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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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NOVEMBER

- 8 SCMA General Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m.
Conrad's Restaruant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
La Canada
- 8 Three Flags Meeting 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
J's Maintenance
3550 Foothill Blvd.
951-677-3644 / 915-342-3702
Glendale
- 16✓ SCMA Turkey Run
Sign-in: 8-10 a.m.
714-527-1660 / 310-387-3974

DECEMBER

No Meetings — HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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 310-387-3974

FROM THE CHAIR

Hi all,

Hope you have had a good month. The weather has been decent for the most part. The Grand Tour ran into some situations that required rethinking the route from what I have heard, but everyone got home safe to my knowledge. I know that Blake worked very hard on the route and I think had a back up one in case of problems.

At the meeting last month the E Board voted to raise the dues for membership. We have not raised them for several years and need to take this action. Membership for those who are not receiving a hard copy of the newsletter will go from \$20.00 a year to \$25.00 a year. Membership for those RECEIVING a hard copy of the newsletter must be raised from \$30.00 to \$45.00 a year. We are only printing a 100 copies a month, which cost about \$1.75 to \$2.00 each because of the small amount and then postage is \$1.17 each, which multiplied by 12 months comes out to \$35.00 a year, this does not include the cost of the typesetter or having the newsletter downloaded on the web site. If our members take advantage of the \$2.00 per SCMA event, which number 7, giving them an additional \$14.00 a year savings put the net cost of the membership at minus \$4.00. The raise in membership dues will take effect on January 1, 2009. I will make sure that a notice of this is placed on line and in the newsletter on its own page.

I know that money is a problem for many of us with our economy the way it is and we may be facing a lower attendance next year because of it. Our attendance for most of our rides have been from 25 to 35 people per event, with the exception of Three Flags and Four Corners. I know that our clubs have the same problem as we do. I would ask that all of us participate in all of the rides as much as you can do so. We need to support each other now more than ever.

We are getting ready for the AMA November 6th. meeting. We will be sanctioning all of our events that night and Blake has done a great job at getting everything ready. I think that he has all of our ride dates and probably most of where their start will be. There will be some changes in our ride format this coming year, but I think they will be helpful for not only the SCMA but our charter clubs.

The Cemetery Tour will have come and gone by the time you read this, hopefully the weather was kind and we had a good turnout. Let you know next month.

Somewhere in this newsletter is the flyer for the Triple Crown Award banquet, honoring California Parks Adventures, Four Corners and Three Flags. Participants who have ridden all three of these events this year will be honored with a special award. Each of these events bring their own awards but this will be the granddaddy of them all. I hope that all of you riders who have done any of these events will join us on this special evening and bring your family and friends. This banquet is open to one and all, members, non-members, whether you participated on any of these events or not. This evening is meant to bring together a group of people who have one great thing in common, the love of motorcycling.

Well that is about it for now, see you at the Turkey Run in November. Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws



Southern California Motorcycling Association

Turkey Run 2008

Sunday, November 16

Hi/Lo Hand Poker Run



Traveler's Award



Start: Beaumont Motorcycles & Watercraft

680 Beaumont Ave. • Beaumont CA • 951-845-4882

Finish: Conrad's Restaurant

631 Foothill Blvd. • La Canada • 818-790-2230

*Sign-in time 8-10 a.m. Coffee & donuts at the start
Coffee & Pumpkin Pie at the finish*

Entry Fee is \$20.00

\$2 less for SCMA members, \$1 less for AMA members,
\$2 less for mail-in Total discount not to exceed \$4

Call 562-437-4116 or 714-775-8246 for more details



Mail Pre-Entry to Jan Staws - 1959 Gale Ave., Long Beach, CA 90810 by November 8, 2008

Name _____ AMA # _____ SCMA # _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ ZP _____

Phone _____ Club _____ Passenger _____

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AMA MEETING ANNOUNCED

All AMA-sanctioned motorcycle clubs and associations are invited to a November 6 meeting and workshop scheduled at Brea-Olinda High School. The meeting begins at 8 PM. The high school is located at the end of Wildcat Way off Lambert Road just east of Highway 57 in the Brea hills. Easy to find. Go to the web for more a map if you need it.

This annual meeting is provided by AMA to brief all clubs about the most recent changes in the insurance programs that support our rides, the sanctioning applications needed for every ride and the risk management program changes that AMA has enacted during the last 12 months. This is also the opportunity to hand in your paper work for the 2009 riding calendar and to get all of your questions answered by knowledgeable representatives of AMA. This isn't exactly a command appearance, but you'll be losing a great chance to get up to speed, see old friends from the other clubs that you don't often see and get exposed to the AMA.

The meeting is designed for club presidents and risk management officers, but all are welcome. If you just curious, you are certainly welcome to check it out. If you are in a position of authority in your club you probably already know about the meeting and may already have it on your calendar.

More information is available by visiting the AMA website at www.amadirectlink.com/organizers/ and click on "Updates on 2008 Sanction Meetings...."

If you have any questions, please call Blake Anderson at (714) 801-3931

THUNDER STORM!

by John Del Santo

The forecasters are predicting thunderstorms in different parts of the state for this weekend... and so there are a few things to think about while we are riding.

Lightning has a tendency to strike the tallest thing around. When we are riding down the middle of the road... we are probably the tallest thing around. Your rubber tires will not insulate you and keep you from being electrocuted.

If the sound of the thunder and the flash of lightning are one-second apart... the lightning is about one mile away from you. This is WAY too close for you to be outside. A building is the best thing to be in... Hiding under a big tree will keep me out of the rain, but I am now standing under... the tallest thing around... and have become part of the perfect lightning target "KABOOM"! It would seem that in the middle of a concrete highway overpass would be pretty safe from lightning... The only hazard I have heard referred to with hiding out under overpasses is the threat of cars not seeing you and riding into you. One rider said that you would probably be more visible near the far end of the overpass where you are back-lit from the light outside.

Here is probably the best info I have seen concerning thunderstorms, riding, and motorcycles: (Thanks to Greg)

DO NOT ride into a lightning storm. If you absolutely cannot get to a safe building or vehicle, here are some last resort choices. If you wait out the storm below an overpass, DO NOT touch steel girders. Move away from your bike. Remain on dry surfaces if possible. Overpasses are engineered structures, and are likely to be properly grounded. Although an overpass is likely to be higher than the surrounding landscape, if it is struck by lightning, the electrical current will likely be channeled safely into the ground.

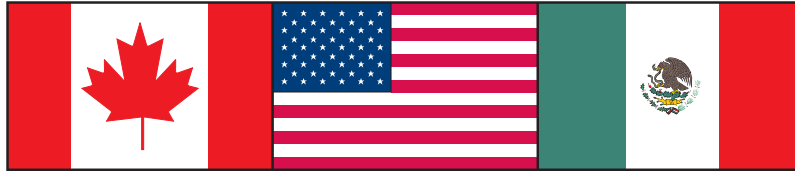
Look for a bridge... Stay away from water... Stay away from any metal surfaces... Be alert for rapidly rising water if you are under a bridge. HIGH TENSION WIRES... If high voltage electrical tension wires cross the road, you may want to see seek shelter directly underneath these wires... the lightning will seek them out instead of you. Do not get too close to the large metal towers which hold up these wires. Stay at least 50 feet away. Electric companies design these high tension wires for lightning strikes... If lightning should strike the wires or towers, the current is designed to safely go deep into the ground.

If you are caught in the open and lightning is occurring within 5 miles,, stop, move 50 feet away from your bike (you know... that big metal target) and try to find a ditch or low spot to sit in and wait out the storm. These recommendations are a last resort... You are NOT safe in these places... just marginally safer than in the open.

Lightning often strikes outside of heavy rain and may occur as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall... You are in danger from lightning if you can hear thunder. Many strong thunderstorms produce hail.

If you can't get inside, or if you feel your hair stand on end, which means lightning is about to strike, hurry to a low, open space immediately. If there are no reinforced buildings in sight, take shelter in a car. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles. Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tire provide no protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

If the lightning hits you... and doesn't kill you, You'll have some GREAT stories to tell for the rest of your life!



34TH ANNUAL

Three Flags Classic 2009

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA, CANADA

Presented by

Southern California Motorcycling Association

EVENT DATE : September 4th - September 7th, 2009
START : Mexicali, B.C., Mexico

ENTRY FEE : \$280.00
DRAWING DATE : January 24, 2009 12:00pm
MAIL DEADLINE: Post Marked January 17, 2009
ENTRY DETAILS : Max. Two Entries per envelope, One Entry per person

MAIL ENTRIES TO : Three Flags Classic
P.O. Box 92945
Long Beach, CA 90809

More details will follow in mailers, flyers, Newsletters, magazines and the website.

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READY TO ROLL

by John Del Santo

Most of us will get our bikes into pretty good mechanical condition before a trip, but how many riders consider themselves way too tough to worry about their own physical condition? Some possible results of starting a trip with your physical condition less than it should be include:

SLEEP DEPRIVATION: That sounds like a pretty fancy term, but if I spent a lousy night on that lumpy mattress, but then ended up getting a few good hours of sleep, and started out on a long days ride, then that is sleep deprivation! Our body needs the down-time and we did not get enough of it to last the day.

DEHYDRATION: Is one that can sneak up on you. Lower or higher elevation, hot or cold temperature, Drink! Drink! Drink! Gallons each day! And not diuretics like coffee or alcohol drinks, they just make it worse. Our body needs the liquid, and if we don't get enough our body will let us KNOW about it, sometimes with...

HEAT EXHAUSTION: That can make us feel like just stopping and laying down next to the road in the shade and going to sleep Maybe Forever. We can fall asleep as easy on a bike as we could driving a car and "falling" asleep has a whole 'nother meaning when it happens on a bike. Drink! Drink! Water and sports drinks. Get in someplace cool, dump water on your head and down your shirt. Rest... Because next in line comes the... which can worsen from heat exhaustion with little warning. Our body's temperature control stops working! Hot dry skin, severe headache, exhaustion, hallucination, THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY OF DEATH... FIRST CALL 911! Move the victim to a cool place, douse with water, fan breeze onto the victim. If we act quickly and correctly, maybe we can prevent permanent brain damage or death. Once someone has suffered a heat-related illness, the chances of it happening again in the future are higher.

Do you feel like the road is beating you up? Take a day off! Sleep late. Sit by a brook with water running over your feet. Look at some scenery. Take a nap. Sack in early and start the next day as a whole new person. We may get there a day later, but So What! The Journey IS the goal.

And then as we climb up the mountains — up to 12,000feet — It's cool and it's beautiful, but if you don't live at this altitude for most of the year, then ALTTITUDE SICKNESS may be the next thing to affect you. From what I know, you can't beat it, you can't stop it. It's just THERE until it decides to go away, maybe in a couple of weeks. There is a fuzzy kind of feeling...your timing is a little off...when you're walking, the ground is just a little bit further down than you head thought it would be. Your Perception and Reaction time is just a bit off, and your Blood Pressure goes DOWN. Follow the old rule found on medicine bottles: "Don't use any power tools or operate heavy machinery." The local pharmacist said that there is an over-the-counter med that might help a bit. Anyone of these maladies can affect us and be a serious health problem. If we are traveling and we ignore the symptoms, and these sicknesses double-up on us, we can expect Big Time Trouble.

Make it a habit to take deep breaths. Drink, Drink, Drink. Rest, Rest, Rest. How the heck are we supposed to get any riding done? We WILL get it done, and finishing the ride in good shape will make the Journey that much better. BE WELL, RIDE HEALTHY.

Quotable Quotes...

"I think legislative assaults on motorcyclists are totally emotional, disproportionate and totally unfair... They are instigated and implemented by people who know nothing about motorcycling, but have a prejudice. It's easy to curb the freedoms of others when you see no immediate impact on your own."

— *Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), publisher & avid motorcyclist*

"A government big enough to give you everything you want, is big enough to take away everything you have."

— *Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) Patriot and 3rd President of the United States*



Frank “Ziggy” Zeigler honored with plaque

Presented to Karen Z. in memory of her dad, the wrenches signify his life long vocation as a mechanic.

The pictures are from the Baby Butt finishing banquets - with Ed Krugman on top and with George Swetland and Jeff Pratt on the bottom.

THE SUNSHINE REPORT

Congratulations to Joe Spano on a few things. 1) his recent retirement, 2) his long overdue vacation and 3) his surgery. Upon return from his vacation, he went under the knife and had surgery on his right shoulder. Seems to be doing very well. He was at the Wacky Wabbit ride on September 21st. He was not able to ride but was doing his share, helping at the start. Congratulations on a speedy recovery.

A Celebration of Life was held for Frank Zeigler (Ziggy), on Saturday, September 27th. It was held at the Lost Canyons Golf Course Club House in Simi Valley. It was a beautiful setting overlooking Simi Valley. The Club house was full of family and friends to celebrate Ziggy's life with Sally and the family. There were many laughs and yes, tears as well. Sometimes we don't realize how much we miss someone until they're gone and it's especially hard when so many of us were not able to say our final good-byes, although, I think most of us did in our own special way. Thanks to everyone that shared their stories. It was a beautiful celebration.

**Sunshine Lady,
Jo Anne Gamble**

SHAMROCK ROAD RIDERS

SHAMROCK ROAD RIDERS held their semi-annual meeting on Saturday, September 27th at Coco's Restaurant in Simi Valley. Breakfast started at 9:30am with the meeting beginning at 10:00am. Attendance was good considering we only meet a couple times a year. New officers for the upcoming year were nominated, voted on and installed – all at the same time – Done!! President, Dale Brassfield; Vice President, Dennis Even; Secretary, Barbara Fox; Treasurer, David Hawker; Referee, Holley Harrison; and DLO, Joel Briggs. Officers will take office on November 1st. The traditional St. Patrick's Day Ride will change from a one day poker ride to a two day event beginning March 14th and 15th, 2009. Something different and something new for those that like the long distant rides. Paperwork was completed for the 2009 AMA Charter which will be turned in on November 6th at the AMA Sanctioning/Risk Management meeting in Brea. Last and most important was the discussion of the Holiday party for 2008 which has been set for Saturday, December 6th. Time and place to be announced.

Upon completion of the meeting everyone went to the Lost Canyons Country Club to join family and friends in The Celebration of Life for Ziggy.

Respectfully submitted by Jo Anne Gamble, Secretary

My 3 Flags Ride



By Marilyn Prince

My father, Buster, and I have ridden the 3 Flags Classic together before this year, but every year is more fun than the last. This was my fourth 3 Flags Classic, and my father's 13th. We both ride ST1100s (mine is black and his is red). I was excited about this year because I had never been over to Vancouver Island.

We left our homes in San Diego Thursday afternoon, and drove through the desert to get to Mexicali. I wear a long-sleeved light-color shirt that I soak in water. Then I put a windbreaker over it and voila! I have the equivalent of a swamp cooler! I also used a water skin (the kind the bicyclists use) to keep hydrated. This worked well for me both Thursday and Friday. Dad, of course, just put up with it, wearing a long-sleeved white shirt to protect his skin. When we got to Mexicali we went through the registration process, checked into our room (a suite, with living room kitchenette, and bedroom (very nice for only \$160), and then went out to say hi to the friends we hadn't seen for at least a year. It always amazes me how many friends Dad has that he only sees during these rides every year. Dinner was a nice buffet, and we walked away stuffed to the gills (is there any other way to walk away from a buffet?).



We woke up at 3 a.m., left the hotel an hour later. We didn't realize that motorcycles can skip most of the line of cars crossing the border, but even waiting in line with the rest, we were over the border in 20 minutes. The desert was nice and cool at this time, with a beautiful sunset. We passed a fellow 3-Flags rider whose bike had fallen down after he stopped with a flat tire. We back-tracked and helped him get it upright before moving on.

Rte. 395 runs along the base of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, with desert on the right of the road and snow on top of the mountains to the left. We took a side trip for a couple of miles to visit Randberg, a "living ghost town." We stopped at the first check-in point and stayed at the host hotel, which was next to a grocery store, allowing me to stock up on supplies I had forgotten to pack.

Saturday was perhaps my favorite day. We rode on two of my all-time favorite roads, Rte. 89 and Rte. 36. We hit Virginia City at 7 a.m. Without people dressed in modern clothes and cars, it looked just like a town in an old western movie. We rode through the Sierra Nevada mountains to a wonderful road sign that I've seen a few times: Curves next 140 miles! This portion of Rte. 36 winds through hills and then mountains, ending up passing through giant redwoods.

The end of the day was a short ways on Rte. 101, which wasn't too crowded. It was nice to have the mountains on one side and the ocean on the other. We stopped in the check point town and stayed in a nearby hotel.



Sunday was almost all ridden on Rt. 101. We woke early and had a pleasant ride for about four hours until the tourists started coming out. Then we spent quite a few hours either passing slow cars between towns, or slowing down for a town. The views were nice, but neither Dad nor I are suited to this type of riding. Nevertheless, we made it to Washington state, taking the amazing Astoria bridge, and the roads in Washington were much less crowded. A small amount of rain started in the afternoon, and stopped by the time we got to the check point. This was the only rain we saw on the whole trip.

Monday was a short ride to the finish, which included a two-hour ride on the ferry to Vancouver Island. There were 65 bikes that went



over on the ferry we took, so we had a little parade from the ferry to the finish. Check in was the same as registration, meeting old friends and lots of laughter. We had a good time riding around the island on Tuesday (even in the light drizzle in the morning), and then saw our friends again at the banquet. It was exciting to see who had ridden, how many rides they had ridden over the years, etc.

We both enjoyed the ride a lot. It was fun to see old friends, to get away on an organized ride that still left us a lot of freedom, and to spend some quality time with family. I recommend it to everyone.



IN MEMORIUM

I wanted to inform you that Mr. Daryl Welch, generally an outrider who participated in an untold number of SCMA runs from the mid-1970s until just a few years ago, passed away in his home on Wednesday, October 1, 2008. He was retired and had been suffering from ill health and depression due to the loss of his mother in the last year.

His long-time riding buddy, Ronald Edgley, found Mr. Welch lying on the floor of his trailer in Parker, Arizona on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Edgley and Mr. Welch had both retired to the Blue Lagoon Trailer Park in Parker, Arizona. Although their participation in motorcycle rides had diminished in the past few years due to health issues, they never lost their love for biking. Mr. Edgley made an almost-everyday habit of stopping in at Mr. Welch's trailer to visit him and try to cheer him up.

Immediately upon finding his best friend unresponsive on the floor, Mr. Edgley contacted 911 emergency services. Unfortunately, it was too late, and Mr. Welch was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack at the scene. Mr. Welch has no known relatives. His biking buddies were the closest thing to family he ever had.

I don't know how many people remember Daryl. He was pretty much a loner, but our family adopted him as our own. My children, even now as adults, consider him 'Uncle Daryl.' He was usually the guy at the run with a string of raffle tickets, and more often than not, he walked away with lots of motorcycle goodies on various runs. The last bike he owned and still rode was a Honda Gold Wing Motor Trike, in a beautiful blue color.

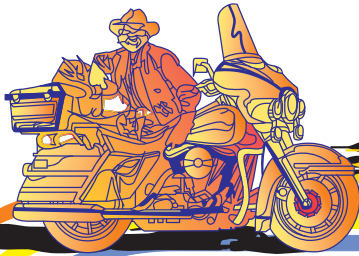
Mr. Welch leaves behind 3 precious cats, his buddies during retirement. Mr. Edgley has located 2 of the cats and is still trying to locate the third, Tinker. Tinker and Daryl had a special relationship and the cat is probably wondering what has become of his beloved friend. Mr. Edgley is currently feeding and caring for the other 2 cats. He has already made arrangements for the cats to be adopted by some families in Parker.

Please let the SCMA membership know of Mr. Welch's passing. Understandably, Mr. Edgley is grieving the loss of his 30+ year riding buddy and best friend. Mr. Edgley can be contacted at: 243 Bluewater Drive, Parker, Arizona 85344 (928-669-6508)

Funeral arrangements are not known at this time. We have requested that the authorities check Mr. Welch's personal effects carefully for a will or attorney instructions. Please keep our family in your prayers, as we have lost a near and dear uncle, friend, man.

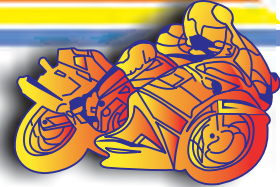
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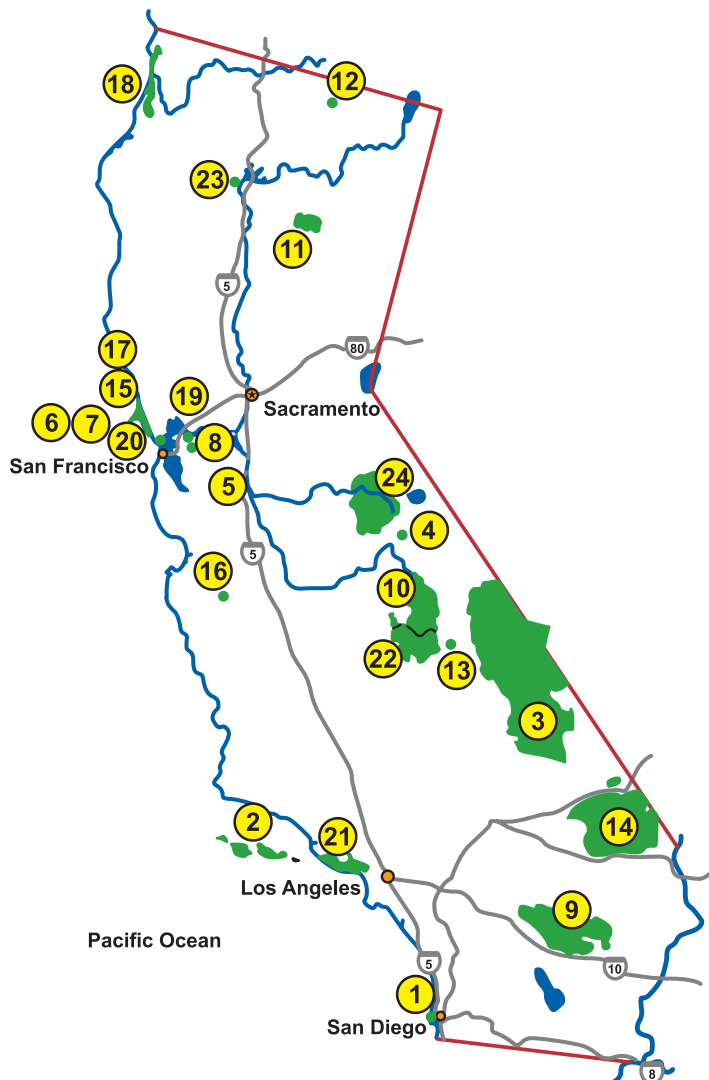
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SCMA's California Parks Adventure

AMA Grand Tour Event

--- A Year Long Event ---



Rules of the Tour

- ◆ With each park visit, stamp your Passport w/ that parks' stamp, available at the visitor's center (Please call ahead to confirm visitor center hours).
- ◆ Be sure to take a photograph of you or your motorcycle in front of one of the following: the entrance, the visitor's center, or some landmark within that is unique to that park.
- ◆ All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between Jan. 1st & Dec. 15th of the calendar year.
- ◆ All participants will receive a map of California, a SCMA Parks pin and a AMA Grand Tour Pin. Finishers will receive a finisher's plaque.
- ◆ Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:
Mitch Friedman
8306 Wilshire Blvd #246
Beverly Hills, CA. 90211
- ◆ For more information, please visit our website at:
www.sc-ma.com
Email us at:
scmacpa@earthlink.net

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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| 2. Channel Islands National Park - Ventura, CA | 14. Mojave National Preserve - HQ in Barstow, CA |
| 3. Death Valley National Park - Death Valley, CA | 15. Muir Woods National Monument - Mill Valley, CA |
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TOP 25 THINGS VANISHING FROM AMERICA

The landscape of America is constantly changing. As culture shifts and new technologies and products are introduced, this is to be expected. But some things are impacted more than others and the once-ubiquitous can even become extinct.

No. 25 - Pit Toilets

By the 2000 Census, the number of Americans who lacked indoor plumbing was down to 0.6%. Even though that's still an awful lot of Americans using an outhouse or pit toilet — 670,000 households or 1.3 million people — it's a huge improvement from 1950 when 27% of households (and over half of rural households) didn't have complete indoor plumbing.



No. 24 - Yellow Pages

This year will be pivotal for the global Yellow Pages industry. Much like newspapers, print Yellow Pages will continue to bleed dollars to their various digital counterparts, from Internet Yellow Pages (IYPs), to local search engines and combination search/listing services like ReachLocal and Yodle. Factors like an acceleration of the print "fade rate" and the looming recession will contribute to the onslaught. One research firm predicts the falloff in usage of newspapers and print Yellow Pages could even reach 10% this year — much higher than the 2%-3% fade rate seen in past years.



No. 23 - Newspaper Classified Ads

The Internet has made so many things obsolete that newspaper classified ads might sound like just another trivial item on a long list. But this is one of those harbingers of the future that could signal the end of civilization as we know it. The argument is that if newspaper classifieds are replaced by free online listings at sites like Craigslist.org and Google Base, then newspapers are not far behind them.



No. 22 - Movie Rental Stores

While Netflix is looking up at the moment, Blockbuster keeps closing store locations by the hundreds. It still has about 6,000 left across the world, but those keep dwindling and the stock is down considerably in 2008, especially since the company gave up a quest of Circuit City. Movie Gallery, which owned the Hollywood Video brand, closed up shop earlier this year. Countless small video chains and mom-and-pop stores have given up the ghost already.



No. 21 - Dial-up Internet Access

Dial-up connections have fallen from 40% in 2001 to 10% in 2008. The combination of an infrastructure to accommodate affordable high speed Internet connections and the disappearing home phone have all but pounded the final nail in the coffin of dial-up Internet access.



No. 20 - Phone Landlines

According to a survey from the National Center for Health Statistics, at the end of 2007, nearly one in six homes was cell-only and, of those homes that had landlines, one in eight only received calls on their cells.



No. 19 - Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs

Maryland's icon, the blue crab, has been fading away in Chesapeake Bay. Last year Maryland saw the lowest harvest (22 million pounds) since 1945. Just four decades ago the bay produced 96 million pounds. The population is down 70% since 1990, when they first did a formal count. There are only about 120 million crabs in the bay and they think they need 200 million for a sustainable population. Overfishing, pollution, invasive species and global warming get the blame.



No. 18 - VCRs

For the better part of three decades, the VCR was a best-seller and staple in every American household until being completely decimated by the DVD, and now the Digital Video Recorder (DVR). In fact, the only remnants of the VHS age at your local Wal-Mart or Radio Shack are blank VHS tapes these days. Pre-recorded VHS tapes are largely gone and VHS decks are practically nowhere to be found.



No. 17 - Ash Trees

In the late 1990s, a pretty, iridescent green species of beetle, now known as the emerald ash borer, hitched a ride to North America with ash wood products imported from eastern Asia. In less than a decade, its larvae have killed millions of trees in the midwest, and continue to spread. They've killed more than 30 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan alone, with tens of millions more lost in Ohio and Indiana. More than 7.5 billion ash trees are currently at risk.



No. 16 - Ham Radio

Amateur radio operators enjoy personal (and often worldwide) wireless communications with each other and are able to support their communities with emergency and disaster communications if necessary, while increasing their personal knowledge of electronics and radio theory. However, proliferation of the Internet and its popularity among youth has caused the decline of amateur radio. In the past five years alone, the number of people holding active ham radio licenses has dropped by 50,000, even though Morse Code is no longer a requirement.



No. 15 - The Swimming Hole

Thanks to our litigious society, swimming holes are becoming a thing of the past. '20/20' reports that swimming hole owners, like Robert Every in High Falls, N.Y., are shutting them down out of worry that if someone gets hurt they'll sue. As injuries occur and lawsuits follow, expect more swimming holes to post "Keep out!" signs.



No. 14 - Answering Machines



The increasing disappearance of answering machines is directly tied to No. 20 our list — the decline of landlines. According to USA Today, the number of homes that only use cell phones jumped 159% between 2004 and 2007. It has been particularly bad in New York ; since 2000, landline usage has dropped 55%. It's logical that as cell phones rise, many of them replacing traditional landlines, that there will be fewer answering machines.

No. 13 - Cameras That Use Film

It doesn't require a statistician to prove the rapid disappearance of the film camera in America. Just look to companies like Nikon, the professional's choice for quality camera equipment. In 2006, it announced that it would stop making film cameras, pointing to the shrinking market — only 3% of its sales in 2005, compared to 75% of sales from digital cameras and equipment.



No. 12 - Incandescent Bulbs



Before a few years ago, the standard 60-watt (or, yikes, 100-watt) bulb was the mainstay of every U.S. home. With the green movement and all-things-sustainable-energy crowd, the Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) is largely replacing the older, Edison-era incandescent bulb. The EPA reports that 2007 sales for Energy Star CFLs nearly doubled from 2006, and these sales accounted for approximately 20 percent of the U.S. light bulb market. And according to USA Today, a new energy bill plans to phase out incandescent bulbs in the next four to 12 years.

No. 11- Stand-Alone Bowling Alleys

Bowling Balls US claims there are still 60 million Americans who bowl at least once a year, but many are not bowling in stand-alone bowling alleys. Today most new bowling alleys are part of facilities for all types of recreation including laser tag, go-karts, bumper cars, video game arcades, climbing walls and glow miniature golf. Bowling lanes also have been added to many non-traditional venues such as adult communities, hotels and resorts, and gambling casinos.



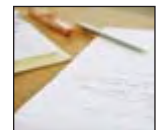
No. 10 - The Milkman



According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1950, over half of the milk delivered was to the home in quart bottles, by 1963, it was about a third and by 2001, it represented only 0.4% percent. Nowadays most milk is sold through supermarkets in gallon jugs. The steady decline in home-delivered milk is blamed, of course, on the rise of the supermarket, better home refrigeration and longer-lasting milk. Although some milkmen still make the rounds in pockets of the U.S., they are certainly a dying breed.

No. 9 - Hand-Written Letters

In 2006, the Radicati Group estimated that, worldwide, 183 billion e-mails were sent each day. Two million



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each second. By November of 2007, an estimated 3.3 billion Earthlings owned cell phones, and 80% of the world's population had access to cell phone coverage. In 2004, half-a-trillion text messages were sent, and the number has no doubt increased exponentially since then. So where amongst this gorge of gabble is there room for the elegant, polite hand-written letter?

No. 8 - Wild Horses

It is estimated that 100 years ago, as many as two million horses were roaming free within the United States. In 2001, National Geographic News estimated that the wild horse population had decreased to about 50,000 head. Currently, the National Wild Horse and 20 Burro Advisory board states that there are 32,000 free roaming horses in ten Western states, with half of them residing in Nevada. The Bureau of Land Management is seeking to reduce the total number of free range horses to 27,000, possibly by selective euthanasia.



No. 7 - Personal Checks

According to an American Bankers Assoc. report, a net 23% of consumers plan to decrease their use of checks over the next two years, while a net 14% plan to increase their use of PIN debit. Bill payment remains the last stronghold of paper-based payments — for the time being. Checks continue to be the most commonly used bill payment method, with 71% of consumers paying at least one recurring bill per month by writing a check. However, on a bill-by-bill basis, checks account for only 49% of consumers' recurring bill payments (down from 72% in 2001 and 60% in 2003).



No. 6 - Drive-in Theaters

During the peak in 1958, there were more than 4,000 drive-in theaters in this country, but in 2007 only 405 drive-ins were still operating. Exactly zero new drive-ins have been built since 2005. Only one reopened in 2005 and five reopened in 2006, so there isn't much of a movement toward reviving the closed ones.



No. 5 - Mumps & Measles

Despite what's been in the news lately, the measles and mumps actually, truly are disappearing from the United States. In 1964, 212,000 cases of mumps were reported in the U.S. By 1983, this figure had dropped to 3,000, thanks to a vigorous vaccination program. Prior to the introduction of the measles vaccine, approximately 2 0half a million cases of measles were reported in the U.S. annually, resulting in 450 deaths. In 2005, only 66 cases were recorded.



No. 4 - Honey Bees

Perhaps nothing on the list of disappearing America is so dire; plummeting so enormously; and so necessary to the survival of our food supply as the honey bee. 'Colony Collapse Disorder,' or CCD, has spread throughout the U.S. and Europe over the past few years, wiping out 50% to 90% of the colonies of many beekeepers — and along with it, their livelihood.



No. 3 - News Magazines and TV News

While the TV evening newscasts haven't gone anywhere over the last several decades, their audiences have. In 1984, in a story about the diminishing returns of the evening news, the New York Times reported that all three network evening-news programs combined had only 40.9 million viewers. Fast forward to 2008, and what they have today is half that.



No. 2 - Analog TV

According to the Consumer Electronics Association, 85% of homes in the U.S. get their television programming through cable or satellite providers. For the remaining 15% — or 13 million individuals — who are using rabbit ears or a large outdoor antenna to get their local stations, change is in the air. If you are one of these people you'll need to get a new TV or a converter box in order to get the new stations which will only be broadcast in digital.



No. 1 - The Family Farm

Since the 1930s, the number of family farms has been declining rapidly. According to the USDA, 5.3 million farms dotted the nation in 1950, but this number had declined to 2.1 million by the 2003 farm census (data from the 2007 census hasn't yet been published). Ninety-one percent of the U.S. farms are small family farms.



OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Gentle thoughts for today.

Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are "XL."

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper. It's worse when you forget to pull it down.

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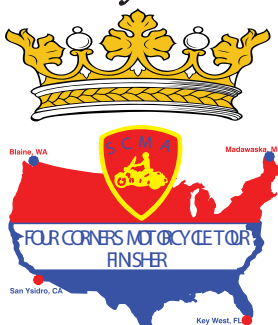
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GAS PRICES FUEL RECORD SCOOTER SALES

Rising fuel prices and recession fears have spurred nationwide interest in motorcycles and scooters, and a new survey indicates more people are considering two-wheelers due to soaring prices at the pump.

PowerSports Business reported in July that first half scooter sales increased by 65 percent, validating a consumer trend towards more fuel efficient transportation. Other sources published similar reports such as The New York Times', June 6, 2008 article "As Gas Prices Soar, Scooters Grow in Popularity"; and The Wall Street Journal, May 21, 2008 article, "Fuel Efficient Scooter Use Takes Off." In an August 1, 2008 article in PowerSports Business, Yamaha Motor Co. reported that its U.S. retail motorcycle new unit sales grew 12.4 percent compared to a year ago.

With most motorcycles averaging from 40 to 60 miles per gallon and many scooters averaging up to 100 or more miles per gallon, a lot of people are now interested in acquiring these vehicles for cost-conscious commuting. A recent PowerSports Business article released the results of a survey conducted by Consumer Reports National Research Center indicating that more than one-quarter of U.S. consumers are considering purchasing a motorcycle or scooter. Eighteen percent are thinking of buying a motorcycle while 14 percent are contemplating buying a scooter.

"The era of smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles is upon us," commented Anthony Havens, CEO of Sparta financial and management services for the powersports industry. "Until recently, motorcycles and scooters were considered the choice of enthusiasts, or people who were just interested in fun and recreation. But, with gas prices dramatically rising, a growing number of consumers are buying motorcycles and scooters for extremely practical reasons."

"In 1998, there were about 15,000 scooter sales, which represented about 5 percent of all licensable motorcycle sales," said Mike Mount, a spokesman for the Motorcycle Industry Council. "In 2007, there were about 131,000 sales, which represents 15 percent of licensable sales.

It might be easy to think scooters and mopeds are only popular among teenage boys itching to get their first taste of the open road, but sales figures indicate that both scooters and mopeds are increasingly being purchased by a maturing demographic. In 1990, the median age for scooter owners was 26, according to a survey conducted by the MIC, but by 2003 the median age jumped to 46.

AMERICANS DRIVING LESS

American driving has reached its eighth month of steady decline, a trend officials say signals an urgent need for new forms of highway financing to supplement the gas tax. New data released by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that, since last November, Americans have driven 53.2 billion miles less than they did over the same period a year earlier — topping the 1970s' total decline of 49.3 billion miles.

Americans drove 4.7 percent less, or 12.2 billion miles fewer, in June 2008 than June 2007, based on vehicle-miles-traveled data collected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The decline is most evident in rural travel, which has fallen by 4 percent — compared to the 1.2 percent decline in urban miles traveled — since the trend began last November.

As Americans drive fewer miles, less revenue is generated for the Highway Trust Fund from gasoline and diesel sales — 18.4 cents per gallon and 24.4 cents per gallon, respectively. During the first quarter of 2008, motorists consumed nearly 400 million fewer gallons of gasoline, or about 1.3 percent less than during the same period in 2007, and 7 percent less — or 318 million gallons — of diesel.

"We can't afford to continue pinning our transportation network's future to the gas tax," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters. "Advances in higher fuel-efficiency vehicles and alternative fuels are making the gas tax an even less sustainable support for funding roads, bridges and transit systems."

In California, a Pay-As-You-Go tax surcharge measure has already cleared its first legislative hurdle.

U.S. TRAFFIC DEATHS DROP TO LOWEST LEVEL IN A DECADE

Traffic deaths in the United States declined last year, reaching the lowest level since 1994, reported the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Some 41,059 people were killed in highway crashes, down by more than 1,600 from 2006. It was the fewest highway deaths in a year since 1994, when 40,716 people were killed.

The fatality rate of 1.37 deaths for every 100 million miles traveled in 2007 was the lowest on record, NHTSA said in its report.

Motorcycle deaths increased for the 10th straight year. There were 5,154 motorcycle deaths last year, compared with 4,837 in 2006.

The increased deaths have come while the number of registered motorcycles has surpassed 6 million, compared with 3.8 million in 1998, and vehicle miles traveled have risen.

Transportation officials said they plan to target motorcyclists in a \$13 million anti-drunken-driving advertising campaign running during the Labor Day holiday. The department also has discussed new safety and training standards for novice riders, increased training for law enforcement and curbing counterfeit safety-labeling of helmets.

INCREASING FATALITIES MAKE MOTORCYCLES A TARGET

As more people turn to two-wheel transportation, tripling the number of new motorcycles hitting the road over the past decade, the corresponding increase in motorcycle accidents and fatalities has made motorcyclists a target for stiffer regulations, stricter safety standards and select enforcement.

State and federal officials fear the problem could grow as higher gas prices push more first-time riders toward motorcycling without proper training and licensing. "With gas prices on the increase, more people are riding motorcycles to work," said South Carolina trooper Lance Cpl. Bob Beres. "They're not just using them for leisure."

Most motorcyclists who died during a recent 18-month period studied by the S.C. Highway Patrol either had a beginner's license or no license at all, and troopers worry that inexperience could put newer riders at greater risk. Of the 99 fatal motorcycle crashes they investigated from July 2006 to December 2007, 36 riders had beginner's licenses — the same number as those with a regular license. Twenty-five had no license and two had expired licenses.

Motorcycle riders were at fault in about three-quarters of the fatal crashes. The major causes were speeding, failing to yield the right of way and driving under the influence.

The S.C. Highway Patrol was awarded a \$75,000 grant to create a Ride Smart safety campaign aimed at motorcyclists, particularly beginning riders.

Law enforcement agencies nationwide are stepping up efforts to curb rising fatalities by targeting motorcycles. As part of a state funded Saving Lives program, the California Highway Patrol conducted a sweep of the 605 freeway looking for motorcyclists not obeying traffic laws, high handlebars and improper helmets, and will be keeping a closer eye on cyclists in highly concentrated areas through the summer.

They ticketed 62 motorcyclists, 21 of which didn't have a motorcycle license. Officers impounded the 21 bikes.

In Ohio, the Ohio Highway Patrol will reportedly be targeting motorcycle runs and stopping riders to check for sobriety, motorcycle endorsements and loud pipes.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) has recently taken the New York State Police and NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles to task for setting up discriminatory "Safety Check" roadblocks for motorcyclists en route to large rallies, threatening a class-action lawsuit through Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM), but meanwhile other states are taking similar targeted actions toward motorcycle riders under the pretense of safety concerns.

UTAH ENACTS TIERED LICENSING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Effective July 8, 2008, Utah will begin using a tiered licensing system for motorcycle endorsements.

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- If a rider tests on a 249cc or less motorcycle or scooter they will be restricted to 249cc or less.
- If a rider tests on a 649cc or less motorcycle or scooter they will be restricted to 649cc or less.
- If a rider tests on a motorcycle or scooter larger than 650cc they will be allowed to ride any motorcycle or scooter.

If a rider takes a motorcycle safety class on a 250cc, successful completion will waive the riding part of the license test for an up to 649cc endorsement. To get an endorsement for motorcycles above 649cc riders must use a larger motorcycle in the safety class. To use your own bike in a class you must have a permit, registration, and insurance. If a rider currently rides a motorcycle over 649cc they may obtain a skill test waiver by successfully completing a License Waiver Experienced Rider Course (ERC), a 5 hour course that costs \$85.

WEIRD NEWS: BIKER KILLED FOR HAULING HAMBURGER ON HIS HOG

Luckily, most bikers do not have to worry about being mobbed and killed over carrying some hamburger on their bike, but in India it is a different story.

An angry mob lynched a man in an Uttar Pradesh village in May on suspicion that he was transporting cow meat on his motorcycle, a police officer told Thaindian newspaper.

Riding a motorcycle in different countries carries different risks, but it appears that in India, surviving a bike accident is nothing compared to residents finding out that you are carrying cow meat, which is sacred. This type of incident shows that you should always research the laws or religious practices before you go biking around in other countries.

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