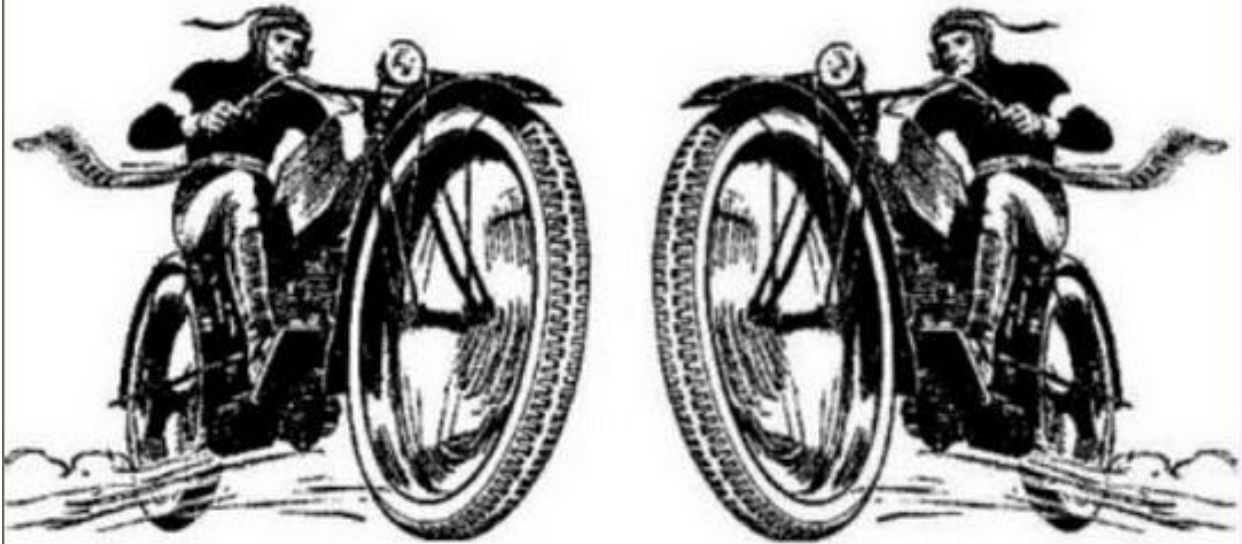


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

TIM GRABER

SoCal AMCA Presidents Newsletter Report.

Greetings from the mobile office of your president! Janis and I have been on the road since June but we always remain in contact. Actually, we rented a new Indian Chief while in Denver, CO and we did an overnight ride down to Manitou Springs and rode up to the top of Pikes Peak, elevation 14,101! Great fun and easy to do now that the road is paved all the way up. I last rode this in 1982, when I was on a national AMCA tour in Colorado. I was on my 1948 Indian Chief and the road was only paved for the first mile. I had a long conversation with John Eagles by phone the day before, and he instructed me on how to manage the carb for the heat and the altitude. Well, the bike and I made it all the way to the top. When we made the ride this year, we met up with the group of women riding across country on modern bikes replicating the antique tour by the two sisters that did the original ride in 1915. Now that was a ride!

With all of the touring going on, the club missed the summer newsletter, Sorry. So this is the fall newsletter and it has some catch-up stories that are must-reads. We have not had too many new members join up, so I hereby challenge all of you to get a new member to sign up for the SoCal AMCA for 2017. I would like to congratulate Bill McClennan for becoming a new member. I carry SoCal AMCA business cards on all of my bikes and a few in pocket so that I can pass them out to prospects with whom I speak while out riding. Drop us a note if you want some cards and we will get them out to you.

Adriana has been doing a great job on the website, Facebook, and the blog. Check those items out and keep informed of the options you may have on any given day or week to join a Member on a ride or event.

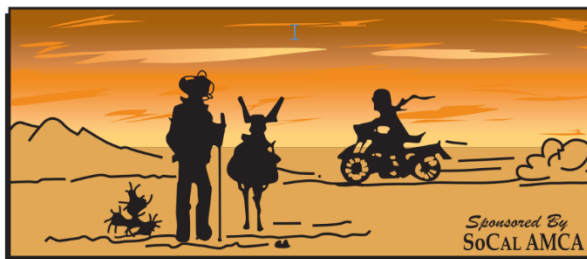
Speaking of events, 22 or so of us riders will be gathering for fun at the 2017 Death Valley Memorial Road Run. That event is Oct 9th, 10th, and 11th and we are back at Furnace Creek.

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Back Logo

DEATH VALLEY "D-V" RUN XXX




MAX BUBECK MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

If you get a chance come on out and play! If you cannot do that and want to support, purchase a commemorative T-shirt with the club logo and the famous DV logo created by Max's wife Suzie. The club treasurer would appreciate all T-shirts being sold.

Available to Club members for \$20 bucks first come first served, LIMITED supply!

DEATH VALLEY "D-V" RUN XXX
October 9 - 11, 2016

Join the Southern California Chapter of the AMCA for its 30th Annual Death Valley Run, a 2- 1/2 day desert tour headquartered at the historic Furnace Creek Resort in the heart of Death Valley National Park. Registration form and details on www.SoCalAMCA.org.



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Thanks for reading, pass this newsletter along, join So Cal Facebook, subscribe to the newsletter, read and participate in the blog, find a new member and bring him/her along to the next ride and HEY, Participate! Print the calendar in this newsletter and mark yours accordingly including the Sunday brunch rides being promoted by Tom Hart.

Cheers, Tim Graber, President

BTW, thanks to all who have helped over the year. Thanks to Larry Ramos for his help over the years as VP and welcome to Tom Lovejoy as VP for the 2017 campaign...

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP AT AMCA

Yes, there have been changes, the most significant being that Richard Spagnolli announced at the annual BOD meeting on the 24th that he would not seek another term as president or with the BOD. Consequently Lonnie Campbell as sitting VP was elected President and will take over that office effective 1 January. If you don't know Lonnie I can attest that he is a competent, deliberative and soft spoken fellow which the rest of the Board has full confidence in. Going forward I believe the membership can expect sound and dedicated leadership from Lonnie.

In a related matter Don Dzurick presented the state of affairs within the AMCA Judging Program and highlighted his enthusiasm for the potential of virtual judging.

TREASURY REPORT -- 2016**TOM HART**

Well folks another club year has come and gone. But enough about me. We had our annual meeting on Sunday, September 18th which was attended by Johnny Eagles, Steve Sorensen, Larry Ramos, Vanhan Bandoian, Tom Lovejoy, Hakan Martensson, Grace McKean, Gary Stark, myself and the new guy Ken Netteberg from Huntington Beach. Welcome aboard Ken. Frank Colver and Walter Frey were suspiciously absent as were a few others.

The new location for the monthly Sunday brunch will be Ruby's Diner at the old town Orange train station. The meeting will be the first Sunday of every month (same location) at about 10AM. October the 2nd will be the first one.

We agreed that there is a need to return to our yesteryear activity of a monthly Sunday brunch, meeting which was very popular and held at the Revere House in Tustin for many years. The new location for the monthly Sunday brunch will be Ruby's Diner at the old town Orange train station since the Revere House went belly up some time ago.

The restaurant/train station is conveniently located three and one half blocks west of Old Town Orange's traffic circle on Chapman Ave, AKA 186 N Atchison St, Orange, CA 92866, like in Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe. If you have trouble finding it, just sit on the tracks for a while, otherwise exit the 55 freeway at Chapman and head west for about a mile and a half.

These meetings will hopefully include wives and girlfriends (not on the same day), offspring's and just about anyone else you care to bring, so arriving on four wheels is acceptable. But if you are so inclined, ride in and join us for an off-the-cuff ride after the meeting. Do like I used to do and let the misses bring the car and ride your old (or new) stuff.

Once again, the meeting will be the first Sunday of every month (same location) at about 10AM. October the 2nd will be the first one. We will not meet at Ruby's if we have another scheduled club ride on that day, so check the calendar. Not that it's important, but this place has a full bar and great Bloody Mary's.

Other things and stuff were discussed like spending some club money and going back to snail mail for members who cannot or will not use the internet. It would be helpful if you internet savvy guys would print out and hand deliver a copy of the calendar and/or newsletter to any member you are in regular or semi-regular contact with that may be challenged in this regard. I can say this because I am "challenged" in many aspects of everyday life including the internet.

There aren't many folks out there who need this kind of assistance to stay in touch, so it's not that big of a deal. I've already personally "adopted" one club member myself for this activity. So if he misses out on something, I only have myself to blame. I won't mention any names but his initials are Johnny Eagles (pictured below). To be fair, Johnny is one of our founding fathers, a past chapter president, National Board member, hit man for the CIA, life time member, go to guy for magnetos and many other repairs, former pilot and a really nice guy if you don't piss him off. I just hope that when I'm 200 someone thinks kindly of me too. Just joking Johnny, I'm referring to your combined years of personal knowledge on many matters, not your age and because you know where I live I need to be careful. I should probably stop taking now. All I know is that if Johnny or anyone like him says "I don't need no stinking internet," that's good enough for me.

TREASURY REPORT -- 2016**TOM HART**

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, Grace McKean, Johnny Eagles, and Tom and Jill Hart.



A quick note here about Grace McKean. She, "The Grace", rode to the meeting from Running Springs on her whanabe Indian, by herself. That's about a 200 mile round trip ride to attend the meeting. Then she rode with a couple of us (Johnny, Gary and myself) to Laguna Beach for lunch before heading home. At the meeting Mr. Lovejoy

complained about the cold fog in the morning which hindered him from riding his bike the 30 miles to my house. I offered him my grandmother's shawl and white cotton gloves to keep him warm during the meeting, but he decided to tuff it out.

And finally for my report I'll just touch upon the local elections. VP Larry Ramos and former VP Tom Lovejoy waged a fierce campaign for the office of VP this year. Heated words were exchanged, accusations of fraud, theft, lying and cheating, bad breath, bribery and carousing flew like hot poker chips on a loose roulette table. Then I realized they were talking about me and not each other's campaign promises, or office improprieties. Personally I was shocked that someone finally realized what I was doing with the club funds. Yet I remain in office. Why?

CHAPTER LEADERS (2016-2017)

- Treasurer: Tom Hart
- Steve Sorenson retained his position as secretary (of state) just like Hilary. If that doesn't scare you into getting out to vote next year on club elections, nothing will.
- When the dust settled, Tom Lovejoy was named the new VP in what can only be described as a landslide victory. Larry graciously exited the office flipping Tom off as he left. I think he was congratulating him by saying, "Hey Tom...you're number one".
- Tim Graber's position as President was not contested. He was re-installed as the Prez for another term. Tim was otherwise engaged elsewhere and not able to attend so he offered his services (for a small fee) via proxy. I voted for a COLA increase for board members, but the board declined the measure. This will likely lead to yet another violation of Penal Code section 503 for me.

TREASURY REPORT -- 2016**TOM HART**

Almost forgot, the club will be sponsoring the "Great Harley verses Indian Race" in Utah next year. If you have not entered this event before, you are missing out on a really great scenic ride. Gary Stark does an excellent job putting this together. Tom Lovejoy and I entered the last race, before he became a girl, and had an absolute blast. Be sure to look for this ride's update and others in the newsletter.

Tom Hart

P.S. The following members are the only ones up to date on dues as of 2016. Cortesy (Steve you are paid through 2017), Ambrogio, Bandoian, Boyd, Coffin, Colver, Dillman, Ferguson, Frey, Golonka, Hatfield, Kingsbury, Leiss, Lovejoy, Martensson, McClennen, McKean, Mori, Musgrove, Jim Stanley, Stark and Watson. Everyone else is behind in dues. That means not paid through 2016. Some for many years!!! **Please bring your dues up**, not just for me and the kids, but for other reasons too...it's only \$20.00 a year. I'm only concerned about receiving 2016 dues and 2017 dues in January, just like a new start in life. You'll feel good about it, I promise.

I thank you and my creditors thank you.

- OTHER THINGS BY THE TREASURER

Our 1st monthly club brunch/ride was somewhat small but attended by a mighty group consisting of myself, Mrs. Treasurer Jill, daughter treasurer Becky, "The Grace" McKean, Johnny Eagles and the New V.P. Tom Lovejoy. 10 o'clock seemed like a good time for this event as it gives ya'll time to get back from church and take a comfortable ride over. I'm guessing that many of you stayed for extra church services this month. Nothing wrong with that. Sinners need all the help they can get and I'm the last person who will cut short a good alleluia.

Tom made it easily to the meeting from Gardena albeit on a modern machine. No problem! Grace logged over 300 miles on her wantabe Indian to make the meeting. She's amazing and as always draws interest from local folks, especially the guys. We took a short but relaxing cruise by Cooker's Corner before heading up the coast from Dana Point to Long Beach. I believe I saw Grace throw a couple of beer cans over the fence into Marty's back yard as we went by his place in Monarch Bay. Sorry about that Marty, nothing personal. Tom had his Model T project waiting for him at home so he had to part company in Long Beach. Johnny was also deep into a project at home so he opted out of the Sunday ride. But that's what these monthly meetings are all about, just a chance to get together with friends and family and ride if the circumstances allow. Hopefully it will also give us a chance to expand our ride calendar when ya'll come up with new ideas/destinations/whatever. Personally speaking I almost always enjoy the journey as much as the destination itself. Except when I go to the bank to deposit your dues. Which reminds me, I forgot to name new member Ken Netteberg as a paid up member for 2016 in my treasurer report.

The really great weather tempted me for a longer ride, but my brand new shoulder suggested that might be a mistake, so Grace and I headed back to my place after leaving Tom in Long Beach. My 86in '50 Chief Bobber used more gas than Tom and Grace's bikes put together.

Hope to see more of you guys next month. Remember the Long Beach International Motorcycle show is coming up in November.

UTAH SALT FLATS – August, 2016**CRAIG DILLMANN****Southern California to Utah's Salt Flats to Watch History in the Making**

On Friday, August 26, SoCal members-in-good-standing Mike Menezes and Craig Dillmann headed up to Utah on their modern Harleys to support Bob Cliff's attempt to break another record on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Upon our arrival, we were pleased to hook up with Ron Stevens and Jim Christian!! We hung out on the Salt Flats checking out all the cool race bikes. Sure enough, on Sunday August 28th Bob Cliff broke another world record on his 1940 Indian Chief!! Way to go Bob, keeping the Indian name alive. 93 miles per hour - way to go Bob!

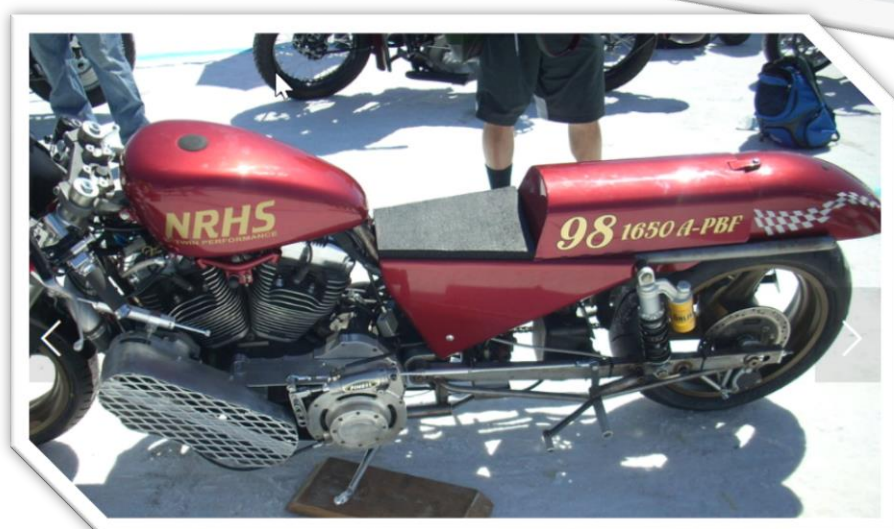
Mike and Craig continued on an odyssey including on Americas loneliest highway, the 50, California Highway 1, the coast, and every back road in between.

Included overnights in: Ely, Nevada; Wendover, Utah; Susanville, Ca; Fortuna, C;. and Salinas, Ca, on as many backroads as possible. We logged 2,300 miles in 6 days!



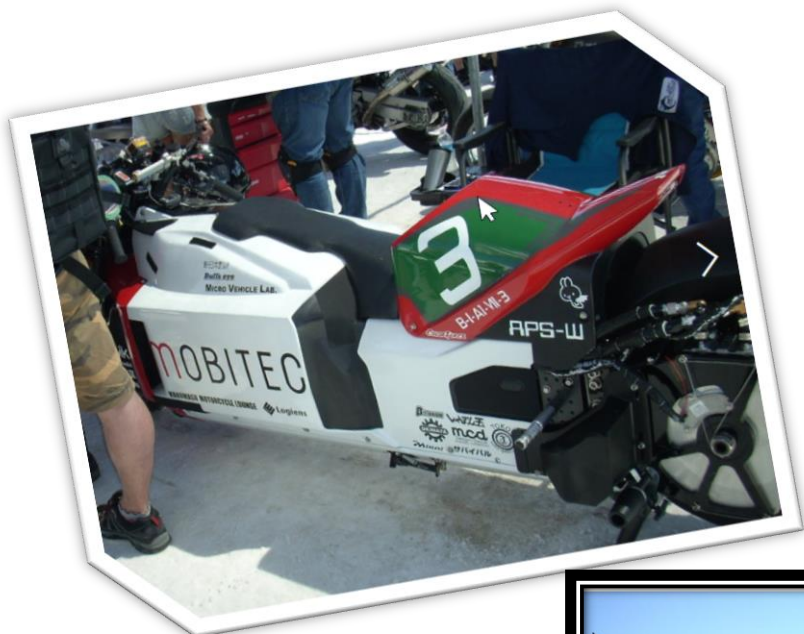


Bob Clift



SALT FLATS – SEPTEMBER, 2016

CRAIG DILLMANN



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More photos taken by Mike Menezes and Bob Clift can be found on our [website](#).

UTAH NATIONAL ROAD RIDE—JUNE, 2016**BOB MUSGROVE**

The Phoenix Roadrunner chapter of the AMCA sponsored its first national meet. The ride was based out of Kanab, Utah and included rides to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon. Carolyn and I were not going to go as we got married at the Grand Canyon and every single person who has ever visited (dozens) have asked us to take them to see it.

However, one week prior to the ride, I decided that at the young age of 81 I might never get to ride through Zion or Bryce and therefore we should go. So Carolyn contacted the Roadrunners and pleaded with them until they finally agreed to let us register and pay on arrival. We passed up the Grand Canyon ride and arrived Friday afternoon. We had booked an alternate hotel (Carolyn called every place in Kanab and finally scored a room). At about 3:00 PM Friday, a cell call from Claudia and Barney Watson that the host hotel had one room they normally blocked for emergencies but they had convinced the manager to let us book it – WOW!! Now that's what you call true-blue, die-hard friends!!!



We were amazed to see almost 100 riders from across the USA and even some from overseas.



SoCal was well represented – me and Carolyn, Teg Graber, Hakan Martensson, Barney and Claudia Watson, John Stanley, Prospero and probably a few

others I have forgot to mention – sorry.

UTAH NATIONAL ROAD RIDE—JUNE, 2016

BOB MUSGROVE



John Stanley at the meet, greet, drink and eat!

Registration headquarters – a van. Notice my blue BSA parked beside the “registration desk”.



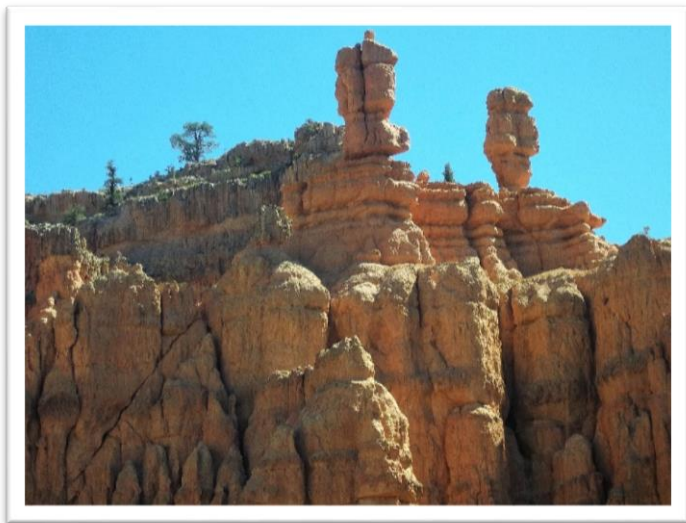
I’m drinking coffee and admiring this young lady who reminds me so much of Grace. She owns, starts and rides her bike way more than a lot of folks I know!

Plus, she was quite charming and more than capable.

UTAH NATIONAL ROAD RIDE—JUNE, 2016

BOB MUSGROVE

The ride June 2nd to Zion took the Southern route through Colorado City and was a bit too long but Zion is fantastic. We had a wonderful lunch at the entrance to the park then meandered our way through the park eventually ending up back in Kanab.



REALLY AWESOME!



UTAH NATIONAL ROAD RIDE—JUNE, 2016**BOB MUSGROVE**

June 3rd ride was to Bryce Canyon – another magnificent sight to behold. Mother Nature never ceases to amaze me. Bryce Canyon Point is at 9,000 feet and a few folks (Carolyn) experienced a bit of altitude sickness – oh well. Back down 600 feet and all was well. They catered lunch at the lookout point which was quite tasty amid amazing beauty.



NATURAL BRIDGE – BRYCE CANYON



June 3rd the ride came to a close with a banquet at a country western themed bar complete with live music. I was more than a little surprised when I was awarded the prize for oldest rider AND an award for “latest rider to register”?! Seems one of the officers ladies is learning to weld. So the awards were welded pieces of “parts” – car parts, motorcycle parts, tools and whatever else got in her way. Very creative! She also welded a table that was raffled off – nope, didn’t win that one.

UTAH NATIONAL ROAD RIDE—JUNE, 2016

BOB MUSGROVE

AWARD FOR OLDEST RIDER – great except it weighs about 25 pounds!



AWARD FOR LAST RIDER to REGISTER– also great but it weighs about 30 pounds!



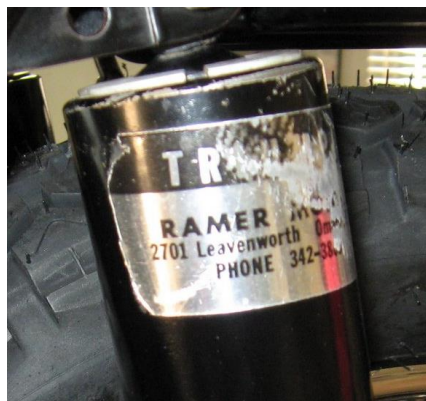
Have no idea what the table weighs but it took three guys to load it on a truck!



STORY OF A 1966 TRIUMPH**BARNEY WATSON****THE STORY OF A 1966 TRIUMPH T100 SRH**

While we still lived in Omaha, NE (1998) we attended a memorial service for a family friend. We got to talking motorcycles, and the person said his ex-brother-in-law had an old triumph. Talk about a small world, the owner attended the same grade school, and high school, and lived in the same neighborhood, as we did, but was 4 years behind us. A couple weeks later he called and gave us the owner's phone number. We drove from Omaha to central Iowa where he lived, talked over old times, and people, and made a deal.

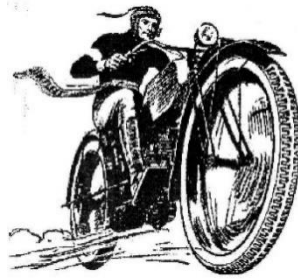
He bought the motorcycle brand new, and drove it while getting his mechanical engineering degree. The bike was mine. What made it more special was that it still had the selling dealer's decal on the rear shock.



Don Ramer and family out of Omaha had sold me motorcycles since 1965. But this one would be the only one that had a visible link to Ramer Motors.

We retired, moved to Phoenix, and brought it with us. I sold the bike to an acquaintance, and when it went up for sale again several years later, I purchased it back. I sent some photos back to the original owner, and once again we talked over old times. Seems motorcycles do that to us.....





2016 SoCal AMCA Calendar

- October
 - Oct. 2 – Monthly **SoCal AMCA Sunday Brunch**, Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
 - Oct 9-11 - **SoCal AMCA Max Bubeck Memorial Death Valley Run** at Furnace Creek Ranch Resort. Contact Lon Bubeck. See event flyer on page 3. Info on our website: <http://www.socalamca.org/upcoming-ride-registration/>
- November
 - Nov 5 – 36th Annual Hansen Dam ALL British Ride
 - Nov 6 - **Monthly SoCal AMCA Sunday Brunch**, Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
 - Nov 18-20 - Long Beach International Motorcycle Show. Contact: Steve Sorensen
- December
 - Dec 4 - Gunther's Yard Show. Contact: Tom Lovejoy
 - Dec 4 - **Monthly SoCal AMCA Sunday Brunch**, Ruby's Diner, Orange. Contact: Tom Hart
 - Dec 11 - Dave Mann Chopperfest, Ventura County Fairgrounds
 - Dec 31 – **SoCal AMCA Holiday Tour**. Details TBD

Ongoing Events Of Interest

- OC Vintage Bike Night – Pete's Grill - always 2:00 pm
 - Oct 9
 - Nov 13
 - Dec 11
- Long Beach Cycle Swap – Veterans Stadium – Toppingevents.com – always 7:00 am
 - Oct 23
 - Nov 13
 - Dec 4



MOTORCYCLE HUMOR

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