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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.
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President's Message

September Ride - Now That's What I Call a DAY Ride!

Chuck Adkins led the September ride over Mt. Hamilton, a route which has not been chosen by a ride leader in our club for a very long time. The route was not the only unusual thing, however. It might have been difficult for some to recognize Chuck riding along on his trusty R1100R since he was riding *solo*. If I had ever seen Chuck riding in a club ride without Denny, I can't recall it. We do hope poor Denny continues her recovery from shoulder surgery and can rejoin the rides again soon.

Seven riders on seven bikes showed up at the Santa Cruz BMW shop ready to go at 9:00 AM. As can be recognized (I hope) in the photos, we were, besides myself and Chuck: Jay, Ed, Brooke, James, and Dennis. We could not have asked for more ideal riding weather. It was sunny, warm but not hot, and cooled enough at the very end of the day to require adding a bit of extra wind protection on the way home.



Chuck led us over Mt. Madonna and Hecker Pass as practice for the longer, windier road up to Mt. Hamilton and the Lick Observatory. We ended up on a smidgen of Monterey Road before taking Metcalf Road over 101. Quimby Road was a fun bit of riding before settling into the switchback rhythm of Mt. Hamilton Road, which held a few unpleasant surprises in the form of bone-jarring dips in the pavement. Otherwise it was a pleasant, scenic climb to the top.

Once at the summit, we took in the view, had a bit of a rest, and then availed ourselves of one of the tours of the old observatory. When it was time to negotiate the route down the back side of the mountain, Ed and Brooke took their leave and returned the way we had come.

That left five of us to make the run out Del Puerto Canyon. Our progress was halted for a few minutes at one point with some comic relief in the form of a rancher on an ATV trying to convince a wayward steer back into the confines of a fence. For a time the steer would have none of it, making one end run after another around the four-wheeler to run further down the road in the opposite direction.

It was with gusto that Chuck led us the final stretch on I-5 toward Andersen's restaurant in Santa Nella. Did I mention that it was somewhat past the usual lunch hour and we were all ready to eat?

It was at the restaurant that an interesting thing happened. I figured everyone was probably ready to take the usual Pacheco Pass route back home. However, it had been such a long time since I'd had a nice long ride, I floated the notion of heading south and getting back to Hollister via Panoche. To my surprise, nearly everybody agreed!





better.

Now – on to Garberville!

James unfortunately had to make a speedier return, so did not join us. The rest of us made great use of the daylight, taking turns leading and stopping for a rest break at the Panoche Inn.

Also, a note to the wise regarding signs one may see between Paicines and San Juan Bautista warning that Cienega Road is completely impassable due to road construction: believe it! Not paying much attention to the signs along the way, I personally observed that, indeed, the road was missing a section where a bridge once was. Oh well, what's a few miles backtracking on such a nice day?

I want to thank those who joined me for the "continuation" of the planned ride. It had been a long time since I had enjoyed such a wonderful, full day of riding, and great companions made it even

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.

Hey, MBBMW folks! We've had a change of hotel for the overnight ride to Garberville on 10/20-21. Apparently the Sherwood Forest Motel did not hold our block of rooms. The Humboldt Redwoods Inn has about 5-6 rooms available as of the writing of this e-mail. You need to call after 4:00 p.m. (they're on winter hours) to make a reservation if you want to join us. Also, please be advised that rain will cancel the ride. Finally, would anyone who is planning on riding with us on the 20th please send an e-mail to tom@tbrazier.com so we can get a feel for the size of the group. Looking forward to a good ride. See you then!

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Club Ride!



November 3rd

Leaves at 9am from

**Shell Station at Blanco Road and
Highway 68 (Salinas)**

Heading to Parkfield (by a new route)

Ride Leader: Dick Dodd



SATURDAY'S, WHEN A RIDE OR CLUB EVENT IS NOT PLANNED, THE CLUB MEETS FOR BREAKFAST at 8:30am – please see web site for current location.

Down the road..... 2007

- October 20 Tom Brazier leads a ride North to Garberville – hear there's some big trees thereabouts!
- November 3 Dick Dodd takes the club on a journey to Parkfield
- December Club Holiday Party at the Clark's! Fun, food, and group photo!



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