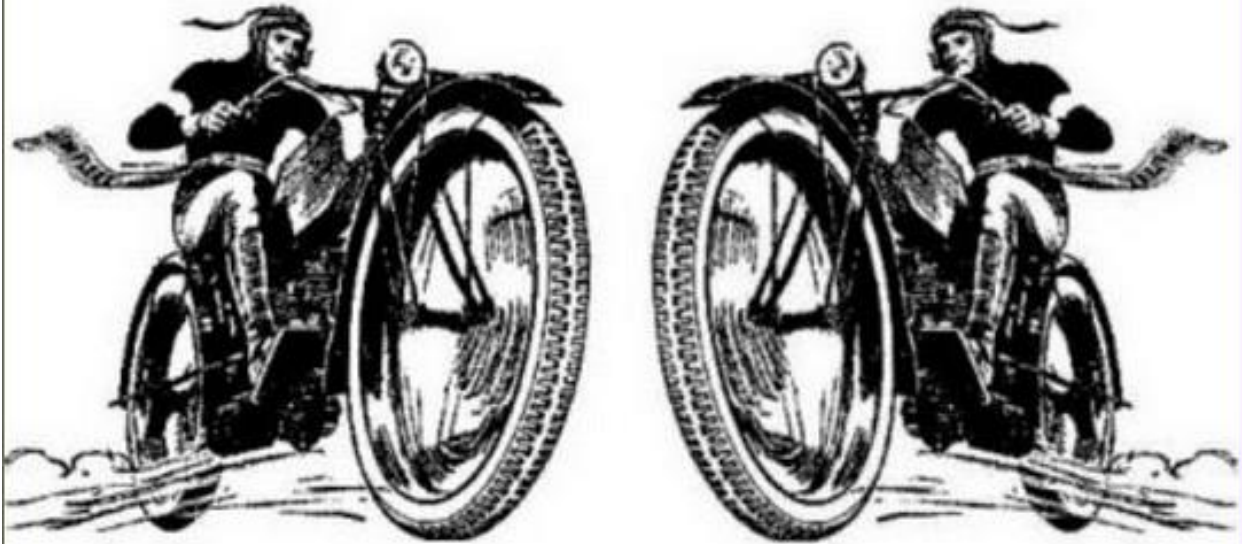


# *SoCal Antique Motorcycle Club of America Summer Newsletter, 2017*

## *SoCal Chapter of the AMCA*



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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT****TIM GRABER**

SoCal AMCA Presidents Newsletter Report.

Hello to all of you readers of the SoCal AMCA newsletter. I am very late and apologize. I do hope that Carolyn posts this note for me. It looks like the members of SoCal AMCA are so busy with life that we have trouble keeping our desired schedule of newsletters 4 times a year. So, we will do what we can.

I have had the pleasure of seeing many of you at our major events and then again on small weekend trips and visits.

Janis and I are going “vagabond” again as of today, May1, 2017...my birthday. I will try to do some posting on Facebook so you can invite us over in case I am in your area. We are headed to Fresno, CA - Avila Beach, CA; and then over to Denver for a while (July), and up through Montana and Boise ID (August). We will take in what rides we can get in this busy time.

Don't forget to watch the Calendar posted on Facebook and on our website [www.socalamca.org](http://www.socalamca.org). Next big event is the swap meet in Hanford on May 19, and 20. And BTW, this is right on top of the Indian Vs Harley wars out in Kanab Utah. This is a super ride in a super area. SoCal AMCA is happy to be the affiliated sponsor of the event. If you have not signed up yet and gotten your reservations, hurry! It will be a great ride.

If you have ride suggestions or club events you wish to offer up, please do. Just send us an email. Carry our email address, Facebook page, and website address in your favorite phone and share it with others while you are out riding. The club is always looking for more participants.

We hope to see you all soon. Remember, “Ride em, Don't hide em...Keep the rubber side down!”

Cheers, Tim Graber

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This newsletter CANNOT write itself and without input from you – the SoCal members, there is nothing to write about! I would love to have more articles than I could handle but *that is never* the case! If you want to read a quality newsletter then we need more input, articles, pictures - whatever! Please feel free to send me anything at any time for inclusion in the next issue. Send to: [musgrovebc@gmail.com](mailto:musgrovebc@gmail.com).

Remembering John Hoeinghaus  
"Hobo John"  
September 20, 1945 - May 23, 2017



SoCal AMCA mourns the passing of our friend John Hoeinghaus. "Hobo John" passed away [Tuesday, May 23, 2017](#). Messages of condolence may be posted on our website. They will be shared with his family. Thank you.



**VP REPORT - PROJECTS****TOM LOVEJOY**

Let's see what you're working on.

Well the year is flying by and how are your projects coming along? Making good progress, or have you been too busy with everything else going on here in So Cal?

I am trying hard anyway, finally got my model T truck up and on the road. After several years of effort. So far so good, a couple hundred miles of fun so far ☺ then I converted a back bedroom into a motorcycle work area and it is about ready for use now. Already have motorcycles in it ☺ I hope to make progress on two this year. It is a tall order, considering the year is almost half over already – man time flies. I hope to make a lot of progress, but if I make any I will feel pretty good about it. The more the better of course.

My main push is going to be on my Chout, a 101 frame and highly modified 47 Chief engine. The



engine was built by Lee Standley for a founding member of our chapter, Ernie Skelton, back in about 1989. Lee was almost done with the engine when Ernie passed away and the engine has set ever since. I have been gathering parts and paying dearly for them since then. I now have almost all the needed parts and hope to start mocking the machine up. Hopefully this year it will look like a real motorcycle and not just a bunch of parts all over the place.



I am in over my head with this one and it will be a real challenge for me. Starting with just the engine and a lot of the pieces that were never together in the first place. But I am looking forward to giving it my best, that and with the help of the pro's for guidance when needed.

**VP REPORT - PROJECTS****TOM LOVEJOY**

Some of the parts are great and some need attention for sure. I also have one of those 4-speed overdrives for it. I hope it will be a great road machine and that I can get it on the road before I am too old to ride it 😊. I will write up a little on it as the build makes progress and hope you all find it of interest. Lee Standley told me to build it and then ride the wheels off it!



Let's see what else our members are working on, what you got going?

Hope to see many of ya soon, Tom.

**TREASURY REPORT – 2017****TOM HART**

Our club (and my money) sit comfortably in the black for a change, around 7K if you're interested. I still have a few Borrego refunds to send out, but it's all good. This year we had around 75 to 80 riders at Borrego with 117 at the banquet. The pre and on-site registrations totaled nearly \$13,000.00. That number also includes income from the 50/50 raffle, t-shirt sales and a few generous members who donated, or waived a payback for club expenses, Jim Ferguson \$100.00 and Ron Stevens and a few other members. Brain fade, Mr. Daniels and a very crowded calendar inhibit me from recalling all of your names at this time, but you'll know who you are...thank you very much, again. Anyway the expenses came to almost \$11,000.00 not including my honorarium, which by the way I am getting a little tired of waiting for. Our goal is to break even, or maybe a little over to help keep the registration costs within reason and to avoid the taxman who says we can't have an income. As always, I'm more than willing to accept any and all cash overflows to help out as much as possible. I'm also willing to use my accounts in the Caymans to hide any overflow revenue. Whatever works best for the club... because I'm a giver.

Borrego was huge success this year once more. Beautiful weather and beautiful people getting together to spread joy and wellbeing to their fellow man. Remember Mr. Daniels from the above paragraph? Well, he's back! Actually I gave up "alkihall" for Lent and now my brain cells are rebelling like nobody's business. I did however celebrate Fat Tuesday like a true "Nawlins street thug". But I digress.

We were fortunate this year to avoid any serious mishaps no thanks to a few rebels (Frank Colver, Steve Cortsey, Ron Stevens and Rich McMacken). Even Madden behaved himself and didn't run anyone off the road this year. Where to start, where to start? Let's start with Rich. His was a minor mishap which did give me a chance to see the far side of the Salton Sea when he got a flat tire 75 miles from home base. Rich, John Stanley and few souls make an annual pilgrimage around the Sea on the Wednesday before the official ride begins. I actually enjoyed the 150 mile round trip in the trouble truck to pick him up because I had not been there in many years, if ever. Rich is another one of those guys who gave back to the funds by buying his own gas for the trouble truck use. This is normally a club expense. Now let me fast forward to Saturday night in Borrego and beat up on Frank Colver who will forever be hounded his new theme song "Roll over Beethoven, tell Tchaikovsky the news". Apparently Frankie left the banquet and headed back to his digs in Canebrake way past his bedtime. Somehow he drifted off the highway just enough for his trailer to dig into the soft sand and flip over with his Zero dirt bike onboard. The truck stayed upright with no damage except for an offensive smell from the driver's seat. The trailer was not damaged that much either except for severed safety cables. Even the bike was not too damaged. It is a dirt bike after all. Tim Graber and Tom Lovejoy were called into action to help Frankie right his trailer and get him to his bed. I'm guessing after a shower. Karma Frank, Karma. You should have let me use your trailer earlier and this would not have happened. And in case you're wondering, there is no truth in the rumor that I was playing with a toy truck and trailer in what might resemble a voodoo ritual outside my room at the exact time your mishap occurred. I don't believe in such things and you shouldn't either.

**TREASURY REPORT****TOM HART**

Let's move on to Steve. Steve impressed me simply because he's still in one piece for me to rag on him. When one thinks of split second decision making, one should think of Steve. Steve, on his beautiful 67 Triumph TR6 was trying to keep up with Todd Cameron on his 52 or 53 Moto Guzzi. Big mistake muchacho! Anyway, Steve lost it on an inside mountain curve coming back from Canebrake. Apparently Steve lost his line and drifted into oncoming traffic on the tight curve. The oncoming traffic was a motorcycle and car as I understand. Split Second Steve, or SSS now had to make a decision what he preferred hitting, the motorcycle, the car or the big, bad side of the mountain to his left. Remember we're in America and we drive on the RIGHT. Steve was riding a British bike, but I say it should still abide by the rules of the road here in America and stay to the right. Unfortunately Steve was way past "the right thing to do" by this time. Steve closed his eyes, shouted out a prayer for forgiveness for his past transgressions (a televangelist would envy) and said hello to Mr. Mountain. Somehow Steve avoided hitting anything substantial which included the bike, the car, the mountain and big rocks. He didn't even fall. Bob Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart would be well advised to take lessons in praying for forgiveness from Steve. I was (sort of) following Steve and Todd on my pimp mobile VW trike with the lovely Mrs. Cameron on the rear seat when I witnessed the off-road adventure. Steve was really cool about the whole thing and aside from the size of his eyes, he looked unimpressed with his brush with the hereafter.

Onto Ron Stevens. I do not have personal knowledge of this event, but my confidential source, Tom Lovejoy, swears by it. I say this can't be true, but it is not my place to question the truthfulness of events related to me in strict confidence. Nor will I ever reveal my source. It was reported to me that Ron somehow lost his trailer while driving to Borrego in his motor home which happens to be the size of Kansas. The trailer in question was discovered no longer attached to said motor home when Ron arrived for the grand event. Said trailer was later retrieved at a tow yard when found abandoned on the highway with minor damage. I'm flabbergasted to say the least. Ron...tell me it ain't so. I leave the rest to your imagination.

Thanks to Tom Lovejoy and Steve Sorensen (and wife) for driving all the way out there just to cook lunch at Canebrake for us knuckleheads and flatheads due to the last minute loss of a caterer. And injured Rich Coffin and wife for helping out with the registration set up and trouble trucking.

That's all folks

## **BORREGO SPRINGS, 2017**

The theme this year was “Olympians” and our “Commander in Chief” certainly looked the part at the rider’s meeting.



It just would not be Borrego without a stop at the Julian Pie Company.



Life is great on the Borrego ride!





**TWENTY-NINE PALMS, APRIL, 2017**

**BOB MUSGROVE**

Twenty-Nine Palms was a well-attended event and we all had a grand ride. In attendance were Mike and Bev Menezes – they took turns being sick and left early. Me and Carolyn, Diane and Phil Shore, Frank Colver, ride Captain Craig Dillmann and his lovely lady Kelli, Steve Sorenson and Lon Bubeck on his fancy new BMW with the electronic windshield.



**STEVE SORENSON**

Frank bringing up the rear on his modern Enfield that sounds and leaks oil like the original

It would not be 29 Palms without our Friday ride to The Palms (aka the “dump”?)



**TWENTY-NINE PALMS, APRIL, 2017**

**BOB & CAROLYN MUSGROVE**



Lunch Saturday at Chiriaco Summit café.



Saturday night banquet was an excellent wrap-up to a great weekend!



**JUST BECAUSE!**

**GARY STARK**

Gary Stark posts the neatest photos on Facebook!



**Gary Stark** shared his post.

April 1

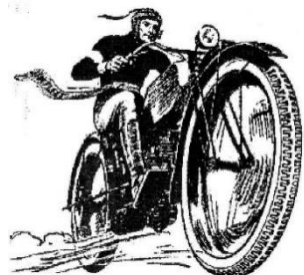
Nice day to display bikes and planes.



**Gary Stark**

April 1 · Riverside

It's airshow day! Nice cool morning for a ride down to the airport on this 1951 chief for display with my 1943 DC-3

**2017 SoCAL CALENDAR****ADRIANA GODOY-LEISS**

## 2017 SoCal AMCA Calendar

(JUNE – DECEMBER)



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!**

**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
- El Camino Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet, Date TBA, More info: [www.classiccycleevents.com/elcamino.html](http://www.classiccycleevents.com/elcamino.html).

**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).

**2017 SoCAL CALENDAR****ADRIANA GODOY-LEISS****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**

I confess, I copied this from Buzz Walneck's Buzz Rag magazine. If you don't subscribe to this publication, you should. For only \$25 per year it's a real deal!

This is for all of us who own, ride or have worked on British bikes. (According to John Eagles all British bikes should be given away or buried?)

**PRINCE OF DARKNESS JOKES  
BY PAT MOSSBERG**

- The Lucas Motto: Get home before dark
- Lucas: Inventor of the intermittent windscreen wiper
- Lucas: Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp
- The Lucas three-position headlamp switch: Dim, Flicker, and Off
- The original Lucas anti-theft devices: Lucas electrics
- If Lucas made guns wars wouldn't start either
- Did you hear about the Lucas torpedo? It sank
- Back in the 70's Lucas began making vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they made that didn't suck.
- Quality assurance called and complained about the Lucas switch shorting out, so they made the wires longer.
- Why do the British drink warm beer? Lucas refrigerators.
- Recommended procedure before working on Lucas equipment: Check the position of the stars, kill a chicken and walk around your cycle three times chanting "Oh mighty Prince of Darkness protect your servant".

**JUST FOR RUN!**

Can you name this well-known member of SoCal dated quite some time ago?

Hey - anything posted on Facebook is fair game – RIGHT?

