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President's Report – Tim Graber

Hello to all, I hope this finds you and yours well! The club has had a very busy year and I want to take this opportunity to review the year and invite you to participate in the coming months and years. I have been able to speak with, ride with, and share camaraderie with most of you through the year. I have not been able to spend time writing news letters or arranging too many rides. Your board

members have been very busy this past year, just not doing SoCal club items! It is real important to point out that the treasury is solvent and that we are continuing our efforts to provide fun rides for all to enjoy. We just need more help communicating and arranging the events. Please step forward and help if you have some time and/or ideas. Craig Dillmann has been very

helpful in arranging rides for the club this past year and is to be commended for his efforts and time. Annual meeting is the next event. It is always a fun time at Tom Hart's house so BE THERE. Mark it on your calendar and come on over and spend the morning with motorcycle friends.

Hope to see you there!

Cheers, Tim

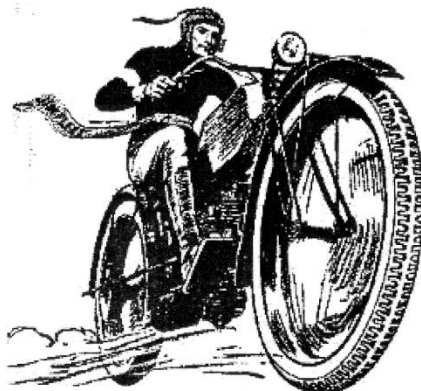
Vice President's Report – Larry Ramos

2010 would be the year I was finally able to attend the Chief Blackhawk Chapter national meet. With the promise of acres of parts, I hurriedly left for the evening from my night class I teach at Cypress College. We, your faithful chapter secretary Steve Sorensen, and I, your vice president, boarded the redeye flight to Chicago. Thank goodness the flights are all non-smoking now as the plane was filled to capacity! After a connecting flight and shuttle ride from the airport we finally arrived in Betancourt, Iowa. We couldn't have asked for nicer people, everyone we

spoke to were pleasant and very accommodating, gotta love that Midwest charm. Once at the Mississippi Valley fairgrounds we hit the ground running. Steve was first to score with an o.e.m. Indian Face horn cover. SWEET. That gem came from Ziggy in Washington State. He can always be counted on to bring out some rare trinkets, this time it was a factory engine primer that attaches directly to the petcock on a Scout or Chief. The fluid lines go down the left side of the bike and end just above the primer cups on the heads. Simply open the primer

cups and let the fuel flow down from the petcock through the lines. Those Indian engineers sure were clever and no I've never seen another one like it anywhere. The price on the box said \$1.50. Rest assured that this was the 1930's price. My search was going to be limited to all those small consumables that restorations require i.e. carburetor pieces, trim clips, lug nuts and the like. I would have loved to find the timing side case half for

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Treasurer's Report – Tom Hart

As far as finances go, we're looking pretty good. The club funds continue to hover around the \$10,000 mark even after my family's cruise up the Alaskan coast aboard the Celebrity Cruise Lines. Not that one has anything to do with the other, just fueling the flames.

Unfortunately I continue to recover from additional surgeries and I haven't been able to do much writing. I have one more surgery in Mid September and then should be good to go. Hopefully then I'll be back in the swing of things. Maybe I'll luck out and get a long Indian

Summer. That's it for now and I hope to see many of you at the club's annual meeting.

Secretary/Newsletter Editor's Report – Steve Sorensen

Welcome the new look of our newsletter. I hope you like the new format. As part of our effort to update, improve and evolve, this newsletter will only be emailed from this point forward. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter in hard copy format, please email me at socalamcanewsletter@yahoo.com or call me at 562-577-9864. If you have questions,

comments or suggestions for the club newsletter, I'd love to hear them. We're always trying to make this better and more informative. And while we haven't produced a newsletter recently, we'll be back to publishing one every 3 months.

Please come out to El Camino on Sept 18th and join the club. We will once again have a booth at this great event. I also invite

you to our club's annual meeting on Sept 19th. Please see below for article. Don't forget to add these dates to your calendar. It'll be a great weekend for motorcycle enthusiasts.

Editor's Note:

Bob Stark was injured and broke his leg in Davenport, Iowa. The resulting surgery went well and he is now at home recuperating.

We all wish Bob a speedy recovery. Get well soon!!

Annual Meeting – Officer Elections – 19 Sept 2010

This year the Annual meeting will take place September 19, 2010 at the home of Tom Hart. The event will start at 9:00 am with coffee and donuts and the meeting will start at 10:00 am.. Please make sure to attend this

important event for our club. In addition to presenting the regular club news, we'll be electing officers for 2011. All paid members are eligible to vote.

If you can't make the meeting, please email or

call in your proxy votes to a board member.

International Motorcycle Show – Long Beach 2010

This year's show is scheduled for December 17-19, 2010. Our club plans to host our usual booth again. We would like to make this year our biggest and best showing yet. Please plan to bring

out one or more of your bikes. The attendees of the show always seem to really enjoy our antique bikes and learning from us. It's always a great event and we know you'll enjoy coming out and

sharing with other bike loving fans. Please contact Steve Sorensen to make arrangements to show your bike. Steve – 562-577-9864 or email s_l_sorensen@yahoo.com

Borrego Springs 2010 Road Run – by Tom Hart

I, being one of the sick, lame or lazy was unable to ride this year due to the recent replacement of my right shoulder, again. However my wife, Jill and I did make the Saturday ride as trouble truck driver and assistant to Janice the Banquet Queen. Likewise Tim Graber joined the ranks of the unriders due to his recent surgery. I understand the weather was great for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday rides. It was very nice on Saturday for the trip to Canebroke and the Sea. The only scooter I saw break down was Bob Starks multicolor Chief which suffered a battery failure. I did not personally witness the following event, but I did see the end results of Dee Cameron's brush with death. Dee should be thankful he is still among us following what we have come to know as a "throttle failure" on a

hybrid golf cart. I believe the unit in question was produced by Toyota Of Borrego. According to reliable sources, Dee was driving, or riding, or just hanging onto the cart for dear life when the throttle malfunctioned causing a drastic increase to uncontrollable speeds. Dee, not thinking the least bit of his personal safety, or how he might be maimed, thrust his body around the front of the out-of-control cart to act as a bumper in case any unsuspecting pedestrians, vehicles, or trees happened to get in the way. At the hospitality room, he would share his tale of woe to anyone who would believe it. As I said, did not see Dee practicing his driving skills, but I did see the road rash decorating his face and the tell tale blood drops on his Levis.

Dee, ever the modest motorist, tried to pass off the red drops on his pants as transmission fluid stains (from his motorcycle's transmission). That's enough of Borrego Springs for this year.



Whit on his 1910 Excelsior –
Borrego Springs 2010

Joshua Tree Road Run – by Craig Dillmann



Another fun filled ride was completed in Joshua Tree on April 30th and May first. I recruited Kelli and her mom to drive the trouble truck but as luck would have it my trusty Triumph was felled by a bad battery! We arrived at Hutches around one on Friday to find Hutch, Hoken, Frank Colver, Mike Menezes, Dudley Pollard and Phil Shore holding court in the booth at Hutches' Diner. Friday afternoon we were found at the infamous Palms Bar in Wonder Valley. The place has gotten

tamer in the years but its just as dirty as ever with mostly toothless patrons! Saturday the group took of for Mecca and lunch back a Chirico Summit. On the way back to 29 Palms, Phil Shore having taken the doctors medical oath felt compelled to save a desert tortoise who had camped in the middle of the road upon picking up the reptile it squirted pee 10 feet and almost got Kelli sprayed down!

The weather was perfect and the flowers were in full bloom. I was behind

Hutch in the trouble truck and he can sure handle his sidecar rig like a pro. We had our banquet at the 29 Palms Inn Saturday night with the usual suspects: myself, Kelli and her mom Cathy, Phil Shore, Frank Colver, Hoken, Mike Menezes, Nevada Bob and Dudley Pollard who by the way rode his 200cc Cub the whole ride without missing a beat! Sunday morning we headed up to Keyes view, again perfect weather and can't wait to do it again next year!



Hanford Antique Cycle Rally

Steve Sorensen and Larry Ramos manned the club booth at Hanford earlier this year. They provided refreshments for club

members and shared information about our chapter and the AMCA to anyone who asked.

El Camino Vintage Swap and Show 2009 – by Steve Sorensen



This was our booth at last year's El Camino Swap meet and show. Grace and Hobo John did a fantastic job staffing our booth. The turnout was great and we're looking

forward to a great event again this year. Remember the 2010 event is Sept. 18th.

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my 1955 Harley Panhead I've been looking for, for the past seven years but no luck. I'll have to be content with my continuing EBay and Craig's List search, since none seem to be coming my way. Don't pity me though; I was able to spend all the money I had taken with me! We had been told of the enormity of the swap but unless you've been there yourself, you have no idea. It literally took two full days to walk the entire swap and this was bypassing any foreign vendors that I came across. Two days worth of antique American parts, I was like a pig in poop!

Friday night brought the Antique Flat Track races, what a spectacle. Steve best described it as sounding like a squadron of WWII warplanes flying by. The Indians, Triumphs, Harley Davidson's and all the other makes competing made good use of the 1 mile dirt oval during their qualifying heats with back straight-a-way speeds approaching 100 m.p.h. The main event for the evening started with the antique Board Track racers. It was awesome to see the Indian and Harley 8 valves competing once again. Saturday morning was the board meeting for

all chapters and the national. It was great meeting all the national board members in attendance. Rick Najera, our national event coordinator was very supportive of our plans to host a national meet (with judging) here in the southland. Steve and I have been pushing for this for a VERY long time. Many of our west coast friends; Bob Stark, Ziggy, Kiwi Mike Tomas and the like were in attendance. I hope if any of you reading this can make the trip next year, will do so, it is a trip not to be missed. I will be there for sure. - Larry

Editor's Note:

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 18, 2010
El Camino Motorcycle Show and Swap meet

September 19, 2010
Annual Club Meeting.
Tom Hart 's Home
9:00 AM
6011 Fairbrook St.
Long Beach, CA
90815
562-596-7630

October 4-6, 2010
Max Bubeck's Death Valley Road Run
Contact Tim Graber

October 16-17, 2010
Carpenteria Road Run. Contact Craig Dillman 818-347-6583

November 7, 2010
Hansen Dam Run

December 5, 2010
Gunther's Yard Meet

December 12, 2010
Holiday Banquet –
Time and place TBD

December 17-19,
2010 Long Beach International Motorcycle Show.
Contact Steve Sorensen

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