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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ Marks Travelers Events

MARCH

- 5 Three Flags Meeting Fullerton
10 am Fullerton Harley Davidson
- 5 SCBMWRC Meeting Dana Point
- 6✓ PMC Poker Run
- 6 BMWCOSC Day Ride Lompoc
La Purisima Mission
- 12 & 13✓ Shamrock Roadriders
St. Patrick's Day Run
(Traveler's Award - 1st day only)
- 19 SCMA General Sunland
Membership Meeting 9-11 am
Angeles National Golf Club
9401 Foothill Blvd.
818-951-8771
- 19-20 BMWCOSC Morro Bay Ride
- 19-20 SCBMWRC Primm, NV Ride
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- 15-17 SCBMWRC Ride El Capitan
- 16-17 BMWCOSC Ride Kernville



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BMWCOSEC	BMW Club of Southern California BMWCOSEC Website.webloc
MTA	Motorcycle Touring Association (Calif. Ch. 3) MTA Website.webloc
PMC	Pasadena Motorcycle Club PMC Website.webloc
SCBMWRC	South Coast BMW Riders Club SCBMWRC Website.webloc
SCMA	Southern California Motorcyclists Assn. SCMA Website.webloc
Shamrocks	Shamrock Road Riders Shamrock Website.webloc

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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

A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

If you haven't done so for a while, take a cruise through the website and look at all the items we have added during the last eight months. There are resources and links that you may find useful. Everything is on the front page and it's gotten long. You have to scroll down to see all that's there. Let me highlight a few of the more important features

The red banner lines in the upper left hand corner have been there for years. The SCMA membership application is there. So is a listing of membership benefits.

The calendar of events is there too. Click on it and you'll see that we now have a comprehensive listings of all SCMA events for 2011 plus all of the events of our affiliated clubs. The links to the affiliated clubs are at the bottom of the calendar of events as well as under the affiliated clubs banner line.

A fairly new red banner is "forum". Its for general use of SCMA members as well as the members of the affiliated club officers and volunteers. It's a place you can use to announce details of a ride or to ask questions.

Next on the front page is "Front Page Announcements and Bulletins". It's the place to find the latest SCMA news. Check it often. You'll see an announcement for an online store. It's evolving right now. Eventually you will be able to buy tickets to all events and SCMA merchandise.

Next on the front page is "Next Scheduled Events". It lists rides and special events. Many are linked to additional information.

Scroll down a bit to find "Links to Our Major Events". That's where you can find the links to Three Flags, USA Four Corners, the California Adventures and the Triple Crown Banquet.

Next on the page is "Newsletters Now On-line". The current issue and over three years of back issues are there.

And finally, scroll down to "Our Fine Print and Forms". That's where we are putting all of the standard SCMA stuff that you can download and print for your use. Policy stuff is there. Ride chairs will find blank forms.

We are going to update the website—I'm not sure when. If you have any ideas or complaints about the website, let me know.

Blake Anderson, SCMA Chairman
(714) 801-3931
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Reminder...

Just a reminder to everyone that for 2011, no SCMA one-day or two-day event is AMA-sanctioned. The Sweetheart Ride is incorrectly shown as AMA sanctioned. An understandable oversight, for sure, but we ought to correct it where we can and think about this change in how we are doing business when the other flyers are created later this year.

Shamrock Road Riders

Presents
March

12 -13

Two day Ride

Saint Patrick's Day

Ride On the Central Coast



AMA

Sanctioned



&

SCMA

Event



Travelers Award Event
All Motorcycles Welcome

START 07:00 am - 08:00 am

The Grinder Restauraunt
Moorpark Los Angles Ave &
Moorpark Ave

Entry Fee
\$ 20.00

For information **661-298-0000 805-990-3849**

Shamrock Road Riders



Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

Shamrock Road Riders
C/O Dave Hawker
42706 20th St. West
Landcaster, CA 93534

Motel 6 Atascadero Check point end of day one / Shamrock 4 room-rate



EDITOR'S CORNER

Hi All,

First off thank you to everyone who supported the Sweetheart Ride. We had 31 riders and a great place to start and finish at. Santa Clarita Motor Sports could not have been any nicer and the meal they provided was enjoyed by all, at least I think it was. Nothing like homemade hamburgers, with all the fixings and potato salad to boot. The ride was about 143 miles long, a big thank you to Doug Hoffelt for laying it out for me and Chuck Jones for doing the pre-ride. All I had to do was get the bar-b-que there and do the cooking. Sally Bishop was a great help and a lot of company while we waiting for the riders to return for lunch.

If the opportunity presents itself you should take yourself over to Santa Clarita Motor Sports and check out some of the great prices and great bikes they have for sale. They will be moving into their new digs sometime in March, they hope. Thank you Al and your family for a great day.

I am looking forward to the Dog Days of Summer "Family Picnic" ride. As it stands right now if you wish to go on a ride it will leave from the park we are holding the event at. A park has not been chosen yet but I have recommended Studebaker Park off the 605 freeway. Nice big park with lots of room to spread out. I hope that you all make plans to attend and Please, Please bring the kids, the grandkids, aunts, uncles, any and all family members. Lets show them how motorcycle riders have a good time, eating, playing games (yes there will be games, which ones and how many I don't know yet but I am open to suggestions and help in any way.) We will be serving hot dogs (1/4lb, all beef) and hamburgers with all the fixings. I have volunteered to do the cooking and hope I have a lot of cooking to do. Make plans to be there.

We have the Triple Crown Banquet this weekend and once again we are fortunate enough to have eight finishers. Wow, what a challenge this event is. California Park Adventures, Four Corners Tour and Three Flags Classic all in one calendar year. Oh my aching (you know what)!!! This is the third year for this challenge and I hope that next years brings as many finishers or more. The economy has really hurt a lot of people and has affected riding also. This is not a cheap adventure to take on.

Well, look forward to seeing you all soon, keep the rubber side down and the sunny side up.

Jan Staws

Editorial Submissions

Please adhere to the following guidelines when submitting editorial content for the SCMA Newsletter:

Articles/Text — Submit as a Word Document after making necessary changes using Spell Check.

Photos/Artwork — Submit as jpeg files. Images will be printed at 300 dpi.

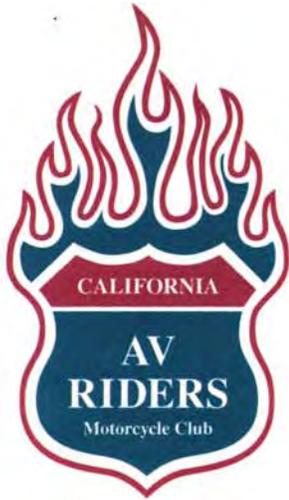
Flyers — Submit in PDF format. Make sure all fonts and images are collected and not corrupt. Images should be flattened.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first testicular guard, the "Cup", was used in Hockey in 1874 and the first helmet was used in 1974.

That means it only took 100 years for men to realize that their brain is also important.





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BENEFITING

BY



www.bags4kids.org

**BLUE
MOUNTAIN
TRIBE**

April 2nd, 2011

Presented by

**Antelope Valley Riders along with
Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson
With Live Music by Blue Mountain Tribe**

- Coffee and doughnuts at the start
- Lunch provided at the finish
- 50/50 and prize raffles
- Awards for high hand and low hand
- Race Tech suspension clinic



This is an SCMA Travelers Award Event



Entry Fee:
 \$25.00 PER RIDER
 \$1.00 AMA DISCOUNT
 \$1.00 SCMA DISCOUNT
 \$1.00 MAIL IN DISCOUNT
 \$15.00 PER PASSENGER
 (NO PASSENGER DISCOUNTS)

Starting Point:
 Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson
 1759 W Ave J-12
 Lancaster, CA 93534



Registration open from 8:30 to 10:30 am

For more information contact:
 Doug 661-435-8949
 Pre-Registration (mail by March 23th)
 Make check payable to: Antelope Valley Riders
 Mail to: Antelope Valley Riders, 3434 Satin Court,
 Palmdale, CA 93551



Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

AMA# _____

City _____

SCMA# _____

HANDBOOK FOR LIFE

Submitted by Gregg Thompson

HEALTH

1. Drink plenty of water.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
4. Live with the 3 E's — Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy.
5. Make time to meditate.
6. (Breathe)
7. Read more books than you did in 2009.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily. And while you walk, smile.

PERSONALITY

11. Comparing our lives to others is fruitless. We have no idea what their journey is about.
12. Replace negative thoughts with positive ones especially about things out of our control. Invest energy in the positive present moment.
13. Try not to over do. Understand limits.
14. Why take ourselves so seriously. No one else does.
15. Gossip drains precious energy.
16. Dream more while we are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. We already have all we need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Let go of our partners mistakes of the past. Focus on our present/future happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
20. Make peace with our past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of our happiness except us.
22. Realize that life is a school and we are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons we learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. We don't have to win arguments. It's ok to agree to disagree.

SOCIETY

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything.
28. Spend time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is insignificant compared to what you think of yourself.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends & family will. Stay in touch.

LIFE

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. (Higher powers) heal everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
36. No matter how we feel, get up, dress up, and show up.
37. The best is yet to come.
38. When we awake alive in the morning, be thankful.
39. Our Inner most is always happy. Release your "Inner Happy" on the world every day!

The 2011

BLAZING SADDLES

TOUR

May 28 & 29

Sign-In: 7-8 a.m.

Start: **Bravo Burgers**
31722 Rancho Viejo Rd.
San Juan Capistrano, CA
949-487-2728



Saturday Overnight

Pahrump, NV

Sunday Finish

San Juan Bautista, CA

Price

Includes all discounts

SCMA Members \$15

Non-SCMA Members \$20

For Information Call:

661-298-0000 or 805-659-1956



Mail-in entry deadline: May 15, 2011

Make checks payable to: SCMA

Mail entries to: Dennis Even
28051 Magic Mountain Lane
Canyon Country, CA 91387



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

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The California Adventures: National Parks Tour & Mission Tour

How to Join the Fun!

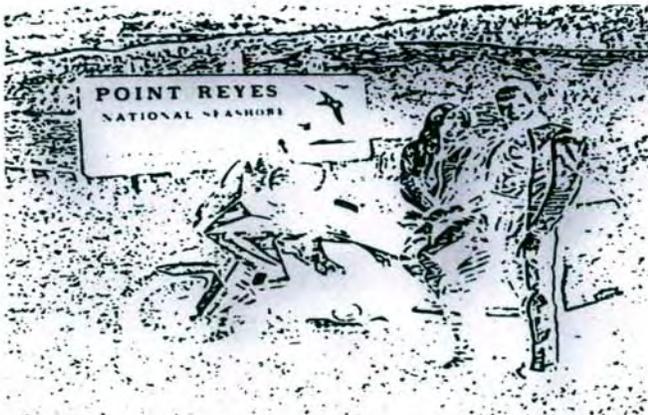
1. Go to the website:
www.CaliforniaAdventures.org
2. You must be an SCMA member to participate, you will need to join before leaving on the tour.
3. Return the Release Form signed by yourself and a witness.
4. Return the Registration form and a Check or Money Order (NO CASH!!!) in the amount of US \$50.00 made out to:

SCMA CA Adventures
CA National Parks Tour

Mail to:

Logan & Cheryl Olds
SCMA CA Adventures
P.O. Box 400771
Hesperia, CA 92340

Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery of your passport.



? QUESTIONS ?

EMAIL :

Chairman@CaliforniaAdventures.org





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California Adventures

Registration Form for California Adventures Tours

Charter Name : SCMA, Location California, USA

AMA Sanction # R0095

YOU MUST BE AN SCMA MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE. If you are not a member please complete the membership form on the back page, questions contact Sally Bishop 562-408-1330.

Rider Name (Print) _____

Passenger (Print) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Tour you will Participate in _____

Motorcycle License Plate # _____

Year/Make _____ Model /CC _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

SCMA# _____

Send US \$50.00 check or money order to:

Logan & Cheryl Olds

SCMA CA Adventures

P.O. Box 400771

Hesperia CA 92340



California National Parks Tour

Rules

- With each park visit, stamp your passport with that park's 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 center, or some landmark that is unique to that park.
- All 24 National Parks in California must be visited between January 1st and December 15th of the calendar year.
- All participants will receive a SCMA Parks Pin and an AMA Grand Tour Pin. Finishers will receive a finisher's plaque.
- Plaque and Pin will be distributed at the SCMA Triple Crown Award Banquet in February of the following year. If you cannot attend the items will be mailed to you after the Triple Crown Award Banquet.
- Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:

Logan & Cheryl Olds
SCMA CA Adventures
PO Box 400771
Hesperia, CA 92340

- For more information, please visit our website at: www.sc-ma.com
OR www.californiaadventures.org
- Or email us at: Chairman@californiaadventures.org



Mission Tour Rules

- Be sure to take a photograph of you or your motorcycle in front of one of the following: the entrance, the visitor center, or some landmark that is unique to that mission.
- All 21 Missions in California must be visited between January 1st and December 15th of the calendar year.
- All participants will receive a SCMA Mission Pin and an AMA Grand Tour Pin. Finishers will receive a finisher's plaque.
- Plaque and Pin will be distributed at the SCMA Triple Crown Award Banquet in February of the following year. If you cannot attend the items will be mailed to you after the Triple Crown Award Banquet.
- Return the completed passport postmarked no later than December 15th to:
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 - SCMA CA Adventures
 - PO Box 400771
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- For more information, please visit our website at: www.sc-ma.com OR www.californiaadventures.org
- Or email us at: Chairman@californiaadventures.org



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California Adventures Release and Waiver of Liability Form

A signed Release and Indemnity Form with **red background showing** must be received prior to your departure and remain in effect until you return from the Tour in order to be considered an eligible participant of this event.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (R)

CHARTER NAME, LOCATION, AND SANCTION #	EVENT DATE (S)
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IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in the EVENT(S) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA (defined as any area requiring special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited), EACH OF THE UNDERSIGNED, for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledges, agrees, and represents that he have or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS which he enters, and he further agrees and warrants that, if at any time, he is in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and he feels anything to be unsafe, he will immediately advise the officials of such and if necessary will leave the RESTRICTED AREAS and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENT(S).
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3. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and their insurance carrier, and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST they may incur arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
4. HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENT(S) whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
5. HEREBY acknowledges that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENT(S) ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each of THE UNDERSIGNED, also expressly acknowledges that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I OR ANYONE ON MY BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST THE "RELEASEES" NAMED ABOVE, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES AND THEIR INSURANCE CARRIER, AND EACH OF THEM FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEYS' FEES, LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COSTS THEY MAY INCUR DUE TO THE CLAIM MADE AGAINST ANY OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED ABOVE, WHETHER THE CLAIM IS BASED ON THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEE OR OTHERWISE.
7. Herby agree that in the event that I sustain any injury while in any Restricted Areas that any rescue personnel or medical personnel may release such medical information about my condition to representatives of the promoter, sanctioning organization, track operator, or track owner, as necessary to allow such individuals to properly report that information to appropriate representatives of the sanctioning organization and/or insurance carriers.
8. HEREBY agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province or State in which the Event(s) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

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Southern California Motorcycle Association

General Membership Meeting

Angeles National Golf Course

January 8, 2011

Minutes

- At 09:15 Blake Anderson opened the general membership meeting, welcomed our guests and had them introduce themselves.
- In Attendance: Sally Bishop, Mark P. Antelope Valley Riders, Bill Schmitt PMC, Vernon Lucero, Peter Petgold BMWOSC, Joe Mandeville Ref/SCMA, Dan Burt SCBMWRC, Perry Burch, Blake Anderson, Gaylord "Huey" Ward, Dannie Fox, Dennis Even Shamrock Road Riders.
- Recording Secretary, Dennis Even, Presented the November minutes for approval. A correction was noted by Sally Bishop regarding the 50/50 drawing in October. She was awarded \$15 not \$30, as reported. "Huey" Ward stated the Three Flags Classic 2010 accounting closed January 4, 2011 and not November 26, 2010, as reported. Corrections noted and the minutes of November 13, 2010 were approved.

Officer Reports and Standing Reports

- Vice Chair's Report – Gaylord "Huey" Ward reported on the Long Beach International Motorcycle Show & our "Club Corner" booth. The meet & greet went well with lots of interest and contacts made. The tri-fold flyers of SCMA info worked well. Also, club flyers of upcoming rides were presented to the attendees. Leftover tri-fold flyers were made available to clubs and members for distribution at cycle dealers. Dannie, "Huey" and David J took some for distribution.

- Treasurer's Report – David Johnson gave the balance of the SCMA accounts:

1. 3FC 2010	\$9,836
2. 4corners	\$ 405
3. Calf Park A	\$ 000
4. Calf Adventure	\$ 734
5. 3FC2011	\$31,320
6. General	\$ 2,028
7. Savings	\$27,360
TOTAL	\$71,705

- Dave Johnson informed the membership that tickets are now available on line at the SCMA Store. Dave also sent an e-mail announcement to riders advertising that the event has brought us to the digital age. The chairman, Blake Anderson, asked for a format review of the monthly treasurer's report and offered a form used in 1995 for consideration.

- Membership Chair's Report – Sally Bishop advised the membership of 8 new members, 14 renewed memberships, and 4 club memberships submitted this month.

- Risk Manager's Report – Joe Mandeville spoke of the new agent, Jones Brown Limited Motorsports out of Las Vegas, Nevada. The new coverage, as of December 29, 2010, will remain the same with a savings of \$600.

- Newsletter Report not available - Sally Bishop has made changes to correct errors in the inside cover regarding the club's representatives & reach numbers.

- Club Legislative Officer Report – Ken Baumgarth will be unable to continue this work for the SCMA and the board is looking for a replacement.

Associated Club Reports

- Antelope Valley Riders - Mark brought flyers for the April 2 Bags for Kids Ride Benefit, starting from Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson.
- BMWOSC – Peter Petgold submitted the Park N Ride Rally November 29 to the SCMA Calendar and other club rides. The conflict in two rides on the same weekend was a topic of discussion between members. The topic was referred to the E Board for a ruling.
- PMC – Bill Schmitt offered a flyer for the Poker Run March 6 ride from Colorado Blvd, Pasadena.
- SCBMWRC – Dan Burt spoke of the February 18 Tombstone, AZ Ride and the 7 Sierra Passes Ride in July. Dan thanked SCMA for our support and when prompted he described the Big Bear Rally in October.
- Shamrock Road Riders – Dennis Even presented the flyer for the March 12-13 St. Patrick's Day Ride from Moorpark to Atascadero and back to Santa Clarita.

SCMA Ride and Activity Report

- SCMA Four Corners – David Johnson has 28 riders for the 2011 calendar.
- Three Flags Classic 2010 – Gaylord Ward had closed the books on the event and will have per rider cost report soon.
- Three Flags Classic 2011- Joe Mandeville has 120 entries as of today, but it is early yet. The IBA riders are required to draw a riding entry before applying for the \$100 Border To Border entry. January 15 is the next committee meeting to prepare for the draw. January 20 is the date for the drawing at Fullerton Harley – Davidson.

- Travelers Award – Dannie Fox extends an invitation to attend the Triple Crown Award Banquet for all to congratulate the 10 finishers of 2010 Traveler’s Award. The 2011 Travelers Award will OPEN with the Soup Run January 9, with 12 events and one to use as a make-up.
- California Parks Adventure – Logan & Cheryl Olds no report.
- California Mission Tour – Logan & Cheryl Olds no report.
- Soup Run, January 9 - “Huey” Ward invites all to come for the ride and experience Cincinnati Chili. Soup cans collected will go to aid a charity.
- Sweetheart Run, February 13 – Check the web site for information. Start will be at Santa Clarita Motorsport and finish there with lunch.
- Triple Crown Banquet, February 19 – Location: Radisson, Ontario, CA. The time is 03:00 PM through 08:00 PM. Check the web site.
- Blazing Saddles, May 28-30 – Dennis Even & Dannie Fox will lead the ride from San Juan Capistrano to San Juan Bautista with the overnight stay at Pahrump, Nevada.
- Dog Days of Summer Ride & Picnic, June 12 - Ride chair needed! Jan Staws organizing the picnic and looking for route help!

Adjourn Meeting 10:55 am until February 12, at 09:00 am

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88 IMPORTANT TRUTHS I'VE LEARNED ABOUT LIFE

Submitted by Gregg Thompson

Everyone gets drilled with certain lessons in life. Sometimes it takes repeated demonstrations of a given law of life to really get it into your skull, and other times one powerful experience drives the point home once forever. Here are 88 things I've discovered about life, the world, and its inhabitants by this point in my short time on earth.

1. You can't change other people, and it's rude to try.
2. It is a hundred times more difficult to burn calories than to refrain from consuming them in the first place.
3. If you're talking to someone you don't know well, you may be talking to someone who knows way more about whatever you're talking about than you do.
4. The cheapest and most expensive models are usually both bad deals.
5. Everyone likes somebody who gets to the point quickly.
6. Bad moods will come and go your whole life, and trying to force them away makes them run deeper and last longer.
7. Children are remarkably honest creatures until we teach them not to be.
8. If everyone in the TV show you're watching is good-looking, it's not worth watching.
9. Yelling always makes things worse.
10. Whenever you're worried about what others will think of you, you're really just worried about what you'll think of you.
11. Every problem you have is your responsibility, regardless of who caused it.
12. You never have to deal with more than one moment at a time.
13. If you never doubt your beliefs, then you're wrong a lot.
14. Managing one's wants is the most powerful skill a person can learn.
15. Nobody has it all figured out.
16. Cynicism is far too easy to be useful.
17. Every passing face on the street represents a story every bit as compelling and complicated as yours.
18. Whenever you hate something, it hates you back: people, situations and inanimate objects alike.
19. Ralph Waldo Emerson's works alone can teach you everything you need to know about living with grace and happiness.
20. People embellish everything, as a rule.
21. Anger reveals weakness of character, violence even moreso.
22. Humans cannot destroy the planet, but we can destroy its capacity to keep us alive. And we are.
23. When people are uncomfortable with the present moment, they fidget with their hands or their minds. Watch and see.
24. Those who complain the most, accomplish the least.
25. Putting something off makes it instantly harder and scarier.
26. Credit card debt devours souls.
27. Nobody knows more than a minuscule fraction of what's going on in the world. It's just way too big for any one person to know it well.
28. Most of what we see is only what we think about what we see.
29. A person who is unafraid to present a candid version of herself to the world is as rare as diamonds.
30. The most common addiction in the world is the draw of comfort. It wrecks dreams and breaks people.
31. If what you're doing feels perfectly safe, there is probably a better course of action.
32. The greatest innovation in the history of humankind is language.
33. Blame is the favorite pastime of those who dislike responsibility.
34. Everyone you meet is better than you at something.
35. Proof is nothing but a collection of opinions that match your own.
36. Knowledge is belief, nothing more.

37. Indulging your desires is not self-love.
38. What makes human beings different from animals is that animals can be themselves with ease.
39. Self-examination is the only path out of misery.
40. Whoever you are, you will die. To know and understand that means you are alive.
41. Revenge is for the petty and irresponsible.
42. Getting truly organized can vastly improve anyone's life.
43. Almost every cliché contains a truth so profound that people have been compelled to repeat it until it makes you roll your eyes. But the wisdom is still in there.
44. People cause suffering when they are suffering themselves. Alleviating their suffering will help them not hurt others.
45. High quality is worth any quantity, in possessions, friends and experiences.
46. The world would be a better place if everyone read National Geographic.
47. If you aren't happy single, you won't be happy in a relationship.
48. Even if it costs no money, nothing is free if it takes time.
49. Emotions exist to make us strongly biased towards or against something. This hinders as often as it helps.
50. Addiction is a much greater problem in society than it's made out to be. It's present in every person in various forms, but usually we call it something else.
51. "Gut feeling" is not just a euphemism. Tension in the abdomen speaks volumes about how you truly feel about something, beyond all arguments and rationales.
52. Posture and dress change profoundly how you feel about yourself and how others feel about you, like it or not.
53. Everyone thinks they're an above average driver.
54. The urge to punish others has much more to do with venting frustration than correcting behavior.
55. By default, people think far too much.
56. If anything is worth splurging on, it's a high-quality mattress. You'll spend a third of your life using it.
57. There is nothing worse than having no friends.
58. To write a person off as worthless is an act of great violence.
59. Try as we might to be otherwise, we are all hypocrites.
60. Justice is a human invention which is in reality rarely achievable, but many will not hesitate to destroy lives demanding it.
61. Kids will usually understand exactly what you mean if you keep it to one or two short sentences.
62. Stuff that's on sale usually has an annoying downside.
63. Casual swearing makes people sound dumb.
64. Words are immensely powerful. One cruel remark can wound someone for life.
65. It's easy to make someone's day just by being uncommonly pleasant to them.
66. Most of what children learn from their parents isn't taught on purpose.
67. The secret ingredient is usually butter, in obscene amounts.
68. It is worth re-trying foods that you didn't like at first.
69. Problems, when they arise, are rarely as painful as the experience of fearing them.
70. Nothing — ever — happens exactly like you pictured it.
71. North Americans are generally terrible at accepting compliments and offers of help.
72. There are not enough women in positions of power. The world has suffered from this deficit for a long time.
73. When you break promises to yourself, you feel terrible. When you make a habit of it, you begin to hate yourself.
74. A good nine out of ten bad things I've worried about never happened. A good nine out of ten bad things that did happen never occurred to me to worry about.
75. You can't hide a bad mood from people who know you well, but you can always be polite.
76. Sometimes you have to remove certain people from your life, even if they're family.
77. Anyone can be calmed in an instant by looking at the ocean or the stars.
78. There is no point finishing a book you aren't enjoying. Life is too short for that. Swallow your pride and put it down for good, unfinished.
79. There is no correlation between the price of a brand of batteries and how long they last.
80. Breaking new ground only takes a small amount more effort than you're used to giving.
81. Life is a solo trip, but you'll have lots of visitors. Some of them are long-term, most aren't.
82. One of the best things you can do for your kids is take them on road trips. I'm not a parent, but I was a kid once.

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83. The fewer possessions you have, the more they do for you.
84. Einstein was wiser than he was intelligent, and he was a genius.
85. When you're sick of your own life, that's a good time to pick up a book.
86. Wishing things were different is a great way to torture yourself.
87. The ability to be happy is nothing other than the ability to come to terms with how things change.
88. Killing time is an atrocity. It's priceless, and it never grows back.

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NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHES STRINGENT GUIDELINES FOR NEW RIDERS

A measure sponsored by Senator Nicholas J. Sacco, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, which would establish safety guidelines for new motorcycle riders in the Garden State was approved by the Assembly recently by a vote of 67-7.

The bill, S-736, would enact several motorcycle safety regulations, including a tiered licensing provision. Under the bill, if a person is issued a motorcycle license for a vehicle with a smaller-size engine — less than 231 cubic centimeters — they would be legally prohibited from operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of more than 500 cc. Senator Sacco said that this provision would ensure that new motorcycle riders are restricted from operating vehicles with engines that are too powerful for that driver's skill level.

Among other provisions, the bill would also require all applicants under the age of 18 to complete a motorcycle safety program as a condition for licensure or endorsement.

The bill was approved by the Senate by a vote of 31-3 on August 23, but must be returned to consider Assembly amendments which were largely technical in nature. If approved in the Senate, it would head to the Governor to be signed into law.

MOTORCYCLE SALES DOWN, RIDERSHIP UP

Motorcycle sales continue to be hard hit, despite the declared end to the recession, but according to the Motorcycle Industry Council there are other indicators that point to a brighter future for the two-wheel industry.

Although year-to-date market data reveals an 18.3% drop in new unit sales, tire sales are up 6.6% in 2010 versus 2009, indicating motorcyclists are still enthusiastic about the sport and riding.

In addition, motorcycle miles travelled increased by "approximately 5% last year, some 1.3 billion more miles than in 2008," according to the MIC's 2009 Motorcycle Owner Survey.

"In many ways, we are better poised for a comeback than ever," said Ty van Hooydonk, communications director for the council.

CHINA BECOMES THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE PRODUCER

China has now overtaken Japan as the largest producer of motorcycles in the world. Yearly, 50 million motorcycles are produced worldwide, and China now produces at least 27.5 million of that figure or a little more than 50% of the total world production. China has already taken over the top spot in world automobile production by producing more cars than Japan and the U.S. combined.

Interestingly, some historic American companies like Harley-Davidson are moving ahead for plans to produce motorcycles in China, but whether they will be exported to the U.S. or simply sold in this Asian market is not quite known yet.

The city of Chongqing has become China's motorcycle production center, with more than 10 million motorcycles

a year coming out of this modern city alone. In fact, four of five of the largest Chinese motorcycle brands that produce over 1 million units a year come out of this city. China has more than 130 motorcycle brands.

Expect to see more powerful and modern motorcycles coming from China as this nation seeks to become the largest and most powerful economy in the world.

OLDER BIKERS HAVE MORE SEX

"Older single bikers are putting down more miles than their married counterparts, if you know what we mean," reported www.clutchandchrome.com about a recently released AARP sex survey. Although the study wasn't specifically aimed at motorcycle enthusiasts, with a large part of riding demographics firmly in the age bracket surveyed, the study can make riders look at each other in a slightly different light.

Aside from older riders having more sex than may be generally considered, results from the AARP sex survey, "Sex, Romance, and Relationships: AARP Survey of Midlife and Older Adults", also contradicted popular opinion with singles age 45+ showing a higher satisfaction rate and having more sex than married couples in the same age group.

But some stereotypes rang true in the AARP study, such as which sex made sex a priority; Men are more than five times as likely as women with 45% vs. 8% to say they think of sex once or more every day, and men also rank sex higher on the list of what makes for a high quality of life.

And if any further correlation needed to be drawn between the AARP study and motorcycle enthusiasts, the final conclusion seems to draw a pretty solid line. Just as with riding, the largest predictor of sexual satisfaction is the number of times, or the frequency a respondent gets in the saddle. The number of people who consider themselves satisfied rockets to 84% if they "ride" more than once a week while the number falls to 59% for those who only "hit the road" twice a month.

WEIRD NEWS: HEAD GAMES

In Lagos, Nigeria, motorcycle taxis called "okada" are so dangerous in that local hospitals have special orthopedic wards meant just for people who have suffered accidents while riding them. So you'd think a law requiring passengers to wear helmets would be welcomed.

But it turns out that, for many Nigerians, the only thing scarier than a motorcycle taxi is a motorcycle helmet. Many people refuse to wear them out of fear of juju, or supernatural powers. Some fret that previous passengers may have put nefarious juju spells on the helmets to steal someone's good fortune, or to make a person disappear in order to be used in a sacred ritual.

"Our people are quite superstitious about anything dealing with their head," says Ralph Ibuzo, who created the "Original Lapa Guard", a cloth cap that he claims can protect wearers from disease and sudden disappearance. "People believe that if you put on a helmet, [others] can take away your brain, or your good luck," he told the Wall Street Journal, so the hygienic cap provides a thin layer of separation between the head and a helmet full of potential trouble.

Aside from preventing paranormal paranoia, Mr. Ibuzo also has the law on his side as this sub-Saharan city enacted a traffic regulation last year that requires okada passengers to don helmets. But despite efforts at enforcement by city officials and traffic police, most passengers refuse to wear them out of concern about juju, widely feared throughout West Africa.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: *"The two enemies of the people are criminals and government, so let us tie the second down with the chains of the constitution so the second will not become the legalized version of the first."*

**Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826),
3rd President of the United States and principal
author of the Declaration of Independence**

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