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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

August Ride – A Staggered Luncheon at La Honda House

The weatherman smiled on us again for our monthly ride. Conditions kept that ever-threatening “marine layer” pushed far out to sea and we enjoyed a pleasantly warm, brilliantly sunny day. My route plan, intended to be adaptable to the timing of the ride as it progressed, was simply to take Highway 1 north to Half Moon Bay, turn east on Highway 92, and come back along Skyline Boulevard to Highway 84 and back down to La Honda. On the way north, we could take any of the great side road opportunities as time allowed. We did in fact have time for the Swanton Road loop just north of Davenport, Bean Hollow Road into Pescadero, and Stage Road took us back to the coast road above San Gregorio.



I did another “archive dive” this month, and found that we had visited La Honda as a lunch stop twice before. It would have been three except for some insufficient planning on my part. The earliest was July, 1999, when the restaurant was still under the name Merry Prankster, with all its connections to the 60's counter-culture.

The next record I find is a visit on a chilly January, 2005. By that time it had become known as La Honda House. I had also “planned” on riding there for lunch the same month the next year, 2006, but found out too late (during the ride, actually) that the place was temporarily closed. Uh-oh! That called for a quick change of plans, and we ended up at Woody's in Woodside.

This time I had checked the restaurant's calendar in advance, and it was a good thing! Once again the restaurant was “on vacation” the first part of August, so the ride was postponed until the third Saturday, after they reopened.

The ride itself was leisurely and somewhat disorganized. Six of us left the Red Apple sometime after 10:00 AM, a half hour later than planned. Stopping in Pescadero for a rest break and to sample some of their famous bakery goods, a couple more riders caught up with the group,

but then took off on their own to ride at a snappier pace. However, they also took a more direct route to La Honda, so they had eaten lunch and were leaving by the time the rest of us arrived.

The main group made our way on up to Half Moon Bay and back down Skyline Boulevard to Alice's Restaurant. I pulled in to Alice's for a last rest stop, but Jay Whyte and Dick Dodd didn't notice the rest of us among the crowd and rode on by. So the group really "arrived" at La Honda House three separate times. No matter. It was a beautiful day, a nice ride, and most of us enjoyed more of it riding back down the coast toward home.

October Club Ride

Leaves at 8am, October 20th from Jeffrey's Restaurant, Santa Cruz

Tom and Venita once again bravely assume that we will follow them anywhere as long as it's Garberville.

The "Blue Flu" ride to Garberbille and The Avenue of the Giants will be a 2 or 3 day ride (your choice) to one of the club's best destinations.

If you miss this one we'll talk about you on the trip, so you better come along. (You'll also miss the Avenue of the Giants, the Lost Coast, Petrolia, the Trees of Mystery, and any number of other major roadside attractions that are available to the inquisitive rider.)

Because motel reservations are a good idea, you might want to break precedent and plan ahead.

Details, including lodging information, can be found on the website at:

<http://www.mbbbr.org/pdfs/Garberville07.pdf>

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Down the road..... 2007

- September Chuck Adkins leads a ride – maybe, maybe not
- October 20 Tom Brazier leads a ride North to Garberville – hear there's some big trees thereabouts!
- November Dick Dodd takes the club on a journey for Mexican food at Old Juan's Cantina in Oceania
- December Club Holiday Party at the Clark's! Fun, food, and group photo!

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