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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season Change Part Two

If you read last month's message you may remember I was having trouble accepting the change from summer to fall. And for the record it's the Autumnal Equinox that is the start of fall. Anyway...



JAY WHYTE

Now I have no choice but to accept the change. Fall came on like gangbusters -- for one day. I mean to say it rained. That was something I didn't expect so early in the year. It never rains in California before Halloween. Even Cal Trans doesn't expect rain until November 15. I know that is no big deal to those of you who have lived in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

The ride on the first day of the fall was cancelled due to rain. The first rain can be the most dangerous because all the oil that has accumulated all year comes up and makes the road very slick. I didn't want to take the risk. Those

roads are lightly traveled and who knows what could happen. I guess I was a little freaked out by all the flooding in Colorado the week before. I consoled myself by taking the long way home from breakfast that day.

Fall for me is more of a social/economic change than a weather change. The holidays, Christmas shopping, many things to do and it feels like I'm running out of time to do it.

Here are some of the things on my list:

Motorcycle Show. That's easy.

Election of new club Officers. Not as easy. Who wants to serve?

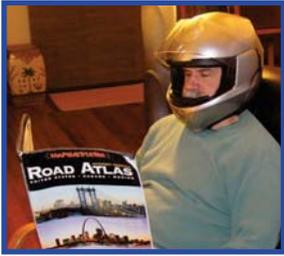
Club Christmas party. Always a fun event, who can get 'er done?

Ride, Eat & Repeat!

Jay Whyte

Editor's Notes

Ron Aikins



RON AIKINS

Apple Farm Ride: Was this a club event or just a coincidence?

Dick Dodd once again led a meandering, serpentine ride southward to San Luis Obispo and the Apple Farm restaurant. The weather ranged from quite chilly at the outset to pleasantly warm (upper 80s) as we revisited Metz Road, Lockwood, Lake Nacimiento, Adelaide, and Templeton. I would have predicted a larger turnout for a pleasant ride on a pleasant day, but the three of us, Dick, Daniel Astier, and myself, had a good time and a good lunch.

Marilyn Dodd was waiting for us at the restaurant, having spent the preceding week in SLO attending a painting class. After the meal Daniel and I attended the grand opening of SLO Motor Company on Santa Barbara Avenue. It's nice to see a shop opening instead of closing these days. If you're in SLO and in the mood for Italian, the shop deals in Aprilia, Moto Guzzi, Vespa, as well as Yamaha.

<http://www.sanluisobispomotorsports.com/>

The return ride was pure slab and the opposing winds were in rare form, beating us up with particular intensity between Paso Robles and King City.



***Capt. Dodd and Daniel Astier at the Apple Farm
(Now, why didn't we use the motorcycle parking area?)***



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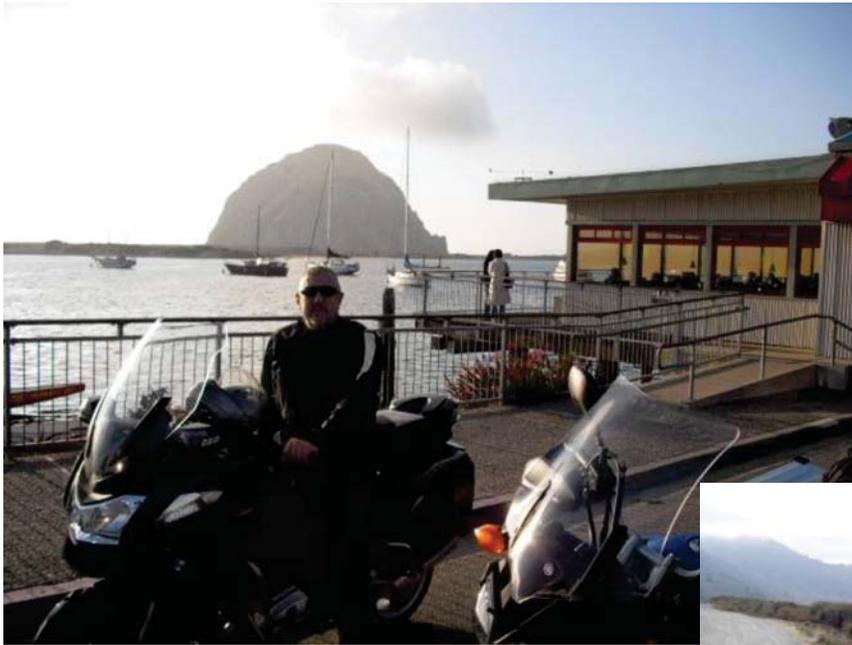
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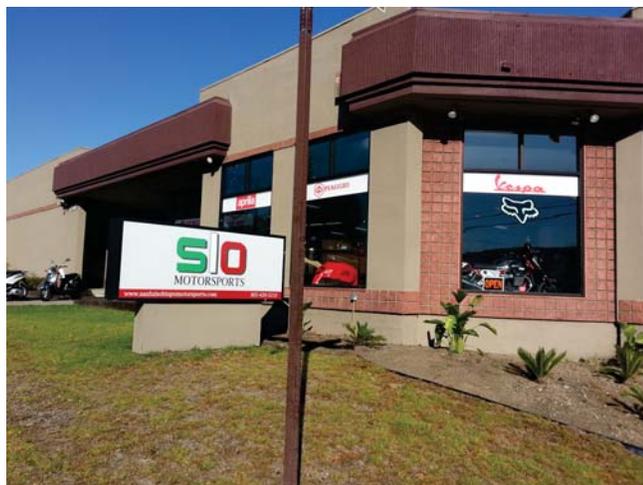
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Roger Vandevert recently found his way to Morro Bay



SLO-Mo-Co - New shop in SLO with an Italian accent

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Nov 16 - Leader: James Kmetovic
Destination: Leave after
breakfast from Red Apple to the Nike missile
site just north of Golden Gate. Two hours up
Hwy 1 through Devil's Slide bypass tunnel. Tour
at 12:45.

Dec 7- (Tentative)
Christmas Party

Jan 2014 - Leader: Ron Aikins
Destination: TBA

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