



SPRING HAS SPRUNG

by John Del Santo

"Spring has Sprung, the grass has risen, I wonder where last years flowers have gone..." The season of awakening is upon us, and there will be a lot more people on those back roads sightseeing. More bicycles right around the blind corners, more people parked half on the shoulder looking at the flowers, more people driving slowly looking at the scenery. Be aware when you have a lack of visibility around the next curve, and don't let the leaf-peepers surprise you. When you decide to pass a car that's moving slowly, do it safely, Many motorcycles are struck while doing an unexpected pass. Is there a driveway or side road on the left that the car may be thinking of turning into If the car is slowing, WHY is it slowing - Do you have plenty of visibility out in front of you Is there plenty of room to make the pass and get back into lane before the next curve - When in doubt, DON'T Another opportunity will come along.. Most car drivers don't SEE motorcycles. On multi-lane roads, if the traffic backs up and you decide to Lane-Split, think about it. A good thought to keep in mind when you're lane-splitting or white-lining is that most of the time you are only eight inches away from the hospital. SPACE is your cheapest health insurance.

The flowers are blooming and the bees are buzzing .It's the season when you often spot other motorcycle riders parked on the side of the road doing the Bee Dance How allergic are you to insect bites Do you carry allergy medicine with you Many allergy medicines, such as antihistamines, can slow your reaction time . Read the label.

Because of the spring runoff, expect a spread of water or some washed out sand right around the next bend in the road. On some of those canyon roads where there is a constant trickle of water running across the road, there may be moss growing under the water, which is about a hundred times more slippery than sand.

Has your battery survived the winter months Check your tires for tread and pressure and your valve stems for cracks. Run your hands and fingers gently and smoothly over every single part of your bike . Does everything move that's supposed to move, and is everything tight that's supposed to be tight Now's the time to find out.

So, Ride, Ride Ride Enjoy the weather, enjoy the roads, and... Ride Safe.

**Memorial Ride
for
Michael Kennedy
Sunday, February 13th.**

The club and the House of Motorcycles has scheduled a memorial ride to remember Michael Kennedy. The ride will start at HOM and end in Borrego, a place that Michael enjoyed riding to with the club and his close friends. Please try and join us.

The memorial tile to honor Michael is shown below. This will be placed in the walkway to the new Corkscrew bridge at Laguna Seca Raceway shown on the right.



It's Membership renewal time
Membership renewal forms are available on the Red Hot Riders web site .Down load the form , print it out and mail it with a check for 15 dollars to the address on the form.

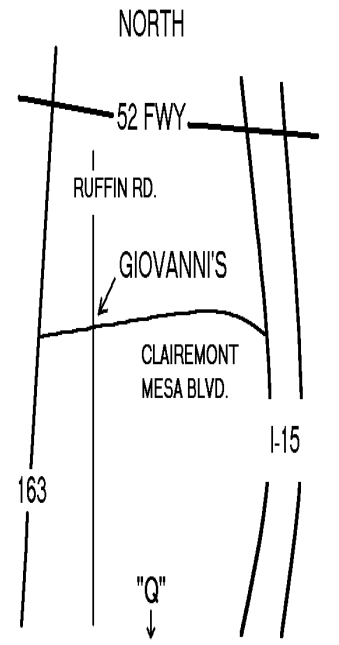
MEETING LOCATION
Giovanni's Restaurant
9353 Clairemont Mesa
(858) 279-6700

Red Hot Rider quick notes:
"Operation Possible" was a success - Got word from Andy Kenefick that all the packages have arrived and he may even surprise us at meeting in the near future.

Charity Rides
Bikers for Education happens April 9th, starts in Fallbrook:
more info at:
www.bferide.com

Southern Cruisers for Kids on June 25th, starts in San Diego:
more info:
www.scrc-sd.org/

Not happy with the result of the Randy Sanchez hearing...
JOIN the AMA - check out:
www.ama-cycle.org/



Wow what a great way to start the new year. The rain finally stopped and few brave souls decided to ride to the first meeting of the New Year. Our first round of business was to recap the accomplishments the Club made in 2004. Ed Krugman was proud to report that the Red Hot Riders donated over 4000 dollars to local charities here in San Diego. This amount is due to the memberships participation in meetings (50/50 raffle) , the Baby Butt and by using email to send out the newsletter. We all should be proud of our efforts in making a donation this large possible.

Next up was Jim Branch with updates on the club's attempt to get something done at the intersection which took the life of Red Hot Rider, Michael Kennedy. The office of Diane Jacobs has been receiving calls from Jim on a daily basis and finally requested that an Email be sent to describe the issues. So far Jim has sent the

emails, but he has not received any response, it may be time to upgrade our efforts on this important action. Our speaker for this meeting were a couple of representatives from new helmet manufacturer "Scorpion Helmets". A new approach to pricing helmets, Scorpion offers two levels of helmets, one made from a polycarbonate shell and a second type of shell made from a combination of composite fibers. A very trick "Fog Free" shield is offered with all helmets and several examples were passed around for testing. John Eide and his sidekick Gonzo were also very generous in passing out T-shirts and donating a helmet carrier to our 50/50 raffle. If you want to find out more about Scorpion helmets, check out www.scorpionusa.com.

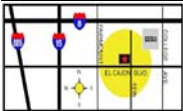


John and his sidekick "Gonzo" brought examples of Scorpion's helmets and the components that go into the construction of these helmets that are new on the market



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EVENT CALENDAR

- FEB 9-WED Club meeting at Giovanni's
- 13-Sun RHR Memorial Run - start at HOM 9am
- 19-SAT SuperCross at the "Q"
- MAR 9-WED Club meeting at Giovanni's
- 12-SAT AMA Superbike at Daytona
- APRIL 13-WED Club meeting at Giovanni's
- 25-MON RHR Track Day at Willow (Big Track)
- TBA Overniter to Palm Springs

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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1425 South Coast Highway
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Next Meeting: 2/9/05

February 2005:

Sidi Boots

We all know that riding boots are one of our most important pieces of protective equipment. Don't miss this meeting when the folks from Motonation (www.motonation.com), the exclusive distributors for Sidi boots, stop by to show us their entire line of gear.



Scorpion was good enough to donate the above helmet carrier to our 50 / 50 raffle. No more old pillow cases, no more scratch or broken face-shields. If you missed the January dinner meeting you missed out.

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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A close up example of a Scorpion's helmet for under 250 dollars at the HOM. The helmet can be customized with special interiors, different face shields and face-shield retaining "fasteners" - the shield can be changed quickly and easily without spring loaded tabs and ratchets. Check out the full line of Scorpion helmets on the web or the House of Motorcycles