



San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club

The Herald

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This is our end of the year super spectacular photo issue featuring lots of photos and comments about the stuff that we did and the folks we did it with.

***Dave Knetzer
May 2012***

***Over the horizon and into the wind...
Rolling along with a smile on your face
and a song in your heart.
We'll see you on the other side good
friend!***

Pacific Beach Christmas Parade

Saturday the 15th we made an appearance at the PB Christmas Parade, and true to form Rick Calou was a magnet for hot babes and photo ops. This time he isn't making the pages of some glossy fashion and style magazine...well, maybe in some circles ***The Herald*** qualifies as a glossy fashion and style magazine! More photos inside.



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Monthly Meetings

Are held at:

Giovanni's Restaurant

9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego
(the corner of Clairemont Mesa Blvd and Ruffin Rd.)

On

The Second Monday of Each Month

At 7:00 p.m.

Arrive early and join us for dinner!

That's the 14th if you don't have a 2013 calendar yet!

Herald Policies & Editorial Statement

The Herald Newsletter promises to provide an interesting forum for all antique, vintage, and classic motorcycle related information and will attempt to do so in a timely manner. The Herald is currently published on a quarterly basis, or whenever we manage to put it together. Any member can contribute, and you are encouraged to put crayon to paper and help make it happen!

As your volunteer editorial staff, we need other members to help by providing items from time to time. We have a large club membership base with a varied interest in all aspects of motorcycling and, as such, we all have stories to tell (some that are even suitable for polite company) .

We hope to hear from the garages, sheds, and shops of the membership. This publication will remain viable only with the help and consideration of all. E-mail your editor directly, or any board member. We look forward to publishing your stories!

SDAMC Charter

The San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club is a non-profit mutual benefit corporation organized and dedicated to the preservation of antique motorcycles, and in furtherance of such purposes, the sponsorship of antique motorcycle rides, exhibitions and related activities, and the encouragement of social, fraternal and educational activities among its members and the public, with membership open to all persons having an interest in antique motorcycles, particularly those that actually run!

Editorial Disclaimer

The ideas and thoughts expressed in this newsletter reflect only the views of its editors and contributors. If you have any suggestions to improve the appearance, content or any other part the Herald, please get off your dead behind and let us know. One of the benefits of our club is our collective experience, our passion of motorcycles and our individual ideas. Share them with the club: then we all learn, or at least we'll have good material to make fun of you!.

Please send your contributions to any of the SDAMC Officers listed above, or the Editor.

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, January 12, 2013	SDAMC	Barrett Junction Run	Barrett Junction
Sunday, January 13, 2013	So Cal Norton Club	Umpteenth Annual Rock Store Ride Run	Non-Club Event
Sunday, January 27, 2013	Tenative	Mods & Rockers	Non-Club Event
Saturday, February 02, 2013	SDAMC	Groundhog Run - Harley's Welcome	SD
Sunday, February 17, 2013	SDAMC	Past Presidents Run - Classic Ride	SD
Saturday, March 23, 2013	SDAMC	Desert Flower Run	Borrego Springs
Saturday, April 20, 2013	SDAMC	Idyllwild Run	Idyllwild
Sunday, May 19, 2013	SDAMC	Memorial (Classic MC) Run	SD
Sunday, June 09, 2013	Tenative	Eastlake Village Walk - Vintage Only Exhibit	Chula Vista
Sunday, June 16, 2013	SDAMC	T-Shirt Run	SD
Thursday, July 04, 2013	SDAMC	Alpine Independence Day Parade	Alpine
Saturday, July 20, 2013	SDAMC	Garage Crawl	SD
Monday, August 05, 2013	Tenative	National City Heritage Days & MC Show	National City
Wednesday, August 14, 2013	SDAMC	Pot luck Meeting	Coronado
Saturday, August 24, 2013	SDAMC	Classic MC Run	SD
Sunday, September 15, 2013	Non-Club Event	English Motors at Fairbrook	Fallbrook
Sunday, September 22, 2013	SDAMC	Field Trials	SD
Saturday, October 20, 2012	SDAMC	Classic Run	SD
Sunday, November 03, 2013	So Cal Norton Club	Hansen Dam Run	North Los Angeles
Thursday, November 28, 2013	SDAMC	Pierre's Thanksgiving day Run	SD
Saturday, December 07, 2013	SDAMC	SDAMC Holiday Party	SD
Saturday, December 14, 2013	Tenative	Pacific Beach Parade	PB
Sunday, December 29, 2013	SDAMC	Year End Classic Ride	SD

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Stuff, lots of stuff.

They have numbers, you'll find them if you look for them



From the Prez.

Hi All,

Well here we are winding down another year. This was a good one for me and Lynette, getting married and all. Thank you for all your good wishes, and a special big **Thanks** to Rock and Maureen for hosting our wedding and reception.

I believe the Club had some very good rides and events, and I hope we can do even better in 2013. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for a ride or event let a Board member know, this is your club and we can only make it better with your help. Membership is up and we are financially stable. Sadly, we lost Dave Knetzer, a good friend and a fine Gentleman.

Some notable good news events for members: Virgil back on a bike after 2 ½ years following a terrible accident, Daryl riding again after triple bypass heart surgery, Gordon Jr. back in the saddle after a complete shoulder replacement, Marc and Donna recovering nicely from getting hit by a moron. I marvel how tough these people are , they seem driven to get back on their motorcycles. Isn't love a wonderful thing!

The Board has set the ride/event schedule for 2013, notice we have more classic rides. Some rides (such as Idyllwild) are a little long for the older bikes but most of the other rides are doable, so with that in mind get your oldie out and ride it. The experience of riding an old bike is what got us all interested in being members of SDAMC. Riding with, and enjoying the camaraderie of like-minded people is why we are out there. Marc made some cool trophies to recognize participation on vintage bikes, you could win one.

We are always looking for more stories for the Herald, tell us about your trips, projects, or anything else. A couple of paragraphs with maybe a photo or two would be great. How about a few words of wisdom or a good CLEAN joke.

In any case, ride safe!

Coming soon...



Only a biker knows why a dog sticks its head out of the car window. Gordon

10 Half Fast Questions with Gordon Clark Jr.

As asked by Marc Lemieux



Gordon Junior is the tall guy on the right. The fellow in the leather pants with the funny look on his face is Tom Carroll, but that's a whole other story!

Q. When did you first start riding motorcycles?

A. Around 1969-70, I was 7 years old. A neighbor had a Suzuki 90 Rover with the fat tires at Glamis, I rode it around wound out in first gear until I blew the motor. My dad had to fix it.

Q. When did you know you were hooked?

A. Right then... I remember watching a motorcycle race on TV (probably Hopetown on the Wide World of Sports) and I called my dad to tell him I wanted to be a motorcycle racer.

Q. What was your first bike?

A. A 90cc Kawasaki Bushwacker, blue and white. We got an expansion chamber at the Spring Valley swap meet and Sal Peluso did some welding on it to make it fit. I got knobbies and Preston Petty plastic fenders from Bruce Sanford at Clairemont Cycle Supply, it was the hot setup.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Clairemont, we used to ride around behind the Little League fields where the 52 and 805 free-ways cross.

Q. How long have you been in SDAMC?

A. Since about 2008-2009.

Q. What bikes do you own currently?

A. I actually own a '71 Norton Commando that's almost ready to ride and my 1984 Cagiva 125 racer that's going to the Off Road Hall of Fame. Eddie Fuller and I rode that bike to the SCORE championship in 1984 by winning the Baja 500, the 1,000, and the Parker 400. We used to go racing like 3 times a week, Wednesday nights at So. Bay, Ascot, Saturday races at Carlsbad, Sundays at Saddleback, desert races and GP's.

Q. Crashes?

A. Lots of em... a memorable one (well, sort of, kind of fuzzy with the concussion and all) around 1982 in Baja. About 30 miles in I went over the bars and end over end like the opening scene in the 6 Million Dollar Man. Wound up stripping all the parts off the pre runner bike to finish the race and had some really outstanding scabs to scrub out after the race. Over the years of racing I busted pretty much all my toes on both feet, both ankles, arthroscoped the knees, both collarbones, recently got a new shoulder. I might be getting new hips here pretty soon due to arthritis.

Q. Close calls?

A. Every day is a close call! I rode some fast modern bikes, but they're just too much you know. Old bikes are much more fun, still fast enough to scare the crap outta ya and keep you on your toes.

Q. What is your favorite classic bike?

A. The Triumph Daytona that my dad got from Cliff at El Cajon Harley.

Q. If you could only have one bike, what would it be?

A. Probably that old Triumph... it's a really nice ride, sounds great, looks cool, does just about anything you want to do.

Q. What is your favorite piece of gear and why?

A. A helmet that fits, I have kind of a funny shaped head. I have to work a new helmet over with a ball-peen hammer until it fits right.

Q. Is there anything that you simply must have with you when you go for a ride?

A. Water... money... cool sunglasses.

Q. Any closing thoughts, pearls of wisdom?

A. If I could do it all over again, I would do the same thing times ten. The best thing about racing was all of the great people I've met and the great stories they told. I miss Wesley... he knew everybody and knew all about the old bikes and the history.



Recognize these guys?



2012 Vintage Participation Contenders

Ride 'em, don't hide 'em!



We had a good turnout for the first ride of the year going out to Barrett Junction in January. It was a little cool, but overall a really nice day.

This year we had lots riders getting out there on the classic bikes and here are some of the better shots that we got.



Gene going Commando on his Norton, Eventually tied with Ray for 2nd place.



I forgot his name, sometimes seen @Airheads.



Ray on his way to a 2nd place trophy.



Gordon on his Super Hawk @ Barrett Jct.



Butch on the old Harley, Bob not so much.



**Gordon on Past Presidents ride.
Riding in the rain got him a tie for #1 with Butch.**



Malcolm on the '78 750 K10.



No clue who this guy is...



Megan at Mods Vs Rockers



Lynette classes up the BMW



Dave Knetzer at Mods Vs Rockers



Jake did not go to Mods Vs Rockers.



***This years King of the Photo Whores
Butch ultimately tied with Gordon for 1st.***



Kurt on his R100i7



Kurt Whatzisnaym again



Desert Flower overlook



Ted on his BMW that gets ridden the most



It's not old, but it's the only Guzzi in the group



It's a Triumph not the Titanic!



There's a reason they only made a few...



Doug on the bike that was fast enough to scare him when it was new. Some things never change.



You would be smiling too if you rode this sweet Gold Wing to a 2nd place trophy for Vintage Participation



That looks like a cheesy grin if I ever saw one. Rick was last years Vintage Participation winner so he was ineligible this year. He is a notorious trophy whore, so watch out for him in 2013!



The bikes not old, but it might be Vintage in the future. Jer out for a good time.



Cairo Ken making the scene at Idyllwild, Virginia must have been lounging poolside and missed the "Gun Show".



My R10017 with Velorex at the Tilted Kilt fund raiser for Paul Lima (before it got destroyed by an idiot on Sept 22nd).



Phil Blackburn classing up the Lima fundraiser. Good show Phil!



**They say "Clothes make the man"
Who's the man now!**



Kevin's Indian at Eastlake Village Walk.



Dogs love sidecars!



Club line up at Eastlake Village Walk



Malcolm at the T-shirt ride



Kevin on his Water Buffalo Suzuki at the Mods Vs Rockers. Kevin took the 3rd place trophy for Vintage Participation



Lineup for the August Classic Ride



***Moto Guzzi Falcone by Von Dutch
August Classic ride to a secure,
undisclosed location.***



***It was like going to Area 51,
but without the razor wire and the little green men.***



Recognize this sporty couple?



Some eye candy at Trophy motorcycles.



***Team SDAMC scaring away the paying customers
at Trophy Motorcycles***



***Terrorizing the streets of Coronado.
Fairly new member Jack on his red Triumph.***



Maurice, is that you?



***Are we lost yet?
We're never lost, we're just exploring in an alternative direction.***



Say... do these jeans make my butt look fat?



Is this a great town for photos or what...





Some people feel that Honda really Rune'd the looks of that bike.



Ted caught in Clark Kent mode on ONE of his blue BMW's



Ray showing fine "Old School" form.



Kevin on a nice Brit bike that is actually running. (Some old grumpy guy on a recent Ducati in the background)



Rock fires up his Norton Commando outfitted with Lucas electric starter. WTF... Lucas, I thought his name was Joe?



***SDAMC picks up some trophies at the National City Heritage Show
Rick working hard at picking up a second trophy... well played!***



WOW... Kevin did a really great job polishing this fender!



We saw some nice bikes at a street show in Vista.



All British show at Fairbrook Farms



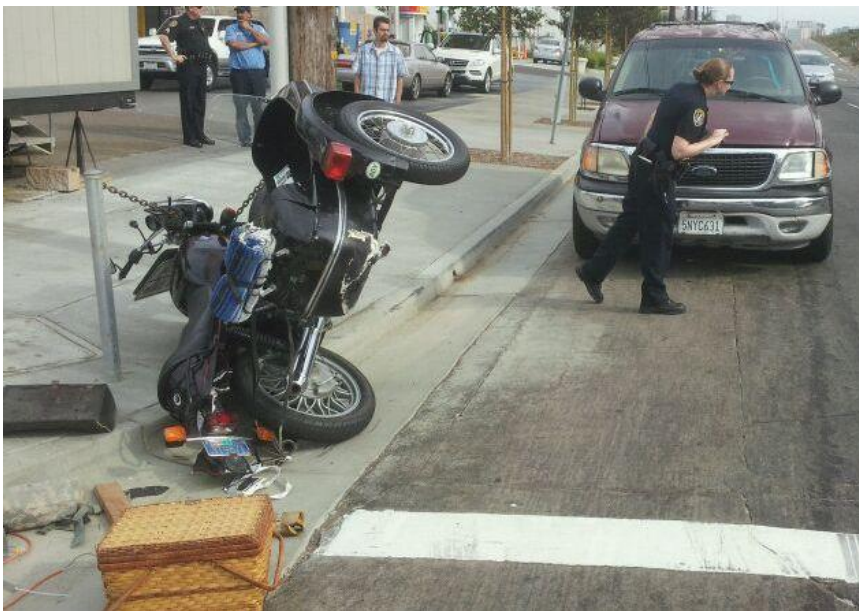
Gordon, Jack, and Rick representing SDAMC and getting accolades at Fallbrook British day.



Making the scene at the Coronado Speed Fest.



**So Donna pulls out the camera...
BAM! These two mooks pop up like mushrooms after a rainstorm!**

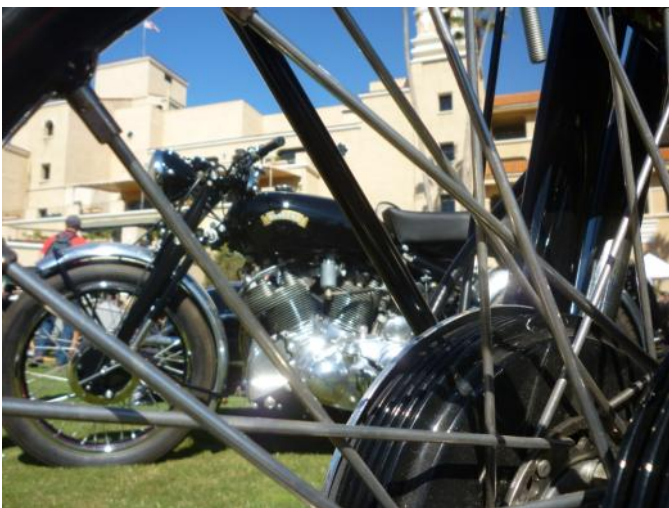


**So we had a good time at the Coronado Speed Fest.
Later on at the India Street crash fest... not so much!**



Some of the boys got together for a ride to the Vista Tractor Museum in October.

Gene and Butch check out the brand new, top secret, water cooled, Harley prototype... really?



Celebration Of The Motorcycle, The Del Mar Concourse Vincent was the featured marque. Just this year I have seen 4 Crockers, more than most bikers will see in a lifetime!



**Some cool stuff on display at the Del Mar Show.
This Vincent is well known from a swim suit photo shoot, but not with these girls. Recognize it?**



In November some of the boys made it up to Bates Nut Farm for the annual car show. This young lady must have mistaken Ray for Santa Claus because she sat on his lap and told him that she was a naughty girl, Ray thought that made her a VERY nice girl!

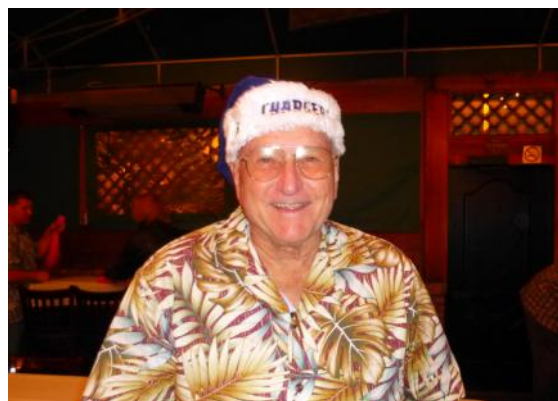
Cairo Ken joined Rock, Dennis, and Darryl for Pierre's ride on Thanksgiving Day because the real Ken was "barn finding" in Egypt.





This year we held the club Christmas party at Hooleys Irish Pub and it was a huge success. Attendance was way up and represented the rich and beautiful, the trendy urban hipsters, gregarious party animals and grumpy curmudgeons.

Italian bike enthusiast Tom Carrol got to chat up an even bigger Italian bike aficionado... who knew that The Pope himself would make it to the party!





Well here we are, The End of The Year Ride to the Desert Tower!

I want to thank everyone for their participation and hard work in making this a great year for the club. I especially want to thank all of you for the friendship and support that you have shown Donna and me after the accident.

It's easy to find another cool bike, but great friends are a rare and precious treasure.

For 2013 I'm going to try my best to make The Herald something you look forward to getting and hope that you can share with me your stories and insights.

Ride safe, ride often, ride vintage! Marc





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Membership Application

Purpose of Club

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May we include your name, phone numbers and e-mail address in our Club Roster sent only to SDAMC members?

YES NO NOTE: HOME ADDRESS IS EXCLUDED

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