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Editors Note

It's year end. As you look back you realize a lot of shit happened. Some good, some bad. That's life. Mr. I.J. III is finished. That's a good thing. His administration from the start was uphill because his predecessor was popular and energetic. Any kind of change would have upset the apple cart. SOW never meant to demean Mr. IJ but rather point out things that should have been obvious to everyone including him. He tried his best and that's all you can ask of anyone. No matter what he did he would have never pleased everyone. That's a given. I'm not trying to say he couldn't have done things differently because let's be honest, the director should ride. Not every week but a lot. It's easy to try to do things for the right reasons but without consulting the membership it is impossible to make the best decisions. That was his downfall, lack of communication. I am hopeful that '96 will be better. The new director must get a good, dedicated group of people to plan Sundays to get members out. Not people that don't show up themselves and select what the chapter will be doing. Communicate with the people that ride. The chapter IS NOT a business and should not be run like a business. That's the kind of thinking that will f k things up and take the fun out of it. Maybe Mr. IJ can help the new officers by showing them his mistakes so they won't repeat them. SOW will continue expressing opinions that are banned from "Addicted to Smog". Not because they are smarter but because "cheesecake" journalism at any level only speaks to a few. The Smog newsletter should get with the program. Print good stuff. The chapter wants to espouse "family orientation" (when it's convenient) it's ok but some stuff can be for adults only. Kids don't have to see everything or hear everything for that matter. Remember they are kids. No equality. Adult things for adult people, as defined by Websters.
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The Good Old Boys, The Bad Boys, The Boys

These are some of the names of endearment I've heard describing the guys that really want to ride. You know, the guys that not only subscribe to SOW but openly support it and its beliefs. I must also admit we don't even polish our bikes every week or wipe them off at stops. It sounds to me nobody can really agree on a name. These same people are the very ones that supposedly don't like SOW but they continue to read it. Does that make sense? If actions speak louder than words they're sending some strange signals. All I can say is I don't care what they call these guys or even if they are liked, riding with them is the best.
Mr. Ed

Road Captain Rental

The Inland Empire Hogsters had no RC for the Backwoods Inn Ride so they rented one from the San B'do chapter. Terry Harrison, now a member of B'do, was asked to fill in. Although he has a dual membership he has opted to wear the B'do chapter patch. He was asked recently why he made that choice and said Inland chapter has tooooooo many rules and regs that are not in the spirit of what Harley stands for. Harrison went on to say that B'do is a friendly chapter with only one real steadfast rule which is have fun. Inland Empire could be a great chapter, according to Harrison, if the politics were gone along with the attitudes. "The attitudes aren't ours", he says, its the people that think riding comes after eating. If anyone is interested in meeting with the B'do chapter for a look see they meet the 3rd Sun of the month and then go for a ride. Contact one of "the boys" for more info.

BACKWOODS INN

I went on this ride and had a great time. Why? A real good ride at a real good pace. Terry Harrison rode up front. DJ called him because he had other plans. That's ok. The General also called him asking him to ride up front. He wasn't there because he had other plans. It was as usual, no officers were on the ride including anyone from the activities committee. I don't understand that. Activity people pick a ride figuring the chapter will like it and I would think that they pick a ride because they like it too but NONE of them showed up. That should make a point. The ride was about 150 miles roundtrip. We finished up about 2:30 and everybody seemed like they had a nice day. I noticed something that I never saw with the chapter and that was everyone kept up with the pace. That included passing cars when necessary. It was motorcycle riding the way it's supposed to be. If I remember right there were about 20 bikes. All adults, no babies. Nobody crying too fast, too long, too anything. Just ride. And being a chapter sponsored ride we naturally ate too. With all the politicking going on lately as well as the normal bull shit I was surprised no one running for office was along with one exception. There's always an exception to the rule and that was Steve Gibson. He rode, didn't talk much and did NO POLITICING. Applause!!!
Wayne

