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**Next Meeting:
March 8, 2018**

**Publishing Deadline:
For April RT
March 29, 2017**



President's Message

Mike Levison - Feb. 2009

While standing in the parking lot of Route 66 in Canyon Country on a recent "bike night," having a quiet conversation with a newly met fellow biker, I was reminded of the following scenario. Sitting by the pool on a warm summer day, trying to read the current Hog Tales, a loud and insistent voice was shouting: "Gramps, LOOK AT ME - LOOK AT ME!" Annoyed, I was forced to look up to see my 8 year old grandson jump into the water for the 100th time. He craved being the center of attention, but being needy and 8 made it understandable yet still annoying. Back in the parking lot, a thoughtless and inconsiderate "adult" starts up his Harley, revving his engine numerous times, effectively drowning out all other sounds within a hundred yards. He then roars out of the lot, thinking himself cool, maximizing the noise potential from his unmuffled straight pipes and alienating all regular folks nearby. For me, this was a demonstration of the dire need for attention by an immature obnoxious psychologically challenged individual! Not excusable if not an 8 year old! Desired attention, respect and appreciation are better achieved by displaying a bright and shiny beautifully cared for machine. More and more there are articles appearing regarding this "noise pollution epidemic," the public's resentment of it, and attempts to control it by communities all over the world. The army of noise police is understandably growing. Laguna Beach often has a cop with a decibel measuring device on the corner of PCH and Laguna Can-

yon Road issuing citations. We all enjoy the trademark mellow rumble of our Harleys, but some intelligent discretion should be utilized when modifying the exhaust. Putting out a ton of sound just doesn't seem to be as cool or important as it did when we were much younger, and does not really contribute to one's safety, not that we want to imitate a Honda. I prefer to ride without earplugs, which should be anyone's option, and find it uncomfortable to ride in formation behind a couple of friends' bikes. Their loud sound is an irritating distraction when it continues for extended time without relief. There is an old American saying: Your freedom stops at the tip of my nose. Don't consider me an old curmudgeon, but I think we can add "ears" to that thought! On our recent trip to Arizona on my new Ultra with stock mufflers, Ruthann and I became reacquainted with the many musical sounds of the environment. Upon returning home, I took my old Road King out to run some local errands. It was a surprise to find how loud my own Vance & Hines were and how the tranquility of the ride was spoiled. As soon as I got back home that day, I dug my original mufflers out of the garage and reinstalled them. The old bike immediately stopped the constant backfiring, lost no pep whatsoever while still sounding like a Harley, and made for a more relaxing enjoyable ride. And I am no longer concerned about being stopped by the noise police. Maybe it's an age thing? One cannot stop aging, but immaturity can last a lifetime! Anyone need a pair of well-used Vance & Hines??



Upcoming Events

JB- Activities Chair'n & SRC

Mar., Apr., & May 2018

We're off to a good start, folks. If attendance at the Launius residence for Super Bowl is any indication, we've got some terrific participation and enthusiasm going for us in 2018. More details about the party in this issue of R/T.

Same goes for our February club meeting at Four N' 20; a great turnout and lots of enthusiasm. We even took this opportunity to add a few new events to our Ride & Events Schedule, to provide something for everybody in virtually every month of the year. The previously emailed Rides & Events Schedule highlights the changes/additions made. (FYI, the current schedule is Version #3 - 2/10/18)

As of this writing, the ride to visit the Valley Relics Museum has not yet happened, although I'm sure there will be an article about it in this issue. This ride certainly adds new meaning to the term "junk food."

Here's what is happening as we head into March, April and May.

MARCH:

**3/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting at Four N' 20 Pies:
6:30 Eat - 7:30 Meet**

**3/10 (Sat) - USS Iowa + Lunch in San Pedro:
Zummallen, (time & place TBA)**

3/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Yeah! Longer days for longer rides. Be sure to get up precisely at 1:00 AM to spring your clocks forward; the DST- police know who you are so no cheating!

**3/25 (Sun) - Solvang Danish Village: Piano,
(time & place TBA)**

Ed Note: Apparently someone didn't read the Feb. R/T - Meet at McD's -at Kanan 9:00 am

(For brief description, see Upcoming Events in Feb. R/T)

APRIL:

**4/8 (Sun) - Pioneertown + Pappy & Harriet's
Lunch: Bruce, 8:30, Denny's @ Roxford**

Its been a while since we've been here and to make it even more compelling we plan to take a different route which offers some spectacular dessert scenery. May even do a rest stop at Cadillac Antiques, so if you're a car buff you don't want to miss it. Return will be by interstate. Need to know how many are going to attend so email JB at jerrybruce618@outlook.com to RSVP.

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

**4/21 (Sat) thru 4/23 (Mon) - Julian & Borrego
Springs (3-Days, 2-Nights): Lynn, 8:30 AM,
(Solley's former location on Van Nuys Bl.)**

(For brief description, see Upcoming Events in Feb. R/T)

MAY:

**5/5 (Sat) & 5/6 (Sun) - Pismo Beach: Sternz,
(time & place TBA)**

The secret to a good time in Pismo...is get there before the crowds! Our dates in early May ought to work out just fine. As to what we're going to do when we get there we suggest getting thynself to the March club meeting and hear the details directly from the horse's mouth. Remember, its easier to make a reservation and then cancel it than to be a laggard and find out there's no room at the inn!

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

5/20 (Sun) - Ride for Guides! ?? ?? ??

Would whomever suggested we participate in this event please come forward and show yourself.....because you are the RC and will plan all the attendant activities. Who are you? Where are we going? What time do we meet? Where do we meet? When do we eat? Better be a restaurant I really like! "An RC's life is not a happy one" (courtesy of Pirates of Penzance - Gilbert & Sullivan)



Super Bowl Party

Jerry Bruce Activities Director

“Bowl” Party A “Super” Success

Suffice to say that our first SCHRA social event of the new year was an outstanding success and enjoyed thoroughly by the 15 members and guests who were present at the Northridge home of Jack and Nanette Launius.

Even the attendees who were hoping to see a Patriots win, were engaged and entertained by what turned out to be an excellent game, particularly for the Eagles. Also, particularly for Nanette, Judy, Bob and Lou who all won some cash from the football pool.

The game could be viewed on any one of three large TV screens located throughout the house and the super-comfortable chairs and couches were an added bonus. Jack and Nanette have done a beautiful job furnishing and decorating their home.

The commercials were fewer in number and

perhaps also less funny than in past years, but the half-time extravaganza was very well executed even without the necessity of a Justin Timberlake “nipple slip.”

Without doubt this annual event (ritual) is a crowd pleaser and this year the folks watching it live in Minneapolis were treated to balmy 70-degree weather inside the new Vikings Stadium even as the outside weather stood at around zero degrees.

All was appropriate and in good taste as the athletes stood for the playing of God Bless America followed by The Star-Spangled Banner. The sports commentary, so often overly bloviated, was.... well, over bloviated. They can't seem to allow a few minutes of silence while we just enjoy the action on the field.

Perhaps the best part of the afternoon was spent in the kitchen where a superb array of food was prepared by Jack and Nanette, plus virtually everyone present also brought an hors d'oeuvre or dessert to be shared.

So, there it is; another successful SCHRA event goes into the history-book. Even the over-fed neighborhood bunny-rabbit basking on the backyard lawn was seemingly having a fine time while enjoying some fresh kale from the garden and the mid-80's winter weather.

Donald Trump is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo, when a possible assassin steps forward and aims a gun.

A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts “Mickey Mouse!”

This startles the would be assassin and he is captured.

Later, the secret service agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks, “What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?”

Blushing, the agent replies, “I got nervous. I meant to shout “Donald, duck!”

Our annual winter vacation on Maui: 2018

EMERGENCY ALERT: BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL!

This is the message we received on our cell phones on January 13, 2018, a quiet Saturday morning at 8:10am. The message was sent by the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency which was a result of a shift-change drill. However, the correction was sent out 38 minutes later after many had panicked which was universally considered an unacceptable government delayed notification.

Hawaii is very susceptible to many disasters: Tsunamis; Volcanic Eruptions; Earthquakes & Hurricanes. As a result, the population takes these

warnings very seriously. Many attempted to get on the road to get back to their families creating traffic jams, while others headed for shelters and still many others not having any idea of what to do, just froze in their tracks (consider us in that group). Since it would have only taken 12 minutes for a missile to get from North Korea to Hawaii it seemed hardly enough time to get to an adequate shelter.

When I heard the alarm, I thought for a minute of my options. Hide in the bathroom; hide in the elevator, or just hide. After becoming relatively rational I realized that there was really not enough time to safely react. So I just relaxed, went out on the balcony and decided to watch for the FLASH! What an experience that would have been! Talk about your thrills!

Anyway, after the exciting event, Sandy and I went to the Saturday Swap Meet the following weekend and purchased two T-Shirts commemorating the event. So it wasn't a total loss!

Ron & Sandy Lynn

A Few Words from the SrRC

By JB

At our February club meeting we had a short but spirited conversation regarding riding-style and safety issues. Not all were of like mind, but the topics were appropriate, so I thought a short summary would be useful.

Group riding is fun, but sometimes riding as a group is a challenge. Traffic can be a nuisance and it is easy to get separated. If we should become splintered in traffic or while entering a freeway, we should try to get reformed, in order, as quickly and safely as possible.

It is the responsibility of each participant (in addition to the tail-gunner) to be the extra eyes which the RC might need if someone falls behind or suffers a mechanical issue.

Group riding is not only safer but feels good and looks more professional when we are properly spaced on the highway. Motorcyclists have an image problem so we should try harder to contribute to a positive image; plus it is safer in the long run.

Try to position yourself in the group in such manner as to not impede the progress of riders behind you. Those who wish a slower ride should position themselves toward the back of the pack. Those who prefer more speed, should ride more toward the front.

If you are not adept at mountain driving or lots of curves, consider riding toward the back of the group. If the route or conditions are just too challenging, consider meeting the group at the destination.

If someone in the group has a problem or emergency stop, a CB is invaluable to notify the RC who can then determine the best & safest course of action. If you see something, say something. No CB? You're taking a bit of a risk by not being in the know.

Be gassed, ready and on-time for all club rides. At a rest or gas stop keep within the time parameter if one is given. Don't dawdle unnecessarily when everyone else is lined up and ready to go.

It is both dangerous and impolite to pass other riders.....especially if there is no justifiable reason to do so. Just stay in "your spot" until the next stop, then reform as necessary.

If the RC changes a lane, don't continue riding in the previous lane or coming up alongside; just follow the leader. If the RC makes such a change, there is likely a valid reason for it.

The RC, in a manner of speaking, is like the captain of a ship. If you happen to observe something unsafe, inform the RC as he/she is familiar in dealing with such issues.

Now there; that wasn't so bad was it?



SCHRA Rides Down Memory Lane Cindy Stern - Road Captain

SCHRA rides down Memory Lane to Nostalgia-Ville

On February 24th, SCHRA members responded to their programmed muscle memory and showed up at the appointed place and time that is customary on a Saturday morning. But wait, there were subtle differences. Women were there. A car was there. Bob Thompson was there---on his motorcycle! Yes folks, this was a full fledged SCHRA ride, complete with Road Captains and pre-determined destinations. Oh, SNAP!

Not even the 45-degree bitter cold of the morning could deter all these adventurous fools, I mean souls, from coming out to make the ride down Memory Lane to Nostalgia-ville. Now, don't grab your maps or GPS's, folks. Like the saying goes "it's Nostalgia-ville, and you can't get there from here." But ride we did....from Starbucks Woodland Hills up Valley Circle to the Valley Relics Museum in Chatsworth.

A brief history: Many of us grew up in or around the San Fernando Valley. Tommy Gelinas, the founder of this museum, did too. He began collecting artifacts from our valley's past a little over 20 years ago and now the collection is the largest of its kind pertaining to the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas. As an avid collector of all things Valley-yana, Tommy opened this small but wonderfully curated museum, a perfect time capsule for all of us (not just "Valley Kids") to revisit and enjoy our "wild and crazy" years. Bob's Big Boy !!! Corriganville !!! The Palomino Club !!! Nudie's !!! Otto's Pink Pig !!! Van Nuys Drive-In Theater !!! Ho Toy's Chinese Food !!! Mad Man Muntz !!!



Of course, the history of the Valley is represented as well with lots of printed ephemera such as menus, bus schedules, boosterism publications, all of which elicit the familiar refrain "wow, I remember THAT!" All the while, as we gawked around, jukebox selections from the soundtracks of our lives were playing in the background. That song from the car radio the first time we ever went cruising down Van Nuys Boulevard. That song from the car radio that convinced Jane to go necking with Dick up on Mulholland. That song from the car radio that.....

Thus having worked up an appetite, we mounted up for the journey to our lunch destination. We spent a delightful hour riding in a more or less perfect circle, out through the orange groves of Moorpark and back in to Simi Valley, where we rolled on into The Junkyard. Not a wrong turn into the wrong business, but a continuation of the days "cool old shit" theme. If you wondered where all your 45RPM singles got off to, just



look on the walls here. If you've been wondering about your long-lost license plate collection, just look on the walls here. Hell, almost anything and everything wound up on the walls here. Also, crammed into the aisles, that old Coke machine, that old

Gaffers&Sattler stove, that old hand-crank wringer washing machine that your Gramma tormented you with on Saturday mornings...no, Gramma, please! let me go serve my detention at school. The only thing we couldn't find here was one of those old cigarette machines. Some kind of tobacco industry conspiracy. But the amazing food made up for any gaps in the memorabilia collection. The menu is huge, a wonder of comedic culinary composition, and margin notes sprinkled liberally with corn-pone commentary and down-home pithy philosophizing. I absolutely loved my New Mexico Hatch Green Chili Burger.

So, with our thanks to JoeBob and Caroline Gubbrud, Lee and Anita Blackman, Ron and Sandy Lynn, JB and Judy Bruce, Bob Thompson and Dave Zumallen, the Sternz - Jerry and Cindy - express our happiness to everyone who came out to make this a very fun day. See y'all next time ☺



SCHRA

Southern CA Harley Riders Assn. 2018 Ride & Events Schedule

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JUNE

6/1 (Fri) thru 6/3 (Sun) - Temecula Balloon
Fest. (3-Days, 2-Nights) - Blackman
6/10 (Sun) - Wrightwood - Piano
6/14 (Thu) - Club Meeting
6/22 (Fri) thru 6/25 (Mon) - Mammoth (RCHR
& SCHRA) (4-Days, 3-Nights) - JB

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
8/19 (Sun) - San Juan Capistrano by Train -
Bruce

SEPTEMBER

9/13 (Thu) - Club Meeting
9/20 (Thu) thru 9/24 (Mon) - Winchester
House & Northern CA Highlights (5-Days, 4-
Nights) - Piano or Bruce (you just never know
for sure)

OCTOBER

10/11 (Thu) - No Club Meeting!
10/11 (Thu) thru 10/15 (Mon) - Arizona Ad-
venture (5-Days, 4-Nights) - Launius

NOVEMBER

11/4 (Sun) - Randsburg - Blackman
11/8 (Thu) - Club Meeting

DECEMBER

12/15 (Sat) - Winter Holidays Party @ Bruce

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LS	White	1
	Blue	0
	Black	5

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	Black	0
LS	White	0
	Blue	0
	Black	2

LARGE 0

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<u>X-LARGE</u>	
White	0
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Black	5
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White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
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