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Ride Report

June's Over-riter to Solvang

by Ron Farkas

Here we go again with that "Wet" Hot Rider's thing - June's over-riter to Solvang had almost 30 riders signed up, but how many would actually show up? The weather Saturday (June 6th) looked more like it belonged in the soggy mid-west, than sunny San Diego! 14 riders left HOM that soggy morning with hopes of clearing skies, dry roads, and the camaraderie of other club members willing to brave the elements and travel north to Solvang. The road was wet but soon dried out after reaching the Orange County line. Our club president and ride leader soon realized his favorite Bavarian machine was running low on petrol and did his best "Blue Angels" peel-off impersonation taking an off ramp to refuel. Onward and upward, the club refueled and headed for the toll road just south of Mission Viejo to intersect the 405 freeway thru Los Angeles. The next gas was after the tricky 405/101 interchange somewhere in Oxnard as the club rode up Highway 101, putting up with "light traffic" in Santa Barbara and finally some open road paralleling the coast. Sunshine was starting to peek thru the coastal clouds as we approached the 101 tunnel at Gaviota and finally up into the interior of the central California coastal plane. Solvang was our next stop and the sunshine was with us. Picture perfect weather at the restaurant for lunch at the golf course was a wonderful change from the soggy weather we left behind in San Diego. After a great meal we took a very short trip over to the motorcycle museum to inspect the collection and to enjoy the great sensations that only this two-wheel history class could invoke. What seemed like too short a time, we had to split up and make way to our hotels for the night. On your own for breakfast the next morning, we met at the museum and headed north to Santa Ynez to catch Highway 154 south and west toward Santa Barbara. Up over Lake Cachuma, some twisties and through some spotty fog, we turned on to the 101 south and stopped again to gas up in Oxnard. The lure of the Rock Store above Los Angeles was too much for some of our group, as we split up, with some headed onto the roads above LA, while the rest of us headed home retracing our route onto San Diego and home. All had a great time, as the journey was just as rewarding as the destination.



Geoff King, Supercharged Vincent, and dreams of 200MPH!



The "Wet" Hot Riders enjoy lunch and sunshine at the River Grill Restaurant in sunny Solvang.

Blowing in the Wind

By John Del Santo

Do you want to talk about exciting!! You're riding down the road on a beautiful, sunny day when out of the blue comes a 4' X 8' piece of plywood, flipping off the roof of a car, tumbling through the air at you! Do I have time to move to another lane? Is someone in the next lane? Will the plywood shift to another lane before it lands? If I have to hit it, at what angle should I try to hit it? If I brake hard enough to avoid it, will the car behind me have enough room to stop? Decisions, decisions, and you only have about one second to make them. Seeing the problems a little earlier would be a definite advantage. Are you aiming far enough up the road to see cars swerving around something, or to see a bunch of brake lights come on all of a sudden? Just about everybody is driving a SUV these days. If you're following one, you can't see through it, so leave enough following distance to see around it. Do you have enough space to stop or accelerate out to someplace safer? Expect sudden attacks by beach chairs, empty coolers, barbecue grills, and aluminum ladders. When this stuff appears on the road, how will the car in the lane next to you react? If you're in their blind spot when things go bad, be ready to alert them with your horn. In the hotter weather you'll find big pieces of truck tire, "road gators", on the highway. If you see a piece fly off a truck, expect more pieces to be launched at you real soon. It sure would be nice to expect a clear highway in front of us. We'll just need to stay alert and be ready for just about anything that's out there where it shouldn't be. So, be aware, get your knees in the breeze, and....Ride Safe!

Book Announcement

For those of you that attended our March meeting you'll remember the interesting presentation by Brenda Bates, author of a new ebook titled *Back in the Saddle Again: How to Overcome Fear of Riding After a Motorcycle Accident*. The ebook has now been published and is available at www.bikepsych.com. Check it out.

Join the Club!

You can find details online at www.redhotriders.com or drop by the next meeting. We are a friendly bunch and with over 200 members you will most certainly find someone with common interests. We welcome all makes and types of motorcycles.

Baby Butt Update

Baby Butt entry forms have been mailed to last years participants. If you are interested in riding in this year's event, come to the next club meeting or send an email requesting an entry form to: hondaron@cox.net. Don't want to ride it, but would like to help? - please show up at the next club meeting and ask to speak with Jeff Pratt or Jim Branch.

Help Wanted

Red Hot Riders needs a **Merchandise Chair Person** to sell, manage inventory and show up at monthly meetings with merchandise (yes you have to carry a big box of stuff around). We are also looking for help with the **Online Forum**. If interested contact Jim Branch at the next meeting.

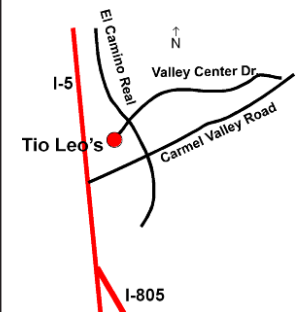
Club T-shirts

Are you wearing a Red Hot Riders T-shirt? Why not pick one up at the next meeting. At \$10 it is the best deal in town. Ask about other RHR merchandise like caps and stickers.



Meeting Facility

The June meeting place will be:
Tio Leo's
3510 Valley Centre Dr
San Diego, CA 92130-3301
(Del Mar)
(858) 350-1468



June Meeting Report

by Ron Farkas

Technology has been transforming the type of clothes we wear for decades; recently, with the invention of Kevlar (think bullet proof vests) and Cordura (soft sided luggage) these two fabrics have been adapted into motorcycle clothing that challenges the classic leather suit. Cycleport (aka Motoport), a local (Escondido) manufacturer of motorcycle outerwear was good enough to join us at our June meeting. With the recent cooler weather many of us are enjoying our "leathers", but as we all know the weather will warm up soon and an alternative to cow hide would be nice to own. The solution that Cycleport offers are fabrics of a denier (Denier is a unit of measure that denotes the thickness of the fiber used in a garment. 15 denier fabric is very thin and transparent.) that offers lightweight,



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good protection and competitive costs when compared to leather. With a denier of 620 and blended with nylon, a Cordura jacket or pant from Cycle port provides the rider with a better safety solution than denim (blue jeans) and if Palomar is on your agenda, Cycle port has a full Kevlar suit that is AMA approved for road racing. Jackets and pants made from Kevlar are also available for those that like the convenience of separates. Wayne Boyer brought along swatches of fabric to pass around as well as clothing that

helped the club understand the advantage this technology has to offer. The convenience of a custom clothier just up the road with the advantage of a lightweight strong material made many of us think about how old and "classic" our leathers may have become!

Club Newsletter: Internet Delivery

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Next meeting: 7/9/03

Richard Law, local rep for both Spectro and Bel-Ray oils will stop by to let us know about some major changes going on in the lubricant industry. He's also a rep for Bridgestone, so bring your toughest questions for a little Q&A. Richard is quite a character, so if you don't know him, you've got to meet him!



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	9	Wed	Club Meeting
Aug	13	Wed	Club Meeting
Sept	20-21	Sat-Sun	Baby Butt 1000/1500

(see web site for details)

Inclement weather may cause the cancellation of any of the above rides. Contact Jim Branch at (619) 460-0669 the evening before a scheduled ride 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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Club Meetings

The June meeting is at:

Tio Leos, Del Mar. See map on front.

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

Newsletter Submission

News letter submissions can be sent to Ron Farkas, email is hondaron@cox.net. Phone and fax is 858-486-3257

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