



## August Ride Report - By Ron Farkas

The producers of a television special concerning Southern California motorcyclists and Palomar Mountain contacted the



SCMA (Southern California Motorcycle Association) in an attempt to film a short documentary showing the relationship between a) the Motorcyclists b) the local law enforcement and c) the Mountain and /or residents of Palomar. The SCMA has been a long time organizer and sanctioning body over long distance rides, but did not have any immediate knowledge or expert on the current situation on Palomar...except one club in San Diego that is associated with the SCMA - the Red Hot Riders!

I received an email from Chris Crawford, our former membership chairman that the SCMA was looking for Jim Branch in an effort to have him communicate with the producers of the documentary and possibly set up a ride. What was even better, was the producers wanted to portray the good side of motorcyclists, with respect to riding on public roads and then how the Red Hot Riders sponsor

“Track Days” to allow enthusiastic riding to

take place at a controlled and safe location like Willow Springs Raceway. The club had a track day scheduled later in August, so the opportunity fit like a glove.

The ride started in North County on Scripps Poway parkway – the film crew showed up with a convertible, a driver, camera man with a large camera as well as a rider on an RC51 with a small digital camera for filming action from the rider’s point of view.

About 30 of us headed east on the highway toward Hwy 67, a good mix of all kinds of bikes and riders. The eventual goal was to ride up the east grade of Palomar to Mothers’ for lunch. The film crew wanted some shots



of the club riding in the twisties and we were very happy to oblige them.

Once on Hwy 67 and thru downtown Ramona we headed down 3<sup>rd</sup> street to Old Julian Highway with the first of many “staged shots” with the camera filming us as we rolled off 3<sup>rd</sup> and onto OJH.

After the run down Old Julian we made a quick stop at Dudley’s and then off again to Mesa Grande and some long shots with the camera car stopped ahead of us. Gaining some elevation with the camera, shooting back filming the line of bikes navigate the turns of Mesa Grande we resembled a freight train climbing the Cajon Pass.

Once off of Mesa Grande we were on the final leg up the east side of Palomar with the Camera car in the lead. The pace was rather subdued due to the presence of law enforcement with the camera car stopping at the top across from Mothers to interview the CHP on duty that day.

The camera crew having finished the interview of the CHP, they came over and interviewed many of us about why we ride, how we enjoy the group rides and what got us started in motorcycling in the first place. It was a great day to share the road with your friends and your thoughts with the crew from the Discovery Channel.



## Meeting Report for August

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A meeting with a guest speaker to inspire most of us who have been riding for a few years, Charlie Parks, an octogenarian and member of the SCMA (Southern California Motorcycle Club) was good enough to share his stories of time on the road. The SCMA organizes the four corners rally with some very simple rules; a) you can do it any time of the year, b) you must complete the ride in 21 days, and c) you must mail a special SCMA letter from the "4 corners of the US" (San Ysidro, Ca.; Blaine, Washington; Madawaska, Maine; and Key West, Florida). Well, Charlie and his trusty BMW beat the 21 day limit back in 2003 dodging hurricanes out of the south east and had such a good time doing it – he did it again in 17 days at the age of 84 in 2005! It seems that the one thing that challenged Charlie and his Beemer was a street paved in tile.... in the rain! Riding around the northwest, the rains came and the traction on those tiles proved to be an exercise in control. Finally reaching the post office and mailing that special letter, Charlie headed east to finish the rest of the adventure. In the past years Charlie and his wife were recognized by BMW as one of the long distance couples that ride, and although his wife doesn't join him anymore, I'm sure she enjoys his stories from the road. When Charlie is not riding his latest mount, he collects BMWs at his home, making him a devoted fan of motorcycling and the rewards that all of us know that come with it.

A special announcement was made by a representative of the 'Ride for Kids' organization, the ride which usually starts in Torrance at Honda's headquarters has been expanded to San Diego. Details of the "Local" ride are listed in the newsletter below.

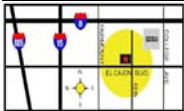
Our 50/50 raffle was held, some short announcements about the upcoming Baby Butt and track day, and then we called it a night.



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## EVENT CALENDAR

SEPT	Wed 14– RHR meeting at Giovanni's
	Sat 17th & Sun 18th—Baby Butt 1000 / Butt Burner Gold 1500 San Diego to Laughlin, Nevada
OCT	Wed 12-RHR meeting at Giovanni's
	Sun 16– San Diego's Ride for Kids
	Sun 30– HOM & RHR Club Ride

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)

**MotoPro** 1425 South Coast Highway  
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## Next Meeting 9/14

Name the most under-appreciated drive-train component of most bikes...that's right - the chain. If you answered this question correctly you won't want to miss this month's speaker. Kipp McGowan, representing RK Chains, will be present to get you up to date on all their new products, technology and chain maintenance for street and dirt bikes. Shafties don't fret - you're bound to pick up something for that Ducati in your future!

### 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

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**Monthly Club Rides  
are back!!**

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And

**Red Hot Riders**

are

**Riding the Last Sunday  
of every Even Month**

(Feb, April, June, Aug...you get it!)

Watch the RHR Forum for details



<http://www.ride4kids.org/index.html>

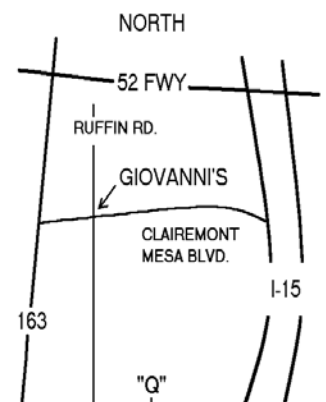
**Sunday, October 16, 2005**

Start Location: Mira Costa College  
San Elijo Campus 3333 Manchester Avenue  
Cardiff, CA

Registration Opens: 8:00 a.m.

Registration Closes: 9:45 a.m.

Road Ride travels through scenic countryside with police escort. CELEBRATION OF LIFE program at endpoint includes award presentations and festivities.



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