

THE MONTEREY BAY WATCH



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Submissions for the newsletter are due to the editor by the 15th of each month.

President's Message



The autumn season came sooner than I had expected. The rainy season came sooner than I expected too. I hope you still got in some good riding days during the week because the weekend weather sucked. I'm sure there will be some good weather coming soon, but I've missed them so far. Getting ready for this gubernatorial election has taken much of my Saturdays in training classes.

I won't get political, but I must say, it seems to be getting harder and harder to put on an election these days. More rules and regulations with electronic devices and all.

Speaking of elections, the November newsletter brings club nomination forms. Like I mentioned last month, "I'm going to call them Volunteer forms. Feel free to volunteer for a club office. We need dedicated people to keep a good thing going."

Speaking of volunteers, the scheduled ride calendar has played out for the year. We need your help in keeping things interesting for the next few months. The announcement list is a good way of getting the word out. If you have an idea you can use that or contact me for help.

Don't forget the club Holiday Party is only weeks away next month in December. I hope to see you all there. Look for details in the newsletter and on-line.

Remember to always keep the rubber side down and the shinny side up.

Jay W

The Monterey Bay BMW Riders meet Saturdays at 9am (when a ride is not scheduled) for breakfast and conversation. See website for current location.

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2010 Club Officer Volunteer Nominations

DEADLINE: 12/1/10

Volunteer for a rewarding position!

President:

Vice President:

Secretary/Treasurer:

Directors--Nominate up to four (4):

Vote by email to: dalewhyte@comcast.net or mail ballot to:

Monterey Bay BMW Riders
629 Main Street, PMB 385
Watsonville, CA 95076

EVEN MORE THOUGHTS FROM THE NURSING HOME

By James Martin

Here we are awaiting Halloween at the nursing home, but first I have a bone, perhaps an exoskeleton, to pick with the insect world. Now most of us rue the day God created bugs every time a particularly juicy individual eviscerates itself against our face shields. To look around this yellow mess or try to wipe it off? That is the question. As for me, I tend to belong to the second school of thought. I find leaving the pulsating ocre blob distracting, to say the least, when I am doing something that requires my full attention – riding a motorcycle. However, wiping can lead to the obscuration (I just made up that word) of a much larger portion of my field of view, so I find it wise to carefully consider my options before risking major smearage. For a particularly large arthropod, a Cecropia Moth, for example, the wiping action could benefit from a bit of H₂O. If taking this extra precaution is indeed my determination, I am left to do nothing but to spit first on my glove prior to wiping – try this at speed while wearing a closed-face helmet? Nobody said life would be easy.

But wait! If you think that I am merely whining on about a problem that all motorcyclists face, in fact choose to face, you are wrong. Compared to the joy of riding a motorcycle (except for the loaner bikes offered by the local dealer), a little insectivorous organ donation is not really a big deal (with the possible exception of the springtime trip I took up interstate 5 one year when I had to stop every ten miles to clean my helmet, just to be able to see where I was going – mating season for the Sulfur Butterfly). Nor does my complaint target the staining action some bugs have on motorcycle paint. My real complaint pertains to a small portion of the insect world: bees. To be even more specific, honeybees.

Now I know that honeybees have their own problems: genetic dilution by their African cousins (a case of justifiable racism?), and population decline due to parasitic mites (I hear beekeepers are going out of business left and right), but I still must express my outrage.



Two of the little critters have flown up my left sleeve in the space of one month! I have a big red bump on my left forearm even as I write this. In my case a bee sting is an unpleasant experience. First there is pain (though it is not as bad or as long lasting as a broken bone), then there is swelling (with me, that lasts for several days) and then there is an itching that cannot be relieved (aspirin helps).

It's really the unfairness of it all. You could ride your entire life and not receive two such injections, but for me, two in one month! What's the deal? Oh well, I guess I'll wear the gauntlets for a while (maybe until the honeybees become extinct). Now to get back to injecting laxative into apples for the trick or treaters – you have to get your entertainment where you can find it here at the nursing home....

More musings from Jim in our next issue.....

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*Monterey Bay BMW Riders
Holiday Potluck Party*

*Saturday, December 4th
3:00 – 7:00 pm*

Villas of Almaden Club House

*Hosted by:
Lonnie & Micki Hurst*

*Optional gift exchange
(Bring a wrapped gift – suggested value \$ 15-20)*

Important! RSVP by Nov. 24th to:

Dale Whyte

dalewhyte@comcast.net

831-247-0214

*Directions will be provided
at time of RSVP*

SATURDAY'S, WHEN A RIDE OR CLUB EVENT IS NOT PLANNED, THE CLUB MEETS FOR BREAKFAST at 9:00am – please see web site for current location.

Down the road..... 2010

Note: Check out the change of address for Ted Porter's Beemer Shop!

Friday, November 19 (4:00pm - 9:00pm)/Saturday, November 20 (9:30am - 8:00pm)/Sunday, November 21 (9:30am - 5:00pm)

2010 San Mateo International Motorcycle Show
San Mateo County Expo Center
www.sanmateoexpo.org

November 24th – RSVP due for Holiday Party!

Dec. 1st Volunteer/Nomination Forms Due!

Dec. 4 Club Holiday Party at the Hurst club house. See inside for details.....remember to RSVP to Dale for directions

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