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President's Message

Something happen recently that I just had to talk about. I heard some vandals had chopped down the Shoe Tree. I've been told it's been there about 50 years. That makes me very sad, it was like a old friend, it was always there. Last Aug. I took Hwy 50 to the Salt Flats with some members of MBBMWR. Ken, James, Dennis, and myself, stopped at the tree and took this photo. (see attached) I guess it's true what they say, Highway 50 is the loneliest highway. For years to come, I'm going to miss the shoe tree. You can get more information on line. The Shoe Tree NV. at the web site below



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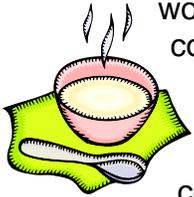
THOUGHTS FROM THE NURSING HOME... The Mid Week Crisis

By James Martin

A lot of people in the nursing home succumb to hopeless depression, just waiting....not me. I fight off this feeling by playing some blues guitar (why is the blues uplifting?), lifting weights, playing with and riding my motorcycles and writing stupid stuff in my journal.



That is until I kept hearing at breakfast that some of the guys were going on motorcycle rides on Wednesdays. No one even asked me to go along. Crushed, I took a long look at myself in the mirror; a little overweight, but ruggedly handsome, I concluded. I lifted my arms and gave my armpits a sniff..not good, but not horrible either, which is to say my body odor could be worse. After I'm dead, I suppose that this will get a lot worse, but I'm pretty sure that I will not care at that point. While on the subject of odors, I considered that possibility, however remote, that I could be suffering from the embarrassment of excessive intestinal gas, but discounted that possibility because our beloved new president (otherwise known as "oatmeal man") has gone on several of these rides. Not that I never eat oatmeal myself, but I'm quite sure that I'm not consuming the 55 gallon drums of the stuff daily that he apparently does. Hey its good for his heart.



All of this self examination was starting to depress me, so I played a few licks of "Hoochie Coochie Man" and made a decision...to invite myself. What is the worst that could happen? I might actually find out why they never asked me in the first place and end, once and for all, that depressing self-analysis. Being a positive thinker, I hope they might say OK.

So I waited until the subject of the Board of Directors Meeting and politely suggested that I go along. I waited for an onslaught of criticism, but none came. Although not overwhelmed with enthusiasm, both Neil and Dick consented with, as far as I could tell, nary a wince nor a grimace.

We met up with Dick at the gas station in San Juan Bautista, where we gassed up and headed back toward Hollister. Maintaining a sane pace, we turned right on Union Road and right again on Cieniga. Every time I ride Cieniga on a motorcycle, I am amazed at how long it seemed to be when I used to ride it on my bicycle. Duh. Cieniga is mostly smooth, twisty and scenic and dumps you out on Highway 25 just north (or south) of Pacienas. I sure hope I'm spelling all of these Spanish words right.



"South" on 25, right just after the general store. I either forget the name of this road (this is why I should never be a ride leader) or...I just don't have a clue how to spell it. I'd tell you which it is but then I'd have to kill you.

There is a parking lot and trailhead on this road (I think) that takes you to a nice waterfall, but going both directions, I could not spot it. If anyone

knows more about this, please advise. The last time I visited this waterfall, it was over a hundred degrees and the pool was real nice.

Anyway, the road in question is nice and curvy and remote enough to encourage a little bit of speeding. Not that we necessarily gave in to that temptation. It takes you to Larry's where those of us who had not stuffed our faces at breakfast had a nice lunch and a nice break. One of these days, I am going to count all of those dollar bills. On second thought, probably not.

We returned by the same route (excluding the Cieniga loop) and everybody split off at the appropriate places with a wave. The ride was uneventful; no suicidal squirrels, no mating cattle or horses, pleasant weather, not even many bugs, just a good motorcycle ride. Thanks Dick. And thanks to me for inviting myself.

Oh and I learned something; don't put half of a football sized omelet into a cheesy styrofoam box and then carry it around in your motorcycle over a bumpy road on a warm day for a few hours. I was joking before about odors but now Ken has a serious odor problem in the back of his C14.

EXAMPLE OF CLUB BADGE BELOW:

(Order form next page)

Coming soon! Beautiful 1 1/2" cloisonné club logo pins!



Top image is example of the club badge.

This image is the badge with the pin closure.

This image show the magnetic strips used for closure for this badge.



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**Saturday's, when a ride or club event is not planned, the club meets for breakfast at 9:00am
– please see web site (mbr.org) for current location.**

Down the road..... 2011

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

Tentative -- Saturday, Mar 19, 2011 Panoche Inn for lunch, BBQ at Larry's Need Ride Leader!!!!

Saturday, Apr 16, 2011 Destination TBD

Saturday, May 21, 2011 Destination TBD

Saturday, Ride to lunch at the Basque restaurant in San Juan Bautista

August, 2011 Bonneville

Saturday, Oct 15, 2011 Lunch at the Apple Farm, SLO

December, 2011 Club Event -- Holiday Party, date and location TBD

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