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## **Sr. Road Captain's Message**

*Jerry "JB" Bruce January 2009*

## **2009 RIDE SCHEDULE**

**I**t took a tray of Costco turkey rolls and lots of cookies, but when the three-hour-plus meeting ended last December 29, your road captains had produced a line-up of rides for 2009 which offers something for everyone. One of the goals for 2009 was to provide more itineraries which could be accomplished in one day, or one overnight, or two overnights. SCHRA functions primarily to provide a wide range of motorcycle rides for its diverse membership, many of whom are available only on a weekend or after work on weekdays. For this reason the 2009 calendar provides lots of opportunities for both employed members as well as retired members. You will find many more day rides and dinner rides as part of an effort to draw more members to more events. In addition to the shorter/weekend rides, there is still plenty of adventure available in our venue of one-, two- and three-night itineraries (and even a four-nighter). A five-day four-night private trip (taken last year by four SCHRA couples) will now be available to our membership at large. Dubbed JB's Excellent Adventure,

the ride appears on the calendar for May 28 through June 1, and includes spectacular destinations in Arizona, Utah and Nevada. Other trips on the 2009 calendar include some old standbys, but with a new twist as, for example, a visit to Death Valley which includes a night at the opera in Amargosa and also a tour and luncheon at a Nevada brothel. This year's traditional Kotler Ranch run will feature four crossings of the High Sierras and end with a visit to Old Town Sacramento. The Paso Robles ride will find new digs in Cayucos; and Sequoia/Kings Canyon are also included in the schedule. We'll stay a few nights in the apple pie capitol of San Diego County (Julian) while we also explore parts of Anza-Borrego Park which SCHRA has not visited in several years. We'll also be visiting places like Kernville, Palm Springs, San Luis Obispo, Tehachapi, Jalama Beach and Hollister, and enjoy meals at Norega's, Jocko's and Papadakis just to name a few. Be sure to attend our first club meeting on Thursday, January 8, as printed copies of the 2009 ride schedule will be distributed. You can also find this information in the calendar section on the SCHRA website, as well as printed listings in Rolling Thunder. We're trying to make it real easy for everyone to access ride information and, hopefully, fill your own calendar with those rides which are of interest.

## Editorial

*Fred Rubin*

**M**ost of you know by now that Dave bought a new Honda. Fabulous bike. I rode with him to pick up the bike from Berts Mega Mall in Covina. It had to be the biggest power sport dealer I have ever been in. A salesman told me it was 260,000 square feet. There were new and used two, three and four wheel cycles, boats, jet skis, UTV's, XYZ's and more. They seemed to have all brands, even used Harleys. I have never seen so many in one place. So while we were waiting for Dave to complete all the paperwork for the purchase, we went around and examined the inventory. I don't seem to be able to visit a place where there are so many spotless bikes and not sit on at least a few of them, leaving my fingerprints all over the bike. I am sure the salespeople appreciate that.

I wandered over to the Triumphs and Ducati's. Memories. So after I left I started thinking about my favorite vehicles as I do once in awhile. My first vehicle was actually a home built go-cart I made with four wheels and a lawnmower engine. I think it had brakes but I can't recall. I was fourteen so I didn't think about it. I don't recall what happened with it.

Next came a Cushman scooter which took me all over the neighborhood in Van Nuys. I kept it for awhile. Now I was fifteen and with maturity came more horsepower. I got a used 90cc Ducati. I flew

all around with that thing until I flew too much and broke the crankshaft. Parts were not available.

At 15 I got my drivers permit so I moved up to a much wider driving area than Van Nuys. My black and orange flamed 200cc Triumph cub was my pride and joy. My 110 pound body was able to kickstart that thing and it took me everywhere in the Valley. The girls at Birmingham liked it too.

By sixteen I acquired a 500cc Triumph Bonneville. I was no longer limited to the Valley. My friend had a BMW and we rode all over. One memory I had is riding over Pear Blossom Highway doing almost 100 mph and unable to keep up with that damn BMW. Did I mention we didn't have helmets in those days?

At 17 I had to give up bikes as transportation since I was off to college. That led me to a 1952 MGTD, followed by a 55 Chevy, followed by a 56 Chevy followed by a 57 Chevy. That was followed by a 65 Chevy AND a 650 Triumph Bonneville at the same time.

I haven't told you about my five Harleys but I think this is a good point to end the story. I also haven't told you about which vehicle I liked the best. That's because I really don't know. Every vehicle was right for me and gave me pleasure at that point in my life. Every vehicle gave me memories that would last a lifetime. And every memory contributed in one way or another to the person I am today. Blessed and happy.

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable; an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured. Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and, after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched – with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down, as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, “This is what your wife needs. At least three times a week. Can you do this?” “Well,” said the husband, “I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I play golf



## Upcoming Events

*JB - Senior Road Captain*

Due to forseen events the regular contributing author of this page was unable (or unwilling) to provide a monthly update with commentary. Below is the current schedule for the next 2 months without commentary from an unknown writer.

### **SEPTEMBER**

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**Mid-Week Ride of .....**  
**Lou Piano , Ex-Officiate**

## UNSCHEDULED EXTRACURRICULAR SERENDIPITOUS BIKE RIDE

The weeks get to be the same old thing day after day after day. While each day is different there never-the-less is a certain monotony to the weeks. So, it was time to do something out of the ordinary. Let's take a ride in the middle of the week and see what happens.

And that we did. Four brave souls decided to take the plunge. Me ( or is that I - ?), Dave, Jerry & Joe-Bob. Last names have been withheld by request of the participants.

Me, Dave & Jerry headed up the 101 to the 23 and over Grimes Canyon which runs through the Santa Susana mountains. We connected with the 126 highway and went to our favorite gas station and convenience store at 10th street which is also highway 150 where we met up with the fourth and final rider, Joe-Bob.

We re-saddled-up and headed north on the 150 to Ojai. We made a final 'comfort' stop at a gas/convenience store in town - so Joe-Bob could get a 'breath-of-life' to give him the necessary energy to continue the ride. Through Ojai and fol-

lowing the 150 around Lake Casitas. What a nice windy fast cruising road that is to the 101 and north past Santa Barbara to highway 154 and up the mountain to Stagecoach road and finally to the Cold Springs Tavern.

Good ole' CST - it's still just as old and quaint looking as ever. The parking is difficult due to the odd angles of the twisty road and all the gravel. But we all managed to navigate the pitfalls and did not have any mis-steps.

The food was okay and the service was a little on the slow side but ok. To my personal surprise the place was packed with customers, most of whom were cagers.

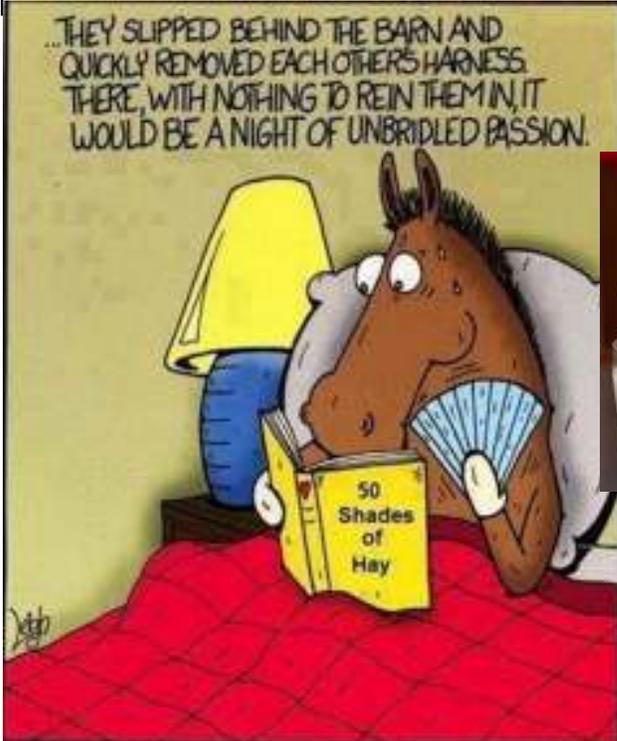
The ride was great. Great weather, light traffic, good roads. The one around Lake Casitas looks to have been repaved recently.

Back on the bikes for the ride home. Still good weather. Down the 154 to the 101 and home. We lost Joe-Bob somewhere near the 23 cut-off. I hope we see him again someday!

Dave & Me stopped by Newberry Park BMW motorcycles so he could check out the Gerbing heater cords. But he couldn't find the one he needed. Jerry had work to do and kept going.

We arrived home about 4:00 pm and the total mileage was about 112 miles. KSU's up at 9:00 am gave us about a 7 hour ride. Long but nice.

We had so much fun I think we're gonna do it again. Soon.



A police officer called the station on his radio. "I have an interesting case here. An old lady shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped."  
"Have you arrested the woman?"  
"Not yet. The floor's still wet."

# **SCHRA**

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### **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 Ex-  
travaganza" @ Bruce

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SS	White	0
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	Blue	0
	Black	5



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



LARGE		0
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X-LARGE		
White	0	
Blue	2	
Black	5	
LS		
White	0	
Blue	0	
Black	2	
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