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President's Message

Lou Piano

Time to write something for my president's message this month and my mind is a complete blank. Work? Nah, no one wants to hear about that - including me! Motorcycle parts? Nope - we've all perused our catalogues until the pages are torn and tattered. All the exciting trips we have taken? Or how about all the great trips ahead of us? Nah - the RC's write great articles about all of those trips and do a much better job than I can.

Hmmmm? What about safety? There are always ongoing issues about how and when to ride safely but.....We have a great senior road captain who keeps us up to date on all the safety tips.

Maybe I can get some ideas from the current TV news? Yeah, that's it. Here goes --- So I lost a bundle in the stock market this month.....wait, I'm starting to get myself depressed. I'd better think of something positive soon. Let's see - I got, I got it!

I went to my 50th high school reunion last Saturday and

it was, uh, well...dull! That's not very uplifting is it? A bunch of old people showed.

How about 'the Donald' running for president? Yes, that's it. Let's talk about politics! I love politics. The power, the personalities, the drama, the intrigue, the polls.

As it turns out this very club is going to have an election soon. I have been checking the polls and it turns that the current president (me) has a strong lead over all the other candidates. The same happens to be true of the other office holders. Probably because they have all been doing a spectacular job.

I don't want to poison the candidate well so ignore all the kudos of the existing quintumvirate (is that really a word?) and throw your hat in the ring. Next month we will take nominations for new officers. Please volunteer and/or nominate members for positions on the board. We will start with president and move on from there. It's important to have some new blood.

Ride a lot and ride safe. Ed.



Bieg Bear Lunch Ride

JB - Road Captain

Big Bear, Arrowhead & the Sarian Chalet A Perfect Day-Ride

The eastbound traffic on the 118 was very light on Saturday morning, September 12 as I made my way to Millies for our 8:00 AM meet-up. The temperature was still nice and balmy but had the potential for a heat-up later in the day. Fritz had told us there was about a ten-percent chance of light rain so we were already in anticipation that some “weather” could possibly make an appearance.

Our small but enthusiastic group of riders included Lee & Anita, Jerry & Cindy, et moi. We were to meet Ron & Karen at the restaurant in Big Bear Village for lunch, after which Ron would lead us to their Lake Arrowhead home for dessert and beverages before making our 6000-foot descent into what is popularly described as civilization.

With me in the lead-spot we entered the 405 Freeway north and soon transitioned to the 14 Freeway up to the high desert. First stop was McDonald’s in Little Rock, where the frozen-mocha coffee beverage was quite commendable. We then continued heading east on Pearblossom Highway not yet realizing that our trip plan was about to be altered.

At Highway 18 we encountered a construction road barrier so we had no choice but to remain headed in a south-easterly direction until the detour signs indicated it was OK to head north again to find Highway 18, which we did. Soon we were entering the outskirts of Victorville where we headed south on Highway 395 for a few miles and then east again on Bear Valley Road through Hesperia and Apple Valley. Damn but there’s lots of traffic lights through the desert.

Our next brief rest stop was in Lucerne Valley, at what I had advertised as a funky western shop. Not known to me, however, is that the business

had converted itself into the Cadillac Antiques store so we decided to check it out. Big mistake.



Lots of lovely stuff to examine, especially the costume jewelry. Both ladies plus JB took advantage of the extremely low prices. It is still not known if JB plans on wearing his necklace or if he intends to give it to Judy.



Our stop at the antiques store did cost us a little time but we were still on track for a noon - noon-thirty arrival in Big Bear Village, or so we thought. Unbeknownst to our merry group, now gradually ascending the spectacular roadway to Big Bear, that Cindy’s motorcycle muffler was about to call-it-quits! We all pulled over to examine the damage.

Now you know I’m not very mechanically inclined, but I believe the muffler-thingy is one of those parts that one can hear but not see. I just sat on my trike and watched Jerry and Lee as they assessed the damage and then decided to detach the muffler and then mount it on the rack of my tour-pak. Seems like one end of the muffler had rotted away and was only being held on by the other end. That cost us about an hour.



Ron & Karen had been patiently waiting for us at the 572 Social Kitchen & Lounge on Pine Knot Avenue when they received our call regarding the delay. Cindy’s bike was rideable without the muffler but it sounded like Jack Launius’s bike on a good day. We finally arrived at Big Bear Village, having also endured a light rain sprinkle as we ventured beneath a rogue cloud. That was as wet as it got.

Happy to be together with our complete

group, we ordered a very nice lunch, enjoyed al-fresco and within ear-shot of a young lady serenading the patio patrons. This is a very nice, fairly new venue just in the heart of the Village, and was well attended by locals as well as lots of motorcyclists who were in town for a poker run.

Following lunch, Ron & Karen assumed the lead and proceeded to take us across to the north side of Big Bear Lake for a drive through the community of Fawnskin. It was kind of depressing to realize that this little tourist town is no longer even on the water as the lake is now so low because of the drought. We continued winding our way on Highway 18 in the direction of Lake Arrowhead.

On arrival at Arrowhead we realized how crucial it was that Ron & Karen were doing the leading to their home. Seemed like every piece of roadway was either up-hill, down-hill or curvy. We soon pulled up at the Sarian home and parked our bikes on their car-deck overlooking the lake.



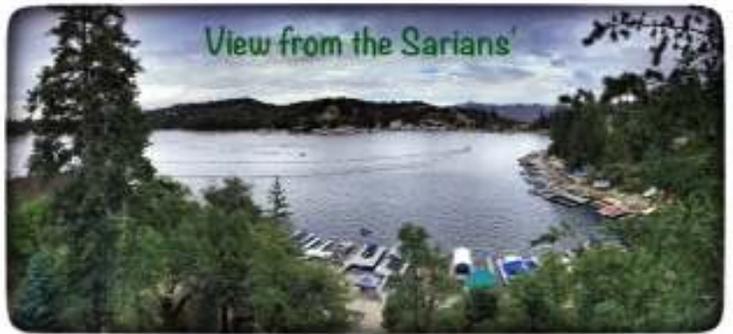
This lovely house with its lakefront location has been in the Sarian Family for many years. In its current manifestation, including some newer additions, it is now decorated in contemporary 1970's style; exactly as you would expect for a mountain chalet. A very nice array of beverages and desserts were provided and we all adjourned to the outside deck overlooking the lake and the dam and the attendant water sports taking place below.

As with all good things, our visit had to come to an end as it was already approaching 5:00 PM and I had made a promise that everyone

would be home before dark. Ron escorted us out of the maze of streets and we were soon back on route 18, now named Rim of the World Highway. And what a rim it was; just breathtaking with views from the low desert to northern San Diego County and to downtown Los Angeles.

The road was well maintained and there was not much traffic heading downhill. We soon were down the mountain and stopped for a final gas/potty break before proceeding west on the 210 Freeway. We were fortunate that the freeway traffic was light and moving at good speed. The group stayed together for a while but then we were separated by cars entering the carpool lane. I lost sight of the bikes behind me but our CB's allowed us to continue our road-banter. Eventually we lost audio contact in Pasadena where the 210 Freeway begins its northerly course. I was traversing the San Fernando Valley when the sun finally dipped below the crest of the Simi hills.

Thanks to those who participated in this ride. The plan germinated early this year during a conversation between Ron Sarian and JB with the challenge to design a one-day itinerary which would allow visits to both lakes plus a respite at the house-on-the-lake. Mission accomplished. Ya should 'a been there!





Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Chairperson

October, November & December

Dear Gentle Readers:

It is my custom to make a few personal remarks as a prelude to the enumeration of events planned for the oncoming months. Now, however, I must digress to notify you that as the year 2015 draws to an end, I have decided to retire my position as your Activities Chairperson.

2016 will be the year of my 80th birthday and I believe it is a fitting time for me to step aside and enable someone else the opportunity to guide our club with fresh enthusiasm and new ideas for future rides and activities.

Although I plan to continue my membership, it is time for others to step up and take over this job which I have held for the past 7 or 8 years. This is the time of year when we begin thinking about who will be a part of the 2016 team, hence the timing of this message.

Since I began membership in 2007, I have tried diligently to engender interest and participation in club events. Also during this period we have experienced diminished membership numbers, and perhaps also a lack of some of our enthusiasm. For these reasons and others, I deem that the time has come to announce that it is time for others to accept and enjoy the benefits which club leadership provides.

OCTOBER:

Thursday, 10/1 thru Sunday, 10/4 - Las Vegas Bike Fest (Information only)

Thursday, 10/8 - Club Meeting @ Four 'N 20: Dinner & Schmooze 6:30 PM; Meeting & Snooze 7:30 PM

Saturday, 10/10 thru Monday, 10/12 - Cambria Scarecrow Festival; DH, Kanan, 10:00 AM

Originally SCHRA-sanctioned, this event was recently removed from our calendar because of lack of interest. Undeterred, a number of individual members decided they would still support a group ride. At last count I believe that 5-members are planning to attend and have secured accommodations reservations. For further information call Duane Harte who headed the effort to restore the ride to the club calendar.

Friday, 10/16 thru Monday, 10/19 - Do 'in the Delta (Sacramento): JB, Millies, 8:00 AM

Here is a multi-day/night ride to places not known to us

Southern CA folks. We leave on a Friday and return the following Monday. During our sojourn we will spend three nights at the Sandman Motel, located just a 20-minute walk from Sacramento's historic Old Town.

On Saturday we will be met by a small group of our friends from RCHR (River City Harley Riders) and one of their team will lead us through the waterways and byways of the mysterious land & water mass called the Sacramento Delta.

On Sunday we will re-assemble for a somewhat different venue as we explore some interesting areas of the CA Wine Country, while on our way to the town of Calistoga.

There will also be time to visit and explore the fascinating shops, pubs and restaurants within Old Town and also to see some of the railroading remnants adjacent to the Railroad Museum.

This will be the last chance in 2015 to enjoy a multi-day/night club event, so if anyone is interested in participating, simply notify JB and we'll try to obtain some additional accommodations.

NOVEMBER:

Sunday, 11/8 - Pioneer Town + Pappy & Harriett's: JS (other details TBA)

Enjoy some remnants of the old west plus one of early movie-makings historic outdoor sound stages as we head to the desert in the vicinity of Palm Springs. Pappy & Harriett's (the restaurant) is always a crowd pleaser and there is frequently an old fashioned gun fight in the near vicinity.

Thursday, 11/12 - Club Meeting @ Four 'N 20: Eaters 6:30 PM; Sleepers 7:30 PM

Sunday, 11/29 - Red Line Subway & Lunch on Olvera St.: JB, Meet at NoHo Station at 10:00 AM

Join us for a leisurely trip to Union Station and then a short walk to the oldest part of Los Angeles for an authentic Mexican Lunch. Let your RC know if you plan to attend so a reservation can be secured in advance.

DECEMBER:

Saturday, 12/12 - Annual Holiday Party

Although we have yet to secure a location for this holiday's event, you should still put a save-the-date on your December calendar. It'll be held somewhere, and once we know, you'll know too. Perhaps this would be a good time to volunteer your home if you have not previously done so. Many have!

Sunday, 12/27 - Lunch at Cold Spring Tavern: LP, (Details TBA)

Continuing with the flavor of the Old West, today we drive up historic San Marcos Pass Rd. to Stagecoach Rd. and a lunch visit to rustic Cold Springs Tavern. Long a favorite gathering place for bikers, the restaurant offers a nice variety of American-style dishes and some exotic meats. If you plan to attend, be sure to let Lou know so he can make a reservation. Last time I went there without a reservation and was told there would be a two-hour wait for a table! We had to settle for Carpinteria instead.



The "Saturday" Report

JB -- Activities Chairperson

Saturday, 9/5

Indian-Summer is upon us as Labor Day looms; soon to be followed by the Jewish High Holy Days. Time for the traditional hot, sticky weather you say? Not today! The temperature swing went from mid-70's to mid-80's and everyone loved it.

Today's adventure was led by Mitch P. who began the ride on Mulholland Highway, but then added a scenic mini-piece on Dry Canyon Cold Creek Road. From here we drove past Paramount Movie Ranch and then following a 5-minute traffic delay we were able to traverse Kanan Road until it met, once again, with Mulholland, then Encinal Canyon and then PCH. We continued north on PCH, passing Neptune's Net and eventually making our way into Oxnard and the 101 Freeway North. Here we encountered our first and only traffic; a set-back of about 20 minutes.

Today's luncheon destination was the popular Joe's Crabshack, where the views of the Pacific Ocean were a combination of reflective sun and deep blue. Breathtaking. Those who enjoyed being breathless also included: Ron L., Jerry S., Lee B., JB, Fred R., Lou P., and Steve C.

Saturday, 9/12

(Details of the ride this date provided by JB's assistant Lou P.)

Today's ride was unfortunately in conflict with another calendared club ride (Big Bear & Arrowhead Together) although a few members did show up for the weekly Saturday event and included Lou P., Mitch P., and Fred R. The group took a circuitous route to Santa Paula and then headed up Highway 150 to Ojai where they lunched at Boccali's Restaurant. The return home was accomplished mostly on the 101 Freeway.

Saturday, 9/19

(Details of today's ride provided by JB's staff writer Lou P.)

Seems like I'm missing quite a few of these excellent Saturday events; this time because Mr. Trike is in the shop (paint) having suffered a recent "ow-

whee."

Although details are vague (actually almost non-existent) it is my understanding that the following gentlemen showed up this date and included Mike L. (who did not complete the ride due to back pain), Mitch P., Jerry S., Ron L., and Lou P. Staff writer failed to provide any details as to who led and by which route. Have confirmed that a group, similar in appearance to SCHRA, did show up at Fisherman's Catch near the Oxnard Marina, and were later observed departing home by way of the 101 Freeway.

It's tough finding good help these days!

Saturday, 9/26

(Details provided by secret informant planted in Saturday ride group)

Once again I was not present during the ride on this date due to the fact that I was RC for the Pismo/Great American Melodrama ride (see article in this issue of R/T). My resource tells me that four (4) people showed up for the ride which proceeded through Hidden Valley and ultimately to a "packed" In 'N Out Burger located in Camarillo. Participants in today's ride included Jerry S., Lou P., Steve C., and Fred R.



Pismo

Jerry Bruce - R/C

Frankenstein's Bride...or, "the Girl Of My Screams" Delights Attendees

You know the saying "few but mighty." That certainly does pertain to the few of us who ultimately committed to and attended the spectacularly funny performance of Frankenstein's Bride at the Saturday, 9/26 performance of the Great American Melodrama, in Oceano, CA.

With a complement of only five of the willing, we set off from McDonalds in a parade of two motorcycles and one slightly aged MBZ. On the bikes were Jack L. and Ron L., led from behind by JB and Sandy L. in air conditioned comfort. Nanette L. was to join us later in the day, not being able to accommodate the intended 9:00 AM departure time.

As in all such ventures north, our first stop was at the service station - country store located at the Santa Monica Rd. Off-ramp in Carpinteria; a stop necessitated by the need of the ladies to use the "facilities" and also by JB's constant quest for the perfect combination of decaf coffee supplemented with some machine-produced synthetic cappuccino.

Although it was our intention to proceed to Los Alamos for lunch, we were fortunately forewarned that a special event would render our plan un-doable. Instead we headed up the coast and exited the 101 Freeway at Buellton where we proceeded to Atterdag Rd. in Danish-Solvang. This is the route which connects to Ballard Canyon and a delightful 20-minutes or so ride into Los Olivos where we lunched al-fresco at Panino Restaurant.

Los Olivos is quite the "Gucci" place to be at this time of the year, or at any time for that matter, but they still haven't quite figured out that some of their visitors are accustomed to actual indoor toilets and not the stinky hot outhouses which were their version of a comfort station and which were about a one block walk from the restaurant. Best part of the "pee" was making a new best friend as I exited the tiny 120-degree metal coffin. Still don't know his name but we both had the same look on our faces which strongly indicated that we won't be coming back here any time soon.

We continued north on the 101 and in about an hour arrived, way too early, at the notorious Motel 6 in Pismo Beach. Not unexpectedly, the prices were higher than our confirmed rates, the rooms were not ready...not even an hour or so after they said they would be, the room keys did not allow our entry into the pool area,

the pool towels were nowhere to be found, the pool water added new meaning to "perky nipples" and when we finally were accommodated in our pantry-sized rooms there were no refrigerators, no tissues, and the so-called bath towels were thin enough to see through.

Even the cold/hot water faucets were installed improperly so one had to turn the handle left to access cold water and.....well, you know what I mean. By the way, they do serve free coffee in the AM but only of the caffeinated type. Fortunately there was a Denny's Restaurant adjacent so we were able to have more than a single choice.

For the balance of the afternoon we congregated around the pool and proceeded to listen to a Ron L. lecture about "meta-physics," whatever that is. I thought it was some kind of suppository! Apparently not.

At 6:00 PM all five of us went by car for the ten-minute drive to Oceano. We collected our tickets from will-call and at 6:30 were escorted to our reserved seats and then directed to the bar-bar and the snack-bar as one's needs dictated. I had a pulled-pork sandwich and some home-made potato-salad and I was happily surprised by the size, taste, and low cost. We soon also realized that many of the food servers were also key members of the cast.

At about 7:10 PM the master of ceremonies appeared on stage and the festivities began. The show was a horror story spoof which was full of musical parodies and pop culture references. Outrageous characters and devilishly clever songs all added up to a monstrously good time that had the audience screaming with laughter! Even after the main event was over, a third vaudeville-style act followed and the sold-out audience loved every minute. Even some of the "bad" jokes drew much laughter; and all for only twenty bucks (senior rate).

Following the show we returned to the ever-available Denny's where we proceeded to out-do one another with decadent choices from their dessert menu. I will not proceed to disclose what I ordered as it is quite possible that Judy might possibly read this article.

Next morning (Sunday) we met at 9:00 AM and decided to have breakfast instead, and pass on lunch. Once again, Denny's won the coin-toss and interestingly did not disappoint. We then proceeded south on the 101 Freeway and headed for our final rendezvous at a quaint coffee shop located in downtown Santa Ynez and hosted courtesy of Jack L. From there it was a slow trip over San Marcos Pass and then into the Sunday traffic and the required crawl through Santa Barbara and Montecito. Things went smoothly until just outside Ventura, where we exited onto Highway 33, opting to return home by way of Ojai.

Once again, thanks to all who participated in this lovely event. There was a true sense of camaraderie and we were all proud and pleased to be among the "few."



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

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Ex. Large	0
2XL	0
3XL	0

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Large	0
Ex. Large	2
2XL	0
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Kanan Rd., NE corner behind Shell Station

SCHRA 2015 Calendar- October

Day(s)	Date(s)	Event	Meeting Place	Road Captain	Time
Thur	10/8	Monthly SCHRA Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies	Show up to find out!	7:30 (Dinner 6:30)
Sat - Mon	10/10-12	Cambria Scarecrow Festival	TBD	DH	TBD
Fri-Mon	10/16-19	"Doin' the Delta"	Millie's	JB	8:00 am

SCHRA 2015 Calendar - November

Sunday	11/8	Pioneer Town + Pappy & Harriett's	TBA	JS	?
Thursday	11/12	Club Meeting	Four 'n 20 Pies	None selected	7:30 (Dinner 6:30)
Sunday	11/29	Red Line Subway & Lunch - Olvera St.	NoHo Station	JB	10:00 am
Saturday	12/12	Annual Holiday Party	TBA		
Sunday	12/27	Lunch at Cold Spring Tavern	McDonald's	LP	9:00 am

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