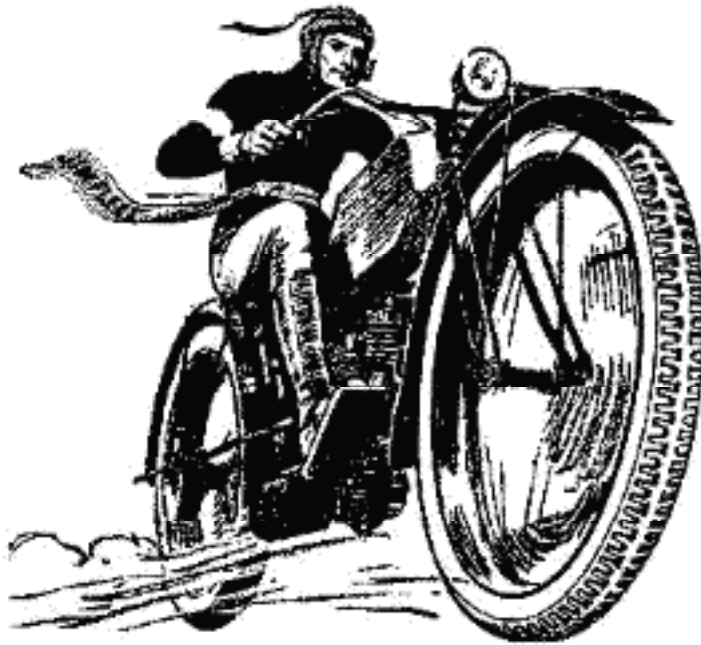


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Visit Our Web Address at: <http://www.socalamca.org>

Presidents Message

By Tim Graber

Hello SoCal members, Happy New Year! Janis and I wish you and yours a prosperous year. We are deep into our preparations for this year's events. Janis is prepping items for Borrego and I am tallying all of your registrations. The club is looking forward to another successful event! We have been in contact with the National board and we have some exciting news. As requested by Max Bubeck, Death Valley 05 will be a National Road Run. As a matter of fact it will be the 1st International Road Run! As a matter of fact Death Valley will be an International Road Run every odd numbered year into the future. SoCal has promised to hold the meet every other year for as long as the National wants it done. We have also agreed to hold the Borrego Springs Winter Road Run as a National every even year starting in 2006. We have successfully held this run for 14 years now and we intend on continuing until the membership desire wanes which does not seem to be any time soon. We have also suggested to the national Board that SoCal would be honored to once again host the Board's winter board meeting. As you can see, there are many things happening and because of that we need your help, participation, and input.

I have also been communicating with the National Board in reference to recent decisions they have made that affect the overall operation of the club. I/we want your opinions. The National has decided to allow a paid member 65 years or older to ride any year motorcycle on club events. Local members have been discussing this and there is a strong sentiment that the Board has gone too far. The west coast chapters have granted special permission for older riders to ride newer bikes on antique rides. The older riders wanted to participate safely with the club and they requested this one on one as needed. Our club was established to promote the use and restoration of Antique motorcycles. I don't believe that we should open our events to any year motorcycle. A modern motorcycle mixed in with the antiques does not promote antiques. We are having enough trouble mixing antiques, classics, and vintage on the same road run in a safe manner. The second discussion point is one that has been bantered about for years. Should we cut off the participation date of a motorcycle to any thing built prior to 1970 or forever let bikes participate if they are 35 years or older. Give it some thought and bring your discussions out to the next rider with an old ride. I am in this for the long haul which means that my 2000 Harley Davidson "bagger" can be ridden on a tour in 2035. I'll only be 85 years old then!

Editor's Review
Commentary and Summary of Events
By Jim Falk

This quarter began in earnest with Craig Dillman's Carpinteria Run in late October, which was sparsely attended but much enjoyed. Soon after, the Hansen Dam Run occurred in early November, with about 6-8 chapter members in attendance. We had a pleasant cruise to Acton for lunch, followed by a stop at Hidden Springs on the Angeles Crest before descending back through Tujunga Canyon to conclude about an 85 mile trek! After Thanksgiving, we participated in the International Motorcycle Show in Long Beach in early December, aptly coordinated and reviewed by our own Steve Sorensen herein. The Christmas Banquet on December 18 drew 26 attendees, and good food and company followed at the Revere House in Tustin, now undergoing a name and ownership change for the New Year.

The New Year began with a great ride on New Years Day to San Pedro. Craig Dillman reviews the run herein, attended by 8-10 riders and a few others. The following day brought our first winter meeting at Original Mike's in Santa Ana. With only about ten members in attendance, quite a few issues were covered! One of the hot topics is what the AMCA allows as a participant bike in sanctioned events. Recent rulings by the National have declared that people over 65 may participate on a modern bike. There are numerous objections to this, as it deters the spirit of the antiques. But think about this.... 35 years from now, a 2005 bike would be considered an antique - is that really feasible? We have decided as a Chapter board to tally the "Tired Tail" award for antiques only (35+ years), with a separate tally for participation, even as a trouble truck. Dave Cook won the Tired Tail award for 2004, and received a plaque as well as paid Borrego fees. Erhard Hirschfelder was given a plaque for last year's award!

Upcoming events begin with Frank Colver's Route 66 Run in Ludlow at the end of January, followed by a Chapter Meeting on February 6 (see notice in this issue). Mike Dunn will be sponsoring a Mt. Baldy Run on February 19, details of which are in this issue as well. The annual Borrego event follows in early March, details of which have been mailed separately to all chapter members. The upcoming events for spring are up for discussion and planning, including the Joshua Tree High Desert Classic in April, a possible repeat of the Arizona Run in May, and other events of interest. These will be finalized at our February meeting or certainly by the Borrego event, so if you have input or interest, make yourself heard by contacting us or attending a meeting!

As a concluding note, I would like to welcome my friend and associate editor, Ron Haley, AKA "Trash", to the AMCA and the So Cal Chapter. Trash will be issuing a pilot edition of an internet version of our newsletter shortly, and is quite instrumental in making the issues you have seen neatly organized and formatted as you have received them for quite some while. I have been doing the newsletter for over four years, and could not have done it as effectively without the help of my friend, who is now revealed as the "ghost" writer of the little inserts you may or may not have noticed over this time period. Remember, this is your newsletter, and you can let us know how you would like to see it published for the maximum benefit of you, the members and readers. You may contact me at (951) 461-6714 or jfalk53r68@earthlink.net Trash can be reached at (818) 896-8180 or the thetrash@earthlink.net

International Motorcycle Show
December 3 - 5, Long Beach
By Steve Sorenson

Our display at the Long Beach International Motorcycle Show was a big hit again this year. The mix of beautiful restorations(Ramos 54 pan, TJ Graber 48 Chief, Clift 1917 Indian Headstrom),original paint(Graber 40 Knuckle head, Cook 58 Ariel), and hard ridden bikes (Hart 39 Chief, Lovejoy 39 Scout, Spear 29 JD, Nichols 40 big base Scout)were admired by young and old. I would like to thank everyone who showed a bike and almost showed a bike; may the new year bring better luck. When I started calling around asking for bikes you would see on our road runs the usual response was "my old piece of junk? It's not a show bike." Well, we are not a show club we are a riding club and that impressed the many visitors to our booth. Kevin's j model was admired just as much as Bobs 17 Headstrom Indian. The rain did not seem to keep away the crowd, the place was packed for three days. The official attendance count for the event was 58,000. Our booth was always well manned with Hobo John and Dave Cook getting the most seat time and the usual suspects filling in. A special thanks to Amy Pritchard from IMS, Tim Graber, and Marc Gallin for their help organizing the display.

(See photos of SoCal AMCA display on the following page)



SoCal AMCA On Display at Long Beach



New Years Day Ride

By Craig Dillmann

Some of the SoCal faithful gathered at Tim Graber's house for a ride up the coast bright and early. It was a good way to start the New Year! The weather gave us a break and we hit no rain... The gang left Tim's house and headed up the coast thru Costa Mesa... Huntington Beach... Seal Beach... Long Beach... and finally landing in San Pedro for a breakfast / lunch at Taxco mexican restaurant... At the eatery I overheard Bill Harris' girlfriend Cindy telling of how terrified she was riding over the Vincent Thomas bridge.. saying she was terrified of heights.. The gang found this especially amusing as Cindy is a flight attendant...go figure.

We headed back to Costa Mesa around 12:30 from the restaurant. People started peeling off as we worked our way back to Tim's.. After a short stop at TJ Graber's cool beach pad we wound up back at Tim's..

After a Pacifica or three, Tim made the mistake of pulling out his Model T race car out of his trailer.. After giving Irma a gentlemanly stroll around the block, Ken King hopped in the coach and that's when the trouble started. Tim left his driveway with the look Hell Fire and leather.. Lovejoy, Hobo John. Irma and I were waiting to bid our goodbyes, 5 minutes no Tim, 10 minutes no Tim, 15 minutes, no Tim, no Ken, no nothing....

As we headed home 5 minutes into our return trip, home guess who's stuck on the side of the road looking like the cat that swallowed the canary? None other than Tim and a bewildered looking Ken King! We hauled Tim back to his house and he towed the car home all the while muttering; I think I blew the motor... I for the life of me can't figure out what could of possibly happened. I'm sure Tim was giving Ken a safe slow ride around the neighborhood and cautiously obeying all the traffic rules religiously as he always does...

SoCal Faithful
Gathered For
New Years



General Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2005

By Chapter Secretary Marc Gallin

1. There was a discussion on the Nationals rule change regarding older riders being able to ride modern bike on club runs (65 years or older). Tim has been in discussion with the National and a statement directed to the National Board on behalf of the Chapter regarding this issue is being considered. Discussion ensued on why the 35 year old rule is used and why consideration should be given to 3 different categories of machines; antique, classic, and vintage.
2. The first Sunday of every month has been deemed a SoCal Chapter Road Run or Club Meeting at a local restaurant. The Chapter needs new Road Captains to volunteer to plan and lead local runs for the benefit of Chapter members.
3. Borrego Springs will now become a National Road Run on every odd calendar year. The Thursday Ride at Borrego Springs Road Run will be suitable for Pre-16 Motorcycles.
4. Death Valley will now become a National Road Run on every even calendar year starting this year. It will be recognized as the first International road Run because of its history of attracting international riders over the years.
5. There was a discussion about the possible give away items that the Chapter can include for the participants of the larger Chapter Road Runs. Items suggested were: Road Run Pins, Embroidered Patches, Personal Photos and Belt Buckles.
6. A discussion about another Arizona Road Run was placed on the table. SoCal Chapter members who live in Arizona will need to be contacted to find out their interest in hosting another Road Run (Musgroves).
7. The Four Chapter Road Run is being sponsored by the SoCal Chapter this year. Marc Gallin and Craig Dillmann are planning the route for late summer. The run headquarters will probably be held in Ojai or Carpentaria, and will include rides to Santa Barbara and Solvang; Cold Springs Canyon, Frasier Park and other surrounding area mountains.
8. The rules for the Tired Tail competition have been modified. An addendum from the SoCal Board follows these minutes. A running tally will be posted in the Chapter newsletter and also on the Chapter website. The reward is one paid registration to Borrego 06
9. There was also a discussion as to whether or not participation in National Road Runs outside of California should count in the Tired Tail tally.(NO)

10. All SoCal Chapter Road Captains should be in charge of submitting a ridership tally to the Chapter board upon completion on each monthly Road Run.
11. There will be new mechanical requirements for all submissions to the Chapter newsletter or to the Chapter website. All photos must be submitted electronically via email and should be in the following size: 640x480 pixels. All articles or letters to the editor should also be submitted via email in .txt or .doc format.
12. A new Publicity committee needs to be formed. This committee will promote the Chapter at Bike Shows and other gatherings. Steve Sorensen volunteered to lead this committee.
13. There was a discussion about the sponsorship of future events. Should the Chapter allow individuals or businesses to buy space at an event or on the website? Currently, Unis Law & Associates is the sponsor of the Chapter website, and is having a banner ad posted on the website. If these sponsorships will benefit the Chapter, then they should be allowed.
14. Charitable Events in the works are as follows:
 - *RIP'S B.A.D. Ride – Bikers Against Diabetes: Ride in event and antique motorcycle display.
 - *Ride The Coast – Benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs: Ride in event and antique motorcycle display.
 - *Lake Perris Bike – Show Ride in event and antique motorcycle display.
15. Future issues of the Chapter newsletter will include all Meeting Minutes. They will also be displayed on the Chapter Web Site.
16. A Treasurer's Report was submitted by Treasurer Tom Hart and was read aloud by President Tim Graber. The Chapter is in good financial shape and we will need to someday think about what to do with the excess money in our treasury.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM by President Tim Graber. Meeting minutes submitted by Secretary, Marc Gallin.

Addendum for the Tired Tail Competition

The SoCal Board of Directors for the 2005 year has set a new policy for the Tired Tail Competition. This is a chapter of the AMCA. Our belief is that the AMCA exists to showcase antique, classic, and vintage motorcycles. To that end it is our duty to reward the use of motorcycles at least 35 years old. If you have one, ride it or bring it to our events. We will plan events to make them as easy as possible to ride a qualified AMCA ride! Of course we will continue to recognize all participating members at events, especially trouble truck drivers!

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of two fine members of SoCal AMCA during the past 60 days. The first is **Sallie Graber**, mother of our president, Tim Graber, and ten other children, nearly all of which are Chapter members. She passed away on November 28, just after Thanksgiving, with husband Ray and all eleven children present. She is pictured below in a memorable photo with son Tim.



Mom - **Sallie Graber**, a long-standing member of SoCal AMCA - is in Peace. All eleven children, her husband Ray, and other family members were present Nov. 28, 2004 when she passed on. Ask her to look over you.



Riding with son Edgar "Teg" Graber at Borrego

Also, our good friend **Les Haserot** has passed on even more recently; the author does not have exact details, but funeral services were held in early January. Les is a legend of the AMCA scene in Southern California, and has been pictured in many exploits to Baja. His photos adorn the cantinas there from his numerous exploits of the past! The photos below do him adequate justice; we shall miss our friend and fellow member, passing after a long illness which unfortunately got the best of him.



Les Haserot (right) with long time friend and fellow Boozefighter MC Gil Armas



Les unloading his bike at Borrego 2001

Mother Road Ride January 28 - 30, 2005

NOTE: SOME CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR, earlier start, longer ride and more interesting stop/lunch/turn around place. - READ!

We will ride the section of historic Route 66 from Ludlow to Goffs. Goffs is an old RR town established in 1883 and has a museum as well as a display of old engines and machinery from the mining and ranching days. See the "Brief History of Goffs" on the So Cal Chapter web site. We will eat our lunches at picnic tables by the old Goffs schoolhouse. >From Goffs we will take a different way back to rejoin our previous route at Essex. This alternate route follows an historic re-alignment of Route 66 (very rough for the first six miles). Route 66 swings miles away from the Interstate (I-40), at Ludlow, and passes through the near "ghost" town of Amboy. There is very little traffic on this desert highway and with I-40 out of sight; one's mind can wander back to an earlier time in the last century. A word to the wise: Some sections of pavement are rough.

There is only one place to stay - the Ludlow Motel. There are only ten rooms so make your reservation early and double up if you can. I have reserved the entire motel for us, when you call you must tell them that you want one of the rooms reserved by Frank Colver for the antique motorcycle club. They fill up every night and rooms will not be held after 9pm. Reservations are made through the Chevron station across the street (760) 733-4338. Rates in 2003 were: \$55.64 two people/two beds. There are several large dirt lots nearby (used by the truckers) where RV's could be parked.

There are two places to eat and two gas stations in Ludlow. BYOB because LUDLOW IS A DRY TOWN, there are no alcoholic beverages sold here and Barstow is 50 miles away.

Friday (01/28/05) - arrive in the afternoon to be ready for Saturday morning. Plan on three hours drive (170 miles) from O.C. Joe Perry always arrives early on Friday and rides to Newberry Springs and back by himself (poor lonesome Joe). I will get there early this year to join him, how about you?

Saturday (01/29/05) - alternate arrival early morning. Ride departs from the motel at 9:30 am sharp! Ride is an out and back so one can turn around at any point. Round trip distance: Ludlow/Goffs/Ludlow = 160 miles. We will get gas on Goff's Rd after passing under I-40.

Sunday (01/30/05)- Get an early start home after breakfast in Ludlow or ride old Route 66 west to Newberry Springs (26 miles one way) closely paralleling I-40.

We need one or more trouble truck volunteers! A vehicle will be needed to carry our lunches and drinks to Goffs. We have not had a truck in the past - I hope someone steps up to the plate this time.

Call Frank Colver at (949) 646-9088, or E-mail at fwcolver@pacbell.net

Winter Meeting - So Cal AMCA
Sunday, February 6 - 10:30 AM
Original Mike's - First and Main Streets, Santa Ana

Please try to attend our next Winter meeting in early February. Important points for consideration are:

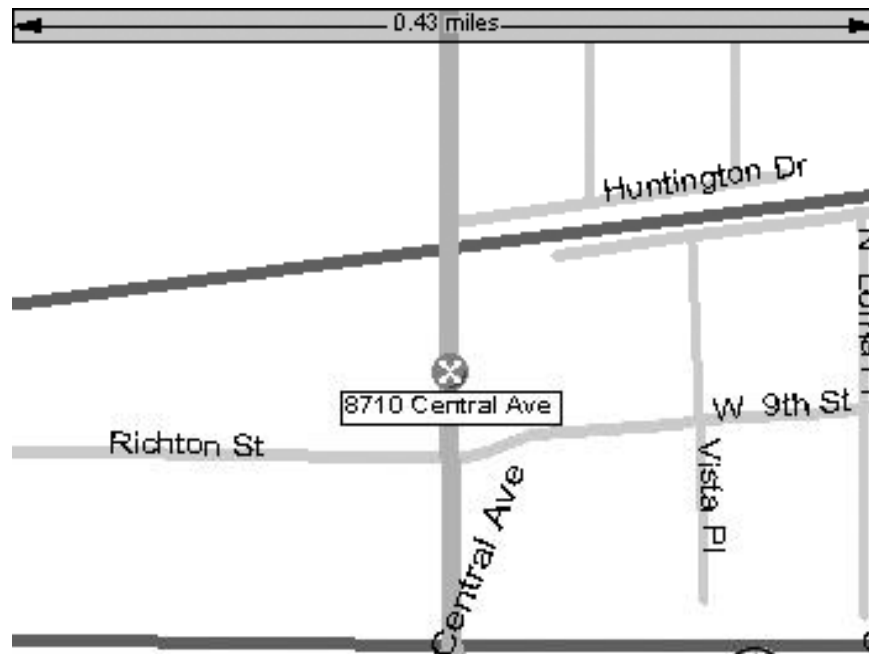
- Planning for Borrego and future Borrego events endorsed by AMCA National
- Upcoming events discussion and planning for suggested events
- Joshua Tree High Desert Classic (Early April) - Planning and Responsibility
- Discussion of AMCA bike age classification and participation standards
- Event planning for the coming season and newsletter distribution update

Please try to attend if you can; your participation and input is heartily welcomed by your elected board - Tim Graber, Jim Falk, Tom Hart, Marc Gallin and Tom Lovejoy

Mount Baldy Run - NEW VENUE Saturday, February 19

Our new chapter member, Mike Dunn, has offered to sponsor a run in mid-February featuring some scenic tours near the Angeles Crest and some new roads yet unexplored by our Chapter adventures! The date is Saturday, February 19. The meeting place is Pomona Valley Harley Davidson in Upland, just north of the 10 Freeway (directions to follow below). Trucks and trailers may be parked in the dirt lot adjacent to the dealership. Mike will lead us on a scenic ride into the high country, with a lunch stop planned at the famed Buffalo Inn, returning to PVHD in the mid afternoon. Plan on a start time of 9-10 AM, arriving beforehand. The ride will total 75-80 miles and be suitable for all comers. Hope to see you there.....

For Information, contact Mike Dunn - (909) 476-8501



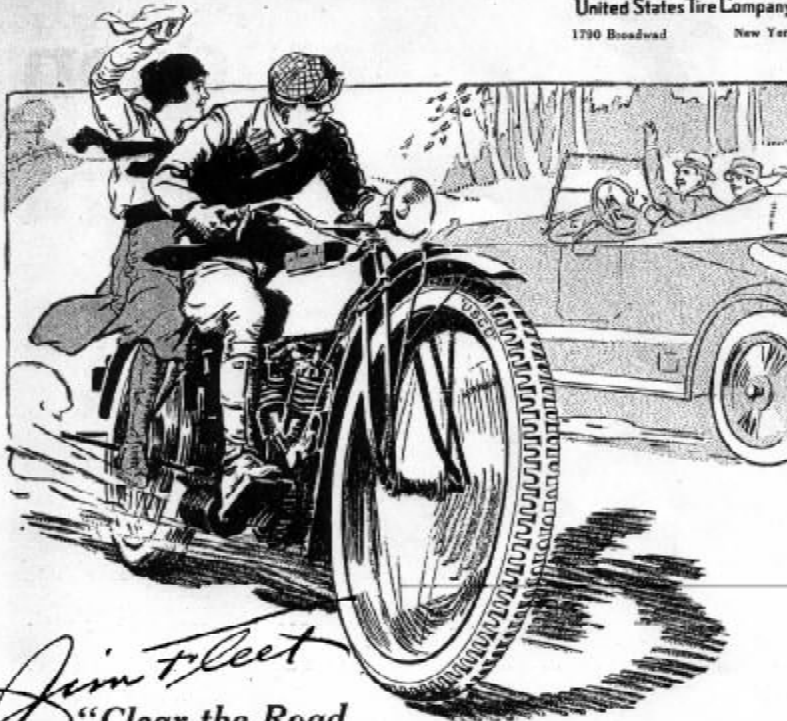
Map to Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson (PVHD), on
Central Ave in Upland, CA., just north of the I-10

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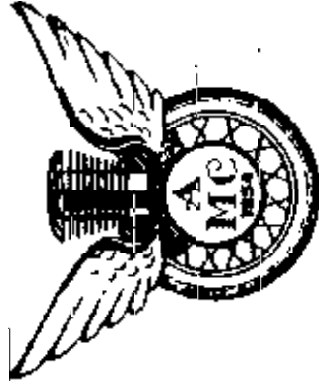
—to Happiness and Good Health!”

*Writing about ridin' with words of wit
Ain't the same as actually doin' it
But if you're reading these written lines
They might help you remember the ridin' times*

*Words of wit, rhyming or not
Gotta go now, that's all I got*

Trash

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