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November 8, 2018

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October 28, 2017

Dinner Ride to Sea Fresh *Jerry Stern - Road Captain*

Dinner Ride To Sea Fresh 8-23-03

We had a really nice SCHRA member and guest turnout for the August dinner ride to Sea Fresh in Channel Islands Harbor. Our group formed up at Woodlake Bowl and rode out the 101 to Westlake Blvd. through Hidden Valley, Potrero Road, Hueneme Road, and into Channel Islands Harbor. The road conditions and temperature were so perfect, it was one of those rides where you found yourself quickly in "the zone". The ride took exactly one hour and there we were pulling into the parking lot at Sea Fresh. This was our first time at this restaurant and I'm happy to say it turned out well. It's up one flight up, right at the edge of the boat channel docks on the Hollywood Beach side of the harbor. We were provided with choice corner seating at a long table set for twenty people, overlooking the water on two sides. The views were great, and as the name implies they serve principally a huge variety of fish. The salad bar was pretty ordinary, and some of the entrees were more enjoyable than others, but you can

bet that the conversation and the laffs were lively. I ordered monkfish, which I've never even heard of before, or if I have, something about the name turned me off. I was feeling adventurous so I went for it. Stan recommended it, saying it has a consistency like lobster, and if Stan says it, you can believe it. Know what? He's right. The monkfish was a hit and I'd definitely order it again. Service was pretty good, and the pricing was well within budget. The dinner concluded and almost nobody complained, so I'm very happy that the ride was safe, the weather was perfect, no one came away hungry, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Cindy & I thank all who came out: [president Richard Slobin](#) & daughter Sara, our intrepid senior Road Captain Mike Levison & RuthAnn, Marvin & Gloria Feuerman, Ira & Loretta Greenberg, Ron & Sharon Snyder, John Pedretti & Judy Reyes, Fred Rubin & Rossana D'Antonio, Dennis LeVine, Stan Myers, Ed Gomes. and new member Lou Piano,

Jerry Stern

RCHR Boat Trip

J B - Member

River City Happenings:

Motorcyclists Go Houseboating

By JB

When our River City pals first announced this event early in the year, I could hardly wait to get my check in-the-mail to reserve two spots on the Gracie, a two-deck houseboat with water slide, BBQ and on-board potty.

Judy and I went by car on Friday, 8/24, being sure to have lunch at Waterloo BBQ and its famous pesto-pasta before arriving in downtown Sacramento at Vagabond Executive Inn. Had a nice dinner in adjacent Old Town and then early to bed.

In the AM we travelled south on US-99 and then east into the Sierra Foothills toward the town of Ione, famous for its “bad-boy reform school,” now the site for spooky nighttime tours. The flat terrain of Sacramento Valley soon gave way to grassy hills and lots of Oaks. Then, suddenly, around a curve and the panorama of Lake Camanche came into view, stretching for miles in every direction.

We parked the car and immediately spotted our River City Harley Riders cohorts who, like us, were busy inflating inner-tubes and the like, in anticipation of the warm waters of Camanche Lake. When all were aboard we departed across the lake and enjoyed the many small islands which dot the watery landscape. Before long, we tied to a convenient buoy and it was time to get wet; at least for some of the group.

As it turned out, the water temperature was somewhat lower than had been previously advertised and the outside air, likewise, was far less than the 90's which we had anticipated.

Bottom line, the braver “younger” folks were soon in the water and indulging in the water slide. Being of “bad back” and not a fan of cold water, we decided to join the other sensible folks seated around an on-deck table where various munchies were splendidly in display; thus ending a self-imposed diet of several months.

At lunchtime the BBQ was lit and soon a few dozen New York Steaks were sizzling, surrounded by large prawns. Damn, these people know how to eat! The balance of the day was spent cruising leisurely along the shoreline, which seemed to go on for miles. Toward mid afternoon the familiar site of the North Shore Marina came into view and our captain did a great job of docking the boat.

Although this was the end of the trip for our fellow RCHR members, Judy and I still had further unfulfilled plans, so on Sunday morning we continued north on I-5, crossed the Trinity Alps from Red Bluff, and finally arrived at my favorite Victorian Town of Ferndale, where we met up with my brother and his wife for a three-night stay at the incredibly cute Gingerbread Mansion B&B. For the next two days we walked the main street of Ferndale, explored Old Town Eureka, and drove the wild-and-wooly Lost Coast Road. Happy to report that everything is just fine in both Petrolia and Honeydew and the pot-fields never looked better. The road, of course, was pitiful but that was expected.

Wednesday arrived all too soon and thus the goodbyes and the 700-mile trek back to the south, but not without venturing along some absolutely spectacular back-country roads that I'm sure nobody else has ever seen but me. Too bad they're all the way up north!



Upcoming Events

JB - Activities Director

Upcoming Events: October, November, December 2018

By JB - Activities Guy

The days grow shorter; likewise, our activities calendar. But have no fear....the end of the year....is not yet here; there are some fun things yet to do. Read about what has yet to happen, below.

OCTOBER

Thursday 10/11 - Club Meeting

No meeting planned for month of October due to overlapping activities.

Thursday 10/11 thru Monday 10/15 - Arizona Adventure: Launius, 8:30 AM, McD on Sepulveda

Join Jack and friends as we explore a seldom visited part of the state next door, Arizona. Still shy on details as to route and sites of interest, etc., but we do know for sure that our accommodations will be:

Thursday 10/11 - Best Western, Yuma, 928.783.8341

Friday 10/12 & Saturday 10/13 - Holiday Inn Express, Tucson, 520.572.4777 Sunday 10/14 - Best Western, Yuma, 928.783.8341.

Call above motels for rates and availability. Pray for an Event Alert describing this activity.

Saturday 10/20 - Lunch in Randsburg: Blackman, 10:00 AM, Denny's, Sand Canyon

It has been some time since our last sojourn to this tiny desert outpost. If you're into old western and mining detritus, come along and feast your eyes on the junk of yesteryear.

Light lunch at the Mercantile Store.

NOVEMBER

Thursday 11/8 - Club Meeting at Mimi's: Eat @ 6:30 PM, Meet @ 7:30 PM

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

Here's a fun ride to one of our favorite restaurants not too far from Palm Springs. At this time of year the desert is a pleasant place to be.

DECEMBER

Saturday 12/15 - Holiday Party & Hors d'Oeuvre Extravaganza: Bruce, 7:00 PM, Simi Valley/Wood Ranch

It is holidays time once again and time for our annual party to celebrate the year and thank the Board for all their hard work. New officers and committee chairpersons will also be introduced. Look for an Event Alert to explain the details of what is expected of each guest....in terms of what to bring, etc. This is a partially club-funded event but the Hors d'Oeuvres are pot-luck non-tax-deductible donations.



RCHR "Big Ride"

Jerry Bruce

JB & Judy's Summary of RCHRi Big Ride

We got an early start on Monday 9/10 and so did they! The "we" refers to Fifi and me and the "they" are the Sacramento group who also engaged in the early AM departure. We were off to Kingman, AZ while they were pointed south and east toward Barstow. For all 13 of us though, the destination and plan was an exploration of the wonders of New Mexico, USA.

On Tuesday 9/11 our plan was to meet the northerners in Winslow, AZ where we could all "stand on the corner and watch the girls go by." Our route to Winslow was, in part, along the reasonably well paved Mother Road - Route 66. We made the obligatory stop at Hackberry, then proceeded past the Burma-Shave signs to Seligman, a town from an earlier era, yet successfully attracting tourists by the busloads. Wasn't until noon that we actually met up with RCHR at a nice BBQ in Ash Fork. By the time we got to Winslow we went to "the corner" and everyone got into photo-mode with cellphones all catching the moment.



Wednesday 9/12 was scenic and varied as we headed south and east crossing into New Mexico into the high San Francisco Mountains. The scen-

ery was gorgeous and the roads were fantastic. Even the rest-areas were all open....what a concept CA! Had lunch in the cute village of Reserve before heading further south to Silver City, for the night.

After breakfast on Thursday 9/13 we rode north for a visit to the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument. Everyone flashed their "geezer" cards and our visit was comped by the federal government. A hike to the caves revealed a habitat which dates from the 1200's, but according to the naturalist, the smoke-stained ceilings most likely date from 10,000 years ago! A bit later we arrived



at a spectacular canyon, accessible only by the "catwalks" which had been anchored into the rocky cliffs, making it possible for visitors to access a place which is otherwise virtually not accessible accept by drone. That night we lodged just outside the



town of Truth or Consequences. The itinerary for Friday began with a drive north to Albuquerque where we dined in an Irish Pub before proceeding further north to our digs in the historic town of Santa Fe where we remained for the next three nights; Friday 9/14, Saturday 9/15 and Sunday 9/16. The following day we made a return visit to Albuquerque to visit Old Town. Later that afternoon we arrived at the base of Sandia Peak for an early dinner, followed by a gondola ride to the summit of Sandia and a spectacular sunset. The cable car rises a total of 2700 feet in elevation in just 15 minutes as the outside temps drop by a bout 20-degrees.

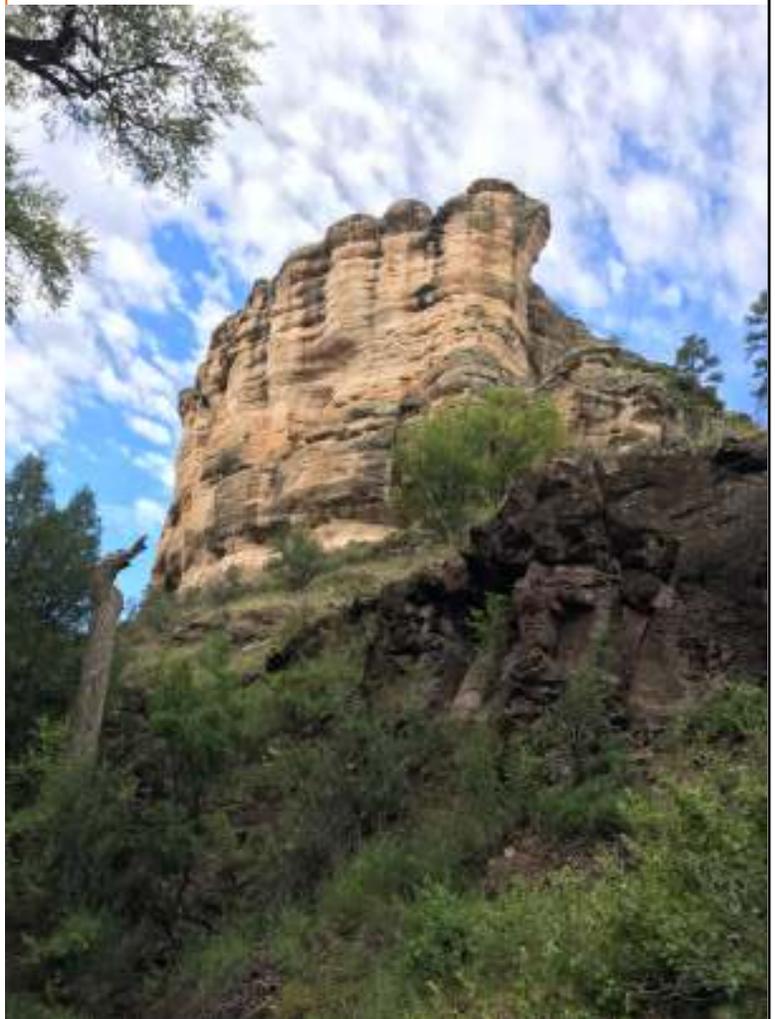
Sunday was spent “on our own” to explore the many fantastic parks, adobe buildings and galleries of the Santa Fe Historic District. In addition to the Plaza area, there were also some interesting doings going on by the Railway District as a model train exhibit was being offered plus some great outdoor music being played along the railroad tracks alongside the historic Santa Fe Station.

We departed Santa Fe on Monday 9/17 and made our way to the famous shrine “El Santuario” snuggled in the hills of the Indian Village of Chimayo. An application of the mysterious “dirt” from an ante-room of the church is reportedly a reliable cure for many ailments, at least judging by the number of crutches left behind by parishioners and visitors. From here we continued north through the fabulous Carson National Forest on our way to lunch in Taos, then to the famous bridge across the Rio Grande River Gorge. Tonight, our destination would be Farmington.

The next two days were essentially along a home-ward-bound route, but not without astoundingly beautiful landscapes of trees, rocks, mountains and scenery beyond description. The night of Tuesday 9/18 was spent in St. George Utah, where we enjoyed our farewell dinner at an excellent Mexican Restaurant.

On Wednesday 9/19, JB & Fifi headed west on I-15 where they arrived home in Simi Valley at 4:30 PM. As to our buddies from RCHR, they had yet another night to spend on the road in the town of Lone Pine, before returning to Sacramento on Thursday 9/20.

Kudos and congratulations to all those who participated in the design and implementation of this fabulous itinerary. Thanks also to those who explained to JB the real reason for the “tachometer” on a motorcycle!



Remembrance

Fred Rubin

REMEMBERING

The other day I called my sister, Lisa who recently made a permanent move from Palm Springs to Montana in a little town near the border with Idaho and Canada. I reminded her that she better be prepared for a slight change in the weather. I also told her how beautiful it is up there having been there last on my bike almost 20 years ago with Roy Glasner after spending a few days in Sturgis with Stan Meyers and Bob Wall.

I told my sister that on the ride from Sturgis to Buffalo Montana it was cold and wet and the rain was dripping down the back of my neck since my rain gear was not tight enough. I wasn't the only one who was freezing and we all ordered hot soup at lunch. I also remember stopping for the day at Big Timber Montana and there was only one place in town that had rooms available. It was an old brick building built in the early 1900's with baths across the hall. Stan didn't want to stay there because it wasn't nice on the outside. It was

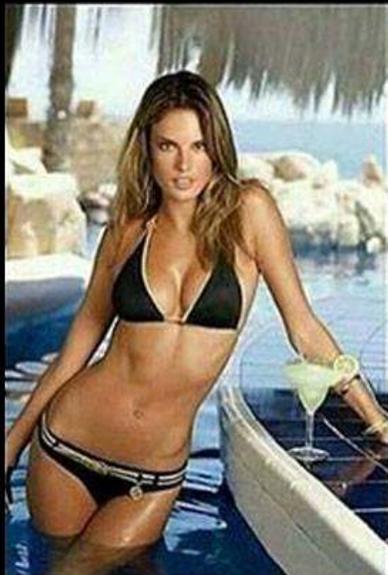
already dark so I went inside and rented the last two rooms. It had been refurbished and the place was charming.

I have always been a very early riser, and a retired jogger, so while they were all sleeping I jogged while the sun came up and I explained to my sister that's when I came to understand the reference to "Big Montana Skies". It was beautiful. After we left Big Timber we all rode to Bozeman and then on to Idaho Falls. I don't remember that portion of the trip being very memorable other than boring and windy. Stan and Bob took another route back to Los Angeles. Roy and I headed west.

At this point in the conversation my sister asked me to ride up on my bike and visit her. She is dating some guy in Naples Idaho, about 50 miles from the Canadian border and about 500 miles north of Idaho Falls. I thanked her for the invitation and told her that at this point in my riding career I go on day rides only when the weather is nice. But I do think about all the wonderful rides I have taken and love to share stories with her and with my friends.

Oh, one other thing. Ron Lynn: that babe you swear I was riding with when we were all in Palm Springs. That really was my sister!

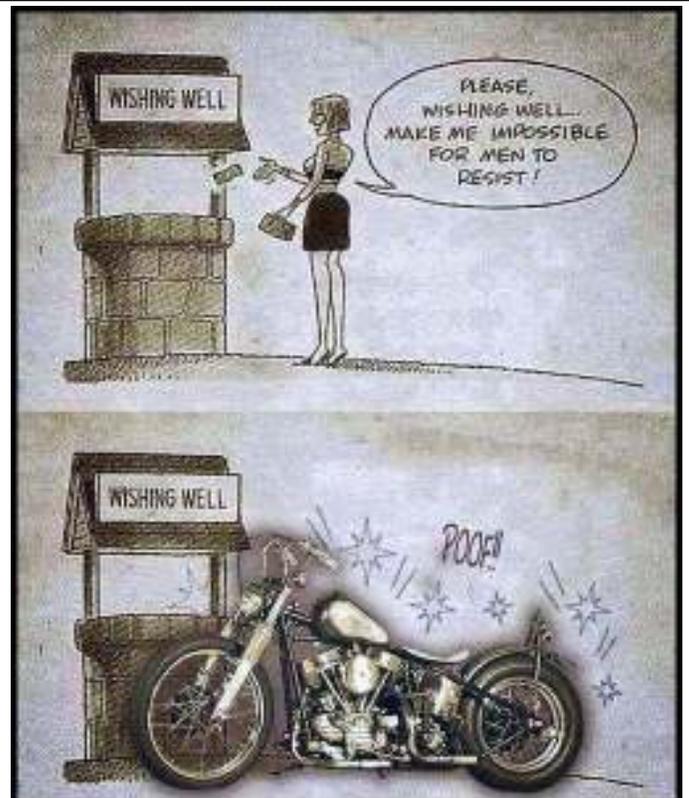
Women's Logic



Bikini
No problem



Underwear
OMG! Don't look!





Reno - Street Vibrations

Lou Piano

Street Vibrations 2018. First the statistics. Reno, Nevada, Thursday to Sunday.

What is it? The main street in Reno is closed off to all vehicles and vendors of all kinds set up on the street and on some of the side streets.

Five of us hearty bikers left Thursday morning at 7:30 from Bob's house. Oh, the bikers were Bob D., Robaire M., Dave Z., Ze G., and me. 470 miles from my portal to the hotel in Reno. Lots of 'comfort' stops and we arrived bleary eyed and tired at 6:00 pm. A quick refresher and a short walk up the street, about 1/2 mile, to a bar-b-que restaurant for dinner then back to the hotel to crash for the night.

Up for breakfast at the hotel that served the regular breakfast of muffins, sausage & eggs. We met in the parking lot and started the days ride around 9:30 am. We took a beautiful loop on route 89 and stopped for an early lunch at Graeagle restaurant in Greagle, Nv.

The trip was about 155 miles, the weather was great and the scenery quaint and charming.

Then a short trip to Reno Harley and some vendors and a trip inside the dealership to buy a couple of t-shirts and look at all the stuff. There were several dealerships in this industrial area so we stopped at the Honda dealership next door to Harley. It was nice and cool and quite inside this huge store. The five of us were the only customers in the store. Bob was looking for a new helmet but didn't have any luck.



Back to the hotel, which was only a few short blocks away, for a quick rest and clean-up before

heading to the main venue.

We left the hotel around 5:00 to go to downtown Reno. When we got there we were lucky to find parking for all 5 bikes in a parking lot that we right next to the first street that was blocked off. We went into the Circus Circus hotel hoping to find a nice cheap buffet for dinner. The first one we found was \$32.95. Several casinos were attached on the second floor along with lots of retail stores and other restaurants. We found another buffet and it too was \$32.95 for dinner. Not what we hoped for and not the buffets I remember in Vegas for \$9.95 with lots of different types of food. Anyay, we found a Millie's restaurant and ate there. The food was..Millie's!

Out to the street to check out all the vendors. Happy to report all the regulars were there. Sunglasses, polish and detailing stuff, leather goods, etc, etc, etc. They have a convention center 1 block off the main street. So we toodled in there and found a few more vendors and a spectacular display of about 40 or so custom bikes of all types. From old school to high custom.

Saturday was Virginia City day. The highlight of the trip. We left early (9:00am) to get a good parking spot in the heart of town and just barely made it. Lots of bikes of all kinds cruised the street from my stocker to great customs of all shapes, sizes, degrees and colors. It really is a cacophony of sites and sounds. There were thousands of bikes and trikes lining the road and tens of thousands of bikes driving through town.

Then to Genoa where the annual Candy Dancers ball was being held. We would have had to park in a plowed over grass field, so we declined to stop and headed back to the hotel.

KSU at 7:30 Sunday to get an early start and beat the cold we expected through the mountains on the way back. Highest elevation was 8138 ft. As it turned out the coldest spot was Reno. The rest of the ride was pleasant all the way home. Lots of rest stops and not one single bike problem.

We told jokes and laughed most of the time on the entire trip. We all had a great time and hope to do it again soon.



Springville

JB - Road Captain - SrRc

Six SCHRA Trikers Get To Springville..... The Hard Way!

Yes, the numbers tell the tale. Six trikers, four vehicles and a total wheel count of 12. This was a SCHRA *first*.

Let's identify the culprits: Lee and Anita, Jack, Ron, and Judy and me. The ride took place on Saturday 9/29 and Sunday 9/30. Total mileage, about 450 miles, give or take.

The mission: to go where many of us had not been before. Sure, we've been to Springville, but it's the routes we chose is what rendered this as "the hard way."

We met at 8:30 AM at McD's on Sepulveda, with departure planned for 9:00 AM. In anticipation of the RC meeting, I removed my notes and left them on top of the bag. I also failed to close the pouch, containing my credit cards, my i-phone, and my reading glasses.

I found the group having a little breakfast inside the restaurant, so I decided to do the RC meeting over Sausage McMuffins. We then all exited the restaurant, mounted up and took off toward the I-5.

About 10 minutes or so later, already on the freeway at about 70mph, I received a troublesome CB message "that some papers appeared to have just flown off the back of my bike. I assumed it was my forgotten notes and trip paperwork. No need to worry; I had it all memorized.

We proceeded to the traditional pit-stop at Wheeler Ridge, and it was then that I realized that my notes were the least of what was missing. So was my credit card wallet, reading glasses and i-phone. The open pouch was empty as I realized that my stuff was probably in the process of being torn to shreds by freeway traffic. Thus, began our trip!

Next stop was a brief visit at Bakersfield H-D, followed by a delicious lunch at nearby Champs BBQ. From there we proceeded north on CA-65 to Ducor and the first of several new back-country roads which most of the group had never driven.



From Ducor we proceeded east through the rolling hills to CA Hot Springs and then into the more serious high mountains by way of Western Divide Highway, with elevations reaching as high as 7200 feet before descending through hundreds of tight turns to the town of Springville, with accommodations and dinner at the recently refurbished Springville Inn.

Next day we departed Springville on CA-190 where we reached CA-

65 again, but this time proceeded south to Delano where we drove CA-155 east through Woody, Glennville, Alta Sierra, and finally down steep 13-percent grades to the town of Wofford Heights where we enjoyed lunch at Cheryl's Diner in nearby Kernville.



After lunch we proceeded south along Lake Isabella to Bodfish where we encountered another incredible canyon road which eventually took us to CA-58 and Arvin. After a final rest stop at Wheeler Springs we proceeded home by way of I-5.

So, this was a trip of "firsts" in the sense that we had never before had an all-trike trip. It was not planned but just came to be as we soon realized we were all enjoying the comfort and stability of three-wheels.

Best of all, however, was the opportunity to enjoy some truly spectacular back-country roads; a reminder of how fortunate we are to live in a state of such varied beauty and grandeur. A good portion of the terrain was quite steep and with never-ending curves. It took a fair amount of time to navigate and our muscles were not too happy, yet despite the difficulty everyone was delighted to have enjoyed the experience.



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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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

<u>X-LARGE</u>	
White	0
Blue	2
Black	5
<u>LS</u>	
White	0
Blue	0
Black	2
<u>XX-LARGE</u>	
SS	
White	0
Blue	1
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LS	
White	3



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