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THE LOVE BOAT (CONT. FROM PG. 5)

A toast was also given to our vice president in recognition of all of K.C.'s standup work this past year for always being there to cover our president's back, to pick up any slack, and as the ISMC "Go To" man. Kenneth Carpenter (K.C.), vice president, saw all aboard raise their glasses to him in thanks.

From the ladies point of view: Both Bernice Kirtman and Trudye De La Cerna spoke so lovely about their experiences in being a part of the Iron Souls Family. Trudye and Bernice remembered the support of ISMC during important family events such as weddings and anniversaries. They both stood out with their humor and strength of commitment, to be able to speak in front of our large group as they did. Helmets off to both of these fine ladies. Another noteworthy addition to the cruise voyage was the outstanding video presentation put together by ISMC historian, Roadrunner. For those of you not in the know, but who were transfixed on the images before you like deer in the headlights, those pictures did not get up there by themselves. This was more than a three month hobby and quest on Roadrunners part. Most of the pictures were not in a digital format (all those prior to 2001), and needed to be scanned. The 1117 images viewed were loaded to a picture CD and text was added to the pictures, while keeping them in chronological order. That is a commitment from our historian at the highest level. To get a CD of your own of the "ISMC Chronology" slide show exhibited during the 15th Anniversary Dinner Cruise, copies can be created for \$20 (\$5 goes to ISMC treasury). To order you can call Roadrunner at 925.432.2608 or email retfed93@comcast.net

*"You have gone through some valleys,
You have been to some mountain tops,
But as the song says, 'you made it.'
Two things you must always remember
and you will continue to be successful:
1. It is alright to disagree, but not be
disagreeable and 2. It is your attitude,
not your aptitude that determines your
altitude."*

~Bernice Kirtman~

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CHILI COOK-OFF RUN—VALLEJO HD

Our Saturday ride after the club meeting on February 9, 2008, was a picture perfect late winter day at around 65 degrees. There was no wind other than the Harley generated. It was a much needed break after the past few wet weeks. A strong group of 21 ISMC riders headed to the Vallejo Harley Davidson for a chili cook-off under the watchful eyes of Road Captains' Richie Rich and EZC. The only slow spot in getting there was for the toll plaza stop at Crockett bridge. The payoff for this rider was twofold. The first being with Brothers as we pulled up in front of the Vallejo Harley, setting off car alarms and turning heads. They blocked off a lane for our group right in front for parking. I love when that happens. I know it is silly, but there, I said it. During the short wait for the chili and salsa judging to finish, some riders could be found at the parts bar, and others enjoying the live music. After the wait, we were all more than happy to sample a good variety of both. Altogether it was a fine day spent with friends.



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TOM MCILATTAN—VALLEJO HD OWNER (12/20/89—12/31/07)



At the February 2008 chili cook-off, I wandered the Vallejo Harley admiring all the old bikes on display, all owned by Tom Mcllattan. It was here I had purchased my very first Harley many, many....many years before. I know Breakaway also bought an HD from Tom. I would not be surprised to find out more ISMC members were added to the list. I saw Tom, who had sold me that bike, and discovered that he was retiring and had sold the store. Seventeen years ago, Mr. Mcllattan had been given 44 bikes to sell...in 2007, his last year, he was given 444. His first year a red XFR was the first bike reluctantly sold by Tom. He meant to keep track of the bike and eventually buy it back, but lost track of it. The flying man logo (pictured above) was developed for Tom in 1990 by ZAP Comix artist "Spain" Rodriguez. A mutual friend, Karen Moss, put them together. Tom still has the original idea art drawn on a napkin in a bar by Spain.



1928 Model B



1941 Knucklehead



Harley Scooter



TOM MCILATTAN (CONT. FROM PG. 7)

A bit about Tom...his first bike was a Horex 500cc, a German bike bought in Germany while growing up with his military family. His first Harley Davidson was a 1985 XLCR black café racer. Tom purchase a total of 27 bikes throughout his life, the oldest being a 1909 to present (a 100th anniversary gold/black Roadglide). The hardest to buy was the 1909 HD 5A used as an apple press, cider house special. It was the first bike he ever entered into a show, and subsequently won third place at the Ritz Carlton annual Half Moon Bay "Legend of the Motorcycle" show in 2007. Tom's favorite ride is his Sunday morning rides with his friends, from Tiberon down highway 1 to find somewhere for lunch. Mr. McIlattan moved all around the world as an army brat, and continued the journey with Harley Davidson, being sent to such places as Australia, Monte Carlo, Japan, and numerous times across the USA to Milwaukee. He will be riding out there again this summer for the grand opening of the Harley Davidson Museum. You can take a look at the current building progress and information about the museum at the link below.

http://www.harley-davidson.com/wcm/Content/Pages/HD_Museum/Museum.jsp?locale=en_US&locale=en_US



CALISTOGA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

The March 8, 2008, club meeting was held in Hayward at a sports Bar / dinner house called 'Rickys'. The buffet service and food was okay, and the service staff extremely quiet. This was all offset by the reinstatement of Heavy K back into the club. After a short meeting on the subject, a unanimous vote was taken and Mack presented Heavy K with his colors. A voice from the crowd rang out as Nas-D and Mack helped Heavy K put on his colors. "Does it still fit," someone said, and a loving round of applause rang out to see these colors back where they belonged. I am sure there will be some payback coming later for the comment. Also voted on were two new prospects, Deuce and Stray Dog. We all looked forward to some good natured fun while they get to know us.

CALISTOGA JAZZ (CONT. FROM PG. 8)

Bo-Dean presented the new baseball coaches with checks for equipment. Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Johnson will be happy to put the money to good use giving a positive place for kids to go and crow. An open invitation was given to come see ISMC's good work in action.

Commitment personified was exhibited by the mighty Wonton. A masterfully done tattoo on his right forearm was proudly shown. The center of the design was of a crest adorned with eagle feathers. This multicolor design is topped with the words 'Iron Souls' and under the feathers is MC.

The Calistoga Jazz and Blues Festival ride put together by D could not have been done on a better day. After the recent weather generated down-time, a ride through the Napa Valley was perfect. A large group of riders thought the same. Cutting off of Highway 29 over to Silverado Trail the view was full of vineyards covered with mustard and large clouds passing overhead. Some riders peeled off along the way, some kept going right through to Calistoga. The day was so perfect.

Those of us who stopped for lunch and to celebrate Heavy K's reinstatement were met with music, good food and drink. Others stayed even longer going from place to place listening to the many different musical groups and wine tasting. The parking was a challenge, the crowds in good cheer. No one could be bored at this well run event. A good time for all, and a good call by Road Captain D.



THE DEAD FISH

The March 1, 2008, E-Board meeting was held in Crockett at The Dead Fish restaurant. A slightly pricey menu that was justified by the high quality of ingredients on the plate and in your glass from the well groomed bar. Set atop the Southwest side of Crockett, The Dead Fish has a commanding view of the water. I am looking forward to a dinner view with my sweetheart in the near future.

The ride that followed was short but spirited to a small rod and bike show in Concord (two pictures on page 10). What they lacked in volume was made up in quality and friendliness for my money. I would prefer a small town show over the vendor driven mega shows of late. Altogether a warm day spent with friends on our Harley is a good one.



SOUL SMOKE NEWS LETTER

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ABOUT YOUR NEW EDITOR—MACGYVER

As your knew editor, I can only attempt to fill the shoes of Bo-Dean and the phenomenal work he has done. Below you will find a few fact about me. As a new member, I am at a loss to find myself in this position and am amazed at how Bo-Dean found time to be both Keeper and Editor. I plan to do my best and try not to embarrass my former sponsors or myself. I am sure my fellow club members will let me know if I go astray somewhere.



Occupation: Environmental Control

How long riding: about 30 years, just after graduating high school.

First MC: Harley Sportster

Longest Ride: Napa through Yellowstone Park To South Dakota through Las Vegas and back through Yosemite Park to Napa.

Favorite Ride: Through Yellowstone and the Black Hills, stopping for Moose, Bison and Mountain Goats.

Favorite Road: The back roads, and dry ones, but I am certainly not afraid to gear up and take on the rain or occasionally a bit of snow to get where I am going.

Worst Weather: Yellowstone Park. Looking for a service station at 2am in a few inches of snow, while it was snowing and the steam geysers along side of the road were shooting hot steam into the air. What an adventure.

I would like to extend an open invitation for any members who would like to contribute an article and/or pictures for any upcoming issues. Also if you have an idea for an article you think might be a good addition for the ISMC newsletter, your ideas are welcome. As this is your newsletter. I hope to provide you with something you want to read about. Feel free to email me at the address listed in the left bar.