



Honda Riders Club of America

Southern California Motorcycling Association

American Motorcyclist Association

A Red Hot Rider's "Day in the Dirt"  
By Craig Engdahl

It was a great day. Weather was perfect, partly cloudy probably 70 - 75 degrees tops, no wind. The dirt was, as they say "epic" damp, but not muddy, GREAT traction.

The day kicked off at about 9:00AM and ended at about 3:00PM. Gary's ranch is easy to find, his directions are right on. His private road in is something of an adventure, but it'll be better when it fully dries out...maybe.

Gary takes us through a series of learning steps, including steering via "counter-balancing", braking, with strong emphasis on using the front brake, climbing low traction hills, dealing with side hills, and escaping from a stall on a hill, and a slalom run. There was a session of "wheeling for a purpose", to get over small obstacles and ruts, in which nobody that I saw did well on. The learning sessions were interspersed with a couple of short trail rides, water breaks, and lunch. The afternoon ride was out to the edge of the property and was fairly technical due to some major rain ruts.

Can't talk to the gear as I brought my own, but it appeared to be quite good. Mostly Kawasaki KLX and KLR300 enduros and dual sports, a couple Kawi Sherpa 300s, a Honda 125cc and a Honda CRF 250. Only problem that I could see was that most of the bikes and riding gear were that funky green "Kawasaki stuff". That will soon be remedied since Gary is getting a fleet of Yamahas within a month or so.

There were a couple of "get offs", but nobody was hurt, and I think a good time was had by all!



The Road into "Base Camp" at MotoVentures



Getting ready to "hit the trail"



Some of the Red Hot Riders that enjoyed the day—before and after a day in the dirt! (Phots by C. Engdahl)

March's Meeting Report  
By Ron Farkas

Our speaker for this month's meeting was Gary LaPlante, owner and operator of a dirt bike / adventure touring / trials riding school; MotoVentures, located near Temecula. MotoVentures is a private 300-acre dirt bike riding ranch. Located at 3000 ft above sea level, the weather is almost perfect year round. The ranch features several large ranges that are easy for new dirt bike riders to negotiate and to learn the basics of riding off road. The ranch also features a motocross track; a flat track, a hill climb, a wet and shaded creek trail, and sand wash with much more to challenge both the novice to expert rider. Gary was invited to speak on the sport of trials riding, the slow but precise art of motorcycle navigation around an obstacle course. The idea is not to touch the ground with your feet as your ride around the course. The course is made up of "sections" with each section having it's own personality as to the obstacle you

much maneuver around or over. A judge keeps score as to your "dabs" and like another game conceived across the pond – the rider with the lowest score wins. Gary grabbed many of the members' attention when he informed the crowd that MotoVentures supplies BOTH the bike and riding equipment for a very affordable rate. The members that were present made immediate plans for a Red Hot Riders "Day in the Dirt" and if you missed out on it, you can checkout MotoVentures on the web ([www.motoventures.com](http://www.motoventures.com)) Or give Gary a call at 909-767-0991.

**BIG TRACK AT WILLOW—APRIL 25th**



**Next Meeting: 4/13/2005**

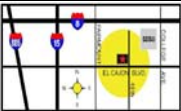
**April 2005:** Everyone knows Spidi (<http://www.spidi.com>) is a major name in motorcycle apparel and accessories. Paul Eddy will join us from Motionation (<http://www.motionation.com/>), the newly appointed San Diego distributors for Spidi, to tell us all about their line of high-quality gear. Why do you need to know about good protective apparel? Because skin doesn't make a good break pad! Be there!!

**Club Meetings:**  
Giovanni's Restaurant in Kearny Mesa, Corner of Clairemont Mesa & Ruffin Roads  
6PM 2nd Wed of the Month



**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION OUR #1 GOAL**  
**SALES—PARTS— SERVICE**

**HOUSE OF MOTORCYCLES**



4904 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA 92115  
Website: [www.houseofmotorcycles.com](http://www.houseofmotorcycles.com)  
**(619) 229-7700**  
SAN DIEGO'S #1 YAMAHA DEALER

**EVENT CALENDAR**

- APRIL 13-WED Club meeting at Giovanni's
- 16 & 17—Club Over niter to Death Valley
- 23-SAT—HOM 2005 Expo & Sale
- 25-MONRHR Track Day at Willow ( Big Track)
- 29-May 1 AMA Superbikes at Fontana

Inclement weather may cause the cancellation of any of the above RHR events. Contact Jim Branch at (619) 460-0669 the evening before a RHR scheduled ride/Track day if weather is a question. You can also check out the Web site for up-to-date changes in the Schedule : [www.redhotriders.com](http://www.redhotriders.com)

**Newsletter Submission:**  
Newsletter submission can be sent to Ron Farkas, email is: [hondaron@cox.net](mailto:hondaron@cox.net), Phone & Fax: 858-486-3257

- Officers 2004-2005**
- President.....Jim Branch
  - Vice President.....Chris Crawford
  - Secretary.....Michael Gorga
  - Treasurer.....Ed Krugman
- Committee Chairman**
- Rider Education.....Vacant
  - Activities.....Richard French
  - Merchandise...George Devereaux
  - Publication.....Ron Farkas
  - Membership.....Ron Farkas
  - HRCALiaison.....Dale Stark
  - Referee.....Rached Maaloul
- Legislative Officer:  
Andy Mansker

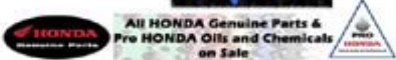
**MotoPro** 1425 South Coast Highway  
House of Motorcycles Oceanside, CA 92054  
(760) 433-4333

**2005 EXPO!**

saturday April 23, 2005  
**Biggest SALE of the year!**

- Manufacture reps on hand showing off all 2005 products.
- Tons of accessories at CLOSEOUT prices.
- FREE food and live D.J.
- EVERYTHING on sale with special one time only prices to low to advertise.

Live Band - **Motionation**



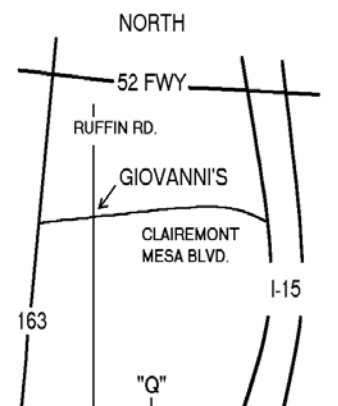
San Diego's House of Motorcycles  
4904 El Cajon Blvd  
San Diego, CA 92115  
619-229-7700  
[www.houseofmotorcycles.com](http://www.houseofmotorcycles.com)



[www.motoventures.com](http://www.motoventures.com)  
**Trails**  
**Dirt Bike training**  
**Off Road Touring/Adventure Tours**

**Gary LaPlante**

**Phone: (909) 767-0991**  
**Fax: (909) 767-2147**



**MEETING LOCATION**  
**Giovanni's Restaurant**  
**9353 Clairemont Mesa**  
**(858) 279-6700**