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President's Message

Mike Levison

Time is flying by at such an accelerated pace, it seems necessary to crank out one of these articles for our newsletter weekly rather than monthly.

This is no doubt the result of our being blessed with pleasant, enjoyable and tranquil though interesting times. It is almost the major cause of stress in my life, if I can manage to ignore newspapers, TV news and political emails, radio talk shows, and the turbulent stock market causing our retirement account to shrink, while at the same time being fortunate to experience good health in the family. I suppose it's called 'life', which has been greatly enhanced by our involvement with SCHRA and Harley-Davidson.

Ruthann and I enjoyed a unique experience the weekend after our Shaver Lake trip. We went back up to the same area of Bass Lake, but this time in my car, which makes it unique. Our son-in-law's parents have a beautiful home just off Hwy 41 in Oakhurst. They have been inviting us there for years, so now was the time. We ate both home cooked as well as excellent expensive restaurant food, went to the movies and had a tub of popcorn, and even played cards which for us is a real novelty. They would not allow us to spend a penny on anything, which is even a bigger novelty. It was their way of reciprocation for over 20 years of Thanksgiving dinners at our house. We had a wonderful time with dear old friends. Traveling by car is definitely more comfortable and less enervating but not quite the fun as on a Harley. When arriving home from a long bike trip, you are thankful and exhausted but in a very special way refreshed.

So here it is September 2011 already, with many of our SCHRA activities experiencing record participation we are proud to report. It also means our next meeting in October calls for the nomination of a new slate of officers. Some of our existing ones may or may not be willing to serve another term. If you are interested in being on the Board, you can even nominate yourself to a position that doesn't require that much time but delivers fun and satisfaction. An actual vote by the membership between candidates can be confidence inspiring or sadistic, depending on how you look at it. According to our constitution, the only requirement is 6 months membership with 75% attendance at meetings. For all the details, go to our club website and click on Constitution. You might find it interesting reading.....



Editorial

Lou Piano

The Motorcycle Radio. What a wonderful invention and we are so lucky to have such a miraculous device available for our entertainment. Hundreds of channels available 24 hours a day, a citizen's band with 40 channels to communicate with fellow bikers and others. A weather channel to check on road conditions. A compact disc player so we can choose our own music and some of us are lucky enough to have a built-in GPS. Not to mention 40 to 80 watts of power surging through 2 to 4 extremely efficient speakers

Music! It evokes so many emotions. It can be soothing and relieve the tension from a long hard day of work. It can be exciting and can stimulate our every nerve ending. It can arouse memories from long ago and bring us back to our youth. Music can enhance and define our love for a wonderful person. If you have ever been truly in love you have shared a song or two with your partner.

News and information are available on it 24 hours a day seven days a week. While traveling down a long weary road it can keep us alert by providing us with stimulating talk radio. News can warn us of traffic and weather problems.

I can't help but be amazed by all of the technology built-in to our radios. They are almost bullet proof because they take such a pounding. They automatically get louder when we speed up and softer when we slow down and this function is adjustable. They have adjustable front to rear speaker functions, bass & treble controls and mute when we use the CB part of the radio.

And maybe the best part is being able to turn it up real loud so we can enjoy each and every note and not miss a word!!!!

Viva the Radio!





Shaver Lake

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Our trip to Shaver Lake/ Pine Ridge departed Millie's at 9:00 am Saturday August 6th, and included, along with Cindy and me, Mike and Ruthann, J.B. and Judy, Ron & Sandy, Johnny & Michelle, Lou, Dennis, and shortly thereafter, Richard. We rode directly up the 5 with a quick pit stop at Lavallo Road and Lunch at the Black Bear Restaurant in Merced. Exiting the 99 in Fresno we rode up Hwy 168 for a fuel stop in Prather and then on to our destination in the area of Shaver Lake called Pine Ridge where the Parrs have relocated to their luxurious custom log home high on the mountainside. Bob & Jeri Berry, former Club members now living in Paso Robles, had driven in their car to join us at the Parr's. Some of us were accommodated at the house and guest cottage, while the Levisons, Bruces, Dennis, and Lou checked into the Shaver Lake Lodge, about six miles distant.

Saturday nite, even though Janet had to be away taking care of her dad who had just had major surgery, we all reconvened and had a whale of a dinner party hosted by James on the back deck of the house, with the lights of the valley below and billions of stars above. This is what makes this Club so special. Whenever we have rides and gatherings like this, it never fails to be a great time. We ate grilled chicken and James's famous pulled pork along with copious side dishes and various liquid libations, then told funny stories and tall tales 'til the wee hours, which in mountain times is about 11:30. Sunday was a busy day with lots of activities. We all met for breakfast at Mr. D's in Prather, and then sadly said au revoir to Johnny & Michelle as their schedule required they ride back home Sunday. Following breakfast James led us



on a wonderful trip through the back mountain roads to and around Bass Lake, about 40 miles distant one way. Then came the highlight of the day as we had reserved a party boat at Shaver Lake. It was a pontoon boat with a canopy and outboard motor, simple but comfortable. Bob and Jeri co-captained us around the lake and to a distant shore where we were able to pull the boat onto the shore, disembark, and enjoy a bounteous picnic lunch that the gals had packed and put into coolers, Fabulous might be the right term to describe what a beautiful afternoon it was. Following that we had to say goodbye to the Berry's who also had commitments back in Paso the next morning. It was great that they could join us.

After a quick post-cruise cleanup, dinner was at the Trading Post Restaurant in the center of Shaver Lake, the town that is, not the water. Since the restaurant served liquor, we organized a shuttle service with James's cars so no-one would have to negotiate the twisty roads if somewhat impaired. Then it was lights out time again as we were departing early the next morning. We met up at

8:15AM at Cressmans store and headed for breakfast at Humphrey's Station, an old stagecoach stop on a back road in the hills above Fresno. Following our delightful breakfast in the outdoor patio alongside the creek, we said our goodbyes to James as he headed back up the mountain to home and we rode on down through Fresno, topped off our fuel, and south on highway 99.

As for me, I love riding my Harley-Davidson on the highways and through the byways until it gets me to my destination, up straight and still breathing in and out. Trips to fun destinations like visiting with our fiends in Shaver Lake are one of the major fascinations that I look forward to every year. Our Club is most fortunate that we have our satellite destinations in the mountains where we are welcome to escape from our down-in-the-Valley captivity to somewhere more soulful where the most important things receive their proper focus.

(see next page for more pics)



Shaver Lake Pics





Product Corner

Ron Lynn

“One” Motorcycle Jacket

If we could only have one motorcycle jacket, is there one type which could serve us for all seasons and which would provide us safety and comfort? Would that be a reality or is this just a fantasy wish? But Wait! There is a type of jacket you can wear in almost any weather conditions. THE FLOW THROUGH MESH JACKET.

For years Non-Harley riders have been utilizing the many models of armored mesh jackets very successfully. In the past Harley riders had to choose styles made of fabric and designed for these crotch-rocket and general touring (Goldwing-BMW) riders.

I am certain that most of you notice that the average Harley rider can be seen wearing only T-shirts or long sleeve shirts during the hot southwestern summer months while riding. Do you really think these garments will give you any protection in a “get-off”? I went down on a mountain road in the rain after hitting a water filled pothole and thanks to the armor in my mesh jacket I did not suffer any arm or shoulder damage which could have easily ruined the whole trip.

Riding with a Mesh jacket feels almost like riding with only a T-shirt but it also provides you with the added protection of armor and reduces the tiring effects of wind and water evaporation.

But how do you adapt this “one” type of jacket to all-weather performance? Easier than you think!



For temps in the 60-70 degree range, a thick long sleeve shirt or a Gerbing’s type electric jacket (not vest) will work fine. (See my January, 2009 review).

At ranges below 60 degrees, either the Gerbing type or a liner (many models come with rain or quilted liners) will handle the situation.

With cold winds and/or rain, then a small packable waterproof Nylon Shell (REI-Walgreens etc.) will shut out both.

OPTIONS TO LOOK FOR: Velcro or zippered sleeve closures; lower adjusting waist straps; neck closure-lined; CE approved removable armor; adjustable arm straps; various waterproof and/or quilted liners. Many of the manufacturers including Harley Davidson have been designing mesh jackets to look more appealing to HD riders which include leather trim. There are also perforated leather products on the market.

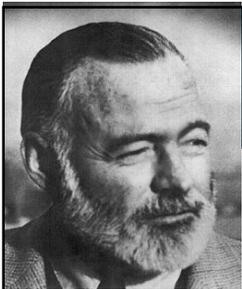
I have personally found that this flexible combination works amazingly well in almost any weather condition. If you could only have “one” jacket, doesn’t this make the most sense?

Numerous models are available: Aerostitch; Competition Accessories; Cycle Gear; First Gear; Roadcrafters; Shopzilla; Tourmaster and others.

Price Range: \$50-\$500

For those without Gerbing’s or rain jackets check out the “Tourmaster Flex 2 Jacket” which has all three components in one jacket and while it lists for over \$160, Motosport.com has it on sale at this time for \$99 including shipping but with limited sizes.

Remember: *IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE, BUY IT!*



Meet Your Member

Sumbudy

This founding member of SCHRA, though a constant member since our inception in 1992, does not make it to many monthly meetings with good reason. His job requires his rising at 4:00 am to enable him hitting the road for San Pedro before 5:00 am. Living an hour's drive from Four 'N Twenty, Dave Malin has prioritized sleep over our SCHRA business and entertainment. He is the "Emergency Preparedness Coordinator" for the Port of Los Angeles, now the busiest port in the U.S.

Dave was born in Queens, New York on Feb 26, 1964 (Sumbudy has socks that old!), the only child of his electrical engineer father and financial bookkeeper mother. They came to North Hollywood when he was 14 with him attending and graduating from Grant High School. He enlisted and was in the Marines four days afterwards.

Captain Malin spent 4 years on active duty with the Marines, much of that time spent in Japan. Then came 2 years in the Reserve as Sergeant. Hooked on the military, he did 14 years with the California Air Nat'l Guard as Master Sergeant, then went Air Force, receiving a direct commission and eventually making Captain. He spent much of 2006 & 2007 in Iraq, where he coordinated medical evacuation flights of our seriously wounded soldiers to Germany. His Aeromedical Group had flights 24/7/365. While there, the things he missed most from home were Yankee Baseball, Raider Football, & friends.

While actively serving our country and since, our busy big fella managed to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from the University



of Phoenix, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Cal State Northridge. He was married once but divorced 4 years ago with no kids and no pets.

Dave's service and considerable achievements were generally accompanied by Harley-Davidson motorcycles. His first was an '82 Shovel FLHSP, followed by an '87 Softail, then a '90 FLHS, followed by a '98 FLHS Softail. He was able to buy his all-time favorite bike, a new 2007 Street Glide while overseas thru a special program with H-D. Bought for a special substantially discounted price to the military, they then delivered it to his designated destination choice of Van Nuys.

A couple of memorable SCHRA moments that came to his mind: While parked at Rick's in Van Nuys, which is where our Club used to meet, his '87 Softail was stolen. Dave was certain Marvin the practical joker was responsible. To this day there are still doubts! Another one took place on a Club ride in '07 to Bryce Canyon, Utah: Slobin was sitting on the ground injured after crashing his bike at speed on the highway. Very concerned, Dave asked him if anything bothered him? Slobin answered "poverty"! Is it any wonder that Sumbudy (and most everybody) loves our SCHRA guys?!

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Coming Events

JB Activities Chairman

September & October 2011

By JB - The Activities Guy

Where did last month go? Since the August meeting on Thursday, 8/11, is it possible that we had only a single event remaining for the entire month? Apparently so.

The visit to Shaver Lake and the Parr's actually took place before the last meeting. According to my records the only other August event was the Summer Party, and what a nice party it was. Guest Chef Bob Gottlieb did his culinary stuff and we were all the grateful beneficiaries. Yumm!

Looks like September is going to be another quickie with only three items on the official club calendar.

Thursday, September 8 - Club Meeting at the Pie Place

Be there or be square

Friday, September 9 - Double Overnighter to Topaz Lake: RC Jerry Stern - 8:00 AM, Denny's (Sand Canyon)

Join Jerry as he leads us north into Nevada and beautiful Topaz Lake. Here's a chance for you "newbies" to meet Cathryn and Gary Kotler, our members who retired some years ago to their ranch stead in Smith Valley and enjoy a home-cooked dinner. I understand a boat-ride on the lake is in the offing. If you haven't done so already, book your rooms at the Topaz Lodge at 800.962.0732 for the dates of Friday, 9/9 and Saturday, 9/10. The secret word is SCHRA when you make the call. What's the route home, you ask? I'm not telling.

Sunday, September 25 - Jocko's "Pork-Chop Express": RC (TBD) - 9:30 AM, Millie's

Well, here we go again; a trip to beautiful downtown Nipomo for an artery stuffing cholesterol fiesta. Aw, come-on; once a year ain't gonna hurt nobody. This is a full day ride so don't y'all be makin' any plans for the evenin'.

Saturday, October 1 - L A Sheriff's Chili Cook-off: RC Mitch Pullman - 9:00 AM, Millie's

This is the event which replaces our usual Ojai Chili Cook-off in 2011. Anyway, a chili-cook-off is still a chili cook-off, so follow Mitch up to the Jack Bone Equestrian Center in Castaic for lots of vendors, live bands and 20 chili sample booths. Only 5 bucks admission and free parking.

Thursday, October 13 - Club meeting at the Pie Place

Your presence is eagerly anticipated.

Saturday, October 15 - Double Overnighter to Death Valley & Brothel: RC Cindy Stern - 9:00 AM, Millie's

This ever popular adventure returns again in 2011. We're staying at the Longstreet Inn and Casino in Amargosa Valley, 30 minutes from Death Valley. Great sightseeing is planned including Dante's View, Zabriskie Point, Badwater, Devil's Golf Course, Artist Drive, Ubehebe Crater, and Scotty's Castle. Outside the park we plan to visit the ghost town of Rhyolite, and also the infamous Sheri's Ranch Brothel in Pahrump, NV. If you haven't made your reservations yet, phone Longstreet Inn in Amargosa Valley, NV and see if you can be added to the SCHRA group for Saturday, 10/15 and Sunday 10/16; return home on Monday, September 17.

Sunday, October 23 - Annual Progressive Breakfast: RC Lou Piano - 9:00 AM, Woodlake

First stop - bagels & lox. Second stop - main course. Third stop - dessert. This is our annual "gut buster" event and your hosts are working very diligently to produce a meal which everyone will love. Although billed as a breakfast, I dare anybody to be looking for a lunch-spot following this mobile feast. Which homes will be visited this year? Ask Lou, if you dare. Just show up at Woodlake and bring an appetite.

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## Summer Party

JB

# A Midsummer's Night, Balmy and Bright; Bring-on the Tri-Tip

**O**K, so I told you all to bring a light jacket or sweater. What the hell do I know? What, after 12 years of living in Simi Valley, when the sun goes down it gets cold outside, usually somewhere in the mid-60's. Hot days and cool nights are what we expect during the summer. Hence the warning.

Saturday, August 27 started sunny and dry; not at all like the day before when Bob Gottlieb and I began our shopping spree about mid-morning. Fritz had said it would be humid on Friday, a prediction that proved to be absolutely correct. Even got to use my windshield wipers. But despite the possibility of thundershowers, we stuck to our schedule, visiting COSTCO, then Jon's Market, then Albertsons. Oh, how I love to spend other people's money.

Saturday AM Bob reappeared at the front door for a planned day of dicing, slicing, grating, rubbing, blanching, par-boiling, baking, seasoning and napping. While Bob was in the kitchen I was out back schlepping tables and chairs in the 95-degree Simi Valley heat. Oh, how I wished I could have been on the Saturday guy-ride. Around mid-day, Bob took a little snooze.

Suddenly it was 5:00 PM, Nyeli's arrival time. While she loaded the ice chests with beer, pop, water and wine, I drove down the hill to pick up the ice and the pies. By the way, the ice and the pies were the only items on the Summer Party menu which were not made from scratch in Fifi's kitchen. Watching Bob wield his various knives and toad-stabbers was absolutely amazing, and very little goes to waste. He even found a use for the broccoli stalks which also ended up in the pasta salad.

Six o'clock rolled around and I went upstairs for a much needed visit to the shower, while Bob remained ensconced in the kitchen, tending the 15 or 16 tri-tip roasts which were luxuriating in the two ovens. Also, let's not forget about the tilapia fillets which were cooking outside on the BBQ.

At 7:00 PM the doorbell began to ring and by about 7:10 PM, half of the expected 50 guests were already out in

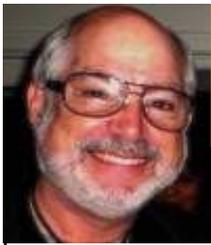
the yard and starting to schmooze and choose their libations. Bob and Nyeli made a great team and the transition from food preparation to dinner serving went smoothly. By 8:15 PM I was annoyingly swinging the dinner bell.

With this group you don't have to ask twice; everyone dutifully lined up at the BBQ counter and began helping themselves to fresh sweet corn, dinner rolls, Asian Salad, pasta salad, tri-tip (with secret sauce) and tilapia. While all of this was going on the sun silently set and the backyard magically transposed into the perfect midsummer's night with candles, lights and fountains creating a perfect blend for the pleasure and relaxation of 50 good old-and-new friends.

To round out the meal, Bob had also created several fresh fruit tortes which, along with some bakery bought pies, created the perfect finale to a perfect meal. Even the leftover cut fruit was put out along with the desserts and it too disappeared in short order. By the time everyone had their fill there was but a single tri-tip left over. Someone suggested we auction it off, but I had other ideas about having some tri-tip sandwiches during the next week, and I won!

All in all this event is a real labor of love because of all the time taken in the planning and then execution. Bob and I spent a day of planning, a day of shopping, and a day of cooking and yard prep all for an event that is over in only three or four hours. This year, rather than hiring a caterer, we had a volunteer chef. Bob Gottlieb is a real pro in the kitchen and overall good guy. His time and effort in assuring the success of our Summer Party cannot be over estimated. Thank you Bob, for your extraordinary effort in providing us with yet another successful event.

Finally, a very big thanks to all who attended and all who made such complimentary comments about the food and ambiance. Thanks also to those who were last to leave, for helping with the take down of the tables and for carrying the chairs out of the yard. My lower back particularly appreciates your efforts.



# Oregon Trip

Ron Lynn

## Thirty Days in Oregon

Traveling on a motorcycle in the US at a leisurely pace is one the greatest experiences I can imagine. And traveling alone gives me the ability to change pace and itinerary very quickly, to adjust to the weather or to just follow my own instincts. This can sometimes come about as an instantaneous reaction like: I think I will turn left here; or take this interesting road; or this looks like a great place to eat; or better yet, that sign just said "County Fair Ahead". This leads you to adventures you just can't plan for!

Such was my trip to South Central Oregon in mid June, 2011:



Day 1 Angels Camp: Sandy and I met up with the SCHRA group at Millie's, one of our frequent meeting places for rides and this time for J B's Great Adventure of 2011. We enjoyed a beautiful ride up to Angels Camp via Route-99 and Route-49.

Day 2: Angels Camp to Sierra City: Via that great Gold Route-49 with a short stop at Coloma, the gold camp at Sutter's Mill and lunch in Auburn, a great little picturesque town along the gold route. Great Dinner at the hotel restaurant just outside of Sierra City.

Day 3: Sierra City to McCloud: Continuing north on Route-49 past Mt. Shasta; Route-70 through Quincy and up Route-89 & Route-44 to the little hamlet of McCloud. Since the restaurants were closed, we all headed for the local grocery store

and went on a "food frenzy" buying an unbelievably uncoordinated array of delicacies. We then retired to the garden area of the hotel for a picnic proving that last minute decisions can be fun!

The next morning my back was really bothering me so I located the only Chiropractor in town for a quick adjustment. While he was working on me Richard Slobin was keeping the local patients in the waiting room entertained with a story of his Uncle who had both legs amputated by the hospital in error and after a legal battle lost the lawsuit because "he didn't have a leg to stand on". These people were completely taken off-guard by Richard's numerous anecdotes.

Day 4: McCloud to Jacksonville, Or: Via Route-70 through Klamath Falls up to Crater Lake which due to the heavy snow and late winter was a beautiful, snowy winter-land scene in the summer. Dinner in Jacksonville was at a fantastic Italian restaurant by the name of Bella Union Restaurant frequented by JB and Fifi.

Day 5: Jacksonville: I discovered that there was a Segway tour in town and attempted to interest the group in a historical tour of the area. Much to my surprise, I was only able to interest one brave soul, Marvin, to join me. This was Marvin's first attempt at a Segway and it only took him a few minutes to get his "legs" then we were off to a fantastic private tour including a history lesson and beautiful views of the town and surrounding countryside including a unique cemetery. We even met the SCHRA group shopping in town and stopped to allow them to ogle us.

That afternoon we all hopped on the bikes for a 45 minute trip through the beautiful country backroads to Grants Pass for a Mail Boat Dinner Ride. Both the dinner and the boat ride were fantastic. Since it was in the late afternoon the boat captain decided not to soak us during the 360 degree spin-arounds.

Day 6: Jacksonville to La Pine: The SCHRA group left south for the returning portion of their trip and we said our goodbyes. I realized that I needed a haircut and noticed an old fashioned barber shop at the end of town, so Sandy and I headed over. I have to say not only was the barber a real character with fantastic stories, but this was literally one of the best haircuts I have ever had. For the next 6 weeks I didn't even have to brush my hair (what little I have) as it just fell into place.

Sandy and I headed north to La Pine, a little town just south of Bend, to stay with some old friends who used to live in Los Angeles.

Days 7-11: La Pine: My back was bothering me again, or still, so I located a chiropractor in Bend on that Saturday, then we had lunch at the Riverhouse in Bend enjoying a very beautiful view of the river. The next day I was experiencing pain when peeing so we headed to the hospital where they diagnosed me with a bladder infection, which I was told is very rare in men, and gave me an antibiotic which knocked it out in a few days. For the next few days we just relaxed with our friends and their neighbors. They live about 10 miles off the main highway on a acre of land in a very rustic community.

The last day we drove Sandy to the Redmond Airport for her flight back home.

Day 12: La Pine-Bend: That morning I headed out on a ride along the Cascade Lakes Highway (Highway-46) a beautiful circle route up into the mountains around Mt. Bachelor with views of the other surrounding mountains and many lakes. It was mid-week and there were literally no cars on the road. At one point I stopped to take a picture and heard someone yelling to me. I turned around and there on the snow bank by the side of the road was a woman who was cross country skiing who appeared to have hurt her leg. She indicated that she was lost and trying to find the trail head



at Devils Lake. I was surprised that she was alone and didn't have a GPS. But since I had one, I plugged in her destination and discovered that it was less than a half of a mile up the road.

I stayed at a great little motel in Bend which our friends recommended when they were house hunting before their move to La Pine.

Day 12-16: Bend: During my stay here I took a ride up to the historic town Sisters then across Mckenzie Hwy-126 to Redmond (what a great road) then Highway-97 and up to Scott Rock State Park where they do a lot of rock climbing. Then further north to the Gorge at **Peter Skene Ogden State Park** where they built a new highway next to the old road which is still there but not in service. It provides you with a look at the old and new side by side and the massive river gorge below.

Visited the High Desert Museum which had great exhibits of the Indians who lived in the area as well as an example of a working Logging Mill. They had a show introducing the small animals in the area (skunk, owl, & porcupine). It was fascinating to learn that the very round owl's eyes are actually fixed. They cannot see sideways, which is why they turn their head almost in a circle to see their prey. Their wings are built in such a way that although they are not very fast in flight they are stealth, (no sound) which enables them to swoop down on their prey without them knowing. I just love this stuff!

Also visited the *Deutsches Museum* which again had Indian artifacts and many examples of how the town grew up. But very surprisingly there was an impressive volume of antiques including items of clothing and products of the early 1900's like medical tools, kitchen appliances, furniture etc. Many of which I recognized.

I shopped at the Old Mill, which was the original location of the actual lumber mill, next to the Deutshces River. The locals bring floating devices and float down stream very slowly for about an

hour then walk back upstream and start again. On a hot day this is delightful while they pass under small bridges floating past the mall and restaurants. You can rent kayaks or canoes or other floating devices for this quick trip.

My back went out again so I tried another chiropractor in the Old Mill area and found a great doctor. He was a sports specialist and knew just what to do and NO PAIN for the rest of the trip.

Day 17-21: Redding: On my way south on Route-97 I again passed through the small downtown area of Klamath Falls. On our first pass, two weeks ago, I caught a quick glimpse of a small BBQ restaurant (Smokin Joe's) on our right and was able to find it again. The ribs and chili were great and the owner, a biker, allowed me to sample the fresh beef jerky cooking on the BBQ. It was so fantastic I bought some for later. As I was leaving he asked if I knew about his famous Brownies. One taste and I had to have that for later too. We should have definitely stopped here for lunch.

Originally I was going to spend the night in Mt. Shasta, thinking it was near the Lake Shasta and other attractions. However, the rooms were expensive and I was able to keep all my stays at \$45 per night in nice motels with pools and breakfast. Actually Redding is much closer to Lake Shasta!

Took a Segway tour of the Sundial Bridge and related area; took the Lake Shasta Cavern Tour consisting of a round trip boat trip across the lake, bus ride up the mountain and a cave tour of a not so great cave. All this for \$22 which was a real bargain, fun and included meeting some very interesting people on the tour.

While at a local Cycle Gear I met a guy sitting outside on a Yamaha Starliner. We talked and he invited me to join him and his friends on a Yamaha Rally in the Mountains the next day which was a Sunday. It was a great turnout and they divided up the 200+ bikes into groups. I eyeballed the Harley riders and since they appeared to me to be the "affected types", I rode with the Yamaha group. Good decision as I was correct. They led us east around Redding through farmlands with many zigzagging turns for over an hour on their favorite roads which led to Red Bluff, a small town just 30 minutes south of Redding. From there we

took the famous Route-36 which I have heard about many times and which goes all the way to the coast. However, since the rally was in the mountains, they turned off onto Route-3 which was a fantastic array of perfectly balanced twisties. At the fairgrounds rally sight they served pork ribs, beans, salad, bread and drinks. Then they started the egg-toss and the bike games. All in all it was a great day especially the ride down the west side of mountain back to Redding.

I spent two afternoons at the sandy beach at Whiskeytown Lake swimming and watching the families and the geese play on the beach and in the water. It was beautiful. One morning I was able to just show up for a "free" 2 1/2 hour kayak tour of the lake which was lead by volunteers who really loved what they were doing. This was one of the best kayak tours I have ever taken. They teamed me up with a 19 year old cutie lifeguard from Lake Arrowhead, CA. We hit it off great since we were both experienced kayakers.

The last day indicated rain all the way down to Sacramento and east to Reno. I originally planned to spend a few days riding the famous delta in Sacramento however, I decided to just sit it out in Redding watching TV for the day which actually turned out to be a great rest day.

Day 22: Redding to Reno: I decided to skip Sacramento as I felt I could always get there in one days ride. I was told by the locals that the Route-70 across the state from Chico to Reno was gorgeous and they were correct. What a beautiful day of great roads, scenery, rivers, mountains.

Day 22 Reno: I had been to Reno during Street Vibrations, but missed the downtown Riverwalk. It was worth seeing! The river was very full and powerful so they were not renting kayaks due to the cold water and strong currents. But this did not stop the pros on paddle boards and white water kayaks who would maneuver themselves into an eddy and lock themselves into the flow remaining stationery in the water. A sight to see!

Since there was a Farmers Market at the Victorian Park where the vendors were transferred to during Street Vibrations, I just had to check this out. The food was good but a very small venue.

Day 23: Reno to Bishop: Headed out to ride Route-395 to Bishop on a beautiful day and stopped for a visit to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, which was a pleasant surprise and really worth a visit. Since it was lunch time and I knew there were not a lot of restaurants between Reno and Bridgeport, I decided on an early lunch at a little Mexican Restaurant; El Charro Avitia, which turned out to be a real find. The eggs rancheros were excellent and served with a great sauce and mild chilies. I was told by the locals there that this was one of the best Mexican Restaurants around “these-here” parts.

Day 24-25: Bishop: Checked into the hotel then drove to Big Pine where I can't count the number of times I noticed a sign at the north end of town for the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest. Located some 22 miles up a great twisty Highway CA-168; Shulman Grove is located at over 10,000 ft. elevation. These trees average over 4,000 years old and were in existence when the Egyptians were building pyramids. It seems they thrive on the high alkaline earth and dry high winds. Up to this moment I always thought that the Redwoods or Sequoias were the oldest trees but these clearly beat their record.

Another group of Harley rider friends of mine came in from LA that afternoon so I joined them for dinner at a fantastic Mexican restaurant (The Petite Pantry) at the north end of Bishop, and highly recommended by a friend of theirs. We had a special dish called Birria which is like a stew made from pork, beef or goat. Thank god she made the pork dish that day. It was great!

Day 25: Mammoth: Our ride captain decided to take the round-about way up to Mammoth from Bishop by heading east then north on Route-6 up to Benton then heading west on Route-120 to June Lake. This latter road is beautiful with views of mountains, valleys, rolling hills, earthquake faults and a series of multiple large up-down dips. A great roller coaster ride!

I rode with the group into Lee Vining for lunch at the BBQ place and then for a brief run at one of my favorite roads: June Lake Loop. At the south end of the road I broke off to spend some time at one of my favorite beaches located at the East end of the lake. It was a Sunday and all the families were out there with the kids, providing an enjoyable af-

ternoon of swimming and people watching.

Day 26: Mammoth: This was July 4<sup>th</sup>: A client of mine lives in Bishop and drove her truck up to meet us and ended up driving us around for the day.

Most of us attended the Mammoth parade while one couple rode up to Bridgeport for their 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade which I understand is much better. Next time I will try for this one. At about 1pm I talked the group into attending a concert in the park which surprisingly they enjoyed. And at about 6 pm we drove to Lake Crowley for dinner and the fireworks display. Not the best display I have witnessed, but the surroundings were spectacular.

Day 27: Home: My buddy had experienced brake fluid leaking out of his rear reservoir which caused the loss of his rear brake. Since this was a holiday and no stores were open he could not find brake fluid anywhere. After telling him I always carry brake fluid we fixed the problem (I pumped the brake pedal) and headed for home. Although I have made the ride home on Route-395 many times, for some reason it remains one of my favorites.

All in all this was a phenomenal trip for me which allowed me to share it with Sandy, SCHRA, myself and with another group of Harley friends. I rode beautiful roads, swam in cool clear lakes, Segway-ed twice; kayaked, stayed with friends, had my back adjusted, treated for a bladder infection attended a concert, a parade and the July 4<sup>th</sup> display. What a great life this is!

So take the opportunity to hit the road and enjoy this great country of ours!

Ron Lynn



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## 2011 Ride Schedule

| Destination                        | Day     | Date(s)   | Meeting Place            | Time    | Ride Captain |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|
| SCHRA Meeting                      | Thurs   | Sept 8    | Four 'n Twenty Pies      | 7:00 pm |              |
| Kotler Topaz double overnighter    | Fri-Sun | Sept 9-11 | Denny's                  | 8:00 am | ML           |
| Jocko's Annual Pork Chop Extrav... | Sun     | Sept 25   | Millie's                 | 9:30 am | MF           |
| L.A. Sheriff's Chili Cook-off      | Sat     | Oct. 1    | Millie's                 | 9:00 am | MP           |
| SCHRA Meeting                      | Thurs   | Oct 13    | Four 'n Twenty Pies      | 7:00 pm |              |
| Death Valley double overnighter    | Sat     | Oct 15-17 | Millie's                 | 9:00 am | MF           |
| Progressive Breakfast              | Sun     | Oct. 23   | TBA                      | 9:00 am | LP           |
| Santa Barbara Lunch Ride           | Sat     | Nov. 5    | Woodlake Bowl            | 9:30 am | MP           |
| SCHRA Meeting                      | Thurs   | Nov. 10   | Four 'n Twenty Pies      | 7:00 pm |              |
| Lunch Ride (?)                     | Sun     | Dec. 4    | Your guess is as good as | Mine!   |              |
| SCHRA Annual Christmas Party       | Sat     | Dec. 10   | Mr. & Mrs. Levison       | 7:00 pm | On Your Own! |

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