

# Central California Classic Cycle Club



**"We're stuck on old bikes"**



Web Site: [www.5csclub.net](http://www.5csclub.net)

April 2007



**April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting (7:30pm) at  
The Dam Diner Friant California**



*To the C's members,*

*Thank you for the card. It was good to hear from  
all of you.*

*Chuck and Jo Ann Coffmen*

Thank You

## Rich Oliver's Mystery School Ride

It was a beautiful spring day for a ride in the foothills up to Rich Oliver's Mystery School in Auberry. The meeting place was at the usual spot, the Chevron station at Herndon and Fowl... oops, I mean Hendon and Clovis Ave. Earl Taylor is credited with organizing this interesting ride. When setting up the ride with Rich, Earl figured there would be about 10, maybe 15 bikes tops, for this ride. Well that number grew to about 35. This filled the Chevron parking lot up pretty good. After shooting the breeze with everyone for a while it was



time to head out. With Earl in the lead everyone headed for Hwy 168. I on the other hand along with Roland Berry decided to head down to Herndon and Fowler to make sure no one was waiting there because of the inaccurate info I put in last months newsletter about where to meet. Sorry about that.

To my relief no one was there, so I cranked up the Kawi W-650 with Rolo and his trusty Beemer in tow and sped off to catch up with the group. We caught up just short of Prather and continued on to the Java Time Café in Auberry. We congregated there for about twenty minutes before Rich Oliver showed up. After Rich got over the shock of seeing so many bikes we all mounted up and followed Rich to his property where his school and home are located.



Upon arriving we were greeted by Rich's wife and daughter. We all took in the lay of the land noticing that there were trails leading over hills, through the woods and a small dirt oval not far from the main house. Some of us admired the ingenuity Rich used to build his classroom, museum and storage area. There are three large freight containers laid out in a U pattern on a concrete slab. The roof portion utilizes an arched steel frame that spans the width of the two facing containers and then anchored to the sides of the containers and the slab. It was pretty neat.

We all gathered around to here Rich speak about the school and the different courses that were offered. He explained the benefits of taking the dirt oriented courses and what skills could be learned by the novice as well as the more advanced rider. After Rich finished speaking we all thanked him for taking the time to have us up for the day and telling us about his unique school.



As we all began to disperse, some of us hung around to talk with Rich further while others moseyed around the property checking out the trails. Others took advantage of the beautiful spring day to do some more riding eventually heading for home.

A big thank you goes out to Earl Taylor and Rich Oliver for making this a very special and memorable day for all who attended.



## Burt Munro's 'Original Indian Special'



By Dave Gearhart

We are all familiar with Tom Hensley's 'Munro Special' from books, magazines and Danny Rouit's Open house. But is it the only Munro Special?

In the city of Invercargill, New Zealand is displayed "Burt Munro's Original Indian Special" at the hardware store of E. Hayes and Sons. How did it get there and is it "the original"?

In 1977 Munro suffered a stroke, spent much time in the hospital and was no longer able to use his hands. He sold his bikes to the Hayes family because he wanted them to be kept in New Zealand. He died in January of 1978. In Tim Hanna's book he shows Burt with the Indian months before supposedly in house. But in to me owner says that the at the Hayes machine belonged to the and the setting Burt's letter to



England's Classic Bike, Neville's father, the late Norman Hayes commented on an article in the April 1989 which was an accurate history of the machine. Norman says his machine has engine number 50r627 as recorded on Burt's original 1920 Indian Scout and the chassis holds many NZ and US records, including 200 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats. The article further states that Burt later built a longer chassis and shell to leave in the US while the engine and gearbox went back to NZ each year for more development. It also states that Burt built an extra engine to fit into the Bonneville Streamliner when it was sold to a California collector. (That engine subsequently lost a rod while being revved up while stationary and is not longer able to run.)

So the Special in NZ has the original engine and an original chassis as has just as much right to be called "Burt Munro's Original Indian Scout Special. But notice in the photo that the fuel (Methanol) tank is in the frame. In the California Munro Special the frame is much lower and the fuel tank is behind the rider. So did this frame ever run on the Salt Flats at over 200 mph, or only this engine in the other frame? Norman Hayes gets a bit testy if you suggest the other liner is the real Bonneville record holder. But he was kind enough to send me this original photo by airmail, taken in front of the Hayes home. For the newsletter, we left it just as I received it, just as Neville cut it with scissors a bit unevenly. A little rough around the edges you might say. Just like Burt Munro himself!!



# The Bill Quaid Memorial Motorcycle Ride And Family Picnic

## Sunday May 6th

### Smalley Cove Park

At Kerckhoff Lake  
between Auberry and  
North Fork on Powerhouse Rd.



Vintage Motorcycles and Cars, All  
Makes and Models Welcome

### OAK BARREL BBQ

Tri Tip N Chicken Dinner with all the Fixens  
Advanced Tickets....\$10 Adults \$5 kids  
At the gate.....\$12 Adults \$6 kids



Advanced tickets available from:

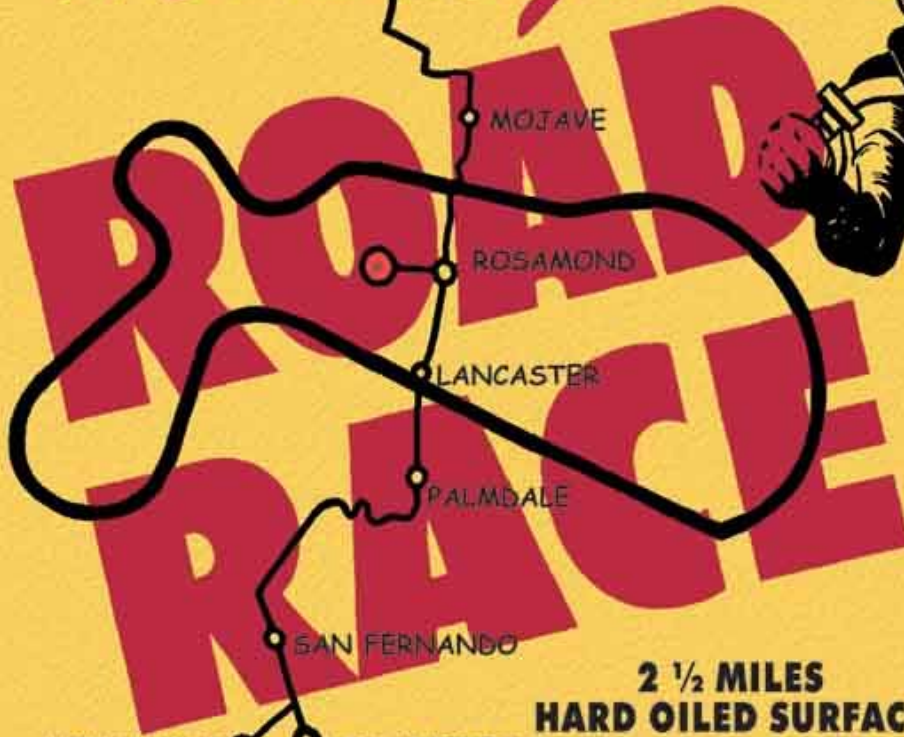
Joe Perry.....846-9635  
Joe Perry Jr. ...846-9655  
Ron Quaid.....855-2823

**All Proceeds go to the Bill Quaid Memorial Scholarship  
At Sierra High School**

**RIDE STARTS AT BASKIN-ROBBINS PARKING LOT AT CLOVIS AND SHAW AT 9:00 AM  
OR JUST COME TO THE PARK  
Serving from 11:00 to 1:00**

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**2 1/2 MILES**

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7:00 A.M.**

**APRIL 28, 29 2007**

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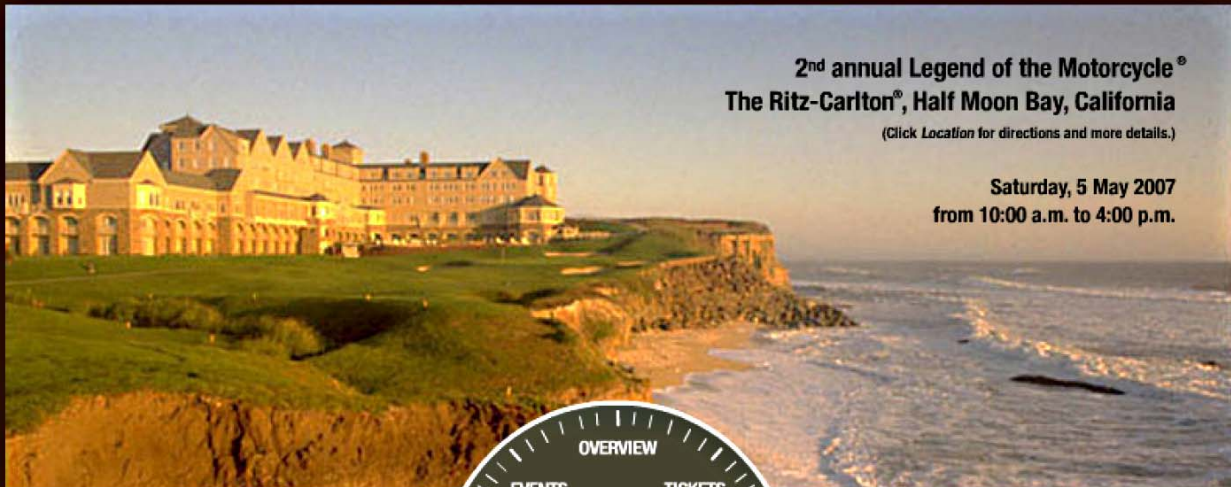
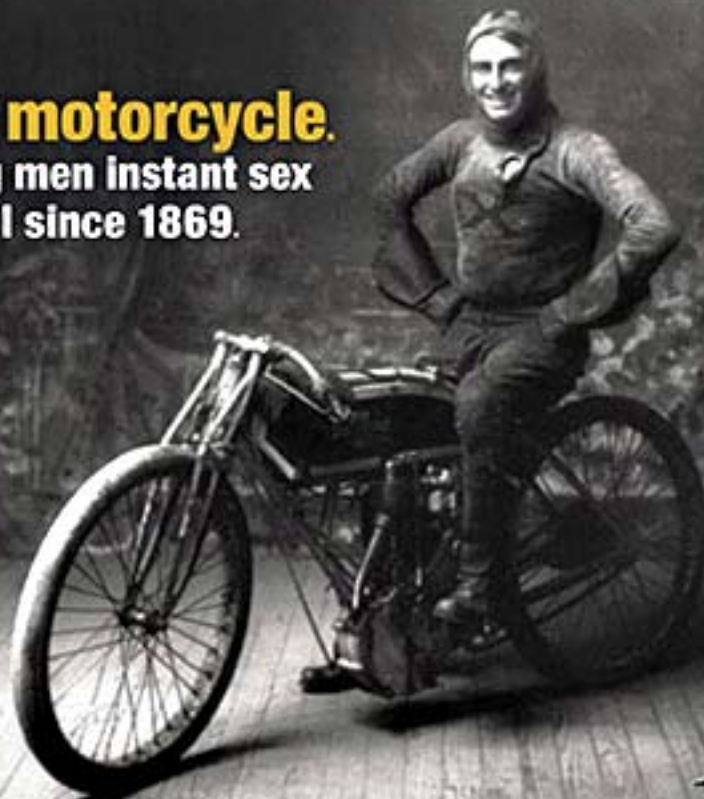
Motorcycle Show  
April 28  
Swap-Meet  
Both Days

## VALLEY MOTORCYCLE TRAINING ANNOUNCES EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSES (ERC's)

- LOCATION:** CASTLE AIRPORT – ATWATER, CA  
(approx 1 hour from Fresno or Stockton)
- COURSE:** MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION - ERC – SKILLS PRACTICE  
4 HOURS RIDING YOUR MOTORCYCLE ON A CLOSED COURSE  
TEACHES DEFENSIVE RIDING AND STREET SKILLS  
PROPER TURNING TECHNIQUES  
EMERGENCY BRAKING  
COUNTERSTEERING TO AVOID OBSTACLES  
CORNERING JUDGEMENT
- REQUIREMENTS:** **MOTORCYCLE LICENSE** (M-1 ENDORSEMENT)  
YOU MUST BE ABLE TO OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE WITH BASIC  
PROFICIENCY (COMPLETION OF THE BASIC COURSE IS  
RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED)
- EQUIPMENT:** MOTORCYCLE FURNISHED BY STUDENT - GOOD CONDITION  
WITH PROOF OF INSURANCE  
DOT APPROVED HELMET  
EYE PROTECTION, FULL FINGER GLOVES, LONG SLEEVE  
GARMENT, HIGH TOP BOOTS/SHOES THAT COVER ANKLE.
- COST:** \$100.00
- DATES:** APRIL 21 - SATURDAY – AM & PM SESSIONS  
APRIL 22 - SUNDAY - AM & PM SESSIONS  
APRIL 28 - SATURDAY - AM SESSION ONLY  
APRIL 29 - SUNDAY - AM SESSION ONLY
- TIMES:** AM SESSION = 7:30 AM TO 11:30 AM  
PM SESSION = 12:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
- REGISTRATION:** **CALL (559) 299-6347 TO REGISTER OR FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION. VISA, MASTERCARD AND AMERICAN EXPRESS  
HONORED.**

**DMV CERTICATES ARE NOT ISSUED FOR COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE. THESE  
CAN ONLY BE ISSUED FOR COMPLETION OF THE BASIC COURSE. COMPLETION  
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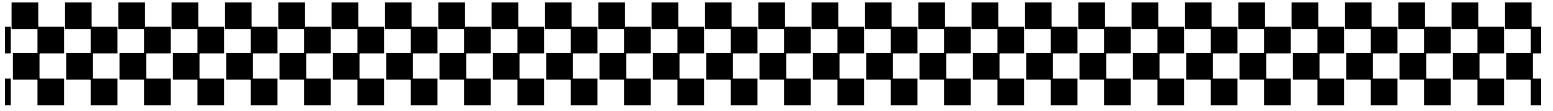
**Saturday, 5 May 2007  
from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



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# EVENTS CALENDAR



April 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Corsa MotoClassica at Willow Springs**  
Book rooms ASAP as motel rates are up this year!)

<http://www.willowspringsraceway.com/eventcalendars/2007weekendcalendar.htm>

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Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Legend of the Motorcycle Concours d'Elegance at the Ritz-Carlton at Half Moon Bay**

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

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Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Bill Quaid Memorial Ride**

For more info see flyer in this issue of the newsletter

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May 19<sup>th</sup>

**BATOR INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS**  
**The 39th ANNUAL HANFORD VINTAGE**  
**MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET**

[http://www.batorinternational.com/Bator\\_HANFORD\\_SHOW\\_rules\\_and\\_regs.htm](http://www.batorinternational.com/Bator_HANFORD_SHOW_rules_and_regs.htm)

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May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Dan & Kathy Rouit's Open House - Clovis**

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June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Rumble to the Summit**

<http://road-shows.com/rumble.php>

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# Classifieds

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## FOR SALE



**2000 Yamaha (Badger) 80cc** in good condition, Electric Start Green Sticker to 2008, **\$1200.00** Call Rick - (559) 994-9322  
**750 (Water Buffalo) Lemans**, Good Condition, Silver Color. Please call **Kirk Hagopian** at (559) 994-9322

**SOLD!**

**1984 Honda Goldwing Aspencade**, Very Nice Condition, Always Garaged and Covered  
Radio, Intercom, Air Compressor. Low Miles **\$5,000.00** Call **Rick - (559) 674-0598**

I am purchasing a 1967 Honda 450 and have decided to purchase a 1967 Honda 450 CB450. It is an original paint bike with only 6100 miles on it. Chrome, seat, paint, etc. in excellent, original condition. It was the Feature Bike at the 1967 Honda Show. Folks remarked how unusual it is to see such a nice original condition bike. It has and has no mechanical issues. I rode it about 60 miles last year. I need two 450s. The bike is located near Oakhurst zip code 93644. If you are interested, please contact me at 559-658-7137 and make a reasonable offer.

**SOLD!**

Thanks,  
Gary Smalz

## WANTED

**VESPA SCOOTER WANTED**...1949 to 1973. 150, 160, 180 and 200cc in any condition. running or not...complete or not. I am NOT looking for a restored Vespa. Will travel throughout the state to pick-up the right deal. Gary Rosa **559 696-2438** or **559 325-7076**

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