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**Old Pin Ride** 

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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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### **SEPTEMBER**

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# **AUGUST**

- 13 Three Flags Meeting Murrieta 10am -1 pm 38685 Via Taffia 760-240-0612 / 951-677-3644
- 14 SCMA General Sunland
  Membership Meeting 9-11 am
  Angeles National Golf Club
  9401 Foothill Blvd.
  714-801-3931
- 15 SCMA Old Pin Ride Culver City Sign-in: 8-10 am Starbucks 310-345-9799 / 310-387-3974
- 22 SCMA Old Pin Ride (Rain Date)

# SUBMISSIONS WANTED

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

Do you want to see your writing skills in print?

If you would like to have the memories of your adventures published, please e-mail them, along with pertinent information (location, name of ride, names, and photographer)

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# **SEPTEMBER**

- 3-7 2010 Three Flags Classic Canada to Mexico Start: Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 760-954-9054 / 951-677-3644
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- 18 & 19 PMC Pismo Beach Motorcylce Classic Start: Cycle Gear Newhall 781-696-3164
- 26 ✓ Wacky Wabbit Run TBD 310-325-6388



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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

Summer is well upon us and riding opportunities are everywhere. SCMA's Old Pin Ride on August 15 starts in Culver City. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to September, the Three Flags Classic is nearly here. It starts in Regina this year and runs south through Montana, the Black Hills, the Rockies, the mountain ranges of New Mexico and into Arizona. Judging from some of the news we have been seeing out of Mexico, the decision to divert to Tucson after touching base in Nogales, Arizona is a sound one. We will have four checkpoints and a get-a-receipt stop in Nogales. It's a five-day ride spanning over 2500 miles. If you haven't purchased a ticket for the ride, it's not too late. Check the Three Flags Classic forum for tickets that go up for sale by other riders.

And, its not too early to start thinking about 2011. Joe Mandeville has volunteered to chair the committee for the 36th Annual Three Flags Classic. It will start in the south and end in Penticton, British Columbia. For 2011, SCMA is working with the Iron Butt Association for a coordinated event. SCMA will run a conventional four-day ride with conventional checkpoints open for conventional hours. The Iron Butt Association will superimpose a border-to-border event over that. There are a number of logistical and policy issues that we must address including number of Three Flags riders vs. Iron Butt Association riders, cost, and banquet arrangements. The first meeting of the committee is August 21st at 10 AM at Fullerton Harley Davidson.

And back to September for a moment, look at what the Pasadena Motorcycle Club has in mind! On September 18-19 they have organized a ride and rally to Pismo Beach. Riders from Southern California, San Francisco, Stockton and elsewhere in California will meet to celebrate motorcycling on Saturday with a music festival. On Sunday they will assemble on the beach for a group picture to duplicate a classic photo taken in the 20s.

See you on the road.

Blake Anderson SCMA Chair

# BLAZING SADDLES

Good morning fellow motorcyclists.

I am happy that we had a good showing in Bakersfield on May 29, 2010 for the Blazing Saddles, over Memorial Holiday weekend. And after settling in at Zingos Café, Dennis Even and I proceeded to check in eight people for the Travelers Award. After a breakfast of large proportions and purchase of the the obligatory T Shirt (yes I now own a Zingo's T Shirt) Dennis and I hit the road. It was a beautiful ride over the mountains through Woody and onto Hwy 178 and north on Hwy 395 to Tonopah, NV....Then from Tonopah on to Ely, NV which is a total of 169 miles. Dennis and I even caught up with Randy Shull, Ralph Fox and John Katics, north of Tonopah. 169 miles two hrs riding time, I'll let you do the math. Anyway, it had snowed nine inches along the Loneliest Hwy on Friday, (yes the day before the ride), but the roads were clear and it was very nice. Overnight in Ely, NV where we got our first stamp in our Loneliest Hwy in America pass port at the Rail Road Museum. Some of us went on the train barbecue dinner run for \$48.00 that evening. I had to purchase the T shirt that was waiting for me. Oh yes, also a tiny working rail road kerosene lantern. I had one as a child and couldn't resist.

The following morning we headed west along Hwy 50 (The Loneliest Hwy in America) and stamped our passports in Eureka, Austin, Fallon and Fernley, NV for a total of 5 stamps. With our finish in Carson, NV at the Motel 6 and our stamped card in the mail to the Nevada Tourism Commission we will soon receive a pin and a certificate that we have indeed SUR-VIVED THE LONELIEST HIGHWAY IN AMERICA. My congratulations to John Katics and crew for a very well planned and thought out ride. The bar has been raised for future rides.

We had eight Travelers Award entries for the Blazing Saddles. As of today we have two riders who are perfect. Jim Bullen and Nick Balough My congratulations to these dedicated riders.

Dannie Fox
Travelers Award Chairman

# Missing a Ride Pin? Want one from a ride you missed?



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# Southern California Motorcycling Association



# Old Pin Ride Sunday • August 15

# **ENTRY FEE**

(Includes \$5.00 Starbuck card)

SCMA: \$15.00 All others: \$20.00 Sign-In: 8-10 a.m.

# **Starbucks**

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Pre-registration Deadline - August 7, 2010

Make checks payable to: SCMA

Mail to: Jan Staws, 1959 Gale Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810

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# **EDITOR'S CORNER**

Hi all,

Hope you have been able to keep cool this month. I want to thank all of you who participated in the Bare Bones event. We had 18 sign-in which is lower than usual but I know you all have a lot to choose from. This is the time of year when vacations with your family take preference and that is how it should be. The next event will be Old Pin ride, starting at Starbucks in Culver City, August 15th. I will be working the Travelers Award for Dannie Fox, he is on Four Corners (again) and is going to do it back to back and then do Three Flags, guess he likes riding.

Three Flags Classic is coming up hot and heavy. The Three Flags committee has been very kind in extending an invitation for me to attend the banquet. I hope that things work out as to where I am able to do so. I would really like to go down and support the finish along with Kenn & Phyllis Hatke, Chuck Jones and Sally Bishop, you new Membership Chairman, (look for her article elsewhere in this newsletter)

I have one more event that I am responsible for and the is the Turkey Run in November. We will leave from Fullerton Harley Davidson, I do not know where the finish will be but I would like to be able to have pumpkin pie and coffee available like we did last year. Time will tell.

We do have several more great rides to look forward to, PMC Pismo Beach event on September 18h &19th. BMW Park & Ride Ralley, Grand Tour and Cemetery Run all in Octorber. Wow, a lot to look forward to.

Well, I hope you all make it to Old Pin ride, see you. Keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Your Editor, Jan Staws

# NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Hi All,

Allow me to introduce myself; my name is Sally Bishop, a long time member of SCMA. I have been assisting Jan with the newsletter for some time now, doing the mail-out and decided to take on the job of Membership Chairman. I did membership back in the 80's; I know how important it is to respond to our membership as quickly as possible.

I know that there have been some problems with getting your membership cards in a timely fashion; since I am retired I am hoping to correct that situation. Please feel free to call me at 562-408-1330 or e mail me at sallyjbishop65@gmail.com. with any questions or concerns you may have.

Since I've have taken over the responsibility of this position I have received three new memberships requesting newsletter, nine renewals with newsletter and nine renewals and six new members, no newsletter for either.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you when working the finish at this years Three Flags Classic.

Sincerely, Sally Bishop

# 2011 THREE FLAGS CLASSIC

The 2011 Three Flags Classic committee is forming. http://www.harleyfullerton.com/ If you are interested in trying for a position please attend the meeting.

The first meeting is scheduled for AUGUST 21, 2010 AT 10 AM.

Location is at Fullerton Harley Davidson of Fullerton. The location is 2635 W. Orangethorpe Ave., Fullerton, CA 92833.

Their web site: http://www.harleyfullerton.com/

Should you have questions please contact me by email. scmareferee@gmail.com

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the formation meeting.

Joe Mandeville

# NCOM BIKER NEWS BYTES

THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. For more information, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit us on our website at www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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### MYRTLE BEACH HELMET LAW OVERRULED

The South Carolina Supreme Court unanimously ruled Myrtle Beach's motorcycle helmet law is invalid because it conflicts with state law and said there is an overriding need for uniform laws across the state. In its ruling, issued June 8, 2010, the court invalidates not only the city's helmet and eyewear requirement, but also overturned several other municipal ordinances that the city council enacted last year to discourage motorcyclists from attending bike rallies there.

The high court decision was in response to a lawsuit filed on behalf of 49 riders who were ticketed during a helmet law protest ride on the first day of the new law, being represented by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) attorney Tom McGrath of Virginia.

Testifying before the bench, McGrath argued that the ordinance was invalid because it pre-empted state law, which provides that anyone over the age of 21 is not required to wear a helmet. The S.C. Supreme Court agreed, adding that conflicting equipment requirements would "unduly limit a citizen's freedom of movement" throughout the state; "Were local authorities allowed to enforce individual helmet ordinances, riders would need to familiarize themselves with the various ordinances in advance of a trip, so as to ensure compliance."

According to McGrath, the favorable ruling is important because it "sets a precedent by saying that cities, counties and towns cannot supersede state law. Where the state legislature has spoken on an issue, it's the final word."

Although the ruling dealt specifically with the helmet-eyewear law, the court also found that the city impliedly repealed many of the new laws itself when it repealed its own administrative court ordinance after the court's chief justices opined that the creation of a special courts system was unconstitutional. As a result, "All the civil ordinances got tossed because there is no administrative hearing process to resolve the citations," explains McGrath.

Only the ordinances involving misdemeanor violations remain in effect in Myrtle Beach, but those include an onerous exhaust ordinance that is far stricter than that enacted by the state legislature.

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# Wheels of Desire

Dear Riders,

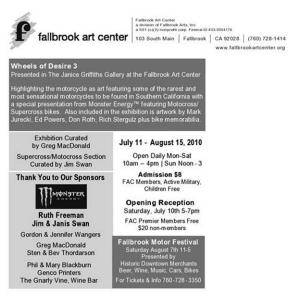
From July 11 to Aug 15 the Fallbrook Art Center will be presenting "Wheels of Desire" a Motorcycle Exhibition highlighting the motorcycle as art and featuring a wide variety of machines from the late 1800s to the present.

We welcome all motorcycle enthusiasts to visit and enjoy getting up close and personal with the variety of bikes presented!

Please respond to info@fallbrookartcenter.org for any questions.

### Cheers!









# **NCOM News Bytes**

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### **HELMETS STINK**

Helmet LAWS Suck, but new technology can make helmets smelly too! Helmet manufacturers inform buyers that they should replace their helmet every couple of years because miniscule cracks can develop over time rendering them structurally unsound, or to discard a helmet immediately if it is involved in an accident or even dropped. It's sometimes difficult to determine with the naked eye when a helmet loses its effectiveness, but researchers at the Fraunhofer Institute for Mechanics of Materials in Germany have developed a way for your nose to tell when your lid has outlived its usefulness. When your helmet is getting past its prime, it will start to smell. If it develops any large cracks... well, your nose knows.

The secret lies in odoriferous oils, enclosed in formaldehyde resin microcapsules. These microcapsules are in turn added to liquid polypropylene, which is injection-molded to form the shell of the helmet. When the shell breaks, the capsules rupture, and stinking ensues. The Fraunhofer researchers used a computer simulation to calculate the number of capsules needed, then used mechanical testing to check that they would rupture shortly before complete structural failure.

"Smell detection is already in use for coated metal components. We are applying the process for the first time to polymer materials," stated Fraunhofer's Dr.-Ing. Christof Koplin. "The cycle helmet is being used as a demonstrator. Work on the capsules has finished and we are now completing characterizing tests on individual configurations." Possible other applications could include pressure hoses, and water and gas pipes.



# AMA SEPT 18-19, 2010 🏶 🛆

SAT: GROUP RIDE/ALL DAY PARTY - SUN: BEACH PHOTO EVENT

Hundreds of Riders Unite Near the Shore to Create a Historic Portrait.

San Francisco Motorcycle Club is Organizing the Group Ride from Northern GA Pasadena Motorcycle Club is Organizing the Group Ride from Southern GA

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# 2010 AMA Grand Tours with KOA Along the Way



The AMA Grand Tours Series with KOA Along the Way is growing again this year, offering even more for riders all over the United States. With the backing of Kampgrounds of America and our other prize



Great semple.

sponsors, five AMA chartered riding clubs
will each present one uniquely themed
Grand Tour in the Series. Choose one
Grand Tour or if you can't decide, do them
all! These are opportunities for challenging
and just plain beautiful rides. Gather a

group or go an your own.

In each entry package, grand tour riders will receive a yearlong discount card for stays at KOA Kampgrounds across the United States and Canada, as well as other goodies provided by these AMA clubs. Each grand tour will have a different scoring system, but all riders who finish an AMA Grand Tour Series event will earn one entry in the series grand prize drawing that will be hold in December. Riders who complete at least four of the five Grand Tours will receive a Master Grand Tourer certificate from AMA Road Riding, plus an extra entry in the grand prize drawing.

The five Grand Tours that will make up the 2010 AMA Grand Tours Series with KOA Along the Way are:



runs from April 14 to September 15, 2010.

The Call of the Wild with KOA Grand Tour presented by the Midnight Riders.

In this year's Call of the Wild Grand Tour, you're seeking 'wild' place names in cities, towns, counties, etc. that contain one of these animal names; hen, ant, deer (can be spelled 'dear'), elk, dog, cat, bird, eagle, bear or an insect or animal name not listed. The 'wild' word can stand-along or be part of a larger word, like Eagle Craek or Eikhart, Ind. Find 30 and submit photos (or a CD) of the 'wild' sign with your bike and Tour ID sign. Full details, rules and registration form are evaluable on the club's website. Tour dates are April 1-November 30, 2010. Visit Midnight-Riders-

mic.com

The Titanic Grand Tour presented by the Great Lakes Motorcycle Club.

On April 14, 1912, the 46 000-ton Titanic was sunk by just one iceberg. How many items can YOUR 'berg' bring down? Visit one town ending in -berg and as many as you can find ending in -ton. For more information, contact club member Lee Brons at motopsycho@wat.midco.net or check the club's website for rules and registration form, GLMC.org/grand-tour.html This tour

I've Been Everywhere Classic Grand Tour presented by Road Winders Motorcycle Club.

It's back! Fossibly the most popular AMA Grand Tour of all time, the AMA "I've Been Everywhere" Classic Grand Tour returns after five long years away and it's going to be better than ever! You will receive a list of places named in the classic Johnny Cash song with your paid entry. Then you have from April 1-November 30, 2010 to find those places, take a picture of your bike there and move on down the road. Email Joseph Sloan, hoggen 19053@yehoo.com for more datails.

In addition to earning points for visiting destinations for each of the above AMA Grand Tours, riders will also earn bonus points for visiting KOA's motorcycle-friendly camping resorts.



The National Parks Grand Tour presented by the Iron Butt Association.

Visit at least 50 National Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites or Recreation Areas in at least 25 states. It's a great way to see some of the most beautiful spots in the country. Find out more at IronButt.com/NPT and contact Mike Kneebone with questions at kneebone@ironbuft.com.



The USA Four Corners Grand Tour presented by the Southern California Motorcycle Association (SCMA).

The USA Four Corners Grand Tour is back for another big season! This event is for experienced riders only. The point of this extreme Grand Tour is to visit the four geographic corners of the USA. That's it — four destinations. Oh, did we mention you have 21 days to do it? That's the challenge of the USA Four Corners Grand Tour, Are you up for it? The four official checkpoints are: 1. San Yaidro, California, 2. Blaine, Washington; 3. Madawaska. Maine; 4. Key West, Florida. Complete rules and sign-up form are available at www.usa4corners.org and call David L. Johnson with your questions at (909) 271-0137.

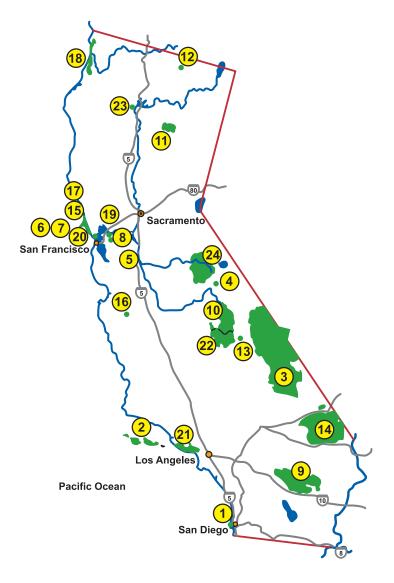
Riders can sign up for this year's AMA Grand Tours with the individual oit bs, then register with Dave Hembroff, road riding manager for the AMA, for inclusion in the Master Grand Tourer program. For more information about AMA Grand Tours with KOA Along the Way, contact Dava Hambroff at <a href="https://doi.org/doi.org/doi.org/10.1007/j.gama-cycle.org/">https://doi.org/10.1007/j.gama-cycle.org/</a> or Sandi Dunphy at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.gama-cycle.org/">https://doi.org/10.1007/j.gama-cycle.org/</a> or Sandi Dunphy at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/j.gama-cycle.org/">https://doi.org///j.gama-cycle.org/</a> or <a href="https://doi.org/">https://doi.org/</a> or <a href="https:





# SCMA's California Parkș 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: Mitcho399@gmail.com .....

# SCMA's California Parks Adventure

\$ 60.00 Non-Memb	ers	\$ 50 for SCMA members
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Phone	E-Mail	
Please make checks payable to:	SCMA Park's 8306 Wilshire Beverly Hills,	Blvd. #246

### SCMA's California Parks Adventure

- 1. Cabrillo National Monument San Diego, CA
- 2. Channel Islands National Park Ventura, CA
- 3. Death Valley National Park Death Valley, CA
- Devils Postpile National Monument Mammoth Lakes, CA
- 5. Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site Danville, CA
- Fort Point National Historic Site Presidio of San Francisco, CA
- Golden Gate National Recreation Area San Francisco,
- 8. John Muir National Historic Site Martinez, CA
- 9. Joshua Tree National Park HQ in Twentynine Palms,  $C^{\Delta}$
- 10. Kings Canyon National Park Southern Sierra Nevada,
- 11. Lassen Volcanic National Park Mineral, CA
- 12. Lava beds National Monument Tulelake, CA

- 13. Mazanar National Historic Site Independence, CA
- 14. Mojave National Preserve HQ in Barstow, CA
- 15. Muir Woods National Monument Mill Valley, CA
- 16. Pinnacles National Monument Paicines, CA
- 17. Point Reyes National Seashore Point Reyes, CA
- Redwood National and State Parks Del Norte & Humboldt Counties, CA
- Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front Nat'l Historical Park -Richmond, CA
- San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park San Francisco, CA
- 21. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Thousand Oaks CA
- 22. Sequoia National Park Southern Sierra Nevada, CA
- 23. Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Whiskeytown, CA
- 24. Yosemite National Park the Sierra Nevada, CA

# Motorcycle Touring Association, California Chapter #3

invites you to the Charity Ride for Harbor Interfaith Shelter

# Wacky Wabbit



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

# Sunday, September 26, 2010

Starts at: Hog Feathers, 1928 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lomita

Sign in: 800 AM to 10:00 AM

**50/50** Door Prizes!

Lunch served from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM at Texas Loosey's
Finish closes at 3:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$18.00 (Includes \$5 coupon for hunch

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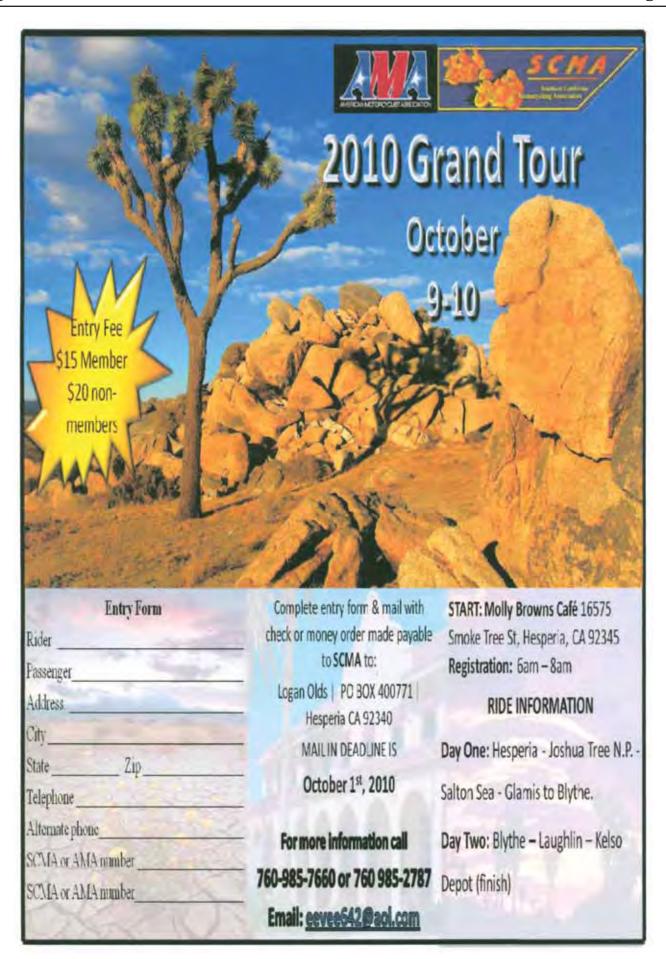


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Portion of profits donated to Harbor Interfaith Shelter for homeless families



# ENGLISH — THIS MIGHT BE UP YOUR ALLEY

# sent by Eleanor Stevens of Canada

THIS IS GREAT... took a lot of work to put together! You think English is easy? Read to the end . . . a new twist!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert...
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language!

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French Fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index,

2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why when the stars are out they are visible but when the lights are out they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick' ?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this...

There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP'. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report?

We call UP our friends. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver; we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car... At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP! When is rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP.

When is doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now my time is UP, so......it is time to shut UP!

Oh . . . one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night? U-P!

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