



Ride report- District 38's 3rd annual Boot Hill Memorial Poker Run

By Ron Farkas

District 38 of the AMA has put on a ride for the past two years to honor those motor cyclists in our district that have lost their lives. About a year ago the Red Hot Rider's lost a member and good friend, Michael Kennedy. He was honored as well as others this Sunday the last day of July.

The ride started out at Cycle Parts West, just down the road on El Cajon Blvd west of The House of Motorcycles. A District run usually is made up of cruisers and the pace is based on the long low layout of a cruiser type chassis. I was a little late to sign up as the main pack had already left. The route headed us out the 805 to the 8 East to Highway 67 and to the first of many turns. The route took us to Archie Moore Road and to one of Red Hot Riders favorite roads - Highland Valley, so far so good, but it was early in the ride.

The ride headed north, down the curves of Bandy Canyon and the great scenery that road provides, past the Wild Animal Park on 78. Into the northeast corner of Escondido and onto East Valley Parkway to Woods Valley Rd. Our first "stop" was at the Bates Nut Farm and as the heat started building – I'm sure some of us



were wondering if we were the "nuts" at that farm this morning!

Onto Valley Center via

Lake Wholford Rd and some of the great twisties like Lilac Rd and Couser Canyon. The main pack of cruisers were still at the farm, and I wondered what a site they would be as they navigate Couser Canyon as we headed to the 2nd stop at the gas station in front of the Pala casino.

The ride headed us up past Pachanga Casino via Pala Temecula Road and then into a loop through Rainbow and onto Rice Canyon back to Hwy 76. Our third gas stop was at the Mobil Station and I-15.

The last leg of the ride had us heading South on Old Highway 395 to 78 east and off at Nordahl to the finish at Biggs Harley-Davidson. The end was a welcomed site as there was some shade, the off road division of D-38 selling hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks. A chance to buy a T-shirt and turn in our poker hand was next.

The ride was over, the cruisers straggled in and a small memorial was held to honor those who loved the feel of two wheels and are no longer with us.

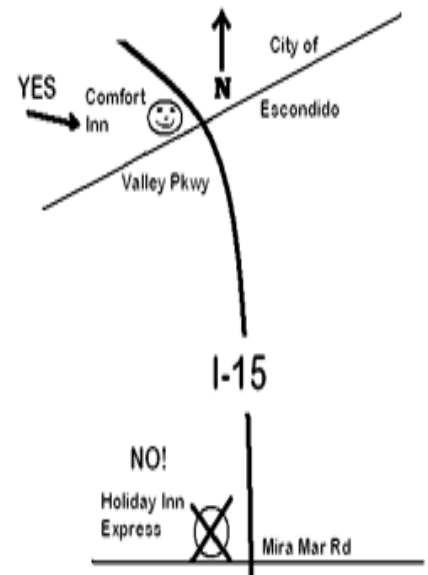


New Hotel for the Start of the 2005 Baby Butt and Bun Burner Gold!

If you're headed to the Baby Butt this year— please note the Start Hotel has changed. **DO NOT** go to the Holiday Inn Express on Mira Mar Rd. The Start has been moved to the **Comfort Inn in Escondido.**

From San Diego head North to Valley Parkway exit turning Left, go under the freeway— turn Right at the first Driveway

From the North exit Valley Park Way— exit turning Right and turn Right at the first Driveway



Meeting Report for July
By Ron Farkas

July's meeting was right after the US round of the Moto GP – Both Jim and Ed needed a break and with most of the motorcycle aftermarket reps up at Laguna for the race, Joel Keller wasn't able to book a speaker for tonight so he was good enough to take the reins and run the meeting.

Joel noticed there were a line of Vstroms out front and jokingly opened the meeting as a "Welcome to the Vstrom club", he then asked for new members or announcements of any "new" toys and after those introductions and updates, we got down to "bench racing" about the trip(s) up to Laguna for the Moto GP.

First was the trip up as many members had left San Diego at various days and times depending upon their accommodations. One of the most popular plans was to leave Thursday and make it to Cambria (just north of Morro Bay) and spend the night.

The ride up Friday then could be at a leisurely pace. (Leisurely pace was the key word – as someone reported a CHP sting was set up just past Big Sur where the road straightens out a bit- CHP Motor-patrolman, cruisers and a CHP helicopter were all waiting for the un-suspecting riders who wanted to "open it up" as they left the curves of the coast line behind!) Access to the MotoGP machinery on Friday was fantastic as some of the members could get within 6 ft of the exotic equipment. (but forgot their cameras!) Getting access to the racetrack on Saturday and Sunday was another story as the crowd was in excess of 50,000 people each day! With all those fans waiting to get in, traffic, parking, and security were pushed to their limits. It came up in the meeting that two of our Red Hot Riders figured out a way to beat the traffic as they went "Hollywood" and decided to take a helicopter into and out of the track!

Well, after the races were over it was time to make it back down San Diego way ...and it was reported that the law enforcement professionals were at it again but this time where Hwy 1 runs into the Hwy 101 just south of San Luis Obispo. Traffic on Hwy 1 can be frustrating at times and often just one car can cause quite a back up, one of our favorite Red Hot Riders decided to pass a car where you are not supposed to...the car he picked to pass just happened to be an unmarked California Park Ranger and lucky for him all he got was just a ticket that could be resolved with traffic school.

The AMA guys seemed both slow and quiet when compared to the MotoGP guys, with the Yoshimura gang having a tough time setting up the big Suzuki with Laguna's twists and turns, it did work out well for Eric Bostrom and his Ducati.

No one seemed to like the shifter karts and many would have like to see all the MotoGP classes compete at the track.

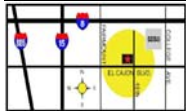
I've read that tickets go on sale for the 2006 MotoGP on September 1st, 2005—but check out the cost of the hotel rooms first—it seems that "Supply and Demand" has finally reached the hotel/motel industry in that part of California!



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EVENT CALENDAR

- AUGUST** Wed 10—RHR meeting at Giovannis
Mon 22—RHR Track day at Streets of Willow
- SEPT** Wed 14- RHR meeting at Giovannis
Sat 17th & Sun 18th—Baby Butt 1000/Butt Burner
Gold 1500 San Diego to Laughlin, Nevada

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

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Next Meeting 8/10

Just in time to some provide inspiration for our Baby Butt 1000 in September! In 2003 at 84 years of age, Charlie Parks became the oldest rider to complete the SCMA's Four Corners Tour (riding the perimeter of the U.S. in 21 days or less). In 2005 he completed a second Four Corners in 17 days, dodging hurricanes Charley AND Frances. If you ever needed or wanted some motivation for a life filled with motorcycle riding and long-distance events, Charlie is the man to provide it. See you there!

Club Meetings:

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

Newsletter Submission:

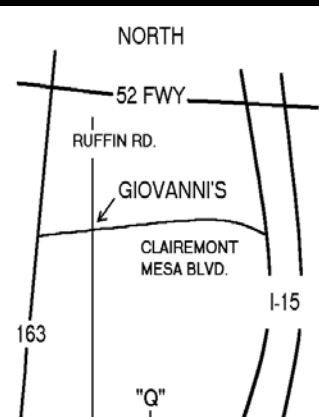
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