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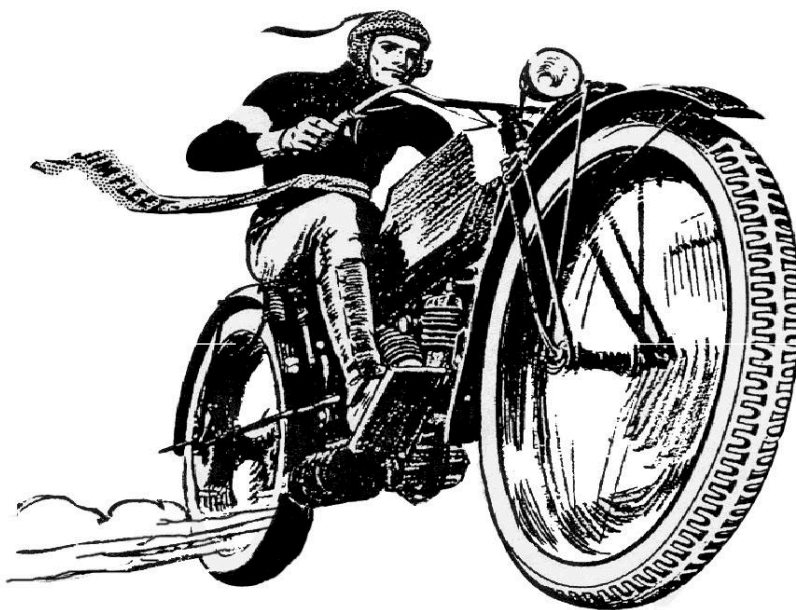
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Antique Motorcycle Club of America SoCal Chapter

Spring/Summer 2019 Newsletter



Letter from the President

SoCal AMCA President's Newsletter Report

Hello to all and welcome to the quick read SoCal AMCA newsletter! Quick read because we do not have a lot of write-ups this time and mine is extremely late. Grandma said "If you want something done give it to the busiest person you know." Well, I think I overstepped my bounds giving simple "President's Letter" to myself, but Carolyn Musgrove insists that I do one or the newsletter will not go out.

The Club has had busy activities

over the past few months, but no regular meets sine Borrego and then 29 palms. We only had six riders at 29 Palms but it was a great venue and suburb camaraderie and weather. The Musgroves had to cancel at the last minute for medical reasons but no one else asked for permission to not attend?

The Race Of Gentleman (TROG) in Santa Barbara was well attended by SoCal members and we even had an entry in SoCal's name! Nice

job Mark Leiss representing the club and Indian motorcycles. The 101 he rode was originally built by Ernie Skelton, engine by Johnny Eagles, mag by Johnny Eagles, last owner was Janis Graber, final tune in race trim by Johnny and carb tune by Tim. It ran like Heck and looked great!

I have no negative or sad or bad news to report as of his writing and I am late with my report! Johnny is doing well working around his shop and watching over Beatty.

Tim Graber

Give Johnny a call and chat when you find time: (714) 538-0416.

Hanford Swap ended up having a good number of vendors with a limited attendance at the gate because of reports of possible rain. Weather was wonderful! See pictures from the meet on this page. Watch for El Camino swap as the next big swap in middle of September.

Janis and I are on the road as of June one and will be checking in with members when I get in their area if they want to say hi. We will be up the coast to Oregon, across to Idaho, down to Denver and back home by August.

I encourage all of you to call a local friend and invite them out on a 2-3 hour ride in your local area to enjoy the rubber on the downside on your glistening machine! Get it done and enjoy and then send your pics on Facebook or to the newsletter and we will post the joy!

UPDATED June 25, 2019:

I just checked in on Carolyn and Bob Musgrove. They have been a bit under the weather but are now improving. Adriana is assisting in the assemblage of the newsletter so that we can get it out later than sooner 😊 It wil now be the Spring/Summer newsletter.

Janis and I are now in Riggins, ID for a few days having visited up the CA coast and over to Dixon for the Fort Sutter Swap meet. That meet was well attended and we got to say hi to lots of folks. Bikes prepped by Larry Ramos received Jr 1st awards in judging with 90.5 points for a 1954 Harley and 99.25 points for a 1940 Indian Chief. CONGRATULATIONS, Larry!

Nevada Bob Clift buzzed in to Dixon and had his 1942 841 judged and it also scored a JR 1st with 99.25 points! CONGRATULATIONS Bob!

Lon Bubeck has scheduled the 2019 Death Valley run for late September. The flyer and registration form are enclosed. It will be held at the old Furnace Creek area although that is called something else now. Set your calendar and sign up early for another great journey in the desert.

The El Camino Swap meet is in play again this year over at El Camino College. It has been taken over by a quality promoter and should be a great event.

<https://www.elcaminoshow.com/>

That is all for now. Send us emails and Facebook notes so we know how you are getting along.

Stay well, Tim



Summer Thoughts

Tom Hart

I sit here on this fine Juneish afternoon, listening to Al Hirt tunes and sipping fine Jack Daniels Tennessee Fire Whiskey when I receive request to update my superb summer thoughts article. So I say, okay I'm up to the challenge. I had a really nice visit with our own Gracie over the weekend while cruisin' in the Running Springs area in my '58 Corvette. She is still a ball of fire and passion, ready to get back out there on whatever is available to meet her needs with less than four wheels and makes a lot of noise. She looks good and continues to work on strengthening her weakened body parts to do what she loves, get out on a motorcycle. I suspect she would like to hear about any projects you guys might have ideas about that would help her realize her goal. Grace told me about her 89 year old sister who is still out there cruisin' the country in a camper vehicle by herself and not showing any signs of slowing down. Albeit she does scare the crap out of Grace driving at 45 MPH on the freeway. I say 45 or 145, whatever gets the job done. I can only hope to be that aggressive about keeping my bones in motion at that age.

FYI, Jill and I just celebrated our 49th anniversary the other day. No need to send congrats or gifts, but money is okay since I don't have the club treasury to lean on anymore. I've learned over the past 100 years of marriage that separation makes the heart grow fonder aka "tired of separation." So it would be greatly appreciated if any of you guys, or gals could convince Jill that it is semi-safe to ride with me again. Having said that, Jill and Becky have been knocking out the competition at the doggie shows with their new Pug, Elvis. He's currently rated number three in the nation in the owner/handler group. Personally I couldn't be happier or proud as long as she doesn't turn into one of those people I saw in the movie 'Best of Show.' If that's the case, we may not make it to 50.

Yet on another point, SoCal meetings. The last one featured myself, Steve, Rich and Vahan. Huntington Beach Ken has been fairly regular too, but I suspect

that is mainly due to the use of Metamucil more than anything else, but I digress. I have partnered myself with the Orange County Motorcycle Club in Garden Grove. We meet every Monday night at 7:30 for about an hour or two at the historic clubhouse at Newhope and Trask Avenue. We usually have between 6 and 20 members in attendance, drink beer or water and discuss things and stuff related to motorcycles. Mostly off road stuff, which is the basis for this club dating back to the teens. I really think this would be a great venue for our upcoming annual meeting in September. You could literally crash over the railing on the west bound 22 at Harbor and be there.

I've got my Trike almost there. It's at the 46 to 52% reliability level. When it runs, it runs great, very sweet. When it doesn't I call for a tow. I may have used up my AAA towing privileges for the year. I have definitely used up my AA privileges for the year. I broke something in the front end of my '39 Chief a few weeks back while cruisin' in Laguna Beach. Not sure what it was, but the master John Bivens is on it. My '50 Bobber hot rod is still impressing folks with its unusual performance, both in taking off and stopping. And of course the death trap side-car Moto Guzzi sidecar rig is always a kick in the ass. My '07 Harley awaits a call from Craig Dillmann to take a cross-country ride. But for now, I've returned to full time employment with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children so that will have to be put on the back burner. Not bragging or anything, but I have racked up 5,280 resolved cases to my credit so far in the past 12 years...just saying.

That's all I've got for now. Have fun. You will take notice that I did not say "Be careful and have fun" which is mutually impossible. It's either one or the other, but never both.

Tom

A Day at the Races

Mark Leiss



On March 9, the Oilers Car Club put on The Race of Gentlemen (TROG), an invitation-only day of drag races in sunny Santa Barbara. Instead of racing on the sand as is tradition with TROG for its races on the shores of Wildwood, New Jersey (and the other time they came West to the beaches of Pismo in 2016), the city closed off a section of beach-

front Cabrillo Boulevard to stage the 1/8 mile drag races. Attended by thousands, all vehicles were 1930s-50s with no modern equipment. Racers wore dapper, period-correct racing outfits and ran about 20 races each, or as long as their machines held up. No trophies were handed out, just bragging rights. Several of our own members were in attendance, racing their vintage machines, among them were Steve Hunsinger and Mike Madden. Mike enjoyed the day by literally destroying anyone unfortunate enough to line up against him at the starting line. Mike was on his legendary 1940 Crocker pushing it to its limits. It's my understanding he won every race he entered. The bike, of course, ran flawlessly. Good job Mike!

I also participated, racing my 101. I spent weeks with Johnny Eagles and Tim Graber modifying the bike for race day. I learned to duck out of the way of flying wrenches and magnetos, as those things can hurt! In the end, Eagles helped get the modified 57ci motor prepped and ready. This bike originally raced by Ernie Skelton way back in the day, also ran flawlessly except, of course, for the first race where I inadvertently flooded the motor. It took quick thinking (and about 30 kicks) by SoCal members Craig Dillmann and Phil Shore to get the bike going again. Thanks guys! Like many other racers that day, I did about 20 runs in the Santa Barbara sun. All in All, a great showing by all of our SOCAL members.



Photos top to bottom: Mark Leiss and Fellow Indian Racer; Eric Vaughn on his stock 101, Norm Newman on a hopped up Sport Scout and Mark Leiss on his modified 101; Mike Madden on his 1940 Crocker.



And they're off! Mark Leiss in #35 races at the 2019 Santa Barbara Drags.



Mike Madden's 1940 Crocker performed exceptionally well at the races.

2019 Borrego Springs Winter Road Run – Feb. 28th to March 3rd

Tom Lovejoy

This year's Borrego was fantastic! Winter storms were threatening and there was plenty of rain in So Cal that weekend. But almost none of it in Borrego Springs area. We rode through low clouds and it sure looked like we were going to get wet at times. But what we got instead was fantastic views, beautiful cloud formations, blue skies, rainbows, just a bit of wind and it was nice and warm too. Just about as good as it get's and I, for one, loved it! Just me and my Henderson purring along. What a weekend. We had a good turn out with about 70 motorcycles, I believe. Many fine examples of antique iron running all over the place and lots of good friends too. With a little effort from Tom Hart and myself, we were blessed with Grace McKean being back with us all. She had a fantastic time and we all enjoyed seeing her back amongst us. Grace was back in all her glory among friends and surrounded by antique two wheelers :-). There were no serious get off's that I know of and no serious damages to any of the machines either. Tim and Janis were everywhere as always, taking care of folks and seeing to the going on's. Keeping everyone happy and the run going smoothly, which it surely did. Hats off to both of them and all the volunteers, for such a wonderful time.





More Photos from the 2019 Borrego Springs Winter Road Run

Treasurer's Report for the 2019 Borrego Springs Winter Road Run

Richard Coffin

Treasurer's Report for Borrego Springs 2019

We are in the black and fiscally sound, and no we didn't pay for Tom's truck.

We did well at the Borrego Springs Run, when I say we did well I mean we paid all expenses and were left with just under \$300 in the black. Being a nonprofit type of organization this is where we want to be financially. The runs are not supposed to be fundraisers and therefore we did well. I know I had a great time on the run and hope those that attended did also.

I want to acknowledge those that helped sponsor us this year by saying *mahalo* to each and every one that donated time, money, or products to make this year another successful ride.

Our own **Nick Dounias** from **Hagerty** provided us with bags, sunglasses, drink coolers, magazines, and other odds and ends. (Sorry Nick, my fault we didn't have more organization to get the products to each individual, I'm working on that.)

Steve Sorensen and Tom Lovejoy for providing us (as usual) that great lunch on Saturday.

Doctor John's Motorcycle Repair for some shirts and hats.

Dubya for shirts, coolers, lanyards

45's Unlimited for shirts and hats.

Lifestyle Cycles for a shirt.

Biggs Harley Davidson for two gift certificates.

R & R Enterprises Roxie for several misc. gifts and Dotera products.

AAA and travel agent Athina for bags, pens, and especially the maps.

We received an **anonymous donation of \$100** from one of the campers. Thank you.

All the young ladies that worked so hard to provide us with the great disco dancing and don't forget the work they did to decorate and set up the banquet room. There was months of preparation that went into that. **So mahalo to Janis and all her helpers.**

Adriana, Bob and Carol for handling a lot if not all our communication to our members.

All the people that helped set up and tear down at the site.

The hotel staff was helpful and although a couple of glitches occurred, between the staff and Tim it all worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

I feel like someone at one of those award shows trying to thank everyone. If I missed you in my list above please forgive me and know that your contribution was and is very much appreciated.

By the way did you like the shirts this year? Let us know; we need your feedback to what you liked and didn't like on the ride.

Thanks to all that attended. The 2019 Borrego Springs Winter Road Run was a success and hope to see you folks there again in 2020.

Richard

SoCal AMCA Joshua Tree Run

Adriana Leiss



The 2019 Joshua Tree Run was April 5 - Sunday, April 7. Thanks to Craig Dillmann for organizing this yearly event. We had six riders – Tim Graber, Craig Dillmann and Kelli Delzer, Mike Menezes, Lon Bubeck, and Steve and Keeley Sorenson. Thanks to Kelli, who drove the trouble truck and took many of the photos here. We rode through scenic Joshua Tree National Park, to Mecca through Box Canyon and Keys View. As usual, we were headquartered at the lovely El Rancho Dolores Motel.

Projects

Tom Lovejoy

Well, what projects are you working on?

I always find it interesting to see what others are working on. What relics from the past are you trying to bring back to life? Most have at least one ongoing project and many of us have multiple projects. So let's hear about em. What successes have you had? or setbacks? There are always challenges, with these old machines. That is half the fun, making new discoveries both good and bad and trying to figure out how best to deal with them. How did you come about getting you project? Had you planned it for a while, or just stumble onto it?

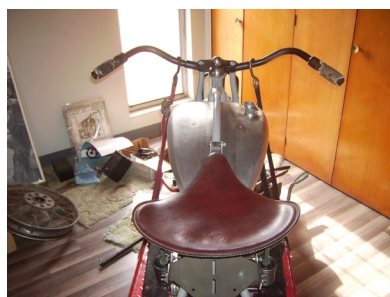
As for me, I have three antique two wheeler projects going on right now, off and on, as I get the needed parts. Almost have them all now and I am really trying to pick up the pace on my progress. I have a bits of teens, I am calling a 14. This one was planned, the other two, and were spur of the moment, buy it now kind of things. No real planning at all, just ol boy - I want!

One thing they all have in common is they are costing me a fortune. Both of these, I started with just an engine and finding and buying the missing parts has been very tough and expensive. But thanks to eBay and some contacts and a few friends and chapter members, I am getting there. My other two are a wannabe board tracker, 1911 frame and forks and 1919 Powerplus engine, single speed. I am calling it "unsafe at any speed" :-) and the other is a 30 101 Scout frame and forks, with a modified 47 Chief engine and 4 speed overdrive trans. I am hoping it well be a great road machine. I am also messing with a 47 Studebaker half ton, just for fun.

There you have it, **let's hear what you folks are working on.** Hope to see you at the next meeting or on the next run, Tom.



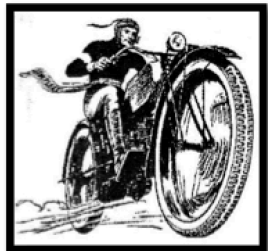
These are my wannabe boardtracker. I am putting brakes on it and trying to spring my seat because I hope to survive and even enjoy the ride it's a 1,000, cc one speed pedal start and brake, really don't know how it's going to be. But we are going to find out.



Here is my Chout in progress, I just had this gas tank widened by John Bivens and you would not believe how much it cost me. But I like it and I really want to ride this machine, John did a good job.

2019 Calendar - July to December

Adriana Leiss



This listing highlights regional events of interest to the antique motorcycle community. **SoCal AMCA rides** are noted in bold and are open to all members. For further details about each event, visit the Calendar section of our website, www.SoCalAMCA.org. **Post this page in your workshop and ride with us!**



July

- July 7, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin.
- July 11-14, Blue River Rally Oregon Trail Chapter Antique Motorcycle Club of America

August

- August 4, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin.

September

- September 1, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin.
- September 17-19, 3rd Annual Comstock Classic Fall Run
Minden, Nevada <http://comstock-amca.com>
- September 23-25, Yerba Buena Chapter National Road Run
Monterey, CA, <http://www.yerbabuenaamca.org/>
- September 29- October 1, **SoCal AMCA Death Valley "D-V" XXXI Max Bubeck Memorial Road Run**,
Contact: Lon Bubeck (see flyer on following page)

October

- October 5, 5th Annual Patriots and Paws 'Hometown Heroes' Car & Motorcycle Show.
<https://www.patriotsandpawscarshow.com>
- October 6, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin.
- **SoCal AMCA** Annual Meeting, details forthcoming.

November

- November 3, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin
- November 3, 40th Annual Hansen Dam Ride event, hosted by the Southern California Norton Owners Club. More info here: <http://socalnorton.com/wp/calendar/>
- Date TBA, Progressive International Motorcycle Show at the Long Beach Convention Center

December

- December 1, **SoCal AMCA** Monthly Sunday Brunch. Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Richard Coffin.
- December 1, Gunther's Yard Show, details forthcoming, Contact: Tom Lovejoy
- December 8, Dave Mann Chopperfest, Ventura County Fairgrounds. More info here: <http://www.chopperfestival.com/>
- Date TBA, 64th Annual Horseless Carriage Holiday Motor Excursion, an event of the Southern California chapter of the Horseless Carriage Club of America. More info: <http://bit.ly/2GemwSS>.

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.

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 December (when it'll be last Sunday of month) More info: www.socalcycleswapmeet.com



There are two hotels at the Oasis at Death Valley. Our accommodations for the SoCal AMCA Death Valley "D-V" XXXI Max Bubeck Memorial Road Run be at the Ranch at Death Valley shown here.

Looking for Riders Interested in Traveling Europe

Richard Coffin

I just got back from a trip up the river Danube and then a week in Russia, no I didn't see any collusion, and it has me thinking about taking a motorcycle trip across Europe next summer.

I went to the Air Canada website and found that they will fly your motorcycle from major airports in Canada like Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Quebec to major airports in the UK, Germany and few others in Europe for a decent price. I don't have an exact but it appears to be under \$2,000 round trip and may be much less if you fly on the same plane.



Anyway I'm thinking of going next June through August, (2020) touring the UK, then crossing the channel through France, Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar, maybe crossing over to Morocco to see Marrakesh, and Casablanca, then back up through the Mediterranean coastline to Greece then up through the Alps, Germany, Holland, and maybe Scandinavia if there is time.

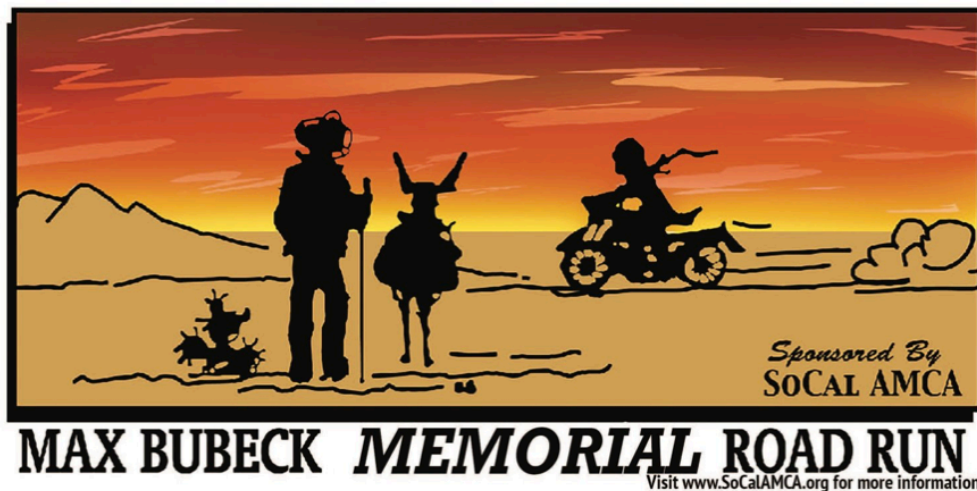
Anyone interested can contact me at rvcoffin@hotmail.com. It's just wishful thinking at this point but I'm not getting any younger and it sounds like it could be a fun trip of my lifetime.

Richard Coffin

Visiting Grace

Pictured here are Grace McKean and her sister Annette in Running Springs, California. Tom Lovejoy took this photo during a recent visit. Looking good, ladies!





DEATH VALLEY "D-V" XXXI MAX BUBECK MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

September 29 – October 1, 2019

A two-day desert tour of Death Valley National Park headquartered The Oasis at Death Valley. Travel arrival day is Sunday with rides scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, banquet on Tuesday evening.

The Oasis at Death Valley is the new name for the former Furnace Creek Ranch. We have reserved a block of twenty rooms at a group rate so if you plan to attend, book your rooms early.

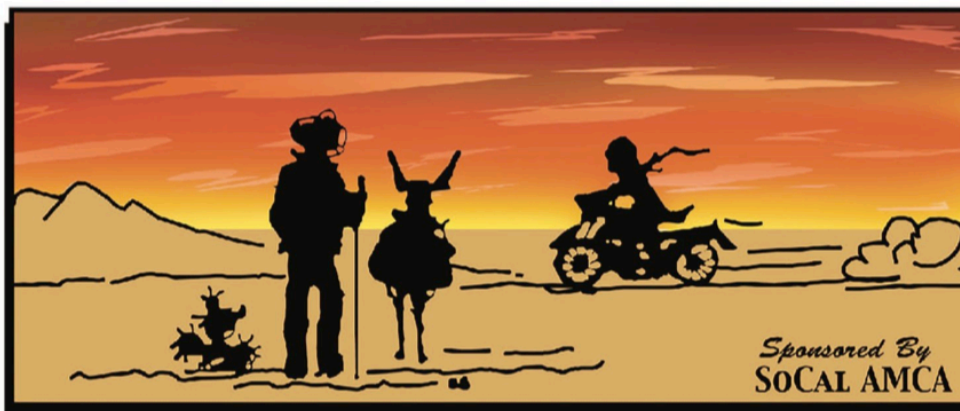
The group rate will be honored until August 30, 2019 or until all twenty rooms have been booked. After August 30 the regular rates will apply.

Room rates vary according to the type of room booked. A Deluxe room with two queen beds is \$175/night. Information at <https://www.oasisatdeathvalley.com>

[To Open the Registration Form, Click Here.](#)

To make reservations, please call (760) 786-2345, ask for Reservations and Booking # 869972

Don't miss your opportunity: Book your room now!



MAX BUBECK *MEMORIAL* ROAD RUN

Visit www.SoCalAMCA.org for more information.

DEATH VALLEY "D-V" RUN XXXII Sept. 29 – Oct 1, 2019

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PRINT NAME: _____ AMCA NO: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CLUB: _____ MAKE/MODEL/YEAR OF ENTRY: _____

REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH MACHINE includes T-shirt, Trophy & Barbeque. \$ 95.00

Please indicate T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL

Extra T-shirts: (Quantity) _____ X \$10.00 \$ _____

Extra Banquet Tickets: (Quantity) _____ X \$40.00 \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: **SoCal AMCA** DEADLINE: August 30 2019

MAIL TO: SoCal AMCA
16101 Routt St.
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Riders must be current members of The Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Motorcycles are limited to 1968 & earlier. California law requires helmets to be worn. Each person is responsible for his/her room. To make reservations, please call (760) 786-2345, ask for Reservations and Booking #811476 Deadline is August 30, 2019.

**CALIFORNIA LAW REQUIRES PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE ON YOUR CYCLE.
ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

I understand & hereby agree to comply with the rules governing this event; & further agree to hold blameless, SoCal AMCA and any other person or person's for any loss or injury to myself or property in which I may become involved by any reason of participating in this event.

ENTRANT'S SIGNATURE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF ENTRANTS
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