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November 8, 2018**

**Publishing Deadline:
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November 28, 2018**



Arizona/Tucson

Jack Launius - RC

Arizona/ Tucson

That ride that almost was.....We made our first stop at 27627 Base Line Rd, Highland not the same one as usual. This Starbucks has easier in and out access and a gas station.

After our comfort stop and fill up we proceeded



to our lunch stop El Mexicali Café 43430 Monroe Street, Indio arriving about 12:30.

After a great meal we headed to our next comfort stop and fill up at Chevron 110 W Main St Westmoreland. Once our tanks were full we headed to our first over night destination the Best Western Inn Suites, Yuma Mall 1450 S. Castle Dome Avenue, Yuma, AZ. After check in, we all met at the pool for some rest and relaxation

and cocktails supplied by yours truly and spouse. At 6:40 we met at our bikes for a short ride to the Olive Garden 1720 E. 16th Street for a great dinner and some laughs. We were laughing about the forecast for the downpours that never happened. Day 1 we road a total of 296 miles under clear blue skies.

The next morning after we were fed we saddled up and continued on toward our destination. Our first comfort stop of the day was at 3006 S. Butterfield Trail Gila Bend



As we pulled in we found some large animals in the parking area along with a damp motorcyclist. Yes, we encountered some light drizzle. After a fill up and a little butt break we headed on to our two night destination the Holiday Inn Express 8373 N. Cracker Barrel Road, Marana, AZ. After checking in and a quick wash up we headed around the corner for lunch at Bag-gins Gourmet Sandwich Shop.

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Randsburg...By the Numbers

LeeBlackman - R/C

RANDBURG...BY THE NUMBERS!

By Lee Blackman RC

Combine one sunny October 20th with five 2 wheelers, three 3 wheelers, seven guys, four gals, two gas/comfort stops, one nice lunch, pleasant 80 degree temperatures, 70 mph riding on Highways 14, 395 and 58, one Redrock Randsburg Road, and around 300 total miles...and they add up to one fun day ride to the old mining town of Rands-

burg, population 69, elevation 3,500 feet, about 20 miles south of Ridgecrest!



Aboard the five 2 wheelers as we departed Denny's Sand Canyon were Jerry, Cindy, Lou, Fred and Dave (with Judy's friend, Linda, as passenger); and on the 3 wheelers were Jack, JB and Judy, Anita and yours truly.

After a brief gas/comfort stop in Mojave, we continued on the 14 to the Randsburg turnoff. Then it was several miles along the narrow but well-paved Redrock Randsburg Road leading to the charming -- once prosperous and teeming with action, but now largely abandoned, gold mining town which was our destination. Lunch was at the popular General Store, complete with its original 1904 soda fountain. Even though it was filled with diners we had no problem finding a place to sit as two tables were reserved for our group awaiting our arrival.



Following a tasty lunch of cheeseburgers, pizza and grilled cheese sandwiches we took a leisurely stroll around the one remaining block of what was once a bustling settlement but is now essentially a ghost town surrounded by abandoned miners' cabins.

Our customary group photo was taken and then it was back on the bikes and trikes for the return to Mojave for a final gas/comfort stop, this time by way of Highways 395 and 58. Gas tanks full and bladders empty we finally said our "good-byes" and rode out of Mojave for a fast trip home after a unique and enjoyable trip to a special place and 100 percent fascinating piece of Southern California mining history - the ride and destination adding up to a perfect 10!





Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Director

November & December 2018

Well, we're down to the short strokes. Only two months left in 2018 and then we get to start all over again for 2019.

We've had a great year despite our decline in membership. Fewer numbers have not dampened enthusiasm. If you want proof, pay a visit to our on-line photo albums; not only for 2018 but for years before. Judging from those priceless photo-essays, we've had a hell-of-a run. We have a solid core of longtime riders and the camaraderie shows it.

So, let's get on with the purpose of this column. What's next?

NOVEMBER

Thursday 11/8 - Club Meeting: Mimi's, 6:30 - eaters; 7:30 meeters

As always, meetings are a fun time for all. This meeting is especially a good one to attend because we will review the recent flurry of activity surrounding the apparent demise of the Simi Valley H-D Hog Chapter and what

it may portend for us; possible new membership. More on this elsewhere in this issue.

In addition to the above, we need to make decisions about club leadership for the upcoming year. We seem to have blown-by the traditional nominations and elections so everybody's input is critical; definitely not a meeting to miss!

Sunday 11/18 - Pioneertown & Pappy & Harriet's: JB, 8:30 AM, Sand Canyon Denny's

Finally, the fat lady sings. Gentlemen & Ladies, this is it; our last ride of the year. We'll take the more casual mountain/desert route, stopping at Cadillac Antiques, then on to iconic Pappy & Harriet's for lunch. Return route likely to be by freeway. Kickstands up at 8:45. Important to let RC know if you plan to participate.

DECEMBER

Saturday, 12/15 - Holidays Party - Hors d'Oeuvre Extravaganza & abbreviated December Meeting: JB & Judy, Simi Valley, 6:30 PM

So, be on the lookout for an Event Alert which will enumerate the details you need to know regarding this year's party. The pot-luck format will continue, augmented by a few additional items at the whim of your hosts. RSVP is a must, so keep your computers running. Directions and current gate code will be provided. Casual dress.

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Love Thy Neighbor (No Exceptions)



A Few Words

SrRC - JB

As 2018 begins to wind down, I thought it apropos to offer a few comments about observations made during riding events this year. It is important to keep certain "protocols" in mind and the upcoming year end is an appropriate time for a revisit.

We still have some difficulty maintaining consistent speed and spacing. The RC determines the speed and it is incumbent on the followers to maintain that speed and consistent safe spacing. If a gap opens, it is an invitation for a car or other vehicle to cut in and we inadvertently become two or more groups now without a leader.

Maintaining a consistent and appropriate speed is the best way to avoid problems. If you wish to maintain a slower pace, simply ride more to the rear of the pack. For exam-

ple, closing a gap someone else has created requires all followers to increase their speed just to catch up. This is both dangerous and wasteful fuel-wise to ride in such a manner. The rider who causes such a problem has essentially become the new leader of the group behind!

Another situation sometimes occurs at the very beginning of a ride when we line up for departure. If you wish to ride toward the front, you should line up early. Normally the initial lineup will be maintained until a rest or gas stop is needed, after which it is perfectly OK to change your position. Common courtesy suggests that you not cut in front of those who are already waiting.

So, yeah, I know this is somewhat negative stuff but it does give us an opportunity to consciously think about whether or not we are among the guilty. If this be the case, then the effort in preparing these comments shall not have been in vain.

Ciao for now.



An Opportunity, etc, etc, ...

SrRC - JB

An Opportunity; A Disappointment; Another Opportunity!

By JB

By now most of you are aware that a local HOG Chapter (Simi Valley H-D) has announced they are ceasing operations effective January 1, 2019. Upon learning of the demise of this chapter (for reasons which are not specifically known to me) I sensed an opportunity unfolding which might benefit SCHRA as well as provide a new home for some of the current members of SVHD Hog.

So I became a self-appointed committee of one, thereby choosing to email our entire membership, the day by day information, as provided to me by my friend and SVHD Hog member Ralph Hathaway. Ralph and his wife Young are owners of a dry-cleaning establishment here in Wood Ranch, and were it not for Judy stopping at the cleaners and noticing that Young was wearing a H-D shirt, none of this would have been known to us.

Judy questioned Young (a Korean name) about her shirt and thus a commonality was discovered. Phone numbers and email addresses were exchanged and about a week or so later I was enjoying a Frappuccino at Starbucks with Ralph Hathaway, a tall guy in his mid70's, and a former Burbank Police Department volunteer, also retired from his other career in the Forest Services industry.

During my meetup with Ralph he disclosed that, presumably, for financial reasons, Paul, SVHD's owner, had decided to cease sponsorship. Ralph is a 2-year member of the chapter and spoke very highly of the group of fellow riders who were now stressing as to what to do or where to go to retain and continue their love of riding as a group. That's when I delivered my commercial to Ralph explaining how SCHRA came into being, and continues despite a reduction in our membership numbers. At this moment we began to discuss a means of bringing the two groups together for an informal meetup.

So, this is how it all came about, and my interest in making our organization known to these folks, most of whom are my neighbors in the Simi Valley area, the opportunity to consider an affiliation (or merger) into a non-HOG club, ready-made. When Ralph sent me some recent photographs of the group, my first observation is that they looked like us, with their jackets and vests, wives and girlfriends, and being in their 50's, 60's or 70's age wise. This gives you a glimpse as to how all of this came about in the first place. This is the "opportunity."

We (Ralph and I) were hoping to get our two organizations together quickly at a club meeting so we could personally provide a more precise picture of who we are, what we do, and our plans for the future. Their group is much larger than ours (approximately 70 members on the roster) about 30 of whom constitute the core-group. As such I suggested it would be easier for us to meet with them on their turf because Mimi's could not accommodate that many potential guests in our present space. Their current venue is the Elks Lodge in Thousand Oaks and their meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting. Sound Familiar?

Because time was of the essence (so we thought) we were willing to forego our November SCHRA meeting to introduce ourselves to them at their November meeting.

Unlike us, their venue offers but a single choice for dinner at a per person cost of about \$12.

Then came the "disappointment." Apparently, the current board of SVHD-Hog decided they were in no rush to make a decision and wanted to take time during the few remaining months of HOG membership to sort out all of their options, including Ventura Hog, Elk Riders, or to just create their own new entity. They sensed it was pre-mature for a group from SCHRA to provide an in-person presentation. I had previously provided a brief run-down about us and Ralph posted it to their Chapter Facebook site. Certainly understandable and their right to decline a meet-up before they have really had any time to consider their options.

Which brings us back to "opportunity." It hasn't gone away; just postponed. I'm not sure what the outcome is going to be but they know they have options and they do want to stay together as a group, if they can. I'm not sure that a merger is even an approach which we would want to consider because we would become a minority and they would be the majority. Their desire for a delay really works to our advantage as it gives us time to re-think our own options.

Much will depend on their decision, which could result in a splintering of their group or continuing intact. In any event we may have an opportunity to pick up a few new members who either don't want to follow the group or who might like to consider dual membership.

Anyway, this article is long, but I wanted everyone to be aware of what is happening. Surely, Ralph and I will meet again, and he will keep us tuned in to any further news or decisions being made during the final two months of their chapter-hood. That's the "opportunity" all over again!

Arizona....

Jack Launius - Sole Road Captain

After lunch we headed to the main attraction of the day, the Titan Missile Museum 1580 W. Duval Mine Road, Sahuarita, AZ. After a great 1 hour tour and some gift shop time we headed to the hotel for some rest and relaxation before our evening meal.



After a shower and nap we met at our rides for the evening meal at Mr. An's 6091 N Oracle Rd. Tucson
A fantastic and entertaining meal to say the least.

The total distance for day 2: 296 miles.



On day three after finishing breakfast we mounted up and hit the trail heading to Bisbee

through Monument National Park
Making a comfort stop and fill up at a Shell station in Sonoita. After we got the feeling back in our backside we continued on to Bisbee for the remainder of the day we walked, talked, ate and took lots of pictures.



After a day of great riding and site seeing we headed back to the hotel for some rest before we headed down the street to Texas Roadhouse for drinks and dinner.

Day 3: 240 miles

Day 4

We saddled up at 8:00 for the first stop of the day to see the PIMA AIR MUSEUM 6000 E. Valencia Rd. Tucson

After a five hour look-see at hundreds of awesome planes we had a quick lunch and headed for Mt. Lemmon Sky Observatory 9800 E Ski Run Rd, Mt Lemmon. This has a spectacular view for miles in every direction not to mention a great ride getting there. After taking in the sights and getting some pictures for the memory box we headed back toward the hotel. After cleaning up and a little rest we all met for a short ride to our dinner destination.

Day 4: 118 miles

TO BE CONTINUED.....
Along with the weather

SCHRA

Southern CA Harley Riders Assn. 2018 Ride & Events Schedule

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
19/20 (Sat) - Randsburg; Blackman T&P TBD

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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<p style="text-align: center;">Starbucks Ventura & Topanga Canyon</p> <p style="text-align: center;">McDonalds's 11015 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Denny's Sand Canyon 15401 Delone St. Santa Clarita</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">McDonald's Kanan Rd. NE corner behind Shell Station</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luna Grill (old Solley's) Van Nuys Blvd. 1 Block South of The 101 Freeway</p>
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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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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		
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Orange w/Logo	4	\$10.00
Black w/SCHRA Logo	7	\$10.00

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