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The Monterey Bay BMW Riders meet Saturdays at 9am (when a ride is not scheduled) for breakfast and conversation. See web site for current location. Social Coordinator: Denny Adkins
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President's Message



Another Marvelous Christmas at Hurst Castle

Again this year Lonnie and Micki Hurst offered their beautiful home in San Jose for the club Christmas party. In addition to all their marvelous Christmas decorations, we were treated to a tour of Lonnie's new

workshop. It is a wonder of organization and use of space. (Let's see now, how long has it taken me just to clean out my garage?) The Hurst garage now also sports a shiny new Harley touring bike with all possible chrome, bells, and whistles. Micki attested to its pillion comfort level.

As usual there was very little to eat and since most of us were on strict diets, we sat around drinking filtered water and chewing on carrots. Is there anyone so new to the club he actually believes that? Tom Brazier was there to do his Tom-Tom act of deep frying not one but two Tom turkeys. Actually, one or both may have been a Thelma; I don't know how to sex a turkey, especially after it has spent some time in Tom's bio-fueled rocket launcher apparatus. Lonnie added a few pounds of well grilled trip-tip to the protein offerings. This is not to mention all the dips, casseroles, and desserts that blanketed Micki's kitchen counters and tables. If anyone left hungry it was his own fault.

The Hursts' next-door neighbors, Stoney and Cindy, also fans of motor sports of both two- and four-wheel varieties, were there. Stoney treated us to a viewing of a promotional video for a world-class, no-holds-barred motorcycle race he is trying to sponsor for next year. It may be held at the Infineon Raceway, but will also be offered on cable pay-per-view. I will try to keep you

posted on the plans for that event. It looked like it could be one exciting event.

Quiet Breakfast

The Saturday breakfast at the Red Apple following the Christmas party had something of the feeling of the morning after. It was a rainy morning, though as I rode in from Pacific Grove I experienced only a brief shower, the same on the way home. There were only five of us, so we actually gave back an extra table that the staff had arranged for us. We missed the company of so many others, but it was also a pleasant, quiet interlude in the middle of so much holiday hubbub.

Moto Santa Sighting

While out Christmas shopping, Donna and I stopped for a snack in a sandwich shop and chose a table near the front window. Then who should pull up in front on his Harley but old Saint Nick himself! Seems he also needed a little sustenance to help him through a hard day of granting children's wishes and dropped in to pick some take-out before jumping back on the saddle. He graciously granted me a few seconds to snap this photo before continuing on his all-important errands.



Happy New Year!

The holidays seemed to come in a hurry this year and squeeze the calendar to the point some things just got left out. That was also the case for the December

newsletter, so this month you're getting a combined December-January issue.

To start the year off right, why not think of a favorite ride you enjoy or have wanted to make and share it with the club. Step up and lead a ride this year or, if you'd rather not lead, at least share the idea with others at a board meeting so we can put it on the calendar!

Due to the lateness of this issue of the newsletter, I'll start off the year by leading a ride to San Luis Obispo

on the 27th. That's the fourth Saturday of the month instead of the third, but who's really counting? Plan for lunch at The Apple Farm.

Let's make this a great riding year!

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CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS



Our Hosts
Lonnie and Micki Hurst



Santa arrives!



Lonnie gives Jay a lift



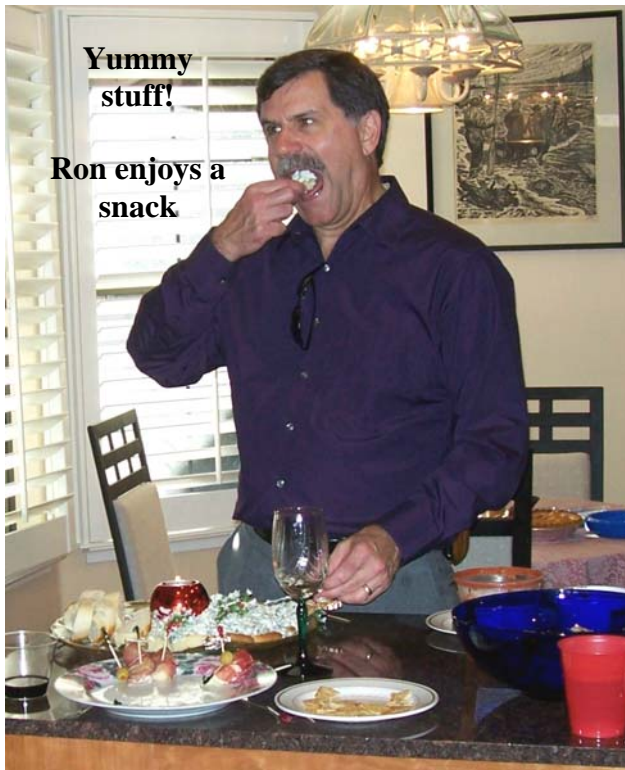
Dale, Micki and Denny



Denny and Venita supervise the carving –
It is serious business!

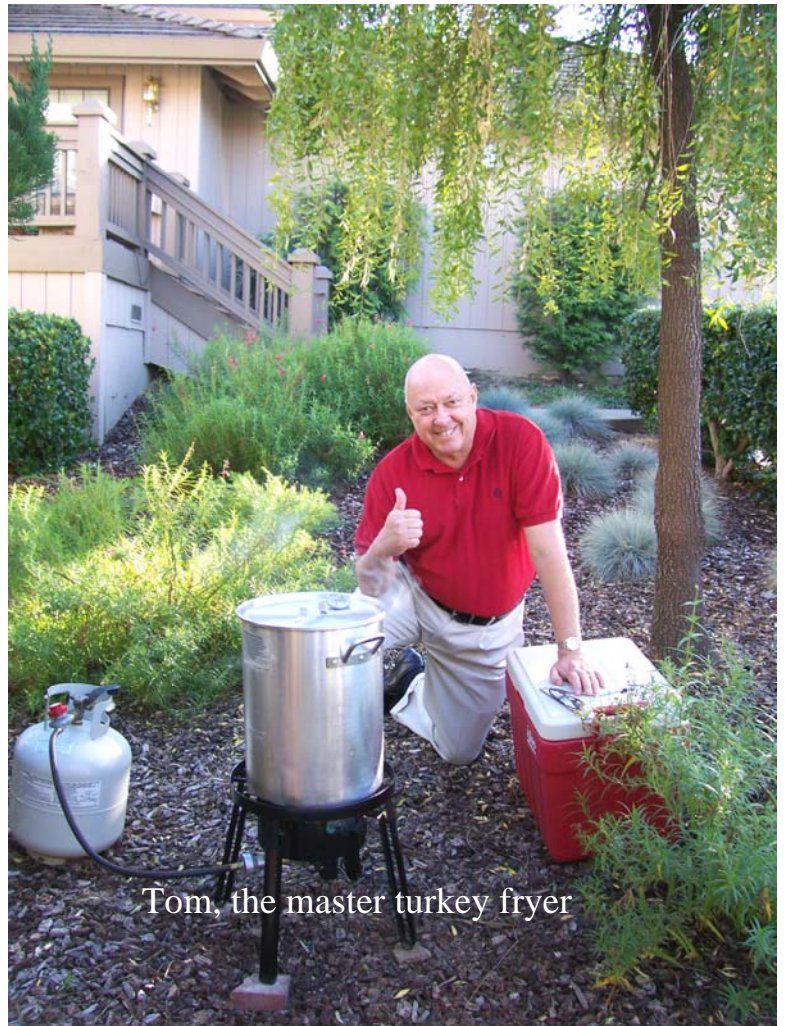


Terry and Ron Dunton



Yummy stuff!

Ron enjoys a snack



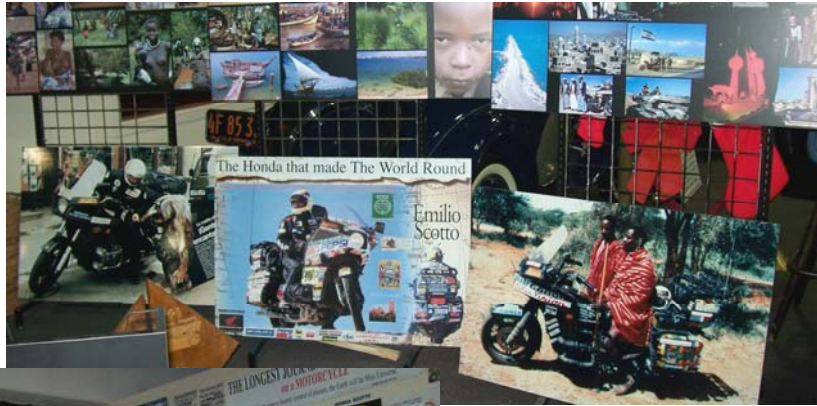
Tom, the master turkey fryer



As the sun sinks in the west.....and the camera leans to the east....here we all are!

PHOTOS FROM DON LAUGHLIN'S MUSEUM IN LAUGHLIN, NEVADA

On our way back from Arizona we stopped in Laughlin for the night. Here are some photos from the museum there. (Photos from Dale and Jay Whyte)



THE JOURNEY IN NUMBERS:

- 10 Years, 2 months & 19 days on the road.
- 6 Continents crossed.
- 232 Countries visited.
- 485,000 Miles travelled.
- 13,000 Gallons of gas burned. (50,000 liters)
- 250 Gallons of oil (960 liters)
- 86 Tires
- 12 Batteries
- 9 Seats
- 1 Spare engine
- 6 Times in jail
- 11 Passports of 64 pages each
- 2 Accidents (Yugoslavia, Tanzania)
- 2 Tornados
- 4 Hurricanes
- 2 Times shot at (Nicaragua, Somalia)
- 3 Sickness (Malaria, Bicho de Pe, Intoxication)
- 5 Times robbed (Brazil, Mexico City, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, China)
- 15 Traffic Tickets (of them, 13 in California, 1 New York, and 1 in my country... the day of my return).
- 9 Collisions (with a man, a taxi, a deer, an eagle, a baboon, a pig, an ostrich, 2 dogs... and millions of insects.

SATURDAY'S, WHEN A RIDE OR CLUB EVENT IS NOT PLANNED, THE CLUB MEETS FOR BREAKFAST at 9am – please see web site for current location.

Down the road....

2007 -- Ride Plans TBA – Please contact Ron Aikins if you would like to lead a ride in 2007. Thanks!

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