



Honda Riders Club of America

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A Red Hot Rider's—Need for Speed...
By Ron Farkas

What's this? Red Hot Riders in a center-fold? - Yes, even one of our female members! Sorry gang, it not *that* kind of centerfold in *that* kind of magazine. Our friend up the road in Los Angeles, **Mitch Boehm** at *Motorcyclist Magazine* was good enough to include three of our members in the feature article of the June issue. **Jim Branch, Joel Keller, and Marina Pelren** were part of the *Need for Speed* article, which tested the latest open class sport bikes from the big four. Motorcyclist Magazine's, **Kevin Wing** photographed the article at the Streets of Willow, all on the same day RHR had our spring "Track Day". Motorcyclist interviewed our three members after some quality time on each of the new bikes. A brief "bio" appeared with a photo of our members, and the late afternoon desert sun seemed to enhance the smiles all three members were wearing. (Wouldn't you be smiling too if you got a chance to sample the latest sport bikes?)



Motorcyclist Magazine, but be quick about it- I hear two guys and one gal have been seen buying them all up!

Summer has finally arrived and the traffic patterns we became accustomed to during the "school year" are going to change. Hooray you say? - Yes, the buses are gone and the minivan parades will be a little shorter, but the heat will bring on the seashore seekers and getting to the shore can be the new challenge. From an article we ran last year about navigating the freeway during the summer, here are few tips that are worth repeating...

"Road 'Gators" - no, not the reptile kind, it's the remains of a truck tire that disintegrates as the trucker rolls down the road. It often gives you a small clue as tread and parts of the sidewall start to appear in the roadway - use your "High Visual Horizon" to look for the carcass of the tire.

"Tar Snakes" - again, not a member of the reptile family, but a type of road hazard you come upon most often on the entry and exit ramps of the freeway. The cracks in the ramps are "filled in" with tar and with the summer heat the tar becomes as slippery as grease. The appearance of the tar doesn't change much when it's in a slippery mode - so if it's a ramp you're accustomed to riding on, take the temperature into consideration and watch out that the snake doesn't bite you!

"UFOs" - There are many pickup trucks on the road and as they head for the beach with beach chairs, coolers, boogie boards and other beach toys in the back of the truck bed- keep an eye out for UFOs. The best way to avoid them is watch your following distance. Give yourself enough time to react safely to that object that has decided to take flight as the truck attains speed. Watch your mirrors so your defensive move doesn't start an accident as well.

"Rental trucks"- summer is here, school is out- it's the perfect time to move to that new place, but how many of those "Truck Drivers" know how to use their mirrors?

Watch out for these "New Drivers" as many are behind the wheel of a full sized truck for the first time. We are lucky that the company's that do rent trucks like to advertise on the side of their vehicles - it gives us a fighting chance. *Be Smart, Be Safe this summer use your HVH attitude to keep the rubber side down and the shiny side up!*

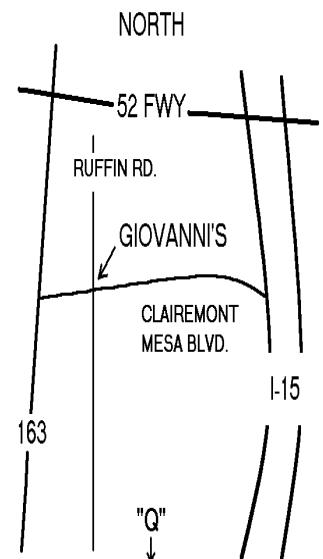
Membership directories are available—get yours at our monthly meetings!

The **BB1000 Committee** has named "Pratt Pontoon Company" as the official supplier of motorcycle floatation devices for use during the western leg of this year's BB1000. Jeff denies any "leveraging" of the committee and expresses that any questions about conflict of interest should be sent to his lawyer!

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



The article, titled "AVERAGE JOE(L)S", informed the reader about our club, where the members were from and a brief overview of how the test rides were conducted. After that intro, each member got to give about a one hundred-word impression of each bike with an honest conclusion based on his or her time on the track. Want to know more about the article or how your fellow Red Hot Riders rated these open class speedsters? - Pick up the June issue of



May Meeting Report-
By Ron Farkas

The need for speed has finally gotten smarter and safer with "Fastrack Riders". In the old days you had to join an amateur racing association, pay for an entry fee and pit passes, prep your bike so you could pass tech inspection, attend a riders meeting and somehow be recognized as a novice on race day (much like rookie stripes at the Indy 500). Then you headed out to the track with everyone in your class and either survived by staying out of the way of the fast guys or getting run off the track when you were in the racing line. This was no way to learn how to ride with confidence and improve on your riding your ability.

By attending a Fastrack Riders session, you get a similar experience, but with a much smarter and successful result. Fastrack Riders requires only minimal preparation of your bike, plus you'll be riding with others of similar skill levels. After your laps on the track,

professional feedback is available to help you recognize your mistakes and how to correct them. **David Pyles, President of Fastrack Riders** was good enough to visit with us and explain in detail the various benefits his organization delivers in the *need for speed* department. Dave must have enjoyed the meeting, as he donated a day at a **Fastrack Riders** session, which was raffled off at the end of the meeting.

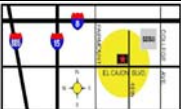
Our good friend from Honda's Riders Club of America and Red Hot Rider, **Keith Knapp** was on hand to speak briefly about the May 16th **Ride for Kids** up in Torrance. Keith stayed around to answer any questions about the ride and to enjoy the friendship of fellow Red Hot Riders.

Ed Krugman started the 50/50 raffle and with the addition of that free **Fastrack Rider's** track day the amount grew quickly. – it work out well as one member, who must of purchased 50 tickets, won the track day, as he also took recent delivery of a new ZX-10R – another "Fast and informative" ending to a great meeting for all who attended.



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EVENT CALENDAR

June	9	Wed....RHR Monthly meeting
June	12	Sat...RB Rotary Freedom Ride
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

Inclment 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

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

Next Meeting: 6/9/04

June 2004:
On June 9th we'll be introduced to several small, local businesses you may not be familiar with. Booked so far are Scott Gage of Scott's Motorcycle Service. Scott does plastic body work repair and fabrication. Also joining us will be Robert Prayther of Prayther's Motorcycle & Watercraft. In business for 10 years Robert does custom paint and restoration work on modern and antique motorcycles. Stop by and learn more about San Diego's wealth of motorcycle industry talent!

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, Phone & Fax: 858-486-3257

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The latest Membership listing is posted in the "Forum" section of the Red Hot Riders web site

With Fastrack Riders, you too can have a "garage" at Fontana— Sorry, Miguel's 600RR is not available even at an extra cost!



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Couch Potato Corner
When I was growing up, December was the best month of the year, but June was the next best... Why? you ask—well school was almost out and the two biggest races in Europe were about to take place; The 24 hours of Le Mans (yea, I know, it's a car race) and the Isle of Man. Check them both out on **Speed TV** this month... IOM is on 6/4 thru 6/11 Around 7pm and again at 12am. (set that VCR!)