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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JANUARY

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10am -1 pm
38685 Via Taffia
760-240-0612 / 951-677-3644
- 9 SCMA General La Canada
Membership Meeting 9-11 am
Conrad's Restaurant
631 Foothill Blvd.
818-790-2230
- 10 ✓ SCMA Soup Run Newhall
Sign-in: 8-10 am
Cycle Gear
310-387-3970 / 714-801-3901
- 17 SCMA Soup Run (Rain Date)
- 30 Three Flags Classic Drawing Torrance
12 noon
VFW Hall - 20820 S. Vermont Ave.
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310-387-3974 / 951-677-364
- 20 Triple Crown Banquet Anaheim
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- 21 SCMA Sweetheart Run (Rain Date)



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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

As we enter the new year SCMA is changing some of its ways of doing business. We have expanded the Traveler's Awards to every ride on the calendar, except USA Four Corners, Three Flags Classic and California Parks Adventures. On the overnights, Traveler's only have to do the first day. If you complete 7 out of 15 you get a Traveler's Award pin, if you finish 9 out of 15, you become eligible for a Three Flags ticket without having to go into the draw, (you still pay for your ticket like everyone else) and if you make 15 out of 15 you are the guest of the SCMA at the Triple Crown Banquet. That is one of the changes coming in 2010. The E Board is also thinking of discontinuing pins in order to reduce the cost of our events. We have found better insurance for our events thanks to Blake Anderson and we (the corporation) is covered 365 days a year. I will be asking the E Board to offer our day rides for \$10.00 per members, providing we are starting at a motorcycle shop which will provide the coffee and donuts. Non-members will pay \$15.00 with a \$1.00 discount for AMA members, if the event starts out of a restaurant the cost of the event would be \$15.00 per member with a \$5.00 food coupon and \$20.00 for non-members, \$1.00 discount for AMA members and the food coupon also. The E Board will be meeting in January, probably after the general membership meeting to further discuss these changes and I will let you know what we decided.

We have a full calendar this year, with a total of 15 events not counting Four Corners, Three Flags and California Parks Adventures. PMC is doing three of them, SCMA is doing 9 of them including Blazing Saddles and Grand Tour. Antelope Valley Riders, Shamrock Road Riders, and MTA are doing one each. Looks like a great riding year is in store for all. With the economy the way it is we are hoping that by keeping the rides at a reasonable cost our members will still be able to enjoy supporting and participating in our events.

January 10th, will bring the annual SCMA Soup Run which is considered our kick-off for the year. This year as always, members are free with the exception of a donation of two cans of soup. Non-members will be \$11.00 with a \$1.00 discount and two cans of soup. All funds will go to the Battered Women's Shelter in San Pedro along with the extra can of soup you bring. They really appreciate it.

January 30th will bring the drawing for 2010 Three Flags Classic, see flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

February 14th is the Sweetheart Ride, leaving out of Lake Forest, Cycle Giant has agreed to open for us once again. Thank you Rick and crew. February 20th, will bring the 2nd. Annual Triple Crown Banquet, already know of at least 7 finishers, one who has done it twice. Total finishers not yet complete, will gather all the names of each finisher for all three events and see how many completed the Triple Crown. The banquet is being held at the Menage Hotel, same as last years, see flyer in this newsletter. I hope to see a lot of you there. Last years was very enjoyable and well attended.

As always the general membership meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month except for the months of April and October. See the 2010 Sanctioned Events Calendar included in this issue.

Again I would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep the SCMA alive and well throughout 2009. We will need every bit of that effort and more for 2010 with the country having the problems with high unemployment, everything costing more. The E Board will do its best to keep things going and hope that the membership continues to support the organization as well as they have in the past.

That's all for now, I would like to thank Randy Angel for a terrific job each and every month in creating such as great looking newsletter. Thanks for being there for me Randy. Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws

Southern California Motorcycling Association
presents:



Sunday
January 10, 2010

Start time 8-10 a.m.

Cycle Gear
24508 Lyons Ave.
Newhall, CA



SCMA Members ride **FREE**
\$11 for non-members



AMA members receive \$1 discount

All riders must bring 2 cans of soup for entry

(Please do not bring outdated cans. One can, along with proceeds, will be donated charity, the other to be enjoyed by the riders at the end of the event)

**Soups will be mixed for your enjoyment at the finish
from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ride closes at 3 p.m.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
BLAKE ANDERSON 714-801-3931
OR
JAN STAWS 310-387-3974

Rain Date is Sunday, January 17, 2010

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS VS. OTHER FRIENDS

Submitted by
Irv Cregar

#1

OTHER FRIENDS

Never ask for food.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Are the reason you have no food.

#2

OTHER FRIENDS

Bring a bottle of wine to your party.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Bring enough for everybody, help make the food, then stay to clean up and sleep it off afterwards.

#3

OTHER FRIENDS

Will come to your house warming party.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Will help you move in and move out and party both times.

#4

OTHER FRIENDS

Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Call your parents Mom and Dad.

#5

OTHER FRIENDS

Have never seen you cry.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Either make you cry or will cry with you.

#6

OTHER FRIENDS

Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours, but are willing to loan it back to you anytime.

#7

OTHER FRIENDS

Know a few things about you.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

#8

OTHER FRIENDS

Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Will kick the butts of the whole crowd who left you.

#9

OTHER FRIENDS

Would knock on your door

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Walk right in and say, 'I'm home!'

#10

OTHER FRIENDS

Will watch sports with you.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Will take off of work to drive to a away game with you.

#11

OTHER FRIENDS

Will talk crap with people who talk crap about you.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Will knock the crap out of them!

#12

OTHER FRIENDS

Are for a while.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Are for life.

#13

OTHER FRIENDS

Will ignore this.

MOTORCYCLE FRIENDS

Will send it on to more MOTORCYCLE friends.

SCMA Presents
America's Premier Motorcycle Touring Event

35th Annual Three Flags Classic

When

Sept.03, 2010 To Sept.07, 2010

Where

Regina, Canada to Puerto Penasco, Mexico

www.saskramada.com

www.hotelrockypoint.com

Ticket price: \$300 USD

No Refunds

Must be an SCMA member to participate

Mail in only two entries per envelope, one entry per person

Your check is your entry.

Mail entry to:

2010 Three Flags Classic

P.O. Box 1738

San Juan Capistrano

CA. 92693

Must be received by **Jan 20, 2010**

Drawing will be held at 12 Noon,

January 30, 2010

VFW # 10166

20820 South Vermont

Torrance CA 90502

Additional information: www.sc-ma.com Click on 2010 3 flags classic

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**Southern California
Motorcycling Association**

SCMA's Second Annual Triple Crown Banquet

California Parks Adventure



USA 4 Corners Motorcycle Tour



Three Flags Classic



When : Saturday, February 20, 2010

- 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm Meet and Greet
- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Social Hour
- 7:00 pm Dinner - Buffet style dinner
- 8:00 pm Program

Where : Hotel Menage

1221 Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92805

1-888-462-7275

- Mention SCMA for special room rates @ \$99.00 + tax
- Cut off date for discount is February 1, 2010
- Motorcycles park for free, hotel guest parking \$10.00 daily
- 5 minute shuttle from Disneyland
- Web Site - www.hotelmenage.com for directions and reservations

Banquet Cost : \$ 50.00 per person.

DEADLINE FOR BANQUET RESERVATION IS
FEBRUARY 14th, 2010

Come one, Come all. Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening with fellow motorcyclists. No participation in these events necessary. No membership required.

For more information contact:

Phyllis Shaw-Hatke / Ken Hatke @ 1-951-677-3644

SCMA's Second Annual Triple Crown Banquet Reservation

Please print clearly

\$ 50.00 Per Person

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone

E-Mail

Please make checks payable to: SCMA
C/O Ken Hatke
38685 Via Taffia
Murrieta, CA 92563

Please mark the events you have completed.
Verification will be done to validate Triple Crown finishers.

- California Parks Adventure
- Four (4) Corners Motorcycle Tour
- Three (3) Flags Classic

If you have an interesting story that you would like to share while on one of these rides please feel free to share in the space below. You can add additional paper if it runs over. This may or may not be used in the banquet.



THREE FLAGS CLASSIC



Photos by Steve and Josie Morris

Look for more photos of the Morris' Three Flags Classic adventure in the February issue.



2010 THREE FLAGS CLASSIC DRAWING

I'm inviting all 2010 Three Flags Classic hopefuls to join the 2010 Three Flags Classic Committee and the SCMA E-board on Saturday, January 30 for the 35th drawing the be held at:

**VFW CARSON POST # 10166
20820 South Vermont Ave. • Torrance, CA 90502**

— Drawing to start at 12 Noon —

Breakfast will be served free of charge to all attendees starting at 9:30 a.m. Come on down, enjoy some camaraderie, breakfast and see who gets to ride and who is on the wait list. Hope to see you there!

Gaylord "Huey" Ward • 2010 Three Flags Classic Chairperson

Southern California Motorcycling Association

P.O. Box 487 Norwalk, CA 90651-0487



MEETINGS

◆ E-BOARD / GENERAL MEMBERSHIP * THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

9-11 am - 2nd Saturday each month (exc. April, Nov.) 10 am -1 pm

Conrad's Restaurant 38685 Via Taffia, Murietta

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818-790-2230

SCMA 2010 SANCTIONED EVENTS

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
8	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	12	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	6	PMC Poker Run ★	9	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *
9	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	13	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	12	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	10	Antelope Valley Riders Poker Run ★
10	SCMA Soup Run ★	14	SCMA Sweetheart Ride ★	13	SCMA Sweetheart Ride ★	17	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆
17	SCMA Soup Run (Rain Date)	20	Triple Crown Award Banquet	20 & 21	Shamrock Road Riders St. Patrick's Day Run ★		
30	Three Flags Classic Drawing	21	SCMA Sweetheart Run (Rain Date)		(Travelers Award 1st day only)		
	760-954-9054 / 951-677-3644				661-298-0000		
MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
1 & 2	PMC 64th Annual Green Horn Ride ★	11	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	9	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	13	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *
	949-291-9898	12	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	10	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	14	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆
7	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	13	SCMA 5th Annual Dog Days of Summer ★	11	SCMA Bare Bones ★	15	SCMA Old Pin Ride ★
8	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	21	SCMA Dog Days of Summer (Rain Date)	18	SCMA Bare Bones Run (Rain Date)	22	SCMA Old Pin Ride (Rain Date)
29-30	SCMA Blazing Saddles ★						
	818-566-4107 / 310-387-3974						
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
3-7	SCMA Three Flags Classic Canada to Mexico	9-10	SCMA Grand Tour ★	13	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	No Meetings — HAPPY HOLIDAYS	
	760-954-9054 / 951-677-3644	16	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	14	SCMA Turkey Run ★		
11	SCMA General Membership Meeting ◆	24	SCMA Cemetary Tour ★	21	SCMA Turkey Run (Rain Date)		
17	Three Flags Classic Committee Meeting *	31	SCMA Cemetary Tour (Rain Date)				
18-19	PMC Pismo Beach Classic ★						
	781-696-3164						
26	Wacky Wabbit Ride ★						
	310-325-6388						

★ Traveler's Award — (Overnight rides only require first day for Traveler's Awards)

See Reverse for Club, Officer, & Checkpoint Information



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HUNTINGTON HONDA	Huntington Beach	714-842-5533
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SCMA Three Flags Classic Sept. 3-7, 2010





SCMA 2010



SWEETHEART RIDE



Traveler's Award

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Sign In: 8-10 a.m.

Ride closes at 3 p.m.



Sanctioned Ride

ENTRY FEE	
SCMA:	\$10.00
Non-SCMA	
Members:	\$15.00
\$1 discount to AMA members	

Sign In: **Cycle Giant**
20902 Bake Parkway
Lake Forest

Food will be served at end of event

For Information call: **310-387-3974** or **951-677-3644**

Complete entry form and mail with check or money order made payable to SCMA to:
Kenn Hatke • 38685 Via Taffia • Murrieta, CA 92563

MAIL IN DEADLINE: February 7, 2010

RIDER

PASSENGER

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

City _____ State ___ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Telephone _____

SCMA or AMA number _____

SCMA or AMA number _____



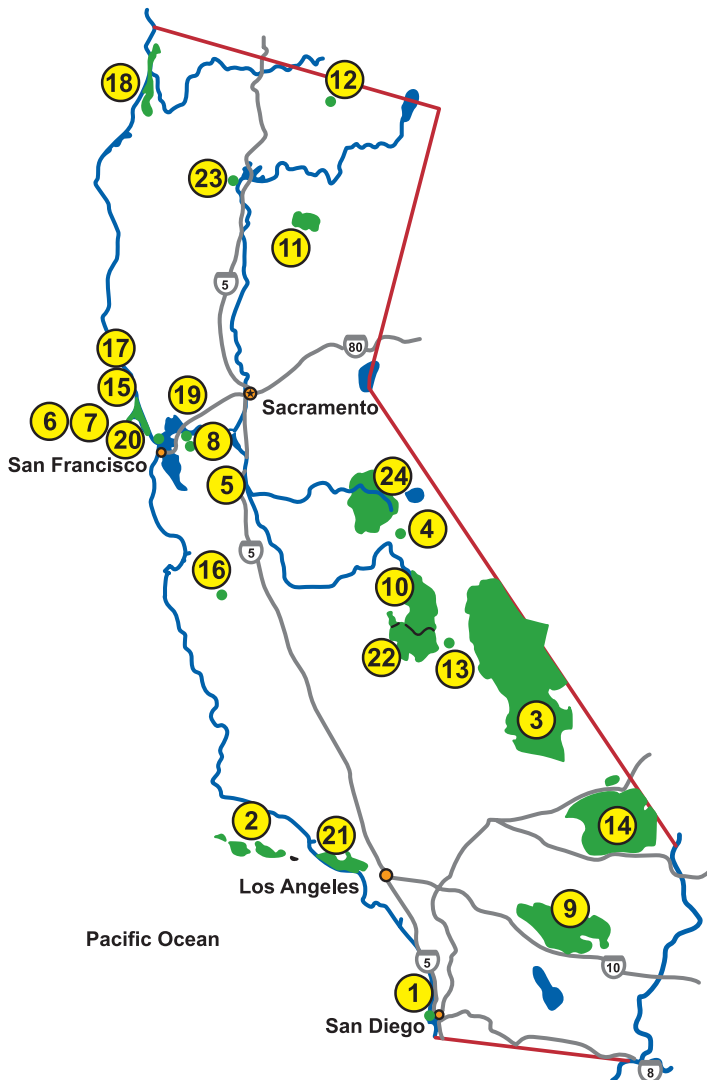
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SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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
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SCMA's California Parks Adventure

\$ 60.00 Non-Members

\$ 50 for SCMA members

Please print clearly

SCMA # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to: SCMA Park's Adventure
8306 Wilshire Blvd. #246
Beverly Hills, CA 90211

SCMA's California Parks Adventure

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|--|--|
| 1. Cabrillo National Monument - San Diego, CA | 13. Mazanar National Historic Site - Independence, CA |
| 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 |
| 4. Devils Postpile National Monument - Mammoth Lakes, CA | 16. Pinnacles National Monument - Paicines, CA |
| 5. Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site - Danville, CA | 17. Point Reyes National Seashore - Point Reyes, CA |
| 6. Fort Point National Historic Site - Presidio of San Francisco, CA | 18. Redwood National and State Parks - Del Norte & Humboldt Counties, CA |
| 7. Golden Gate National Recreation Area - San Francisco, CA | 19. Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front Nat'l Historical Park - Richmond, CA |
| 8. John Muir National Historic Site - Martinez, CA | 20. San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park - San Francisco, CA |
| 9. Joshua Tree National Park - HQ in Twentynine Palms, CA | 21. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area - Thousand Oaks, CA |
| 10. Kings Canyon National Park - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA | 22. Sequoia National Park - Southern Sierra Nevada, CA |
| 11. Lassen Volcanic National Park - Mineral, CA | 23. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area - Whiskeytown, CA |
| 12. Lava beds National Monument - Tulelake, CA | 24. Yosemite National Park - the Sierra Nevada, CA |

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SOUTH CAROLINA CONSIDERS LEGALIZING POKER RUNS

Not all of the news coming out of the Palmetto State is as controversial as Myrtle Beach's anti-biker ordinances, and recent actions by the State Senate could eventually legitimize poker runs.

The S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation in May that would have revised the state's 207-year-old gambling laws which ban "any game with cards or dice." Although the bill died at the end of the legislative session, bikers were able to educate some legislators that banning all such games is not in the best interest of charities.

Currently, the state's centuries-old gaming laws are enforced at the discretion of the local law enforcement agency and typically only when someone complains. South Carolina's Lions clubs have lost roughly \$500,000 since last year when state law enforcement officers - responding to a complaint - threatened a club that was raffling off a motorcycle.

Traditional motorcycle poker runs, which have historically raised tens of thousands of dollars for local and statewide charities have been severely curtailed as a result of an Attorney General's ruling that the events were illegal under the current State statute.

A separate proposal would ask voters whether the state constitution should be changed to allow nonprofit groups to hold a limited number of raffles yearly. Currently, the only legal raffle is the state lottery.

ENGINE REVING MAY BECOME A CRIME IN ALBUQUERQUE

Reving your engine in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, may soon be a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment and seizure of your bike or car. Mayor Martin Chavez (D) proposed adding a blip of the throttle to the city ordinance listing "nuisances" that the city uses as a justification to seize automobiles. The city council is expected to vote on the idea soon, and may expand ticketing to the entire city.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in exhibition driving in the Downtown Quiet Zone by operating a vehicle in a manner that willfully creates excessive engine noise because of revving the engine to magnify the engine noise," the proposed ordinance states.

At first, Chavez will ask police set up traps to ticket motorcyclists before going after other motorists.

MAIDS 2.0

Focuses on the 100 crashes out of those 921 accidents that resulted in death — 25 of which occurred on bikes under 50 cc and 75 of which happened on motorcycles 50 cc and larger.

Of the under-50 cc bikes, the rider, not another vehicle, was responsible for his or her own death in 64% of the fatal crashes; most often, the rider failed to perceive a road hazard and, as a result, failed to react to avoid that hazard. Most of the fatalities occurred in urban areas.

For motorcycles 50 cc and up, the most fatality-prone class was sport bikes. A bike's displacement and maximum velocity were not significant factors in predicting a rider's death. As with bikes under 50 cc, the rider, not another vehicle, was at fault in most crashes that ended in death. The most common rider error for motorcyclists was making the wrong decision in reaction to a road hazard; 44% of motorcyclists also lost control in their avoidance maneuver. Most of these fatalities occurred in rural areas.

"How applicable the MAIDS 2.0 data is to the American market is a subject of debate, not only because the study is dated, but also because the European market is so different," wrote Susan Carpenter in the LA Times article.

"Its riders are more commuter-oriented than those in the leisure-minded U.S. and the bikes are, on average, smaller. Still, the MAIDS update points to some intriguing findings that, at the very least, could serve as cautionary advice as the U.S. motorcycle market becomes more transportation-oriented."

Some of the more relevant takeaway messages for riders of bikes both big and small:

- Nighttime riding can be deadly. While most accidents in the MAIDS report happened during the day, fatal accidents were significantly higher at night.
- Major roads are hazardous. The majority of fatalities occurred on straight roadways and "major arterials."
- Get a license. Riders who weren't properly licensed were more likely to crash.
- Wear protective gear. The 921 accidents in the study resulted in 3,417 injuries — 31.8% of which were to the lower extremities, 24.3% to the upper extremities and 18.4% to the head.

ON THE ROAD TO ROMANCE

Motorcycling opens the road to romance, love and sex appeal. Famous faces increase their x-factor when they get onto two wheels on the big screen, and Hollywood has provided us with many cool biking images — remember Quadrophenia? The Great Escape? Easy Rider? And they've recognized that girls like to ride too, from stylish Audrey Hepburn in Roman Holiday to more recently the modern Charlie's Angels and glamorous Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft.

Plenty of celebrities like to pull on a pair of leathers and enjoy the freedom of riding on two wheels, from actors and musicians to politicians, comedians, and chefs have all joined the growing numbers of people who like to ride.

But at least in Britain, romantic bikers would rather ride with their other half than movie megastars like Kate Winslet, or Tom Cruise. In a Motorcycle Industry Association survey, when asked to name who they would most like to take a fantasy ride with, twice as many bikers nominated their partners than petite pop star Kylie, Star Wars' Ewan McGregor, or Bond's Pierce Brosnan.

So if your partner doesn't already ride, why not get them onto two wheels so you can "Get More Out of Life" together, as promoted during National Motorcycle Week in England, held July 12-18."More freedom, more fun, more friends, more action and more opportunities."

OREGON ENACTS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NEW MOTORCYCLISTS

Oregon has become the third state to pass a law requiring all new motorcyclists regardless of age to pass a rigorous training course, in hopes of reducing accidents and fatalities. Current law requires such course completion for prospective riders under age 21.

The new law, Senate Bill 546, passed by the state legislature this year will phase in the requirement for all first-time bikers over the next six years. Lawmakers also voted to double the fine for riders caught without the proper license, increasing the penalty to \$720 starting in January.

Team Oregon trained about ten-thousand riders last year, and the majority of them were older than 21. More than 4,400 people bypassed the class in favor of a free skills test at the DMV, but soon all first-time riders will have to shell out about \$150 to take the Team Oregon course, which is administered by Oregon State University.

Executive Director of BikePAC says he's been riding for 35 years and he thinks the new requirement will save lives: "A trained rider is a safe rider. And we're trying to cut down the deaths, especially the unnecessary deaths of people that are making stupid mistakes because they don't know what to do."

A similar mandatory training bill was recently passed in North Carolina, but was amended to require rider education courses only for those under 18. Senate Bill 64, which also limits learners permits to 12 months with one 6 month renewal, was signed into law August 26th by Governor Mike Easley and goes into effect January 1, 2011.

BIKERNET.COM CREATES WORKING GROUP FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS

Longtime biker's rights activist Keith R. Ball and the staff of Bikernet.com are working with the motorcycle aftermarket to provide a direct link between legislative efforts, motorcycle rights groups, and the custom motorcycle aftermarket industry.

"It's been a goal of mine for 15 years to get the business side to help our freedom fighters," said Ball. If successful, Keith hopes to encourage SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association), the largest hot rod aftermarket organization in the United States, to work with us to deliver additional resources to the motorcycle rights community, since we all face similar battles.

"The Motorcycle Aftermarket Working Group is made up of many leaders and business owners, but we want to reach out directly to state motorcycle rights groups for their input," said Ball, adding that they are already working closely with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). "What can we do to help keep motorcycling free?" The group is currently working on an agenda, so contact Keith Ball directly with any comments or suggestions at Bandit@Bikernet.com or (310) 830-0630.

U.S. SENATE PASSES AMENDMENT PROTECTING KNIFE OWNERS

In response to a U.S. Customs proposal that would outlaw one-handed assisted opening knives by redefining them as switchblades, on July 9th the U.S. Senate unanimously passed an amendment to the Federal Switchblade Act as part of the Homeland Security appropriations bill to protect by law 35 million Americans who own pocketknives.

The bipartisan measure would exempt assisted-opening knives that can only be opened with "exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist or arm" from a federal law that criminalizes commerce in switchblades. Assisted opening knives are highly desired by hunters, anglers, farmers, ranchers, firefighters, law enforcement and emergency personnel and others who may need to open a knife with only one hand.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: *"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968) civil rights leader & clergyman

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