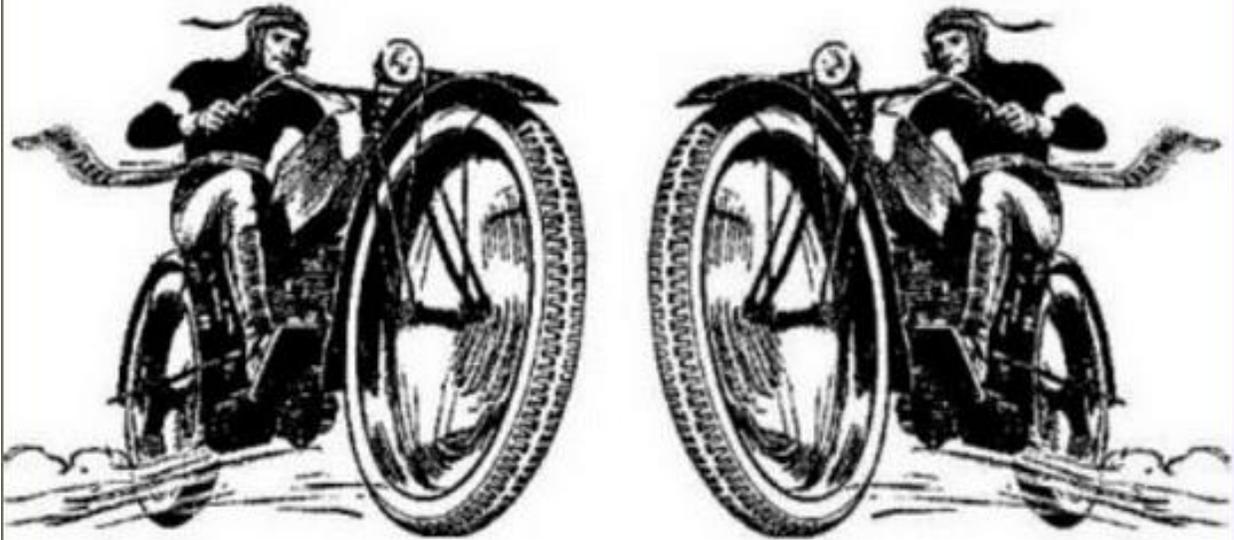


# *SoCal Antique Motorcycle Club of America Winter Newsletter, 2017*

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***LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT***

***TIM GRABER***

SoCal AMCA Presidents Newsletter Report.

Hello all and welcome to this newsletter for the SoCal AMCA. We hope you have had a great winter and that you are ready for the spring and summer. SoCal members had a good fall with many rides and great comraderies. Death Valley was well attended and we were welcomed once again at Furnace Creek. The new club officers are in place (or should I say Officer) and we are looking for all of the participation we can find whenever folks want to ride. Keep a tag on the SoCal AMCA Facebook page and on the newsletter and web site. Adriana is doing a great job keeping information up there for all to see and to plan rides with club members. Tom Lovejoy is also contributing and offering up his fun activities to share with all. We had a good showing at the Long Beach International motorcycle show, thanks to Steve Sorenson for keeping it together for us. I understand that the Holiday tour of the HCCA was another great event and well attended by our club members on our special invite. Borrego is right around the corner so make your reservations and come on out and enjoy the beautiful desert with us in exquisite accommodations at the Borrego Springs Resort.

We are again challenging members to bring along another new prospect to a local ride. Let's introduce the SoCal area to the great fun of playing with antique motorcycles. ALL wannabe's are welcome. Wanna be an admirer of old art and old machines? You are for us! You do not have to have a motorcycle, just interest. You can ride any 35 year old or older bike. We are not just an American Iron motorcycle club.

Cheers and hope to see all of you out and about soon.

Tim Graber

SoCal AMCA President.

**TREASURY REPORT -- 2017****TOM HART**

Well folks it's February already and our next monthly meeting/ride is fast approaching. January's meeting was very well attended. I cannot recall all the names of those in attendance so I'll forgo that part so as not to offend anyone. Yeah right, like that ever bothered me. If you do not know where the meetings are held you might want to take a peek at the newsletter once in a while. Oh...I guess you do if you're reading this. But I digress. The follow up ride was equally breathtaking to say the least. Up and down the coast between Laguna Beach and Long Beach (twice). The weather could not have been better. I was tempted to continue on to San Francisco, but reality sunk in and I headed home. Sorry you others guys missed out. Got back home in time for the Rose Bowl game. My daughter's 40th birthday party is on **Sunday** the 5th so my attendance at the February meeting is dependent upon my getting party stuff ready on **Saturday** the 4th which happens to be my little sister Diane's (one hundredth) and 69th birthday. Please be sure to remind her of her advanced years if you cross her well-worn path at Borrego this year. As a big brother I have a right, nay an obligation to harass, or otherwise annoy as many of my siblings whenever possible (ten in all). I'm sure they can and will all attest to my talent in this area. It's a gift.

Onto the money report: I've (we've) got somewhere around \$11K in the kitty as I speak. I'll know better whenever I get the bank statements. Remember now, the big bucks I speak of are due largely to the Borrego registrations thus far, about 34 signups. I'll be paying the expenses from this fund which usually amounts to around 20K when we have 80 or so registered riders and I'm NOT even requesting my usual honorarium this year. MY gift to the club. It really helps when we get the registrations in sooner than later due to T-shirt orders, buying supplies, and ordering lunch and dinner. It also helps me to know how much we can spend on the banquet extras that Janis puts together. Personally speaking I think the **Saturday** night banquet puts this whole event together for the entire family. Janis and her helpers, the fabulous five, are spectacular. The Julian ride is without question the highlight of the ride portion of the event. Not all can make the ride itself for various reasons, but everyone can make the banquet to talk about the ride, the vistas, the road rashes, or whatever else comes up. Once again and personally speaking I enjoy the banquet portion so I can spend some quality time with you knuckleheads (and flatheads) who I only see once a year. And that includes you Perry boys.

Final note...*pay up ya dues!* As of this date 2/1/17, the following are the only ones paid through 2017: Cortesy through '18, Flores, Hartad, Kerr, Menezes and Wolf through '17. Please let me know if I forgot anyone. I may have been intoxicated when making some deposits. It happens sometimes. I'm not proud of it, but it is what it is. Just be thankful that I'm not managing your personal financial matters.

And also be sure to get current with your National membership. If you are not currently a paid up National member you and us lowly board members will not be covered under the National's Insurance policy. We as individuals are responsible to obtain our own personal automotive insurance. We ask for this information on the registration along with your National membership number to verify that both are current. I, as a board member, do not want to be left out in the cold without the National's big buck policy backing me up should something unfortunate happen. Been there, done that. And since you all love me so much, I know you've got my back on this issue which I really appreciate. It's only about 35 bucks a year and well worth it if only for the insurance. And my final point...Borrego is BYOB, but we play nice and share don't we. I do anyway.

***TREASURY REPORT – 2017, CONTINUED***

***TOM HART***

Now my real final point. Hone up on your biker skills for the GAMES, Olympic style. I'll be hosting some sidebar events probably in the adjacent hard packed dirt field. Not sure of the day or time yet, but I believe I'll have about five events for you to show off your hopefully super riding skills. The winner of each event might just win a shiny new nickel or a free drink at the banquet. That got your attention didn't it?

See you in Borrego

Tom



**SoCal AMCA Chapter of the  
Antique Motorcycle Club of America**

**2017 Membership Application**

***Special Announcement: Chapter dues now \$20.***

*Because of the \$10 increase in National dues, SoCal AMCA reduced its dues by \$10.*

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

AMCA Membership Number:

*You must be a national AMCA member to join any of the local chapters.*

*Check here to be added to our mailing list to receive our newsletter,  
email blasts, ride calendars, reports, and other news and updates.*

Please print and send completed application and a \$20 check or money order to:

SoCal Chapter AMCA  
c/o Tom Hart  
4005 E. La Veta  
Orange, CA 92869

If you have any questions about dues, email SoCal AMCA Treasurer Tom Hart at: [jhart128@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhart128@roadrunner.com). Thank you.

*If you're on Facebook, LIKE our page: SoCalAMCA to get our latest news.*

**SECRETARY REPORT - 2017****STEVE SORENSON**

It's the start of a new year and I will rehash an old subject, participation. I am glad Tom started the first Sunday breakfast. I have already met several new people. Ride or drive, just do it! We also need to support local events by our club or others. If we don't show up they will not be put on any longer, and that is a loss for more than just the old bike community. It takes a lot of time, money and volunteers to create an event, ask how you can be involved. If you feel it's the same ole same ole, come up with a new ride or event, it's not easy! But the board welcomes all input.

I would like to thank all participants in the international motorcycle show. We had a great display again this year. That was followed by Gunther's yard meet. Tom Lovejoy drove his TT truck with an old 1914 Indian in the back. Next was the Dave Mann Chopperfest, (not vintage enough?). Maybe not at first, but look close at the swap meet area and the choppers with vintage motors. There are opportunities to meet and talk about vintage bikes almost every weekend in SoCal, but only if you get out and do it!



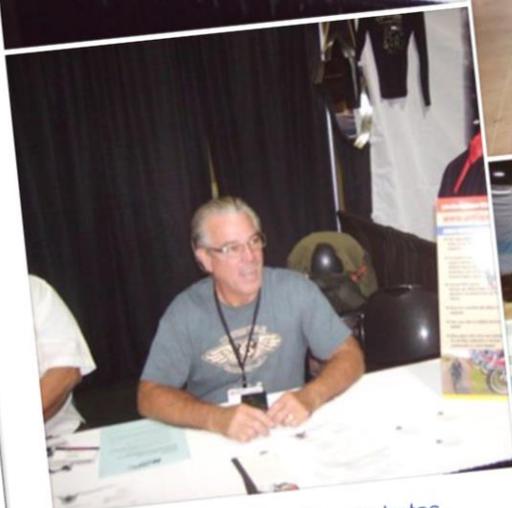
Note from Bob Musgrove: Wonder if Tom saw the Henderson that sold at the Mecum Auction for \$495K?

Steve Sorensen





Tom Lovejoy shared his post.  
November 20, 2016



Tom Lovejoy added 5 new photos.  
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our club booth, with members kicking back. Tim Graber club Pres and members with their machines. The Tom's were out in force -Tom McBride with his Moto Guzzi and Tom Hart with his Bobber Chief hot rod, I had my Henderson. All three of us rode our machines to the show 😊 Tim Graber with a very good sounding and running 1915 Indian big twin

**LONG BEACH SHOW**

**TOM LOVEJOY**



**Tom Lovejoy** shared his post.

November 20, 2016

Long Beach show



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Bikes in our clubs display

**DEATH VALLEY—OCTOBER, 2016****LON BUBECK**

The 2016 Death Valley run took place over the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of October. The ride headquarters were at the historic Furnace Creek Ranch and it was fun to be back there once again. Once again we had great weather, sunny skies, warm with only light winds. There were about 20 riders this year, a significant increase from the last couple of years

The first days ride was across the valley to Emigrant Pass Rd and then up Wildrose Canyon Rd. to the Charcoal Kilns. Only a few intrepid riders went to the kilns as the final three miles are a rough dirt road. Everyone then returned to Stovepipe Wells for gas and a well-deserved lunch. The rest of the day was taken up by a casual ride back to Furnace Creek and activities around the resort.



The second day we went down to Badwater, the lowest spot in the Continental United States.



Half the group chose to ride back to Furnace Creek via The Artist's Palette while others chose to continue south to have lunch in Shoshone. In the afternoon the Furnace Creek group took a ride up to Dante's Viewpoint where they met up with the riders that went to Shoshone.

That evening we had the traditional outdoor BBQ banquet at the ranch with everyone receiving a personalized Certificate of Participation. It was a wonderful event and we look forward to this year's run being even better.



**DEATH VALLEY—OCTOBER, 2016**

**GARY STARK**

A few more photos from the Death Valley road run. All of our bikes performed flawlessly. Meeting old friends again made for a great event!



Lon Bubeck was the “ride master” for this wonderful event that was well attended.

Jerry Hatfield riding his 1941 Indian sport scout and John Eagles looking fine!



**DEATH VALLEY—OCTOBER, 2016**

**GARY STARK**

A big thank you to my friend Fred Steet who brought my bike out for the meet. In the same trip I get to have fun flying and riding antique INDIAN motorcycles. How can it get any better. Life is great



**DEATH VALLEY—OCTOBER, 2016****GARY STARK****DEATH VALLEY ACCORDING TO BOB MUSGROVE:**

It was another "miss-adventure" for us! Tim Graber showed up at the truck to help us unload the 1972 Norton (the big guy) International. In the process he tried to tear his right foot off and left us limping. Later at dinner we discovered he was not bleeding, just leaking red wine!

First day out dropped the bike and broke off the peg. No problem, a whole lot of duct tape and a bolt acquired from Tim and I was riding again the next day. My award was "best duct tape peg repairman"!



**JUST BECAUSE**

**CAROLYN MUSGROVE**

Saw this posted on Facebook and thought it was just super, super awesome cool. Looks like something Tom Lovejoy would draw doesn't it? Thank you Gary.

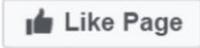
 **Gary Stark** shared Starklite Cycles Indian Motorcycle's photo.  
January 18 at 11:14am

My T6 Texan and my fathers 741 Indian in a great vintage looking shot!

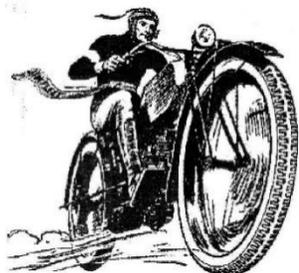


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**Starklite Cycles Indian Motorcycle**  
January 18 at 11:12am

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I was going through some photos and I found this great photo that was taken a few years ago after I purchased my T6 Texan and my fathers 741 Indian - Some great Black and White Photography!

**2017 SoCAL CALENDAR****2017 SoCal AMCA Calendar****ADRIANA GODOY LEISS**

These **SoCal AMCA rides** are open to all members. The listing also highlights regional events of interest to the antique motorcycle community. **Post this page in your workshop and ride with us!**

**January**

- Jan. 1, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart, [jhart128@roadrunner.com](mailto:jhart128@roadrunner.com).

**February**

- Feb. 5, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart

**March**

- March 2-5, Borrego Springs **SoCal AMCA** Winter Road Run. More info: <http://tinyurl.com/htrf46l>. Contact: Tim Graber, (949) 254-6551

**April**

- April 2, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- April 8-9, **SoCal AMCA** Joshua Tree Run. Contact: Craig Dillmann, (818) 347-6583

**May**

- May 7, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- May 20, Hanford Cycle Show and Swap, Kings County Fairgrounds, More info: [www.classiccycleevents.com/hanford.html](http://www.classiccycleevents.com/hanford.html).

**June**

- June 4, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- June 16-17, Fort Sutter National Meet, Dixon, CA
- June 24-25 Born-free Motorcycle Show, Oak Canyon Park, CA, More info: [www.bornfreeshow.com](http://www.bornfreeshow.com).

**July**

- July 2, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart

**August**

- Aug. 5, **SoCal AMCA** Santa Monica Mountain Run. Meet at Canoga Auto Body, 9:30 am. Contact: Craig Dillmann, (818) 347-6583
- Aug. 6, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart

**September**

- Sept. 3, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- Sept 17, **SoCal AMCA** General Meeting at Cook's Corner, 10 am
- Date TBD, El Camino Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet. More info: [www.classiccycleevents.com/elcamino.html](http://www.classiccycleevents.com/elcamino.html).

**2017 SoCAL CALENDAR****ADRIANA GODOY LEISS****October**

- Oct. 1, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- Oct 9-11, Max Bubeck Memorial Road Run - Death Valley "D-V" Run XXXI. 31<sup>th</sup> annual ride. Furnace Creek Ranch Resort. Contact: Lon Bubeck, [lonbubeck@verizon.net](mailto:lonbubeck@verizon.net).

**November**

- Nov. 5, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- Nov. 5, Southern California Norton Owners Club's Annual Hansen Dam Ride, More info: [www.socalnorton.com/wp/calendar/](http://www.socalnorton.com/wp/calendar/).
- Nov 17-19, Long Beach International Motorcycle Show. Contact: Steve Sorensen, (562) 577-9864. More info: [www.motorcycleshows.com/longbeach](http://www.motorcycleshows.com/longbeach).

**December**

- Dec. 3, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
- Date TBA, Gunther's Yard Meet. Contact: Tom Lovejoy, (310) 710 6216
- Dec 10, Dave Mann Chopperfest, Ventura. More info: [www.chopperfestival.com](http://www.chopperfestival.com).
- Date TBA, Horseless Carriage Holiday Motor Excursion. More Info: [www.socalhcca.com](http://www.socalhcca.com).

**OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**Vintage Bike OC Meet** at Mr. Pete's Grill in Huntington Beach, 2 to 4 pm. Meet is always held the second Sunday of the month. More info: [www.vintagebikeoc.com](http://www.vintagebikeoc.com).

**So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet** at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, 7 am to 1 pm. Meet is held the fourth Sunday of the month, except in July and December (when it'll be last Sunday of month) More info: [www.socalcycleswapmeet.com](http://www.socalcycleswapmeet.com).

**MOTORCYCLE HUMOR****CAROLYN THE EDITOR**

Okay, I confess, I stole this article from the Nevada Comstock AMCA newsletter. Since it was about Borrego Springs, I thought you'all might enjoy it.

INCREDIBLE MOTORCYCLE STORY! BY JOE KING IN BORREGO SPRINGS



Down in Borrego Springs, California for the Antique Motorcycle Club of America Winter Ride, we witnessed the most incredible incident involving old motorcycles. A fellow we rode with has this very rare 1929 Harley Davidson Model C 500cc single, totally restored and in pristine riding condition. He is very satisfied with the machine except one detail. "I've completely restored the machine but I didn't win awards because the front fender is incorrect. It is from a 1929 Model B, just like the Steve McQueen job. The judges are on it and I get marked off for it every time." Turns out, he has been very diligent about correcting the authenticity problem. He searched for years, traveled to the famous swap meets: Hershey, Anamosa, Davenport, Fort Sutter, Wauseon, Rhinebeck and even through Europe. All his time and money were to no avail. That morning's ride took us down a dirt road to the little town of Agua Caliente.

About 85 bikes dating back to 1915 lined up in front of the fire station for a chili and corn bread lunch hosted by the local volunteer firemen. As we were removing our gear, a young fellow walks up to the Model C to take a closer look. "My Grandpa had a Harley just like yours" blurts out the youngster. Our amazed friend inquires if he kept any parts. "Could be" he replies. "He has a whole shed full of old motorcycle stuff. Wanna see it, Mister?" Helmets and gloves on, bikes roar down a dirt road with our young scout pointing the way to grandpa's house from the buddy seat of a 1947 Indian Chief. We arrive, meet the gent and the



conversation begins. "Welcome! I see you've got a Model C too. Shame about the fender." Amazed, our riding partner inquired about a replacement. "Could be, got a shed full of old stuff out back. Let's take a look." After what seemed an eternity, grandpa reappears with a large box. Not just any box, but an H-D factory shipping box, post marked 4/1/1929. It was unopened. Drawing out his Leatherman, the gent pries open the box for the first time since it left Milwaukee 86 years ago. Several newspapers of the same date that filled the void yield their precious cargo. There are not one but two identical items wrapped in waxed paper bearing the famous bar and shield logo.

We unwrap the first item. It is a new old stock Model C fender complete with the factory applied khaki paint with red and gold pin striping. Perfect in every way, the gent holds it out, tugs at his whiskers, "Seven hundred bucks and it's yours, Sonny." Our riding buddy, exasperated, exclaims, "I've been around the world, spent years looking for this and I know one thing. That fender is only worth three hundred bucks." The desert dweller removes the last of the wrappings from the fender.

**MOTORCYCLE HUMOR****CAROLYN THE EDITOR**

“Take a second look, Sonny.” He drops the fender to the ground, scrapes it along the rocks and sand with his foot, then picking it out of the dirt, bends it in half. “You were right. That’s what a \$300 fender looks like, Sonny.” “OK, OK! Here’s the \$700! I’ll take the other one” winced the rider. The old gent looked him in the eye. “Other one”? “What a shame. All that’s left is the \$1,500 one.”

And Finally: Seems like Bob said this just the other day?

