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Hi Y'all!

WHY DO WE RIDE MOTORCYCLES????

Some ride for the adrenalin rush, some ride for the adventure and some may ride just to see what's on the other side of the hill.

After June 5th, we all know why David Ow rides, to see the other side of the world! Most of us have our adventures closer to home. Tom Brazier rides so he can accomplish Iron Butt rallies. A1000 mile day is his particular kick. Jay Whyte and Dick Dodd like camping trips with their motorcycles. Lee Stillman liked to ride across country on his K-75 (how many times?). Some of us do our daily commute and ride every day. That's a good way to start and end your day.

Some of our members like touring bikes, but they spice up the rides with their sport bike to ride the twisties. Some, though grown, still play in the dirt. The answer to "why do we ride motorcycles" are as numerous and varied as our membership. What is important is THE RIDE!

Speaking of adventure rides, Denny and I are leading a ride on Saturday, June 20th north to the Point Reyes area. We hope you all can share it with us. Details to follow in the newsletter and the member announcement.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank David Ow for sharing his slide show of his tour to South East Asia. His presentation was first class and very entertaining. Thanks to Tom Brazier and Mike Clark for providing and setting up the technical equipment. It was great to see all of you who attended and brought all the delicious desserts. A big thank you to Denny for all she did to make the evening a success.

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Ride Report – May 13, 2009

Reported by Jay Whyte

Woolgrowers Restaurant Los Banos

The sun rose on clear blue skies in Santa Cruz.

The morning fog that is the typical weather pattern in the summer was nowhere to be found on this spring day in May.

I decided I didn't need an extra layer of clothing or gauntlet gloves on the ride to the meeting point in Watsonville. It was going to be a

warm one. I was hoping to beat the hot weather inland by choosing mid May for the ride to the Woolgrowers' restaurant in Los Banos. But, the weather was going to be as radical as it has been all month, like rain for the first 3 days in May. That has not happened in 11 years according to the weather forecasters.

The group assembled at about 9am at the curb in front of BMW Santa Cruz.

We had time to peruse the new and used bike collection as they were rolled out of the showroom and enjoy some coffee and conversation with the shop owners. After the necessary fill up of coffee, gas and cash, woolgrowers doesn't take credit cards, we were off.

Five bikes, 6 riders, James and Deidra were two up.

Jim, Neil, Dick and me, your humble ride leader riding solo. We cruised out of town and were out in the country on San Juan road before you knew it. Turning off and passing thru the little town of Aromas so James and Deidra could wave at their house as we rode by. Nobody was home.



Jay Whyte

Now, I like to take the back roads as much as practical and sometimes impractical. Carr road out of Aromas is one of my favorites back road alternate routes to San Juan Batista. We came out under Hwy 101 and zinged and zaged our way to the intersection of Union Road and Hwy 156 on the outskirts of Hollister. Another

favorite road of mine is Ciennga Rd. out past the dirt bike riders at Hollister Hills Cycle Park and the 4 wheel drive Clubs gathering at the gate to the upper ranch. Smooth sailing the whole way. The road was clear and traffic was nonexistent. Up Hwy 25 a few miles to for the first break in Picinas. Time for a potty break, water and a photo Op.

My favorite way to Los Banos is Route J1. It's the

only road to cross over the mountains between Hwy 152 to the North and Hwy 198 to the South. That may not seem important to you now, but it's nice to know an alternate route when you're trying to get home on a busy holiday weekend. The road is well maintained on the San Benito Co. side but can be a little bumpy as

you get further away from civilization.

Our next stop, The Little Panoche Inn. It's a good place to have a Coke for a dollar and take in the country color of this out of the way watering hole. Larry the owner was on vacation on a cross country motorcycle tour. They said he was in Georgia or



James Martin

one of the southern states, I don't remember exactly.

There was something strange that happened as we entered into the Panoche Valley.

I felt something hitting my feet as we rode along. At first I thought something must have fallen out of my pockets, maybe coins or something and hit my foot on the way down. It continued to



happen over and over. I would have definitely run out of change by now. That's weird, is it dirt being kicked up from the road? I don't see anything on the road to explain it.

What the Hell was it? Turned out I wasn't the only one who experienced the same thing. After examining my bug splattered shoes and bug splattered fairing I found whole winged Grass Hoppers on my cylinders fins. Nature, what a mysterious thing.

On the third leg of the journey James arranged with Deidra to take photos of us as we rode along the straight section of road out of the valley. Thank very much for the pictures. That picture is on my work computer screen's background and I get to remind myself there's more to life that working for a living.



One gas stop to fill up Jim's sport bike and we were on our way to eat. We were running a little late so it would be the fast way to Los Banos. Well not so fast. I failed to notice that James K's bike had a starting

problem and I left him behind. Sorry. I didn't realize the full extend of my gaff until we could see Deidra push starting the bike as we passed the gas station on the free way. Opps,... six miles to the next exit we pulled off and waited. Jim went back to see if they got on the road again. Minutes latter James and Deidra caught up with the group. Now, Six miles back to the gas station and six miles north again to the exit. I knew James would be back in about 12 minutes. What do you know, he beat that time.

In to Los Banos and into the restaurant.

Food was good as usual and the place was a cool break from the 99 degrees outside. Will we repeat this ride in September as scheduled? We'll see. Put in your votes now. Hope you can join me then.



Special thanks to James and Deidra Kmetovic for the great photos!

BMW Club Overnight Ride to Twain Harte, CA

Our adventure on May 2 began days before that weekend due to the unseasonable weather forecast of rain. After many telephone calls among the riders about the prospect of rain our group of 9 bikes and 13 people was reduced to 1 bike and 8 people.

Thanks to new members Tim Carpenter and Elaine Dale's spirit (& good all-weather gear) they opted to ride their BMW to the mountains behind a Toyota and a Honda, establishing our trip as an official club ride.



we left the TA Truck stop and took Hwy 33 N to Gustine. In Gustine we turned right onto Hwy 140 and headed toward Merced. In Merced we turned left onto V Street, went under the freeway, turned left at the main intersection and merged right onto J59.

Many of you readers may know about the pasture on J59 filled with exotic animals. We were lucky that the cloudy weather did not detour the llamas, bulls and emus from their daily ritual so we pulled over to observe and be observed. A couple of the llamas were very inquisitive but members of our group warned us about their spitting habits so we gave them plenty of room. After the photo shoot we continued to the small town of Snelling with a quick stop at the Union 76 gas station.



Upon leaving Snelling we went 1 mile and turned left onto LaGrange Rd. which is a continuation of J59. This is a fun ride with

We left the BMW Santa Cruz parking lot about 9:15 AM on May 2 going through Watsonville's back roads on Hwy 129 to Hwy 101 North. We turned right to Hwy 25 then took a left turn on G7 to Hwy 152. We went over Hwy 152 (Pacheco Pass) exiting on Hwy 33 to Santa Nella. Our first stop was at the TA Truck stop across the street from Andersen's Pea Soup.

The clouds were less threatening when



rolling hills dotted with grazing cattle. After 30 minutes we took a right turn onto Red Hills Rd. riding past the town of Chinese Camp up to Hwy 49. At that intersection we turned right to Jamestown and Sonora on Hwy 108.

At the signal in Jamestown across from the Frosty Freeze, we turned left onto Jamestown Rd. and rode the twists and turns (boy I wish we had been on the bike) to Shaws Flat Rd. We took a left turn at Parrots Ferry Rd. rode past the airport and arrived in the gold mining town of Columbia for lunch at the Douglas Saloon. Still no sunshine but the Fireman's Muster was underway so we stopped to watch the firemen compete to see who could propel the water the farthest from the manually primed hose. Not an easy job!

After exploring the historical shops in Columbia we took Upper Parrots Ferry Rd. to Yankee Hill Rd. The road gets steep and windy as we turned right to Sawmill Flat Rd. We went up another ½ block then turned left onto Big Hill Rd. (no marker). The road climbs up the

mountain to Longeway Rd. then left to Middlecamp Rd. We continued to South Fork, took a right turn and then a left on South Fork (again), arriving at the Wildwood Inn in Twain Harte.

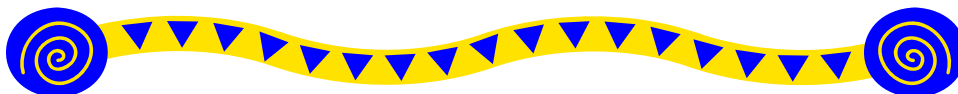
That evening this congenial group went to the Black Oak Casino in Tuolumne for dinner. We each tried to win a fortune via a lucky draw but eventually returned to the Wildwood Inn with empty pockets. Some of us went for a dip in the hot tub and ate ice cream for consolation. On Sunday, we led the group up Hwy 108 to the Strawberry Inn where we had a delicious breakfast over-looking the Stanislaus River. Despite the showers and low hanging clouds that weekend we had a great time. Car pooling had its advantages as we got to know each other better. There was talk that Club members would enjoy another ride to this area with the Strawberry Inn as the final destination.

Submitted by Rick and Kit Franke

June 2009 Ride Announcement

Saturday June 20th

Ride going north to Point Reyes area on Saturday, June 20th. Chuck and Denny Adkins will be leading the ride. We will meet and leave from the Valero gas station on Mission and Miramar on the right side as you are going north on Mission just across from the Safeway Market. We will be leaving at 9:00 a.m. so make sure you have breakfast first. (there is another Valero station on the left so don't be confused). As weather is unpredictable, dress for cold, but be ready to peel down if it gets warm going through San Rafael and before we hit the coast. This ride will require confirmed reservations for the restaurant for lunch so please let us know if you will be joining us.



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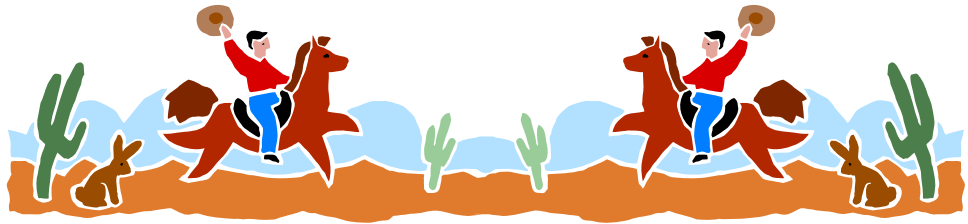
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Down the road..... 2009

June 20	Chuck and Denny Adkins lead a ride somewhere Northern (see inside)
June 28	Bikes on the Bay – Vintage Motorcycle Show at the Capitola Mall, 41 st Avenue Capitola (www.bikesonthebay.com) 9am – 4 pm
July 4 th	1st Saturday Breakfast at The Cowboys Corner Café -- 9am
July 18	Tom Brazier leads a ride TBD -- maybe
July 16-19	BMW MOA Rally in Tennessee
July 23-26	BMW RA Rally in West Virginia
August	Open
September	Jay Whyte leads a ride to Woolgrowers in Los Banos -- ??
October	Open
November	Open
December 5	Club Holiday Party -- Hosted by Tom and Venita Brazier

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