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The Monterey Bay BMW Riders meet Saturdays at 9am (when a ride is not scheduled) for breakfast and conversation  
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## President's Message

### President's Column

#### *Christmas Party at the Clarks'*

What better venue for the season's get-together than the Clarks' family estate atop a hill in Scotts Valley? While it lasted, the winter afternoon sun allowed us to enjoy our beautiful surroundings although it didn't do much to mitigate the chill in the air. Many still huddled about the fire outdoors or retreated to the general warmth indoors. Our host and hostess seemed to be busy everywhere, making everyone comfortable and emceeding the "events" of the evening.

Regrettably there were a few of our Christmas party "regulars" who could not attend, but all in all I think the membership was well represented. As usual, food was in abundance and there was much fun (and feigned rancor) in the optional gift exchange ceremony.

Thanks in abundance to Mike and May for providing so well for us this year!

#### *November Ride - Parkfield, the Classic Motorcycling Destination*



There are some rides this club can be expected to make at least once a year. We usually find an excuse to make our way down the epic Pacific Coast Highway to have lunch in San Simeon, Cambria, Morro Bay or such. Likewise, we'll travel the same road north above Santa Cruz to La Honda, Alice's Restaurant, or Half Moon Bay. Then there's the annual pig-out pilgrimage to the Woolgrowers Basque Restaurant in Los Banos via the Paicines/Panoche route.

Not least among our habits is an outing southward to the last little town in southeastern Monterey County: Parkfield. It has all the makings for a great motorcycle club ride. There is a wonderful choice of scenic, nearly traffic-free roads to get there. The town itself is tiny, quiet,

and out-of-the-way. And finally, the Parkfield Cafe is a rustic biker-friendly cabin offering great food.

Six of us on four bikes left Salinas at the appointed hour. As this ride had been originally planned by Dick Dodd who was sidelined by shoulder problems, and since we were taking the usual River Road route south through his neck o' the woods, I led the group on a ceremonial parade lap of the Dodds' semicircular driveway before making our way down the Salinas Valley. Fortunately, Dick happened to be near a window as we passed and gave his blessing on the ride with a wave in response to our honking and annoying his neighbors.

We stayed on the west side of the freeway all the way down to Greenfield, then crossed over to enjoy the latter half of Metz Road into King City. We turned onto Highway 198 at San Lucas, then on the floor of the valley turned south on Peach Tree Road which almost unnoticeably becomes Indian Valley Road. We took a short breather on the side of the road before hanging about a 300-degree leftie onto Vineyard Canyon Road. Another half-hour's ride and we were sitting on the porch of the cafe, awaiting our meals and getting to know the two new folks on the ride, Steve and Denna from Salinas. Hopefully they'll be joining us on future rides.



We slabb'd it towards home as a group, except that I cut off at San Ardo because I wanted to check the little side road, Pine Valley Road, that runs from Cattlemen Road to 198, bypassing San Lucas. I don't believe I had ever ridden that road before. It's a nice little diversion if you're riding in the area and looking for something new.

### ***With NorCal to Morro Bay State Park***

I finally made good on a promise to myself to get out and do some motorcycle camping. Sam Arquilla and I let the BMW Club of Northern California make the arrangements for December 1, then met them at Morro Bay State Park. Sam and I cruised slowly down the coast, especially as we were riding in a light rain for about the first half of the trip. The rest of the weekend would turn out beautifully sunny although a bit nippy in the evening.

We stopped in Morro Bay to pick up some charcoal and other additions to the night's feast. Sam had brought along a two-pound tri-tip and I was carrying the liquid portion as a couple of bottles of red and a bottle of port. Some rice and veggies rounded out the menu.

We arrived at the campsite well before those coming in on the "club ride." After the official meeting we chowed down and before we knew it there was nothing left of the meat and wine. (Hey, it was cold out!) And standing around the campfire trading stories with the NorCalers, it wasn't long before the port was gone, too. Oh well, less to carry home.

The next morning we followed Highway 1 into SLO for breakfast at the Apple Farm before slabbing it home. So I did manage to go camping in '07 after all.

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Riders Holiday Party**

**Cheers!**



**Above:  
Venita and  
official club  
"Mom" Laura**

**Official Club  
Elf  
Denny Adkins**







One of many Santa carvings done by Mike Clark's Mom





# 2007 Club Officer Nomination Ballot

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**Vice President:**

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