



August Ride - Cool Coast Ride

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## From the Rider's Seat

By Roy Hooper

### LETS PLAY FOOTBALL?

Riding a motorcycle is a lot like football, with the rider being the player with the ball- the other team (the cars) is out to get you. Your "teammates" are actually your riding skills, so when a car comes across your path your skills will help you maneuver around it and help you get to the goal: your destination. Ways of improving your skills are riding classes, reading MC magazines, riding with friends who are safe and experienced, searching the web, and many other ways. It seems the last thing on most drivers' minds is driving so we need to be extra alert and observant. Drivers plays with the radio, cell phone, watch DVDs, study their GPS, scold their kids, use their laptops, and the list goes on and on. These items that I have listed I have witnessed myself constantly and it has gotten so bad that after driving a truck professionally for 15 years I have put in a request to be pulled from my beloved truck and work in the plant. This process will take until the end of July and I hope that I am able to make the adjustment so I can stay with the good company that has employed me for the last decade. And to you I can only urge you to be super aware out there and to enjoy "running with your football".

### ENJOY THE HEAT

The heat is finally here and I love the sun and it's energy! So it's a good time to put away the dark clothing and put some light colors on that will deflect the heat keeping you cooler so you can enjoy the fabulous views on our rides. If anyone has more suggestions on how they keep cool please email me so I can share it with our readers. Does anyone have a hydra "cool" vest that they can "show and tell" at one of our rides?

### FUTURE RIDES

**Diane Pinkerton** is setting up a 2 day ride in the Big Sur area for summer and once it's finalized I will mail all the info so you can get in on this gorgeous ride. Lots of country roads are planned.

We are starting to get our 2006 ride schedule in the works so send me your suggestions for a destination, roads and places for lunch. You don't have to lead the ride that you suggest, we will take care of that, but if anyone ever feels like leading an entire ride or just short legs of a ride, just mention it to me or our Ride Captain **Time Bates**. This way you get an idea of what the leader does and you will find out that not only does the leader ride for himself, he rides for every rider in the group. It is a big task but something you should

try once. I was hesitant to lead a group my first time in the early 80s but once you conquer that it gets easier. Ride safe.

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## Fess Parker/Cuyama Ride

By Roy Hooper

In May we had our Ride 4 Kids run and the Death Valley ride. Now it was time for a more local ride and a visit to the Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos and then into Cuyama for lunch. Our treasurer **Diane** came up with this ride and our Ride Captain **Tim Bates** helped her put together a pleasant ride for us to enjoy. The riders started showing up in Ventura at 8:15 under a slight cloud cover and tried to get caught up with each others life's. At 8:50 we had our pre ride talk and then off we went to our Santa Barbara stop where more riders were waiting for us. We now had 15 bikes, all different brands and styles, and 20 people. **Tim Bates** led from here and as we entered the Santa Ynez Valley, Mr. Sun greeted us warmly. We arrived at the Fess Parker Winery where we spent about 30 minutes exploring the gift shop. We were set to take off and all the riders where lined up except one, so the sweeper checked in with him and found out that there was a minor helmet problem. After 5 minutes the problem was resolved and we were ready for take off.



We continued north on Foxen Canyon

Road and made our way to Tepusquet Road which connects to 166. Tepusquet Road is a wonderful 17 mile COUNTRY ROAD that has gradual twists and turns and all you see are farm houses, not tract homes. This was my favorite part of this ride and it was just paved. At the 166 we stopped to shed some jackets, swig some water and one FJR rider even did a quick suspension adjustment on **John** and **June Fuller's** FJR. Now eastbound on 166, our destination was Cuyama for lunch and a gas stop... a greedy \$3.50/gallon gas stop. At least the food and service were good. After lunch we hopped on 33 southbound from the 166 and were greeted

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 by another freshly paved road. This part of 33 was in bad shape for the last 5 years so it was good to see it get a makeover. We cruised into Ojai and rested at the Unocal station for our final stop where we talked about our day and the new riders we met. We then took off to our hometowns-another fun Cal Coast Riders ride! Join us in July as we head to the Pine Mountain Club and in August we will do a coast ride. For photos of our June ride visit our photo gallery at CalCoastRiders.com. **CCR**

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## CalCoast Riders 2005 Calendar of Events

7/10	Sunday	Pine Mountain Club
8/14	Sunday	Cool Coast Ride
9/10	Saturday	Otis Chandler Museum
10/9	Sunday	Getty Musuem/Lunch at Thai n I in Encino
11/13	Sunday	Harley's Rock In in Leona Valley
12/?		Ventura County 5th Annual Toy Run

Most rides **LEAVE at 9:00am** from Jack-in-the-Box on Victoria in Ventura. 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!