



San Diego Antique Motorcycle Club

The Herald

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Vintage Participation Awards at the SDAMC Christmas Party

If you weren't there... I could try to explain it, but you might not understand!



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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 10th of February this month.

Herald Policies & Editorial Statement

The Herald Newsletter makes no promises that you will find anything in here interesting or informative, and if you are really picky about spelling and punctuation you should try and get a job as an English teacher. This is a forum for all antique, vintage, and classic motorcycle related information (some of which may actually be true) and will attempt to "git er done" 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, secure undisclosed locations, and disembodied voices manifesting themselves through the membership. This publication will remain viable only with the help and consideration of all. E-mail your editor directly, or focus your mind on any board member who is telepathically receptive to your input. We (What... do I have a mouse in my pocket?) 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

FEBRUARY 2014

February 10, Monday SDAMC GENERAL MEETING

February 16, Sunday PAST PRESIDENTS' RIDE --CLASSIC RIDE Working on breakfast at the Elks Lodge

February 16, Sunday SoCal Norton Club Annual Ojai Pilgrimage (non-club event) Meet at E. High Street in Moorpark, ride leaves at 10AM.

February 21-23 BIG 3 Auto Swap at the stadium parking lot (non-club event)

February 22, Saturday BSA Owners Club of Southern California Ortega Highway Ride (non-club event) ALL CLASSIC BIKES ARE WELCOME. Meet at 9am LUNDIORIO INC. 27124 PASEO ESPADA, STE 801, SJC. More Info: Dave Zamiska 714-962-0995; Steve Ortiz 951-440-3521.

February 23, Sunday So-Cal Cycle Swap Meet (non-club event) Long Beach Veteran's Stadium, CONTACT:1-800-762-9785.

MARCH 2014

March 6-9 (Thurs-Sun) SoCal AMCA Winter Road Run, Borrego Springs (non-club event)

March 10, Monday SDAMC GENERAL MEETING

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March 29, Saturday ANZA-BORREGO DESERT FLOWER RIDE



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From the Prez.

Hi all,

Here we are one month into the new year and I think the club had a real good 2013 with lots of good rides and events. In reflecting over the past year I'm a little disappointed with the progress I have made (or more accurately, not made) on my motorcycle projects. So I'm going out on a limb and publicly committing to finishing 4 motorcycles this year.

My #1 priority will be to get my 1949 Harley on the road (running, not pushing). I got the bike as a basket case about 20 years ago and worked on it off and on (mostly off), but now it's time to finish it. Next in line will be a 1968 BSA Hornet that raced as a Desert Sled in AMA District 37. This one actually belongs to Gordon Jr. We have all the parts, it just needs to be put together. Then there is a basket case which was acquired from Merle Mc Masters who really didn't want it at the time but Merle is a smooth talker and stuck me with it. It's a 1972 Yamaha XS650 that will be done as a Street Tracker. It still needs a few parts but it's getting there, and lastly there is a project I started when I didn't have the heart to throw away a clapped out, rusted piece of crap Honda XL350 (but it still ran, so it was kind of like shooting Ol' Yeller) and that will be done up as a Café Racer.

These are my oldest projects that need to get done. I'm hoping that you members of the club will bug me from time to time by asking how the projects are going, that should help keep me on track to get them done.

When is the best time to plant a tree? 20yrs ago. When is the 2nd best time to plant a tree? Today, so I guess I better get started and get these projects done!

Please feel free to share any projects that you have going on with the club, there is a lot of knowledge and talent in our group and members are willing to help you get the job done (particularly if you offer food and cold beverages). Just lately on the talk list everyone was offering an opinion on what would be a good classic bike for Big Marc. Did you know that Virgil has a Velocette of which only 1600 models were produced? Pretty rare, and a pretty bike. Maybe Virgil's place will be one of the stops on the Garage Crawl so we all can see it.

Anyway, your Board of Directors are hard at work setting up some interesting rides and activities. If you have a suggestion for a ride or event bring it up at a meeting, call me, or tell a B.O.D. member.

Speaking of the B.O.D., we do have some changes. Rick served as Treasurer for the last 4 years and did an outstanding job, Rick was also our point man for the "Village Walk" show and the "Fairbrooks Farm All British Show". Thank you Rick for a job well done. Taking over as Treasurer is Donna who will remain on the Board with two titles (Treasurer and Social Director). Donna makes things happen for the club, so thanks Donna. Joining the BOD for this year are Gene Smith (Past President, Brew Connoisseur) and Kevin Sisterson (also a Past President). Thanks to both of you.

This year's Christmas party was a lot of fun, Hooley's has been a great venue but it's time for a change. The 2014 Christmas Party will be at "The 94th Aero Squadron" in Kearny Mesa. We should have a lot more room for our activities and the decor is really cool. Cost is currently anticipated at \$37.00 per person, so save your pennies. We have been holding the line at \$25.00 as long as we could, but prices always seem to go up. The club will be doing fund raisers throughout the year to help defray the cost of the party, so join in the raffles and poker runs and help build up the party fund.

Thanks for all your support,

Gordon

10 Half Fast Questions with Sergio Villalobos

As asked by Marc Lemieux



Sergio is the guy on the left, legendary Ducati designer Pierre Terblanche on the right.

Q. When did you first start riding motorcycles?

A. 1973, I started out riding a Carabela. 90cc two stroke single, 3 speeds.

Q. When did you know you were hooked?

A. 1975 I think. My brother and I bought a bike together (he put in most of the money), I was 15 years old.

Q. What was your first bike?

A. That was the 1965 Yamaha Catalina that we bought in 1975.

Q. Where did you grow up?

A. Mexico City.

Q. How long have you been in SDAMC?

A. 2 years, since I met you guys at the Eastlake Village parking lot show.

Q. What bikes do you own currently?

A. Ducati 999, 2005. I had the 900ss also, but I recently sold it.

Q. What is your favorite classic bike?

A. Ducati 750ss 1974.

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

A. A Vincent \$\$\$, or a Ducati MHR.

Q. Crashes?

A. 2 actual crashes. The first was a lowside under a bus around 1976-77. I was on a borrowed KZ400 and just got bruised up on my knee. The next time I was on my first new bike, a 1981 CX 500 Honda. It was a Sunday ride in the Mexican mountains, I came around a curve at 70-80 MPH and there were stray dogs. The bike went left and I went right, I got scrapes and abrasions on my knees again.

Q. Close calls?

A. On the track at a Ducati track day... I almost got taken out by a "FAST" guy.

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

A. A back protector that fits under my leathers, I started wearing that stuff about 20 years ago.

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

A. Ear plugs, I always wear ear plugs. (*I thought you were going to say a cell phone with a trailer owning friend on speed dial!!*).

Q. Any closing thoughts, pearls of wisdom?

A. Always ride within your limits, don't try to impress the other members of the group.

Broc Glover's Ride in Show for Cystic Fibrosis

Del Mar Fairgrounds September 14th



Former national trials champion Geoff Aaron defies gravity.



Low key bike show.



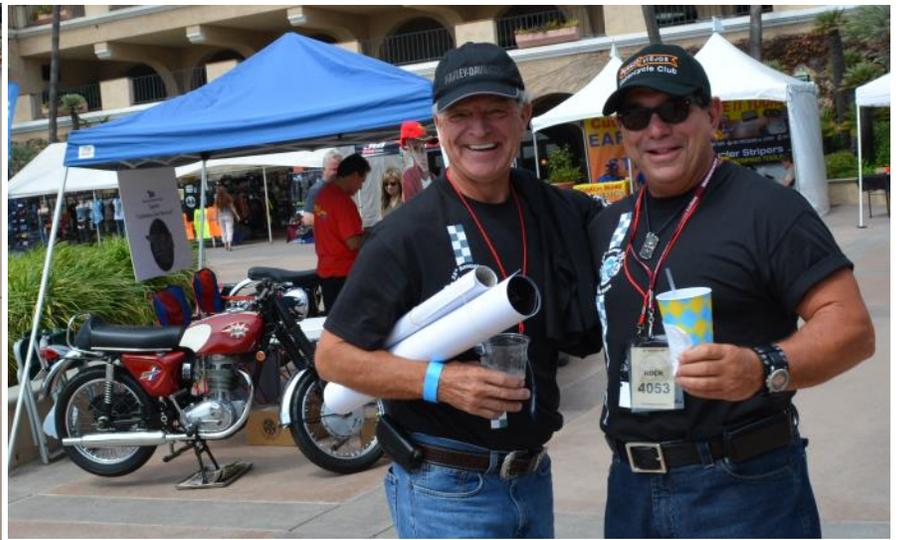
Nice turnout with some interesting bikes.



New Indians on display.

David Bailey (and a bunch of other past champs) signed the tank on Kevin's Yamaha.

Couple of Del Martians on the loose.



Techtoberfest and Birthday Party

Antique Airheads Invade Clairemont



When you invite a bunch of Airheads to a party you get a pretty interesting mix of funky bikes and sketchy or sweet people.

It just depends on your point of view.



October Rick's Ride

We got together for a little city cruising and impromptu alley competition.



Really Butch, this bike was made in England not Milwaukee! But why is the shifter on the wrong side Kevin?



Nice turnout at The Offshore Bar to get going.



Why is the guy on the blue metallflake Harley going the other way? Mt Soledad memorial plaques and the view.



The cross at the middle of the Federal case.

Lots of Airheads showed up... rumors of free beer?





Line up of bikes at Rick's. A little advice when parking your bike in the alley, leave a couple of feet behind it before you yank it up onto the centerstand! Just sayin...



Rick's place is right in the middle of everywhere, or nowhere. I suppose it just depends on your perspective.

Nice vittles and tall tales told before the serious business of riding skills demonstration.





Riding slow is much harder than riding fast, especially when a bunch of guys are watching you. Proper facial expression is critical to putting in a winning ride.



Some clown always shows up to crash the party. They said it wasn't fair to ride the sidecar bike in the slow ride contest. I don't know what made them think that...

Kick start contest in 3... 2... 1!

It's a lot harder when you emptied the beer cans at lunch





Photos courtesy of Pete "Sidecar" Smith



Suspect #2, step forward...



Rick prepares the sacrificial tube steak



Extra mustard please...

This kid was a better rider than most of the grownups
Rather disturbing thoughts of Michael Jackson going fishing...



Calculating the winners score.



Hanson Dam Ride

A real tradition in So Cal, this was the first year without Bib RIP



It took us a couple of hours to get up there and we parked in the overflow area.

Huge turnout, easily 300+ bikes.

Great assortment of classic bikes of all types. I happen to be a Guzzi fan, but there was something for everybody.



Good showing of sidecars, couple of Urals, a Steib, a Velorex, and this other woodie.





You got your British bikes...



You got your token American bike (Awesome green paint!)

Of course it's cool to show up at a British bike ride on an Italian.





When's the last time you saw a Morini?



I rode along with this old Velo, just my speed!



Lots of polished alloy tanks and bits.



Another beautiful paint job.

Some bikes are just dripping with patina.

Million bucks worth of Vincents.





November Classic Ride



Look to the right and cough.



Hooligans at Hooley's



Where did you get that motorcycle? It's not a motorcycle baby, it's a choppah!



Mark McCaffrey

From the blog of Dan Diego



The news that a local motorcyclist was killed when he was involved in an accident with a San Diego Police Department vehicle was tragic; it was worse when I read the name ... Mark Griffin McCaffrey. I held my breath as I searched for more information and was sad to learn that it was indeed Mark, the owner of Rocket Motorcycles.

Mark was a super cool guy with tons of riding experience. He was friendly, knowledgeable and responsive to bike riders who would filter through his shop on Morena Blvd. My first interaction with Mark was in 2009, when I wanted a new bike and settled on a new Triumph Rocket III. I called and spoke with Mark at Rocket Motorcycles on a Sunday. The shop was closed, but Mark answered and we spoke about pricing. We had a great conversation about what he could offer and said someone would call me on Tuesday. Sure enough, Lance called me and we worked out a tentative deal, much lower than any other place within 150 miles. It wasn't until later that I realized that Mark was actually the owner. Now that is service!

The bike – or “parts” of a bike — arrived in a crate from England and Mark e mailed me a bunch of photos of the guys uncrating and assembling my bike. Very cool of them.

Since then, I visited the shop for routine service and just buying stuff. The guys are laid back, that's for sure. Mark always came out to chat and just offer his support—that was the kind of guy he was. They don't make them like Mark anymore and he will be sorely missed by the San Diego motorcycling community.



Mark McCaffrey
From an article by Mary Slepicka

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - The industry is mourning the loss of Mark McCaffrey, owner of **Rocket Motorcycles**, who was killed Nov. 18 after his motorcycle collided with a police car in the Clairemont area of San Diego.

According to local officials, the police officer was driving westbound when he received a call to provide backup for a hit-and-run accident nearby. He performed a U-turn in the intersection, colliding with McCaffrey.

McCaffrey reportedly had applied his brakes but crashed into the passenger side of the police car, officials noted. The local medical examiner issued the cause of death as blunt force trauma.

McCaffrey launched Rocket Motorcycles in 1980 as a vintage parts and service business. In 1984 he partnered with a longtime Vincent, Velocette and BSA dealership, and then became a Triumph dealership in 1994. In 2005 he added Husaberg and then in 2010 took on Royal Enfield.

The business was well-known in the Southern California area for its vintage repair and restoration work.



Good Guys Fall Nationals Car Show Del Mar Fairgrounds



Not many bikes, but there were these cool electrics and this Whizzer.



My sidecar was on display in the "Good Wood" section
I got an award for having something unusual, so did this VW Bug RV.



SDAMC Christmas Party



Meeting, greeting, and socializing at Hooley's



**We handed out the photos that Donna took through the year,
And how about those paintings from Brian Downing on display!**





Everybody loves to get a trophy!



Those trophies were custom made from the finest materials available at the local landfill!



Pacific Beach Christmas Parade



We have been riding in this for a few years now and it's a pretty good time.

You have to show up about 2 hours before the parade, so we went around the corner and had some huge burritos for lunch.

Kevin was also there with his old Indian sidecar bike, but unfortunately I didn't have Donna along so I have no better photos.



End Of The Year Ride

From Flower Hills Mall out to Smokey's Café at Lake Wohlford

Photos by Tracey and Pete Kushner



Heading out from Flower Hills Mall we had a pretty good turnout and a beautiful sunny day.



Who's leading this ride?

Beats me, I was just following you...





Rock's XLCR, always gets the looks.



Filling the parking lot with class.

Two old brands, one's already back in business.

The usual suspects.



When you ride the cool bike, sometimes you get the cool trophy!





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Membership Application

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SIGNIFICANT OTHER: _____ PRIMARY BIKE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY : _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ (FAX) _____

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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Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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