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SEPTEMBER

- 3-7 2010 Three Flags Classic Canada to Mexico Start: Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada 760-954-9054 / 951-677-3644
- 11 SCMA General Sunland Membership Meeting 9-11 am Angeles National Golf Club 9401 Foothill Blvd. 714-801-3931
- Three Flags Meeting Fullerton
 10am -noon
 Fullerton Harley Davidson
 760-240-0612 / 951-677-3644
- 18 & 19 PMC Pismo Beach Motorcycle Classic Start: Cycle Gear Newhall 781-696-3164
- 26 ✓ Wacky Wabbit Run Lomita Hog Feathers 310-325-6388



OCTOBER

- 9 & 10 SCMA Grand Tour Victorville 760-508-7819 / 714-801-3931
- 16 SCMA General Sunland Membership Meeting 9-11 am Angeles National Golf Club 9401 Foothill Blvd. 714-801-3931
- 24**V** SCMA Cemetery Run San Juan Capistrano 714-801-3931
- 31 SCMA Cemetery Run (Rain Date)

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

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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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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 — Blake Anderson 714-801-3931

FROM THE CHAIR

Here we are in the middle of summer and the last thing on our minds is what happens after this coming holiday season. But the fact is, its time to start the conversation about the what, when and who of the one-day and two-day rides that mark our annual calendar. Joe Mandeville has already stepped up to chair the 36th annual Three Flags Classic. David Johnson will be steering USA Four Corners. Logan and Cheryl Olds will take on the California Adventure Series (National Parks and California Missions for 2011). But it's the short rides that bridge the year and keep our relationships alive and our batteries charged.

If you have designed and managed SCMA rides in the past, we'd like to have you back for 2011. If you are one of our experienced ride chairs, we need your talents and hard work.

If you haven't ever put a ride together, but have a rockin' good idea, we'd like to hear from you. The veterans will certainly lend you a hand and lots of free advice. If you are looking for a new challenge, then we've got something that will provide that.

In any year there are about 6 or 7 people that put the rides together. Normally, a volunteer will take on one of the two-day rides. Sometimes a volunteer will take on a couple of the one-day rides. For starters, if you are interested, we'd like you take on a single one-day ride.

The beauty of SCMA is the large number of long-distance riders that know back roads, roadside cafes and hidden places that the rest of us haven't discovered. Having new eyes and new ideas on the team is the best way to bring fresh experiences to the 2011 calendar.

So, are you up for it? If you are, give me a call or an email. Or contact one of the other members of the board. Our dead-line for assembling the calendar is usually the first week of November so that we submit our sanction applications to AMA, arrange for insurance coverage, and avoid calendar conflicts with our associated clubs. I'd love to hear from you.

The 2010 Cemetery Tour is set for October 24. We will start in San Juan Capistrano at Bravo Burgers at 31722 Rancho Viejo just off Ortega Highway and 1/2 mile east of the I-5 Freeway. We'll visit 7 cemeteries, ending at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside. The route will take us over Ortega Highway and then through the back roads of Riverside and San Diego Counties. We'll visit historic public and mission cemeteries where the famous and not so famous are resting. It's about 150 miles of great riding. Plan for an early breakfast at Bravo Burgers with the rest of us or grab a bite at one of the great roadside joints along the way. Registration opens at 7 AM. Questions? Call Blake Anderson at (714) 801-3931.

Blake Anderson SCMA Chair

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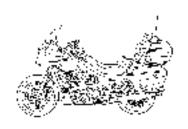
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invites you to the Charity Ride for Harbor Interfaith Shelter





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Sunday, September 26, 2010

Starts at:

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Hi All

Hope the month of August is treating everyone kindly. Been a mixed bag on the weather for the last several months hasn't it?

Well this Sunday we had the Old Pin ride, leaving out of Starbucks in Culver City again. The attendance was low 17 or 18 riders; I do not remember the exact count. The weather was not a factor in any way that I could tell. Our members need to support the days rides as much as possible in order to continue doing them. It takes just as much effort in developing a route, finding a checkpoint and manning it, having people at the start and finish for a day run as it does for the overnighters and longer runs. Let's see what we can do to get behind the SCMA E Board to make it worth their while to continue doing days rides, maybe not as many as we have been doing but keep the tried and true. A lot of the rides we do now we picked up from clubs who decided not to continue doing them anymore and consequently our plate is overflowing.

We have several large events looming before us, Three Flags Classic is coming up a few weeks from now, and I am looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the finish. I will be working it along with Kenn & Phyllis Hatke, Chuck Jones, Sally Bishop and I think Gaylord's wife might be helping out also. Next on the agenda is the PMC Pismo Beach event, September 18th. & 19th. see the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Last but not least is the MTA ride, which supports a home for battered women. I would appreciate it if you could support the event as best possible.

Question to all members, how do you feel about having the Sweetheart Run end at a very nice hotel with brunch? I have volunteered to chair the ride and I really would like to encourage all you gentlemen to bring your better halves with you so you can enjoy the day together. What I have in mind is to offer either the brunch or ride only, both will end at the hotel, probably in Anaheim, Hotel Menage, which has great food. I would offer a brunch price, which would have a cut off date in order to make reservations, price ranging from \$25.00 to \$35.00 per person in order to have an enjoyable meal. How about giving me some feedback as soon as possible. Call me at 310-387-3974, leave a message or e mail me at janstaws@verizon.net, I would appreciate it very much. For all I know there may be absolutely no interest in the brunch at all but it will help if I know so I can reserve space far enough ahead of time. Hoping to hear from you.

October brings the Grand Tour and Cemetery Run, both flyers in this newsletter. Check them out.

That's it for now; keep the rubber side down, the sunny side up.

Your Editor, Jan Staws



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 CA Pasadena Motorcycle Club is Organizing the Group Ride from Southern CA

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GRAND TOUR

This year's Grand Tour will begin by one of the busiest railroads on the west coast in a favorite local restaurant called Molly Browns Café. Once registered and well fed riders will head east on Hwy 247 past Old Woman Springs and in to Joshua Tree. From there the path will wind through Joshua Tree National Park and you will see beautiful rock, joshua trees, cholla cactus and ocotillo. The road will start in the North West corner and exit on the southern boundary.

Next up will be Imperial Valley as you learn the back way to Mecca and emerge from a desert canyon in to a verdant agricultural landscape. As you head south on Hwy 111 be sure to enjoy the stark contrast of the Salton Sea on your right and the dry desert. Once you reach Brawley the route now curves to the north East on Hwy 78 past the Chocolate Mountains. Be careful around Glamis!

The first night is spent at that would be desert oasis on the Colorado River, Blythe California. Day two will find you heading north on old State Hwy 1 towards Lake Havasu by way of Parker Arizona. Then the Needles Highway to Laughlin Nevada for lunch and your chance to win enough money to buy another motorcycle for the living room since your garage is full. After lunch head up to Davis dam and see what is left of Lake Mohave.

If you are still hungry once you head North West to Nipton you can stop and order a cheeseburger from the owner while he sits and watches TV in his recliner. I make it a point to also stop in the store they have a great selection of artifacts and books on local history. From there you will head south to Cima and if you like out of the way post offices this is the place for you. Once you mail your postcard head south to the recently restored Kelso Depot, it is fantastic. Make sure you sign the guest book so I know you made it and please buy something from the old time soda fountain. They need our support. The Depot has great bathrooms, wonderful displays, a theatre and if we are lucky the basement will have a local art display.

SCMA IS FEATURED CLUB

Here's some help from the International Motorcycle Shows folks. I met them in Irvine (near their national office) on July 28 to discuss the idea of having SCMA lead an effort to have a local clubs booth at the Long Beach Show December 17-19. All of us (SCMA, PMC, AVT, BMW clubs, Goldwing Clubs, Harley Davidson clubs) could be there with promotional materials, 2011 calendars and a story to tell. International Motorcycle Shows appeared to be open to the idea. They will talk about the idea, regroup, and get back to me. In the event something does work out SCMA and its associated clubs will need to get our heads together and work out the details

See the note in Kurt's last two paragraphs about a photo shoot coming up this Sunday morning.

Blake Anderson

From: Kurt Whittington

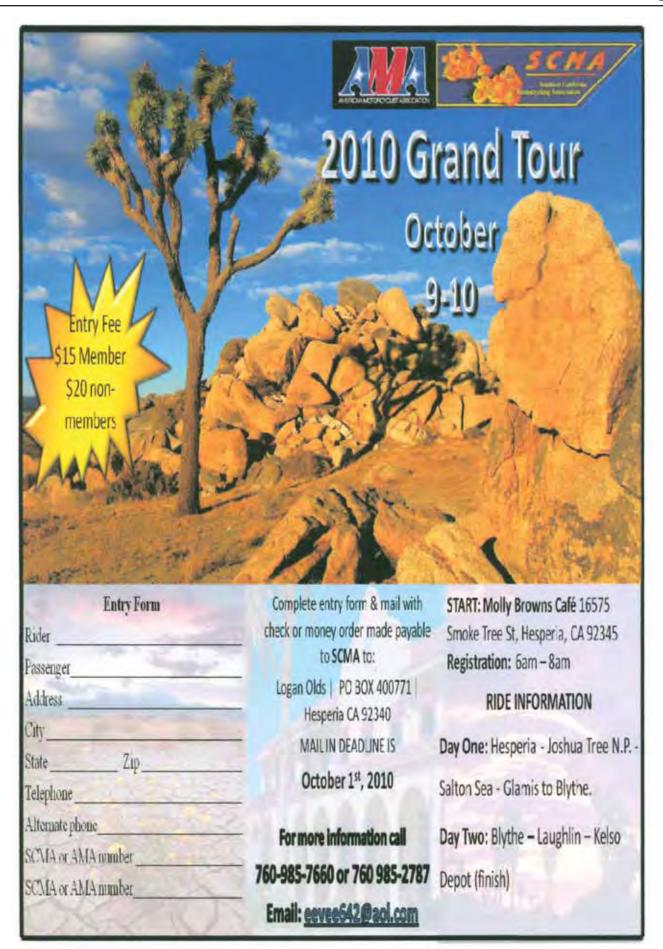
Hey Blake, for our next e-newsletter that's going out I featured SCMA as our club of the month. I just highlighted the three major rides the club promotes and pointed out that the Three Flags Classic was coming up. You can see the article, here.

Something else you and other Orange County members might be interested in is next Sunday, the 22nd, we're getting people together to ride over Ortega Highway and do a big group photo shoot for our national dealer campaign. We want to get all types of bikes and riders out there. We're looking to use these photos in our posters and counter displays we send to dealerships as well as maybe on show site in banners as well.

Here's where you can see the article with more details. www.motorcycleshcominows.com/photoshoot. Could you push this info out to other SCMA members?

Thanks.

Kurt Whittington Advanstar Communications Marketing & Promotions International Motorcycle Shows / Sportbikeclub.com kwhittington@advanstar.com



Moman's View by: MAGGIE HUBBARD

November 29th

Boy am I down to the wire on this one. The Newsletter deadline is tomorrow. Hey, it's close to the Holidays, I've been busy, what can I say!

The Turkey Run was a success. If you missed it -SHAME ON YOU! Ron and I were to meet other Shamrocks at 7am at the IHOP off Lyons Avenue. We arrived early so had breakfast and waited. RAY JOINER arrived but he only came for coffee. Then our two newest (hopefully members) arrived from Ventura. They ate and we were off for Taft.

We had seven other members that were already in Taft so we had a good turnout. Ron is really working hard to build up our club again. He never gives up!

We arrived at the Clubhouse without any roadside chats this time, so the day was looking good. Lots of bikes and friendly faces greeted us and BILL WOOD was trying hard to keep it together.

This ride was particularly difficult for Bill without Shirley, as this was her baby. Shirley always worked hard on all rides she was involved in, but this was her favorite. O.K., I got us signed in while Ron B.S.'d and then our group mounted up - Ron, Me, Joanne, Linda and George. Joanne thought she was so smart and was not going to have difficulty getting out on the road,



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so she parked along the side of the road pointed south?? Well! They fooled her, ha, ha!! This time we were taking off in the other direction. She is so funny!

This year's route was through the money fields on twisty loop de do roads. At 69.6 miles we were on Butterwater Road, so you know we had nice roads.

We made our first stop at a MacDonald's to use their pottys and there was a big truck selling BIG, STUFFED ANIMALS (Paso Robles Hwy.) NO! NO! NO! YOU DO NOT HAVE ROOM, I was told. Ziggy offered to carry one as a passenger but I let Ron have his way and we rode on.

Our next turn was Main Drain Road for 16 miles to Corn Camp Road. Guess that's better than Corn Cob. huh! Then onto SR 58 until we wound around back to the Clubhouse for chow . Tri-Tip, Cole Slaw, and Beans -- sure was good!!

The ride was good, the company fun and two huge boxes of toys were collected; they also received cash donations. There were over 100 sign-ins, so they were very pleased.

The Shamrocks got the largest S.C.M.A. Club! Way-Do-Go!!!

The rides are over for this year but not the meetings. (I'm beginning to hate that word.) Our club is busy working on next year's rides as are other clubs.

Oh yes, Ron's happy because I'm finished shopping until next year. Yup! I'm all ready for Christmas and our lights are up and the decorations complete. Ron was on our roof tending to our pigeon problems. He could get a job as a roofer - he walks on it real good now on two legs - not all fours! What a sight he was! I watched between my fingers, with everything crossed.

Well, I hope you all had (I say HAD because by the time you read this you'll all be partied out and saying "Bah, Humbug") a very Happy Holiday Season and that the man with the big belly and red jacket was good to you.

We already have cause to celebrate because SHANE DONAVON McDONNELL arrived 5 weeks early and is now doing well. I hope our family doesn't grow too much bigger, but I know it will.

One more thing to say before I sign off. Were you impressed with our December Newsletter - or what! Jan did a super job, we think, and it had color to it. This position is not easy, that's why I didn't want it and Jan's doing very good. BUT! SHE NEEDS ARTICLES - ANY-THING (well almost anything!). It's kind of hard when there are no rides but HEY, you have to be doing something exciting.

P.S.: Don't forget THE FOUR CORNERS BANQUET. We are going to have a super speaker and slide show. (You don't have to be a finisher to attend.)

Well, HO! HO! HO! Have a Merry, Merry SAFE Holiday. See ya in '96



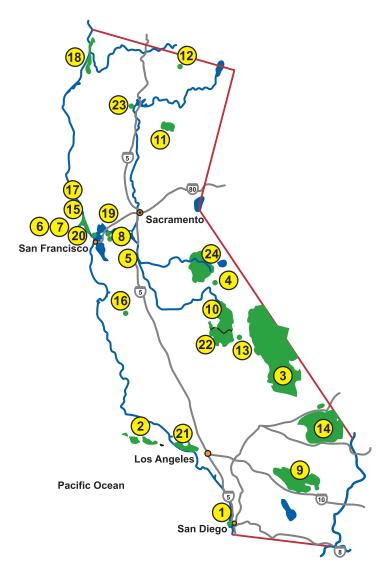
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AMA Grand Tour Event — A Year Long Event —



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.
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- 5. Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site Danville, CA
- 6. Fort Point National Historic Site Presidio of San Francisco, CA
- 7. 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

MEM BERSHIP REPORT JULY/AUGUST 2010

INCOME:

NEW MEMBERS:

REGULAR: 11 @\$25.00 \$ 275.00

NEWSLETTER: 5 @\$45.00 \$ 225.00

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REGULAR: 35 @\$25.00 \$ 875.00

NEWSLETTER: 19 @\$45/00 \$ 855.00

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Turkey Run 2010

Sunday, November 14

Hi/Lo Hand Poker Run



Fullerton Harley Davidson

Sign-in time 8-10 a.m. Coffee & donuts at the start.

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ABATE OF FLORIDA RECEIVES STATE FUNDING FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

As Florida Governor Charlie Crist signed the 2010-2011 Florida Budget (HB 5001) into law on May 28, ABATE of Florida will receive a quarter of a million dollars specifically to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

"The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles recognized ABATE of Florida for our continuing work attempting to make the roadways of Florida safer for all motorcyclists," said James "Doc" Reichenbach II, President of ABATE of Florida, Inc., and Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors in a prepared statement.

The exact wording from the state budget's "CONTRACTED SERVICES FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY OPERATING TRUST FUND" reads; "From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2735, nonrecurring funds in the amount of \$250,000 are for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and educational campaigns. These funds are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc."

This is not the first time that ABATE of Florida has received state funding from the DHSMV. Over the last few years, the state government has recognized ABATE's valuable Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP) for saving lives of motorcyclists statewide. ABATE's MSAP program has been presented to local civic groups, schools and public events by 32 ABATE chapters statewide, and an independent audit is provided to ensure that the funds are utilized to enhance motorcycle safety education.

SURVEY REVEALS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PRACTICES

Consumer Report's latest survey reveals the safety habits of motorcycle and scooter owners across the U.S.

A little over half of more than 1,300 respondents said they had taken a formal riding instruction course.

Nearly 1 in 4 said they don't always wear a helmet when they ride.

Half of the respondents reported regularly wearing protective boots, and less than half said they regularly wear gloves.

About 25% said they always wear a leather, or other protective jacket when riding.

Fewer than 10% always wear protective pants or clothing in high-visibility colors.

Three out of five riders admitted to riding in a short-sleeved shirt, and about a quarter said they rode in shorts.

MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS CHALLENGED

Since 2007, the New York State Police, along with other county and local police departments, have been conducting motorcycle-only police checkpoints on the roadways of New York State, often targeting major motorcycle events. Authorities claim that the purpose of these stops, at which they issue numerous tickets for helmet and exhaust pipe violations, is to advance motorcycle safety.

"Being a motorcycle rider myself, as well as the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney for New York State, I was asked by ABATE of New York to contest this infringement on the rights of motorcyclists," said Mitch Proner, who then advised the State Police and municipal authorities of his intent to file suit on behalf of ABATE and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists if the discriminatory roadblocks continued.

"My letter was ignored and consequently, with the help of then-President of ABATE, Robert "Prospector" Boellner, I found class representatives to bring my action against the New York State Police as well as the other municipal agencies and elected officials participating in these stops," explains Proner.

In the first lawsuit of its kind in the United States, the NYC law firm of Proner and Proner is challenging the constitutionality of this unwarranted police action on First, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment grounds in the Federal Court for Northern District of New York.

"The United States Supreme Court has long recognized that when a motorist is stopped on the roadway, there is a 'seizure' under the Constitution," Proner notes, adding that "Whether or not this 'seizure' is unconstitutional depends

on whether or not objective facts indicate that society's legitimate interests warrant the seizure and the degree to which it intrudes on the individual's personal liberties."

Although the lawsuit is still in the discovery stages, internal memorandum which police have been forced to disclose as result of the lawsuit indicate that members of the NYS gang unit are assigned to work the checkpoints and Proner thinks the Court will agree that the stops are designed primarily for law enforcement purposes as opposed to public safety purposes. "Rather than promoting any legitimate public safety concern, the checkpoints are intended to harass and intimidate motorcyclists attempting to attend motorcycle events thereby depriving them of their First Amendment right to freedom of assembly as well as their Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process, equal protection and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures" he concludes.

WEIRD NEWS: WOMAN FINED FOR "NOT HAVING A CLEAR FIELD OF VISION"

A woman driver wearing an Islamic face veil was ticketed by French traffic police for not having a clear field of vision. The 31-year-old French citizen was fined euro22 (\$29) in early April based on a rule that says drivers should have freedom of movement and a sufficient field of vision, her lawyer Jean-Michel Pollono said.

Pollono told reporters that he is protesting the decision, saying a veil is no different from a motorcycle helmet in terms of hindrance to vision; "If the veil is forbidden behind the wheel...then full helmets for motorcyclists should be banned, because you can't see on the sides."

Following months of parliamentary discussion and government talk about banning veils in public, the case has escalated in the media spotlight. The woman's husband has since been accused of polygamy and fraudulently benefiting from state financial aid for single parents paid to each of his four wives — all of whom wear veils.

Therefore, on Tuesday, June 15, The Law Offices of Tom McGrath filed suit on behalf of several plaintiffs including ABATE of South Carolina, asking the 15th Judicial Circuit Court to find the muffler ordinance to be unconstitutional and therefore invalid. A successful challenge could affect other cities enacting noise laws and exhaust requirements that are not in accordance with existing state statutes.

U.S. DEFENDERS ASK JUDGE TO SEND MANSLAUGHTER CASE TO TRIAL

A state district judge in Texas has rejected a plea bargain that would have placed a blind woman on deferred probation in the traffic death of motorcyclist. Judge Ralph Strother of Waco's 19th State District Court refused to accept the plea deal in a felony manslaughter case that involves a vision-impaired 39-year-old who was driving without a license and was cited at least twice before for the same offense.

The U.S. Defenders, a politically-active arm of the Confederation of Clubs, conducted a "Call to Action" and Judge Strother's office was inundated with 1,200 letters from motorcycle enthusiasts who urged him not to accept the prosecutor's recommended plea deal.

Trena Evette Mitchell, who is legally blind and had four children in her car when she turned in front of Richard Craig Schroeder's motorcycle last December as he was returning from a toy run, withdrew her guilty plea and her case is now set to go to trial in mid-August.

Mitchell had been scheduled for sentencing in late July, but the judge moved up her case after more than a thousand motorcyclists said they would ride to the courthouse to show support for Schroeder, known as "Hat Trick" to his biker friends.

"Last year we worked with the legislature to net a minimum fine for those who injure or kill an innocent party by encroaching on their right of way," said Sputnik, State Chair for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA-2) and Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF). "We did not receive a single no vote in the House or Senate on SB 1967. Unfortunately we did not take into consideration a Plea Bargain where they could be given adjudication and end up not being found guilty. It is apparent that we shall have to return to the bill's sponsor Senator Carona and reconstruct SB 1967 during the upcoming session to make allowances for such an occurrence."

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