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President's Message



We continue to have great weather for riding. It has been a wonderful motorcycle summer. We have had some new people join us for breakfast and rides and some of our members who we hadn't seen for a while.

There was a ride led this month by Jay Whyte to the Woolgrowers in Los Banos (more details inside).

James Kmetovic has planned a ride on October 18th leaving from the Red Apple right after breakfast. Plan to join if you are able.

Christmas is coming and we still have no volunteers to host the Christmas Party. Chuck and I would be happy to have it, but unfortunately, our place is just too small and has limited parking. However, we would be very pleased to help anyone who can. If you have any alternative suggestions, please email me. Thanks.

There has been a suggestion to have breakfast possibly once a month, at another location we could ride to. If you have a destination in mind, please let me know the details such as how far, how many they can accommodate, and will they do separate checks. Also, think of brunch locations on a Sunday. Hey! We are in an era of change! Let's think out of the box!

I'll be watching for you at breakfast. Hope you will be there.

Takin' Connie to the Woolgrowers

I finally stepped into the 21st century. Well, to be honest, I sort of touched one toe into it and pulled back. The like-new 2001 Kawasaki Concours in my garage is the first motorcycle I've owned that was manufactured in this century. However, as we all know, the Concours hasn't changed appreciably since its inception in the mid-1980s. This suits my temperament and tastes at this point in my life. For one thing, I had been looking only at bikes which were at least a few years old and the '01 model year is now eight years back. I had also been considering some models closer to "vintage" status, so the fact that the Connie made its debut about the same time as the first BMW K-bike feels about right as well.



Of course I'm still getting used to the feel of a completely different bike, but the ride to Los Banos was a nice way to break it (and me) in. Starting from the BMW shop in Watsonville, the weather was overcast and even looked a bit rainy. In fact a few spare drops did hit my visor while we were on Cienega Road and at the rest stop at Paicines I actually donned my rain jacket. Before we reached the Panoche Inn, however, we were riding in bright sunshine and warmer temperatures.

Having refreshed ourselves at the inn, we continued past Mercey Hot Springs, out to I-5 and nine souls and eight bikes arrived at the Woolgrowers restaurant within a minute or two (depending on whose motorcycle clock you trusted) of Jay's estimated TOA. Now that's some tight planning!

I'm pretty sure no one left the restaurant hungry. For once I managed to eat my fill – and then some – while avoiding the bread and French fries so I was able to leave the Woolgrowers satisfied without feeling painfully stuffed. I didn't even get sleepy on the way home!

Concerning the way home, most of the group made their way by the usual and most direct route over Pacheco Pass. Four of us headed out H Street to the little town of Volta where we connected with Henry Miller Road which led us quickly to Santa Nella. There Jay, Chuck Adkins, and I decided we simply didn't feel like riding back the "same old way" and determined to return the way we had come, back through Panoche. Besides, Jay had made the unarguable declaration that one cannot legitimately claim to have ridden a road until one has ridden *both sides* of it.

The ride back was as enjoyable as the trip out.

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- October
Dec 19,20,21 **San Juan Bautista -- we need a ride leader**
28th Cycle World International Motorcycle Show at the
San Mateo Expo Center
<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/motorcycleshows/San-Mateo-Show-Facts/static/detail/358893>
- December **??????Club Holiday Party – Location ???**

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