



Los Senderos

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President's Report

It was a long 4 months, but the Los Senderos Members were finally able to ride together again. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the Park cleanup and preparations in getting ready for this annual event. With all the necessary precautions in place, the "Members Only" ride was finally a chance for all to get back in the saddle. Please make sure to check the website for all upcoming events and details. I look forward to a great rest of the year.

Members Only Ride:

I have to start by thanking Ride Chairman Chuck Gallant for putting together a great ride. Not only did Chuck put together a great schedule of events, he also prepared and tended to the bar trailer. Chuck left no stone unturned and no details were left out. I would like to find out what kind of batteries he is using to recharge, because he was moving at warp speed all weekend. Nice job Mr. Chairman. We all appreciate your dedication to Los Senderos.

I would like to thank Ted Van Arsdale for putting together a great "road trip" ride from "Sweetwater Bridge". It was a smooth trail for all participating cowboys to start the ride. Another thank you goes out to Bill Cuddeback for leading us on a great trail ride on the Ranch Saturday. For all that could make Saturdays ride, I am sure you would agree, it was a great day in the saddle, highlighted by a perfect refreshment stop under the oak trees. Once again, Tim and Tom Laff provided a great "deep pit"

BBQ for Saturday night. This is no small task, as the preparation of the pit and seasoning of the meat is all a very calculated endeavor. The secret to their success is hard work and not giving up their secret recipe. Thanks for a job well done. That meat was over the top. Thanks as always to our caterer Jim Sheridan for keeping the cowboys well fed.

Next Event:

Our next monthly event is a double event. Terry and Charlene Brown have once again invited all Los Senderos Members and spouses to join them at Rancho Samatagama @ 5:00pm, Saturday July 25th for their annual dinner party. We will be able to enjoy all the beauty by the lake @ Rancho Samatagama. That will be followed the next day for our monthly ride @ the Ranch. Please grab a guest and be ready to ride @ 10:00am on Sunday July 26th . Anyone wishing to stay overnight in the Arena is welcome to do so. These (2) events are always well attended. Please RSVP on the website in advance to reserve your spot.

Los Senderos Park . . .

The Park cleanup was a great success. Thanks again for the great participation with keeping the property in tip-top shape. As a reminder, it is necessary to call the Park Chairman at least (2) days in advance of your request to use the Park. Bill Cuddeback needs a direct call at 619-994-9977. Thank you.

Annual Ride Reminder:

Our Annual Ride is on calendar for September 16-20, 2020. DK Nasland and his co-chairs have been planning a great event. We will be sending out the sign-up mailer in early August, so plan on inviting a guest to join us and get that horse ready to do some sorting. Honorary Member Steve Tellam has once again agreed to give us another sorting clinic to get us ready for the main event. I'm not going to spoil DK's thunder and announce all his great ideas for the ride. I will just confirm that we will be constantly entertained. Let's all bring a nice raffle prize or 2 to share and make Larry Wilske's job as Raffle Chairman as successful as we can. I expect another great turnout.

Special memo . . .

Please enjoy the "Rest in Pieces" article attached to this newsletter. It is good read and was written in the Spring of 2019. It sheds some light on the state of our Country.

Cowboy Up . . .

As a reminder, this is a gentleman's horseback riding club. We should all recognize proper attire for all members and guests during events. A nice cowboy shirt and cowboy hat are expected to be worn by all in attendance at these events. It has been brought to my attention that we have slipped up a bit in this manner. I appreciate everyone's attention to detail regarding our attire.

See y'all on the trail soon.

Sincerely,
John Omahen
President



2020 Monthly Ride Calendar

July 26th • Rancho Samataguma • Descanso
August 23rd • French Valley • Palomar
September 16th-20th • Annual Ride • Los Senderos Park

October 25th • Tullock Ranch • Santa Ysabel
November 29th • Lions Tigers & Bears • Japatul Valley





If the obituary of our country is ever written, this is how it might read: United States of America, July 4, 1776–November 4, 2046. Two hundred and seventy years of age. The last of the great superpowers died quietly at home surrounded by 350 million greedy, spoiled offspring. She had been in hospice care for 30 years. She didn't die from a Chinese nuclear bomb, election-tampering Russians or global warming, but had become fat and lazy in her old age, squandering the wealth generations before had created. On life support, by mutual agreement the money-grabbing family members pulled the plug on the greatest experiment in democracy, liberty and freedom to have ever lived. An autopsy revealed she died of natural causes including apathy, laziness, political correctness, self-indulgence, sloth and corruption.

Conceived in garages, machine shops, farms and ranches, America was born in Little Italy, the barrios, Chinatown, African American ghettos, in Hell's Kitchen, Irish and Mormon communities, on Ellis Island, upon the plains and in the great American West. She lived a life full of public service and proclaimed to the world, "Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..."

Condolences poured in from around the world from those who were saved by her armies, her doctors and her farmers. Foreign leaders remembered America as a loyal neighbor who always spoke her mind but who gave up her sons and daughters willingly so that others might be freed from the wicked rule of ruthless despots, murdering dictators, and barbarous ayatollahs.

A veteran of foreign wars, her sons stormed the beaches of Normandy and her daughters nursed the world's sick back to health. She willingly gave her bombs and her blood to conquer bullies like Hitler, Stalin, Hussein, Bin Laden and countless others. After she'd beaten them in battle she literally gave the shirt off her back to rebuild their cities and their economies. During her life she adopted countless refugees from around the world, gave sanctuary to the United Nations, and her farmers and ranchers fed billions who would have died otherwise.

REST IN PIECES

AMERICA WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY COMMON SENSE, DECENCY, FREEDOM, HARD WORK, THRIFT AND GOOD MANNERS.

BY LEE PITTS

With only five percent of the world's population and six percent of its land, she produced 20 percent of everything man-made on Earth. She gave the world Apple, Amazon, Microsoft



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and Google, and birthed the tech and the green revolutions. She taught the world how to farm. Her engineers and her scientists invented ways to remove much of the drudgery from work, her teachers educated the world's most highly intelligent, and her doctors, missionaries and volunteers kept famine and disease at bay.

America's passing left many unanswered questions. Who will be willing to sacrifice their sons and daughters the next time a global bully tries to massacre an entire race? Who will give freely trillions of dollars when hurricanes, earthquakes or despotic dictators leave a path of human destruction behind? Who will seek out and destroy the terrorists who want to murder everyone who doesn't worship their god? Who will tear down the walls that communism built or be a sanctuary for refugees who have nowhere else to turn? Who will entertain the world or spawn the next generation of Disneys, Jobs, Gates or Bezos? Who will say to the world's unfortunate and poor, "Follow us and we will lift you up?"

America was preceded in death by common sense, decency, freedom, hard work, thrift and good manners. She is survived by 50 states which suffer from the same deadly disease.

The pall bearers were a corrupt career politician, a millennial on a skateboard staring at his cell phone, a representative of the transgender community who didn't know which bathroom to use, a homeless father who sired five kids and then ditched them, a Hollywood celebrity who made gory movies and violent video games but

blamed the Second Amendment every time a teenager tried to kill as many of his classmates as he could in 10 minutes, the CEO of a corporation which didn't pay taxes and stashed its cash overseas, and a quarterback who made millions of dollars playing a game in the good old U.S. of A. but wouldn't even stand for her flag or her national anthem.

There will be no graveside service as America lost her faith decades ago. Instead of flowers, go to a church, a synagogue or a mosque and say your prayers for the rest of the world. ■

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