



BattleTrax Event

March Ride - Jalama Beach

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From the Rider's Seat

By Roy Hooper

We just finished our first year and are going into 2005 with a lot of momentum. Our Ride Calendar will be all laid out once we get a suggestion for the April ride. I and other members will be going to the Police Motorcycle Competition for the State finals in Pacific Grove during that weekend and we just need someone to lead a ride for the April ride. Contact **Tim Bates** our Ride Captain at batesmg@verizon.net for help on selecting a route and a lunch stop. We didn't mean for 2005 to be a "museum" year but in February we are going to the MC Museum in Solvang as suggested by Dan Wilson, Jeff Johnson suggested the Otis Chandler Museum in Oxnard for September and I picked the Getty Museum for October. All 3 of these museums are outstanding! The Getty museum is free admission and free MC parking. The biggest thing I remember about the Getty is that money was not a concern for the plans. This place was built with the best materials and it shows. Let's see how many Cal Coast Riders make all 3 museums. Amy Holland from Friction Zone magazine is putting on a BattleTrax event at BMW MC in Long Beach. A road course is laid out in the parking lot and you compete against your own time. You try to get a better time and by doing so you are learning more about your bike's capability and you are learning how to become a better rider. Visit our site for departure times and more info as I get it. This will be a lot of fun and they had their first one in Northern California in 2004 where it was a major success.

Does anyone have connections to a color printer? Currently I make 60 one page double sided BW copies of the newsletters and drop them off at Cal Coast Motorsports. It would be nice if we could do it in color. In exchange we could run an ad the size of a business card in our monthly newsletter for them. I can be reached at Roy@RoyHooper.com or 805.901.4980.

We have 23 members, wouldn't it be nice if we knew a little bit more about them? If you would like, send me about 5 paragraphs entailing your motorcycle life and how you found Cal Coast Riders. Also send me a photo of your mug that we can run next to your bio so readers can put a face to the person that they are reading about. DON'T BE SHY. Ridesafe. **CCR**

Christmas Party

By Roy Hooper

We held our Christmas Party at the home of newlyweds **Jerry & Mieko Purdy** in January. **Jerry, Mieko** and **Jeff** and **Kathy Johnson** prepared Lasagna, garlic bread, snacks and lots of other goodies for us. There was a room loaded with ice, sodas, wine and hard liquor. We had lots to drink and to eat. No complaints here!

Here are the names of the people that were able to make it- **David Culton** and daughter Riley, **Richard Sweet, Sparky Dombrosky, Jerry, Mieko, Jeff, Kathy, Rick Bell, Diane Pinkerton, Anne** and daughter Melinda, **Dave Golden** and **Roy Hooper**. After we all eyed the many show cats that they have, we played the gift exchange game and everyone ended up with nice gifts. Then Riley drew tickets to give out the two \$25 Gift Cards that Cal Coast Motorsports owner Craig Adams donated.

The Club paid for the food so it was free to our members to show our appreciation for their involvement with the Club. A BIG THANKS to **Jerry, Mieko, Jeff** and **Kathy** for all their hard work and time for making our first Christmas Party a fun filled day. **CCR**



Check It Out

By Robert Vaughan

Would you feel safe flying on a plane if you heard this conversation between the pilot and copilot, "Let's skimp on the checklists today. The plane looks safe enough." "Tires"- "They didn't look flat so the pressure is probably OK.", "Lights"- "The ones I can see from here work.", "Oil"- "It was fine last week.", "Brakes"- "We have two—I'm sure at least one works." "Windshield"- "It's not all that dirty.", "I slept only four hours last night so let's not waste any more time here. Let's fly this baby!"

You might think twice about going on the trip at all if your pilot weren't interested enough in safety to do a proper checklist. Is piloting a bike that's carrying your spouse any less important? You know the answer. Tires need the correct pressure to prevent overheating (read "blowout"), excessive wear (read "expensive"). Not looking flat isn't enough. The only way to know the pressure is right is to use a tire gauge. Check the tires while **cold**. Lights are something we don't think about until one goes out that we can see from the rider's seat. Yet the taillight is what lets the car behind you see you before he runs over you. The co-rider can easily check the brake lights, taillights, and turn signals while you sit on the bike and push a few buttons.

Your bike's checklist should be something you use before every ride, just as a pilot uses his before every flight. Check it out! **CCR**

CalCoast Riders 2005 Calendar of Events

2/13	Sunday	Solvang
2/26	Saturday	BattleTrax, Long Beach
3/13	Sunday	Jalama Beach
4/8-10	Fri/Sat/Sun	Police MC Competition, Monterey
5/15	Sunday	Ride 4 Kids Brain Tumor, Ride Leader - Roy Hooper
6/12	Sunday	Fess Parker Winery, Los Olivos (Hwys 166 & 33)
7/10	Sunday	Pine Mountain Club
8/14	Sunday	The Deer Lodge, Ojai

Meet at the Jack-in-the-Box on Victoria in Ventura at 8:15, depart at 9 sharp. Rides are usually on the second Sunday of the month and you do not have to be a member to ride with us. Contact Roy Hooper if you would like to lead a ride...it's FUN!

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