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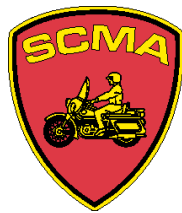
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The following meetings are open to all S.C.M.A. members and their guests:

MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
(Except in September and October, check date shown on calendar of events and annual calendar)

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES —

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FROM THE CHAIR

Hi All

Here it is July and we are getting ready for the 33rd. Annual Three Flags Classic, starting at the end of August and officially ends on September 2nd. I say officially because most riders do not leave until after the banquet on Tuesday evening, a lot of them taking advantage of the breakfast ticket before leaving to points unknown.

We have had several great rides since I wrote last. Dog Days of Summer, an absolutely fantastic route, starting at Lake Forest, going to Lake Elsinore, then Julian, and last but not least Temecula. The only bad part of this ride for the 18 participants that took part in it was the extreme heat. Talk about being hot, holy cow it was hot. Jo Anne Gamble and I rode the route in my truck since I had to haul the start supplies, banners and such. Bob Masuzumi did an awesome job out laying out the route. For those of you who did not attend the ride, you missed a great one.

This last Sunday, July 13th. was the first Bare Bones Ride which cost all of \$10.00 to the riders. We had 27 sign-in with 19 riders; the other 8 worked the start/finish and checkpoints. I would like to thank Vern and Flavia and Susan and Steve for working the checkpoints for us. Thanks to Chuck Jones for securing Fullerton Harley for the start and finish. What a great place to have an event. Plenty of room, their own donut shop right next door to their property, what a way to go. We had plenty of water iced down and ice cream waiting for the riders when they finished. Again my thanks to Bob Masuzumi for a terrific ride. I don't know how he does it, he is a fireman and Saturday into Sunday was working a 12 hour shift and managed to find time to sign in and go back to work. The association is lucky to have volunteers like him along with all the others that keep the rides coming and the SCMA afloat.

One would never know it but we had an election of officers in June. 4 ballots total were sent to Sally Bishop, how very, very sad. I realize that the officers were running unopposed but it would have been nice if ballots were sent in as a vote of confidence for them. Voting is a right of each member and a privilege, it should be exercised. We keep printing the ballot because we believe it is the democratic thing to do, but how disappointing the results are.

August 16th. brings us the Old Pin Ride, Mitch Friedman is doing this one. I think it is starting at a Starbuck's in Culver City. Have to figure out what to do about coffee and donuts, but I sure we will not disappoint you riders.

September 21st. brings us the Wacky Wrabbit ride. This is a charity event for a battered women's home and while we do not have flyer for it yet, I would hope that the members of the SCMA would support this event.

October brings us to the Grand Tour and once again Blake Anderson has a superb ride laid out. The dates are 11th. & 12th. of October so you have time to plan on participating in the event. October 27th. is the Cemetery Tour, which is being laid out by Bob Masuzumi, looking forward to another great ride.

Last but not least is the Turkey Ride in November, our last event for the year. Chuck Jones is laying out this years ride and sounds like a good one.

For all of you who know and love Ziggy, times are not good for him now. For the last year plus he has been fighting cancer and he is losing the battle as I write this. Many of his friends have gone to visit him in the last week or so not knowing how long he will be with us. I ask all of you to put him on your prayer list and send your thoughts and love to his family.

Jo Anne Gamble is going to be with us a little longer. She may even make the start of Three Flags. While we are sorry to hear her real estate deal fell through, we are glad it keeps her here that much longer.

I would like to welcome the new officers aboard and thank the old ones for staying on. I am looking forward to working with Blake and Chuck as new board members and appreciate Vern and Flavia for continuing to do Membership/Corr. Secretary.

That is it for now, keep the sunny side up and the rubber side down.

Jan Staws

Grab Bag!

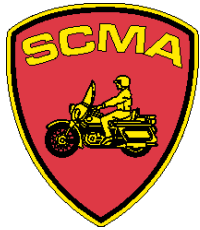
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Traveler's Award



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| All others: | \$15.00 |
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CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE RIDES

**Weekend trip to the Bay Area. 844 miles. 2 Days.
A total of 9 stamps collected. 14 down, 10 to go!**

By Dennis Steinert (www.psychobiker.com)

Photos by Dennis Steinert and Michael Bowman

Saturday, May 17

I left the house at 5:00. Michael left his place at about the same time. Both of us are about 40 minutes from Gorman, our meeting point. At Gorman, I swapped the clear shield for a tinted one and removed one layer of clothing, and topped off the tank. We left a little before 6:00 for the blast up I-5 to Coalinga. The ride on the freeway was pretty uneventful, and 130 miles after Gorman, we were in a gas station in Coalinga. Michael was looking for a sandwich to eat for breakfast at Pinnacles, but such a simple item was not to be found in the market at the gas station, and in the market up the street. A quick stop at a Burger King at least got us a bathroom stop.

Next came the fun part - 70 miles of twists and turns separated by some straight sections! We took CA-198 East out of town, and then turned onto CA-25 North, then finally turning onto CA-146 for the 2 1/2 mile drive into the park. We arrived just past our target time of 9:00. Pinnacles moved the visitor center to part of the camp store at the campground, so you don't have to pay and go deeper into the park just to get a stamp. The Pinnacles are scenic, but you really need to hike to enjoy the park, and that was not in the plan for the day.

At Pinnacles, we did take our time, relaxed a bit, had some food, and removed all extra layers of clothing. We were on our way again, back to CA-25, then continuing north to Hollister and US-101. We planned on getting gas near San Jose, but the first exit we tried was a no-go. So we continued onward on US-101. I recognized Alum Rock Road as a place where I thought I got gas before, so we exited there. I was wrong. We did find gas, about 1 mile from the freeway, at the edge of downtown San Jose. We continued on past San Jose State University, and got a bit hung up trying to get on CA-87 to take us back to US-101. My GPS for the bike has a 3-4 year old map set, and construction changed location of the freeway ramps. We eventually made it onto CA-87, and then US-101 North toward San Francisco. Traffic on US-101 was heavy and occasionally very slow. Thank goodness for lane sharing.

In the city, I decided to take the scenic route, merging onto I-280, then exiting onto King Street and the Embarcadero. Probably not a good idea, I should have just zigzagged through the city to get to the Fisherman's Wharf area. Heavy traffic on the Embarcadero, meant that we have to do some serious lane sharing. We eventually did make it to Hyde and Jefferson, the site of the SF Maritime NHP's Visitor Center. A quick circle around the block got us to a parking spot on Jefferson, at the Cannery, one block east of Hyde.

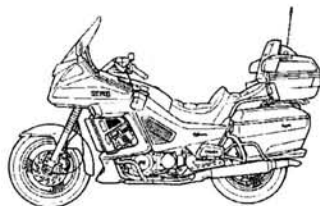
It was 12:30. We had ridden 382 miles so far. We wandered over to the visitor's center to get our stamps. The ranger there suggested that we take the pictures in front of the Maritime Store across the street. We agreed that it would be a good location. In the visitor's center, they have a 1st order fresnel lighthouse lens, which is bigger than the Point Loma lens. We walked up the street for some clam chowder and shrimp. The wind was starting to blow harder and we could see signs of fog rolling in. We walked back to the bikes and went over to the store for the photos. Luck was on our side, the motorcycle only parking spaces by the store were now open and we were able to get some good photos.

Next it was a trip up Hyde, then down Lombard, giving the seldom used back brakes a workout. We made our way into the presidio and to

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**Motorcycle Touring Association, California Chapter #3
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Sunday, September 21, 2008

Starts at: **Ricky & Ronnie's Diner** 1301 Sepulveda Bl.. Harbor City, CA
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Sign in: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
50/50 Door Prizes! Ride Pins (1st 100 entrants)

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the Golden Gate NRA Presidio Visitor Center. The GGNRA covers a lot of land on both sides of the Golden Gate, and many GGNRA stamps are available at different locations, but I was hoping that the Presidio VC would have a good photo opportunity. When we arrived at the VC, I realized that we were a little over an hour behind schedule, but thankfully, I had padded Fort Point and Muir Woods with plenty of time. A ranger saw us taking our photos in front of the VC, which was the former officer's club. He offered to take a photo of both of us. The sign behind Michael identifies the park, and the pictures of just each of us has the sign prominently featured. All of the time at the VC, we heard the ominous sound of the foghorn.



Sure enough, as we then took off, crossing the 101 and then descending the cliff to Fort Point, the fog was rolling in rapidly. We took our pictures first, and then parked at the fort, and went inside to the store where the stamps are. We had gained a few minute and now were only 1 hour behind the planned schedule. We had to make it to Point Reyes before 5:00, but our planned schedule had us arriving just before 4:00, giving us about an hour for schedule slippage. I was sweating it a bit, the last time I went through Muir Woods, the traffic in Sausalito and in Muir Woods was unbelievable. By the time we left Fort Point, you could hardly see the Golden Gate Bridge towering above the fort. The flag is barely visible in the photo.

Crossing the bridge, you couldn't see squat. The towers were lost in the fog. The fog did disappear when we hit Sausalito. The first 3/4 mile off of the freeway on CA-1 was stop, creep, and then stop. We took advantage of traveling by motorcycle and crept around the traffic. Then it was on to Muir Woods. Nearing the VC, we got caught behind a lumbering tour bus. What a pain it is to be stuck behind a big moving white wall through a curvy, narrow, tight road. Oh well. We did make it to the park sign after a mile. The trees were giving the GPS a fit with the poor coverage. A quick stop in the VC (and parking in a motorcycle only parking space - thanks NPS) gave us our stamps and a quick chance to eat an orange or two.

The addition of several parking lots made the ride down the road to reconnect with CA-1 more enjoyable. 5 years ago, people were parking on the shoulders and walking in the street making this a tough ride. The traffic on CA-1 was as expected, bunches of slow cages creeping down the road. A few good passing opportunities got us to clear roads, especially after Stinson Beach. We made it to the Point Reyes NS Bear Valley VC at 4:15, only 25 minutes behind schedule. Mission accomplished. Stamps, then a peaceful break (once a screaming kid was finally silenced), then photos, then on to the Travelodge in San Rafael, 21 miles further.



Sir Francis Drake Blvd, going through Samuel P. Taylor State Park, is a mess. Rough road signs all over the place. We found gas in San Rafael, and then decided to look for a grocery store. We ended up circling back around town and going to a market we saw when we first entered San Rafael. The going was a bit tough, since the main downtown street was closed for some festival or something.

I bought some tiny wine bottles, Michael bought some whiskey, Diet Coke, chips, and salsa. We finally got to the motel around 6:00, after traveling 442 miles for the day. We relaxed a bit, and then decided to order pizza from a local pizza joint. So we then locked the bikes down for the night. The pizza was good, from a small chain called Extreme Pizza. We split a 12" Yard Sale minus the fungus. Lights out was around 10:00.

Sunday, May 18

We had a casual morning, since the stamp for the next park would not be available until 10. We left the motel at 9:00 for the quick ride over the Richmond - San Rafael Bridge on I-580 to the photo location of the next park, Rosie the Riveter / World War II Home Front NHP. The fog was off in the distance, but the air was chilly as we crossed the water and exited at Marina Bay Parkway and followed the signs to the Rosie the Riveter Memorial. The memorial is in a small park where Kaiser Shipyard #2 was located during the war. For a good description of the sites for the NHP, download the auto tour brochure here. The memorial was design to give the feeling of a ship under construction. I don't know if I got that feeling, but you can draw your own conclusions. The first photo is the photo for the California Parks Award Passport, and the other is looking toward the marina (also the site of shipyard #2) at the whole memorial, which is in multiple pieces, connected by a timeline walkway.

We then went over to where the passport stamp is Monday-Friday at the park's visitor center in Richmond City Hall. Then around the corner to the Ford Assembly building, where 49,000 jeeps were assembled. The park plans to move the VC to here in a few years. From the Ford Assembly Building, you can see across the channel to the SS Red Oak Victory, which is in shipyard #3. The SS Red Oak Victory is to the far left, its stern is behind the sailboat. The building in the center is the former shipyard warehouse.



The GPS wanted us to cross the channel to get to the SS Red Oak Victory. Well that wasn't going to happen, so we went north along the channel, making our way to Cutting Blvd. From there we went east for a distance. While the Rosie Memorial and the VC had plenty of signs guiding you there, we found none so far for the ship. We did try to ask some bicyclists for directions, but they did not know either. After glancing at the GPS, which still wanted us to retrace our steps and go across the water, I decided we needed to head south on Canal Blvd. After a block, signs for the ship appeared. The route to the ship is a crazy one, circling around a yard full of cars just off the boat. I think they were Hyundais, and then zig-zagging through the former shipyard drydocks. We arrived at the SS Red Oak Victory at 10:15, just as the volunteers were arriving. We went onto the ship, and paid our donation of \$5 each. It was a self guided tour, but occasionally we would run into one of the 2 docents (the other one was running the gift shop where the stamp was), and he would answer questions.



The former dry-docks are in the second photo. They were concrete. There was no sign of the gates that would have blocked off the water. A large wooden boat, the Wapama, that was being preserved for future restoration and inclusion in the SF Maritime NHP, was on a barge in one of the former dry-docks. We hung around the boat for quite some time. Eventually we knew we needed to get going for the 23 mile ride to John Muir NHS, so at 11:45 we were back on the bikes. Michael wanted to photograph the Wapama, and I wanted to putt along, looking at the buildings. I got going first, moving slowly to let Michael catch up. I did stop along the Wapama on the far side, but not in a good place for Michael to see me. He shot on by. I started to do jumping jacks to get his attention as he started to circle around the car lot. I thought he saw me because he stopped. I mounted the Connie and went over to the car lot, but when I got there, he was gone. I continued through the yard, slowly, since I was looking for Michael. I did have to stop one more time because I realized that my camera bag and passport books were still on my shoulder and not in the saddle bag. Eventually, I made it back to Cutting Blvd and tried to call Michael. He did call back and I learned he was further down Cutting Blvd, almost to I-80.

I hightailed it down the road, catching up to him.

We arrived at John Muir NHS in Martinez just before 12:30. It was hot inland. We quickly got our stamps, walked up to the house, and then took our pictures. We wanted to get down to Danville in time to grab a bite to eat.



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We left John Muir NHS at 1:00 for the 18 mile / 18 minute ride to Danville and the parking lot for the shuttle to Eugene O'Neill NHS. The park has limited parking on site, and you have to go through a gated community, so one must take a shuttle to get to the house. Our shuttle time was for 2:10, so we had time to walk to a nearby Subway and eat. As I mentioned before, this was a special Sunday. The normal free shuttles at 10:00 and 12:30 were not available this Sunday because the Eugene O'Neill Foundation was hosted a play at the old barn. Tickets were \$25 each. The shuttle took us up to the house.



We had some time to get our pictures, stamps, and explore the house before the play started at 3:00.

The play was "Welded." The play was written by O'Neill in 1922-23, and performed the following year at the Thirty-Ninth Street Theatre in New York. Although it did not enjoy a successful run, it is an example of O'Neill's early attempts to explore the nature of married love. He sought to convey the inner conflicts of the individual spouses and reveal the spiritual dimension of the marriage bond. It was pretty dark and the wife was a nut job. The play's protagonists, a successful playwright and his actress wife, bear striking resemblances to O'Neill and his second wife, Agnes Boulton, a writer whose career, in the early years of their marriage, rivaled his. In the play, O'Neill challenges the couple to remove the masks which they have been wearing in the marriage. Unable to do so, each of them seeks comfort in another relationship—she with a family friend, he with a prostitute. It is in their

reunion, in the final act of the play, that O'Neill introduces the notion of a spiritual love, a sacrament, which demands a surrender of their egocentric selves, one, which transcends yet bonds them forever.

The play was enjoyable. We did chat it up with a docent from the John Muir house who was on hand for extra staffing for the event, as we waited for the shuttle to pick us up after delivering the first load of guests back to the parking lot. We were back at the bikes around 5:00. Disaster struck in the form of a bad luggage lock. I had locked my helmet to Michael's bike, and we had put our gear on my bike, under the Geza cover. The lock did not want to release. We had to resort to breaking the lock apart. My pre-ride rhythm broken, I forgot my earplugs as we started out, so I had to stop at a gas station to put them in. So it was 5:40 when we were finally on the freeway for the 340 mile ride home. We left I-680 for East I-580, stopping at the east side of Livermore for gas. The next gas stop was along I-5 at CA-198 east of Coalinga at Harris Ranch. Since it was 8:00 and the sun just set, we switched to our clear shields. 77 miles later, we stopped at the Denny's at the Buttonwillow (CA-58) exit for dinner. A little before 10:00 we were back on I-5, for the 57 miles to Gorman and our parting gas stop. At 10:50, I was back on I-5, waving goodbye to Michael, and heading for home. I pulled into the garage at 11:27, an end to another grand adventure.



**Weekend trip into the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains.
792 miles. 2 days. A total of 5 stamps collected.
19 down, 5 to go!**

June 28-29

I left the house at 6:55 in the morning on Saturday, June 28. A quick stop to top off the gas tank, then it was off to meet Michael at Ave. K & 15 West in Lancaster. As I was dropping down into the Antelope Valley on CA-14, I noticed that there was a smoke haze hovering in the valley, obscuring the slopes of the mountains to the north. The wind was not blowing. The windmills near Avenue S were still. The smoke was from the Piute fire that was burning in the mountains north of the valley, but south of Lake Isabella. I arrived at the meeting place at 7:37, Michael arrived about 5 minutes later. It was odd to see him on a green bike instead of his usual black 1987 Ninja. The Ninja was having some mechanical issues and would not be up to a long trip, so I let him park the Ninja at my house on Friday and borrow my ZRX for the weekend.

We were on our way immediately, traveling north on CA-14, then north on US-395. Not long after getting onto US-395, we made a quick 7 minute gas stop at Pearsonville, leaving at 8:54. As we were traveling up US-395, I was recalling how much of the road was just 2 lane highway when I started driving in the late 70's. Now, CA-14 only has a small stretch between Red Rock Canyon and US-395 that is not 4 lane divided highway (I think the project to eliminate this stretch is starting soon), and US-395 had a longer stretch of 2 lane near Olancha and Cartago.

North of Lone Pine, from just south of Manzanar until Independence, another 2 lane section remains. We reached Manzanar at 9:50 and spent 15 minutes at the historic entrance station taking our pictures for the SCMA passport book, and taking some other pictures.

This first picture is looking north from the entrance station. A rebuilt guard tower (there were 8 of them) is visible to the left of the tall tree that is left of the left wooden post. The second picture is of the entrance station, looking west at the Sierra Nevada Mountains. For years, this was all I saw of Manzanar as I traveled north and south on US-395. The gymnasium that is now the visitor center was used by the county highway department. In 1997, the NPS acquired the land for the NHS, and in 2004 the visitor center opened. It also was weird to get a photo of two of my bikes. If we had a third person, I could have gotten all three in front of the entrance station.



We were at the VC for 15 minutes, getting our stamps. I had been to the VC several times before, and had already did the road tour (dirt roads), and so had Michael. For those that have not been to Manzanar NHS, I would highly recommend it. It is a good example of why we should not shed our rights, or those of others, so quickly in times of war. It is sad that in the frenzy after Pearl Harbor, that American were locked up in these "relocation centers."

We were heading north on US-395 at 10:22 towards Bishop and lunch. There currently is another stretch of 2 lane between Independence and Big Pine. Caltrans was busy at work on this stretch, widening it up to 4 lanes.

Lunch was at BBQ Bill's, on the south side of Bishop. It is a quick and decent place to stop at. By 11:53 we

were heading north again. We did a quick detour to take a photo of the US-6 sign that is just outside of Bishop. My neighbor and I plan to drive all 3,205 miles of US-6 later this summer. Along with the historic portion of US-6 that went from Bishop to Long Beach.

We continued up the grade on US-395, and then turned onto CA-203 into the town of Mammoth Lakes. We stopped for gas in Mammoth at 12:45. Warning - gas in Mammoth is expensive. Fill up in Bishop instead.

We continued to the end of CA-203 at Minaret Vista. Michael did try to talk the rangers into letting us ride into the valley and the NM, but it was not to be. So we took our required photos at the entrance station (first photo below), and then went over to the vista point for another set of photos. The Minarets are the pinnacles in the center of the following photo.



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SIERRAS

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While at the entrance station, I had left my second set of keys in the left saddlebag lock when I went to move my bike out of the way so Michael could get his picture. Getting back off the bike, I hit the keys and broke it off in the lock. Bummer. I would have to use either the main key or the emergency key for the rest of the weekend.

By 1:20, we had ridden back to the Ski resort upper lodge where the shuttle bus to the valley and more importantly, Devils Postpile NM, leaves from. I extracted the broken bit of the key from the lock, and we took off our gear and stowed them under the Geza covers for the afternoon.

We took the shuttle to the NM, got our stamps, and then walked to the postpile itself. I did get bit by a few mosquitoes from the meadow by the ranger station in the postpile parking lot.

The postpile is an example of columnar basalt. In the distant past, lava flowed in the region and cooled forming the columns that you see in the picture. Glacial activity sheared the top of the flow off, and water erosion exposed the sides. You can walk to the top of the formation. It looks like paving tiles on top.



We walked back and waited for the shuttle to take us back up the mountain to the parking lot. We left the parking lot at 4:05, and made it to the motel (Sierra Lodge) ten minutes later. After checking in, we tried to get a replacement key cut at the Do-It center (a hardware store), but they mostly had house keys. I decided to wait until I got back home to get a key made. Michael & I did stop at Chalet Liquors for some evening refreshments. I picked up a few bottles of the local microbrew.

We rested a bit and then it was time for dinner. Angel's was just next door, so we walked there and got seated immediately. I have been to Angel's many times before. Great food, decent prices, but sometimes poor service. And always a long line to get in. Arriving at 6:30, we had beat the crowd.

After some more relaxing, we retired a bit early. It was a nice slow-paced day of 307 miles, but Sunday would be different.

Sunday, June 29

We left the motel at 7:50, after having a bagel at the motel's breakfast spread. We needed to get going, since it was many miles of park road at 35-45 miles per hour, and we needed to reach the Sequoia NP stamp location by 5:00. It was a beautiful, crisp morning in the Eastern Sierras. We topped off the gas tanks at the junction of the road to Tioga Pass (CA-120) and US-395, just outside of Lee Vining. We reached the entrance to Yosemite at Tioga Pass at 8:35, but then we had to wait 10 minutes in line to get in. The park sign is hard to photograph at Tioga Pass, so we held out for a better opportunity.

We made it to Tuolumne Meadows at 8:55. Since the Ranger Station did not open until 9:00, we took some pictures of the bikes by some of the meadows (below), and then got our stamps. Again, there was not a great photo opportunity for the official SCMA passport booklet. At 9:15, we were back heading west on Tioga Pass Road.

As we got closer to the Big Oak Flat Road, smoke started to fill the air, and the valley to the north, was smoke filled. Most likely from the North Mountain Fire. At 10:08, we reached the junction with Big Oak Flat Road, which was the end of the 45mph roads. It would be 35mph most of the way until the southern exit of Yosemite. We stopped for photos at the Yosemite Valley overlook on Big Oak Flat Road. The valley was filled with smoke. It was hard to see anything in the distance. We made our way down to the bottom, crossed



hours to cover that distance. I had padded the schedule enough to compensate, so we were mostly on schedule.

We left Wawona at 11:45, and in a little while we were out of the park, and able to ride mountain roads like a motorcycle should, taking CA-41 south towards Fresno. We stopped for a brief lunch at the Ol' Kettle Coffee Shop in Oakhurst. In Fresno, CA-41 and CA-180 are freeways. CA-180 ends abruptly at Clovis Avenue, but construction is underway to extend the freeway to a smoother merge with the existing CA-180 (Kings Canyon Road) a few miles east of Clovis Avenue. We stopped for gas at 2:00 along Clovis Avenue, just a block shy of making the left turn onto Kings Canyon Road. 192 miles covered so far. We still were on schedule to get the Sequoia NP stamp before they closed for the day.

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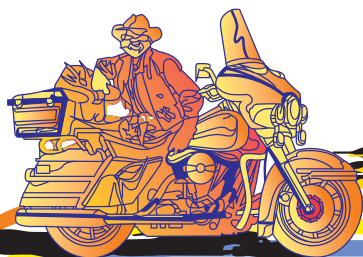
over to the other side, and then started back up the south side of Yosemite Valley.

Construction made me miss the entrance to the parking lot at Tunnel View, and we dove into the tunnel. So we turned around at the west end, and went back through the tunnel. The normally impressive sight of Yosemite Valley when you exit the tunnel was obscured with smoke. Half Dome is barely visible to the left of center in the photo. We left Tunnel View at 10:50, heading towards the southern exit.

We stopped at Wawona for the passport book photos. A good, easy to reach, sign is in the parking lot by the store. We then rode over the hotel parking lot and parked at the cabin where another Yosemite NP stamp is.

Wawona was only 121 miles from Mammoth, but because of the park roads, it took us almost 4





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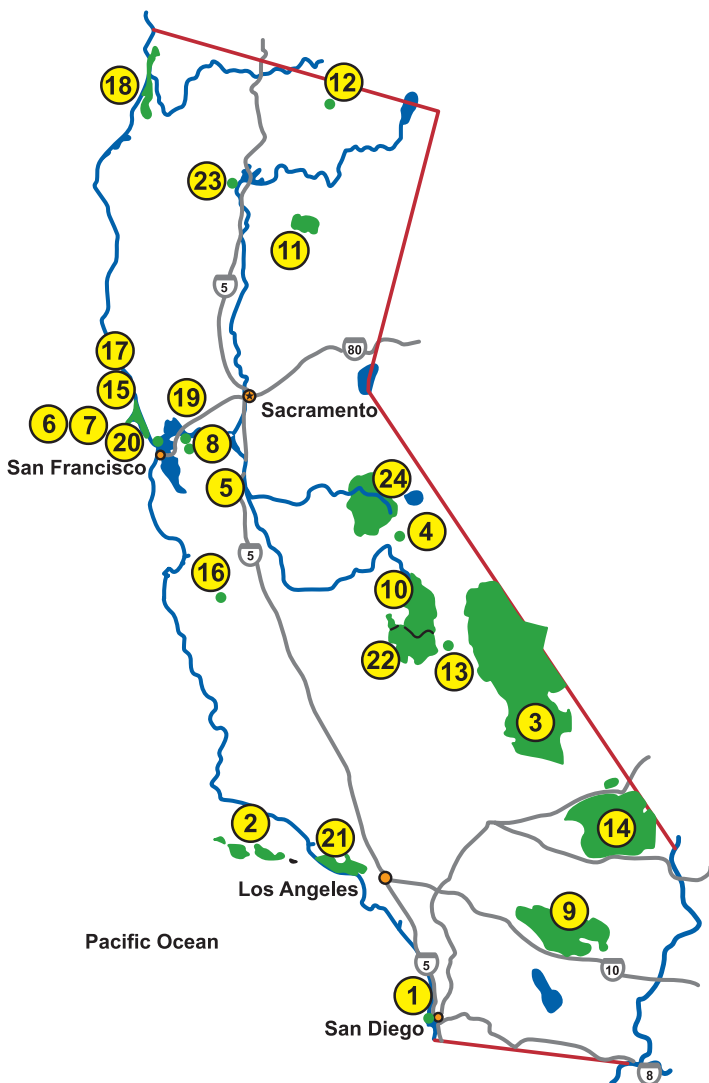
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S.C.M.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, June 14, 2008

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Blake Anderson

Members and guests were welcomed.

Attendance

Executive Board: **Chairperson** Jan Staws Absent; **Vice Chairperson** Dave Hawker Absent; **Recording Secretary** Phyllis Shaw; **Treasurer** Jane Usatin Absent; **Corresponding Secretary/Membership** Flavia Gullett (and Vernon Lucero Absent) ; **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 Absent, **Dog Days of Summer** and **Cemetery Tour** Bob Masuzumi Absent; **Newsletter** and **Triple Crown** Jan Staws Absent; **Sunshine Lady** Jo Anne Gamble; **2008 TFC Chairperson** Jane Usatin Absent; **Turkey Run** Chuck Jones; **Traveler's Award** Dannie Fox Absent; **USA Four Corners Tour** David Johnson

Club Representatives: **AVTS** Angel Guilotty and Doug Hoffelt; **BMW** Chris; **PMC** John Katics, Ralph Fox; **SRR** Dave Hawker Absent; **VMMC** Mickey Minor Absent

General Membership: Kenn Hatke

Guests: Dean Housted

Executive Board and Committee Reports

Chairperson-Jan Staws

Vice-Chairperson-Dave Hawker

Minutes- Phyllis Shaw, Recording Secretary

Minutes were distributed to those present and will be in the newsletter. If there are any corrections please let Phyllis or Jan know.

Treasurer's Report-Jane Usatin

In discussion of tax preparation by clubs, it was noted that not for profit clubs must now file a 490-N. It was suggested that clubs look at IRS.gov

Membership/Corresponding Secretary- Vernon/Flavia

Membership was 657 with 22 new members, 21 reinstated 18 not reinstated/non renewals.

Referee Report- Doug Poppen Absent

Blake noted that there was nothing to report on Blazing Saddles.

USA Four Corners-David Johnson Absent

Traveler's Award-Dannie Fox

Going well, there is nothing new to report except there is a ride on next Saturday, the 21st that qualifies. Chuck recommended that there be a certificate awarded upon completion. Holley and Dannie are working on this. It was suggested that mugs be revisited and Jan post these riders in the Newsletter emphasizing that these riders are in the draw.

California Parks Adventure-Mitch Friedman Absent

Insurance-Blake Anderson

It was suggested that the TFC insurance be confirmed in July. Blake reported that everything is good and ready to go.

Newsletter-Jan Staws

Jan noted that the Membership Application will be on line with member fees clearly spelled out.

Sunshine Report-JoAnne Gamble

Jane popped her back picking up her bike. Ziggy is now in rehab. Paul Orbin is feeling bad as a result of his treatments.

Triple Crown-Jan Staws

Jan is working on the design with Holley and will try to present their ideas next meeting.

DLO Report Ken Baumgarth

Louisiana has a modified helmet law (under 18 must wear). Maryland allows auxiliary lighting from the side of bikes. Florida riders cannot have a passenger under the age of 12.

Old Business

Nominations are closed today unless there are other nominations. Blake Anderson has been nominated for Vice-Chair, Chuck Davis as Referee and the incumbents for Membership/Corresponding Secretary. Members were asked to go the website and find the ballot. Download and mail the ballot. The officers will be installed next month.

Membership Cards-Flavia reported that she believes they have been sent out.

2009 Calendar-We would like to reconcile conflicts with the various clubs, early on and use part of the July meeting to establish dates (just be before adjourning).

2009 TFC Chairperson-pending

Trademark/service mark four major rides-members are in favor. E-Board has been authorized to move forward.

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

John reported that there were 15 riders. They rode the route backwards due to the weather. The roads were dry but snow around. It was viewed as an excellent ride.

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

Zoomer called to report that everything is set up. The ride is the 21st of June. The ride begins in Lake Forest and ends in Temecula.

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

The ride will be leaving Starbucks in Culver City at Overland and Washington. Mitch has everything else lined up.

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

The checkpoints have been secured. There is no meeting this afternoon following the S.C.M.A. meeting. The final pre-ride will be done after the 28th of June. Ken and Chuck went to the start in Mexico to finalize everything and make some reservations. They assured us that the rooms would be suitable. We will try to keep riders going out the back, not the front. There have not been any tickets on line for a month and inquiries are still coming in. Pictures will be taken as riders arrive.

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

There is nothing new to report today. The ride will be October 11th and 12th and is 950 miles.

S.C.M.A. Cemetery Tour (October) Bob Masuzumi (Zoomer)**S.C.M.A. Turkey Run (November) Chuck Jones**

The run will start at the Yamaha Shop in Beaumont and end in Beaumont. The route is being planned and will be about 170 miles.

Club Reports**AVTS-Antelope Valley Touring Society**

The donating of pins by AVTS is not a dead issue, it is pending. Everything is good with the club and the website is being updated.

BMW of Southern California

Chris reported that the club will be having a 4th of July ride to Monterey, staying overnight in King City.

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SCMA MEETING

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MTA-Motorcycle Touring Association

PMC-Pasadena Motorcycle Club

There was a picnic two weeks ago. They are having a Poker Run in Jan for certain and considering an October ride.

Outriders

SRR-Shamrock Road riders

Jo-Anne reported that the club is alive and well. They will be electing officers in August or September.

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

50/50 The 50/50 drawing had \$22 to the winner and \$22 to the waitress.

Member Communication

JoAnne mentioned that Jay Leno was on the AMA magazine along with Tom Keyworth, District 37 President with a good article. She also noted that AMA is donating a set of tires for the TFC.

Dean described his trials with driving on the left side of the road on his recent trip to England.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

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

Ride for the Heart 2008

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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.

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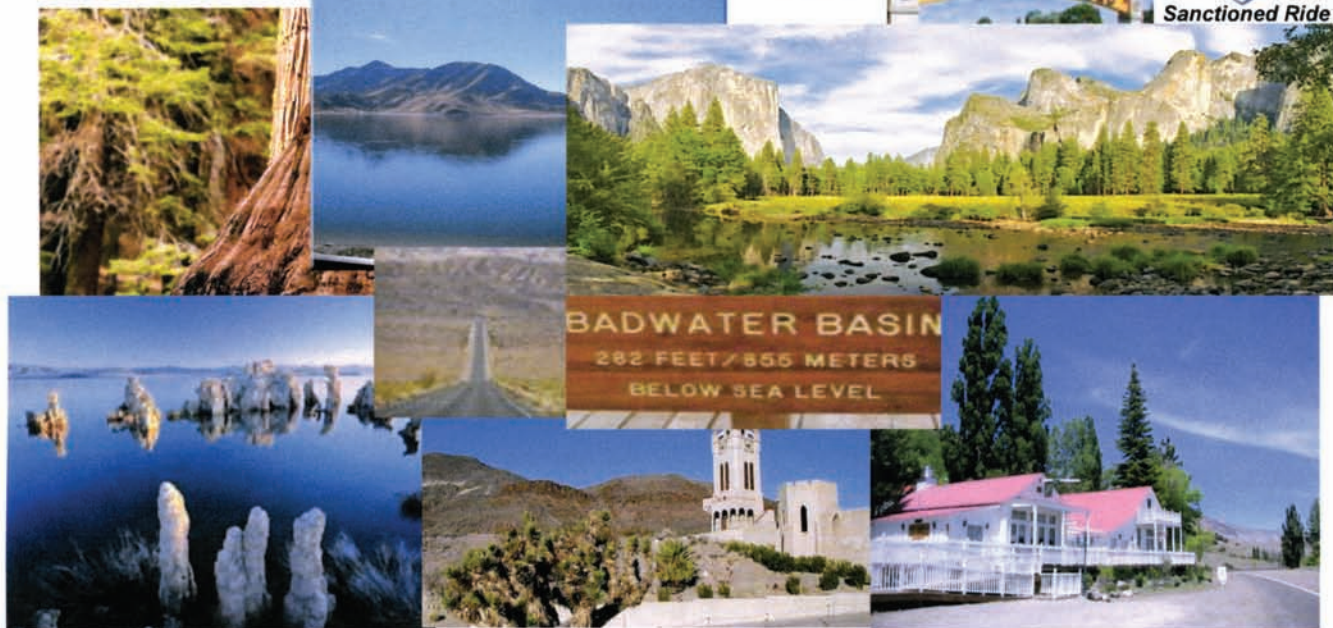


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A TRIP TO WAL-MART

You are in the middle of some kind of project around the house. Mowing the lawn, putting a new fence in, painting the living room, or whatever. You are hot and sweaty. Covered in dirt or paint. You have your old work clothes on. You know the outfit, shorts with the hole in crotch, old t-shirt with a stain from who knows what, and an old pair of tennis shoes.

Right in the middle of this great home improvement project you realize you need to run to Wal-Mart to get something to help complete the job. Depending on your age you might do the following:

In your 20's: Stop what you are doing. Shave, take a shower, blow dry your hair, brush your teeth, floss, and put on clean clothes. Check yourself in the mirror and flex. Add a dab of your favorite cologne because you never know, you just might meet some hot chick while standing in the checkout lane. You went to school with the pretty girl running the register.

In your 30's: Stop what you are doing, put on clean shorts and shirt. Change shoes. You married the hot chick so no need for much else. Wash your hands and comb your hair. Check yourself in the mirror. Still got it. Add a shot of your favorite cologne to cover the smell. The cute girl running the register is the kid sister to someone you went to school with.

In your 40's: Stop what you are doing. Put a sweatshirt that is long enough to cover the hole in the crotch of your shorts. Put on different shoes and a hat. Wash your hands. Your bottle of Brute Cologne is almost empty so you don't want to waste any of it on a trip to Wal-Mart. Check yourself in the mirror and do more sucking in than flexing. The spicy young thing running the register is your daughter's age and you feel weird thinking she is spicy.

In your 50's: Stop what you are doing. Put a hat on, wipe the dirt off your hands onto your shirt. Change shoes because you don't want to get dirt in your new sports car. Check yourself in the mirror and you swear not to wear that shirt anymore because it makes you look fat. The cutie running the register smiles when she sees you coming and you think you still have it. Then you remember the hat you have on is from Buddy's Bait & Beer Bar and it says, "I Got Worms."

In your 60's: Stop what you are doing. No need for a hat anymore. Hose the dog shit off your shoes. The mirror was shattered when you were in your 50's. You hope you have underwear on so nothing hangs out the hole in your pants. The girl running the register may be cute but you don't have your glasses on so you are not sure.

In your 70's: Stop what you are doing. Wait to go to Wal-Mart until they have your prescriptions ready too. Don't even notice the dog shit on your shoes. The young thing at the register smiles at you because you remind her of her grandfather.

In your 80's: Stop what you are doing. Start again. Then stop again. Now you remember you needed to go to Wal-Mart. Go to Wal-Mart and wander around trying to think what it is you are looking for. Fart out loud and you think someone called out your name. You went to school with the old lady who greeted you at the front door.

SIERRAS

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Entrance. Grants 15:13-15:44. 243 miles so far for the day. Kings Canyon looked smoky, may be from Big Sur fires or the ones mentioned above. Giant



Forest 16:30 273 miles done for the day. Saved GPS logs, left at 17:07. Sign photos 17:40 (Foothills VC), and better sign at 17:50-18:00.

Dinner Porterville 18:40-19:15, A&W. 161 miles to go. Gas, Tulare, 19:25-19:30. Gorman 20:55-21:15. Home 21:55. Day was 14 hours, 485 miles.



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20 GREAT QUOTES

1. When I die, I want to die like my grandfather — who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car.”
— *Author Unknown*
2. Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: “Take two aspirin” and “Keep away from children.”
— *Author Unknown*
3. “Oh, you hate your job? Why didn’t you say so? There’s a support group for that. It’s called EVERYBODY, and they meet at the bar.”
— *Drew Carey*
4. “The problem with the designated driver program, it’s not a desirable job, but if you ever get sucked into doing it, have fun with it. At the end of the night, drop them off at the wrong house.”
— *Jeff Foxworthy*
5. “If a woman has to choose between catching a fly ball and saving an infant’s life, she will choose to save the infant’s life without even considering if there is a man on base.”
— *Dave Barry*
6. “Relationships are hard. It’s like a full time job, and we should treat it like one. If your boyfriend or girlfriend wants to leave you, they should give you two weeks’ notice. There should be severance pay, the day before they leave you, they should have to find you a temp.”
— *Bob Ettinger*
7. “My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said, ‘Mom, they weren’t trying to teach you how to swim.’”
— *Paula Poundstone*
8. “A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: “Duh.”
— *Conan O’Brien*
9. “Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?? I’m halfway through my fish burger and I realize, Oh my God... I could be eating a slow learner.”
— *Lynda Montgomery*
10. “I think this is how Chicago got started: Bunch of people in New York said, ‘Gee, I’m enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn’t cold enough. Let’s go west.’”
— *Richard Jeni*
11. “If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.”
— *Johnny Carson*
12. “Sometimes I think war is God’s way of teaching us geography.”
— *Paul Rodriguez*
13. “My parents didn’t want to move to Florida, but they turned sixty and that’s the law.”
— *Jerry Seinfeld*
14. “Remember in elementary school, you were told that in case of fire you have to line up quietly in a single file line from smallest to tallest. What is the logic in that? What, do tall people burn slower?”
— *Warren Hutcherson*
15. “Bigamy is having one wife/husband too many. Monogamy is the same.”
— *Oscar Wilde*
16. “Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.”
— *Mark Twain*
17. “Our bombs are smarter than the average high school student. At least they can find Afghanistan.”
— *A. Whitney Brown*
18. “You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, ‘My God, you’re right! I never would’ve thought of that!’”
— *Dave Barry*
19. Do you know why they call it “PMS”? Because “Mad Cow Disease” was taken.
— *Unknown, presumed deceased*
20. “Everybody’s got to believe in something. I believe I’ll have another beer.”
— *W. C. Fields*



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