



Honda Riders Club of America

Southern California Motorcycling Association

American Motorcyclist Association

October's Meeting report-
By Ron Farkas

Starting a motorcycle used to be the hardest part of owning a bike, but now that most bikes have electric starters, riding a motorcycle can be the most challenging part of ownership. Counter steering (turn right to go left, or left to go right), steering with your foot pegs (transfer of weight), dragging a knee (just where is the edge of traction?) all have to do with getting that bike turned. As bikes got more powerful, and the front wheel "got light" when exiting a turn, manufacturers realized that the front wheel can be "upset" by small imperfections on the road or track and cause the front wheel to "shake". Take that shaking front wheel while accelerating and have it regain its original traction even if you are headed in a straight line and the speed makes the shaking increase to where the handle bars are turning lock to lock looking for a direction. The classic tank slapper is born, as the gas tank slaps between your knees, the bike is hoping you can bring some order to this condition before the sidewall of the front tire "digs in" and you get to complete a "high side", exiting over the top of the motorcycle. High performance street bikes and dirt bikes all share this trait and manufacturers started adding steering dampeners to their machines in the late '60s. Those original dampeners were not much more than miniature screen door closers with no adjustment or the ability to be serviced or rebuilt. Jump ahead to the 21st century and you will find two types of dampeners are available, a) the linear dampener, much like that screen door closer, but with adjustability and rebuild features, and b) the rotary dampener - much smaller, easier to adapt with adjustable and rebuild features. At our October meeting, Jeff Norman of GPR Stabilizer from Chula Vista was able to show us his company's product and explain its operation and advantages of his rotary stabilizer. Jeff has designed his with a "Barrel Valve" instead of a needle valve like his competitor uses. The barrel valve allows for a greater range of adjustability with consistent control through out the hydraulic fluids' temperature range. Jeff also brought T-Shirts, stickers, and banners and donated a new GPR stabilizer to our raffle at the end of the meeting. If you have a late model street or dirt bike, check out GPR Stabilizer in Chula Vista or



Typical application of a GPR rotary steering stabilizer on a sport bike

at the web address (<http://www.gprstabilizer.com/>). Day light savings time was getting ready to end when we got together last month, but a bright star was camped out in the parking lot. Jim Branch, our club president showed up with his new MV Agusta F4 1000S. A fantastic work in motorcycle art, that not only impresses the eyes, but also fills the air with a unique sound that only an Italian built motorcycle can provide. If you get a chance to see this piece of art, do so. The meeting ended with a great raffle courtesy of Jeff Norman and GPR and many of us waited for Jim to leave, just to experience that awesome sound coming out of those 4 individual tail pipes.



Jim's new ride



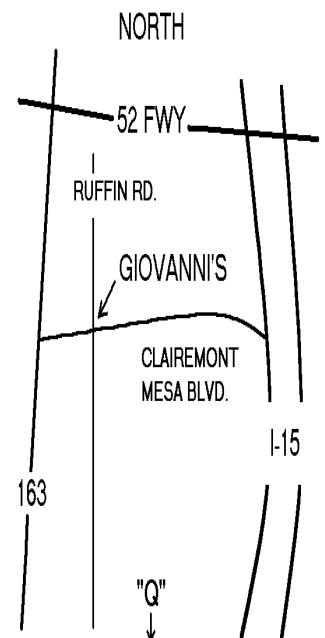
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It's Membership renewal time again!!

The end of the year is in sight and it's time to renew your RHR membership for 2005.

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



Special "Thanks" to the following companies that donated door prizes for the Baby Butt 2004

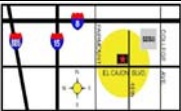
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A Meeting between Red Hot Riders and Diane Jacob, Supervisor, of the Second District took place in October. Jim Branch, Richard French and Michael Kennedy's good friend Robby Laird met with Ms. Jacobs to express the danger of the intersection that Michael lost his life at. Ms Jacobs was given a copy of the accident report and was informed as to the lack of visibility at that intersection. Ms. Jacobs thanked the Red Hot Riders for the information and their concern.

Remembering Michael Kennedy.... "Steps to the Corkscrew"

Ed Seeber, Red Hot Rider's favorite BMW/Track Day/Baby Butt Route layout/expert rider has suggested a way to have the Red Hot Riders remember Michael Kennedy . Mazda Raceway (aka Laguna Seca) is creating a walkway from turn 10 to a Patio overlooking the famous "corkscrew." The walkway is being paved with engraved tiles, a tile with Michael's name and the Red Hot Riders Logo is being planned. A commemorative brick with the identical engraving will be presented to his widow.

EVENT CALENDAR

Nov	10	Wed....Monthly meeting
Nov	29	Mon.....RHR Track Dday at WSR
Dec	3-5	Fri-Sun ...Intl Motorcycle show Long Beach
Dec	8	Wed....Holiday Meeting

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-

MotoPro 1425 South Coast Highway
 House of Motorcycles Oceanside, CA 92054
 (760) 433-4333

Next Meeting: 11/10/04

November 2004:
 Our November speaker will be: Lucas Paoella of Tankslapper (www.thetankslapper.com) will drop by our November meeting. Tankslapper clear protective films are cut to fit virtually every bike you can name and stay in place with no adhesives. They protect while being almost invisible - very trick! Lucas is located in Escondido, so check out another local resoure for motorcycle accessories.

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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Proposed walkway at Laguna Seca paved with commemorative tiles



Honest Officer - it only understands Speed Limit signs written in ITALIAN .



== Custom EarPlugs= =
 Linda Lender from Ear-plugs USA (www.earplugsusa.com) has agreed to be at our December 8th meeting if we can deliver at least 20 people who want custom ear plugs. She will also reduce her price to \$35 per pair (she has since gone up to \$40) as return customers.
 Contact Joel Keller : (fjr1300@san.rr.com)
 If you're interested
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