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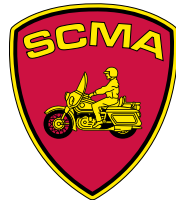
SCMA SOUP RUN



Sunday
January 6, 2008

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ Marks Travelers Events

DECEMBER 2007

JANUARY 2008

No Meetings — HAPPY HOLIDAYS

PHOTOS WANTED

Have you taken any good photos while on a recent ride?

If you would like to see them published, please e-mail them, along with pertinent information (location, name of ride, names, and photographer) to:

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- 6✓ SCMA Soup Run Acton
8-10 a.m.
661-722-5946 / 310-387-3974
- 12 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m. La Canada
Conrad's Restaurant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
- 12 Three Flags Meeting 12-3 p.m. Glendale
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310-387-3974
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12-3 p.m.
224 Whalers Walk
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- 27✓ PMC 31st Annual Poker Run
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The following meetings are open to all S.C.M.A. members and their guests:

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.

(Except in September, when we meet on the 3rd Saturday)

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES —

Jan Staws (562) 437-4116

FROM THE CHAIR

Hello all, how the hell are you??

October 27, 2008 found 30 spirited riders ready to take on the day. The Cemetery Run was once again fighting forest fires all of California and we were sure that the route was open and no changes had to be made to the route. The morning was overcast and not very warm and the ride was approximately 150 miles long, traveling through some very nice country roads and ended up at Los Rios Rancho, in Oak Glen.

The whole canyon was celebrating apple season with a bang and the people were buying by the sack full. They had an open pit bar-b-queue going and the aroma was enticing as you drove in. The place had a great country store with any apple you could think of for sale. You could watch them make apple juice right there and purchase it about as fresh as it could get. I did not have a hard time spending close to \$75.00 in stuff to bring home. Pumpkin bread mix, pumpkin pie mix, apple juice, apple crisp, whatever my little arms could carry. The best part of the whole day however was sitting at the bench getting people to volunteer chairing SCMA runs for next year. You can look forward to an event every month from either SCMA or one of our chartered clubs.

We will have the standard runs we normally put on, Soup Run, Sweetheart Ride, Blazing Saddles, 3rd. Annual Dog Days of Summer, 2008 Three Flags Classic, Grand Tour, Cemetery Run, Turkey Run and we are introducing a new event, SCMA California Parks Adventure, flyer in this newsletter somewhere. Between the charter clubs and SCMA events we can keep the Travelers Award alive and kicking.

We will have another new run that will be put on by me and two of my fellow members of BTW since the club itself did not want to put on a ride again this year. Our run is named Bear Bones Run, we are keeping cost to a minimum, \$10.00 plus a ride pin and it will be a Travelers Award to boot. Since we are putting up our own money I am hoping by the time the event gets here all of you will know who we are and support the ride. I can not remember the last time an event cost \$10.00 other than the Soup Run every year, but that is a special event which kicks off the new riding year. By the way look for the Soup Run flyer in this issue.

The SCMA California Parks Adventure will make its debut this December since the run goes from January to December 15th. each calendar year. In conjunction with this event we are developing a special award called the Triple Crown. This award will be given to those riders who do Four Corners, Three Flags Classic and the Parks Adventure in the same year. I am presently working with Holley Harrison to come up with something that anyone who achieves this goal will be proud to receive. There is no entry fee of any kind for the special award since you have paid for each event separately.

We are definitely going on line with the newsletter at the end of January 2008, for those of you who responded before with a request to continue receiving a hard copy please do so again. You can direct your request to my home address or the P. O. Box of the SCMA. The newsletter is in test mode right now and since we are going on line we are able to do a lot of things in color such as photographs, flyers and such. The cost of doing business should be reduced considerably but I will probably still be mailing at least 75 to 100 hard copies each month. The cost of printing a 24 page newsletter for a hundred copies is \$200.00 and will be mailed first class. I have not renewed the periodical permit.

Hope to see many of you on the Turkey Run. Have a great Thanksgiving, keep the sunny side up and the rubber side down.

Jan Staws

Southern California Motorcycling Association *presents:*



**SCMA SOUP RUN
2008**

**Sunday
January 6, 2008**

Start time 8-10 a.m.

Crazy Otto's
33317 Santiago Road
Acton, CA

SCMA Members ride *FREE* .

\$11 for non-members.

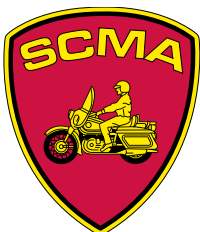
AMA members receive \$1 discount

All riders must bring a can a soup for entry

(Please do not bring outdated cans)

Soups will be mixed for your enjoyment
at the finish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ride closes at 3 p.m.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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OR
JAN STAWS 562-437-4116**

Rain Date is Sunday, January 13, 2008

A GHOST STORY

BOO!! THE MINNESOTA GHOST

This is too good not to read, especially if you thought ghosts didn't exist! This happened about a month ago just outside of Willmar, a little town in the back country of Minnesota, and while it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's real. This out of state traveler from Texas was on the side of the road, hitchhiking on a real dark night in the middle of a thunderstorm. Time passed slowly and no cars went by. It was raining so hard he could hardly see his hand in front of his face. Suddenly he saw a car moving slowly, approaching and appearing ghostlike in the rain. It slowly and silently crept toward him and stopped.

Wanting a ride real bad the guy jumped into the car and closed the door; only then did he realize that there was nobody behind the wheel, and no sound of an engine to be heard over the rain. Again the car crept slowly forward and the guy was terrified, too scared to think of jumping out and running. The guy saw that the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he started to pray and began begging for his life; he was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into a nearby lake and he would surely drown!

But just before the curve a shadowy figure appeared at the driver's window and a hand reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend. Then, just as silently, the hand disappeared through the window and the hitchhiker was alone again!

Paralyzed with fear, the guy watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve. Finally the guy, scared to near death, had all he could take and jumped out of the car and ran and ran, into town, into Willmar. Wet and in shock, he went into a bar and voice quavering, ordered two shots of whiskey, then told everybody about his supernatural experience. A silence enveloped and everybody got goose bumps when they realized the guy was telling the truth (and was not just some drunk).

About half an hour later two guys walked into the bar and one says to the other, "Look Ole, ders dat idiot dat rode in our car when we wuz pushin it in da rain."

— ATTENTION —

The SCMA Newsletter will be online by February, 2008.
The new format will include convenient access for SCMA news and events, easy to print registration forms and four-color photos.

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**Southern California
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2008 Four Corners Banquet

Saturday, February 9, 2008

PAUL GARSON, Moto Journalist

From his 25 years as a moto journalist, Paul will be serving up a smorgasbord of photos illustrating the wild and sometimes wacky world of motorcycling.

3:00 to 4:30 pm, Meet & Greet
6:00 to 7:00 pm, Social hour
7:00 pm, Dinner
(Buffet Style Dinner, *Plenty of Food*)
8:00 pm, Program

- PHOTOGRAPHER AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES -
Single or group pictures will be available

For more information please call: [David Johnson 909-796-2277](tel:909-796-2277)

**Ontario Airport Marriott
2200 East Holt Boulevard
Ontario, California 91761**
Special room rates at the Marriott: \$99.00 +tax
(909) 975-4121 ask for Joshua Moore to receive this price.
Identify yourself with S.C.M.A.
Cut off date for discount is January 13, 2008

Bring Your Albums and Share Your Stories!

***You DO NOT have to be a Finisher of Four Corners to attend the Banquet.
Dinner is \$40.00 per person: DEADLINE FOR BANQUET RESERVATIONS
FEBRUARY 01, 2008***

Make checks payable to "USA Four Corners Tour"
Make reservations early - limited seating available

Mail reservations and checks to: David L. Johnson
11171 Oakwood Dr. E209
Loma Linda, CA 92354

Name: _____ Guest: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
Phone #: _____ Phone #: _____

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am a new member of the SCMA and would like to say thanks for the great Cemetery Run. Your group rocks! I really enjoyed riding in the rain... The apple pie at the end was great and I met so many nice people that day. Look forward to your Turkey Run and another great pin.

Jean Ballantine



7 REASONS NOT TO ARGUE WITH CHILDREN

1. A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".
2. A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl: replied, "They will in a minute."
3. A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."
4. One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white." The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"
5. The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher, she's dead."
6. A teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, she said, "Now, class, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I would turn red in the face." "Yes," the class said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet ain't empty."
7. The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

It doesn't matter how many people you send this to, just remember if it made you laugh, your friends will laugh too!



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HERE WE COME

SCMA PROUDLY PRESENTS

THE

33RD. ANNUAL THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

AUGUST 29, 2008 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

200 RIDERS — \$275.00 U.S. Funds only

**Ride starts in Mexicali, B.C. Mexico
and finishes in Nanaimo, B.C. Canada**

**Mail-In Deadline
January 12, 2008**

Mail entries to
**7100 Hayvenhurst Avenue #107
Van Nuys, CA 91406**

**Drawing held on
January 26, 2008**

Drawing will be held at noon
**Cabrillo Marina
224 Whalers Walk
San Pedro, CA 0732**

Two entries per envelope

Please include your address, phone number, e mail
address on check or money order.

Chairman: Jane Usatin - usatin@roadrunner.com

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Must be a member of S C M A to participate on event.

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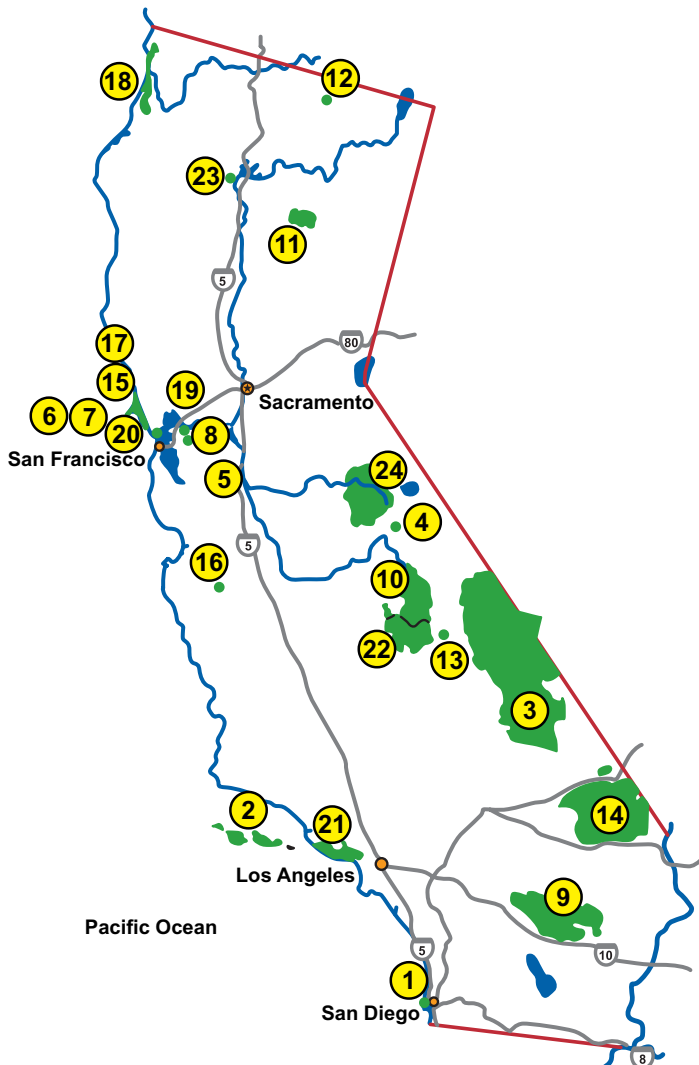


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SCMA's California Parks Adventure

AMA Grand Tour Event

--- A Year Long Event ---



Rules of the Tour

- ◆ With each park visit, stamp your Passport w/ that parks' stamp, available at the visitor's center (Please call ahead to confirm visitor center hours).
- ◆ Be sure to take a photograph of your motorcycle in front of one of the following: the entrance, the visitor's center, or some landmark within that is unique to that park.
- ◆ All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between Jan. 1st & Dec. 15th of the calendar year.
- ◆ All participants will receive a map of California, a SCMA Parks pin and a AMA Grand Tour Pin. Finishers will receive a finisher's plaque.
- ◆ Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:
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 8306 Wilshire Blvd #246
 Beverly Hills, CA. 90211
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www.sc-ma.com
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SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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| 1. Cabrillo National Monument - San Diego, CA | 13. Mazanar National Historic Site - Independence, CA |
| 2. Channel Islands National Park - Ventura, CA | 14. Mojave National Preserve - HQ in Barstow, CA |
| 3. Death Valley National Park - Death Valley, CA | 15. Muir Woods National Monument - Mill Valley, CA |
| 4. Devils Postpile National Monument - Mammoth Lakes, CA | 16. Pinnacles National Monument - Paicines, CA |
| 5. Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site - Danville, CA | 17. Point Reyes National Seashore - Point Reyes, CA |
| 6. Fort Point National Historic Site - Presidio of San Francisco, CA | 18. Redwood National and State Parks - Del Norte & Humboldt Counties, CA |
| 7. Golden Gate National Recreation Area - San Francisco, CA | 19. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front Nat'l Historical Park - Richmond, CA |
| 8. John Muir National Historic Site - Martinez, CA | 20. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park - San Francisco, CA |
| 9. Joshua Tree National Park - HQ in Twentynine Palms, CA | 21. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area - Thousand Oaks, CA |
| 10. Kings Canyon National Park - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA | 22. Sequoia National Park - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA |
| 11. Lassen Volcanic National Park - Mineral, CA | 23. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area - Whiskeytown, CA |
| 12. Lava beds National Monument - Tulelake, CA | 24. Yosemite National Park - the Sierra Nevada, CA |

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

\$ 60.00 Non-Members

\$ 50 for SCMA members

Please print clearly

SCMA # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to: **SCMA Park's Adventure**
8306 Wilshire Blvd. #246
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

FEMALE HEART ATTACKS

Some or all of you may have seen this. It is just a reminder of things to be aware of!

This could help save a life. Read it and pass it on to your mother, sister, and girlfriends.

I was aware that female heart attacks are different, but this is the best description I've ever read:

Women and heart attacks (Myocardial infarction)

Did you know that women rarely have the same dramatic symptoms that men have when experiencing heart attack... you know, the sudden stabbing pain in the chest, the cold sweat, grabbing the chest & dropping to the floor that we see in the movies. Here is the story of one woman's experience with a heart attack.

I had a completely unexpected heart attack at about 10:30 p.m. with NO prior exertion, NO prior emotional trauma that one would suspect might've brought it on. I was sitting all snugly and warm on a cold evening, with my purring cat in my lap, reading an interesting story my friend had sent me, and actually thinking, "A-A-h, this is the life, all cozy and warm in my soft, cushy Lazy Boy with my feet propped up." A moment later, I felt that awful sensation of indigestion, when you've been in a hurry and grabbed a bite of sandwich and washed it down with a dash of water, and that hurried bite seems to feel like you've swallowed a golf ball going down the esophagus in slow motion and it is most uncomfortable. You realize you shouldn't have gulped it down so fast and needed to chew it more thoroughly and this time drink a glass of water to hasten its progress down to the stomach. This was my initial sensation... the only trouble was that I hadn't taken a bite of anything since about 5 p.m.

After that had seemed to subside, the next sensation was like little squeezing motions that seemed to be racing up my SPINE (hind-sight, it was probably my aorta spasming), gaining speed as they continued racing up and under my sternum (breast bone, where one presses rhythmically when administering CPR). This fascinating process continued on into my throat and branched out into both jaws. "AHA!! NOW I stopped puzzling about what was happening. We all have read and/or heard about pain in the jaws being one of the signals of an MI happening, haven't we? I said aloud to myself and the cat, "Dear God, I think I'm having a heart attack!" I lowered the foot rest, dumping the cat from my lap, started to take a step and fell on the floor instead. I thought to myself "If this is a heart attack, I shouldn't be walking into the next room where the phone is or anywhere else... but, on the other hand, if I don't, nobody will know that I need help and if I wait any longer I may not be able to get up in moment."

I pulled myself up with the arms of the chair, walked slowly into the next room and dialed the Paramedics. I told her I thought I was having a heart attack due to the pressure building under the sternum and radiating into my jaws. I didn't feel hysterical or afraid, just stating the facts. She said she was sending the Paramedics over immediately, asked if the front door was near to me, and if so, to unbolt the door and then lie down on the floor where they could see me when they came in. I then laid down on the floor as instructed and lost consciousness, as I don't remember the medics coming in, their examination, lifting me onto a gurney or getting me into their ambulance, or hearing the call they made to St. Jude ER on the way, but I did briefly awaken when we arrived and saw that the Cardiologist was already there in his surgical blues and cap, helping the medics pull my stretcher out of the ambulance. He was bending over me asking questions (probably something like "Have you taken any medications?") but I couldn't make my mind interpret what he was saying, or form an answer, and nodded off again, not waking up until the Cardiologist and partner had already threaded the teeny angiogram balloon up my femoral artery into the aorta and into my heart where they installed two side-by-side stents to hold open my right coronary artery. I know it sounds like all my thinking and actions at home must have taken at least 20-30 minutes before calling the Paramedics, but actually it took perhaps 4-5 minutes before the call, and both the fire station and St. Jude are only minutes away from my home, and my Cardiologist was already to go to the OR in his scrubs and get going on restarting my heart (which had stopped somewhere between my arrival and the procedure) and installing the stents

Why have I written all of this to you with so much detail? Because I want all of you who are so important in my life to know what I learned first hand:

1. Be aware that something very different is happening in your body not the usual men's symptoms, but inexplicable things happening (until my sternum and jaws got into the act). It is said that many more women than men die of their first (and last) MI because they didn't know they were having one, and commonly mistake it as indigestion, take some Maalox or

other anti-heartburn preparation, and go to bed, hoping they'll feel better in the morning when they wake up... which doesn't happen. My female friends, your symptoms might not be exactly like mine, so I advise you to call the Paramedics if ANYTHING is unpleasantly happening that you've not felt before. It is better to have a "false alarm" visitation than to risk your life guessing what it might be.

2. Note that I said "Call the Paramedics." Ladies, TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE! Do NOT try to drive yourself to the ER or phone a friend... you're a hazard to others on the road, and so is your panicked husband or friend, who will be speeding and looking anxiously at what's happening with you instead of the road.

3. Do NOT call your doctor. He doesn't know where you live and if it's at night you won't reach him anyway, and if it's daytime, his assistants (or answering service) will tell you to call the Paramedics. He doesn't carry the equipment in his car that you need to be saved! The Paramedics do, principally OXYGEN that you need ASAP. Your Dr. will be notified later.

4. Don't assume it couldn't be a heart attack because you have a normal cholesterol count. Research has discovered that a cholesterol elevated reading is rarely the cause of an MI (unless it's unbelievably high, and/or accompanied by high blood pressure.) MI's are usually caused by long-term stress and inflammation in the body, which dumps all sorts of deadly hormones into your system to sludge things up in there. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive. A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this mail sends it to 10 people, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life.

A CHRISTMAS IDEA

An idea worth sharing. One extra Christmas card and stamp would sure brighten the lives of our sons, daughters, husbands, and fathers.... even some stranger that has put his life on the line.

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

**A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue,NW
Washington,D.C. 20307-5001**

If you approve of the idea, please pass it on — The only reason some people get lost in thought is that it's unfamiliar territory.

Terry Smith

In Memorium

**It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing
of long-time member Stanley Taylor.**

Stan passed away suddenly the morning of November 9, 2007.

**Services will have been held by the time this newsletter is printed,
but condolences to the Taylor family can be sent to:**

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Do It Yourself

By John Del Santo

“Why don’t they do something about that ?” When it comes to our safety, it’s much better if we take care of some things ourselves. If we leave it up to “them” we’ll end up with built-in bike airbags and training wheels, or they’ll try the ultimate safety legislation to protect those poor riders... by legislating those terrible “murder-cycles” off the road altogether.

Here’s some of the things we might do for ourselves; We should encourage Rider Safety Courses for beginner AND experienced riders. Different groups and clubs and chapters have payback rewards for riders who finish these courses, and some insurance nurse, medic, or firefighter put together a compact but well stocked first aid kit for anyone in your group to borrow for any run that they might go on. Somewhere in your area, someone is putting on a First Aid and CPR class. Get a group together to attend. When someone in your group goes down or has a medical emergency, { it might be YOU} The more people that have some type of training increases the chances that the rider will make it until the ambulance gets there.

Half of all rider fatalities that occur during single-vehicle collisions occur to a rider who has been drinking. Are you ready to take away a buddy’s keys if you think the conditions call for it? Or, if he weighs nine hundred pounds and is a mean drunk, are you ready to let the air out of his tires while he’s in the bathroom? You will be doing this to save his or someone else’s life. He’ll thank you for it later. Well....maybe not, but at least you’ll know that you did the right thing.

Do you see a road condition that needs changing or repair? Call your State or Town Road Department. Be nice. They’re usually quite receptive. If nothing happens within a reasonable time, call or write again. When you are in the right you constitute a majority of One.

Let’s keep an eye on our own safety before someone else steps in and tries to squash our rights. Ride Free, Ride Sober, and Ride Safe!

Southern California Motorcycling Association Combined Account Statement 31-Oct-07			
Summary of Deposit Accounts			
Business Interest Checking		\$24,226.01	
Investment CD		\$12,657.16	
Total Balances		\$36,883.17	
Business Interest Checking Account			
Beginning balance, 29-Sep-07		\$26,621.10	
Total deposits		\$214.00	
Total Checks, withdrawals, transfers, account fees		\$2,610.23	
Interest paid		\$1.14	
Ending balance		\$24,226.01	
Deposits			
9-Oct-07		\$214.00	
Checks paid			
3-Oct-07	4598	\$734.00	3FC banners
1-Oct-07	4599	\$400.00	typesetting, Oct newsletter
12-Oct-07	4600	\$242.00	Grand Tour AMA insurance
25-Oct-07	4601	\$500.00	typesetting, Nov newsletter
Total of 4 checks paid		\$1,876.00	
Account activity			
1-Oct-07		\$250.00	USPS purchase on SCMA card
15-Oct-07		\$25.93	Conrad's meeting coffee
16-Oct-07		\$14.72	check accessories
16-Oct-07		\$49.98	check printing charges
29-Oct-07		\$393.60	Office Depot newsletter printing
Total withdrawals, transfers, and account fees		\$734.23	
Interest paid		\$1.14	
Investment CD account			
Account value, 31 oct 07		\$12,657.16	
Principal balance		\$12,357.41	
Interest earned YTD		\$379.05	
Current Interest rate	3.63%		
Respectfully submitted,			
Mrs. Josef Usatin, SCMA #66 Treasurer, SCMA			

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HBO ANNOUNCES BIKER TV

The pay cable network giant is working with bikers to beef up its lineup. HBO, which is building a new stable of drama series following the departure of heavyweights “The Sopranos” and “Six Feet Under,” has greenlighted a project from Oscar-nominated writer Michael Tolkin. Tolkin’s “1%,” which hails from Management 360’s TV division, is set in the world of biker clubs.

n’t represent the legitimate motorcycle community but the 1% who are a threat to the American way of life.

Tolkin penned “1%” and is exec producing the pilot with Management 360’s Alex Hertzberg and Guymon Casady.

BIKERS PROTEST, PUERTO RICO SUSPENDS CONTROVERSIAL NEW LAW

A day after being implemented, the toughest motorcycle law in the country was suspended by Puerto Ricos legislature after bikers protested the onerous new rules.

Among the requirements; riders on the sun-soaked tropical island must wear gloves, boots and long pants. In addition to the required riding gear, the law would also force operators of all two-wheeled motor vehicles, including mopeds and scooters, to wear reflective vests from 6 p.m. 6 a.m. The U.S. Territory already has a helmet law. The new law also slashes the legal Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) for motorcycle riders to .02, the same as for school bus and commercial truck drivers, down from .08 allowed for car drivers. No one under 18 is allowed to operate a motorcycle, and no one under 12 is allowed to ride as a passenger. The Caribbean island also enacted a tougher licensing process and increased fees for motorcycle endorsements and registrations. Lane-sharing to filter through heavy traffic is now specifically prohibited. Motorcycle and scooter registrations in Puerto Rico have more than doubled since 2000, and sponsors of the measure say the tougher regulations are in response to increasing numbers of accidents and fatalities.

Governor Anibal Acevedo Vila signed the bill into law on Wednesday, October 10, amid the roar of hundreds of bikers revving by his San Juan residence in protest, and on Thursday the legislature moved to temporarily suspend the new law. The Senate unanimously backed a moratorium on the law until Feb. 18, and the House approved plans to delay its implementation for at least three months, as legislators told the Associated Press they need more time to consult scooter and motorcycle enthusiasts who object to the stricter rules.

BIKERS BLOCK BIKE BAN

Scores of angry bikers packed into city council chambers October 16th to protest a proposed ban on motorcycles in a fashionable section of downtown Delray Beach in southern Florida, and in the end most of them came away happy.

After hearing testimony and acrimony from the crowd of leather-clad activists, city officials instead voted unanimously to amend a noise abatement law already in place that would place stiff fines on noisy motorcycles. They also decided to commission a study to find out how much of the noise on Atlantic Avenue can be blamed on motorcycles and hope to have results in 90 days.

The proposed ordinance would have prohibited motorcycles from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. on five blocks of shops and restaurants along Atlantic Avenue, in response to numerous complaints about noisy motorcycles cruising the cafe-lined corridor.

Mayor Rita Ellis had said the ban was necessary because the city's noise control ordinance was unenforceable downtown, where officers on foot patrol can't easily chase after violators, but the measure drew outrage from the motorcycle community both locally and across the country.

"I feel Delray Beach is infringing on my rights," said Jimbo Sherrow of the motorcycle rights group ABATE of Florida, Inc. "There is a state statute that says they cannot do this."

After some deliberation, City Commissioners put a call out to motorcycle clubs and associations for help in trying to figure out a solution without resorting to an outright ban on motorcycles.



Gordon Wilson and Scooter the 4.2 lb Yorkie riding at Deals Gap at the North Carolina-Tennessee border.

ARIZONA TOWN NOT SO CARE FREE ABOUT NOISE

Carefree, Arizona has been on the bikers radar screen for their controversial noise ordinance, but now the Town Council has voted unanimously to lower speed limits on its main thoroughfare, and elevate noise infractions for first-time offenders from a civil citation to a Class 1 misdemeanor and possible jail time.

The changes take effect in November and targets motorcycles that exceed an 85-decibel noise limit. Instead of a \$175 ticket, violators can be fined as much as \$2,500 and sentenced to up to 180 days in jail.

In addition to beefing up punishment to crack down on noisy bikes, the council also voted to reduce the speed limit on downtown Cave Creek, the gateway between Phoenix and bars in downtown Cave Creek, from 35mph down to 25mph.

Cemetery Run 2007



Photos by Mitch Friedman



ARE YOU HAVING A “JELLYFISH” BAD DAY?

No I am not!

If you don't laugh out loud after you read this, you may be in a coma! This is even funnier when you realize it's real! Next time you have a bad day at work ... think of this guy:

Rob is a commercial saturation diver for Global Divers in Louisiana. He performs underwater repairs on offshore drilling rigs. Below is an E-mail he sent to his sister. She then sent it to radio station 103.2 on FM dial in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, which was sponsoring a Worst Job Experience Contest. Needless to say, she won.

Hi Sis,

Just another note from your bottom-dwelling brother. Last week I had a bad day at the office. I know you've been feeling down lately at work, so I thought I would share my dilemma with you to make you realize it's not so bad after all. Before I can tell you what happened to me, I first must bore you with a few technicalities of my job.

As you know, my office lies at the bottom of the sea. I wear a suit to the office. It's a wetsuit. This time of year the water is quite cool. So what we do to keep warm is this: We have a diesel powered industrial water heater. This \$20,000 piece of equipment sucks the water out of the sea.

It heats it to a delightful temperature. It then pumps it down to the diver through a garden hose, which is taped to the air hose. Now this sounds like a darn good plan, and I've used it several times with no complaints. What I do, when I get to the bottom and start working, is take the hose and stuff it down the back of my wetsuit. This floods my whole suit with warm water. It's like working in a Jacuzzi.

Everything was going well until all of a sudden, my butt started to itch. So, of course, I scratched it. This only made things worse.

Within a few seconds my butt started to burn. I pulled the hose out from my back, but the damage was done. In agony I realized what had happened.

The hot water machine had sucked up a jellyfish and pumped it into my suit. Now, since I don't have any hair on my back, the jellyfish couldn't stick to it. However, the crack of my butt was not as fortunate.

When I scratched what I thought was an itch, I was actually grinding the jellyfish into the crack of my butt.

I informed the dive supervisor of my dilemma over the communicator. His instructions were unclear due to the fact that he, along with five other divers, were all laughing hysterically.

Needless to say I aborted the dive. I was instructed to make three agonizing in-water decompression stops totaling thirty-five minutes before I could reach the surface to begin my chamber dry decompression.

When I arrived at the surface, I was wearing nothing but my brass helmet.

As I climbed out of the water, the medic, with tears of laughter running down his face, handed me a tube of cream and told me to rub it on my butt as soon as I got in the chamber. The cream put the fire out, but I couldn't poop for two days because my butt was swollen shut.

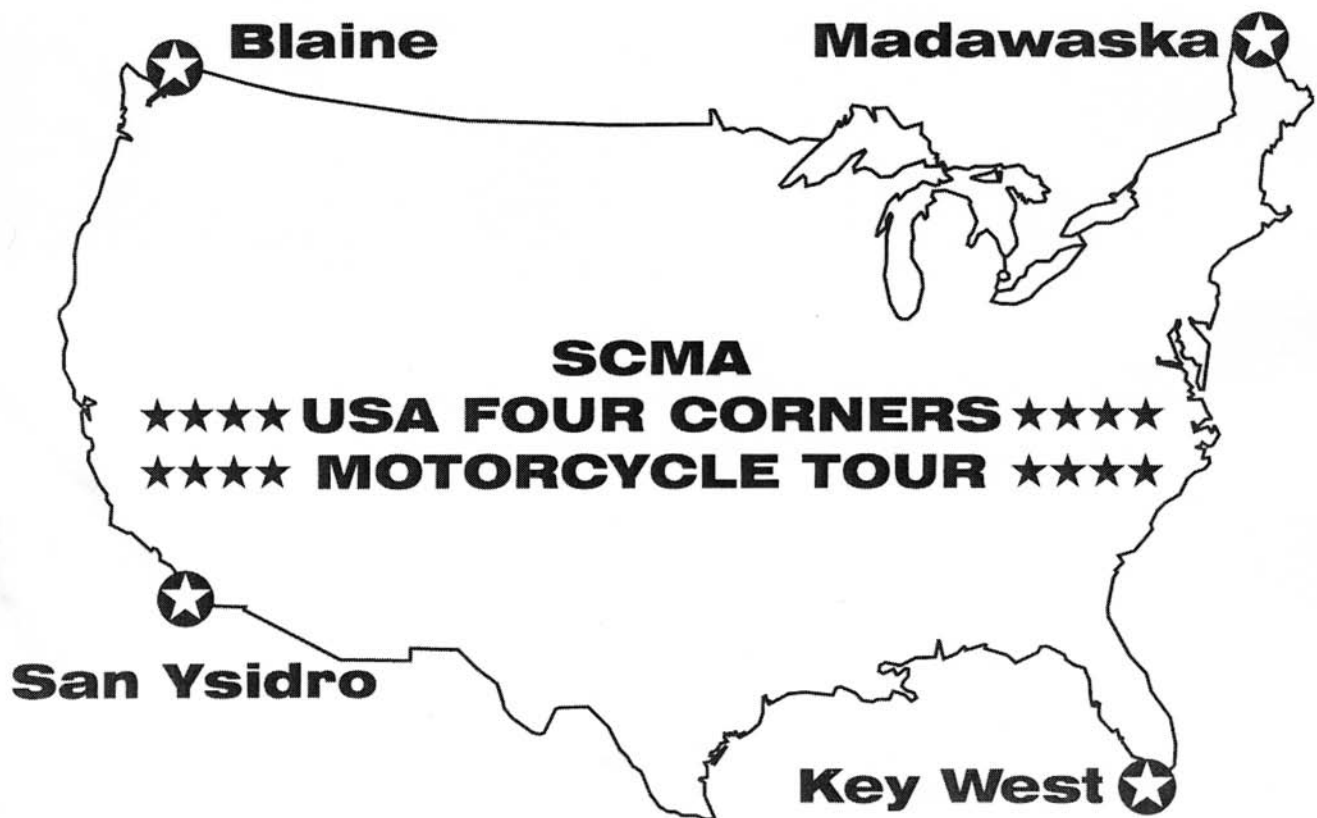
So, next time you're having a bad day at work, think about how much worse it would be if you had a jellyfish shoved up your butt. Now repeat to yourself, 'I love my job, I love my job, I love my job.' Now whenever you have a bad day, ask yourself, is this a jellyfish bad day?

May you NEVER have a jelly fish bad day!

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