



May Ride - Ride 4 Kids

June Ride - Fess Parker Winery

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From the Rider's Seat

By Roy Hooper

When you hear a certain month some of us think of a certain event for that month. When I hear May, Ride4Kids.org instantly pops in my head. The third Sunday. Always. Nothing for me that day except the Kids. Kids with brain tumors. These Kids should be doing KID things, not getting their head shaved in prep for an operation. If you want to help raise funds, come with us May 15. Show up at the Jack in the Box on Victoria in Ventura at 7 am, get settled in then off we go at 7:30 to the Honda HQs in Torrance where there will be complimentary donuts, bread and drinks for us. There will be a slow-speed stunt show before the police-escorted ride through town that you don't want to miss. After the ride you will get to meet the Kids and I guarantee you that your heart will be affected.

On our rides it's common for us to travel through 2,3 and maybe 4 counties but on our April ride to Avila Beach near Pismo we had *riders* from 4 different counties. We had our regular riders from Ventura and Santa Barbara and even regulars **Louis Vanderveen** and **Norm Sakamoto** from LA county. Add to that 2 more riders from SLO county: George Jercich from Los Osos and **Rick Davis** from SLO, both on blue FJR's. Yes, those pesky FJR's! And the 2 riders from LA county were on FJR's too! Then add mine, **Tim Bates**, **John Fuller** and **Joe Solis**. Too bad Carla and Amy Holland on their blue FJR's couldn't make it. No, this is not an FJR club. Why am I asked that so often??? You are just seeing so many of them because it is one heck of a bike: 220 miles before reserve kicks in, 145 horses, long trips, short trips, nice upright position to relief back pain, sexy lines, stable at 100 mph (so I'm told), on and on. Many Honda diehards, including **me**, **Tim**, **Rick**, **Safety Bob**, **Lou**, **John**, have switched from Honda to Yamaha because of the FJR.

Summer is just right around the corner so stop by Cal Coast Motorsports and check out the "air mesh jackets". These jackets let the wind through and come with armor in all the needed places so your are still protected. I wore a t-shirt and a Joe Rocket air mesh jacket from Barstow to Vegas in 115 degrees during August and I was comfortable. Well worth the \$120. Don't forget your 15% discount. Until next time, Ride Safe. **CCR**

Jalama Beach

By Roy Hooper

At 8:15 am we already had a good crowd at Jack in the Box for our March ride to Jalama Beach and the beautiful Nojoqui Falls in Solvang. Some were munching on the donuts courtesy of our Club and some were getting breakfast inside Jack's. We had riders from GoodTimeRiders.com join us on their multicolored sport bikes before they head off to Iraq to fight for freedom. Also able to make the ride were **Joe** and **Miriam Solis** from Santa Paula on their silver Yamaha Sport Touring FJR. They rode with us quite a bit when we started the club 15 months ago but have not been able to make the recent rides for work reasons, so it was good to see them again. We had MANY FJR's on this ride but their bike was *the* first FJR to ride with the club. Newcomer **Carla** showed up on her blue FJR as well.



This ride was put together by our Ride Captain **Tim Bates**, **Robert Switzer** and **me** and it covered many scenic areas. We took off to the SB pick up stop where there were more riders waiting for us, even one on a blue FJR, then onto 154 to Los Alamos for a gas stop. Here we took a great group photo in this nice little town. We then headed west on 135 to Harris Grade to meet **Robert** on his silver FJR. Harris Grade is a very twisty road and it peaks with a beautiful view of Lompoc way down below you, so thanks to **Robert** for suggesting this section.

By the time we reached Jalama Beach Rd. everyone with hungry stomachs counted down the last 14 miles. After chowing down Jalama Burgers, our newest member **Louis Vanderveen** talked to us about the very important Ride 4 Kids coming up in May which I discuss in my monthly article "From the Rider's Seat". We all hopped on our bikes and took Santa Rosa Rd. to Solvang to reach our final destination, Nojoqui Falls. I suggested this stop because with all the

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rain the Falls would be a site to see, and it held up. What a site and our photographers **Darcy Wersh** and **Jerry Purdy** and others savored the moment with plenty of photos which can be seen in our photo gallery.

With everyone in a good mood, it was time to head home and put up with the 3 pm stop n go traffic on the 101 in Santa Barbara. For some reason, there was NO traffic backup this



time so we continued at 65 mph and stopped in Carpinteria for a coffee break at Starbucks where we talked about the day's events.

I want to thank the ride *leaders* **Rick Bell**, **Jerry Purdy** and **Tim Bates** and *sweepers* **Darcy Wersh** and **Louis**

Vanderveen for making sure ALL OF US get to all our stops and to make sure no one gets separated from the Club. I have ridden with many clubs and not all clubs watch over their riders like we do. Some clubs say "keep up with us and if you don't, it's your loss." On our next ride take time to thank the leaders and sweepers that watch over us. We are not perfect, but we are always trying to be.

In our Guestbook we have 2 posts about people that saw us riding that day and they were impressed about how organized our formation was and how good we looked riding down the country roads. So, THANKS TO YOU for riding with group rules in mind and for making our ride safe and enjoyable. **CCR**

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CalCoast Riders 2005 Calendar of Events

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 in Oxnard
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!