



Honda Riders Club of America

Southern California Motorcycling Association

American Motorcyclist Association

It's that time of year again—school will be back in session, traffic patterns are going to change...here's an article from one of our members about space—or the lack of it!- editor

ADVENTURES IN SPACE !
by John Del Santo

As motorcycle riders, maintaining sufficient space around us is just about the most important thing we can do to keep out of other peoples mistakes and out of the hospital. The space in front of us, following distance, is the part that we have the most control over. Following distance is like money.... You can never have too much, but if you have a little less than you need, you can be in trouble !!

Many riders close up their following distance when they are riding with their own group. After all, they're our buddies and we know how they ride, what could go wrong? PLENTY! "Bonding" is supposed to be an important part of our social development, but we'd rather that it didn't happen with plaster casts and bandages.

If there's a tailgater on your back, add a little more following distance in front of you to compensate, so that if you need to slow down, you can do it smoothly enough so that the dope behind you doesn't run you over. Most people around you don't have anywhere near enough following distance. If a vehicle in the next lane pulls up next to you and leaves you in his blind spot, pull up or drop back a little. We are always adjusting our space, in front of us and at least to one side, to try keeping an Escape Route open. If we're rolling down the road behind a tall vehicle, by dropping back a bit, opening up a few more seconds following distance, we can see more of what's going on up ahead, creating more visibility around that vehicle.... Especially if we're thinking about passing.

When traffic starts to get heavy....when we come up on a busy intersection or a construction area....and traffic starts to slow down....most drivers and riders start to get closer, and reduce their following

distance, That's when we need MORE following distance! When traffic is slowing down for whatever reason, and you're thinking of a quick lane change to a better lane, someone else is probably thinking exactly the same thing at exactly the same time about exactly the same spot in the lane that you have chosen to go to. If we make that move quickly and without maintaining plenty of space around us, things could get nasty! You've seen the Dangerous Ones....flashing from lane to lane and back again like a bunch of Squid! But they won't catch US in their bad habits, because we have.....SPACE!!! When someone drops into that space in front of us, stealing our following distance, it is necessary to come off the throttle for just a second, re-gaining our space.....Anytime we don't have a full, healthy following distance, someone else is controlling our ride.

This sounds more simple than it really is, but theoretically, if we never got too close to another vehicle....we would never be involved in a crash! In reality, by keeping a space next to us creating 'getaway room', and by always maintaining a really healthy following distance in front of us, we can probably keep from being smushed between several bad drivers.

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BB1000 October 2nd
Got you entry in? check out the RHR website for your entry form !

A special "Thank You"

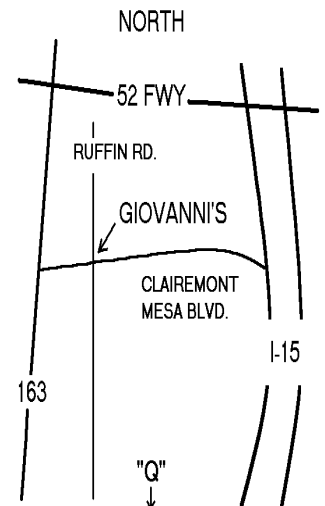
....from Michael Kennedy's family goes out to all the Red Hot Riders that sent flowers, cards and to those of you that made donations at the July meeting. At the meeting you heard of the details of the memorial and just how special motorcycling was to Michael and members of his family. A memorial ride to Borrego, one of Michaels' favorite places will be planned once the weather cools down from the current triple digit temperatures. The club has been contacted by the driver of the CDF water truck and he has expressed his condolences as well as a contact at the county supervisor's office. The officers of the club are looking into a method to contact that government office in order to have the site of the accident considered for road work—increasing the visibility for all those that travel the road so that future accidents do not occur.

Web Site Facts
For the month of July

Red Hot Rider's web site has been growing with the following numbers:
"Hits" about the BB1000
528 visitors
Total Site hits
=1585 (a record)
Search Engine hits:
Google= 327
Yahoo= 175
MSN=90

In less than 60 days the 2004 Baby Butt 1000 will be run... have you got your entry in yet? - the entry form is available from our web site. If you're a first time entry—plan on a great time as Jeff Pratt—a veteran of setting up last years run with the help of Ed Seeber on this years run have a great adventure laid out. If you're a returning BB1000 rider, well with all the tricks that Jeff and the committee learned last year...you know it will be a great run!

MEETING LOCATION
Giovanni's Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa



July Meeting Report

By Ron Farkas

A somber group gathered at Giovanni's the day after **Michael Kennedy's** memorial service. Those of us that arrived early, engaged in some small talk to ease the pain in losing a fellow rider. Some members wanted to know what Michael looked like, as he was a tall and slim black man with the neat and short hair cut, always dressed professionally and often sitting with his friends on one side of the room. Many of us like keeping to ourselves, but share our special interest of motorcycles with only those that appreciate riding and the special feeling it gives us. From what I knew, Michael was that kind of man, enjoying his bike and riding with his friends. It is tragic that he is no longer with us, but I can't think of a better way to finish this ride we call life, but sharing your last ride with your close friends on your bike.

Jim Branch said a few words about the memorial service and then reminded the membership what we were there for. **Ed Krugman** grabbed a large unused bowl from the kitchen and "passed the hat" to collect money for Michael's widow. The bowl filled up quickly and returned to Ed for the final accounting. While we waited for the total, Jim asked if any new members or new bikes were present that night. Some new local members and one from Orange County joined us, and with the new members came two new KTM 950 Adventures, a new yellow Ducati 749 Testastretta, and long time member, **Robby Laird's** new red Aprilia Tuono. With all this new hardware those of us present wanted to check out the parking lot ASAP.

Ed was finished counting the pot and announced that we collected \$1213 and that the club added another \$500, for a grand total of \$1713. This amount was given to Michael's wife to help her with the memorial expenses. Jim called the meeting adjourned and with the memory and spirit of Michael Kennedy among us, we moved to the parking lot to check out the new machinery.

Next Meeting: 8/11/04

August 2004:

Kelcey Gordon, founder of NJK Leathers in San Clemente (www.njkleathers.com), will visit us to preview his new off-the-rack product line. NJK has been making custom racing leathers since 1985 and is in the process of branching out for those who want high quality at a reasonable price. Be there to be one of the first to know about this new gear coming to a dealership near 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, Phone & Fax: 858-486-3257

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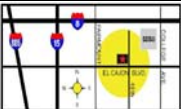
- President.....Jim Branch
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EVENT CALENDAR

Aug	11	Wed....RHR Monthly Meeting
Aug	22	Sun....Children's Hospital of Orange Cnty ride check out www.chocride.org
Sept	8	Wed....RHR Monthly Meeting
Sept	30	Thr thru Oct 2....Biketoberfest II at Barona Casino check out www.biketoberfest.com
Oct	2	Sat.....Baby Butt 1000

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

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Would you like to contact a fellow Red Hot Rider stationed in Iraq?... **Andy Kenefick**—my riding buddy to the AMA superbikes at Fontana earlier this year—is in Iraq with the US Marines —send me your best wishes or questions and I'll try to condense your thoughts/questions into email for Gunny Sgt. Kenefick to enjoy! Email = hondaron@cox.net

The AMA has a new Logo—maybe it's time for a new Red Hot Rider's logo?—see the samples below and send me an Email with your thoughts:

- A) if it's not Broke..don't fix it!
- B) Yes, classy , But up to date
- C) Yes, modern , But not over the top
- D) Design your own and send to me! Email= hondaron@cox.net



New Logo—Choice "B"



New Logo—Choice "C"

Couch Potato Corner
Well fellow spuds— it's coming down to the wire in SBK with 3 races left—but not too much TV coverage, AMA Superbike has only 2 races left and Zemke would need Maladin to self-distruct in order to gain a title, That leaves us MotoGP—Yes! - 7 races left and Rossi is not that far ahead of Gibernau and Biaggi who are tied in 2nd—watch it unfold on **SPEED** - Sun. 8/22