Margie H., JD and his wife Lynne, herself an avid MC rider and Mike King. JD used to be a member of SCHRA and as a drummer has entertained us at many of our club parties. Mike used to live in LA and was a member of Glendale HOG when he decided that he had enough of the big city and moved to St. George, UT where he thoroughly enjoys riding in his new neighborhood: Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park.

During the next few days our group wandered around on their own time table trying to get together for lunches or dinners here and there. Amazingly, we all would run into each other "here and there". Here and there primarily being at the Cashman Center where all the vendors were located or at the Golden Nugget. Some of us took advantage of LV shows ie: Gordie Brown at the



Golden Nugget, an impersonator with an unusual comedy routine and tremendous energy.

On Saturday I led a ride to one of my favorite and colorful attractions, The Valley of Fire which is located approximately 45 minutes north of LV off Highway 15. I



was joined by the adventurous-- Jack L., Glen J., Bob Thompson and Anne. Jack had some business to attend to so he had to leave half way through the expedition. After paying the \$10 State entrance fee, luckily this was not a Federal Park all of which were closed due to the Sequester, we proceeded on a newly paved road that led us into the back country. This was a most beautiful display of red rock formations which gives the area the name of Valley of Fire. If you could not make this trip please put it on your To Do List.

Come Sunday, a group of us prodded on, by me, headed over to the Cashman Center to take advantage of the very short lines waiting to test ride the new Indian models. After riding two Indian models each and with very little waiting time between test rides, we even had a chance to check out the Yamaha test bikes. This is one of the best parts of MC rallies for me. I love to test ride different bikes and I was very impressed with the new Indian especially the Touring model with the faring. I test rode the old Indian (Gilroy S&S engine model) many years ago at the Laughlin River Run and was not very impressed. Couldn't wait to get back on my Harley! This time however, I really enjoyed the performance of that machine which I felt was more in line with the Harley feel.

On Monday our now smaller group made the return trip to LA via Highway 15 with great weather. We had heard that those that headed back Sunday had a stronger element of wind than we experienced on Monday. I also like to leave LV on Monday since the returning traffic is not as congested.



Saturday evening most of the SCHRA group met for dinner and a celebration of Sandy's combination 70th birthday (she doesn't look it) and retirement

party at the Hash House A Go Go. Jack L introduced us to this eatery last year. This place serves large dinner portions which most of us were more than able to split between ourselves while others, having no part of giving up their food, ordered their own favorites. We had a great time and Sandy and I thank all of you who were able to attend in joining us in this celebration.

Well another great SCHRA ride! I felt that this event should be a very flexible, extended weekend where everyone could do what their hearts desired. In other words; minimal group plans, almost no structure and very little expectations. Personally I felt that this resulted in a very relaxing trip, at least for Sandy and me. Hope you had the same experience.

Thank you all again for joining me to another MC rally which I just can't seem to get enough of.

Ron Lynn





Love Ride 30
Ron Lynn - Independent

LOVE RIDE-2013: SCHRA

Way too early for me to awake before 8am but after all this is the day of the 30th Love Ride. Kind'a sounds like a religious issue with me. Well it is an excuse to enjoy one of my favorite pastimes, motorcycles, and this event allows me to hob-knob with the other obsessive bikers in our area.

While not an official SCHRA ride, as I indicated in my email, I would arrive precisely at 7:30 am at Millies, one of our more popular meeting spots to see if any of the other "SCHRA bikers" shared the same penchant as I do. Well much to my surprise one adventurous soul actually did--Glen Jace. So Sandy, Glen and I headed east to Glendale in the blinding morning sun to be joined by very "few" other bikers heading down the 5 Freeway. This was a sign!

My initial goal was to get to Glendale to enjoy Jay Leno's monolog and hear the Katey Sagal band (Gemma on the Sons of Anarchy and Peggy Bundy on Married With Children). Leno was great as usual introducing Willie G and family and cajoling the other dignitaries. Well the band was delayed so the organizers had everyone proceed directly to Castaic Lake to hear them perform at 10:30. This caused the original bike procession schedule to be moved up so that they could arrive there in time. Since there was a very "small" turnout at Glendale this did not seem to disappoint the riders that much. Bikers are a flexible and understanding lot!



While we walked back to the Vons market and our bikes we spied of all people, Randy Rahm checking out the lines of waiting bikers ready to move out. We making our own observations of the various 'rides' lined up when Randy suggested that we head over to the Portos restaurant in Burbank for breakfast to help him celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary to his lovely, Linda. It seemed like a good idea to have Linda meet us there to complete the celebration.

Randy, now the Ride Captain of our little excursion, took us on what I would define as a fantastic and unexpected "wild ride" through the back streets of Glendale and Burbank, not missing a chance to turn down a multitude of side streets and boulevards to arrive at the Burbank Portos and a packed parking lot.

For any of you who have not enjoyed the fare at Portos, all I can say is that you are missing a very reasonably priced, breakfast, pastry and sandwich emporium. You must try the Potato Balls (stuffed with meat) and of course make a very difficult decision in choosing from the variety of pastries offered. Although the lines are usually long, they move very quickly and the efficient order takers move with precision to deliver exactly what you ordered.

After lengthy discussions at the table we took pity on the many patrons waiting for tables and decided to head on home for all the Sunday chores awaiting us. Again, this was just one of our many very enjoyable opportunities to share our enjoyment of motorcycles, riding and food with our SCHRA friends.

Ron Lynn



Palm Springs American Heat
Road Captain - Lee Blackman

A HOT TIME IN THE DESERT

It was a dark and stormy night....oops...wrong story! Actually, it was a cool and overcast morning, as six Harleys and one BMW (yes, a BMW!) rolled out of Solley's on October 25 for a ride to the desert for the 2013 American Heat Rally in Palm Springs. Those on board for the trip included JB and Judy, Ron and Sandy, Lee and Anita, Lou, Jack and Dennis, as well as Mike and Ruthann, they in their sharp looking BMW ragtop.

By the time we made our comfort stop in Upland, the temperature had climbed and the skies were blue. When we pulled up at Hamburger Mary's in Palm Springs for lunch on our way into town, we knew for sure we were in the right place, since we were bathed in true "American heat!"



After a pleasant lunch (how about those "Buffy the Hamburger Slayer" burgers?!), we took the brief ride to the Comfort Inn on Indian Canyon to check into our rooms. That done, it was a short stroll over to the Rally on Palm Canyon to look over the vendors. Relaxation at the hotel followed, and then an easy walk to the Spa Resort Casino to indulge our appetites with their Friday Night Seafood Sensation Buffet. We were joined there by former member Sid (who now lives in the desert), Sid's significant other Ginger, and Ruthann's friend Kathy, who also lives in the area. After a most fulfilling -- and filling! -- dinner, some stayed to try their luck at the Spa casino, while the others returned to our hotel or took off

to enjoy other evening activities.

Following breakfast at the hotel Saturday morning, we were met by member Jim Sample on his Road King. Jim and his lovely wife, Amy, moved to Palm Springs a year or so ago. To our surprise, Jim showed up only about ten minutes late. Why was that a surprise? Because his arriving only ten minutes late was in reality quite early based on what we all refer to as "Sample Time"! As soon as Jim arrived, we mounted up for a "surprise" ride to Idyllwild, by way of Palm Desert and Highway 74, for a very nice lunch on the patio at Gastrognome Restaurant. On the way up, a scenic stop was made at the sole viewpoint on Highway 74, for a group photo op and to take in the expanse of the Coachella Valley below. The weather was perfect all the way up and back, although it had

gotten into the 90's by the time we made a second stop at the viewpoint on the way down.

Once back on Highway 111, it was a short ride to the new and beautiful Sample abode at the south end of Palm Springs. On our arrival, we were greeted by not only Amy and the Samples' two dogs, but also by Mike, Ruthann and Sandy, who had decided to go shopping for the day. In addition, Randy was there wait-

ing, having ridden in on his recently acquired cool-looking FXR. Nanette and Linda drove in from L.A., too, and formed part of the welcoming committee.

After a relaxing and chat-filled afternoon, we said our farewells to Jim and Amy and headed back to the hotel to change for dinner. It was just a few steps from the Comfort Inn to Wang's in the Desert, where we had reserved a private room. We were met there by my cousin Marilyn, who lives in Palm Desert. Marilyn is very well connected, and had arranged for all of us who wanted to go, to walk up the street to the brand new Hard Rock Hotel and attend the First Annual Palm Springs

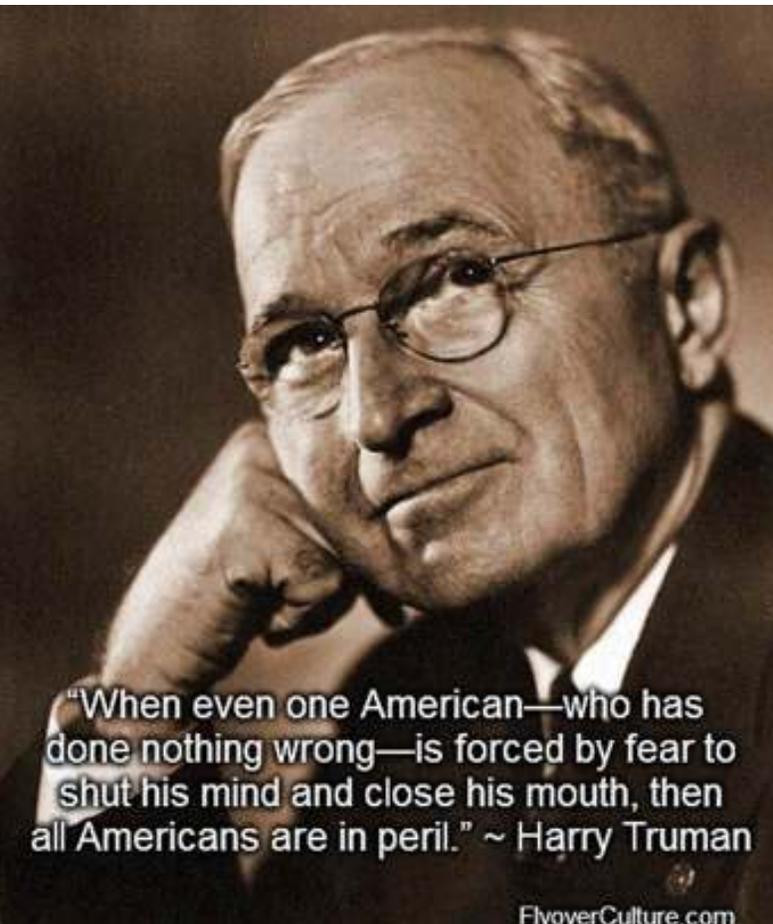
Fashion Weekend. It's held poolside, and the very tall, very thin, very attractive models do their exaggerated "catwalk" on the wide deck surrounding the large pool to the sound of lively music blaring from huge outdoor speakers. It was a high-spirited event throughout, and included some energetic, live choreographed song-and-dance



performances in addition to the well-produced, unique fashion show. The weather was perfect, and everyone who attended seemed to have enjoyed the evening.



Sunday would feature breakfast at the hotel and a no-rush departure. Soon after breakfast, Mike, Ruthann, Nanette, Linda and Sandy headed out on four wheels. The rest of us left the hotel at 11am for a ride up Indian Canyon to Palm Springs Harley to look around the store. Our browsing and shopping completed, it was off to Big Boy in Calimesa for lunch, and then a pleasant ride home.



I want to like people, but they're just so fucking stupid.



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Upcoming Events

By JB - Activities Chairperson

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Creation of Our Events Calendar

Hi Folks and welcome to the November 2013 issue of Rolling Thunder.

This column usually provides a two-month look ahead at club activities, but there are only two events in November and they have already been highly publicized; the ride to Capitola on Friday, November 1 thru 3, and the November (elections) meeting on Thursday, November 14. Attend both; you'll be glad you did.

For December we have a possible "Newport Harbor Holiday Lights Boat Parade" (date not settled) and the Annual SCHRA Holiday Party (details to follow very, very soon).

Instead of the normal "pimping the ride" dialogue which usually appears in this space, I thought a brief primer on the "whys and wherefores" of our annual activities/rides calendar might be apropos. It will also help our wiley editor fill some space in this month's newsletter.

For the past three or four years (I've lost track) I have had the pleasure and responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the Activities Chairperson. Unfortunately, at the time of my acceptance of the appointment, there were no specific requirements regarding how to do this job, so I just made it up.

Not being either shy or fearful, I simply followed



some logic by first asking our membership "if they have any particular ride ideas which might be of general interest." Obviously our club has a long history of Ride-Calendar, so there were many past ideas or choices to examine.

The request for input from the membership at large has been rather unresponsive so I simply worked off of the past years calendars, picking the one's I thought would be most interesting and fun. The process used during the last four years is the one I will follow as 2014 approaches.

First step is to print-out a copy of the New Year calendar for a worksheet. Naturally, I block out my own personal business and travel dates, so as to be available to attend as many of the club activities as possible.

Next, after reviewing all of the recent-past and distant-past calendars, I select those events which experience indicates were well attended and enjoyed by our membership.

Having the most popular past events in mind, I then categorize according to which season works best for the destinations selected. For 2014, we plan to increase the number of Sunday rides, so as to accommodate those who are not able to join the "open" Saturday ride (unofficial event).



Next is an attempt at diversification by geographic location and length (number of days) required. Most months will have at least one "all-day event," an "overnight event," and/or a "double-overnight" trip. There may also be a sprinkling of lunch or dinner rides.

Throughout the year (but excluding winter) is where the longer events are usually positioned, such as Excellent Adventure or any other itinerary which is at least four days or longer. If you like longer rides and have some suggestions, please make them known to the Activities Chairman.

The objective of the above work is the creation of



Upcoming Activities *A compendium*

a “tentative” month-by-month calendar to present to club officers and to the senior road captain.

Following the initial “scrutiny” the plan is then presented at a meeting of all current road captains, who can then volunteer to lead specific rides.

It is not unusual to find that certain road captains have their favorite events which they lead from year to year. If any qualified road captain presents something new for the calendar, it is likely they will be asked to lead that ride.

The goal is to have a complete monthly calendar to present to the membership by January of the New Year. It is possible that weather conditions or other unforeseen events might require a re-

arrangement or cancellation of any particular ride or event throughout the year.

When preparing the calendar, research is also con-

ducted in advance regarding significant rallies or other events of interest to club members. As a



convenience, these events are usually noted in the monthly newsletter.

It is our objective to diversify the monthly calen-



dar so as to provide from two to four events (sometimes more or less) to fit the needs of all members.

Each year there are ongoing events such as club meetings and social events which also appear on the calendar. Our ongoing social events include the Progressive Breakfast, the Summer Party, and the Holiday Party.

So there you have it, my friends; just about everything you’d ever want to know about how the activities calendar is created! Again, if anyone has any ideas for a new itinerary or event, your Activities Chairperson never sleeps.





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.

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

Black Long Sleeve

Small	4
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

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



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SCHRA 2013 Events November - December

Fri-Sun	11/1 to 11/3	Capitola	J. Stern	Woodlake 8:00am
Thursday	11/14	Club Meeting Election Night	SCHRA	The Pie Place
Saturday	TBA	Holiday Party		Also, TBA!

SCHRA Departure

Woodake 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. This is not a club sanctioned ride.

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