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Sunday • April 6

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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APRIL 2008

- 6✓ AVTS Touring Society Antelope Valley
Poker Run
8-10 a.m. sign in
Santa Clarita Motor Sports
661-943-2213 / 661-945-7753
- 12 SCMA General La Canada
Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m.
Conrad's Restaruant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
- 12 Three Flags Meeting Glendale
12-3 p.m.
J's Maintenance
3550 Foothill Blvd.
310-387-3974

MAY 2008

- 3-4 PMC 62nd Annual Pasadena
Greenhorn Ride
626-798-9716
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3550 Foothill Blvd.
310-387-3974
- 24-26 Blazing Saddles Mesquite, NV
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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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S.C.M.A. MONTHLY MEETINGS

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 —

Jan Staws (562) 437-4116

FROM THE CHAIR

Hi All,

Hope this finds you all in good health, ready to ride at the first sign of almost sunshine, meaning no drizzles, no rain. February has been a really wet month. Hope that the month of March brings better weather.

Well it did not rain on the Shamrock Roadrider's Saint Patrick's Day ride, it snowed the night before. On the way up to Crazy Otto's in Acton we saw the results of the previous nights rain storm, from about Red Rover Mine Road on into Acton and beyond was the "White" stuff, powdering the mountains, the roadside and upon driving into Crazy Otto's parking lot there were cars there with a great deal of it on the rear windows and roofs. About 30 riders showed up to support the event and enjoyed a great breakfast which the Shamrocks picked up \$4.00 a person when you signed in for the event. I did not ride but I did support it by signing in and buying 50/50 tickets.

Last month was the deadline for advising me about receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, at this point do not really know how many requests were received since I got some by e mail, I am sure some were mailed to the P. O. Box. My membership person has been out of town the whole month of February taking care of family matters so I am hoping to get this in good working order before the April newsletter goes to the web site. The problem is going to be getting the newsletter printed in small quantities for a reasonable price, just have to wait and see what the financial impact is going to be.

There are other situations that will need to be addressed as time goes on I am sure. We have elections coming up; the ballot will be in the newsletter, on the web site. Members can print it out and mail it to the address given. I am hoping to have more than just 5 or 10 ballots this coming election since all members have access to the ballot and hopefully will express their preference for the people running for office. We actually have more than one person running for Membership/Corresponding Secretary this time. Nominations are open until after the May General Membership meeting, the voting happens in June. We do have one nomination for Vice-Chairman, Blake Anderson has accepted the nomination, and one for Referee also, Chuck Jones.

April is bringing us the AVTS Poker Run whose flyer was in the newsletter last month and again this month. It sounds like it is going to be a great ride; they now have several sponsors that help them with the event. Hope to see you there.

The beginning of May brings us the PMC Greenhorn Road Tour; this is a long established event who would appreciate all of our support. PMC has been with the SCMA for a very long time, always supported our rides for many years and many of their club members still do, so let's give our support back to them.

Well that is it for this month, need to get some rest, have been going since 5am. this morning.

Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws

POKER RUN

BENEFITTING



www.bags4kids.org

April 6th, 2008

Presented by

**Antelope Valley Touring Society along with
Santa Clarita Motorsports & Saugus Suzuki
Kawasaki**



- Free coffee and doughnuts
- Lunch provided at the finish
- Ride pins to the first 75 participants
- Rider gift bags (Limited quantities)
- 50/50 and prize raffles
- Awards for high hand and low hand
- Free Race Tech suspension setup and adjust clinic before start and after finish.



Entry Fee:

\$22.00 PER PERSON
\$1.00 AMA DISCOUNT
\$1.00 SCMA DISCOUNT
\$1.00 MAIL IN DISCOUNT
(\$2.00 MAXIMUM DISCOUNT)

Starting Point:
Santa Clarita Motor Sports
24601 Arch Street
Newhall, CA 91321

Registration open from 8:30 to 10:30 am

For more information contact:

Doug 661-943-2213

Pre-Registration (mail by March 26)

Make check payable to: Antelope Valley Touring Society

Mail to: Antelope Valley Touring Society, 1840 E. Ave J2 #7, Lancaster, CA 93535

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MOTORCYCLE TRUTHS

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul.

Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Life may begin at 50, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 110 mph!

You start the game of life with a full pot o' luck and an empty pot o' experience... The object is to fill the pot of experience before you empty the pot of luck. If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.

Midnight bugs taste best.

Saddlebags can never hold everything you want, but they CAN hold everything you need.

Never try to race an old geezer, he may have one more gear than you.

It takes more love to share the saddle than it does to share the bed.

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rearview mirror.

Never be afraid to slow down.

Don't ride so late into the night that you sleep through the sunrise.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of fuel before you can think straight.

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

Never hesitate to ride past the last street light at the edge of town.

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.

If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Respect the person who has seen the dark side of motorcycling and lived.

Young riders pick a destination and go... Old riders pick a direction and go.

A good mechanic will let you watch without charging you for it.

Sometimes the fastest way to get there is to stop for the night.

Always back your bike into the curb, and sit where you can see it.

Work to ride and ride to work.

Whatever it is, it's better in the wind.

Two-lane blacktop isn't a highway - it's an attitude.

When you look down the road, it seems to never end - but you better believe it does.

Winter is Nature's way of telling you to polish.

Keep your bike in good repair: Motorcycle boots are NOT comfortable for walking.

People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

Sometimes, the best communication happens when you're on separate bikes.

Good coffee should be indistinguishable from 50 weight motor oil.

The best alarm clock is sunshine on chrome.

The twisties - not the superslabs - separate the riders from the squids.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

A friend is someone who'll get out of bed at 2 am to drive his pickup to the middle of nowhere to get you when you're broken down.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt @ 70 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every tavern.

There's something ugly about a NEW bike on a trailer.

Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.

Practice wrenching on your own bike.

Everyone crashes. Some get back on. Some don't. Some can't.

Don't argue with an 18-wheeler.

Never be ashamed to unlearn an old habit.

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and electrician's tape, it's serious.

If you ride like there's no tomorrow, there won't be.

Gray-haired riders don't get that way from pure luck.

There are drunk riders. There are old riders. There are NO old, drunk riders.

Thin leather looks good in the bar, but it won't save your butt from "roadrash" if you go down.

The best modifications cannot be seen from the outside.

Always replace the cheapest parts first.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze .

Only a Biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles, and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.

"It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end."



Proudly presents the 62nd annual

GREENHORN ROAD TOUR

May 3rd and 4th 2008

50/50 Drawing • Ride Pin • Ice Cold Apples • Poker Run • Trophies • Finisher Prizes

FEES:

Participant Fee: \$27.00

\$4.00 mail-in discount

\$1.00 M/C Organization discount - \$5.00 MAX!

RIDE FREE!!!

10% of mail-ins will receive a free entry.

START:

Flanders Company

340 S. Fair Oaks Avenue

Pasadena, CA 91105 - (626) 792-7384

Start open 6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

Coffee and Donuts Provided by Flanders

GRAND PRIZE FREE WEEKEND

*We will draw one rider from our mail-in list to receive a **Free Entry And Motel Room.***

Send your Entry in NOW!!!

Your entry must be postmarked by 4/19/2008

MOTEL INFORMATION

**Ask for PMC Greenhorn Tour!
Midway Point Saturday Night Accommodations**

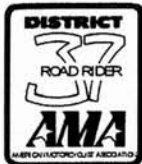
Motel 6

550 E. Hwy. 95 N

Beatty, Nevada 89003

(775) 553-9090

(Room cost 1 person (\$52.99 / 2 person \$58.99))



This 2-day fun-filled tour covers 700 miles and ends in Victorville!!

For More Information - Please call after 6:00 P.M.

Gregg - (626) 798-9716

Randy - (626) 358-7373



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Mail in Deadline is April 19th 2008

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Club Name: _____

AMA # _____ SCMA # _____ District 37 # _____ Rider: Passenger:

NOW CELEBRATING OUR 101st YEAR!

GRAND CANYON RIDE

Story and photos by Robert Lamishaw

(Second of a two-part series)

Last month I described the Friday ride along Old Route 66 from Barstow, through Amboy, to Oatman, down Sitgreaves Pass, through Kingman and into Williams Arizona and our hotel, "The Lodge on Route 66". We arrived in Williams about 4:30 PM after a long, and windy, but very satisfying day. After we checked into the hotel we all got together for dinner at Roy's Steak House. Most of us went to bed early, it had been a very full day, but some of our intrepid group decided to check out the local Coyboy Bars, just to make sure they were OK, in case anyone asked.

Saturday morning we awoke to very cool temp's and heavy cloud cover and it looked like it might rain. Bundling up we headed out to breakfast at one of Williams more popular breakfast spots. The plan for the day was to go to the Canyon where Jacque and John Burch were setting up the lunch picnic. John, as you may remember from last month, had become Jacque's willing and very gracious assistant, when his older K1200GT starting leaking fuel all over the place, (it did turn out to be the quick disconnect by the way so if you have a older K bike you might want to make sure you're dealer has performed the fix on these problematic parts). Jacque and John left about 9AM to get to the park and claim the picnic tables near the train depot and set up for lunch. It is really great to have this kind of support and Jacque's willingness to play this roll, as well as sweep van driver and emergency motorcycle trailer jockey, has really enhanced our multi-day rides making them more like mini-tours than simple club rides. This was the second time the motorcycle trailer



saved a rider from an expensive tow and allowed them to enjoy the weekend, even though they couldn't ride. Not many clubs have that kind of support.

Anyway, back to the ride. Fed, fueled and with electric vests set to high we headed out for the Grand Canyon. Williams is considered, at least by "Williamsonians", to be the gateway to the Grand Canyon, being both the turn off from Old 66 and US 40 onto US 64 as well as the rail head for the Grand Canyon Railroad. The ride up 64 was pleasant enough, mostly high speed 2 and 4 lane highway. Designed not to tax the limited skills of motor home drivers, it wasn't what you'd call exciting but it is very pretty and made for an easy ride.

Pulling up to the south entrance to the Canyon we all went through the usual ritual of paying the park entrance fees, getting the maps and waiting for everyone to form up

on the other side of the entrance gate. We had a slight delay when one of our group dropped his bike and damaged one of the side cases, fortunately no fatal damage to the bike and the rider was embarrassed but unhurt. After bunging the broken bits to his bike we were off again and found Jacque and John without any real trouble. The parking lot near the train depot was very full, but we all found nooks and crannies big enough for our bikes and parked without any problem, (if people realized how much easier it was to commute and park when on a bike there'd be a lot more motor bikes on the road, but I digress). After a great lunch, which was sponsored by BMW of Ventura Co., most of the riders walked around the village and along the Canyon rim to enjoy the spectacular views. Others did KP duty and helped Jacque

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The 2008

BLAZING SADDLES

Saturday, May 24

TOUR

Sign-In 5-7 a.m.

Start: **Oasis Casino & Hotel**
897 West Mesquite Blvd.
Mesquite, Nevada 89027
1-800-21-OASIS

Ask for Blazing Saddles discount rate

— Saturday —

Moab, Utah • Holiday Inn Express
435-259-1150
Veronica or Cindy

— Sunday —

St. George, Utah • Econolodge
435-673-4861
Pam



Sanctioned Rider



Price: \$30.00 — *NO RIDE PINS

Mail-In Discount: \$3.00

SCMA Discount: \$2.00

Other Club Discount: \$1.00

Discount not to exceed \$5.00 total

**In order to reduce the cost of the event,
there will be no ride pins this year.*

Mail-in entry deadline: May 17, 2008

Make checks payable to: SCMA

Mail entries to: John Katios

930 N. Parish Place

Burbank, CA 91506S

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GRAND CANYON RIDE

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and John clean up and repack the van before heading off for a ride along the South Rim of the park.

It was getting late, and cold, so the group decided to return the way we had come, back to the south entrance and down highway 64 to Williams, rather than the longer route originally planned. We'd be covering some of that route tomorrow anyway when we visited Sunset Crater and the Wupatki Ruins National Parks.

Saturday evening everyone got together to dine on appetizers, wine, soft drinks and other munchies, (compliments of the Club), in our suite at the hotel, after which the Board had the short meeting, (which you read about in last months newsletter). Saturday was a very full day and everyone slept very soundly that night.

Unlike Saturday, Sunday was bright and clear, although still cold. Checking out of the hotel some of our group had to head on home to be back to work on Monday. However, the rest of us headed out on US 40 and along portions of old 66 through Flagstaff where we picked up Highway 89 north to the loop that runs around Sunset



Crater and the Wupatki National Monument.

Stopping at the Sunset Crater visitor center, we checked in with the Park Rangers and toured the exhibits which explained the

geology of the volcanic park. Sunset Crater Volcano was born in a series of eruptions sometime between 1040 and 1100. Powerful explosions profoundly affected the lives of local people and forever changed the landscape and ecology of the area. Lava flows and cinders still look as fresh and rugged as the day they formed. With breathtaking overlooks of the desert below and the cinder cones above, Sunset Crater was well worth the visit.

Leaving the Crater we headed toward Wupatki National Monument which is one of several sites preserving pueblos (houses) of ancient peoples, but unlike the Tonto, Montezuma, Casa Grande Ruins and Tuzigoot Monuments where there is only one main building. Here there are many ruins scattered over a large area of the desert northeast of Flagstaff. The pueblos all have a distinctive red color and were made from the local Moenkopi sandstone. The Wupatki National Monument was established by President Calvin Coolidge on December 9, 1924, to preserve Citadel and Wupatki pueblos. Monument boundaries have been



adjusted several times since then, and now include additional pueblos and other archeological resources on a total of 35,422 acres.

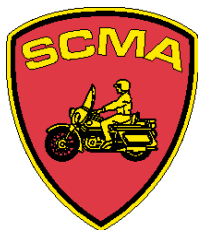
Our first stop was the Wokoki Ruins a large dwelling south of the main pueblo. The sandstone structure was remarkably sophisticated with complex ventilation and water systems still evident today. From Wokoki we continued north for about 15 minutes to the main pueblo and Park Visitor Center.

Today Wupatki appears empty and abandoned. Though it is no longer physically occupied, the Hopi believe the people who lived and died here remain as spiritual guardians. Stories of Wupatki are passed on among Hopi, Zuni, Navajo, and perhaps other tribes. Members of the Hopi Bear, Sand, Lizard, Rattlesnake, Water, Snow, and Katsina Clans return periodically to enrich their personal understanding of their clan history. Wupatki is remembered and cared for, not abandoned.

Wishing we had more time to explore, as they used to say in the old travel logs, "we bid a fond farewell" to this fascinating part of the American Southwest and head out of the park and south along US 89 to Flagstaff, where we stopped for lunch at a classic Route 66 diner. Full on hamburgers, fries, cherry Cokes and other such healthy foods we were off on the last part of 66 we'd see on this trip. Once east of Flagstaff we picked up the super slab and took US 40 into Kingman, AZ. The official end of the ride. Monday saw our group heading off in several different directions. Some heading back along US 40 to Barstow and into LA, others heading more southerly over to the river down highway 95 and back home via US 10.

Whatever our chosen route home we were all sad that our trip was over. We had touched history that spanned a millennium. From 10th Century volcanic devastation, to the incredible archeological remains of a highly sophisticated native people to a small section of the roadway that is such an iconic part of our of modern history. A great trip! One that we'll have to make a part of our regular trip rotation. Next year we're going to... Oh wait I can't say just yet, that would ruin the surprise.

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Traveler's Award



Sunday • June 21

ENTRY FEE (Price includes discount)	
SCMA:	\$18.00
All others:	\$19.00
Additional Discount for Mail-in	
SCMA:	\$2.00
All others:	\$1.00
<i>Total Discount not to exceed \$4.00</i>	

Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.

**Start: Cycle Giant
20902 Bake Parkway, Ste. 106
Lake Forest, CA 92630
800-260-4050**

**Coffee and Doughnuts at the Start
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Make checks payable to: SCMA

Mail to: Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810

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EARTHQUAKE SURVIVAL TIPS

IMPORTANT survival tips in case of an earthquake

My name is Doug Copp. I am the Rescue Chief and Disaster Manager of the American Rescue Team International (ARTI), the world's most experienced rescue team. The information in this article will save lives in an earthquake.

I have crawled inside 875 collapsed buildings, worked with rescue teams from 60 countries, founded rescue teams in several countries, and I am a member of many rescue teams from many countries. I was the United Nations expert in Disaster Mitigation for two years. I have worked at every major disaster in the world since 1985, except for simultaneous disasters.

In 1996 we made a film which proved my survival methodology to be correct. The Turkish Federal Government, City of Istanbul, University of Istanbul Case Productions and ARTI cooperated to film this practical, scientific test.

We collapsed a school and a home with 20 mannequins inside. Ten mannequins did "duck and cover," and ten mannequins I used in my "triangle of collapse we crawled through the rubble and entered the building to film and document the results. The film, in which I practiced my survival techniques under directly observable, scientific conditions, relevant to building collapse, showed there would have been zero percent survival for those doing duck and cover. There would likely have been 100 percent survivability for people using my method of the "triangle of life."

This film has been seen by millions of viewers on television in Turkey and the rest of Europe, and it was seen in the USA, Canada and Latin America on the TV program Real TV. The first building I ever crawled inside of was a school in Mexico City during the 1985 earthquake. Every child was under their desk. Every child was crushed to the thickness of their bones. They could have survived by lying down next to their desks in the aisles. It was obscene, unnecessary and I wondered why the children were not in the aisles. I didn't at the time know that the children were told to hide under something. Simply stated, when buildings collapse, the weight of the ceilings falling upon the objects or furniture inside crushes these objects, leaving a space or void next to them. This space is what I call the "triangle of life". The larger the object, the stronger, and the less it will compact. The less the object compacts, the larger the void, the greater the probability that the person who is using this void for safety will not be

The next time you watch collapsed buildings on television, count the "triangles" you see formed. They are everywhere. It is the most common shape, you will see, in a collapsed building. They are everywhere.

TEN TIPS FOR EARTHQUAKE SAFETY

- 1) Most everyone who simply "ducks and covers" when buildings collapse are crushed to death. People who get under objects, like desks or cars,
- 2) Cats, dogs and babies often naturally curl up in the fetal position. You should too in an earthquake. It is a natural safety/survival instinct. You can survive in a smaller void. Get next to an object, next to a sofa, next to a large bulky object that will compress slightly but leave a void next to it.
- 3) Wooden buildings are the safest type of construction to be in during an earthquake. Wood is flexible and moves with the force of the earthquake. If the wooden building does collapse, large survival voids are created. Also, the wooden building has less concentrated, crushing weight. Brick buildings will break into individual bricks. Bricks will cause many injuries but less squashed bodies than concrete.
- 4) If you are in bed during the night and an earthquake occurs, simply roll off the bed. A safe void will exist around the bed. Hotels can achieve a much greater survival rate in earthquakes, simply by posting a sign on the back of the door of every room telling occupants to lie down on the floor next to the bottom of the bed during an
- 5) If an earthquake happens and you cannot easily escape by getting out the door or window, lie down and curl up in the fetal position next to a sofa, or large chair.
- 6) Most everyone who gets under a doorway when buildings collapse is killed. How? If you stand under a doorway and the doorjamb falls forward or backward you will be crushed by the ceiling above. If the door jam falls sideways you will be cut in half by the doorway. In either case, you will be killed!
- 7) Never go to the stairs. The stairs have a different "moment of frequency" (they swing separately from the main part of the building). People who get on stairs before they fail are chopped up by the stair treads - horribly mutilated. Even if the building doesn't collapse, stay away from the stairs. The stairs are a likely part of the building to be damaged. Even if the stairs are not collapsed by the earthquake, they may collapse later when overloaded by fleeing people. They should always be checked for safety, even when the rest of the building is not damaged.
- 8) Get near the outer walls of buildings or outside of them if possible. It is much better to be near any outside walls, as the further inside you are from the outside perimeter of the building the greater the probability that your escape can be lessened considerably.
- 9) Slabs of highway concrete crushes vehicles; which is exactly what happened with the slabs between the decks of the Nimitz Freeway. The victims of the San Francisco earthquake all stayed inside of their vehicles. They were all killed. They could have easily survived by getting out and sitting or lying next to their vehicles. All the crushed cars had voids 3 feet high next to them, except for the cars that had column fall directly across them.
- 10) I discovered, while crawling inside of collapsed newspaper offices and other offices with a lot of paper, that paper does not compact. Large voids are found all around these stacks of paper.

Spread the word to everyone you care about and save someone's life!



Save The Date For The:

Ride for the Heart 2008 Events!

The Ride for the Heart Foundation, very quickly, has grown and proved that there are many ways to ride for a great cause and have a fantastic time doing it. The events planned for 2008 will be no exception to our all volunteer charity group and we are positive that if you join us on one or more of the following events you will be guaranteed to have one heck of a year riding and having fun memorable times that you'll talk about for years to come!

So, as the New Year is fast approaching get out your calendar and start making plans to have the most fun-filled riding year ever.

April 12, 2008

Leather Meets Tie Charity Fund Raiser

No miles, just a great party. Limited to first 125 previous Ride for the Heart Riders and their guests.

For the past two years the Ride for the Heart Foundation and the San Diego Automotive Museum have put on a fund raiser social to raise money and to get reacquainted with your Ride for the Heart riding buddies. This year will be no exception. If you have attended before you'll be pleased with the changes we have planned for 2008. If 2007 was your first year riding with us please know that this is our thank you dinner reception for supporting our rides and charity.

This year, in addition to great food, music, a cash bar and raffle prizes you will get to experience our infamous Not So Silent Auction all amidst a NEW motorcycle collection. We plan a music and video presentation covering past events in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. The video presentation will introduce you to some of the most charitable and dedicated Ride for the Heart riders you will ever meet.

In order to attend, you must have previously ridden on a Ride for the Heart event or currently be signed up for one. If you do register please include the name of your guest, if you plan to bring one, to ensure that your guest is included on our list. On-Line Pre-Registration opens February 14, 2008.

August 10, 2008

FREE RIDE

Freedom from heart disease

Don't expect a run of the mill ride and rally for this event. There are going to be some fun things along the way that will make this ride be the one to remember for 2008. How about a unique and entertaining poker ride, all ending up at the fabulous Storm baseball stadium where you will be treated to lunch, raffles, music entertainment and a baseball game. Motorcycle riding and a baseball game; a great combination for a wonderful summer Sunday in Southern California? With multiple starting points throughout Southern California, getting to the big party in Lake Elsinore will be a blast. Inviting your non-riding friends and family is encouraged. What better way to spend a day than riding with your friends AND sharing quality time with your family!

This event will support a new Ride for the Heart-supported charity, Camp del Corazon, who is devoted to helping children in their recovery from heart surgery and disease. Sign up early to get your fund raising package so that you can be part of a great ride, charity and game. Special prizes will be awarded to riders who obtain over \$1,000 in donations to support the Camp del Corazon.

Pass the word and tell your friends all about it; let this be the ride of the year. Let's fill that stadium up!

Your \$25.00 rider pre-registration includes a suggested poker run route of approximately 75 to 125 miles, ride pin, lunch, ballgame and an entire day of fun and relaxation!

On-Line Pre-Registration opens March 1, 2008.

— Other Ride for the Heart Announcements: —

The Ride for the Heart Foundation is pleased to announce our donations for the 2007 Fiscal year.

One hundred percent of all rider-generated donations have been donated to one of the following charities:

American Heart Association - San Diego
American Heart Association - Northern California
Childrens Hospital of Orange County

American Heart Association - Las Vegas
Loma Linda International Heart Institute
Arizona Heart Institute

With what the Ride for the Heart donated this year we now have surpassed \$162,000.00 in four very short years.

Thanks to all who have helped us reach many of our goals. Without you we couldn't have done it.

Thanks everybody, take care, ride safe and see you soon. We are extremely excited about our event plans for 2008.

Remember to keep an eye on the website. We will start to update it more often starting the first of January 2008.

Bill Davis *Executive Director*

Mike Moorhouse *President/CEO*

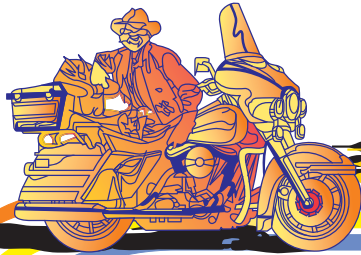
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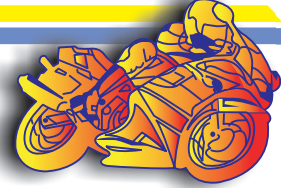
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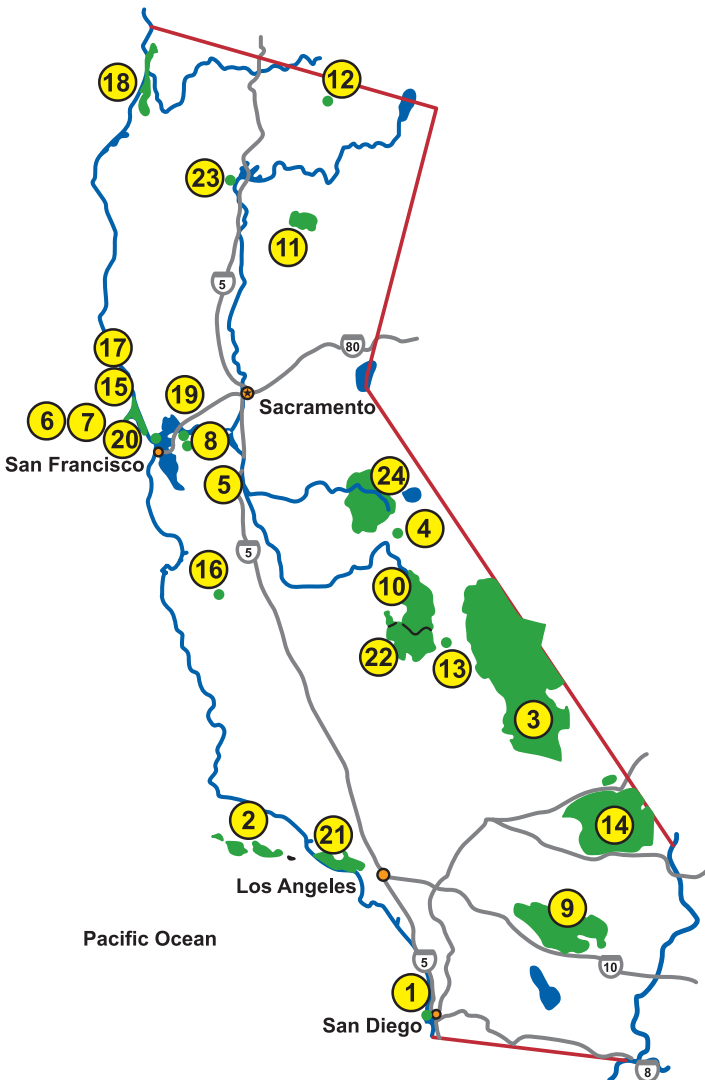
SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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 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.
- ◆ Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:
Mitch Friedman
8306 Wilshire Blvd #246
Beverly Hills, CA. 90211
- ◆ For more information, please visit our website at:
www.sc-ma.com
Email us at:
scmacpa@earthlink.net



SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

\$ 60.00 Non-Members

\$ 50 for SCMA members

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HEART ATTACKS IN WOMEN

Heart Attacks in Women, First-person recounting included:

Before you say, yeah, yeah, I've read about these symptoms before — take a moment and read this woman's account. What's scary is how she tried to explain away what was happening to her. My guess is that I'd've explained away the symptoms just as she did, and I like to think of myself as reasonably attentive to my health.

She said she didn't feel well and had a back ache and was going to lay down on the bed with the heating pad. A while later, her husband went to check on her and she was not breathing. They were not able to revive her. This is something we women should definitely take seriously. Please pass this on to those you love.

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 and 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 pm 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 5:00 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 spasm), 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, 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 a 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 stints 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 stints.

"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 own 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 - you're a hazard to others on the road, and so is your panicked husband who will be speeding and looking anxiously at what's happening with you instead of the road. 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 doctor will be notified later.

- 3. 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. If it doesn't happen to you, you could recognize it in your friend and save her life!

*****Please be a true friend and send this article to all your friends you care about*****

Sweetheart Ride - 2008



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S.C.M.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Meeting was held at Conrad's Restaurant, 631 Foothill Blvd, La Canada, CA 91011
Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by Jan Staws

Members and guests were welcomed.
David Chen from GLIC and Barbara Fox

Attendance

Executive Board: Chairperson Jan Staws; Vice-Chairperson Dave Hawker; Recording Secretary Phyllis Shaw; Treasurer Jane Usatin; Corresponding Secretary/Membership Flavia Gullett (and Vernon Lucero Absent); Referee (Doug Poppen Absent); DLO Ken Baumgarth

Committee Chairs: AMA Insurance Information Jo Anne Gamble/Blake Anderson; Blazing Saddles John Katics; California Parks Adventure Mitch Friendman; Grand Tour Blake Anderson; Newsletter Jan Staws; Sunshine Lady Jo Anne Gamble; 2008 TFC Chairperson Jane Usatin; Traveler's Award Dannie Fox; Turkey Run Chuck Jones; USA Four Corners Tour David Johnson

Club Representatives: AVTS Doug Hoffelt; BMW Peter Petzold; PMC John Katics and Ralph Fox; SRR Dave Hawker and Jo Anne Gamble

General Membership: Ken Hatke and Steve Zinkow

Executive Board and Committee Reports

Chairperson:

Jan introduced David Chen, President of GLIC, General Link International Corporation, Inc. in Alhambra. E-mail address is: dadachen@yahoo.com. David presented his invention for helmets. It is a safety light device that can be seen 200-300 feet away. He will honor a discount for S.C.M.A. members and keep S.C.M.A. informed once in production.

Vice-Chairperson:

Minutes: The minutes of the January 2008 Meeting were distributed and were approved as printed. They will be published in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The report, dated December 31, 2007, has been incorporated into the minutes by attachment. It was noted that there was an expense for moving the storage shed and the annual insurance for the California National Park Ride.

S.C.M.A Three Flags Classic August/September

The vice-chairperson, Jan Staws, reported that there was a good turn-out at the draw. There were riders from Idaho and London. Fortunately, they were both drawn. There are 257 included the Traveler's Award riders and the committee. The TFC Committee will be meeting today at J's Maintenance following the S.C.M.A. meeting.

S.C.M.A USA Four Corners

Dave Johnson noted that he has 53 persons registered for the Banquet this evening. Mr. Garson will be the guest speaker. The function will begin at 3:00 PM with a "meet and greet" with appetizers at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. Entertainment will last until 11:00 PM.

There are 33 riders at this time (eleven from last year). As of 2-3-08, the balance is \$3495.62. David was complimented and thanked for a job well done.

DLO Report

Florida has introduced a bill to prohibit anyone under the age of twelve to ride as a passenger on a motorcycle. Patriot Guard Riders has no members and is a scam. If any one is contacted, please report the incident by calling 316/522-2000.

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**Southern California
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Southern California Motorcycling
Association Proudly Announces

**THE 2008 GRAND TOUR
October 11-12**



BADWATER BASIN
282 FEET / 86 Meters
BELOW SEA LEVEL

Start in Bakersfield 6-7 AM at Zingo's Café 3201 Buck Owens Blvd. Lake Isabella, Death Valley NP, Bishop, Mono Lake, Lee Vining, Yosemite NP, Bass Lake, King's Canyon NP, Sequoia NP, Call-in Finish Pins to First 50 Riders. Mail-in Deadline September 28, 2008. Fees and discounts shown below. Saturday night lodging in Lee Vining. Hotel arrangements and rates to be announced. Mail Entries to: SCMA Grand Tour c/o Blake Anderson, 2318 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana, CA 92708-1803 (714) 801-3931 Blake@BlakeAndersonConsulting.com Monitor SCMA website at www.SC-MA.com USE THE FORM BELOW OR PROVIDE A FORM OF YOUR OWN WITH THE SAME INFORMATION. Use one form per person please. Make check out to Southern California Motorcycling Association

Name _____ Rider or Passenger? _____
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 Cost: Rider \$40 Passenger \$30 less Discounts for SCMA \$2, AMA \$1, Preregister \$2

SCMA MEETING

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Newsletter

The Newsletter has not been printed unless requested in writing. Ken Baumgarth requested a hard copy and has not received it to date. It was suggested that a hard copy of the annual events be sent to members. This will be taken under advisement. There is a correction regarding the date of the S.C.M.A. Sweetheart Ride. It is Sunday February 10th.

Membership

Flavia provided labels to Jan and noted that she will pick up the correspondence during Vernon's absence. Jan will discuss new member/renewal issues, etc. with Flavia after the S.C.M.A. meeting today.

Referee Report

No report today

Sunshine Report

Jo Anne mentioned that Ziggy was at the drawing and he looked good. He is now at home.

Traveler's Award

There are now 29 entries; 17 are at 100%.

Triple Crown Award

Jan Staws mentioned that the design is pending.

Old Business

Newsletter is on the web site for 2008. A printed copy must be requested in writing.

New Business

Elections of Officers will take place in June for Vice-Chairperson, Referee and Corresponding Secretary/Membership. Nominations will be taken for these positions next month. Chairperson, Jan Staws noted that the Vice-Chair would step into the Chairperson's position if the Chairperson were incapacitated, or otherwise unable to be present. The Vice also chairs the S.C.M.A. Soup Run. The Referee needs to be aware of any problems on a ride and be at S.C.M.A. events. The Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chairperson(s) handle the soul of the organization. This position handles all member information and produces correct lists/labels, processes dues, address corrections, etc. Members were encouraged to consider these offices and be prepared for nominations.

Rides

S.C.M.A. Soup Run-January

The Soup Run was initially rained-out. It took place the next week with 48 riders.

S.C.M.A Sweetheart Ride- February

The Sweetheart Ride is Sunday, February 10th starting at Lancaster City Park and ending at Crazy Ottos in Lancaster (on 20th street).

S.C.M.A Blazing Saddles-May

John Katics reported that this ride will start in Mesquite with an overnight at the Holiday Inn (best rates) in Moab. It will finish in St. George and then home. A certificate will be provided in lieu of a pin versus using the same pin with bars for the year. It was moved and seconded that Certificates will be given to the riders for both Blazing Saddles and the Grand Tour and the fee reduced. The motion passed by consensus.

S.C.M.A Dog Days of Summer-June

Jan noted that Bob Masuzumi (Zoomer) is doing the route.

S.C.M.A Old Pin Run-August

Mitch Friendman has a tentative route of about 160 miles. He will provide the information need for a flier to Jan.

S.C.M.A Grand Tour-October

The Grand Tour will leave from a Coffee Shop in Bakersfield for Lake Isabella and go through four National Parks. Blake Anderson noted that the price will be adjusted to reflect the certificate in place of pins.

S.C.M.A Turkey Run-November

Chuck Jones is working on this ride. He noted that it will be starting and ending near Oceanside.

Club Reports/Upcoming Events

AVTS-Antelope Valley Touring Society - Douglas Hoffelt reported that the club is doing well. In April they will be having their Poker Run with monies going to charity. There will be gift bags, suspension clinics and free food at the finish.

BMW of Southern California - Peter Petzold reported that the BMW club is at Patton today. They are planning a brunch ride February 24th at 9:0 AM in Ventura. Their overnight ride will leave from Brown Motor Park in Pomona going to Anza-Borrego. They will be lodging at the Palm Canyon Resort. They will also be having a chili cook-off at Browns on Marcy 8th.

MTA Motorcycle Touring Association - The club is alive and doing well. They will be going to the Coy Fish Show at Del Mar between the 15th and 17th of February. Next week they will be going on an overnight trip to Tonopah. They will be visiting the Maritime Museum in March. In April, they will be going to Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo the 5th and 6th.

PMC Pasadena Motorcycle Club - John Katics reported that PMC had a Poker Run with 32 riders.

SRR Shamrocks Road Riders - Dave Hawker mentioned that SSR recently rode to Death Valley. SRR will be having a St. Patrick's Ride on the 16th of March beginning at Crazy Ottos. There are a couple of more rides being planned.

50/50 Chuck Jones was the happy winner of \$39.50 with \$39.50 going to the waitress.

Member Communication

Mitch Friendman reported on the California National Parks Ride. He has registered 25 riders that are members and 8 non-members. He has collected a total of \$1730 and spent \$56 on postcards and office supplies, etc. He will turn in the expense receipts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Minutes submitted by Phyllis Shaw, Recording Secretary, S.C.M.A.

CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE RIDE

by Ray Davis

Sunday, Feb. 10

Saturday at Woody's Cafe some of us had decided that we would again do some of the Southern CA Motorcycle Associations California National Parks Adventure Ride the following day, Sunday. (That's the 24 National Parks in the state of CA between Jan 1st and Dec 15th) You have to send in the \$50 entrance fee and you get a special SCMA CA National Parks Adventure Passport Book. You have to get the official stamp from each park and have a picture of you and your motorcycle in front of the sign of each National Park.

Charles KF6TXI, Billy KE6WBV and I had started them the Sunday before when we went down to San Diego and got our books stamped and took the pictures at the Cabrillo National Park.

The prediction was for very nice weather for the whole weekend and it was to be in the high 70 on Sunday. So Charles and our neighbor Bob and his wife Sue showed up at 8am to start the ride to 3 different Southern CA National Parks. Right off the get go, we should have had a clue that everything was not going to go well this day. My Garmin SP 2650 wouldn't come on and we didn't have time to mess with it as the route we choose to go was about 670 miles and we hadn't left yet at 8am. We did try another of my Garmin 2650's, but still that didn't work either. (turned out to be the 1 amp fuse, we found out Monday) So we head off toward Twenty Nine Palms CA which is about 85 miles and enjoy the nice ride through the desert and warm weather. The Joshua Tree National Monument HQ are only about 1/2 mile off Highway 62 that runs right through 29 Palms.

From there we head off up the back roads, Kelbaker Road/127 toward Baker and the Mojave National Park, Kelso entrance. By that time it was about 1pm and we had come 215 miles. Because Bob and Sue were with us we (Charles & I) had talked

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CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE RIDE

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about tuning for home there, but Bob & Sue have relatives in Barstow, so they decided to head over there. So Charles & I decided to go for Death Valley National Park and knock that one out too and save us from having to make a special trip back out there just for the one National Park. So we had plenty of gas left and didn't stop in Baker and continued up hiway 127 to 190 which is the road into Death Valley from the East. We got our SCMA Passports and the National Parks Passport (we are duplicating everything) stamped and took our pictures in front of the visitors center and Death Valley Monument signs. Everything went well up to this point.

Once we got out of the valley and Furnace Creek we put the hammer down and got back out to 127 in a hurry and then headed South toward Baker. We talked about going West out of Death Valley through the Panamint Mnts, but you have to cross a high pass and there is snow along the roads there and very cool. So we decided to go out the way we came in. It is longer, but the roads are so much better and faster. We turn South on CA 127 and are making good time toward the very small town of Shoshone CA, population 100. The speed limit through town is 35mph and we were doing maybe 35 or 40. The road through town is only about a quarter mile and as we passed by the only gas station in town (Chevron), Charles yells at me on the ham radio to stop, that something is wrong with his motorcycle. It was a flat rear tire and now the real adventure began.

It was 3pm or a little after. First there are no communications by ham radio, no cell phone service of any kind and only one pay phone in town and it won't take calls coming back to us because of the new drug laws where dealers were using pay phones to wait for customers to call them with being able to trace the calls. We could have used the pay phone to call the Southern CA Auto Club or the GWRRA tow service, but they would have taken Charles to Las Vegas about 100 miles away and the Honda shops are all closed on Monday. He has a new job and had to be at work on Monday morning at 5am. So we made one call to Bonnie (my wife at home) and asked her to get ahold of MARC/SCMA member, John KC6ZQZ and ask him if he can help Bonnie hook up our Kendon single rail motorcycle hauler and make the trip with her. I guess John and his wife Teri had just gotten home from a ride and he was about to take a nap. But when called upon John always comes to the rescue. So about 15 minutes after Bonnie's call John was there at the house and helped roll the trailer out from the rear of the house, hooked it up, hooked up the lights, safety chains & etc and they were on there way. Charles had gone across the street from the Chevron station to a little cafe & bar and asked they would except phone calls for us because we were broke down with a flat tire on a motorcycle, and they said yes. I again called Bonnie and gave her the number for the cafe and from then on we had one way communications. They would not let us call out, but would holler at us across the street anytime Bonnie called. We were moving Charles motorcycle into position to be picked up under the lights at the Chevron Station.

While we were waiting for Bonnie and John we sat in the cafe and had some supper and talked to the waitress that was a 21 year old blonde from Pahrump NV and she was one of the most educated, nicest, down-to-earth person you could ever imagine a 21 year old to be. She had been born in CA, moved to Pahrump NV then went to Europe with her father to work for a city in Finland. There she learned several languages and finished high school. She works part time at the cafe, works for the CHP as a cadet and is working as a volunteer for the local fire department in Pahrump and going to college on top of all of that. At times the bar and the cafe were very busy and she alone handled the whole place with one cook in the kitchen. I would like to go back there someday and thank her again for being so sweet and so helpful.

About 7:45pm Bonnie called the cafe and said that they were going through Baker CA. They had made good time as they had come about 180 miles already. It is about 60 miles from Baker to Shoshone and they were at Shoshone at about 8:30pm.

We, Bonnie, John, Charles and I all helped to load the motorcycle on the trailer and tie it down. We had to unload everything out of the saddlebags and the trunk and transfer as much gas out of the right side saddlebag tank as we could to lighten the rear of the trailer to keep it from wig wagging going down the road. We have learned that the hard way before.

Once the motorcycle was loaded and everyone was in the van, Charles driving and I was on Casper headed South on 127 toward Baker CA. I lead the way back down to Baker because there was no moon and it was pitch black and I have the PIAA 910 Driving lights on Casper and could light up the road for about a half mile. I was getting very cold when we got into Baker we stopped to fill the van with gas and I put on another jacket under my heavy riding jacket and put my winter ridding gloves on. What a difference that made as I was toasty warm all the way back to Irvine.

We got to the house about 12:45pm and John left for home right away. He had to be up at 4:30am and Bonnie took Charles home to Tustin in her van. He had to be at work at 5am. I covered Charles motorcycle on the trailer in front of the house and waited for Bonnie to get back to the house. We finally got to bed about 2am.

Alls well that ends well they say. To us it was just another adventure, nothing to spectacular thanks to the kindness of Bonnie and John who once again answered the call in an emergency. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Monday morning I took Charles motorcycle over to Huntington Honda and they unloaded it for us. They saved the tire so we could see what happened to the tire. We had seen a 2 inch slit in the tire, but when we got back to pick up the motorcycle in the afternoon we could see that what ever cut the tire came right through the cords on the inside of the tire.

This Sunday (Feb 17th) we (Charles, Billy and myself) will again leave to do some of the CA National Parks Adventure Ride for the SCMA. They are predicting another nice warm weekend. So we can get to at least 3 more National Parks and start working our way North. That will make 7 parks out of the way and only 17 more to go. *(Continued next month)*

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TRANSPORTATION CHIEF CALLS FOR HELMET USE

U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters sent legislation to Congress on February 14th seeking to divert funding from rider training and motorcycle awareness funds to promote helmet use.

According to the Department of Transportation, the legislation submitted to Congress would allow states to use federal motorcycle safety funding to promote the use of motorcycle helmets. Currently, states are limited to using the funds for motorcycle safety training and awareness programs only.

Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters is requesting an amendment to allow the SAFETEA-LU Section 2010 Grant funds to be used to promote helmet use in a letter sent to President of Senate Dick Cheney and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, explained Sputget this grant money and the outlines for its usage were hammered out and agreed upon.

Consider writing letters to your Senators and Representatives asking them to do the following:

1. Write Secretary Peters and request she withdraw her proposed amendment.
2. Speak with your legislators against this letter in an attempt to gather votes against this amendment if she does not withdraw it and it becomes a written bill.

INCREASED GLOBAL DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES FORECAST

Global demand for motorcycles is projected to exceed 59 million units in 2011. According to a new study from The Freedonia Group, Inc., a Cleveland-based industry market research firm, the demand for motorcycles is forecast to advance 6.0 percent annually to 59 million units in 2011, representing \$49 billion in manufacturers' sales.

These and other trends, including market share and company profiles, are presented in "World Motorcycles", a market research study conducted by The Freedonia Group, an unbiased international business analyst with Fortune 500 clientele. The most rapid growth will occur in developing markets, where rising income levels and the introduction of higher quality machines featuring the latest technologies will fuel demand.

Two separate motorcycle markets exist, as broken down in the report. The first centers on the industrialized Triad (the US, Japan and Western Europe), where motorcycles are seen as pleasure vehicles. The other, much larger market in unit terms exists in the developed markets such as North America, says the study.

VISION ZERO

An international conference has been convened to investigate methods of eliminating all risk on the roads, and the possibility of eliminating motorcycles as well. Government transport advisors from across the European Union gathered in Brussels for the three-day conference beginning February 12th, called: Safe Highways of the Future exploring technologies and changes required to enable zero deaths on Europe's roads to become a reality.

Rune Elvik, a Norwegian transport advisor, recently said a debate was needed on whether motorcycles should be allowed on the roads in order for Vision Zero to progress. Topics of the conference included Safer Vehicles By Design.

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY DEMANDS BETTER TREATMENT FOR BIKERS

United Kingdom motorcycle industry leaders want the British government, legislators, local authorities and transport planners to treat motorcycling as a serious, relevant alternative to cars, buses and trains. David Taylor, chief executive of the UK Motor Cycle Industry Association, made this plain only days after news of an 8.6 percent rise in motorcycle, scooter and moped registrations in 2007 the biggest jump in seven years.

"There are more than 1.2-million powered two-wheelers on UK roads," he told media sources on January 22, 2008. "After several years of flat sales, there are strong indications that people are seeing PTW's as practical, relevant personal transport. They are part of the solution to traffic congestion and pollution - it's time motorcyclists were properly considered and treated seriously 'There are more than 1.2-million powered two-wheelers on UK roads'."

"All too often car owners, commercial vehicles and public transport take priority while those on two wheels are ignored or an afterthought," Taylor added. "We want equality and the incentives that come with the recognition that PTW's ease traffic and parking congestion, reduce emissions and provide reliable and efficient personal transport."

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In particular, the MCIA wants:

- Government transport policies that acknowledge PTW's as a viable alternative to tackle congestion and CO2.
- Better roads and faster and more efficient road maintenance.
- An end to an unforgiving road infrastructure clearly designed with not all road users in mind.
- The promotion of PTW's as a legitimate and relevant congestion-busting means of travel, including their exemption from road pricing, parking and congestion charges, access to bus lanes and secure parking.
- A lower scale of vehicle excise duty; no motorcycle should be taxed more than the smallest car.

The UK government announced a motorcycle strategy in 2005 but little had been done with implementation. PTW's were almost ignored in the government's latest core transport policy paper Towards a Sustainable Transport Policy. This, Taylor said, was not good enough.

"The industry feels, despite warm words from ministers, 'mainstreaming' of motorcycling in transport policy isn't happening. There should be no barriers to the development of motorcycling, better protection for riders and recognition of motorcycling as a legitimate form of transport."

BIKIES INVITED INTO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT FOR DEBATE

Members of the Gypsy Jokers, Finks and Hells Angels were among guests at Parliament House for a February 8th briefing on new laws being introduced by the State Government to combat outlaw motorcycle clubs, and Democrats MP Sandra Kanck plunged herself into controversy by inviting the bikies to participate in the debate.

MP Kanck defended the presence of the outlaw motorcycle club members saying people who are affected by legislation should be consulted before it becomes law. The seminar was organized by Ms Kanck to highlight concerns the legislation will unfairly target people who are not involved in criminal acts, such as bikers who belong to the Longriders Christian Motorcycle Club whos homes have been raided by police during anti-bikie efforts.

Under the laws, scheduled to be debated soon in the House of Assembly, South Australians who have contact with bikies at least six times a year will face a minimum of five years in jail. The Serious and Organised Crime (Control) Bill 2007 also will enable the Police Commissioner, Mal Hyde, to obtain orders from the Attorney-General, Michael Atkinson, declaring bikie gangs illegal.

Anyone involved with the gangs, or who has any contact with them, can then be served with orders restricting their movements based on police intelligence, which must remain secret.

Prominent criminal defense lawyer Craig Caldicott told the gathering that the new laws were an attempt "to use a sledgehammer to crack a walnut."

"They are basically an overkill," Caldicott said. "It is the only piece of legislation in Australia aimed at a group of people who wear leather jackets."

COLORS SOUGHT FOR MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame is seeking vests with patches to expand an existing exhibit about motorcycle clubs.

I'm looking to reach out to Motorcycle Clubs who might be willing to have their colors on display, said Christine Paige Diers, Executive Director of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame in South Dakota. We're in the process of trying to rebuild the display and are looking for clubs that might be interested.

Anyone interested in loaning a jacket, vest or patch, or even a photo, to the museum for a time period of one to two years, along with a brief club description or history, should contact her at christine@sturgismuseum.com or phone 605-347-2001.

WEIRD NEWS: CRASH ABSORBER INVENTED FOR MOTORCYCLES

A new design of crash absorber can combat the type of accident where motorcyclists run into something and are then killed by the bike pivoting over the front wheel and impacting on the rider. Iranian inventor Mohammad Hassan Shorabi has come up with a construction that absorbs some of the impact energy and transfers the residue of the impact reaction force to the back axle. He has incorporated the idea into a child's bike so it can travel as personal airline baggage. It comprises a strong construction that projects just forward of the front wheel and is able to slide down the main body of the bike as the various parts of it collapse, bend and break. Shorabi has installed it on two different motorcycles, and a friend without mind tested it by riding it into a wall and survived the experience.

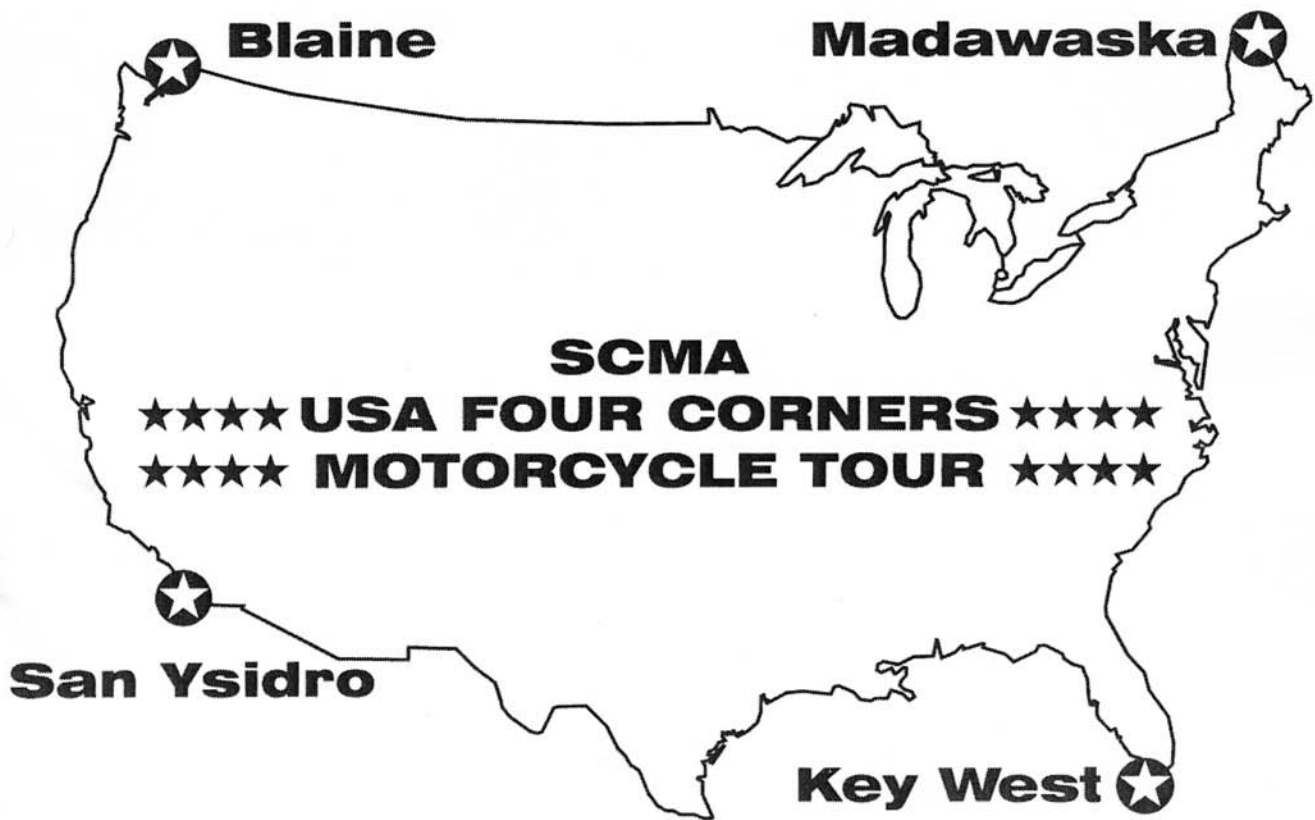
QUOTABLE QUOTE: One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.

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IN THE JEWISH TRADITION

A brief but important ceremony takes place about one year after a person dies. It's called the unveiling, and it commemorates the placement of the grave marker.

Josef Usatin's marker will be unveiled on Sunday, April 27, at three o'clock in the afternoon at Green Hills Memorial Park, 27501 South Western Avenue, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

After the ceremony we'll ride over to Ricky & Ronnie's Cruise-In Diner at 1301 Sepulveda Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90501, for a no-host get-together, including good conversation and friendship.

And if you're interested in unique memorial markers, you'll certainly want to see Josef's BMW-themed stone. Look for the classic shiny black color, the double pin striping, and his K100LT with his giant driving lights. I'm convinced he approves of the design.

Please come and help us honor his memory and then enjoy ourselves at Ricky & Ronnie's place afterwards. Ride your motorcycle. Josef wouldn't have it any other way!

Fondly,
Jane Usatin

P.S. Upon entering Green Hills, turn right and keep right to the end of the park. His marker is where the road curves left. It'll be marked with three flags.



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NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Business Card (3 month min.)	\$12.00 per month
One-Fourth Page	\$20.00 per month
One-Half Page	\$40.00 per month
Full Page	\$80.00 per month
Personal (Non-Business)	Free to SCMA Members
	\$2 per word for Non-Members

ADVERTISING PAID ONE YEAR
IN ADVANCE RECEIVES
ONE EXTRA MONTH FREE!
REACH OVER
1,000 READERS
MONTHLY

Articles and advertising must be received by the 10th of the month to appear in the next published issue of the Newsletter (one month out). Example: Deadline - September 10, 2007 for publication in the October 2007 Newsletter.

All advertising rates (other than personal (classified) ads) are based on black & white camera-ready copy (PDF format). Additional charges will be added for material that requires rework or touch-up to make it camera-ready.

Send advertising material to:

Southern California Motorcycling Association - Post Office Box 487 - Norwalk, CA 90651-0487

All SCMA sponsored event flyers must have: **"A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLING ASSOCIATION EVENT"** displayed prominently upon them.

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SCMA CHARTERED CLUBS

Antelope Valley Touring Society
Doug Hoffelt 661-943-2213

Pasadena Motorcycle Club
Paul Barber 626-794-5881

Motorcycle Touring Assn., Ch. 3
Steve Morris 310-325-6388

B.M.W. Club of So. California
Chris Ogden 818-980-5244

Red Hot Riders

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps.
Mickey Minor 949-768-1631

Shamrock Road Riders
Joel Briggs 805-529-4245

The following businesses have offered their facilities for SCMA events and are willing to discuss details with your Area or Club Representative. Clubs... Need a Sign-In or Checkpoint? Please use these supporters:

Bob Brown's Motor Works
Pomona 909-629-2132

Cycle Parts West
Westminster 714-894-9829

JBJ Cycles
Santa Ana 714-836-8584

Cycle Gear
Newhall 661-255-6522

House of Handlebars
Long Beach 562-997-0029

Simi Valley Honda
Simi Valley 805-526-4122

Cycle Giant
Lake Forest 949-454-2199

Huntington Beach Honda
Roger & Julianne Smith
714-842-5533

For information on future events,
visit **"The Ride Line"** at
<http://www.liveride.org/Rides>

The above businesses are always generous when we need a sing-in or checkpoint.

PLEASE SUPPORT THEM

When you are in the market for cycles, parts & accessories!



**Southern California
Motorcycling Association**
P.O. Box 487 — Norwalk, CA 90651-0487
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
Please Print Legibly

S.C.M.A. #	EXPIRES
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DATE _____ No. YEARS _____

NAME _____ **AGE** _____
LAST NAME FIRST

ADDRESS _____ **APT #** _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE (_____) _____ **EMAIL** _____

PLEASE CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES BELOW

- New Member — Newsletter \$30 Non-Newsletter \$20
 Renewal - Membership # _____ Expires _____
 Newsletter \$30 Non-Newsletter \$20 Life (Includes Newsletter) \$15
 Address Change Male Female
 Club Name _____ **OUTRIDER**

In making this application for membership, I hereby agree to comply with the rules governing the Southern California Motorcycling Association and, while holding membership, do my best to promote and protect the image of family motorcycling and sportsmanship.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

