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- 27✓ PMC 31st Annual Poker Run 17* SCMA Sweetheart Run (Rain Date)

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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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 and October, check date shown on calendar of events and annual calendar)

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES —

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FROM THE CHAIR

Here it is again, the beginning of a New Year, which for me always brings hope that we will learn to live together in peace and harmony, Harley's loving Gold Wings and Gold Wings loving Harley's, I can dream can't I.

This year has brought the loss of several of our long time friends and members of the SCMA, both Josef Usatin and Stanley Taylor will be missed by many of us. Will Dietz, a long time rider of Three Flags Classic has gone to join the motorcycle club in the sky, he will be missed also, a really nice gentleman who brought his children and his children's children on the Classic. I know we have lost others but these three people have been in my life for sometime and they leave an empty place in my heart.

I am looking forward to 2008 with great anticipation. Once again we have managed to have a full calendar, 11 Traveler's Awards, 2008 Three Flags Classic, Four Corners, Blazing Saddles, Grand Tour, the new event California Parks Adventure coupled with the Triple Crown event. We still have the Sweetheart Run, Dog Days of Summer, a new one called "Old Pin Ride", Cemetery Run and the Turkey Run. We also have our charter club runs from PMC, AVTS, Shamrocks, MTA and my group of three, Bare Bone Gang. Wow, what a great year to look forward to. Join us please.

We are also entering the 21st. century finally by going on line with the newsletter. I know there are those of you out there that still want hard copies, get your request in writing to our P.O. Box and we will continue to send you hard copies. If you have not yet looked at the newsletter on line please do so, you will find it on our web site, you will not believe how great it looks in living color. We are able to do so much more with color since it does not cost a penny more on line for color as opposed to printing in color which is not an option with us.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the year 2007 such a success. To Sally Bishop for her dedication in getting the newsletter folded, stamped and mailed each month. To Vernon and Flavia for keeping up with the membership and getting labels to me each month. To Jo Anne Gamble for everything she does for us, she will be missed when she finally decides to move to Missouri, sometime this coming year I fear. To Jane Usatin for hanging in with us when the going was so rough after losing Josef, yet jumping in with both feet as Chairman of the 2008 Three Flags Classic, way to go Jane.

Thanks to Doug Poppen for handling the Traveler's Awards so well this year, looking forward to working with you next year, I have a few chores for you now that you have turned over the Traveler's Awards to Dannie Fox, who appreciated you doing that so he can get some experience in volunteering for the Association. Also, big thanks to Dave Hawker who has hung in with us for the last year facing a lot of problems of his own. His job has been very demanding and he was really involved in caring for his grandmother, who passed away earlier this year. I know he is not sure about running for Vice-Chairman again because he has such a hard time attending meetings some months and feels very bad about it.

Thanks to David Johnson who has turned Four Corners around into a well oiled machine. The stats he has gathered and put on the web site are being enjoyed by many. Participation is on the rise due to the fact the event is being handled so professionally by David. This coming February will be his first banquet as Chairman, doing almost everything on his own, asking Jo Anne for guidance on occasion, hope to see a lot of you there.

Thanks to Bob Masuzmi, otherwise know as Zoomer for several great rides he laid out for us and is doing two more this coming year. He did Dog Days of Summer, Cemetery Run and Turkey Run for us this year. He is doing Dog Days and Cemetery events again in 2008. We can look forward to enjoying whatever he has planned for us I am sure.

Thanks to the entire 2007 Three Flags committee, once again, job well done. To John Katics, Blazing Saddles and Blake Anderson, Grand Tour, thank you both very much for two enjoyable events and we are looking forward to next year events

If I have forgotten any one please accept my apologies.

Happy New Year all.

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.

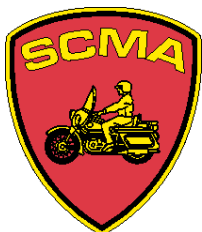
AMA members receive \$1 discount

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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Rain Date is Sunday, January 13, 2008



Turkey Run

Photos by Mitch Friedman



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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 motojournalist, 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)

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

SAY WHAT?

by John Del Santo

Listen to a conversation between a bunch of motorcycle riders, and the phrases you'll hear repeated most often are "what?" and "would you repeat that?" Along with other things we've done in our lives, riding a motorcycle can put a lot of strain on our hearing. Usually it's not the sound of the bike that does the damage, but the sound of the wind passing our ears for thousands and thousands of miles year after year. A 'full' helmet doesn't guarantee hearing protection, and some helmets increase the noise in our ears. A good set of earplugs is a great way to protect our hearing.

Everyone loses some hearing over the years depending on genetics, our trade, or the sports we've been involved in during our lives. Folks who listen to music with headphones and the volume cranked up can expect trouble down the road; people who exercise at the gym with earphones on and the volume high can do excessive damage; and anyone who spent a lot of time at rock concerts or clubs will probably spend a lot of their later years not being fully included in many conversations. If we add motorcycle riding to any of those, the earlier we start to protect our hearing, the better.

Some people (like this writer) don't give the subject much thought (what, me worry?) until they start hearing tones or sounds like there's water running in the next room 24 hours a day, or find themselves saying "what?" an awful lot. You can pump iron to get your muscles back in tone, or even do exercises that will improve your eyesight, but like diamonds are... hearing loss is Forever.

You can find good washable, reusable earplugs, custom fitted plugs, or good disposables. If you use a computer, try (www.webbikeworld.com/Earplugs/earplugs.htm). You can also try safety supply houses, motorcycle shops (I don't think they make earplugs in chrome, yet) or at sporting goods stores. If you are not a user yet, try out a pair; follow directions putting them in, and take them out slowly and carefully to avoid damage to the eardrum. Keeping the right and left plugs separate is considered to be a safe thing to do to prevent the transfer of ear infection.

They are a little weird when you first start using them... your engine sounds different, and you'll be concerned that you may not hear that car moving into the lane next to you. But after all, we should probably save whatever we can, or get used to writing notes to each other somewhere in years to come. Be Alert, Ride Safe, and Hear! Hear!

How True It Is

*Another year has passed
and we're all a little older.
Last summer felt hotter
and winter seems much colder.*

*There was a time not long ago
when life was quite a blast.
Now I fully understand
about "Living in the Past"*

*We used to go to weddings,
football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes,
and after-funeral brunches.*

*We used to have hangovers,
from parties that were gay.
Now we suffer body aches
and while the night away.*

*We used to go out dining,
and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags,
come home and take a pill.*

*We used to often travel
to places near and far.
Now we get sore asses
from riding in the car.*

*We used to go to nightclubs
and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night
and watch the evening news.*

*That, my friend is how life is,
and now my tale is told.
So, enjoy each day and live it up...
before you're too damned old!*

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POKER RUN

Sunday, January 27th, 2008

TENDERFOOT RUN
150 MILE CRUISE

MACHO RUN
165 MILES OF EXQUISITE TORTURE

MIX & MATCH
SWITCH AT ANY CHECKPOINT

TRADITIONAL SPINNER POINTS POKER
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GUARANTEED TO ANGER ALL
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KEEP SOUVENIR LOSING HANDS

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Pasadena, CA

7:00-9:00 am coffee & doughnuts

- Live Music
- Ride Pins to first 150 entrants
- 50/50 Drawing
- Trophies
- Prizes
- Hamburger Lunch

Ride Fee: \$30.00
\$2.00 mail-in discount
\$1.00 AMA/SCMA discount



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Travelers' Award Event**

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Pasadena, CA 91104

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Address: _____ Signature: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Club: _____

AMA# _____ SCMA# _____ District 37# _____

FROM THE GUNNY'S SACK

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Christmas is upon us again so quickly this year and the riding season for the summer is behind us. This is the time of the year that we all look to the good things we have in our lives. Along with that we reflect on our losses from this past year of good friends and partners on this road of life we follow.

The case in point here is especially important to those of us who live here in Oregon. Just in October we lost a warrior in our fight for unity and freedom in the motorcycle world; Longview Tom, the Oregon chairman of the Confederations Of Clubs, due to an accident on his way to the regional NCOM conference in Spokane, Washington. In addition to that, on Halloween day, another of our brothers, Rotten Roger, was nearly run over by a cager who suddenly decided to make a U-turn directly in front of him. That resulted in him residing at the Oregon Health Sciences Hospital in Portland with a broken pelvis and his scooter turned to toast.

I guess I'm concerned about the hazards we face on the roadways all over the country. Especially at this time of the year with falling leaves and wet roads on top of the holiday traffic getting heavier by the day. Add the cell phone text messagers and those just not paying attention to what is going on around them, and we have serious problems on the highway.

We have to be more vigilant than ever before. If we never gave thought to taking defensive rider training, now is the time to at least consider checking into it. It might just save your life or the passenger on the back of your scoot. But do whatever you gotta do to stay that much more alert out there. We want to enjoy each other for a whole lot more Christmases! And from your Gunny, a Merry Christmas and happy, safe holidays.

NCOM New Bytes

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Solidarity Works!! The day after the Governor signed the new restrictive law on motorcyclists and riders of all other two-wheeled powered vehicles, the law was suspended because of protests by riders. The legislature backed off, and said they needed more time to study the law. Among other things it required long pants, boots and gloves as well as helmets. It also made the legal blood-alcohol limit for riders 0.02 % as opposed to 0.08 % for all other vehicle operators.

Riders rightly felt this was discriminatory. I don't blame them for protesting. I would too. In addition to all those restrictions, the law required all riders to wear reflective vests after dark. I wonder what's wrong with using lights on rigs at night. They make some bright ones.

AIRBAG JACKETS: A company by the name of Impact Jackets has been selling motorcycle jackets with airbags for a few years, for \$500. One Baltimore man would rebut any high-cost argument, since the jacket apparently saved him from plenty of pain after he was thrown 100 feet off his bike. Amazingly, the guy walked away from the crash with sore ribs and a broken thumb. Paramedics at the scene were surprised he wasn't worse off. Still, before I put one on, I'd like to see some further research.

IOWA: DEATH by DEER: The number of deadly crashes between bikers and deer is on the rise. Officials say ten people have been killed so far this year in Iowa alone. Eight were motorcyclists who died in crashes with Bambi. Two others died when their bikes hit a deer and then collided with another vehicle.

Bikers everywhere need to be extra careful this time of year. More deer are on the move because of the breeding season and the fall harvest. I don't know of any state in the Lower 48 that does not have a deer population.

NEW ZEALAND: Just hours after a tour guide warned a group of overseas motorcyclists to stay on the left hand side of the road, an American biker strayed to the right, colliding head-on with another motorcyclist. The fire caused by the crash

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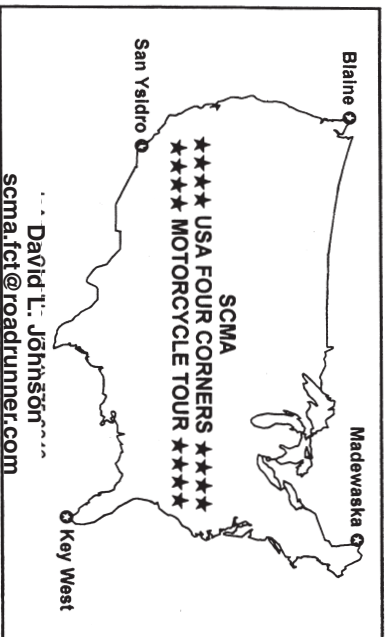
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12	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	9	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	8	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *		
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MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
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24-26	Blazing Saddles 818-566-4107 / 310-387-3974	28	Dog Day of Summer (Rain Date)			23	SCMA Old Pin Ride (Rain Date)
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?	Wacky Wrabbit Ride ★ Motorcycle Touring Association MTS - Sign-in 8-10 a.m. 310-325-6388	27	SCMA Cemetery Tour ★ Sign-in 8-10 a.m. 714-963-0665 / 310-387-3974				

★ Traveler's Award

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Three Flags Classic
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Ride starts in Mexicali, B.C. Mexico
and finishes in Nanaimo, B.C. Canada

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**Drawing held on
January 26, 2008**

Drawing will be held at noon
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224 Whalers Walk
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Two entries per envelope

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

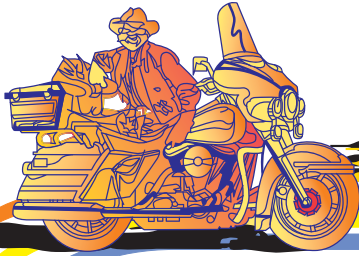
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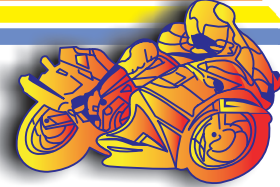
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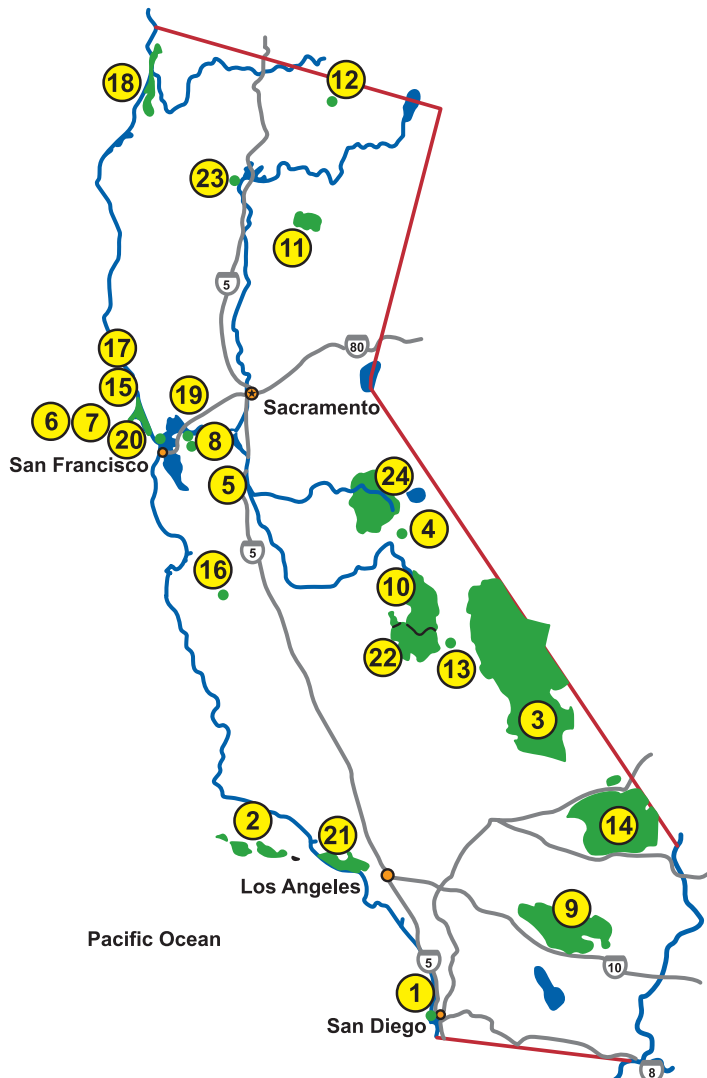
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AMA Grand Tour Event

--- 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 you or 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.
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- 1. [Cabrillo National Monument](#) - San Diego, CA
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- 3. [Death Valley National Park](#) - Death Valley, CA
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- 10. [Kings Canyon National Park](#) - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA
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- 15. [Muir Woods National Monument](#) - Mill Valley, CA
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- 22. [Sequoia National Park](#) - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA
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put both riders in the hospital with burns and other injuries. The rider was from California, and was ordered to pay \$5,000 to the other rider for emotional harm, and was disqualified from driving for six months. The injuries were severe to both men. The men were friends and plan to ride again; this time on the correct side of the road.

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Keep the round side on the bottom.

Gunny, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff

BIKER HAS DIFFICULTY GETTING LICENSE REINSTATED: Howard Burley loves his Harley-Davidson. That's exactly why the Arizona biker hasn't owned a car in more than a decade. "You love the feel — the vibrations and stuff like that," he told 3TV reporter Gary Harper of 3 On Your Side.

But last year, Burley was arrested for drunk driving. It was a huge mistake, but he said he learned from it, and even claims the DUI has made him a better man these days. "Absolutely. I quit drinking. I go through alcohol classes. It was definitely a wake up call," he said.

Burley served jail time, paid all of his court costs and fines and said he's cleaned up his life. The only thing he wants now is for his driver's license to be reinstated by Motor Vehicle Division.

To do that, MVD said all he has to do is install an ignition interlock device. Drivers have to blow into it at random times to make sure they're not drinking while they're driving. If the driver has been drinking, the device prevents the car from starting up.

"The only problem is they do not put them on motorcycles," Burley said. And a motorcycle is all that Burley owns. If he wants to get his license back, he said MVD told him he'll have to buy a car.

Organizations like the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs say Burley's situation is a good example of motorcycle discrimination. "It's another way the government is forcing you into something you don't want to do," said Steven Musgrave with the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

Although some states do allow motorcycles to have the device, Arizona does not. For now, the state said it's not planning on using the device on motorcycles.

Burley said he and numerous motorcycle organizations that lobby lawmakers are monitoring the situation to see if changes might be made in the future. In the meantime, he's resorted to taking the bus and can only hope the MVD will change its mind.

CONGRESS FORMS MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS: The U.S. House of Representatives has formed a motorcycle safety caucus, and riders are urged to contact their motorcycle-friendly Reps and ask them to join. A caucus is a group within a legislative body that is assembled to represent a specific interest or influence a particular area of policy. The motorcycle caucus will focus on ways that Congress can improve and advance motorcycle safety efforts.

To become part of this first-ever motorcycle safety caucus, interested House members should contact either caucus co-chairs, Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ) or Michael Burgess (R-TX).

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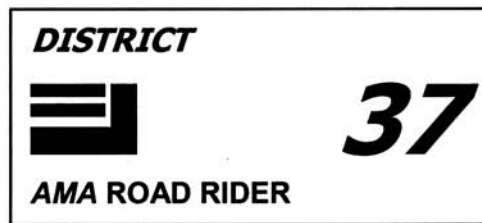
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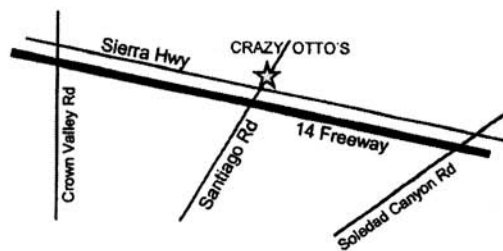
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Giffords, a freshman member of Congress and an avid motorcycle rider herself, said "We know from national studies that in almost two-thirds of fatal car/motorcycle crashes, the fault was with the driver of the car. We can do more to address this critical problem, and public education is a key to bringing about awareness and a reduction in such accidents."

Burgess is a long time supporter of motorcycling who said he is looking forward to working with motorcyclists across the country on motorcycle safety, education and awareness issues.

MORE AMERICANS BUCKLE UP AND WEAR HELMETS: A new focus on motorcycle safety and increased efforts to encourage seatbelt use are paying off, according to U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters, who said new figures released recently show the national seat belt use rate increased to an all time high and more motorcyclists are wearing their helmets.

According to the annual National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS), an additional three million more Americans wore seat belts last year as seat belt use rose to 82.4%, an increase of 1.2 percentage points. Additionally, the survey showed that motorcycle helmet use increased 7 percentage points to 58%.

NHTSA Administrator Nicole R. Nason told a national highway safety conference in Portland, Oregon, that the new data show the greatest rise in motorcycle helmet use occurred in the South, which rose by 13 percentage points to 58%. Helmet use rose by 11 percentage points in the Northeast to 58% and by 5 percentage points in the West to 77%. However, helmet use fell by 1 percentage point in the Midwest to 49%.

"Motorcycle safety is a priority at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and we are looking at all options to reduce motorcycle fatalities," said Nason.

MOTORCYCLES TO REMAIN LESS THAN 100 HP IN FRANCE: Bad news for French motorcycle riders. The almighty and powerful European Commission has ruled that France is in its legal rights to limit motorcycle power to 100 horsepower.

The French Association of Angry Bikers (FFMC — Federation Francaise des Motards en Colere) sued the French state and took them to the European courts. Apparently, having uniform laws in Europe only apply to anything except motorcycles, said the FFMC about the ruling. The EC stated that each country could impose their own restrictions.

The FFMC countered that an extensive study by Dutch TNO showed no correlation between accidents and motorcycles with more power than 100 H.P.

So riding in France on a French-registered motorcycle means you can only have 100 H.P., while anyone else riding in France can ride whatever they want, on the same road, with the same traffic, and cars are not included in the restriction.

The FFMC vows that they are not going to let this gostay tuned!

WEIRD NEWS: PORK OR HOG, THIEVES CHOOSE THE OTHER WHITE MEAT: Thieves in China are stealing pork because the staple meat has become so expensive. A Shenzhen newspaper reported that a pork seller was knocked off his motorcycle by robbers who stole his load of over 200 pounds of pork, but left his motorcycle in the road.

He was on his way to a market in Shenzhen, just over the border from Hong Kong, when four men jumped from a mini-bus and threatened him with knives.

The pork was worth 2000 yuan more than the motorcycle.

Alexander Kuzmin, the 33-year-old Russian mayor of Megion in Siberia, has banned 25 phrases such as this as a way to make his administration more efficient, and bureaucrats who say I can t, or It s not my job can look for another job.



WEATHER WARNING !!

WHEN YOU SEE THIS ON YOUR WAY OUT THE DOOR IN THE MORNING



Go back in and have another cup of coffee. It is probably not going to be a good day!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Help Me Keep Josef's Motorcycles, PWC, and Truck on the Road! We always knew we had too many vehicles, but we somehow justified keeping all of them. Every month it seemed I was renewing registrations and insurances. State Farm and the DMV must love me.

Now, I KNOW I have too many bikes, boats, and cars; and I need to find new homes for them—now!

Please help me “re-home” these BMWs!

- **1990 K100LT.** This was Josef's latest Three Flags bike, the grey one with the giant driving lights and a Corbin seat. AM/FM radio with cassette player. Air horns. Always dealer maintained in top condition. Maybe 90,000 miles. Comes with saddle bag liners, tank sack, and all the manuals, accessories and whatever I can find for it. \$4,500 OBO.
- **1982 R100RT.** Josef's prior Three Flags bike, black, also with giant driving lights, Vetter faring with AM/FM radio, air horns, Craven hard bags and back box, passenger back rest. Always dealer maintained. Just over 300,000 miles. \$3,500 OBO.
- **1994 K1100LT.** This was my first Three Flags bike, red with driving lights, AM/FM radio with cassette player, heated grips, movable windshield, Russell Day-long seat, saddle bag liners, tank sack, and whatever else I can find for it in the garage. Always dealer maintained. New tires. 233,000 miles. \$4,000 OBO.
- **2001 R1100RT-P.** Black and white with BMW pin striping. AM/FM radio/CD player/ MP3 setup. Solo seat. Dual batteries. All the law enforcement lights still active—in orange. Air horns. Three sets of hard cases: city, regular, extra wide. “Blaat-blaat” police horn/siren (very loud). Soft back bag, and more. Maybe 36,000 miles. \$7,000 firm.

One lovely, record-making “water bike” must also find a new home:

- **2005 Yamaha WaveRunner FX140 personal watercraft.** Ship-to-shore radio. Custom 12 gallon auxiliary fuel cell with on-off fuel pump. 30 gallon total fuel capacity—11 hours for about a 165-mile range. Yamaha cover. New battery and impeller. Comes with single trailer with storage box and spare tire. This is the PWC that went from Canada to Mexico. Always dealer maintained. Never rolled or abused. 138 hours. Just tuned up. \$7,000 OBO.

And our big, beautiful “red truck” needs a new home:

- **2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer 5.4L four-wheel drive.** 40,000 miles. Custom red—even the bumpers! Driver-side “police” search light. Leather seats with lambskin covers. Big-screen DVD system. Multi-CD player. Rear AC. Front and rear trailer hitch. Towing package. Custom car cover. And much more. All records available. Josef and I accessorized this vehicle with everything we could think of. But when I sell the WaveRunner, I won't need a tow vehicle—so I need to find someone who can use it as it was intended. Very impressive automobile. \$20,000 OBO.

For those of you who knew Josef well, you might wonder about all his other stuff, especially the music collection. His two sons, Neal and Steve, took back to Brooklyn and Washington, DC, his enormous collection of audio equipment, vinyl, reel-to-reel, cassettes, and CDs. They both grew up listening to that music, and it meant something to them.

Right now, Dear Friends, I need to sell those four bikes, the WaveRunner, and the Expedition. If you'd like to see photos of anything listed above, please email me at usatin@roadrunner.com. I'll send you photo attachments, I'll tell you about all the machines, and I'll be happy to have you come to my home to see them. And maybe take one home with you!

Please do get in touch!

Jane Usatin
(aka Mrs. Josef Usatin, SCMA #66)



THIS SHOULD BE POSTED IN ALL SCHOOLS

Love him or hate him, he sure hits the nail on the head with this! To anyone with kids of any age, here's some advice.

Bill Gates recently gave a speech at a High School about 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.



Rule 1 : Life is not fair - get used to it!

Rule 2 : The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

Rule 3 : You will NOT make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

Rule 4 : If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

Rule 5 : Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your Grandparents had a different word for burger flipping: they called it opportunity.

Rule 6 : If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

Rule 7 : Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

Rule 8 : Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life HAS NOT. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as MANY TIMES as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

Rule 9 : Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.

Rule 10 : Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

Rule 11 : Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

If you agree, pass it on.

If you can read this - Thank a teacher!

If you are reading it in English -

Thank a soldier.

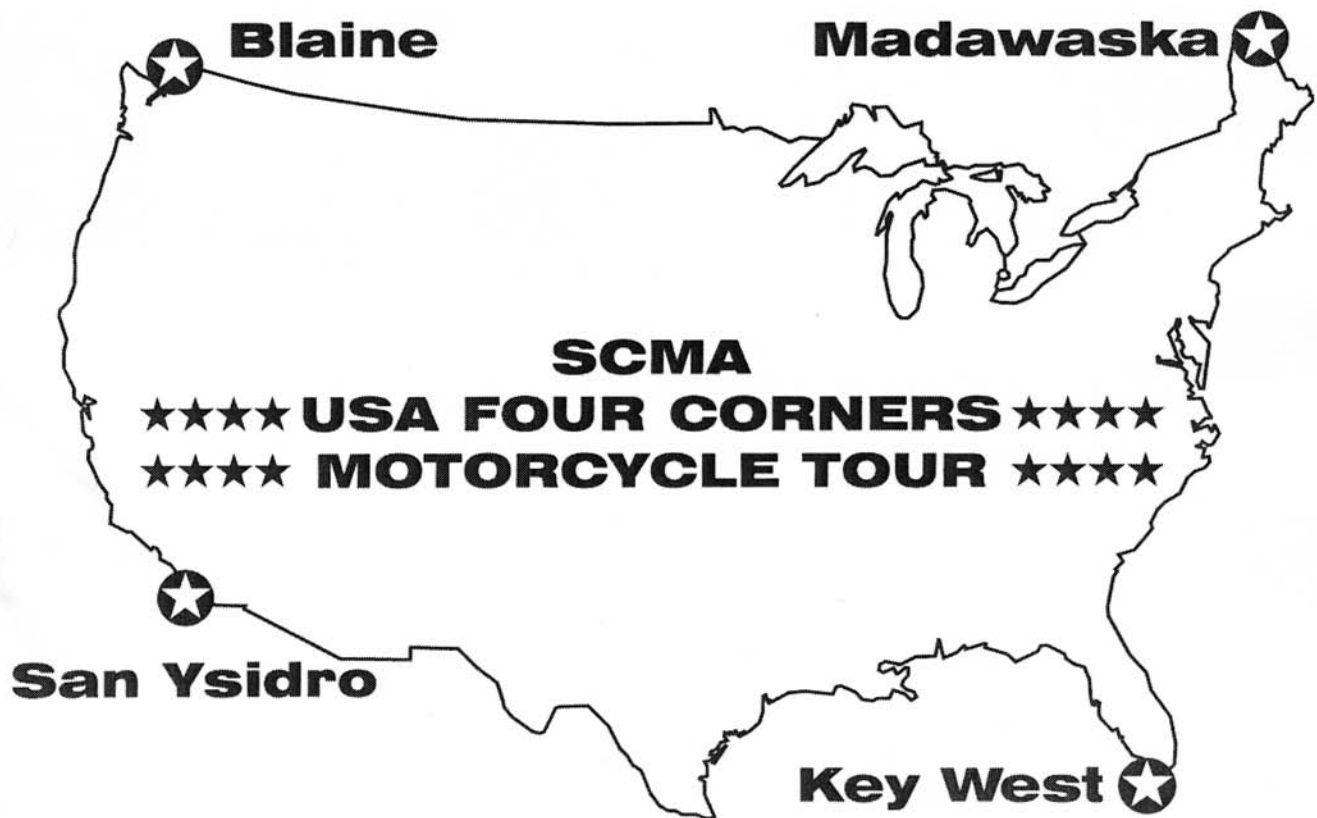
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- 1.) A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- 2.) The 'sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick' is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- 3.) Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.
- 4.) Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- 5.) If the government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16, 1969 make it illegal for U. S. citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrial trials or their vehicles?
- 6.) In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.
- 7.) A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- 8.) 23% of all photocopier faults world-wide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their butts.
- 9.) Most lipstick contains fish scales
- 10.) Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- 11.) If you sneeze too hard you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force they can pop out.
- 12.) In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand.
- 13.) It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- 14.) A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
- 15.) More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.
- 16.) Horses can't vomit.
- 17.) Butterflies taste with their feet.
- 18.) In 10 minutes, a category three hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.
- 19.) On average 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- 20.) On average people fear spiders more than they do death.
- 21.) Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.
- 22.) Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- 23.) Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- 24.) Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- 25.) It's possible to lead a cow upstairs... but not downstairs.
- 26.) Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- 27.) It is physically impossible for you to lick your elbow.
- 28.) The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- 29.) A snail can sleep for three years.
- 30.) No word in the English language rhymes with 'MONTH.'
- 31.) Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- 32.) The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
- 33.) All polar bears are left handed.
- 34.) In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
- 35.) An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- 36.) TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
- 37.) 'Go,' is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- 38.) If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand 7 feet, 2 inches tall.
- 39.) A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- 40.) The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- 41.) Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
- 42.) Almost everyone who reads this email will try to lick their elbow — Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time. —Steven Wright

— Terry Smith

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