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Poker Run '09 Sunday March 8

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MARCH

- 7 SCMA General La Canada Membership Meeting 9-11 a.m. Conrad's Restaruant 631 Foothill Blvd. 818-790-2230
- 7 Three Flags Meeting Glendale 12-3 p.m.
 J's Maintenance 3550 Foothill Blvd. 310-387-3974
- PMC Poker Run Pasadena 626-963-5387
- 14 & 15 ✓ Shamrock Roadriders MC
 St. Patrick's Day Run Pasadena
 8-10 a.m. sign in
 805-529-4245 / 714-775-4286
- 29* Shamrock Roadriders MC (Rain Date)





APRIL

- AVTS Touring Society Antelope Valley Poker Run 8-10 a.m. sign in Santa Clarita Motor Sports 661-943-2213 / 661-945-7753
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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 March, 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

It is the morning/afternoon of the night after. The night after the first Triple Crown Awards banquet which was quite a success. We had close to 70 attendees who I think had a very enjoyable evening.

Ten of the eleven Triple Crown Award were there to receive recognition for their accomplishment, along with many others who did one or two of the events that make up the Triple Crown Award. We had several Traveler's Award participants who had made the required events which allowed them to enjoy the banquet at no cost (this is the last year we will offer that opportunity since it is not cost effective) had the opportunity to enjoy a good meal, some unexpected entertainment (Steve Zinkow's tale of his adventures of Four Corners kept everyone in laughter) and see what the riders received for accepting the challenge of CPA, Four Corners and Three Flags.

We had T-shirts made for the California Parks Adventure and long sleeve denim dress shirts for the Triple Crown event and sold all but 1T-shirt and 2 dress shirts.

I am working with Holley at H&H Industries to develop a link on our web site that will make purchases of these items available, including Four Corners T-shirts, both long and short sleeve. No one ever saw these except at the banquet. We have a lot of stock on Four Corners shirts we would like to sell.

What with all the rain for the past few weeks it has been hard to know whether the Sweetheart Ride was going to get a chance to happen. Still do not know at this time, but should it get rained out and we have to, what we will do is run it either in April or June, we will have to wait and see.

Also, we have put an extra Traveler's Award ride on our schedule, with Dannie Fox's permission of course. The PMC Green Horn Ride, May 2nd. & 3rd. will be handled just like the Shamrock's 2-dayer is being done. Saturday will be considered the Traveler's ride day and we will work the check point if they want us to. The ride will start at Cycle Gear, Newhall, sign-in from 6am to 8am. Gregg Thompson is very happy about this and he hopes it will bring a few more riders out for this event, which has suffered a decline in ridership for several years now. It is a good ride and I hope you all support it as best possible. See flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

March will bring us daylight saving time, March 8th to be exact. The older I get the harder it is for me to get used to.

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ATTENTION READERS

Please note the following changes for the 2009 Calendar

The Pasadena Motorcycle Club's Poker Run is on March 8

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Run dates for the Three Flags Classic are September 4-7

Correct contact information for David Johnson is chairman@usa4corners.org www.usa4corners.org

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 14-15, 2009

START TIME: 8-10 A.M. SATURDAY

Approximately 155 Scenic Miles-No Bad Roads for TRAVELERS AWARD Riders!

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ALL MOTORCYCLES WELCOME!!

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00

\$1.00 off for AMA <u>or SCMA Members</u> \$1.00 off for pre-entry (\$2.00 Total Discount)

Ride closes at 3:00 P.M.

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TRAVELERS AWARD EVENT

Travelers Award Event

50/50 Drawing

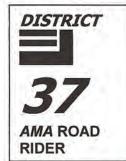
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Send Pre-entries By March 9, 2008 to:

Shamrock Road Riders DAVID HAWKER 42706 20th ST WEST LANCASTER, CALIF 93534 (Make checks payable to Shamrock Road Riders)

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City:	
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FROM THE CHAIR

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We have the Shamrock Road Riders 2-dayer, March 14th. & 15th, overnight in Hawthorne, Nevada. Saturday will be a Traveler's Award day, 155 mile route and then you can either continue with the Shamrocks or head home. Hope the weather is good by that time.

We are actively looking for anyone interested in Chairing the 2010 Three Flags event. It will be the 35th. Anniversary and we have one person who has come forward wanting to volunteer for the job. If you are interested you need to attend a general membership meeting before or by June 2009 and present your ideas about what and where you want to do. The general membership meetings are held the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to about 10-10:30 a.m., WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MARCH, the meeting will be March 7th due to the Shamrocks event the following weekend.

We are also looking for people to run for office in June of 2009. The offices of Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary are up for election. Anyone interested in running for these offices should be attending the general membership meetings and either have someone put your name in place as a nominee or you may place your name for nomination yourself. There does have to be a second for each nomination and should you wish to nominate anyone for these positions, they must be willing to accept the nomination prior to you nominating them.

Okay, that is it for now.

Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws

TRAVELERS AWARDS

Well, riders, 2008 has finally closed the curtain and the new riding season is under way. As you read this the drawing for the 2009 Three Flags Classic should be history. If you want to by pass the draw for the 2010 Three Flags come on out to the Sweet Heart Ride on February 22, 2009 and sign up for the Travelers Award. There is still time. You only have to complete nine out of the eleven events to qualify for a Three Flags Ticket. You have to pay for the ticket. You don't have to go through the drawing.

The 2008 Travelers Award had very good results last year and here are the results.

Travelers who finished eleven out of eleven rides:

1. Joanne Gamble

2. Randy Shull

3. Chuck Jones

4. Joe Mandeville

5. Dean Yates

6. Ralph Fox

7. John Katics

8. Susan Wilson

9. Steve Zinkow

10. Dannie Fox

Travelers who finished nine or ten out of eleven events:

1. Bob Masuzumi

3. Matt Cortez

5. Joe Spano

2. Gregg M. Thompson

4. Mitch Friedman

6. Blake Anderson

Travelers who finished seven or eight out of eleven events:

1. Veruon Lucero

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ABOVE RIDERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

We hope to see you at the next Travelers Award event in February.

Your TA Chairman, Dannie Fox

PS. Remember the next Travelers Award is on Sunday, February 22,2009. There is still time to earn the right to bypass the draw for the 2010 SCMA THREE FLAGS CLASSIC.



THREE FLAGS DRAWING

2009 Three Flags Classic drawing was held on January 24, 2009 at the Carson VFW hall in Torrance and we had a great turn out as usual.

As most of you know we have used several different school auditoriums in the past but they are no longer available to us at a reasonable price, so we had to seek alternative venues. My first thought was a restaurant but then it would be hard to provide coffee, donuts, soft drinks and bagels at a reasonable price from the restaurant, next thought was to find a fraternal organization that rented out their hall and had a kitchen were we could do "our thing".

My friend Kathy, who works for H & H Industries, just happens to have a sister who manages a VFW hall in Carson and upon going to check it out found it to be just what we were looking for.

The price was right and on top of that we were able to have the Ladies Auxiliary provide breakfast for the group at a great price also. The ladies cooked up scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, orange juice and coffee. We treated our riders to breakfast prior to doing the drawing and I think they enjoyed it, some went back for seconds and there was more than enough food for everyone.

The hall cost \$300.00 and breakfast was \$5.00 per serving, best part we came in on budget.

We had 244 entries, 80 from Canada alone, 49 double entries (two names being drawn together, individual ticket number issued, one per rider) and the balance of entries were single entries. We drew 225 entries, have 19 entries on the waiting list. We had several entries from outside the Continental USA which do not have to go into the draw, committee members and Traveler Award participants who qualified getting tickets without going into the draw. Every one pays for their tickets, no free rides with the exception of the person who wins the ticket drawn at the end of the banquet each year for the next year's event.

After the drawing the committee sat down, compared the ticket numbers assigned to the names drawn and we were able to put the notification cards in the mail that afternoon. Refunds will be sent out to those whose names were not drawn and their information will be available to anyone who needs to sell their ticket for whatever reason later in the year. Since the advent of the forum however, most of those transactions happen on the web site. When you sell your ticket you should inform us what ticket number you had and who you sold it to so we may keep our records up to date. It would be nice also if you made sure the party you are selling the ticket to contacts us to give us their data so we don't have to do all that at the start of the event, it is very time consuming and you cannot believe how many tickets change hands towards the start of the event. Nine months is a long time and a lot can happen in your life to change the course of events you have planned.

Next chore is getting the ticket and the ticket holder ready for mailing, hope to have them in the mail by the March meeting.

That's it for now, have more for you next month.

Jan Staws Chairman, Three Flags Classic



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April 5th, 2009 Presented by

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

Kawasaki

- Free coffee and doughnuts
- Lunch provided at the finish
- Ride pins to the first 100 participants
- 50/50 and prize raffles
- Awards for high hand and low hand





This is an SCMA Travelers Award Event

Entry Fee:

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

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

Registratio in open from 8:30 to 10:30 am

For more information contact:
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CA 93535

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TRIPLE CROWN RIDE BANQUET

Saturday afternoon after we got back from working the Tour de Palm Springs charity event Bonnie and I picked up Charles KF6TXI and we all went to the Southern California Motorcycling Association's (SCMA) Triple Crown Banquet at the Hotel Menage located at Harbor Blvd and the I-5 freeway in Anaheim CA. Now you want to talk about a very nicely prepared and well executed banquet, this was it. The SCMA really knows how to put on an affair such as this. There were SCMA members from Canada, Northern California, many other states and one fellow I talked to had flown his airplane in from Scottsdale, Arizona. It was very rewarding to meet and greet so many of the friends that we have made over the years as members of the SCMA.

For you that don't know, the Triple Crown Ride consists of three separate rides, the SCMA 24 National Parks in the State of California Adventure Ride, the SCMA USA 4 Corners Ride, (San Ysidro, CA, Blaine WA, Madawaska ME & Key West FL in any order you want) and then over Labor Day Weekend every year, the SCMA 3 Flags Classic (from someplace in Mexico to someplace in Canada). You have to complete all three rides in one calendar year.

There were 11 of us who had completed the Triple Crown Rides in the first year that the SCMA had put on this sequence of spectacular rides. All 11 of the Triple Crown finishers were there at the banquet. You have to see the beautiful Trip Crown plaques that were handed out to the first year finishers to believe it. I will have mine at the MARC meeting on Saturday March 14th for everyone to see. It's big, it's heavy, it's beautiful and I love it. It is like no plaque I have ever seen before and I have a lot of them from nearly 62 years of riding.

The SCMA always put on a very good event, whether it be a Sunday ride, a national ride or a banquet. Thanks to the SCMA Chairman, Chairwoman I should say, Jan Staws and her well qualified staff. The Travel Awards Rides, Blazing Saddles Ride, Three Flags Classic, USA-Four Corners Ride, Grand Tour Ride and the California Parks Adventure Ride are all put on by Jan's staff of volunteers for the likes of you and me. Because of restraints caused by our commitments to our MARC charity events we are not able to do many of the Travelers Awards Rides because they fall on the same weekends as our charity events. But during the summer months and early fall we have no charity events and it gives us time to do some of the other large SCMA events.

Last night, Saturday Feb. 14th will be a day I will long remember for the great first Triple Crown Banquet. Bonnie, I and Charles would like to thank Jan and her hard working staff for having put on such a wonderful banquet. It was something very special and I only wish more of those that have finished one or more of the Triple Crown Rides could have been there. You would have been very proud to be a SCMA member and would have been one of those honored for having done at least one of the Triple Crown Rides. We are already looking forward to this year's rides, adventures and another Triple Crown Banquet. Keep up the good work and God Bless you all.

Ray Davis, MARC COB / SCMA Member # 17293

Triple Crown Finisher Once / USA 4 Corners Finisher 13 Times / 3 Flags Classic Finisher 23 times



- I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.
- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Not surprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel, and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office, and asked them to disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said. "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt, and is named 'Ahmal.' The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
- Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) .. a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
- A dwarf, who was a mystic, escaped from jail. The call went out that there was a small medium at large.
- And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.



RIDER FEE: \$26

\$2 mail-in discount \$1 AND SCAD discount (\$3 MAXMUM) Coffee & Dornts provided at start!

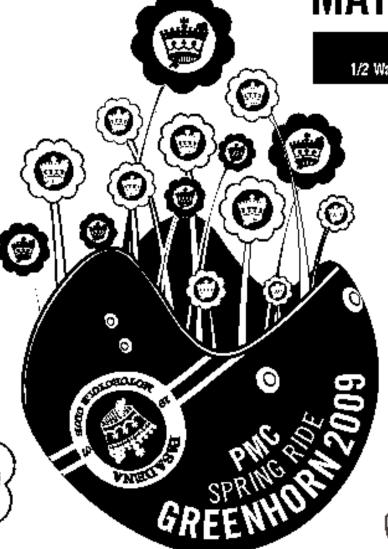
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S.C.M.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 10, 2009

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Jan Staws

Members and guests were welcomed

Attendance

Executive Board: Chairperson Jan Staws; **Vice Chairperson** Blake Anderson; **Recording Secretary** Phyllis Shaw; **Treasurer** Kenn Hatke; **Corresponding Secretary/Membership** Flavia Gullett and Vernon Lucero; **Referee** Chuck Jones; **DLO** Ken Baumgarth Absent

Committee Chairs: AMA Insurance Information and Grand Tour Blake Anderson; Blazing Saddles John Katics; California Parks Adventure and Old Pin Ride (Mitch Friedman Absent), Dog Days of Summer and Cemetery Tour Bob Masuzumi; Newsletter Jan Staws; Triple Crown Ken Hatke and Phyllis Shaw; 2008 TFC Chairperson-E Board; Turkey Run Chuck Jones; Traveler's Award Dannie Fox; USA Four Corners Tour David Johnson

Club Representatives: PMC John Katics, SRR Dennis Even; Red Hot Riders, Mickey Minor, VMMC

Members/Guests: Ralph Fox, Steve Zinkow, Susan Wilson, Gaylord "Huey" Ward, Joe Mandeville, Bill Hadsell, Greg Thompson

Executive Board and Committee Reports

Chairperson -Jan Staws

Jan welcomed everyone.

Vice-Chairperson/Insurance Blake Anderson

Blake reported that insurance for all rides are paid and the ride chairs were sent sanction numbers for all rides and given access for same to the web site.

Minutes- Phyllis Shaw, Recording Secretary

Minutes will be in the next Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report-Kenn Hatke accepted the office of Treasurer for SCMA and TFC. John Mickus will do all the accounting and reports. All the statements and reports will go to John at the end of the month. Four Corners is to turn in the report directly to John.

No report today.

Membership/Corresponding Secretary- Vernon Lucero and Flavia Gullett

Vernon reported that he is close to being caught up. There were six new members and we lost ten for a total of 559 members at this time. Lists and labels provided. Two lifetime members were processed since the last report. Deposits were made Vernon has looked at a thermal printer for plastic to print off cards on the computer. The cost is \$1200. He will email Holley with particulars.

Referee Report-Chuck Jones

Chuck reported that all is quiet.

Newsletter-Jan Staws

The last newsletter is out both email and mailed. The Annual Calendar was included.

Sunshine Report-

Jo Anne is not longer living in the area. We need a point person, but in the interim contact Jan. Karen is doing better but still in brace...

Triple Crown-Kenn Hatke and Phyllis Shaw

There are 25 reservations at present for this S.C.M.A. multifunction. Traveler Awards will be recognized and there are nine eligible. USA Four Corners has 102 finishers. CA Parks Adventure has 38 and TFC 202 finishers. Triple Crown has 11. There is a meeting today immediately following this meeting.

DLO Report-Ken Baumgarth absent today

Old Business

TM/SM for four major S.C.M.A. Rides-Jan and Blake have an appointment Monday to get the parameters for registering rides, etc.

Calendar of Events-This is in the current newsletter. If there are any corrections email Jan.

New Business

1. **Database for S.C.M.A.-**The database would be for SCMA's ability to track rides and accident information. Over the next month, we will explore the options available.

Events

S.C.M.A. Three Flags Classic 2008 –Jan Staws

The 2009 TFC Meeting will be today at noon at J's Maintenance. Huey Ward made a proposal to be the 2010 Chairman. His committee would include Phyllis, Kenn, Rich Vencill and Bill Allen. Jan noted that John Mickus is the permanent Treasurer for TFC. He is contemplating a route north to south with a finish in San Diego with a checkpoint in Mexico. The 35th annual will be a maximum of 300 in the draw, however, fifty in VIP and Traveler Award entries are probable. There will be an article in the newsletter in the future. There are 170 entries plus Traveler's Award. It is two weeks to the dead line. Almost \$20,000 deposited yesterday.

S.C.M.A. Soup Run 2009-Blake Anderson

This ride will be January 11th and start in Oceanside and tour the north end of the San Diego County and end at a Park in Pomona. The ride will be 150 miles and 4 hours. There will be \$5.00 food coupons for breakfast. The sign-in will be 8:00 AM-10:00 AM. Blake will anchor the start. Bob will do the checkpoint. Jan will drop off equipment at the park.

S.C.M.A. Sweetheart Ride 2009-Kenn Hatke

The Sweetheart Ride will be on February 22, 2009. The ride will start in Encinitas via Julian, Borrego Spring, Hemet and will end at Harveston Park in Temecula with a barbecue. Blake and Jan will work the start. Chuck will work the checkpoint. Flier and pins are pending. Chuck is going to do the preride.

S.C.M.A. Blazing Saddles 2009- John Katics

John noted that the ride will start and end in Mesquite. The hotel's expected rate is \$40. John will email start and other information to Jan. The cost will be \$35 and pins will be done for the ride.

S.C.M.A CA Parks Adventure-(Mitch Friedman Absent)

Jan noted that Mitch started a new job and unable to be present today. Jan noted that there are 38 finishers and he is taking on new riders for 2009.

S.C.M.A. USA Four Corners-David Johnson

Four Corners currently has 103 finishers but 129 paid. Dave sends his reconciliation every month to John Mickus and e-Board. The bank balance is now \$!240 per the December statement. Jan requested signatures on new account cards in March. The e-board will get together to discuss the expenditures per rider and ask David to clarify with a breakdown of the \$17.26 misc per rider. Supplies will be authorized for 100 riders per year at no more than three years at a time. We will revisit in May. AMA gave USA Four Corners two sets of Dunlop tires. One was for 2008 and one set or 2009. The 2009 draw will be done at a meeting.

S.C.M.A. Grand Tour 2008-Blake Anderson

The 2009 Grand Tour will be on Columbus Day Weekend and will start in the Palm Springs area.

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

Bob will chair the 2009 event on 10/24. It will start and finish at the Santa Paula Airport with possible coupon or discount on food for riders.

S.C.M.A. Turkey Run - Chuck Jones

Chuck will start the 2009 ride at Harley in Fullerton.

SCMA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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S.C.M.A. Traveler's Award-Dannie Fox

Jan will write letters to the TA finishers inviting them to the Triple Crown. There are no current expenses. Dannie will document those that made the rides or worked rides for TA credit.

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

This ride will be in June 2009. It will start at Cycle Gear in Newhall and end in Ventura at a park with a barbecue. There will not be a breakfast coupon as stated in the November 2008 minutes.

S.C.M.A. Barebones-Chuck Jones

Chuck will start the 2009 ride at Harley in Fullerton.

Club Reports

AVTS-Antelope Valley Touring Society

Ron has flyer for Bags for Kids Touring Ride. The cost is \$22 per person. It starts in Santa Clarita with sign-ins from 8:30-10:30. The ride will finish California City. Lunch will be provided for finishers and pins as well as prize for low and high hand.

BMW of Southern California

No representative today.

MTA-Motorcycle Touring Association

Jan recently became a member. The group will be represented at the Soup Run tomorrow.

PMC-Pasadena Motorcycle Club

Greg reported that their installation dinner is tonight. The club is working on the Greenhorn Route.

Outriders

There is nothing to report today.

SRR-Shamrock Road Riders

The club is working on a two day St Patrick's Day ride with one checkpoint.

Victor McLaglen Motor Corps

Mickey reported that they are having their first meeting of the year today. He believes that the first show will be the Prison Run in Yuma in April. The next ride will be the Ride for Kids in Torrance. Their last ride will be the Love Ride.

Member Communication

All chairpersons were asked to read and sign the Guidelines for all Event Chairmen Appointed by the Executive Board and Phyllis will retain the signed copies on file.

50/50 Drawing- Ron won \$34 and \$34 went to the waiter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

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



3900 SATURDAYS

The older I get the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the garage with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time.

Let me tell you about it.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind; he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. It's too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital" he continued. "Let me tell you something that has helped me keep my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years."

"Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now, stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part. It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail", he went on, "and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round up 1000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear."

"Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away. I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life."

"There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure that if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. This is a 75 Year old Man, K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter.

Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss... "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast." "What brought this on" she asked with a smile." "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids. And hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

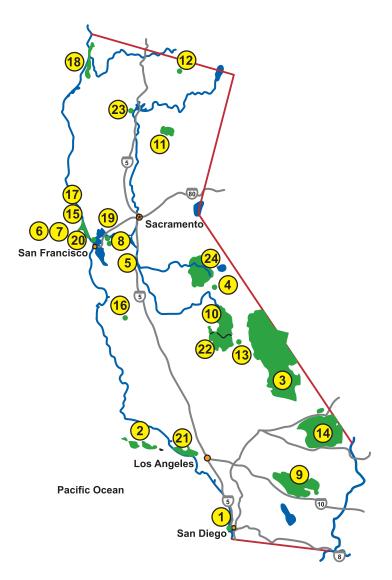
A friend sent this to me, so I to you, my friend.

And so, as one smart bear once said..."If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you." — Winnie the Pooh



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FROM THE WEBMASTER

Benedicto: May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds. May your rivers flow without end, meandering through pastoral valleys tinkling with bells, past temples and castles and poets towers into a dark primeval forest where tigers belch and monkeys howl, through miasmal and mysterious swamps and down into a desert of red rock, blue mesas, domes and pinnacles and grottos of endless stone, and down again into a deep vast ancient unknown chasm where bars of sunlight blaze on profiled cliffs, where deer walk across the white sand beaches, where storms come and go as lightning clangs upon the high crags, where something strange and more beautiful and more full of wonder than your deepest dreams waits for you —- beyond that next turning of the canyon walls. — **Edward Abbey**

Murder at WalMart...I apologize in advance

Here's the story. Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed.

A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money.

Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside. Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Super Wal-Mart store. There, he surprised her in the produce department and proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands and as the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor.

The manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught & arrested before he could even leave the store.

Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested.

The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared ... (You're going to hate me for this... This is so-o-o bad) 'ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 AT WAL-MART!'

"That aint the way I heerd it Johnny" — The Old Timer - Terry Smith

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DEPLETED LICENSE PLATES, OVERBOOKED RIDER ED COURSES

As a sign of the times, with a record number of motorcyclists on the road and increasing numbers of motorcycle registrations, rider training courses in numerous locations across the country have been booked solid and now officials in Kansas have reported running out of motorcycle license plates.

The Hutchinson News reported that the problem is bad enough that counties with plentiful plates are being asked to share with other counties. "We are out of motorcycle tags, and we don't know when we'll get more," said Reno County Treasurer Clark Miller. "We've begged and borrowed from other counties," he told the newspaper, "but we can't get more."

When the state made its annual tag order, gas prices hadn't reached their current levels and officials didn't anticipate the resulting demand from motorists switching to more fuel-efficient transportation.

At least one motorcycle owner complained to the newspaper of being sent away from the DMV office this week and advised not to drive his motorcycle until it was properly tagged, with no promise of when tags might be available.

KIDS ARE QUICK

TEACHER: Jennifer, go to the map and find North America.

JENNIFER: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Jennifer.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L' TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: HIJKLMNO.

TEACHER: What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten

years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot coser to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with 'I.'

MILLIE: Lis..

TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also

admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did

you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no

longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

WISDOM WITH SMILES

- 1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
- 2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- 3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
- 4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- 5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
- 6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
- 7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
- 8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- 9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
- 10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- 11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- 12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
- 13. Think about this ... No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.
- 14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- 15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
- 16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
- 17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of OLD LADIES running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)
- 18. Money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
- 19. After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead..

FAMOUS QUOTES

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself "Lillian, you should have remained a virgin."

— Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall ."

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement.

— Mark Twain

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

Spike Milligan

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP.

— Joe Namath

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.

— Groucho Marx

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

— Victor Borge

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

— Mark Twain

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

-Socrates

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

- Jimmy Durante

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

— Zsa Zsa Gabor

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

- Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

— Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

- Billy Crystal

The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good, spit it out!!



Since 2004, the Ride for the Heart Foundation has grown and proved that there are many ways to ride for a great cause, meet many like-minded riders and have a great time doing it. The events completed in 2008 were no exception. We are positive that if you join us on one of our future events that you'll be guaranteed to have memorable times that you'll talk about for years to come! In 2009 we are mixing it up with a variety of types of rides; some are very different from what we've done before. Because of suggestions from our rider base, along with creative ides from the Directors of the Foundation, the following ride and event schedule represents what our all-volunteer staff has come up with. So, as the New Year approaches, get out your calendar and start making plans to have the most fun-filled riding year ever.

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