

# *Central California Classic Cycle Club*



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



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

May 2007



**May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting (7:30pm) at  
The Dam Diner Friant California**

## Dick Smith



The C's club lost a member and the world lost an all-round nice guy with the death of Fresnan Dick Smith on April 18, 2007. Although mainly know as a Cobra racer, Dick also owned bikes and was a paid-up member of the C's club.

Dick was born April 7, 1934 and had just celebrated his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday. He had served as an officer in the US Army, and was a businessman best known as owner of Smitty's Bail Bonds. He was also a commercial pilot who flew jets to Europe and charter flights in a Citation. One story he told was of changing course after taking off from London with a loaded plane so he could fly over the Isle of Man. The clouds cleared and he had a beautiful view of the Island, then he got back on course for the US!

He was a SCCA National Champion from 1963-1967. The first four years were as a Porsche pilot, while 1967 and 1968 were at the helm of his famous 427 Shelby Cobra. He had also raced McLaren's on the Can-Am circuit and he raced against and knew personally the best-known names in racing. His red #198 Cobra was well-known on the car show circuit after finally being retired from Vintage racing. It had officially done 198 mph plus at Daytona, and had topped 200mph at times. He was well liked in Cobra Club circles and 15 original Cobras were on display at his memorial service. He had said in the past that he had offers of a million dollars for the Cobra, but it has now been sold to a museum for an amount reportedly far exceeding that amount. Some members saw the car trailer heading south as they went to the Corsa Moto Classica at Willow Springs May 28. Wherever the car ends up, it will be a fitting memorial to Dick.



DICK SMITH



1934 – 2007



KYLE JERE  
RUNCIMAN

1991 – 2007

Dick died in the crash of a rented plane near Tehachapi while flying to see a restored B-17. With him was his 15 year old stepson Kyle, also a pilot and a lively, polite and interesting young man. They will both be sorely missed!!

## BMW Airhead Tech Day in Aptos

Dave and Maxine Smith, Laura and I left at 7:00am for the 7th annual Surf City Airhead Tech Day in Aptos. We stopped for breakfast in Los Banos. When we left we encountered a bit of "drizzle" from Los Banos to the San Luis reservoir then it cleared up. We stayed dry until we headed out of Gilroy and up Hecker Pass. It sprinkled on us until we arrived in Aptos, about 11:30am. Tech day



was really fun, we worked on three or four bikes but some of us did a little "barley therapy". We had a great barbecue (smoked sirloin PLUS).



When it was time to leave we headed to Watsonville and checked into the Red Roof Inn. At 5:00pm we headed to Moss Landing for dinner at Phil's Fish Restaurant. The next day we had breakfast at the Beach Road Rest. (a great find) in Watsonville. We then toured Maxine's High School it has one mile of beach front (she'll tell ya). We then rode through San Juan Baptista, Hollister and stopped for lunch at the Panoche Inn. All in all, it was a great "Airhead" weekend.



## Bob Miller's Putt and Strutt

The day started out cool, overcast with intermittent showers. I got there about midday and the group was just finishing up lunch. There were a few interesting small bikes on hand. Steve Kaiser had his new pocket crotch rocket import from China. Dan Coghlan from Porterville had a nice 1975 Suzuki TM-125 MXer and a 1971 Suzuki TC-125, both for sale if anyone is interested. See the classified page in this issue. Bob Miller had his Honda Trail 55. Danny Rouit brought along a Bultaco flat tracker and the "Winged Wheel" It's a motorized bicycle with a BSA single in it. Glenn Keith had his Honda Elite. Ted Eskelfen brought his home made minibike. He designed and built the frame himself out of stainless steel. There was even a three wheeler. I forgot the name of the person who brought it.

The afternoon turned sunny and warmer and the gang was ready to go out and take a tour of the Sunnyside neighborhood. Not all the bikes were road legal but that didn't stop anyone. As I was leaving for the day I saw the gang heading back in but two riders were walking along side their mounts. As good a mileage as these little bikes get you still need to check how much fuel is the tank.



# IT'S SHOW TIME & PARTY TIME!

The 39th Annual Vintage Cycle Rally is set for  
Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the  
Kings County Fairgrounds in Hanford,  
California. And, in what has become an Annual  
Tradition, we are hosting in our shop...

**Our Annual Open House and  
Pre-Show Party  
FRIDAY EVENING  
MAY 18, 2007 - 4 pm - 10 pm**

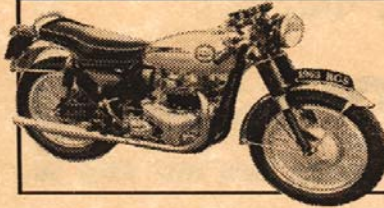
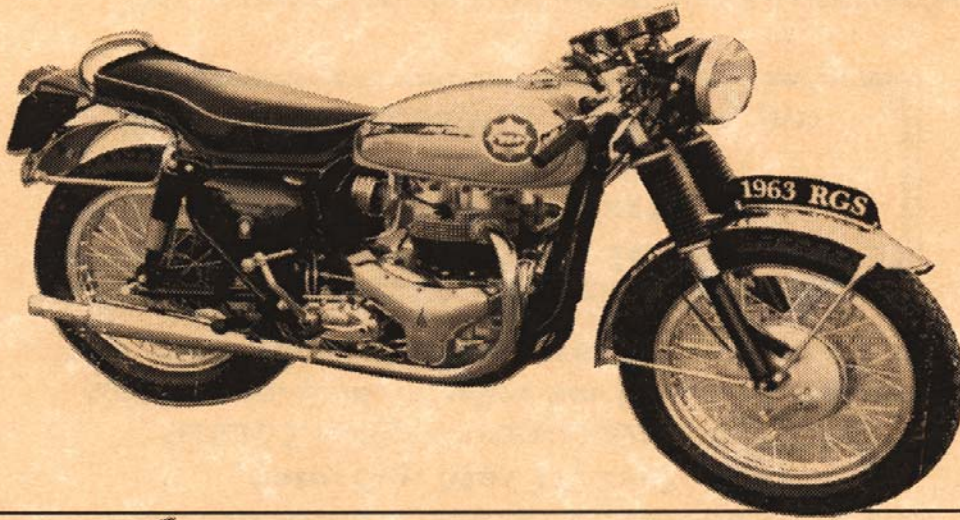
*This is our 23rd Annual Open House and we've enjoyed so much bringing all of you with common interests together - it's become an event we all look forward to! If you want to meet good people and hear the machines on display - this is where they are!*

This years restoration  
built especially for this event is a:  
1961 BSA A-10  
Spitfire Scrambler  
Blue and Beautiful

Upon receipt of this invitation, please mark your calendar immediately! Beverages and hors d'oeuvres as always.  
(Donations graciously accepted)

No business will be conducted on this special day, as this event is purely social. And, as always, bring a friend - if they like motorcycles, especially British, they're very welcome!

*See you Friday, May 18th*



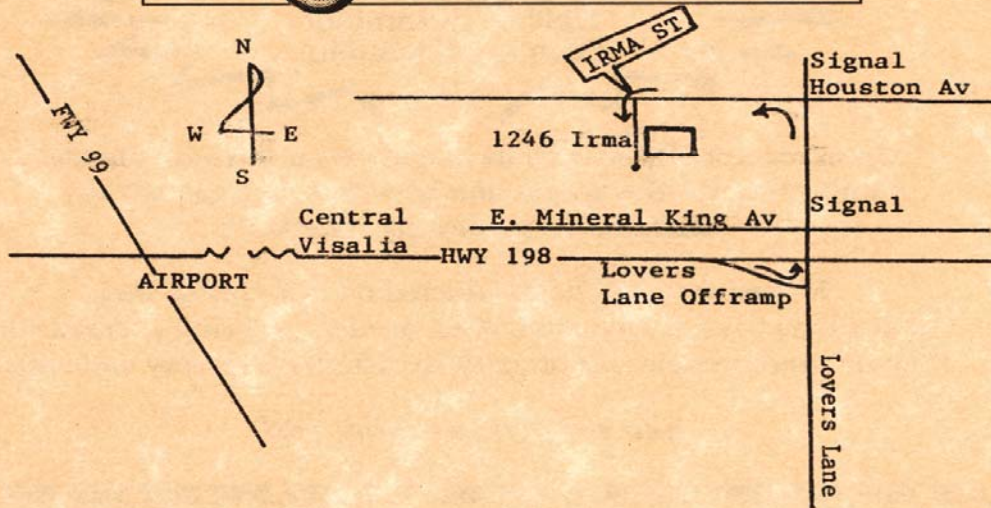
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# **BATOR INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS**

## **The 39th ANNUAL HANFORD**

### **VINTAGE**

# **MOTORCYCLE SHOW & SWAP MEET**

## **Saturday, May 19, 2007**

**B**ator International is pleased to sponsor the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanford Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet, located at the Kings Fairground, 801 S. 10th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93232. This is one of California's premier vintage motorcycle events. It takes all of us working together to keep these events happening. Please come out and show your support. Enjoy a stroll back in time, as you view some of the world's oldest and most fascinating machines. **WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE THE ADDED ENJOYMENT AND EXCITEMENT OF THE GENE ROMERO WEST COAST FLAT TRACK SERIES**

**VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE RACES ON SATURDAY NIGHT AFTER OUR EVENT. **M**otorcycle Show:**

The show gate opens to entrants promptly at 6:00 AM Saturday. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Entry fee is \$20.00 per bike and includes one general admission and an event pin. All entries **must** be in place by 8:00 AM. Judging begins at 9:00 AM sharp. **CLASSES:** Antique 1900-1929; Vintage American 1930-1955; Classic American 1956-1986; Vintage British & European 1930-1955; ; Classic British and European 1956-1986; Classic Japanese to 1986; On & Off-Road Competition to 1986; Custom Vintage & Bobbers to 1986; All Original to 1986; Powered Bikes & Scooters to 1986. Awards presentation will be at 2:00 PM. **As folks are paying to see your bikes on display, we would greatly appreciate it if all participants would kindly not remove their bikes from the show area until after the awards are announced. Participants must be present to receive their trophies.** (Note: Classes may changed depending on participation). 🏍️

**S**wap Meet: Space sizes are 15' X 20'. Pre-registered space fees are \$65; non-registered are \$80 at the gate. **Pre-registration is encouraged.** The deadline is May 12th, 2006. Forms received after this date will be charged the additional \$15. per space. Non-registered vendors will be assigned spaces on a first come-first serve basis. There will be two lines at the entrance, one for pre-registered, the other for non-registered. **Pre-registered vendors will be parked first!** Check-in is Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 10:00 PM, and Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 7:30 AM. **All access gates will be locked and secured on Friday promptly at 10:00 p.m. and will not open again until 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning.** Event hours are Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Vendors agree to stay until 4:00 PM. Space fees include 2 worker passes per space. Additional worker passes are \$15 at check-in with a **limit of three total passes per space. Vendor gate will not hold passes for late arriving workers!** Friday night camping in your vending space is permitted at no extra charge. RV hookups are \$18/night and you must sign in and pay at the vendor gate. Pets must be on a leash at all times. No aggressive pets or open fires please. There will be overnight security guards, but vendors are responsible to safeguard their own property and clean up and remove their own trash. The swap meet is limited to vintage motorcycle, bicycle and engine related items only. No objectionable materials please. All commercial vendors must have a resale permit to sell. Please have your permit with you on site. ~ **All Fees Non-Refundable** ~ 🏍️

# OPEN HOUSE

**“DAN ROUIT FLATTRACK MUSEUM, INC.”**

On

**Sunday, MAY 20, 2007**

10:00AM-3:00PM

Dan and Kathy Rouit invite you to the  
“16th” annual event.

**Admission: FREE, so bring your family & friends.**

**\* Come and meet Bubba Shobert \*  
Three time AMA Grand National Champion**

**On Display:** Vintage Motorcycles, race cars, posters, videos  
& lots of other memorabilia.

If you have a vintage bike that you would like  
to display for the day call Dan.

**\* Silent Auction \***

**“Pancho’s breakfast ride”:** Call Pancho for info. at  
(559) 834-1047 12:00PM-7:00PM

**\* Event T-Shirts \***

**Available while supplies last.**

**FOOD & SOFT DRINKS:** available for a small donation.

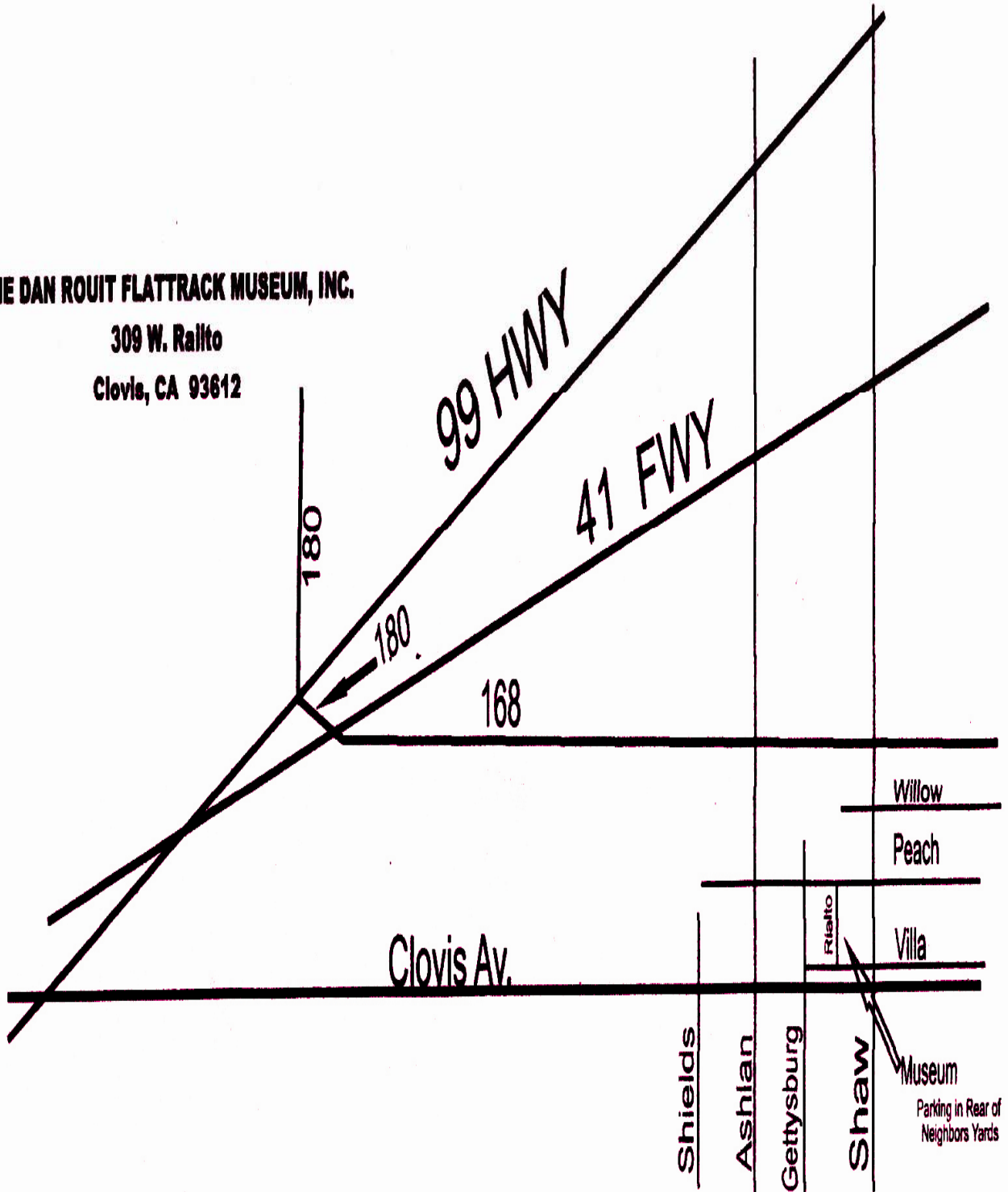
**BBQ Services donated by; “The Holley Gang & Friends”.**

For additional information, call Dan or Kathy between 12:00 & 6:00PM any day  
@ (559) 291-2242

**SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MAP AND ADDRESS**

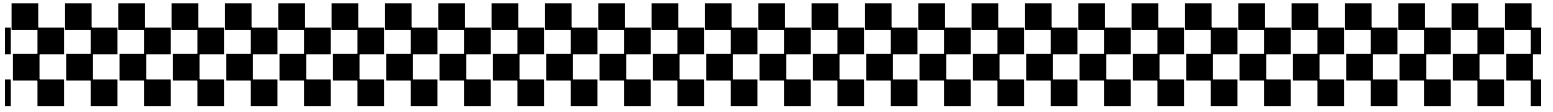
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# EVENTS CALENDAR



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**Don Harrell's Open House & Pre-Show Party**  
**Friday Evening 4pm – 10pm**  
**(See flyer for in this issue for information)**

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**May 19<sup>th</sup>**

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**May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Dan & Kathy Rovit's Open House – Clovis**  
**(See flyer in this issue for information)**

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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

**1975 Suzuki TM-125** unrestored original, asking **\$1000.00 obo** - **1971 Suzuki TC-125** duel range transmission (4 low & 4 high) Good condition asking **\$1000** For info please call **Dan Coghlan (559) 782-4651**

**1983 Suzuki GS 850** Shaft drive, fair original paint, starts and runs well, good chrome. **\$795.**

**FREE house paint**, various colors, good for shop or shed. Also free french doors. (double). For info on both items please call **David Gearhart (559) 283-1007**

**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**



**FREE** Four Honda's '65-'69 S 90's parts bikes.  
For info call **Bill Emery 277- 8081** (Located in NW Fresno)

## 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 through out the state to pick-up the right deal.**  
**Gary Rosa 559 696-2438 or 559 325-7076**

**Wanted...1974 -1980 XS650 Yamaha.**  
**Prefer running but will look at and consider what you have. Cosmetics including tank, seat and fenders are NOT important. Straight frame, forks, re-buildable wheels, complete engine with all wire harness and brake system is important.**  
**Gary Rosa 559-696-2438**

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