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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JUNE

- 14 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m.
Conrad's Restaruant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
La Canada
- 14 Three Flags Meeting 12-3 pm.
J's Maintenance
3550 Foothill Blvd.
310-387-3974
Glendale
- 21✓ SCMA 3rd Annual Dog Days of Summer
Sign-in: 8-10 a.m. - Wing Stuff
714-963-0665 / 310-387-3974
Lake Forest
- 28* Dog Days of Summer (*Rain Date*)

JULY

- 12 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m.
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- 12 Three Flags Meeting 12-3 p.m.
J's Maintenance
310-387-3974
3550 Foothill Blvd.
Glendale
- 13✓ Bare Bones Run
Sign-in: 8-10 a.m. sign in
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AUGUST

- 9 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m.
Conrad's Restaruant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
La Canada
- 9 Three Flags Meeting 12-3 p.m.
J's Maintenance
310-387-3974
3550 Foothill Blvd.
Glendale
- 16 SCMA Old Pin Ride
Sign-in: 8-10 a.m.
310-838-9550 / 310-387-3974
- 23 SCMA Old Pin Ride (*Rain Date*)
- 29-31 Three Flags Classic
Mexicali, Mexico to Nanaimo, Canada
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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

It be me again, my how time flies when your having fun.

We had a great turn out for the general membership meeting this month, over twenty people, including board members and guests. If you haven't been to one you should try attended at least once.

Nominations for officers were closed at this meeting and I have to report that we had two nominees remove their name from the ballot due to personal time constraints. After giving their nomination for Membership/Corresponding Secretary second thoughts both Kenn and Phyllis decided it would not be fair to the SCMA or themselves to accept the nomination. They are starting up a small business and felt they could not dedicate the time necessary for the job. I was sorry to hear this but we accepted their withdrawal and wish them well in their new business.

The ballot will be in next months newsletter both printed and online version. Once again we have single nominees for each office, except for Membership/Corresponding Secretary, Vern and Flavia are the incumbents and I want to thank all of those people who are willing to hold positions in the SCMA. Being a volunteer is not an easy task and all of us should be thankful for those who continue to support the association.

Blazing Saddles will have come and gone the week you are reading the newsletter and I hope that all of the participants enjoyed the event. As of this writing we have less that 15 known participants. Sign-in will be taken at the start of the event and maybe we will have participants show up in Mesquite that did not pre-register. John Katic and Ralph Fox have worked very hard on this event and I know it will be a great week-end for those who ride it.

The E Board is exploring the possibility of creating forums for California Parks Adventure and the SCMA general populace in order to communicate with our members on a regular bases and be able to let the general membership know what is going on most of the time, not just when the newsletter comes out. This idea is still in its infancy stage but I will keep you updated as things progress.

Memorial Day weekend is near and I hope all of you spend it the way you want to, whether it is with friends, riding the highways, remembering a love one lost in the service of our country, whatever or however you spend it, be safe.

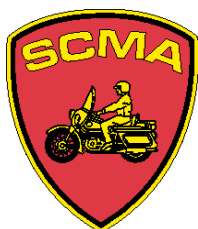
June will bring us Dog Day of Summer, June 21st. to be exact, a Saturday, and knowing Bob Masuzumi and what great routes he lays out, it should be a good one.

July will bring us the Bare Bones Run, some change of plans on this event. The ride was originally being done by myself and two members of my club since BTW no longer wished to do an event for the association. Unfortunately one of my members wife passed away in late March and he is not in any shape to continue helping me and the other member has work related problems. The SCMA is taken the event over and there is a flyer in this newsletter with all the info you need. It is still Bare Bones, \$10.00 per person, no ride pins, unless we find a sponsor to purchase them. Insurance for the event is \$200.00, so if we get at least 20 riders, we will break even. Start and finish if Fullerton Harley, thanks to Chuck Jones.

All things considered we have a lot to look forward to, keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws

Southern California Motorcycling Association Proudly Presents the 3rd Annual



Traveler's Award



Saturday • 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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Pre-registration Deadline - June 14, 2008

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BIKE SEASON

Whether you ride or know someone who does or dont know someone who does this is very important to read, bikes are easily over looked and those of you who ride know that all too well. Safe riding this summer

Last fall I had the luckiest day of my life. My husband Joel was in a motorcycle accident going to work in the morning. Not even a block from where I work, on Hwy 120 on the busy corner by the middle school. A driver did not see him and accelerated hard to go straight across both sets of lanes on 120. He hit my husband on his motorcycle and pushed him into the oncoming lanes of traffic. By the grace of God my husband is an experienced rider wearing full leather and his helmet and was able to hang on to his bike... and there was time for oncoming traffic to stop before hitting him. A few seconds either way and things could have ended much differently. The injuries were mainly to the bike and my husband walked away. Like I said, it was the luckiest day of my life.

Please read the following poem and remember that motorcycle season is here. Be aware of bikes on the road. Pass this on to your family and friends.... In loving memory of everyone who has ever lost their life in a motorcycle accident.

JUST A BIKER

I saw you hug your purse closer to you in the grocery store line.
But you didn't see me put an extra \$10 in the collection plate Sunday.

I saw you pull your child closer when we passed each other on the sidewalk.
But you didn't see me playing Santa at the local mall.

I saw you change your mind about going into the restaurant when you saw my bike parked out front.
But you didn't see me attending a meeting toraise more money for the hurricane relief.

I saw you roll up your window and shake your head when I rode by.
But you didn't see me riding behind you when you flicked your cigarette butt out the car window.

I saw you frown at me when I smiled at your children.
But you didn't see me when I took time off from work to run toys to the homeless.

I saw you stare at my long hair.
But you didn't see me and my friends cut ten inches off for Locks of Love.

I saw you roll your eyes at our leather jackets and gloves.
But you didn't see me and my brothers donate our old ones to those that had none.

I saw you look in fright at my tattoos.
But you didn't see me cry as my children were born, or have their name written over and in my heart.

I saw you change lanes while rushing off to go somewhere.
But you didn't see me going home to be with my family.

I saw you complain about how loud and noisy our bikes can be.
But you didn't see me when you were changing the CD and drifted into my lane.

I saw you yelling at your kids in the car.
But you didn't see me pat my child's hands knowing she was safe behind me.

I saw you reading the newspaper or map as you drove down the road.
But you didn't see me squeeze my wife's leg when she told me to take the next turn.

I saw you race down the road in the rain.
But you didn't see me get soaked to the skin so my son could have the car to go on his date.

I saw you run the yellow light just to save a few minutes of time.
But you didn't see me trying to turn right.

I saw you cut me off because you needed to be in the lane I was in.
But you didn't see me leave the road.

I saw you waiting impatiently for my friends to pass.
But you didn't see me. I wasn't there.

I saw you go home to your family.
But you didn't see me. Because I died that day you cut me off.

I was just a biker. A person with friends and a family.

But you didn't see me.

Repost this around in hopes that people will understand the biker community. If you don't repost this, it is sad to be you. I hope you never lose someone that rides.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE MOTORCYCLES, RESPECT EVERYONE'S RIGHT TO RIDE WHAT THEY CHOOSE AND TAKE A FEW EXTRA SECONDS TO BE SURE BIKERS ARE NOT IN "YOUR WAY"

If you are not part of the solution YOU are part of the problem.

Southern California Motorcycling Association *Presents*



Traveler's Award



Sunday • July 13

Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.

**Start: Fullerton Harley
2635 W. Orangethorpe Ave.
Fullerton, CA 92833
714-871-6563**

Entry Fee — \$10
Coffee and Doughnuts at the Start • 50/50 Raffle

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CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE RIDE

by Ray Davis

Part 3 in a series of trips to complete the 24 National Parks.

Day 1 - Friday, April 25th *Irvine To Santa Nella*

We, Charles KF6TXI and myself got away from the house in Irvine at a little after 2pm. It was about 82 degrees when we left Irvine. For a Friday at 2 pm the traffic was not too bad and we made good time going up the I-5 to the I-57 to the I-210 West all the way out to the North bound I-5. That was about 60 miles of diamond lanes and white lining it. We could talk to Billy KF6WBV and he & Connie were a little ahead of us but they had come through down town LA and got to the intersection of the I-5 and the I-210 about 10 minutes ahead of us.

When Billy & Connie got to Frazer Park CA in the Tejon Pass they had to make a stop for gas. We heard them calling us on MARC simplex (144.370 simplex) as they were pulling out of the gas station, but we had already passed them. So Charles & I backed off a little and let them catch up when we were going by Bakersfield back on flat ground. The weather going through the pass cooled way down and the wind was blowing pretty good, but the traffic was moving out pretty good too and we were making good time. Also coming through the pass we encountered a couple of CHP cars and they followed us for a ways and then passed us so we just fell in behind them.

Once through the pass & down on the flat ground going up the I-5 traffic was light and every car was going at least 80, many much faster. Even the trucks were moving out at about 70mph. (truck speed in CA is 55mph)

We (Charles & I) never stopped once for any reason all the way from Irvine to Santa Nella CA., 325 miles by the GPS. That took us about 4 hours or 4 hours 15 minutes. The weather coming up I-5 from the pass was about 77 degrees and we were bucking a little head wind. Just as we pulled off the freeway at Santa Nella my fuel light came on. Perfect timing. We had made reservations at the Holiday Inn Express but they didn't have any rooms where we could park our motorcycles in front of the rooms or even see them from the room. So we decided to find another motel where we could park in front of the rooms. So we move over to the Motel 6 in Santa Nella. There motorcycles are about 5 feet from the rooms and there is a Denny's about 100 feet from the motel 6. When making reservations while on a motorcycle trip we always ask for a D/O (down stairs/outside) none smoking, 2 double beds, where we can park our motorcycles right in front of our rooms so we can see them at all times.

Saturday morning we have about 84 miles to go to the first park and the bus to the park leaves the parking lot at 10am. So we are up by 6am, go to breakfast at Denny's at 7 am and be on the road by 8am. The first National Park for the day will be the longest because we can not ride the motorcycles up to the park. Charles had to make reservations for us and the bus takes us up to the visitors center and the museum. That whole process takes about 3 hours. The rest of the day was to be easier and we can ride right up to the visitors centers, take our needed pictures and get our passports stamped & signed.

I know some of our MARC members were tracking us on FindU.com because I was able to talk to several of our MARC members on the 220 Condor ham radio system all the way up I-5. No one called me on the cell phone so I didn't get to test the cell phone & Blue Tooth on the motorcycle yet on this trip. End of Day 1 at Santa Nella.

Day 2 - Saturday, April 26th *Santa Nella CA. to 5 National Parks*

What a fantastic ride it was today. The weather was a perfect 75 degrees with clear sunny skies. We must have rode some of the most beautiful roads in all of CA today or for that matter the whole USA. Much of the time we were right on the bluffs above the Pacific ocean and the roads had all of those 20/25 mile curves, a great challenge for motorcyclists. In some places the traffic was quite heavy but the scenery was so breath taking that it didn't really matter. One stretch we came through reminded us of the area along Highway 1 in the Redwoods National Park. The scene and smell were breath taking.

I really have to give MARC/SCMA member Charles KF6TXI all of the credit for laying out the perfect route yesterday & today. We took turns leading from one park to the other and we never got lost once. We first went to the Eugene O'Neil National Historic Site. You have to have an appointment & our appointment was for 10am and the shuttle was right there at about 9:55 and drove us to the site. We were lucky in that there was only a total of 7 of us going to this site for this tour, this time of day. It is the only way you can get into that National Historic Site and get the pictures and get to where the

stamp for the park is. You then also have to suffer through the tour before they will let you have the stamps for your passports. The tour was about 2 hours and was the most boring thing I have had to go through in a very long time. Sorry folks but only one person in our group (an English teacher) enjoyed it. Evidently Eugene O'Neil was a writer of plays & books that turned into famous movies during and well after his life ended. Many of the movies are remade over & over. We got back to our motorcycles in the parking lot, 10 miles from the Historic Site, at about 12:30.

From then on we wasted no time and got going, we had four more US National Parks, sites, monuments & etc. to get to before they closed for the day. From the Eugene O'Neil Site we headed for the John Muir National Historic Site. When we got there and got our pictures done in front of their sign in front of the visitors center, we went inside and the Park Rangers recognizes right away that we were with the SCMA CA National Parks Adventure Ride because other riders had already been in there that morning. So we got the passports stamped and got out of there quick.

We hadn't had lunch yet so we stopped at a Burger King in Richmond on the way to the Rosie The Riveter/ WW2 National Historic Park/ Red Oak Victory Ship. The place we stopped was a little scary in that it looked like a very bad section of town and we ate & got out of there very quickly. Now getting to the Victory Ship Visitor Center & Museum itself was some thing to experience. Charles had used his GPS 'mapping program and photos taken from a satellite to map out the road. With all of that information we still had trouble finding it. The actual museum is in an old WW 2 ship and way down in the bowels of the ship. The signs to the ship itself were almost none existence and getting to the museum was a long haul up and down stairwells. When we did get to the lady who works there, a lovely lady volunteer, she said that we were the very first SCMA members doing the National Parks Adventure Ride, and we know why, no one can find the place. That took us some time and we had to go quite a ways to the next park, so we didn't spend any time there either.

The next stop was the Point Reyes National Seashore. That was easy to get to & find and that took us only about one hour to complete. Still all of these roads along the Pacific Ocean are spectacular and crossing the Richmond Bay Bridge was a very scenic ride too. With the weather being so perfect it was just such a very enjoyable ride into these areas.

Things came to a big change when we were approaching our next destination, The Muir Woods National Monument. This monument is a few miles back off the Pacific Ocean in the very beautiful mountains. As we were approaching this site people were walking as far as a mile up the hills toward the visitors center. We thought, this is not going to be good. You have to remember that the Muir Woods Monument is in a very hilly/mountainous area and there is not much room for parking lots. So the parking lots are small (only about 20 cars each) and spread out down the mountain along the only road. So there were people walking along the paths all along the way up the hills to the Monument. We got lucky however and there was special parking for motorcycles right near the visitors center. So although it was by far the busiest site of the day that we went too, it was also the shortest time we had to spend getting the pictures and the passports stamped.

By then it was almost 5pm and would mean that the rest of the parks would be closing soon. So after Muir Woods we headed for the Presidio Inn in San Francisco and that was only about 13 miles, but took us across the Golden Gate Bridge. Of course that is always a great experience and the traffic going across was not all that bad. I was able to use my Fast Trac transponder for the toll bridges and never had to stop to pay. Charles & Billy both have transponders too, but never had them along. The Presidio Inn is a very nice 4 story motel with the first floor being for parking only. We got there early so did not have a problem parking. We did park all the motorcycles in one parking space to help with the parking situation there. This is the only hotel/motel in the area that has an elevator to the upper floors. (all the rooms are on the upper floors) Again Charles had made dozens of calls finding a hotel/motel with an elevator because I have 2 artificial hips and would have struggled to climb 4 flights of stairs to our rooms.

After we got the room Charles, Billy & Connie decided that they wanted to go to Fishermans Wharf, but I was a little tired and decided to walk up the street and find a place to eat close to the motel. They had called a cab to go to the Fishermans Wharf, but when the cab didn't show up for 20 minutes, they decided to walk the mile or so.

We had completed the 5 National Sites, Parks & Monuments & etc this day and the planning that Charles had done worked out perfectly. Too,

That is it for today day 2, now a good nights sleep and then 3 more parks to do Sunday morning and we will be headed home. Got a call from Bonnie (my wife) and MARC member Don KA7QQV on my cell phone using the Blue Tooth on the motorcycle and it worked perfectly. Thank you very much. We should be done with the rest of the parks in this area before noon tomorrow and then we will put the hammer down headed for home.

Day 3 - Sunday, April 27th

3 More National Parks

Today went very well again, thanks to all the preplanning, research, GPS routes & Aerial mapping use all done by Charles KF6TXI. I swear he is a genius at planning this sort of thing.

Anyway we were up at 6am at the Presidio Inn and at 7am we all (Billy, Connie, Charles & I) went over to the IHOP for

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breakfast. The first stop had to make was for gas because my low fuel light had been on for about 12 miles Saturday when we got to the Inn. We left the Inn at about 8:30, got gas and was at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area/Presidio Of SF before 9am. We took our pictures with the motorcycles in front of the sign and then Charles went up to the front door and saw that visitors center was not open on weekends. So Charles lead us over to another visitors center for the same Recreational Area and we got the stamps in the passports taken care of there. Charles had been a Sergeant Major in the army medical corps and was stationed at the Presidio for 8 months and that sure made a difference having a personal guide to take you around the whole area.

From there we went over to the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, got the pictures taken and the passports stamped. They were not open yet, before 10am so we pulled our motorcycles up in the walkway to get in front of the big sign to get the motorcycles in the pictures. One of the Park Rangers came out and told us to get the heck out of there and got quite perturbed, but after explaining to him what we were doing he gave us 5 minutes to get it done and move the motorcycles to the motorcycle parking area. That was only about 20 feet away, but you couldn't see the sign from where we had to park the motorcycles. Now we had to wait for the visitors center to open to get our SCMA passports stamped, dated & signed.

From there Charles again guided us to the Fort Point National Historic Site. By the time we got done with all 3 of these sites we had come only come about 12 miles total and we were done at about 10:05am. Charles again led all 3 of the motorcycles down through the San Francisco and China town on the way out to I-80 and get us headed in the right direction for home. We crossed the Oakland Bay bridge at about 10:30am and was headed for I-580 and home.

Once we got to I-580 I took the lead and we followed 580 to the I-5 and from then on we would only have to make one stop for gas before getting home to Irvine. I got home at 4:40pm. Total miles for the trip was 980 GPS miles. Miles for Sunday was 467 doing the parks & the trip home.

After about 267 miles Billy said that he needed gas, so he took the lead and we pulled off I-5, don't ask me for the name of the place. Here we had some miss communications somehow. While we were getting off the freeway Charles had said that he would like to get something to eat. I said OK, but not to fill the tanks before we went to Denny's to eat or I would not stop. When it is that hot out, in the 90's I will never fill up with cool fuel and then go eat because of what happened one year on the SCMA 3 Flags Classic a couple of years back. I had to learn the hard way that the cold fuel sitting in the main tank above that hot engine and the gas in the auxiliary fuel tank in that right saddle bag will greatly expand and over flow while you are eating. We had that happen on the 3 Flags and people came running into the restaurant and told us that gas was pouring out of the motorcycles. Sure enough, we couldn't even take a chance of starting them and had to push the motorcycles to a safe place before we could take a chance and start them.

I tried to tell Charles & Billy that if they were going to fill up first before going to eat, then I was going to gas up and keep going because of what had happened the last time we did that. Somehow they didn't hear that and went to the gas station. So I thought that they had decided to not stop for food and I filled up too. That was bad miscommunications.

About 40 miles further down the road Charles came on the ham radio and said that he couldn't go another 3 more hours with something to eat and pulled off the freeway. The problem was that I had already passed the off ramp that Charles said he was taking and there was not another off ramp for another 10 miles. So I just kept going for home. Again bad communications. After that Billy went by me and I never saw him again until we got to the Tejon Pass.

The weather was pretty warm coming down I-5 at between 88 when we first got on I-5, then it got up to 92/93 in the Bakerfields area. I might have been a lot worse, but there was a light cloud cover most of the way. By the time I got down to Santa Ana it was 101 degrees and it was 90 when I got to the house in Irvine at 4:40pm.

For the weekend we had covered a total of 980 miles, 467 miles of it today. We were gone a little over 50 hours and had done 8 more of the total of 24 National Sites, Parks, Monuments & etc, in the state of California. At this point and time we have done 15 or the 24 National Parks, still have 9 to go, but some of them will not be open until about Memorial Day because of the snow in the higher mountain passes.

We really owe Charles a great vote of gratitude for all the preplanning & preparation that he had done. Spot on the whole weekend. Charles, Billy & Connie are all very good people to travel with. They are good safe riders, tough and can handle the long miles and long hours in the saddle and they are also both running the auxiliary fuel tanks in the right saddlebag, CB's, ham radios & radar detectors. Makes for safe & sane long distance riding.

Thanks to those MARC members who called on the cell phone on Casper and those that called on the 220 band Condor ham radio system.

That completes another weekend of riding with people you really love and spending time with. Thank you very much.

Missing a Ride Pin?

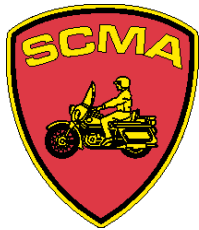
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LESSONS IN LIFE

by Regina Brett

The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio

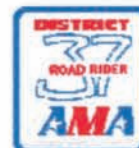
To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me.

It is the most-requested column I've ever written. Here's an update:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living, or get busy dying.
17. You can get through anything if you stay put in today.
18. A writer writes. If you want to be a writer, write.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
27. Always choose life.
28. Forgive everyone everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
36. Growing old beats the alternative — dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood. Make it memorable.
38. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
42. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
43. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
44. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
45. The best is yet to come.
46. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
47. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
48. If you don't ask, you don't get.
49. Yield.
50. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.



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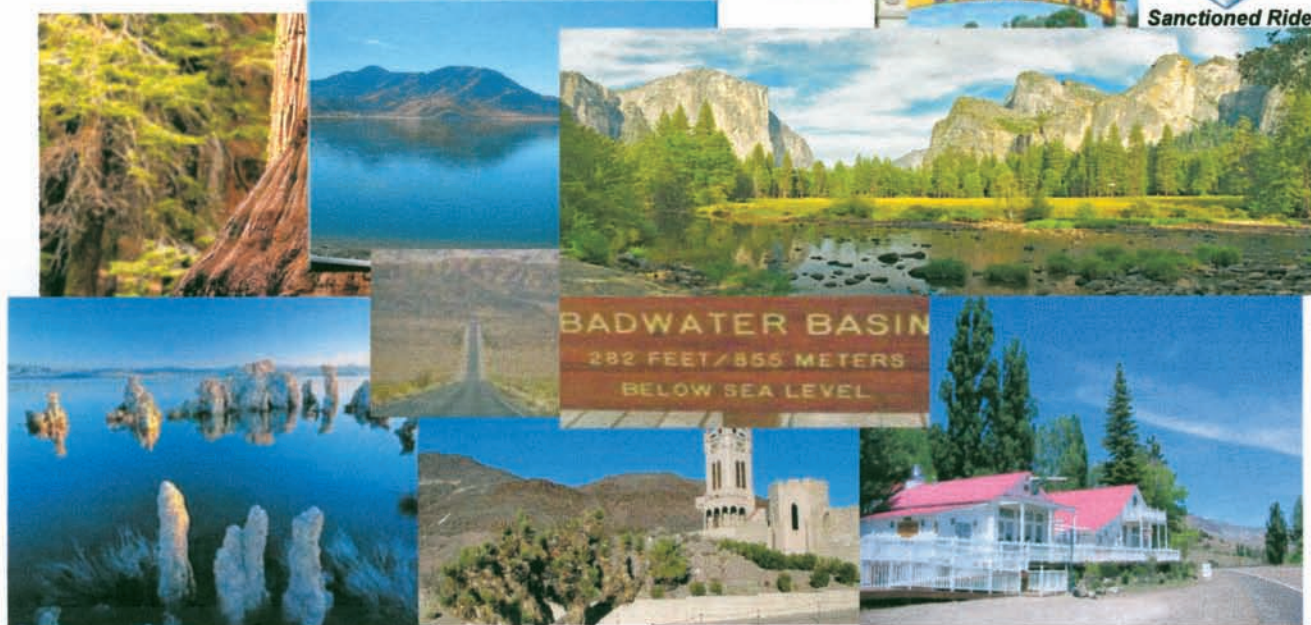


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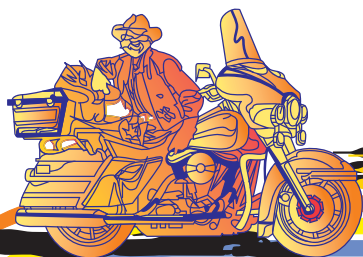


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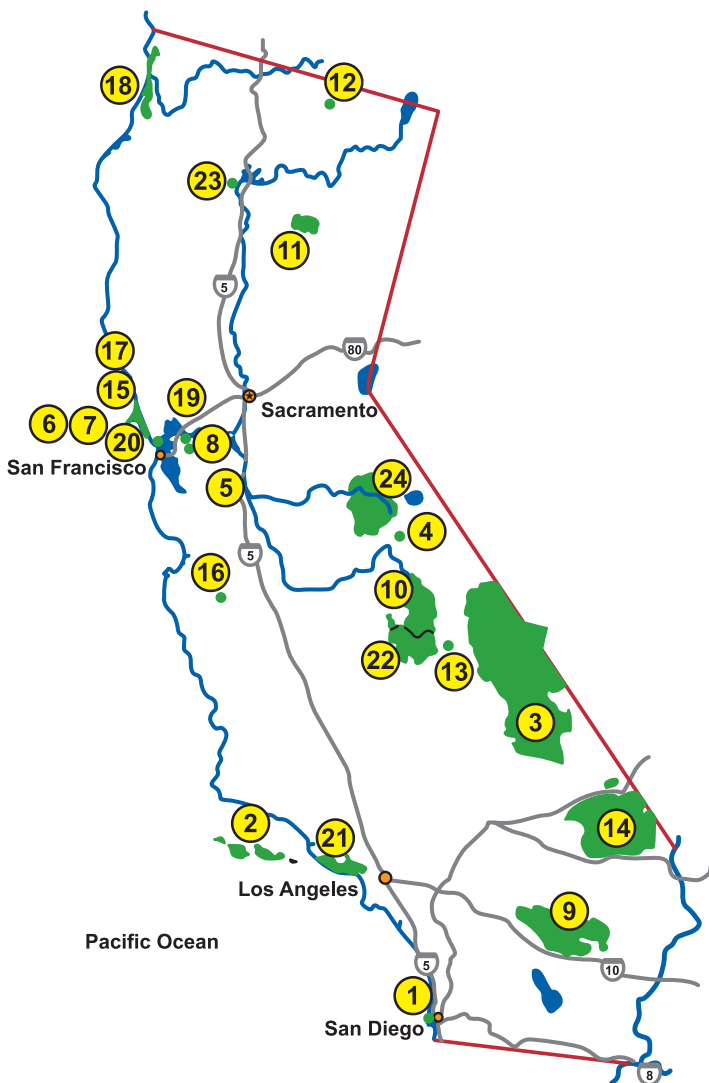
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- ◆ With each park visit, stamp your Passport w/ that parks' stamp, available at the visitor's center (Please call ahead to confirm visitor center hours).
- ◆ Be sure to take a photograph of you or your motorcycle in front of one of the following: the entrance, the visitor's center, or some landmark within that is unique to that park.
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- ◆ 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
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- 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
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- 17. [Point Reyes National Seashore](#) - Point Reyes, CA
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- 22. [Sequoia National Park](#) - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA
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- 24. [Yosemite National Park](#) - the Sierra Nevada, CA

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MY FIRST EVER IBA

1000 in 24 hours put on by Ride for the Heart

Story and photos by Mitch Friedman (mitchphoto.com)

On 3 May 08 I road my very first Iron Butt Association 1000 miles in 24-hours. It was part of a Ride for the Heart event. I have rode with the Ride for the Heart group in the past and they always put on a great event!



My day started early as I woke up at 3:30am and got on the road about 4:15am to get to the start. I had hoped too arrive in an hour, but there was a car crash on the freeway and I did not get to the start until almost 5:40am. Once I got there Bob from US Suzuki came over to greet me as we have talked on-line but never met face to face so it was nice to meet him and the other Bob as well. Got checked in and hit the road at 5:45am from Malcolm Smith Motorsports in Riverside, CA. I don't really like the 91 freeway in this area as they have been doing roadwork forever and the signs are kind of bad to change freeways. I knew I would miss my exit and I did. Anyway once

back on track I made good time and caught up to Bob and Bob from Suzuki in Twentynine Palms.

We stopped at the first gas stop for the ride and chatted some more then hit the road. At route 66 or National Trails Hwy we all split up as they were doing the Vegas route and I was heading the other way to try and make a National Park for my SCMA California National Parks Adventure.



I did get to see the Amboy Crater an extinct 6,000-year old cinder cone made largely of pahoehoe as I rode by. I will have to go back and get a better look one day soon.



Not much to say till I got to Boron and made a stop for fuel. The only fuel station I could find was this old one and the guy running it looked like a throw back to the 60's with an Elvis look. They had an old fuel pump that you had to tell the guy how much fuel you pumped and the price and he never even went out to look very cool like the old days. And yes a hand written receipt! One more place I do want to go back to and look around and see as the Boron museum and the 20-mule team road is there.

I have never road up over this part of highway 58. It went through Tehachapi and I really enjoyed this road a lot. It brings you right out into Bakersfield where I have rode in the past with some of the V-Strommer riders. I made a fuel and food stop and was back on the road up the 99 to Fresno and my first check in point.

Fresno Harley was having an open house or party and what a ZOO!! This was a bad place to have a checkpoint as when I got there I could not see or find the check-point and it was 10 feet from me! I found a parking place on the other end of the shop on the street as you could not pull in and started to ask where the check in spot was. No one knew and I had to look for it with hundreds of people and booths in my way. I finely found it and asked the guy to check me in and he wanted to go look at my mileage I said its on the sheet but my bike is over there if you have to see it and he really did not want to go through the crowd of bikers to see my mileage. The owner of the shop



said thanks for making it to the shop and I said as nice as I could, not a good idea to have a big party and hide the check-in spot and thanked him for having us anyway. On my way back to my bike right in the middle of the crowd a guy was burning rubber on his Harley I just shook my head and said to my self what an a—! Hope you don't kill anyone.

Got out of Fresno and every town I went past had a big party I never thought about Cinco de Mayo was on Monday. Traffic up to the next check in was ok not too bad and moving at a good clip on highway 99. Made it to Stockton Honda and the check-in point. Bill was there from Ride for the Heart. Bill is the head guy and very cool. He gave me something for my eye as I seemed to have got something into it and I washed it out as he washed my windshield for me what a guy. He had some stuff to eat and made sure I got some Gatorade and water too drink.



This is how a checkpoint should be and I made sure to say how nice it was and how pleased I was to make this check. He told me I was the first rider in on the day. I checked out the Honda shop and told them thanks for having us and I got to see a very cool Honda Dream 50R road race bike, and it was for sale! If I was a Honda guy I might of bought it.



Left Stockton Honda at like 3:15pm and headed for Los Banos and highway 152 over to the 156 (Pacheco Pass) into the Hollister area and over to the 101 and Salinas for my fuel stop there. It was cold and over cast in this area and I changed back onto my cold gear to keep warm. I knew I was not going to make Pinnacles National Park so I thought about calling some friends to say hi but I just got back on the road and headed for the finish. Road down 101 south and it was very nice kept my speed at just around 75 as the posted was 70 mph as most of the traffic was still running 80+ mph.

As I neared King City the wind picked up and got bad for just a bit then was gone. At Paso Robles I headed east on SR-46 to interstate 5. This was an ok road and will be better once they repave it, as it seems like they are widening it. I also found the site of James Dean crash at the intersection of route 46 and 41. When I past that intersection and saw the signs and thought oh this was this the spot Dean died. What a sad day back on Sept 30 1955 at 5:45pm. Dean was on his way to a race in Salinas where I was just coming from.



Once on interstate 5 it was staring to get dark so I took extra care, as it had been a long day in the saddle. Made good time up the 5 and over the grapevine as it got a bit chilly up there, then back down the other side to the 210 and head for Riverside and the finish. As I got closer to San Dimas the traffic got heavy and I jumped into the carpool lane. This was a good move as I made up some time and it took me to the 71 to the 91 and up to Malcolm Smiths for my finish. I think I got into the finish at 10:40pm. Ken from Ride for the Heart, Ken told me I was the first to finish and I was amazed! He told me I should of rode the 1500 and I just laughed. I said hey I rode here and have to ride home so it will be like a 1200 anyway don't need to do a 1700 miles, as this was my first 1000 miler. Last year I did the 500 so maybe next year I will do the 1500 in 36 hours. Unless I can get it done in 24 hours.

Here is my info from my GPS:

Overall average speed: 64.0 mph

Moving average speed: 74.4 mph

Total Time: 16.55 Hours

Moving or Riding time: 14.33 Hours

Stopped time: 2.22 Hours

Total miles: 1082.4 miles

I had a great day of riding. I rode some roads I have not been on before and want to ride again. I want to thank Ride for the Heart you put on a great ride. Sidi Italy and Moto Nation the US importer for SIDI boots for great boots. Arai helmets for a great helmet. Suzuki for a great bike hope one day you will make a sport-touring bike as well.



If you would like to make a donation to my ride please go to:

<http://www.ridefortheheart.com/>

Go to the donate area and find my name and donate please. For all that have done so in my name thank you for your support!

S.C.M.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Meeting was held at Conrad's Restaurant, 631 Foothill Blvd, La Canada, CA 91011

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Jan Staws. The meeting was intentionally delayed due to an accident on 210.

Members and guests were welcomed.

Attendance

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

Committee Chairs: AMA Insurance Information and Grand Tour Blake Anderson; Blazing Saddles John Katics; California Parks Adventure and Old Pin Ride Mitch Friedman, Dog Days of Summer and Cemetery Tour (Bob Masuzumi absent); Newsletter and Triple Crown Jan Staws; Sunshine Lady Jo Anne Gamble; 2008 TFC Chairperson Jane Usatin; Turkey Run Chuck Jones; Traveler's Award (Dannie Fox Absent); USA Four Corners Tour David Johnson

Club Representatives: BMW Ken Hatke; PMC John Katics and Ralph Fox; SRR Dave Hawker

General Membership: Steve Zinkow, Angel Guilotty, Susan Wilson, Joe Mandeville

Guests: Dean Housted

Executive Board and Committee Reports

Chairperson -Jan Staws:

Recommended that records be held for one year to make sure AMA received the required information.

Vice-Chairperson- Dave Hawker

No report today

Minutes- Phyllis Shaw, Recording Secretary

Minutes were distributed to those present and will be in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report-Jane Usatin:

Treasurer will need to define income that is for the benefit of the rider membership, ride or insurance.

Membership/Corresponding Secretary- Vernon/Flavia

Vern provided a report of income of \$2811 and expenses of \$3115.42 and \$38.60. There are now a total of 637 members (82 are life members)

Referee Report- Doug Poppen

The referee works in conjunction with the insurance rep to AMA to make sure SCMA rides are without incidence. Blake has been doing the follow-up.

USA Four Corners-David Johnson

There are two on the road at this time. There are 94 to date this year (last year there were 30). Dave updated the website to make it easier for the riders to use and less work for the chairperson. The delay in cards being issued continues even though the numbers are assigned immediately.

Traveler's Award-Dannie Fox

Jan reported for Dannie that there are 33-34 Travelers and he is doing a great job.

California Parks Adventure-Mitch Friedman

Steve mentioned that he stopped at several parks. 48-49 passports have been issued and an additional supply is needed and they are now on order.

Insurance-Blake Anderson

The question was raised regarding the retention of records. AMA keeps them 7 years. If we send them the liability forms,

skins, records, etc. then there is no reason for us to duplicate retention as they will not come back to us.

Newsletter-Jan Staws

The membership dues will remain at \$30.00 if a hard copy is requested. To date 49 Newsletters are printed and mailed. Ballots will be on the website. John Katic is sending mass mailings to 150 SCMA members to remind them of the rides. Sunshine Report-JoAnne Gamble

Triple Crown-Jan Staws

Jan and Steve are working on a design with Holley.

DLO Report Ken Baumgarth

The city of New York does not allow riding in HOV lanes.

Sunshine Report-JoAnne Gamble

Carol Piontkowski has been ill for two years and recently passed away on March 29, 2008. Services will be tomorrow. Ray "Doc" Brousel passed away this past week. An article will appear in the next Newsletter.

Old Business

Nominations remain open for Vice-Chair

Referee Chuck Jones has been nominated

Membership/Corresponding Secretary- Kenn Hatke and Phyllis Shaw nominated, Vernon and Flavia nominated themselves Three Flags Chairperson-Open to volunteers

New Business

None

Events

S.C.M.A. Blazing Saddles (May) John Katics

The ride will be Memorial Day weekend. John did a mass mailing to remind riders. He has not received the insurance as of yet. Now that three days have been approved he will move forward.

S.C.M.A. Dog Days of Summer (June) Bob Masuzumi (Zoomer)

The ride is the 21st of June. The flier was incorrect as it stated that the ride was Sunday. Jan will correct it.

S.C.M.A. Old Pin Run (August) Mitch Friedman

The ride will be leaving Starbucks in Culver City at Overland and Washington. He will email Jan regarding the flier.

S.C.M.A. Three Flags Classic (August/September) Jane Usatin

The checkpoints have been secured. Bill Burley and family will be running checkpoint three. Tickets will go out next week.

S.C.M.A. Grand Tour (October) Blake Anderson

Nothing new to report today other than the decision not to have pins for the riders was met with disappointment.

S.C.M.A. Cemetery Tour (October) Bob Masuzumi (Zoomer)

Jan reported for Bob that plans have been established.

S.C.M.A. Turkey Run (November) Chuck Jones

The run will start at the Yamaha Shop in Beaumont. The route is being planned and will be no less than 75 miles to qualify for the Traveler's Award.

Club Reports

AVTS-Antelope Valley Touring Society

ATVS had a poker run last week. There were 48 riders and 90% were SCMA/AMA members. It was advertised on TV, radio and fliers. They raised \$600. for Bags for Kids. Pictures are on the website. They sent money to Madawaska for stone. They will consider sponsoring pins (not a tax deduction for AVTS).

BMW of Southern California

Kenn reported for the club as they are on a ride today. They are going to Hearst Castle the 15th-17th. The night tour is \$30.00.

SCMA MEETING

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MTA-Motorcycle Touring Association

Jane reported that the Jocko's two-day ride was cancelled. Steve Morris is unveiling Joe's monument on Sunday, April 27th at 3:00 PM.

PMC-Pasadena Motorcycle Club

John Katics reported that there are two members that are quite ill. The Greenhorn is the first weekend in May to Nevada and back.

Red Hot Riders

No report today.

SRR-Shamrock Roadriders

They had a very cold, but beautiful ride on March 16th. There was a good turn-out. Blake won high hand. Ziggy helped with the start.

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

No report today. Mickey was in touch with JoAnne to let us know he is ok.

50/50 JoAnne won the drawing with \$30 to her and \$30 to the waitress.

Member Communication

Jan noted that Russ Brown of BAM supports TFC and probably willing to do a media package for BAM. Members are asked to assist someone in an accident or trouble as does AMA helping hands. Jan will procure membership forms (membership is free).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

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

CELL PHONE INFO

Checked my phone and it was already on... but I never knew about this. Great info. Thought this was worth passing along.

You may remember that a young woman was recently abducted from a Target parking lot in Overland Park, a suburb of Kansas City. Her body was discovered many miles away in Missouri. They were able to locate her by the sequence of cell phone towers that picked up her cell phone location.

She had not attempted to dial out, but when her family was trying to call her the towers could sense her phone.

Sadly, the authorities were not able to reach her in time. However, they were able to locate her body which was in an area where they never would have searched without the cell phone tower information.

The cell phone 'locator' can be either set on:

1. E911' ... in which case you must dial out to be located;
2. or it can be set to be on all the time ... 'Location on'

There is NO higher battery usage from having it on all of the time. With it on all the time you can be located by emergency services through the police if you fail to respond (sick, injured or worse).

I found that on my phone 'location' was not on. I turned it on so my phone can be traced. ALL cell phones have this feature. It's called Location. It's under the: Settings tool. (on my phone it 's under Settings, System, Location).

Once you turn this on, THEN your phone is traceable (select 'Location On' instead of 'E911 Only'). To stay safe, everyone needs to check their phone and turn this on!!!

Please pass the word to everyone you know. This is some good information that everybody should have

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TODAY'S MOTORCYCLE OWNERS HAPPIER

Overall satisfaction with the motorcycle ownership experience has increased in the past five years, according to the J.D. Power and Associates 2007 Motorcycle Competitive Information Study released today.

The study finds that improvements made in product satisfaction and dealership service have helped drive the increase in overall ownership satisfaction across the industry. Service, build quality and product/performance primarily drive the overall motorcycle ownership experience.

Overall satisfaction with the cost of ownership has increased among motorcycle owners for a second consecutive year, with owners being most satisfied with the initial price and resale value of their bike. Satisfaction with maintenance/repair costs, cost of accessories and insurance has also increased.

Motorcycle owners are strong advocates of their brand and dealer, as 68 percent "definitely will" recommend their brand and 56 percent will recommend the dealer from which they purchased their motorcycle.

"Loyalty and advocacy levels are particularly high among motorcycle owners when compared with owners in the automotive and boating industries," said research manager Tim Fox. "For example, only 47 percent of boat and 35 percent of auto owners say they are loyal to their brand. The motorcycle industry is much more of a niche market where consumers have a particularly strong allegiance to a brand compared with automotive and marine industries."

Now in its 10th year, the study measures owner satisfaction with new motorcycles by examining five major components of the overall ownership experience: product; quality; cost of ownership; sales; and service. The 2007 Motorcycle Competitive Information Study includes responses from 8,796 owners who purchased new on-road motorcycles between September 2006 and May 2007.

TOP US MARKETS FOR MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP

A new study from The Media Audit reveals that Spokane, Washington is the top market in the U.S. for motorcycle ownership. Among adults who live in Spokane, 18.5% own a motorcycle, compared to 9% for all U.S. adults. Other markets with a high percentage of motorcycle ownership include Riverside-San Bernardino, California (18.4%), followed by Reno, Nevada (15.2%), Boise, Idaho (14.8%) and Salt Lake City, Utah (14%).

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), new motorcycle retail sales equaled an estimated \$10.7 billion in 2006, the highest level in 25 years. The MIC attributes the recent growth to the rise in popularity of motor scooters and increase in female riders. Today, there are more than 450 models on the market, from cruisers to sport bikes to smaller fuel efficient commuter bikes.

According to The Media Audit, a majority of motorcycle owners are married (59.2 percent) with an average age of 41 years. Adults who own a motorcycle earn \$77,714 in annual household income, a figure that is \$12,424 higher than the household income for the average U.S. adult.

Rounding out the top ten markets for motorcycle ownership are Eugene-Springfield, Oregon (13.8% adult motorcycle ownership), Colorado Springs, Colorado (13.1%), Milwaukee-Racine, Wisconsin - home of Harley Davidson Motor Company (12.9%), Portland, Oregon (12.4%), and Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota (12.3%).

OVERSEAS CYCLE4 SALES SURGE

The European PTW (Powered Two-Wheelers) motorcycle market is still flourishing. After breaking the 2 million units threshold in 2005, it touched the 2.5 million units landmark at the end of 2007. Last year the PTW market grew by a remarkable 10.1%.

According to figures transmitted by the ACEM statistical correspondents the trend of the 50cc segment (mopeds and scooters) is now positively oriented after 10 consecutive years of decline, and the volume approaches one million units. For 2007 the registrations of motorcycles over 50cc recorded the 5th consecutive positive year with +3% and 1.5 million units.

Since 2002, when the PTW registrations reached their lowest point (1,873,822 units), the market has recovered steadily and in 2007 it reached 2.5 million vehicles, with a +32% increase over the past five years.

The current fleet of PTWs in Europe amounts to approximately 30,000,000 vehicles. Over the last few years, EU market trends clearly show that motorcycles answer the mobility needs of an increasingly higher share of the European population.

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NCOM NEW BYTES

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UNFAMILIAR BIKES INVITE PROBLEMS

Experienced riders drastically increase their chances of crashing simply by riding a different motorcycle, an insurance study has found.

Even experienced riders can be pretty wobbly when they hop on an unfamiliar bike, according to data from the country's largest motorcycle insurer, Progressive, which conducted a study of almost 2 million motorcycle policies over a five-year period and found that riders who switch bikes are nearly 70 percent more likely to crash than riders who keep the same bike.

"Most people already know that riding can be especially dangerous for new bikers," said Rick Stern, a Progressive motorcycle product manager who is also a rider. "But our data shows that the less familiar you are with your bike, the more likely you are to be involved in a collision, regardless of your experience."

The study also found cruiser riders who switch to sport bikes are three-and-a-half times more likely to crash. That's more than double the risk they'd have than if they just switched to another cruiser.

Sport bikers, on the other hand, can reduce their risk by more than a third just by switching to a cruiser, according to Progressive's research.

"We want experienced riders to know their risks so they can take extra precautions when they replace their bikes," said Stern. "It's a good idea for riders to take their new bike out for a couple of shake down cruises in a parking lot before hitting the open road."

Even people who have been riding for years can benefit from practicing the basics on their new bike, Stern said, including low-speed riding, turning, shifting and swerving, and higher-speed panic stopping.

UNEMPLOYMENT LINE, PART II

New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg is the biggest helmet-pusher in Congress, but he may be facing stiff competition for his job in the upcoming election. ABATE of the Golden State is backing U.S. Representative Robert Andrews in his bid to replace the 84-year-old four-term nannycrat. As a 9-term veteran of the U.S. House, Andrews has worked with motorcyclists and sponsored the HIPPA bill to protect motorcyclists' health care coverage and has also pledged to vote against any helmet legislation.

ABATE is asking concerned riders to help spread the word to flood the voting booths with motorcyclists for the Primary election, and due to historically light voter turnout bikers could easily swing the election.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists would also like to take this opportunity to welcome ABATE of the Garden State as one of our newest NCOM Member Groups.

For further details, visit their website at www.gardenstateabate.org.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Best wishes to Paul Orban, Pasadena M.C. He has been under the weather for some time which included about 20 days of daily trips for radiation. He was in the hospital overnight for an implant and came home on Friday, May 9th. He sounds good and seems to be doing well. He will return in about 30 days for follow-up test to confirm his progress. We hope that report is as good as the last one was. In the meantime Paul, we wish you a speedy recovery and enjoy your down time the best you can.

Our best wishes to Ziggy as well. Seems he had a little set back. He had been riding almost every day just to get and about. A couple weeks ago he came home and when he got off the bike his left thigh was hurting. He started self-doctoring and after a couple days he checked with his doctor. They did X-Rays and discovered a tumor inside the bone. Needless to say, he has been in the hospital for surgery and hopes to be released by the end of the week (05-16). He will be transferred to a rehab center where he will follow up with physical therapy several times a day until he is able to go home. He would love to hear from any of you so please give him a call at (818) 419-6343. He would be most grateful.

In the meantime, we hope you move right along with your recovery so you can get home and back to socializing again. We miss seeing you out and about.

To everyone out there... enjoy each and every day and keep the rubber side down. Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and we may even see you in Mesquite for the Blazing Saddles on Friday night/Saturday morning, May 24th and 25th.

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Wireless Telephone Laws FAQs

Two new laws dealing with the use of wireless telephones while driving go into effect July 1, 2008. Below is a list of Frequently Asked Questions concerning these new laws.

Q: When do the new wireless telephone laws take effect?

A: The new laws take effect July 1, 2008

Q: What is the difference between the two laws?

A: The first prohibits all drivers from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle. (Vehicle Code (VC) §23123). Motorists 18 and over may use a hands-free device. Drivers under the age of 18 may NOT use a wireless telephone or hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle(VC §23124).

Q: What if I need to use my telephone during an emergency, and I do not have a hands-free device?

A: The law allows a driver to use a wireless telephone to make emergency calls to a law enforcement agency, a medical provider, the fire department, or other emergency services agency.

Q: What are the fines if I'm convicted?

A: The base fine for the FIRST offense is \$20 and \$50 for subsequent convictions. According to the Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedule, with the addition of penalty assessments, a first offense is \$76 and a second offense is \$190.

Q: Will I receive a point on my drivers license if I'm convicted for a violation of the wireless telephone law?

A: NO. The violation is a reportable offense: however, DMV will not assign a violation point.

Q: Will the conviction appear on my driving record?

A: Yes, but the violation point will not be added.

- Q: Will there be a grace period when motorists will only get a warning?**
A: NO. The law becomes in effect on July 1, 2008. Whether a citation is issued is always at the discretion of the officer based upon his or her determination of the most appropriate remedy for the situation.
- Q: Are passengers affected by this law?**
A: No. This law only applies to the person driving a motor vehicle.
- Q: Do these laws apply to out-of-state drivers whose home states do not have such laws?**
A: Yes
- Q: Can I be pulled over by a law enforcement officer for using my handheld wireless telephone?**
A: YES. A law enforcement officer can pull you over just for this infraction.
- Q: What if my phone has a push-to-talk feature, can I use that?**
A: No. The law does provide an exception for those operating a commercial motor truck or truck tractor (excluding pickups), implements of husbandry, farm vehicle or tow truck, to use a two-way radio operated by a "push-to-talk" feature.
- Q: What other exceptions are there?**
A: Operators of an authorized emergency vehicle during the course of employment are exempt as are those motorists operating a vehicle on private property

DRIVERS 18 AND OVER

Drivers 18 and over will be allowed to use a hands-free device to talk on their wireless telephone while driving. The following FAQs apply to those motorists 18 and over.

- Q: Does the new "hands-free" law prohibit you from dialing a wireless telephone while driving or just talking on it?**
A: The new law does not prohibit dialing, but drivers are strongly urged not to dial while driving.
- Q: Will it be legal to use a Blue Tooth or other earpiece?**
A: Yes, however you cannot have BOTH ears covered.
- Q: Does the new hands-free law allow you to use the speaker phone function of your wireless telephone while driving?**
A: Yes.
- Q: Does the new "hands-free" law allow drivers 18 and over to text page while driving?**
A: The law does not specifically prohibit that, but an officer can pull over and issue a citation to a driver of any age if, in the officer's opinion, the driver was distracted and not operating the vehicle safely. Text paging while driving is unsafe at any speed and is strongly discouraged.

DRIVERS UNDER 18

Q: Am I allowed to use my wireless telephone hands free?

A: NO. Drivers under the age of 18 may not use a wireless telephone, pager, laptop or any other electronic communication or mobile services device to speak or text while driving in any manner, even hands free. **EXCEPTION:** Permitted in emergency situations to call police, fire or medical authorities. (VC §23124).

Q: Why is the law stricter for provisional drivers?

A: Statistics show that teen drivers are more likely than older drivers to be involved in crashes because they lack driving experience and tend to take greater risks. Teen drivers are vulnerable to driving distractions such as talking with passengers, eating or drinking, and talking or texting on wireless phones, which increase the chance of getting involved in serious vehicle crashes.

Q: Can my parents give me permission to allow me to use my wireless telephone while driving?

A: NO. The only exception is an emergency situation that requires you to call a law enforcement agency, a health care provider, the fire department or other emergency agency entity.

Q: Does the law apply to me if I'm an emancipated minor?

A: Yes. The restriction applies to all licensed drivers who are under the age of 18.

Q: If I have my parent(s) or someone age 25 years or older in the car with me, may I use my wireless telephone while driving?

A: NO. You may only use your wireless telephone in an emergency situation.

Q: Will the restriction appear on my provisional license?

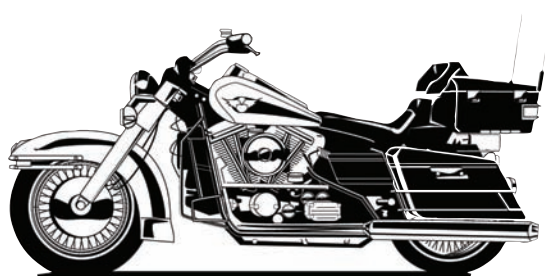
A: No

Q: May I use the hands-free feature while driving if my car has the feature built in?

A: NO. The law prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from using any type of wireless device while driving, except in an emergency situation.

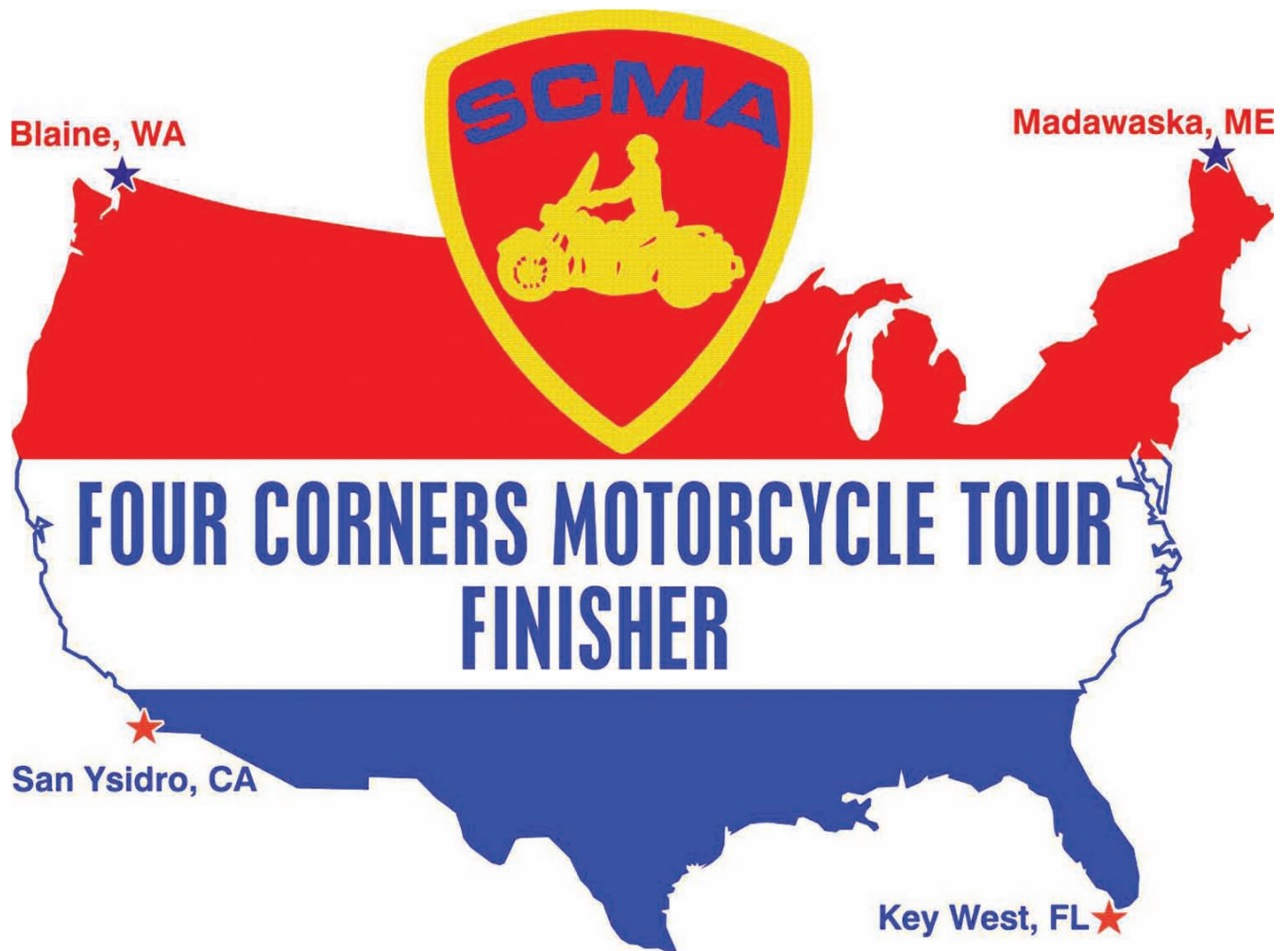
Q: Can a law enforcement officer stop me for using my hands-free device while driving?

A: No. For drivers under the age of 18, this is considered a **SECONDARY** violation meaning that a law enforcement officer may cite you for using a **hands-free** wireless phone if you were pulled over for another violation. However, the prohibition against using a **handheld** wireless telephone while driving is a **PRIMARY** violation for which a law enforcement officer can pull you over.



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