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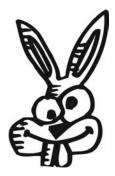
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WACKY WABBIT
POKER RUN VI



Sunday, September 21
Starting at Ricky & Ronnie's Diner

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- 1 2007 Three Flags Classic Mexicali, Mexico to Nanaimo, Canada 760-931-9396 / 310-387-3974
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- 21 Wacky Wrabbit Ride Motorcycle Touring Association - MTS Sign-in: 8-10 a.m. 310-325-6388

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Thanks to **Jean Ballentine**for coming on board to
handles the duties.

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

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

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

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

— CHECK CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ADDRESSES OF MEETING PLACES — Jan Staws (562) 437-4116

# FROM THE CHAIR

Good days, bad days, such is life. We lost another member of the motorcycling community this month. Frank "Ziggy" Ziegler passed away on August 1, 2008 after a long battle with cancer. See the article from Jo Anne included in this months newsletter. The family is planning a Celebration of Life on September 27, 2008 and additional information is in this newsletter.

Jane Usatin, the SCMA treasurer, has asked to be relieved of her duties and I have with a great deal of saddness done so. Jane has a lot going on in her life right now that requires her total attention and feels that she can not longer give the SCMA the time and attention her office calls for. I cannot remember how long she has been doing the treasurer's job and was very surprised when she stayed on after Joe (her husband) passed away. I will miss having her support but do understand that there are a lot of things in our lives far more important than SCMA. She will however continue in her position as 2008 Three Flags Chairman which is a relief with the event less than two and a half weeks away. Thank you Jane for your friendship and your dedication to the association. I know you are planning to do more riding now that you have a little more time for yourself.

The Three Flags committee is putting the final touches on this years event and will be down in Mexicali on Wednesday, August 27th. I am looking forward to seeing many of the friends I have made throughout the years of being involved with this event. Would you belive we are already working on 2009's event. Chuck Jones who will be doing the route next year plans to check out Leftbridge before coming home from Nanaimo and will bring back the information to the E Board in September. We have never been to Leftbridge and if things look good that will be the finish for 2009. The hard part is finding a start. Things in Tijuana don't look good and I will not place our riders in any questionable situations because of unrest in that area. Mexicali is cleaner than Tijuana but hotter than hell. Last year at 3am the temprature was 104 degress, but the hotel is nice, the city is cleaner, and they want us there. Anyone interested in helping with the 2009 Classic please get in touch with me and we can find something for you to do I'm sure. It is an E Board ride this year since no one came forward as wanting the job of Chairman.

We are approaching the last part of the year and as things gear down as far as riding goes, the SCMA has a lot of work to do getting ready for next year. All of the rides that the SCMA puts on have Chairman. Bob Masuzumi, Mitch Friedman, John Katics, Blake Anderson and Chuck Jones have come back once again either to take a second or third go round on a ride or have chosen a new one to become involved with. We are very lucky to have them with us. Thank you all for saving my buns. Four Corners has David Johnson at the helm, Grand Tour has Blake Anderson for the 3rd. year, Blazing Saddles has John Katics for the third year, so the big ones are covered once again.

Do not forget our rides in October and November. Grand Tour, Cemetery Run and last but not least our Turkey Ride.

I am hoping that many of you will have supported to benefit ride that MTA is doing in September, better known as the Wacky Wrabbit Ride. They support a home for battered women and have for some years now. September 21st., put in on your calendar, you will get the newsletter way before the event, no excuses.

Well, I have some work to do on Three Flags so I am going to call it a night. Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

# Motorcycle Touring Association, California Chapter #3 (Formerly Venture Touring Society) invites you to the Charity Ride for *Harbor Interfaith Shelter*



## Wacky Wabbit

# <u>Wides Again</u> Poker Run VI

#### Sunday, September 21, 2008

Starts at: Ricky & Ronnie's Diner 1301 Sepulveda Bl.. Harbor City, CA

(NW Corner of Normandie 310-326-1213)

Sign in: 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

50/50 Door Prizes! Ride Pins (1st 100 entrants)

Lunch served from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Ricky & Ronnie's Diner Finish closes at 2:30 PM

Registration Fee: \$18.00 SCMA discount: \$1.00 AMA Discount \$1.00





Traveler's Award

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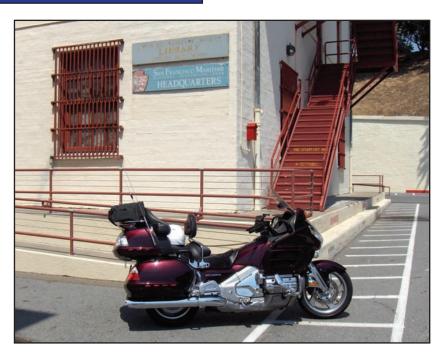
## CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE RIDES

#### by Dannie Fox

#### June 23, 2008

It is 0600 hours and I have just six more hours of work before I am free to head out into the great out doors and complete the next part of the Calif. Parks Adv.. Just a simple dentist appointment stands between me and freedom.

It's 1500 hours and I am finally headed north on the 101. "Scotty, we need warp drive now or we are all going to die of boredom." Ok one eye looks ahead and one eye looks behind. The radar detector is sweeping the horizon and there are no Klingons (traffic officers) in sight. So on to Highway 198 and Harris Ranch where an Angus Cow is trembling in fear of my arrival. I checked on the price of gas in Coalinga thinking I would fill up there the next day on the way to Pinnacles NM. Would you believe that gas is actually cheaper out by the freeway than in town?



#### June 24, 2008

After spending the night in a very comfy room and my hunger for cow sated I headed out for Pinnacles NM. But first I have to fill the beast. I pulled up to the pump and about fell over after reading the last fill up. \$158.00 and 32 gallons!!!!!!!! Man I'm glad I ride a motorcycle. Elvira of the Black Box (GPS) is programmed and East we go on Los Gatos Road. One hour later I am beginning to question Elvira's route. We are in the middle of nowhere. The white line has long since disappeared and the road is just barley paved, with lots of curves, switch backs and creeks to cross. No living being has been seen for hours. Wait I see a live body jogging ahead and yes, he says that this road will take me over to Hwy. 25 and Pinnacles NM. I take the obligatory picture at both the entrance and the visitor's center just to make sure. Mitch Friedman will probable have eye strain looking at all the pictures I have taken on this tour. I stamp the book, buy the required tee shirt, (love tee shirts) and back out to hwy. 25.

Fort Point is now programmed into Elvira and we are now headed north toward Hwy. 101 and Hollister. Man, I love twisty roads and new pavement. No motorcycle as large as the 1800 Gold Wing should handle this good. Traffic through South San Francisco was a bear, but I did find the location of the See's Candy Factory; so for the sweet tooth in me it was worth while (yum). At last I can see the towers of the Golden Gate Bridge. So we must be getting close to Fort Point. Man look at all these people walking and riding bicycles. There is Fort Point and it's CLOSED ON TUESDAY! Wait someone is coming out of the door, please, pretty please, can I get a stamp? Thank God for people who come in on their day off and are understanding. The Golden Gate Nat'l. Rec. Area and the San Francisco Maritime Nat'l. Hist. Park are close by and are soon completed with the help of a local police officer and Park Ranger pointing me in the right direction. Guess it's time to head up North and spend the night at Desiree's house (our daughter) in Santa Rosa. Hey John Muir NHS is on the way maybe I can stop in there? Nope it's closed on Tuesday also. So off to Santa Rosa I go. Man, I hate go home traffic, but I arrive at our daughter's and take a well deserved nap until she gets home from work. Time for dinner with the daughter and off to Adel's we go. I convinced the waitress to make me a Banana Split worthy of Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor (yum). I even had a running competition between the waitresses as to who could build the best Banana Split while I was there for the week. They served the last one on a turkey platter. It took me almost 90 minutes to eat it (yum-yum).

#### June 25, 2008

I arrive at the pick up point for Eugene O'Neill NHS a little bit early. So I roam around town and find a Starbuck's coffee shop and receive my caffeine fix for the morning. Right on time at 1000 hrs the bus pulls up and takes us up the hill to the O'Neill house. I found this site very interesting and how protective his wife was of their privacy and the dark nature of O'Neill's life.

I program Elvira and off we go to Richmond, Ca. and Rosie the Riveter. She now lives at City Hall in Richmond. After the book is stamped and the picture is taken I ask if there is any actual site or sign for Rosie? Yes and after a phone call to the Ranger who resides behind City Hall, she comes out, explains how to get to the actual site which is down on the water. Then she had many questions about the CALIFORNIA PARKS ADVENTURE TOUR. I was glad to explain about the tour and off I went. Man, talk about being down at the wharf! Some security types came out and questioned me as to what I was doing and why I was doing it here. After showing the Pass Port, explaining the Parks Tour, and having the guards look over the Gold Wing I was allowed to take my pictures of Rosie The Riveter. Gee whiz all I want is a picture!

Maybe John Muir NHS is open today? It's not very far away; so with Elvira programmed off I go. One more stamp in the book and as I look over his



home I realize that I have lived in a similar house when I was young and living on an oil lease in the San Joaquin Valley.

I have just enough time to catch Muir Woods NM before it closes. Elvira programmed for the fastest route and why am I traveling through all these residential streets? Finally the turn off arrives and down I go to the bottom. There are lots of trees, big trees in the bottom of this wooded wonderland. I take my picture, stamp my passport, and show the ranger my Senior Pass to get into the actual park and marvel at these majestic wonders. Sometimes it pays to be as old as the Red Woods, or so says my wife. It is time to head back to Desiree's and another banana split contest with a diet in my future.

#### June 26, 2008

Jump out of bed and throw things on the bike and head out to Point Reyes National Seashore. After I arrive at the visitor center on Bear Valley Road, take the required picture, stamp the passport, and have a delightful conversation with the guide behind the desk concerning some great motorcycle roads in Washington State (his home) I drove out to the Point Reyes Lighthouse. COWS, LOTS OF COWS, that would walk right out in front of you and stand there as if they owned the road. I guess they do. Also old ranches that have been here since the early 1800's' must be a hard way to make a living unless you like the peace and quite that comes with living away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Hey maybe living here wouldn't be so bad after all. Smoke at the light house was so bad you couldn't see the water at times. And that hike down to the light house and back up was 308 steps (equal to a 30 story building) in each direction and is worth it. They actually developed a system to catch and store rain water in order to feed the steam boilers that serviced the horns and light that warned the ships to stay away. Today through modern technology electronics now warn would be sailors away



from the cliffs and the Coast guard and the Navy service the site.

Just before I arrived at Santa Rosa a dry lighting storm traveled through just to the north and started a fire storm. There were over 800 fires burning up by Clearlake and Napa Counties and the smoke was so thick it was almost like a fog. People in Santa Rosa were having a hard time with lots of sore throats due to the smoke. So this was as for North as I could go for now, but Mitch informed me that three of the sites that I couldn't visit would be covered by the THREE FLAGS route. All right even a blind squirrel gets a nut once in a while.

#### June 27, 2008

So south I went on my way home and the thought went through my head now I have time to

#### CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE RIDE

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pick up the sites that I was saving for a July trip. Yosemite and Devils Postpile here I come. This time of the year the water falls in Yosemite are really flowing and so are the number of people. Get the stamp and picture and on over the mountain to Mammoth Lakes. With the help of my son David who obtained a reservation for my over night stay in Mammoth Lakes I was well taken care of. Only problem was Mammoth Lakes is built on mountains and mountains are not flat. There was not a single flat spot around this hotel any where. Finally the manager moved his truck and let me park on the only flat spot around which was the service road for the restaurant around behind the hotel. When I went to load the bike early the next morning I had the company of four other motorcycles also looking for a flat spot on which to park. Comrades in search of adventure?

#### June 28, 2008

Get to Devils Postpile NM before 0700 hrs and you can ride your motorcycle down to the Monument. Other wise you have to take the shuttle. Yuck!

So with the sun just coming up I pull up to the visitor center and expect a three hour wait for the center to open. Had a good conversation with a couple from Maryland that was escorting a troop of girl scouts on a trip through the western National Parks. And as I wandered around to the front of the visitor center for its opening time a little sign caught my eye that I was not to stamp my book on this box. WHAT, NO, YES they had actually put the stamp and ink pad in a box outside the visitor center; so you could stamp your pass port anytime. Stamp, and vroom I am gone. But I still didn't get pass the little kiosk where they want \$7.00 for a transportation fee even if you use your own vehicle. Two nice ranger ladies took my money and asked about the California Parks Adventure Tour as they have had several people already come through and mentioned the tour. They thought a motorcycle was a nice way to see the parks. Just then a car came along and I had to move on. Hope they spend my \$7.00 wisely. Arrive back at the hotel to collect the rest of my things and some lady comes running out the front door and shouts at me "did you feel the earthquake just now?" No! They had a 4.0 tremor just out side of town while I was coming into town. I told her I was numb from the waist down as I had not felt a thing.

And back over the mountain (Hwy.120) through Yosemite, and Fresno for the last two parks on this part of the ride. Man, who turned up the heat and yes the smoke was spreading out through the San Joaquin Valley from the fires up north. Above 5,000 feet in elevation I finally got out of the smoke and the heat. And the Senior Pass came to the rescue again. That pass saved me an average of \$20.00 on every park I visited. And it is good for a life time. Sure glad that ranger convinced me to purchase the pass at Big Basin NP last summer.

To the left lies Kings Canyon NP and to the right lies Sequoia NP. I turn left and arrive at the visitor center for my stamp and picture. And yes another tee shirt with a cute bear disguised as a reindeer standing behind a sign that says, "DO NOT FEED THE BEARS." While the bear is holding a sign stating, "I AM NOT A BEAR." Yes I am a sucker for cute tee shirts.



I continued on to Sequoia NP by way of the Generals Highway. I stopped at the marker between the two parks and took another picture. Just as I was stowing the camera a car pulled up and I young gentleman and his wife got out and asked if I would like my picture taken. Yes, sure, my wife Barbara says I never get in enough pictures. So I hand him my camera thinking he wants me out of the way; so he can take his own picture, and he takes my picture. He hands me my camera and I thank him for the photo. As I start to move my bike out of the way; so he can take his own picture they get in their car and drive off. Seems he thought it would be nice for me to be in my own picture. There are still some nice people in the world.

Got to the visitor center, stamp passport, and yes bought more tee shirts.

Well time to drop off the mountain into the heat and smoke of the San Joaquin Valley and head for home.

It was a great trip. I saw gasoline for almost \$6.00 a gallon for regular, ate too much food, and had a great time. I have only four more sites to finish. Come on THREE FLAGS.

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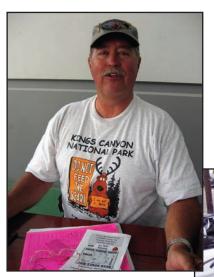
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## ANNUAL STELLA AWARDS

HARD TO BELIEVE!!! It's time again for the yearly 'Stella Awards'!

For those unfamiliar with these awards, they are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico where she purchased the coffee. You remember, she took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right? That's right; these are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the U.S. You know, the kinds of cases that make you scratch your head. So keep your head scratcher handy.

Here are the Stellas for the past year:

#### 7TH PLACE:

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The store owners were understandably surprised by the verdict, considering the running toddler was her own son.

#### **6TH PLACE:**

Carl Truman, 19, of Los Angeles, California won \$74,000 plus medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

Go ahead, grab your head scratcher.

#### **5TH PLACE:**

Terrence Dickson, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just burglarized by way of the garage. Unfortunately for Dickson, the automatic garage door opener malfunctioned and he could not get the garage door to open. Worse, he couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the garage to the house locked when Dickson pulled it shut. Forced to sit for eight, count 'em, EIGHT, days on a case of Pepsi and a large bag of dry dog food, he sued the homeowner's insurance company claiming undue mental anguish. Amazingly, the jury said the insurance company must pay Dickson \$500,000 for his anguish. We should all have this kind of anguish.

Keep scratching. There are more...

#### 4TH PLACE:

Jerry Williams, of Little Rock, Arkansas, garnered 4th Place in the Stella 's when he was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten on the butt by his next door neighbor's beagle - even though the beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. Williams did not get as much as he asked for because the jury believed the beagle might have been provoked at the time of the butt bite because Williams had climbed over the fence into the yard and repeatedly shot the dog with a pellet gun.

Grrrrr. .. Scratch, scratch.

#### 3RD PLACE:

Third place goes to Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, because a jury ordered a Philadelphia restaurant to pay her \$113,500 after she slipped on a spilled soft drink and broke her tailbone. The reason the soft drink was on the floor: Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument. What ever happened to people being responsible for their own actions?

Scratch, scratch, scratch. Hang in there; there are only two more Stellas to go...

#### 2ND PLACE:

Kara Walton, of Claymont, Delaware, sued the owner of a night club in a nearby city because she fell from the bath-room window to the floor, knocking out her two front teeth. Even though Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the ladies room window to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge, the jury said the night club had to pay her \$12,000 ...oh, yeah, plus dental expenses. Go figure.

**1ST PLACE:** ... May we have a fanfare played on 50 kazoos, please.

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner is Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, OK, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home from an OU football game, having driven onto the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her (are you sitting down?) \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

You can't fix stupid... and now its profitable.

## THE SUNSHINE REPORT

Our condolences to the family and friends of Frank "Ziggy" Ziegler. Ziggy passed away on Friday, August 1st after a long courageous battle with cancer. He fought the battle with courage and faith.

Ziggy was a long time member of the SCMA and was the SCMA Referee for several years. He also served on several Three Flags Committees as well as helping on local runs with sign ins, check points anywhere he could help. He was the past present of the Shamrock Road Riders and the current Vice President. He was also an "LDR", having done the Four Corners Tour, several Three Flags and many Long Distance gatherings and Rallies throughout the country.

Ziggy was born in Ohio, moving to California in the early 60's. Ziggy was also a devoted family man, survived by his lovely wife, Sally and daughters Karen Ziegler of Granada Hills and Pat Hanson and her family of Minneapolis. Ziggy also left behind 2 grand daughters and one grand son.

Ziggy had a contageous zest for life. He is the best friend anyone could have in their life time! We have all been blessed for having Ziggy in our lives. His will be missed by all who had the privilage of knowing him.

The family has planned a "Celebration of Life" on September 27, 2008 in Simi Valley. More information to follow.

On the brighter side, Paul Orbon is doing very well. He has been under a Doctor's care for several months and has completed a series of treatments. At the last visit to the Doctor he was told, "I don't want to see you for six months". What better news can you get. Congratulations Paul.

In the meantime, enjoy the ride and may everyone have a safe and enjoyable trip on the Three Flags Classis event over the Holiday weekend.

## Jo Anne Gamble Sunshine Lady

## **DEFINITIONS**

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year's winners. Read them carefully. Each is an artificial word with only one letter altered from a real word. Some are terrifically innovative:

- 1. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- 2. Reintarnation: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
- 3. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people, that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The Bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- **4.** Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- **5.** Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- 6. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- 7. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
- 8. Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.
- **9.** Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
- **10.** Karmageddon: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
- **11.** Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- **12.** Glibido: All talk and no action
- 13. Dopeler Effect: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
- **14.** Arachnoleptic Fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
- **15.** Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out .
- **16.** Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

And, the pick of the lot...

**17.** Ignoranus: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

# TRAVEL AWARDS

The riding season is half over (since we can ride all year in Southern California) and I thought it was time for an up date on the Travel Awards. It has been interesting sitting on the other side of the table at the start and finish. You never know what goes on behind the scenes until someone asks you to volunteer for a position. All these great rides that the SCMA and its charter clubs put on are prefaced by a lot of behind the scenes volunteers working very hard to make sure you have a great time.

It is great to see all those smiling faces as they walk up to my table with great expectations of a complimentary banquet ticket to the Four Corners Banquet or outside the draw for the Three Flags Drawing which is earned with perseverance and hard work on the part of the riders. So here are the riders in no particular order and their standing as of August 10, 2008. The following people have completed all Travelers Award rides to date and are eligible for the perfect attendance award. IE: Banquet ticket and outside the draw for Three Flags.

RANDY SHULL CHUCK JONES JOE MANDEVILLE DEAN YATES
RALPH FOX
JOE SPANO
JOHN KATICS

STEVE ZINKOW DANNIE FOX JO ANNE GAMBLE

The following people have missed at least one but not more that two Travel Award rides and are still eligible for the Three Flags Draw.

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The following riders have missed more than two T.A. rides, but still qualify for the Travel Awards pin.

#### **STEVE MORRIS**

Unfortunely we have seven riders who have missed enough rides that they can no longer qualify for the Travel Awards. So riders come on out and lets ride. Most of you are still well within the qualifications for the Travel Awards and the light at the end of the tunnel is in sight. We have just four more rides to finish this years Travel Awards.

SCMA OLD PIN RIDE: August 16, 2008

WACKY WABBIT RIDE: September 21, 2008 SCMA CEMETARY RUN: October 25, 2008 SCMA TURKEY RIDE: November 16, 2008

I will see you in Culver City at Starbucks for the start of the SCMA OLD PIN RIDE.

So kick the tires and light the fires we will see you August 16, 2008. Look for the guy at the start table with the bright pink sign and the big smile.

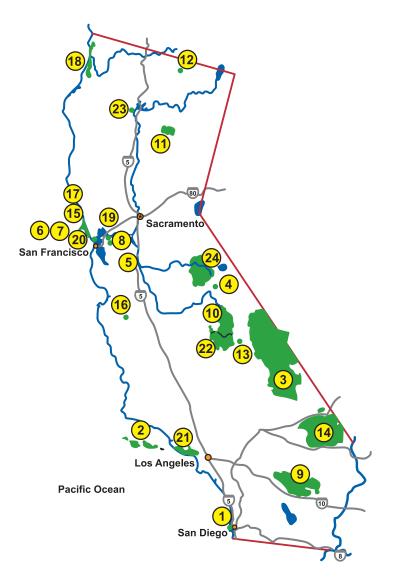
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- ♦ All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between Jan. 1st & Dec. 15th of the calendar year.
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#### SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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- Fort Point National Historic Site Presidio of San Francisco, CA
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area San Francisco, CA
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- Kings Canyon National Park Southern Sierra Nevada, CA
- 11. Lassen Volcanic National Park Mineral, CA
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- 16. Pinnacles National Monument Paicines, CA
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# IN MEMORIUM

To: Karen R Ziegler

Karen, we, the Red Hot Riders, are very sad and share with you your loss of your dad.

Ziggy was always a fixture at our annual "Baby Butt 1000" ride, which is our attempt to challenge Southern California motorcyclists to a 1000 mile ride in 24 hours.

Ziggy, along with our past treasurer, Ed Krugman were the only two riders to compete in every Baby Butt that the Red Hot Riders held since the 1990s. Ed left us while participating in the Baby Butt having a heart attack in 2005; in 2006 we were left without our leader and cancelled our attempt at having the ride. By the time 2007 rolled around, I volunteered to chair the event and waited for your dad's entry, but nothing showed, we heard he was sick with a viral infection, but hoped he would pull through.

I rode in every Baby Butt since 2002, and had the privilege and honor of sharing dinner with your dad after the ride usually on Sunday night at the River Palms Casino in Laughlin. Although I have a degree in engineering, I have been twisting wrenches since I was a teenager and must admit I love, as your dad did, working on mechanical things. We would share stories at dinner of different make and model cars, telling of our attempts at fixing the unfixable, replacing the un-replaceable, and trying to make someone's day a little bit better by repairing their car.

Your dad was a wonderful man always willing to help others and making the impossible look easy. I am sure Ed and your dad are planning their next ride right now and will be happy knowing that it will never have to end.

Ron Farkas, VP Red Hot Riders

# Celebration of Life

Please join us as we remember the life of

# Frank "Ziggy" Ziegler

The celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. on September 27, 2008 at Lost Canyons Golf Course Clubhouse in Simi Valley.

The Clubhouse can accommodate up to 200 people plus there is a patio. We are not looking to limit the number of people who attend - we just want to make sure we have enough for everyone to eat, etc.

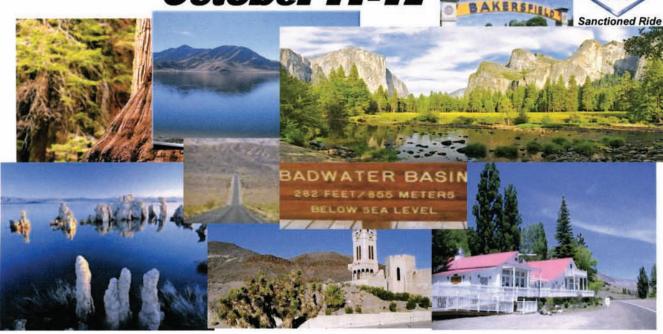


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Do you old timers remember the good old days when you went to Woolworth for lunch.

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If any of you have doubt about what we kids paid for a coke and a sandwich at Woolworth's in the 1950's, here's proof of the era we lived.....

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## Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

#### INTEREST IN MOTORCYCLES SOARS WITH FUEL PRICES

Motorcycle and scooter sales across the nation are booming as drivers look for ways to trim the cost of soaring gas prices, but the rush of inexperienced riders hitting the road has had deadly consequences.

NADA Guides, which publishes a well known book of used vehicle prices, reported that the number of people researching motorcycle purchases has increased nearly 50% over last year.

Scooter sales jumped 24 percent nationwide in the year's first quarter, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. While new motorcycle sales were lagging on the whole, those with smaller engines that get better gas mileage saw an upturn, according to MIC spokesman Mike Mount, adding that used motorcycle sales also are climbing.

The small fuel-efficient vehicles are easy on the mileage and the pocketbook, which has made them wildly popular with gasoline prices surpassing \$4 a gallon. Depending on engine size, motorcycles can get between 40 and 60 miles per gallon of gas. Scooters, which tend to be smaller and easier to drive, can reach 100 miles per gallon or more.

That's attracting newbies, dealers say, with many new buyers citing the price at the pump as their primary motivation for turning to two-wheel transportation.

According to a recent report by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), motorcycle sales have tripled from 1997 to 2006, from 356,000 to almost 1.1 million, while motorcycle fatalities more than doubled from 2,110 in 1997 to 4,810 in 2006.

Last year, the GHSA asked state highway safety agencies to complete a survey on motorcycle safety activities designed to curb the annual increase in motorcycle crashes. The surveys revealed "a patchwork of helmet laws," with only nine states and Puerto Rico indicating special efforts to help law enforcement identify helmets that don't meet federal safety standards. Rider training courses have been overly strained due to the influx of new motorcyclists and, as a result, 29 states "indicated they have capacity problems with delays ranging from one day to 12 weeks for training classes. Only three states, Florida, Maine, and Rhode Island require rider education for all riders, regardless of age," according to the association. The report also says many motorcyclists drive without valid licenses: In 2006, 25 percent of operators in fatal motorcycle crashes did not have a valid motorcycle license, compared to 13 percent of drivers of passenger vehicles.

#### GEORGIA TURNS SPEEDERS INTO FUEL PUMPS

It's a ridiculous concept, reports the National Motorists Association (NMA), but somehow it seemed inevitable. Check out this story from USA Today: The surging price of gasoline has come to this: a "fuel surcharge" on your next speeding ticket.

Drivers caught speeding in the north Atlanta suburb of Holly Springs soon will have to pay an extra \$12 — to cover \$4-a-gallon gas costs for the police officers who stop them.

Is your police cruiser running low on fuel? No problem, just pull over someone driving home from work, ticket them, and you'll have a full tank of gas in no time.

Need to balance your budget? Maybe you should look to Pizza Hut for inspiration: Police Chief Ken Ball says he was seeking ways to maintain patrols despite record high gas prices. "I was hearing that Delta (Air Lines), pizza deliverers, florists were adding fuel charges to their services, and I thought, why not police departments?" he says.

Unfortunately it looks like this isn't going to be an isolated case. As with any situation where money is available to be taken from citizens, local government is on the case immediately: Ball says he's being "inundated" by calls from police chiefs and city managers. "I've heard from at least a dozen police chiefs and half a dozen city managers," he says of their municipality's recently-passed measure. "They want to know how we did it, and could we send them a copy of the ordinance."

#### MARYLAND RIDERS LIGHT IT UP

Motorcycle riders in Maryland hope to get more attention from car drivers with a new state law that allows the use of specified auxiliary lighting, which can only be used after dark, thus increasing their visibility to other road users at night.

Senate Bill 713, the "Night-time Awareness - Auxiliary Lighting" bill, passed unanimously through the House and Senate, and was signed into law April 8th by Governor Martin O'Malley.

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#### **NCOM NEW BYTES**

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The new law, which went into effect June 1st, addresses the use of LED lights that illuminate the sides of the motor-cycle, thus allowing other drivers to see motorcyclists from the side as well as front and rear.

The lights cannot be blue or red and cannot blink, flash or oscillate. They can only be directed toward the engine and drive train and are specifically prohibited from being on wheels.

Pat Corcoran, spokesman for ABATE of Maryland, said "Most motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle, are almost always the fault of the other vehicle, and usually the comment of the other driver is, we just didn't see him."

The law also allows the use of blue-dot tail lights, which also increases conspicuity in traffic.

#### STATES GREEN-LIGHT NEW RED-LIGHT LAWS FOR MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists in a growing number of states are being allowed to go through red lights when sensors aren't able to detect they are there.

In May, South Carolina became the seventh state to give motorcyclists license to proceed with caution after stopping when the device that causes the light to change from red to green doesn't activate, according to a recent article in USA Today.

North Carolina passed a similar law in 2007. Wisconsin (2006), Idaho (2006) Arkansas (2005), Tennessee (2003) and Minnesota (2002), all have passed laws the past six years, while similar legislation has been introduced in Georgia, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The traffic lights in question are controlled by devices buried under the road that operate similar to metal detectors, according to Doug Hecox, a spokesman for the Federal Highway Administration. Their sensitivity can be set to detect motorcycles, but the proper balance is difficult to adjust, he said.

California has chosen a technological solution. A law adopted last year requires that when new traffic-activated signals are installed, they be capable of detecting motorcycles and bicycles.

"In Texas, we took a different approach," said Sputnik, President of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-II) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). He told a gathering at the recent NCOM Convention in Houston about a law passed there last year: "When a traffic light doesn't detect motorcycles, they have to fix them so they do."

#### **BIKER FUNERALS ILLEGAL DOWN UNDER**

Gypsy Jokers from across Australia gathered in Adelaide for a funeral which would be illegal under new "anti-bikie" laws enacted by the South Australia State Government.

The bikers were farewelling club president Wayne "Chiller" McGrath, 42, a father of four and part-owner of four tattoo parlors, who suffered a fatal heart attack while exercising on a treadmill at his Virginia home.

More than 300 people - including more than 100 Gypsy Jokers motorcycle club members nationally and abroad from Germany, Norway and the US attended his funeral.

The mourners - who included wives, girlfriends and children - then went to the Gypsy Jokers clubhouse for a wake to honor their fallen brother.

Legal sources said under the new anti-biker laws passed by the government and now taking effect, the funeral and wake would have been declared prohibited events as "bikies" will be prohibited from associating with each other once their so-called "gangs" have been declared illegal organizations by the Attorney-General.

The new laws - the first of their kind in Australia apart from the federal anti-terror legislation - have been attacked by lawyers and civil libertarians as "draconian" and an erosion of individual rights, particularly freedom of association.

The laws contain provisions that members of outlaw motorcycle clubs can only associate with direct family members such as their parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents and children. They are not permitted to gather together or have contact with their uncles, aunts or cousins - or neighbors and other friends or acquaintances.

Anyone who breaches the laws - whether they are bikers or individuals having contact with bikers at least six times a year - can be jailed for up to five years.

Control orders restraining the movements of individual bikers can also be issued by magistrates and judges on the application of SA Police Criminal intelligence or any other information used by police to obtain the control orders must remain secret and anyone issued with an order cannot seek to have it independently reviewed by a judge.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

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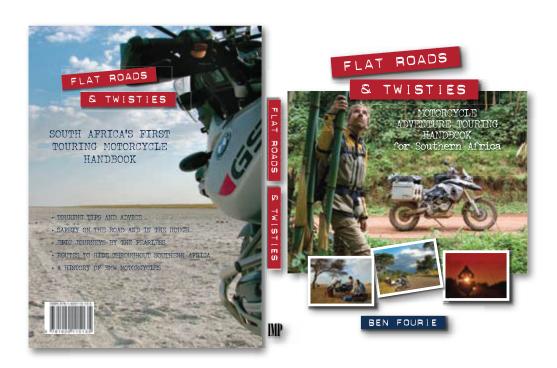
I would like to introduce you to a new book that has just been launched in South Africa. The book is all about adventure motorcycle touring, with some chapters devoted to safety, motorcycle touring tips and routes to ride in Southern Africa. The book was written from a BMW motorcycle point of view, and also features a whole chapter dealing with the history of BMW motorcycles. The book was totally produced with the blessing of BMW Motorrad South Africa, and is most definitely a book that every BMW and motorcycle-touring fanatic will want. I have traveled the length and breadth of Southern Africa, and can assure you that the quality is absolutely amazing. It is also the first of its kind publication in Africa.

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