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April 12, 2018**

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April 29, 2017**



**President's Message**  
*Lou Piano - April 2015*

**S**o, there I was driving up Roscoe Blvd. and I was behind another slow driver in the left lane. I couldn't change lanes because the guy in the right lane didn't give me enough room to pass. They kept moving ahead then behind one another keeping me penned in behind them going slower than I wanted. Then the guy in the right lane turned right and I finally changed lanes to pass and suddenly someone way ahead in the right lane came to a halt so he could back into a parking space along the curb. So I switched lanes again to pass when the guy I was originally following started to slow down even more. By the time I realized what was going on someone on the right was closing the gap so I couldn't change lanes again. Now the original guy started to pull to the left like he was going to turn left into a parking lot. So, naturally, I moved to the right lane again and got behind another slow moving car. Before I could change back to the left lane the origi-

nal car had given up his plan to turn left and sped up. As he was now going the fastest I changed lanes again and saw Reseda blvd. coming up and I was going to turn left and finally pass the original car. Ha! You kidding? He was turning left too! So we turned left and Reseda blvd. was clear as far as I could see. Wait, there was some road construction on the left so we all had to crowd into the right lane. Yup, still behind guy #1. It took another 1/2 mile before I could finally pass him. There's a lesson here I told myself at the time but I still don't know what it is? Guess I'll just have to be patient until I figure it out.

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



## Upcoming Events

*JB- Activities Chair'n & SRC*

# “April, May & June 2018”

Three months down; nine to go. How quickly the time goes by when you're having fun. We've had some rain lately but that only screwed up a couple of Saturday rides, so no big deal. I'm curious to see how much water might have flowed into Lake Casitas following the recent storms. That lake is so pretty but the last time I saw it the water level appeared to be only about 20-percent.

Despite our lower membership numbers, I've noticed something rather strange going on. The number of folks attending our events and meetings does not appear to have been diminished very much. Meetings are still averaging about 12 - 15 people and Saturday rides have averaged around 4 or 5.

My take on this anomaly is that we may have lost members who did not ride much but the core-group of those who do ride is now more visible and has added continuity and stability to our event-planning efforts. Fewer members on the roster yet we're still getting about the same number of participants as we have for the past several years. Good for you. Good for us!

Here's what's happening during the upcoming 3-month period.

### **APRIL**

**4/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting at Four 'N 20:  
6:30 Eat; 7:30 Meet**

**4/21 (Sat) thru 4/23 (Mon) - Julian &**

### **Borrego Springs: Lynn, 8:30, Luna Grill**

Well, here's our first multi-day event of 2018 so for those of you who like a longer-ride, here it is. Don't know all the details of what we're going to do or when, so it behooves you to make an appearance at the April meeting and find out from the guy who's leading and planning.

### **MAY**

**5/5 (Sat) & 5/6 (Sun) - Pismo Beach: Sternz,  
8:30/9:00, McD's @ Kanan**

Here's a nice weekend package you'll not want to miss. We're going again to Pismo Beach, but this time we're actually staying in Pismo Beach at the.... you guessed it.... Pismo Beach Hotel. This hostelry is old but well situated, just one block from the famous Pismo Pier.

Breakfast included, + park free in the hotel parking lot. The number is 800.575.1705 or 805.773.4445. If you do book, let it be known to either Sternz.

**5/10 (Thu) - Club Meeting at Four 'N 20:  
6:30 Eat; 7:30 Meet**

**5/20 (Sun) - Ride for Guides: RC? Time?  
Place?**

So far nobody has come forth to volunteer to RC this event. Suggest we just keep it on the calendar and see if anyone is motivated to participate and lead.

### **JUNE**

**6/3 (Sun) - Lunch Al-Fresco in Wrightwood:  
Piano, Time? Place?**

Wrightwood is a charming little community located in nearby Angeles National Forest. There are several charming restaurants and fun shops to explore. Which restaurant will it be? Hopefully one with an outside patio or garden so we can really enjoy the mile-high ambiance.

**6/9 (Sat) & 6/10 (Sun) - Big Bear Lake: Black-  
man, Time? Place?**

This two-day itinerary is packed with lots of

## Upcoming Events

*Continued....*

good stuff. Our route takes us to Big Bear Lake by way of the Lucerne Valley, getting us to the Village in time for lunch at Social Kitchen. Following lunch, we take a boat ride on a pirate ship (\$22). Overnight will be at Best Western Big Bear Chateau where \$149 will get you a king room. Phone number is 909.866.6666 + a call/email to Lee. Dinner in the hotel at Le Bistro Restaurant. Lunch on Sunday will be at Islamorada in Cucamonga. See what I mean?

**6/22 (Fri) thru 6/25 (Mon) – Mammoth with RCHri: JB, 8:00, Sand Canyon.**

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals. Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water. '  
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

### My Last Ride

While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head.

Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful women who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a low cut blouse with cleavage to die for...

"I'm okay I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, but I don't think my

Sharpen your skis.....but don't pack 'em because snow season is over. Some people think the best time of year at this Eastern Sierra resort is spring/summer; so, we intend to check it out. At this point we show 10-rooms already being booked at Sierra Lodge 760.934.8881 and they're still holding a few more for our group (SCHRA/RCHri) but they won't last long.... so, get crack 'in.

Our plan calls for visits to Bridgeport, CA., Wellington, NV, and Topaz Lake. Another day includes visits to Mono Lake, June Lake, Benton Hot Springs and the Laws Western Museum. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> (I've lost track) joint ride with our Sacramento friends, and has become a great tradition. Look for some "birthday cake" to be shared during this trip.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge--Up Yours.'

wife will like me doing that!

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and then treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just few miles away and, after a couple of cold beers and the bandaging, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, while unbuttoning her blouse exposing the most beautiful set of boobs I've ever seen. "Stay for a while. She won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with my Harley, I guess." (Anita B.)

# RCHri Announces 10-Day New Mexico “Big Ride” - SCHRA Invited

*By JB*

If long days of motorcycling through the American Southwest appeals to you, please make note that our friends at RCHri have planned such an outing and the event is open to Anyone from SCHRA who would like to participate.

As of the date of this newsletter, four SCHRA members have already booked rooms for this event. Although the ride is planned from Monday, September 10 through Thursday, September 20, those participating from SCHRA will return home one day earlier than the Sacramento group.

Here's a brief outline of the itinerary we will take. Anyone who would like to participate should notify JB, so the specific accommodations information and other details can be provided. As of the date of this writing, rooms were still available but cannot be held indefinitely. If you're not sure, book while you can and cancel without penalty if necessary.

Mon. 9/10 - Kingman, AZ

Tue. 9/11 - Winslow, AZ (meet-up with RCHri)

Wed. 9/12 - Silver City, NM

Thu. 9/13 - Truth or Consequences, NM

Fri. 9/14; Sat 9/15; Sun. 9/16 - Santa Fe, NM

Mon. 9/17 - Farmington, NM

Tue. 9/18 - St. George, UT

Wed. 9/19 - Return to LA

Because of the warm relationship between our two clubs, members of either group are welcome to participate in rides offered by the other.

# “Kudos” To All Who Participated In Sol- vang Ride

*By JB - SrRC*

Well, apparently someone was paying attention to the comments in last month's issue of Rolling Thunder.

Among the comments made, some pertained to keeping correct and consistent distance from one another while riding as a group. We do so because it looks and feels better, and it also keeps the happy wanderers (other vehicles) from cutting-in and invading our group space.

Such was certainly the rule during the Sunday, March 25 ride to Solvang. As I rode in “sweep” position I was able to see that every-

one kept good, safe, and consistent distance during both legs of the ride. We looked like a group and the surrounding traffic, for the most part, realized we were riding as “one” and respected our space.

Sometimes a group ride seems more like an unplanned scattering of bikes, and this is just an invitation for some lane-changing dork to swing in and out of our midst at will. Not so this Sunday. Everyone kept up with the leader and we all maintained a safe and steady distance apart; and the other vehicles seemed to respect our need and desire to do exactly that.

It was a great fun day and Lou Piano did a great job leading us through some spectacularly beautiful back-roads.



## Solvang

*Lou Piano - Road Captain*

I was off by a week until I was reminded on Saturday that MY ride to Solvang was tomorrow (Sun).

No one was more surprised than me!!

Sunday morning arrived right on schedule. I got up and gathered all my stuff for the big ride, put on layers of clothes including my 'Gerbing' and set off with Dave in tow to meet up at McD's at Kanan.

The weather was cool but not cold - let's just say brisk.

Jerry & Cindy showed up and so did JB & Judy and Lee & Annette. It was enough bikers to make for a nice easy ride.

We shoved off at 9:15 for a good day ride. Up the 101 to the 33 and around lake Casitas. Wow, the water was so low but the vegetation on the surrounding recently burned out mountains was coming back quite nicely. A comfort stop at our regular Chevron station at Santa Monica Rd. and we were ready to take off again.

Back on the 101 north all the way to an almost hidden road to, and for us through, Nojoqui Park. The road was supposed to be Old Coast Hwy but it was not marked and there were no road signs. Same for the road past the park and into the back way to Solvang. This was supposed to be Alisal Rd. It looked okay on Google maps but it turned out to be very rough most of the way in. Oh well, at least it was new!

Solvang - same as ever. Once again I relied on Google for a lunch stop and I picked the Solvang Restaurant. I mean, how the heck could I go wrong with a name like that in a place like that. I was go-



ing for ethnic food to match the ambience of the town we were visiting.

Lo and behold! I got lucky. The food turned out to be plentiful and very good and reasonably priced. And.....most of our folks chose the Aebleskiver for desert.



What is Aebleskiver you ask. Well it is defined by the menu as a waffle squished into a ball, fried and covered with jam and powdered sugar. As I didn't hear any complaints I assume that they were very good. They can also be made with apple pieces inside. The restaurant we were at said they only do that during the Christmas holiday. Guess

we'll just have to go back.

There is a lot of shopping to do in Solvang at all the little unique shops. Lots of wine stores (I wonder if there's just a lot of alcoholics there?), bakery's with lots of wonderful looking items, Ice cream stores, chocolate shops and picture and painting shops. Oh, and one that has all the stuff "As Seen

On TV".

Back on the bikes and as we left town we made a quick stop at a gas station and filled up for the ride south. We took the scenic 154 route home and made a final stop at Seaward St.

Lots of kissing and hugging and fooling around - wait - no fooling around, darn. Oh well, we all agreed that it was a nice day and a good ride. A small problem with Cindy's bike. It stalled while idling. We all gave Jerry some stuff to fix and headed home.

242 miles portal to portal for me. 1 gas stop at Kanan and 1 as we left Solvang.

# SCHRA

## Southern CA Harley Riders Assn. 2018 Ride & Events Schedule

### MARCH

3/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
3/10 (Sat) - USS Iowa - San Pedro - Rain Cancellation  
3/10 (Sat) - Lunch @ Toppers/Simi Valley @ Noon - Ride  
Cancelled-Rain  
3/25 (Sun) - Solvang Danish Village: Piano

### APRIL

4/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
4/8 (Sun) - Pioneertown - Pappy & Harriet's Lunch - Moved  
to 11/18 (Sun)  
4/21 (Sat) thru 4/23 (Mon) - Julian & Borrego Springs (3-  
Days, 2-Nights) - Lynn, 8:30 AM, Luna Grill (Formerly Sol-  
ly's) Van Nuys Bl.

### MAY

5/5 (Sat) & 5/6 (Sun) - Pismo Beach: Sternz, Accommoda-  
tions? Time? Place?  
5/10 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
5/20 (Sun) - Ride for Guides - Still looking for volunteer  
RC? Time? Place?

### JUNE

6/3 (Sun) - Wrightwood (date changed) - Piano, Time?  
Place?  
6/9 (Sat) & 6/10 (Sun) - Big Bear Lake - Blackman, Time?  
Place?  
6/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
6/22 (Fri) thru 6/25 (Mon) - Mammoth (RCHR & SCHRA) (4-  
Days, 3-Nights) - Bruce, 8:00 AM, Sand Canyon

### JULY

7/12 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
7/13 (Fri) thru 7/15 (Sun) - Carlsbad & San Diego - Sternz  
7/28 (Sat) - Summer Party @ Launius

### AUGUST

8/9 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
8/17 (Fri) thru 8/21 (Tue) - No. CA Adventure - 5-Days, 4-  
nights: Piano, Time? Place?  
8/19 (Sun) - San Juan Capistrano by Train - Bruce, Moved to  
9/2 (Sun)

### SEPTEMBER

9/2 (Sun) - San Juan Capistrano by Train - Moved from  
8/19 (Sun), Time? Place?  
9/13 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
9/20 (Thu) thru 9/24 (Mon) - Northern CA Highlights (5-  
Days, 4-Nights) - Piano, Time? Place? Moved to 8/17 (Fri)  
thru 8/21 (Tue)

### OCTOBER

10/11 (Thu) - No Club Meeting because of overlapping AZ  
Adventure Event  
10/11 (Thu) thru 10/15 (Mon) - Arizona Adventure (5-Days,  
4-Nights) - Launius

### NOVEMBER

11/4 (Sun) - Randsburg - Blackman  
11/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting  
11/18 (Sun) - Pioneertown: Bruce, 8:30 AM, Sand Canyon

### DECEMBER

12/15 (Sat) - Winter Holidays Party "Hors d'Oeuvre Extrava-  
ganza" @ Bruce

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**Note that changes & new additions are presented in bold,  
italic & underlined**

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## SCHRA Boutique

*Ask a board member for more info, prices or to purchase Some of this highly gifted stuff.*

All Shirts are \$15.00

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Last Update 5/10/16

SMALL

SS	White	0
	Blue	5
	Black	3
LS	White	1
	Blue	0
	Black	5



MEDIUM

SS	White	0
	Blue	0
	Black	0
LS	White	0
	Blue	0
	Black	2



LARGE 0

X-LARGE	
White	0
Blue	2
Black	5
LS	
White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
XX-LARGE	
SS	
White	0
Blue	1
Black	0
3XL	
LS	
White	3



Hats		
Black w/Logo	14	\$10.00
Orange w/Logo	4	\$10.00
Black w/SCHRA Logo	7	\$10.00

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