



## Baby Butt 2004

### Asphalt Ribbons and Death Valley Nights



#### The Caliente-Bodfish Detour

The Baby Butt 2004 promised to be something special this year as it was named after some great roads, “The Calient-Bodfish Detour” (1000) and one of the great desert areas in the southwest, “The Great Basin Getaway” (1500).

Heading out of the San Diego area was a cold foggy affair. The participants in the 1500 were allowed to start first and then the rest of the 1000 mile riders were off and running. The route took us up familiar I-15, past 78 and 76, and finally beyond Temecula. In order to keep everyone honest, seven gas receipts were required this year with the first gas stop just off the I-15 at SR 138 half way up the Cajon Pass. The first of the twisties was Angeles Crest Highway to Upper Big Tujunga Road. The road was an enjoyable challenge with some great scenery and very little traffic. The route then took us up past Santa Barbara and into Santa Maria and onto SR 166. The road was flanked with canyon walls; streams and some great sweepers that made bikes in the distance appear like a train speeding around a banked turn on rails.

After enjoying that big canyon road, the guide book took us on a newly resurfaced and striped two laner (Cerro Noroeste) and into some more technical turns that challenged your braking- accelerating-braking techniques as you headed into Frazier Park and the next gas stop near I-5.

A brief break from the curves, onto I-5 and finally headed to the name of our ride, Caliente-Bodfish road. This road was like a flash back to the Coronado Trail in last years' Baby Butt as the road is a tight “goat trail like” route up and over the foothills of the Greenhorn Mountains with little room for error and more than a few bovine running loose to surprise you and your bike. Not a time to be riding a red bike with a red riding suit – the long horn bull looked more than once at Richard French's red VFR as we carefully rode by!

Heading into Lake Isabella is great, as the lake is visible as you wind your way down the backside of the hills, again enjoying the rhythm of the road. We were now past the halfway point of our ride, as we gassed up again and headed out to 395, going north to the entry of Death Valley.

It's been a few years since I've ridden into Death Valley, but I do remember that the gas pumps “go to bed” about the same time as the sun goes down. The small group I was riding with stopped for gas, changed to their “clear” visors and cleaned the bugs off the headlights before we traveled too much further as the darkness was descending upon us quickly.

Onto the entry to Death Valley, temperature changes were much more abrupt as we climbed the cold mountain passes only to dive down into the heat of Panamint Valley and onto Stovepipe Wells, the center of Death Valley.

The darkness seemed like a hungry animal as our lights were consumed into its emptiness. Stopping outside Stovepipe Wells to check our guidebook, the heavens exploded with the details of the Milky Way and the endless galaxy. Nothing compares to the desert sky at night, except maybe, being an astronaut actually out there.

Onto Beatty, Nevada and more gas before we headed “home”. Taking US-95 south out of Nevada, across the desert to our last required gas stop at Baker, California. We were close, but still had to negotiate I-15, Nipton Road and finally Nevada Highway 163 into the lights of Laughlin.

The finish at the River Palms was a welcome sight for all, as many of us were proud that we finished another Red Hot Rider's adventure and a good nights' rest was the last “stop” we had to make before the banquet later that morning.

**SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BABY BUTT COMMITTEE FOR A GREAT RIDE!**

September Meeting Report  
By Ron Farkas

If you're a "Gear-Head" like me, the September meeting was not one to be miss. The guest speaker, Adam Wade, wrote a great book on the Fuel Injection systems for motorcycles. Adam, first gave us a brief biography, as he is a former AMA pro racing mechanic and tech editor- photographer for Dual Sport News, his current knowledge of the subject was sure to be "spot-on" and very practical. The meeting progressed into a long question and answer session almost dominated by those owners of a particular brand of motorcycles with opposed cylinders, luckily we got off that brand of questioning and started to learn about the application of FI on inline fours. With additional cylinders you must have additional injectors and one of the problems of FI is dirty injectors. Adam was

good enough to offer some practical advice as to the use of Motul or Chevron's brand of injector cleaner for use in your bike and how important it is to keep those injectors clean.

In closing, Adam offered his book at a discount for those members at the meeting and if you missed the meeting you can buy the book, **Motorcycle Fuel Injection Handbook, by Adam Wade**  
From his publisher,



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[www.motorbooks.com](http://www.motorbooks.com)

**Next Meeting: 10/13/04**

October 2004:

Join us when a San Diego motorcycle accessory company you may not have heard of: **GPR Stabilizer in Chula Vista (www.gprstabilizer.com)**. Owner Jeff Norman will join us in October to talk about the company's products and answer all your questions about steering dampers.

**TRACK DAY  
11/29  
The BIG Track at  
Willow Springs**

**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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**EVENT CALENDAR**

Oct	13 Wed.....RHR monthly meeting
Oct	23 Sat.....HOM Back 2 Dez Sale
Nov	10 Wed.....RHR Monthly meeting
Nov	29 Mon.....RHR Track Dday at WSR
Dec	8 Wed.....RHR Holiday Meeting

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**The Finishers of the 1500 - The Great Basin Getaway**



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