



Ride Report- April  
By Ron Farkas

The first day of daylight savings time was tough on the club as only **Andy Kenefick** and I showed up for the ride to Fontana for the AMA Superbike races. The ride up the freeway was quick and smooth with only an occasional "slow zone" due to law enforcement headed in the same direction.

Arriving at the track, Mr. Penske's crew did a great job in selling tickets, directing bikes and people into the infield. After parking, Andy and I hit the garages and "hot" pit lane early. We were lucky enough to spend some time with **Jake Zemke**, (a very nice and approachable young man) who is Honda's rider and hire apparent to the lead Superbike, once Miguel Duhamel retires. Moving down the pit row, we saw San Diego's **Jeremy Toye** (Lee's Cycle Center) on what looked like a box stock R1. Jeremy finished some where around 12<sup>th</sup> that day - rumor has it he just tweaked the fuel injection with a power commander and used racing gas - but I believe his riding ability had a lot to do with that fantastic finish. Kawasaki had a large presence on pit row easily recognizable in their famous "green". Andy and I were amazed as to the close resemblance both the 600 and their 1000 have. Andy was quick to point out the "recessed" area in the top of the tank was only on the liter bike and was the best way to recognize which bike was headed out for practice that morning.

The races themselves were predictable this time, but as the Superstock lap times close in on the Superbike's lap times, the future of Superbike (or what I hope becomes Superstock) racing will quickly become very competitive.

**Hey!- let's ride SMART out there! It's as though summer has arrived and with it, many of you are on the road more often and for longer rides. Recently, we have had two members go down with broken bikes and bones. Let's put that mind in gear before you put that helmet on.....there isn't any room for an obituary column in this newsletter!- Ride Smart, Ride Safe, Remember.....Stupid Hurts!**



**Jim's rant—**

If you missed April's meeting, you missed an important message from **Jim Branch**, our president. If you're not a member of the AMA, please join right away. Many of you are familiar with the South Dakota representative who got away with murder, just because his victim was a motorcyclist. "We believe it's important to take constructive action that reaches far beyond the borders of South Dakota," said Edward Moreland, Vice President of AMA Government Relations. "Instead of directing our energy toward something that's already happened, we urge all motorcyclists to work with us to change the way the justice system sentences drivers who kill motorcyclists, and to prevent similar tragedies and injustices in states and communities nationwide." More details about "Justice for All" will be announced

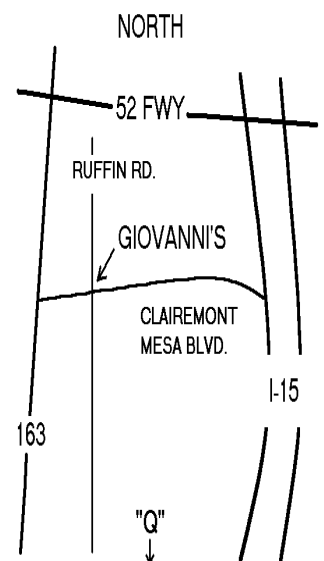
soon on the AMA's website, AMADirectlink.com, and in American Motorcyclist magazine. For more information on becoming involved in "Justice for All" and other issues affecting American motorcyclists, contact Sean Maher, AMA Director of State Affairs, at smaher@ama-cycle.org, or Terry Lee Cook, AMA Government Relations Specialist, at tcook@ama-cycle.org. **JOIN the AMA—Now!** [www.ama-cycle.org](http://www.ama-cycle.org)

**The BB1000 Committee** has been meeting and **Jeff Pratt** has been good enough to take on Chairman duties again... Jeff is hinting we will need pontoons this year as he wants the ride to head due west! - stay tune—a source for motorcycle pontoons is being developed!

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



It's hard growing up green !



**Joel Keller** did it again, got us a great speaker, **Phil Davy** a motorcyclist with over 20 years of experience who is associated with the new apparel manufacturer, **ICON**. Phil not only brought samples of **ICON**'s new line with him, but also donated some stuff to add to our raffle at the end of the meeting. The company, **ICON** was started with the focus on the street rider and their needs, rather than trying to produce products for the race-track. Levis with Kevlar reinforcement and available lining for cooler weather riding was available for review. Italian made boots that are designed for riding *and* walking with proper "motorcycle" soles utilizing buckles rather than laces. Deer Skin gloves with attention to detail on construction and sewing to prevent bunching with metal reinforcement for protection over and around "the skid zone" in case of a fall. This was the type of

attention to detail that showed **ICON** did their homework.

**ICON** has also taken a step to coordinate the color of the clothes so a rider can choose to mix or match the various pieces of protective wear to match his or her "style". Phil ran out of time; so we didn't get a chance to hear about **ICON**'s helmet line, but if you're in need for some gear this riding season, give the **ICON** brand serious consideration.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS....CHECK OUT THE JUNE ISSUE OF MOTORCYCLIST MAGAZINE! Read about our Red Hot Rider's track day this past March and how our members' rated the new bikes!**

### EVENT CALENDAR

May	16 Sun.....	Road Ride— <u>Ride for Kids</u>
June	9 Wed....	RHR Monthly meeting
July	9-11—	AMA Superbikes at Mazda Raceway
July	14 Wed...	RHR monthly meeting
July	21 Wed...	Ride to work day
Aug	6-9 Fri-Mon	Chris Crawford's Mammoth Ride
Aug	11 Wed....	RHR Monthly Meeting
Oct	2 Sat.....	Baby Butt 1000

Incliment 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)

If you missed Ed Krugman's announcement at the April meeting, **Red Hot Riders is donating \$500 to Honda's Ride for Kids**. Keith Knapp, a member of our club who now resides in NASCAR country may drop by at our May meeting. Keith is now employed by Honda and is responsible for setting up charitable rides for the Honda Rider's Club of America.

### Next Meeting: 5/12/04

#### May 2004:

**David Pyles**, President of Fastrack Riders ([www.fastrackriders.com](http://www.fastrackriders.com)), will drop in to discuss opportunities you individually and the Club as a group have to participate in Fastrack track days throughout Southern California. Track days are a great way to hone your skills - be there to learn about some of the options available to you!

#### Club Meetings:

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

#### 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 2003-2004

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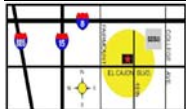
#### Additional Info about Ride for Kids

[www.rideforkids.org](http://www.rideforkids.org)  
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Phil Davy, from **ICON** products discusses helmets after the April meeting



Go ahead try it on...Phil was good enough to bring Gloves (even with 24 Kt gold) that **ICON** offers.



### Couch Potato Corner

**Faster**, the movie, follows the MotoGP championship thru the 2001 and 2002 seasons. A period which saw the switch from 2-stroke to 4-stroke engines, and shattering the 200-mph barrier. If you would like to learn more about this movie which will soon be available on DVD...check out: [fastermovie.com](http://fastermovie.com)