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Toy Ride & Annual Free Lunch

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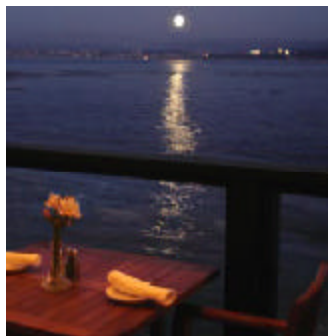


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Monterey Weekend Ride

By Sarah Wilson

For the weekend of October 15 the Cal Coast Riders spent the night in tourist town Monterey which is located along the coast north of the famous Big Sur. Riders were **Jeff Rotter, Carla, Diane, Joe & Miriam Solis** and **Roy**. We followed a route that **Diane** had planned from rides that she has been on since she started riding 3 years ago, and it was a great route. We took 154 and 101 to Paso Robles where we had lunch at Big Bubba's BBQ. After lunch it was all backroads, no freeways, as we took G 14 to the Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation where there is one of the Missions. We stopped there for a break and a peek at the gift shop and a look at the very beautiful church that was built in the 1700s. There is also an Indian cemetery near the mission. DO NOT visit the cemetery! Indians have very powerful souls and can put a curse on you very easily. Just take my word and don't ask any questions. Avoid the Indian cemetery. We then continued west on Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd. and headed towards Big Sur. The weekend rain that was suppose to come never came so the ride up PCH through Big Sur was beautiful. The sun was setting as we arrived at the Motel 6 in Monterey. We checked in and 30 minutes later we were off to Cannery Row in the Monterey Bay for some fixins, and boy, we were hungry. Joe and Miriam led us to Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. but the line was lllllllong so we opted for the The Fish Hopper next door. The seating area is over the ocean and you can hear and feel the waves break underneath you. This was scary and entertaining. After dinner we walked up and down Cannery Row checking out the cool shops under a nice full moon. The next morning we took 101 north to Hollister to get to rt. 25 which **Diane** said was a country road that we would all like. After about 50 miles on 25 we stopped for a break and everyone told **Diane** she was right! 25 is a two lane road with many sweepers and very few tight turns and best of all, it follows the San Andreas Fault. We got back on the 101 and stopped in Paso Robles for lunch at Margie's which serves big proportions of food. After lunch we headed home and took one last break at the Gaviota rest stop where we said our good byes. If you have any suggestions for an overnight ride like this one, let us know. [CCR](#)



10/9 Ride to Devil's Punchbowl

By Diane

When we met in the JOB parking lot, we all decided we were more in the mood for an exciting ride to the Devil's Punchbowl County Park than the Getty museum. There were 5 FJR riders (**Roy, Tim, Jeff, Carla** and **Lou**) and 3 cruisers (**me, Rick** and **Larry** – **Larry** also brought his girlfriend's son, **Devon**). **Rick** used to live in Palmdale so since he knows that area like the back of his hand, he led the ride. We took the 126 to Valencia then took the Sierra Hwy to the Pear Blossom Hwy. The Sierra Hwy was a lot more scenic than Hwy 14!



We took the Pear Blossom Hwy to Little Rock and stopped at a great country store called Charlie Brown's Farm so people could pick up a sandwich to eat at the park. They had a lot of interesting things to buy there and great barbeque. We took off again on 138 to Fort Tejon Road and up to the Devil's Punchbowl County Park. It was a gorgeous day, blue sky, sun shining and no wind. We were surprised to see we were about the only people there. We sat down at some picnic tables to a delicious lunch and friendly conversation. After lunch, **Devon** and I decided to hike the one-mile loop that went down to the creek and back up the hill. We felt pretty adventurous as we tried to find the "devil's face" in the rock that **Rick** told us about. You could tell the flood had washed out a lot of the trail as they had shored up the trail in many places with wooden planks. Needless to say, since the trail was not that clear in many spots, we got temporarily "lost" a few times. **Devon** was really excited when he spotted the Devil's face in the rock straight ahead of us. It really did look like a devil with horns and everything! So our journey was worth it.

When we were getting ready to leave the park, the FJR folks (**Roy, Tim, Jeff, Carla** and **Lou**) decided they wanted a sportier ride home so they carved the canyons in the San Gabriel Mountains while the three cruisers (**me, Rick** and **Larry**) had a wonderful scenic ride back home. We even stopped in Palmdale to see **Rick's** old house. That was a pretty cool house on a bluff overlooking the Antelope Valley. **Rick** took us to Valencia via Soledad Canyon Road which was beautiful. We stopped for coffee in Fillmore before heading home and had some good laughs. The day and the

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company of the group were excellent, as usual and we plan to do this ride again in October of 2006 so the folks who could not make it this year can now plan for it in 2006. Don't forget the one mile hike for those that feel adventurous and bring a water bottle. **CCR**

Product Reviews

By Roy Hooper

Tire Pressure Gauges

Motorcycle Consumer News has a review on Tire Pressure Gauges in their November issue. The gauges tested range from \$2 to \$50 and after all was done there were 2 that they recommended. The Auto-on Digital Tire Gauge from Griot's Garage- griotsgarage.com- had the highest rating and retails for \$9.99. The highest mechanical gauge was the Napa 90-378 for \$7.99 and is available at Napa stores.

Electric Vests

The cold season is just around the corner and for years I have gotten by with layers of clothing to stay warm. My thinking is that I don't "need" electric clothing. Well, I still don't "need" it but since I bought the Widder vest 2 last year I have been beside myself for not buying it sooner. Just turning the knob on the Widder thermostat to warm up sure is easy. My Vest 2 (collar version), battery cable and thermostat came to \$230. It seems like a lot of money but it will last a long time and it is a simple way to warm up and stay warm. You can buy an off/on switch instead of the thermostat but the thermostat gives you control over the temperature. I have since bought the Widder ArmChaps for \$75 and wish I had bought them sooner. Two great extras about their armchaps. 1- The chaps snap to the vest and that's how they are powered so you don't have loose wiring to deal with. 2- the sleeves have hidden wires for their gloves so if you decide to get those you will be ready! This site has more of an in-depth review <http://www.motorsports-network.com/ProdTest/electric/widder.htm> You can order online but I recommend that you drive to Widder in Ojai during regular business hours so you can try the vests on for a proper fit.

Visit widder.com for all the info. My advice is to quit freezing and buy a vest if you plan on doing any riding in the cold and particularly if you have a bike without any wind protection. You will not regret it. **CCR**

CalCoast Riders 2005 Calendar of Events

- 11/13 Sunday Harley's Rock Inn in Leona Valley. Rick Bell leading from Jack in the Box, show up at 8:15 and leaving at 9 sharp. Roy will leave from the start of the Love Ride in Glendale at 9:15 with anyone that ones to join him. Roy's group will be departing Jack's at 7 am.
- 12/3 Saturday Ventura County 5th Annual Toy Run. Lunch to follow and we will come up with rides for 2006. Roy leading. THIS IS A FREE LUNCH FOR OUR MEMBERS.
- 12/11 Sunday Santa Barbara Ride with lunch at Burro Beach Park.

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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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Our online store has many gift ideas. Our store is through CafePress.com, which can be accessed from CalCoastRiders.com

PLANNING MEETING FOR 2006

We will have a free lunch for our Members in December after our annual toy ride. Have some good pizza and help us lay out our Ride Calendar for 2006. Non-members are welcomed!