



April Ride - Monterey

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## From the Rider's Seat

By Roy Hooper

We had a good turnout for our February ride to the motorcycle museum in Solvang and we are heading west again as the March 13 ride brings us to Jalama Beach for a delicious lunch. I want to thank **Diane**, **Rick Bell**, **Jerry Purdy** and **Darcy Wersh** for coming together at the last minute when I could not make the February ride. They came up with a plan and from the feedback I got everything went well. THANKS to our staff.

Some of us went to the Battletrax event in Long Beach and had a great time. For \$20 we got breakfast, lunch, a goody bag with lots of useful items, a T-shirt and chances to improve our skills as we maneuvered around 2 courses. One course was for speed and the other for finesse where being the quickest wasn't in issue. Cal Coast Rider **Joe Bartlett** won the second place trophy on the latter course and that was not easy to do.

**Dave Culton** won a pair of nice riding gloves and I won the Battery Tender, so we all came home happy.

In April we are heading to Monterey for the Police Motorcycle Competition which is a cool display of their skills. We are meeting Friday April 8 at McDonalds on Harbor off Seaward in Ventura at 8:30 and leaving at 9, lunch around 12 at Big Bubba's Bad BBQ in Paso Robles. We will return from the Pacific Grove Old Days on Sunday. Book your room at Motel 6 in Monterey for Fri. and Sat. nights, you can always cancel later. Motel 6 is at SR 1 at Casa Verde Way/North Fremont Street, 2124 North Fremont Street, Monterey. (831) 646-8585.



Craig Adams, given out during our Christmas Party were **Jerry Purdy** and **Rick Bell**. They had the lucky numbers! Ride Safe. **CCR**

## To Ride or Not To Ride

By Jerry Purdy

My first impression of the weather on Sunday was "where is yesterday's sunshine?" and then the phone rang. My friend Jeff said "It's raining here in Oxnard Shores." Well, it wasn't raining in Camarillo, and I was nearly ready to roll. Then I get a call from Roy. "It's raining in Ojai." Well, it wasn't raining in Camarillo and Miego and I were ready to roll.

When we got to Jack-In-the-Box (JITB) there were already a number of people there. Darcy Wersh with the 'Wing, Joe Bartlett with a Bandit, Bill Quan and the Vstrom, David Colton and the CBR600, and Rick Bell. Jeff and Laurie Johnson came in on their Moto Guzzi Aluminum shortly thereafter. All trying to decide if the weather was going to get better or worse. Rick decided to go home for his Shadow.

Diane came rolling in on her Intruder to assist with the decision. Larry Valenzuela came in with his Shadow. Seems that Roy has issues with that pretty new FJR getting wet. So he was willing to await the sun, while we were getting ready to ride. And our ride Captain was no where in sight either! Even if we rode, did anyone know where to go? Leaderless and headless, the sun dark and skies threatening, were the Cal Coast Riders about to meet their doom!

Nah. Just get on your bike and Ride! Rick took the lead, Diane played navigator, Darcy took over sweep, and away we went. Rick played it safe all the way up the coast to Santa Barbara, slow and easy on the wet roads. The rain was

somewhere in front of us, but we never caught it, and the roads gradually dried out for us also.

We stopped in Santa Barbara, with Diane using her horn to assist with navigation, and picked up Steven Fritz on his CBR 900. And on up the coast we went. The roads were good, and the only road hazard we faced was a dead rabbit. And when we passed that rabbit, I saw a sign of the group growing more experienced as a team. People were pointing very carefully at the hazard as we approached it, so people behind wouldn't be caught by surprise. Riding in a group is more fun when you begin to trust and understand the riders around you. We are getting better!

Once we rolled into Solvang, Diane got a little lost. So, about 200 feet from the Motorcycle Museum, we sat on the side of the road and wondered where it was. My friend Tom had driven up to meet us there, and laughingly told us we were there, driving into the parking lot right next to us. So we converged on the small, unsuspecting museum with all the force of a 12 person strong motorcycle club intent on creating mayhem and ..... no wait, that's my other club.

The small museum, and the young lady at the front, Francine, were equally pleasant. The collection contains a number of historically significant bikes, including land speed holders, bikes over 100 years old, a large collection of Norton's and Vincent's. This collection has an interesting aspect, which is that the owner rides these bikes occasionally. In fact, the one bike I really wanted to see, the Moto Guzzi V-8, was not there. Seems the owner took it to Willow Springs for a run and broke it. Sent it to Italy to be repaired.

While we wandered the museum, Diane went into Los Olivos to make lunch arrangements for us. She selected the Los Olivos Café, a wonderful little Italian place, used in the movie Sideways. Food was fabulous, company was better. While there Bill told us about his plans to ride with the Chain Gang, a BMW F650 club, to Copper Canyon in Mexico. He made the same trip last year. Have fun Bill.

When we left Fess Parker was standing out front. He must have missed us because he didn't come over to say hello. The ride home was long and smooth, and uneventful so far as I know. We went 180 miles, left at 8:00, returned at 3:00. And the rain? We never saw it. We chose to ride. **CCR**

## CalCoast Riders 2005 Calendar of Events

3/13	Sunday	Jalama Beach
4/10	Sunday	Local Ride
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
9/10	Saturday	Otis Chandler Museum
10/9	Sunday	Getty Museum/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!

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