

There Are Two Ways To Register

- 1) **On-line:** with credit card at www.thehonorrun.org
Pre-Registration deadline is midnight, August 15, 2009.
- 2) **By mail:** with check to address below, one registration per rider/passenger. Pre-Registration payment must be received by August 15, 2009.



Rider's Name _____

Passenger's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Make of Motorcycle/Car _____

Chapter/Club Affiliation _____

Method of Payment: Visa M/C AMEX Check

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Credit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ *Verification Code _____

Signature: _____

Registration Fees

Pre-Registration Up To August 15, 2009
\$35.00 Per Rider or Passenger
After August 15, 2009
\$45.00 Per Rider or Passenger

Pre-Registration Includes:

- Entrance to all planned rides and events associated with The Honor Run
- Event/Ride Pin

Note: additional ride pins and event tee shirts available for purchase at Oakley on a first come, first served basis.

Ride Staging on Final Day: September 5, 2009

- Coast-to-Coast Riders; First Group
- Active Duty Military; Second Group
- Pre-Registered Riders; Third Group
- Registered Riders; Fourth Group

*3 digits on back of Visa/MC, 4 digits on front of AMEX

Planned Events Leading Up To The Final Day:

Follow us in from Nevada on the last leg of the route or come to the party the night before or The Honor Run ride on the 5th. We are calling all patriots to come out and support The Honor Run. We need you, your brothers and your sisters to ride with one very simple message: America, there is no better time than now to pay back our heroes.

September 3, 2009

Ride the final leg of the coast-to-coast route by joining The Honor Run riders coming in from Mesquite, NV to San Marcos, CA. Go to www.thehonorrun.org for specific details of this part of the ride.

September 4, 2009

Come out for the pre-event Honor Ride BBQ and party at Biggs Harley-Davidson in San Marcos, CA. This will be your opportunity for a late registration for The Honor Run ride the following day. Your registration for the Honor Run includes food, live band and entertainment from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM along with the big ride the following day.

September 5, 2009

Biggs Harley-Davidson, 717 Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069 On-Site Registration Opens: 7:00 AM
Coffee, pancake breakfast and refreshments while they last starting at 8:00 AM, Motorcycle Staging: 9:00 AM
"Riders Meeting": 9:30 AM, Kick stands up for the first group 10:00 AM

Make checks payable to:

**The Honor Run • 1st Marine Division Association • 410 Pier View Way • Oceanside, CA 92054
949-633-0459 – Phone • 760-967-8567 – Fax • www.thehonorrun.org • info@thehonorrun.org**

IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER

by John Del Santo

WHEN WE RIDE IN THE HEAT, stripping down to a t-shirt will allow our body moisture to just fly away. In the movies you don't see those Bedouin Tribesman in the desert wearing shorts and a tank-top... gotta be a reason there. Drink a lot more than you think you need, and if you get to a stop and don't need to use the rest room, then you're not drinking enough. Hydrate! Wet your clothes down! Pour water on your head! Some bike shops have shirts made of foam, that you soak with water and wear under a jacket like a swamp cooler... they work! Feeling very tired while riding in very hot weather is a bad sign of things to come.

DEHYDRATION: Is one that can sneak up on you. Lower or higher elevation, hot or cold temperature, Drink! Drink! Drink! Gallons each day and not diuretics like coffee or alcohol drinks... they just make it worse. Our body needs the liquid, and if we don't get enough our body will let us know about it, sometimes with...

HEAT EXHAUSTION: That can make us feel like just stopping and laying down next to the road in the shade and going to sleep... maybe forever. We can fall asleep as easy on a bike as we could driving a car and "falling" asleep has a whole 'nother meaning when it happens on a bike. Drink! Drink! Water and sports drinks. Get in someplace cool, dump water on your head and down your shirt. Half of the world takes a two-hour lunch break in the middle of the day. Not a bad idea? Rest, because next in line comes the killer...

HEAT STROKE: Which can worsen from heat exhaustion with little warning. Our body's temperature control stops working! Hot dry skin, severe headache, exhaustion, hallucination, and... THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY OF DEATH! First call 911. Move the victim to a cool place, douse with water, fan breeze onto the victim. If we act quickly and correctly, maybe we can prevent permanent brain damage or death. Once someone has suffered a heat-related illness, the chances of it happening again in the future are higher.

Do you feel like the road is beating you up? Take a day off! Sleep late. Sit by a brook with water running over your feet. Look at some scenery. Take a nap. Sack in early and start the next day as a whole new person. We may get there a day later, but so what! The Journey IS the Goal.

ADVICE FROM SNOPEs

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with www.snopes.com and/or www.truthorfiction.com for determining whether information received via email is just that: true/false or fact/fiction. Both are excellent sites. Below is their advice for us.

Advice from www.Snopes.com

1) Any time you see an E-Mail that says forward this on to '10' of your friends, sign this petition, or you'll get bad luck, good luck, or whatever, it almost always has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails of those folks you forward to. The host sender is getting a copy each time it gets forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mails addresses to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to other spammers.

2) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. All it was, and all any of this type of E-Mail is, a way to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - to validate active E-Mail accounts for their own profitable purposes.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them; you will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, now you know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings regardless how inviting they might sound!

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later! Plus, we are helping the spammers get rich! Let's don't make it easy for them!

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

RIDE CHAIRS NEEDED

By Blake Anderson

I know that it seems early to be thinking about 2010, but I'd like you to think about one thing. Are you interested in planning and conducting one of SCMA's rides during 2010? Chair duties include establishing a starting point, laying out a route, pre-riding it to confirm mileage and road conditions, drafting the route sheet, and managing the event with help from others. Arrangements for the two-day rides also include finding a hotel and fixing a block of rooms.

Being a ride chair is rewarding and it is fun. Pouring over maps, planning the ride and working with others is the essence of a ride chair. Our rides are managed by one or two people. You might consider teaming with one of your riding buddies to split the work and develop ideas. Being a ride chair gives you an opportunity to contribute to this great club of ours and share the burden.

We need your help. One of the two-day rides and at least two of the one-day rides will be up for grabs in 2010.

Think about it. If you are considering the idea and have questions, then contact me, one of the 2009 ride chairs or a member of the SCMA board. You can also attend one of SCMA's monthly General Membership Meetings that are held at Conrad's Restaurant in La Canada on Saturdays at 9 AM (August 8, September 19, October 17) to talk it over and to get a better understanding of all that is involved.

There will always be someone available to offer suggestions and answer your questions. We are a team at SCMA.

We have a few months to sort things out. Our practice is to have the 2010 riding calendar set by the first week of November in time for the American Motorcycling Association's annual risk management and ride sanctioning meeting for Southern California. At that time we will have the dates and starting points of the rides established so that we can get the paper work to AMA. The ride chairs are involved in coordinating the dates and the starting points, of course. All of the other details of each ride can be figured out later.

Help us make 2010 the best riding calendar ever.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We need volunteers to Chair some of our 1 day rides for 2010. The requirements for the Chair is to lay out a route that is a least 75 to 125 miles long, find a start and finish and (the E Board can help with that if needed) have someone preride the route prior to printing (Jan Staws usually prints the route sheets)

Runs needing Chair people are:

Sweetheart Ride - February as a rule

Dog Days of Summer - June, July or August

Bare Bones Ride - June, July or August

Old Pin Ride - June, July or August

Grand Tour - 2-day event in October

Cemetery Tour - October

Turkey Run - November

Anyone interested in chairing any of these events please contact either Jan Staws or Blake Anderson and be prepared to come to a general membership meeting to give us an idea of which ride you want and what your tentative plans may be.

The Board takes care of order pins and what ever else may be needed. Some expenses will be covered if necessary for travel purposes.

Sweetheart Ride



Photos by Jan Staws



WHAT THE...

The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.

Remember in prayer the many whose are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a beautiful friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

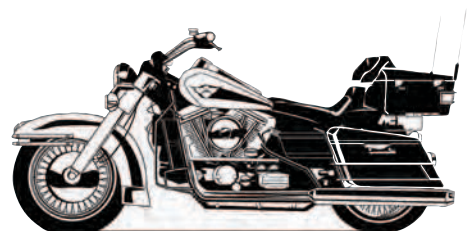
The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"



E/Z RIDE

Eric/Zumer's 2009 U.S.A. Four Corners Motorcycle Tour Part 1

After months and months of planning and anticipation, the time had finally arrived for us to depart on our U.S.A. Four Corners motorcycle tour. This tour is sanctioned by the S.C.M.A. (Southern California Motorcycle Association). This is a motorcycle tour and the entire distance must be ridden on your bike. Motorcycles with side cars and trikes are considered motorcycles for this event. You may visit the four corners of the continental United States (San Ysidro, California, Blaine, Washington, Madawaska, Maine and Key West, Florida) in any sequence and by any route that you desire. You do not have to return to the first corner to finish this event. You can start any time during the year, but once you start from one corner, you have 21 days to complete the tour. Gas receipts, a proof of visit information sheet and a postmarked envelope are required to show proof of your completion at each corner.

Day 1: Monday, June 1, 2009 0600

I was supposed to meet my riding partner, Eric Engle at 0600 at Izzy's Bagels in Fountain Valley. I had been in San Diego for the weekend at a photo class I had signed up for months prior. At the last moment, I noticed that all the routes for the tour weren't downloaded onto my GPS & they weren't loading properly from my laptop. No problem, so I thought, because they were on my portable external hard drive that I could connect to Eric's laptop computer that he was taking. By the time I got to Izzy's, it was 0630. So much for our early start to get across the desert. Traffic was light on the NB55 and EB91 free-ways. It didn't slow down until we were on the I-15 in Rancho Cucamonga. Heading across the Cajon Pass, we picked up speed. The entire trip, our speed very rarely was five miles over the speed limit. We stopped in Victorville and Lake Havasu for fuel. The temperature going across the desert on I-40 was in the high 90's. Crossing the Colorado River at the California/Arizona border, the water looked very refreshing. In Kingman, on the historic Route 66, we stopped for lunch at Mr D's Route 66 Diner.

With a good burger and onion rings on board, we were back on the road. Along the way, you could see parts of Old Historic Route 66. I believe the longest continuous section of the route goes through Topock, Oatman, Kingman, Peach Springs, Seligman and Ash Fork. As we started climbing in elevation, the temperature started to drop. We stopped in the quaint town of Williams to add some layers of clothing. Word of caution: when traveling through this town, maintain the proper speed limit, especially after exiting the freeway and driving into town. If you have time, you can take a train from Williams to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. You can either ride the train both directions in one day, or stay at the Grand Canyon and return back to Williams on a different day. Back on the bikes, we stopped in Flagstaff for fuel and continued past the town of Winslow. Nearby is Meteor Crater. The film, "Star Man" with Jeff Bridges and Karen Allen was filmed there. We arrived at our destination of Holbrook, Arizona. Our plan was to stay in Super 8 motels, but that would change in the course of our ride. This accommodation was actually good. After checking in, it was time for dinner. We asked the front desk for some recommendations, and she stated that three blocks down the road was a good Italian restaurant. Well, being from the city, my definition of three blocks was different from hers. Half a mile away, we finally arrived at Mesa Italian restaurant. The food was excellent. The walk back to the motel was actually a blessing, due to the portion sizes of our dinners. The day's total mileage: 586 miles



Day 2: Tuesday, June 2, 2009 0630

After getting fuel, it was on to Albuquerque, New Mexico to visit Petroglyph National Monument. I was combining an Iron Butt Association National Park Silver Award tour with our Four Corners tour. What I needed to complete the Silver Award tour was to get 50 official park or monument stamps from 25 different states. I already have 24 stamps from California. This National Monument has petroglyphs, rock engravings by ancient Native Americans. Not to be confused with pictographs, which are images drawn or painted on a rock face. After getting my stamp, and inquiring about a good place for lunch, it was off to Garduno's of Mexico restaurant. Again, the food was excellent. You normally can't go wrong asking the locals for recommendations for eateries. Across from the restaurant, the Winrock Mall was vacant. Not sure if

the economy or a new mall in another location forced the closure, but the rumor going around is that it will be used in an upcoming Terminator film and the mall is going to be blown up. After lunch, with one time change (Mountain to Central time) it was off to our destination of Amarillo, Texas and the Luxury Inn and Suites. At some point in the past, this motel may have been luxurious, but now, it's run down and needs some TLC. Total mileage: 548 miles.

Day 3: Wednesday, June 3, 2009 0700

Needing more National Park stamps, we were off to Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and the Alibated Flint Quarries National Monument. I was able to get both stamps from the Ranger Station in the town of Fritch. One of the Rangers actually grew up in the city of Orange and his father is a retired Santa Ana Fire Captain. Talk about a small world!

In Cheyenne, Oklahoma, we stopped for my next stamp at the Washita Battlefield. There is a new visitor center and viewing area of where the battle of Custer's 7th U.S. Cavalry and four battalions charged into Chief Black Kettle's encampment. Two hours later, approximately 30 to 60 Cheyenne lay dead in the snow and mud.



After crossing the state of Oklahoma and into Arkansas, we arrived at the Ft. Smith National Historic Site, one hour late and the visitor center was closed. We stayed at a Super 8 motel. The accommodations were just okay. It was a little noisy, but not too bad. Time for dinner, and off to the Ming Chinese restaurant, which was located next to the motel. Walking into the restaurant, we were the only customers the entire time. They had a buffet, and the food was surprisingly good. Total mileage: 513 miles.

Day 4: Thursday, June 4, 2009 0700

Not wanting to wait for the visitor center at Ft. Smith to open at 9 AM, we headed to Little Rock and stopped at Little Rock Central High School. They

have a new visitor center, across the street from the High School, which is still in operation.

The school was dedicated in 1927. The photo shows what an impressive building it is. In September of 1957, history would be made. The school desegregation crisis at Little Rock Central High School was put to the test when nine Black students tried to integrate the school. With President Eisenhower ordering up the National Guard and Arkansas Governor Faubus against desegregation, it was a very difficult time. With time running short, I decided not to get my next stamp at the Poverty Point National Monument in Louisiana, but head to Vicksburg National Military Park, Mississippi. With thirty minutes to spare, I was able to get my stamp. Then, we were off to the Best Western for the night. Being a Best Western Rewards cardholder, and having enough points, our room was free. Also, they cater to motorcyclists, especially Harleys. Total mileage: 406 miles.



Day 5: Friday, June 5, 2009 0730

Today, our destination was Tuskegee, Alabama, where I planned to get two stamps, one from the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site. The school was the brainchild of a former slave, Lewis Adams. In 1881, Tuskegee Normal School for Colored Teachers was established by the Alabama State Legislature. In 1891, it became an independent school, where Booker T. Washington taught. My second stamp came from the airfield for the Tuskegee Airmen, the all black Army Air Corps pilots. The film, "Tuskegee Airmen" starred Laurence Fishburne, Cuba Gooding Jr., John Lithgow and Malcolm-Jamal Warner. Leaving Alabama and heading into Georgia, we lost another hour with the time zone change from Central to Eastern. We arrived at Columbus and our last Super 8 motel. From prior experience staying in motels, I always check the room before unloading my vehicle. This way, I can make sure the room is to my satisfaction and also I can locate the

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PMC Greenhorn Ride



Photos by Jan Staws



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parking stall to place my vehicle next to my room's window. Well, the room was not satisfactory. My first clue should have been when we walked into the lobby to check in. The lobby reeked with cigarette smoke. Just waiting to check in, my throat was getting sore. When we walked into our room, the smell of urine was overpowering. We got another room, but with doors slamming all night long, and the type of clientele at that motel, we decided that our stays in Super 8 motels were over. Total mileage: 404 miles.

Day 6: Saturday, June 6, 2009 0700

After leaving that fine establishment in Columbus, Georgia, we headed to Plains, the birthplace of Jimmy Carter, the location of the school he attended nearby and where his brother's gas station was.

After having our photos taken with Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, it was off to Ocala, Florida and Don Garlit's Drag Racing Museum. When I was growing up in Gardena, I remember seeing many of the vehicles that are now displayed in his museum during the days of Lions Drag Strip in Wilmington, California. It was a trip down memory lane. Near the two buildings that house

his museum is his residence with a three car garage with another six car garage adjacent to it. We were told that he was working in one of his open garages while we were in one of the museums. As we had pulled into the parking lot, it had already started to rain. After checking into our motel, the Sleep Inn, which was next door to the museums, we were able to park our bikes under the covered lobby entryway. After cleaning up, we walked to Sonny's Real Pit BBQ for dinner. Total mileage: 347 miles.



Day 7: Sunday, June 7, 2009 0730

Leaving Ocala, it was time to get three stamps. First, we stopped at the DeSoto National Memorial in Bradenton. In 1539, Hernando de Soto set foot on the shore of what is now Tampa Bay. The day started out dry, no rain, but warm and humid. As we got closer to Big Cypress National

Preserve and the Everglades National Park, it started to rain, and rain, and rain. It rained so much, Eric's boots filled with water. I was surprised that he didn't find any alligators in his boots. We did see some in the waterway when we were leaving the visitor center in the Everglades. It would have been fun to ride through the Everglades in the airboats, but due to the weather, the visibility was low. On to Miami, with rain in tow. After getting our bikes under the covered lobby entryway and out of the rain at the Best Western, it was time for gourmet eating at McDonald's. Total mileage: 393 miles.

Day 8: Monday, June 8, 2009 0900

Up to this point, we were having continental breakfast before leaving the motels each morning. Today was no different. We were waiting for the motorcycle dealers to open so that Eric could purchase a t-shirt from the Harley dealer in Miami. His plan was to purchase a shirt as close to each corner of the tour as possible. With shirt in saddlebag, it was time to drive the 162 miles to Key West. The speed limit is 45 MPH, with construction zones along the way. It was slow, but it was beautiful. No rain, but warm and humid. I believe my temperature gauge was showing 96 degrees. The humidity was probably almost as high. As long as you were moving, the weather wasn't bad. Wearing my AirMesh jacket, with the side zippers of my riding pants open and my windshield vent and Baker AirWings open, it was comfortable. Did I say the ride was beautiful? There are over 40 bridges you cross to get to the end. The longest bridge is seven miles long. Actually, it is 6.7 miles long, but it is easier to call it a seven mile versus 6.7 mile bridge. After arriving in Key West, we checked into our Best Western and then walked around town.

Total mileage: 214 miles

Day 9: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Today was a non-riding day on the motorcycles. But we did ride the Old Town Trolley tour. This is the same compa-

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ny that runs tours in San Diego, California. They also run in St. Augustine, Washington, DC, Boston and Savannah, Georgia. Key West has 300 historical buildings. The trolley tour has twelve different stops, and you can hop on and off the entire day. The drivers share their knowledge of history and information about the area. One of the stops was only two blocks from our motel. We stopped at Mallory Square, where we visited Mel Fisher's Shipwreck Museum.



Eating conch chowder at Margaritaville in our cool shirts.

He said he could have done better but lost about three hours due to two things. They held him at the border crossing from Canada for 90 minutes and then he made a wrong turn in Tennessee that added about 120 miles. Read about his trip at <http://www.ridermagazine.com/output.cfm?id=2184769>.

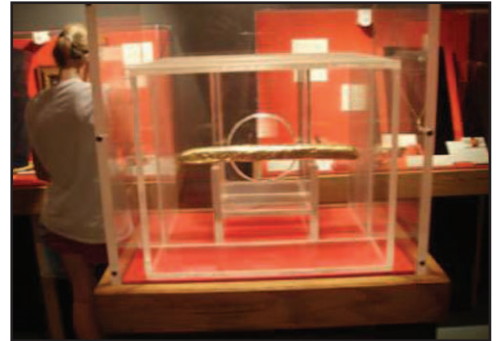
Day 10: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 0530

Today is the actual beginning of our Four Corners tour. We got our fuel receipts yesterday, and with our paperwork filled out, I went to the Key West Post Office to drop off our envelopes while Eric packed his bike. With that done, we are now officially starting the Four Corners tour. We have twenty-one days to complete this ride. Is the weather going to cooperate? We've already had some rain, and Eric just loves riding in it!!!!!! Are the bikes going to make the long ride? Are we going to be mentally and physically able to finish? Time will tell. Because we are now on the clock, we will be hitting the road earlier, which means no time for continental breakfasts. Normally, the breakfasts start at 6 or 7 AM, but we will be leaving the parking lot at that time, if not sooner. This first day will be the longest since we left home on June 1. Our destination is Brunswick, Georgia. With a three hour drive from Key West to Miami, then the morning traffic in Miami, we were anticipating a long day. I was surprised at the number of State Troopers we saw on I-95 from West Palm Beach to Jacksonville, Florida. If we had that many Chippies writing tickets, I think our State budget would be in the black. Total mileage: 614 miles.

Day 11: Thursday, June 11, 2009 0615

Leaving Brunswick, we headed to Congaree National Park. This 24,000-acre park protects the largest contiguous area of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the United States. Then we headed to the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Parkway is actually 469 miles long, starting from Waynesboro, Virginia from the north to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park in the south.

We were only traveling a short section from Fancy Gap to Roanoke, Virginia, where we were staying for the night. Before starting this tour, Eric had purchased a helmet camera to film videos during our travels. He also was carrying a digital SLR.



We both got to hold one of the gold bars on display.

Getting a little hungry, we headed to Margaritaville, made famous by Jimmy Buffet.

Back on the trolley, we saw the Hemingway House, President Harry Truman's Little White House, & the Southernmost Point of the continental United States. While taking photos at the point, a Yamaha rider pulled up. His name is John Ryan & he started his trek at Prudhoe Bay, on the North Shore of Alaska. 5,191 minutes (86 hours & 31 minutes) later, he was in Key West, having traversed 5,645 miles, the entire North American Continent the long way. He destroyed the existing time record for this trip by a clean 9.5 hours.



I was carrying a small digital point and shoot camera. Well, for some reason, his laptop computer, being old, was working verrrrrry slowly. Therefore, I was not able to connect my hard drive to his computer and download the remaining routes onto my GPS. Not having the information in the GPS, I elected to stop collecting my National Park stamps. Total mileage: 551 miles.

Day 12: Friday, June 12, 2009 0700

Not having to worry about getting stamps now, we headed down the Interstate, versus the Blue Ridge Parkway. Before getting to Staunton, Eric got on his CB and said that his bike was making some loud noises and that we need to stop at the next Harley Davidson shop. We arrived at Staunton H/D at eight-thirty. The dealer didn't open until nine. While his bike was in the shop, I headed to a Home Depot to get some parts to fix the broken bracket that holds my GPS. When we were traveling through Miami, I stopped at another Home Depot to get some JB Weld to fix it, but it was only a temporary fix. Buying a metal bracket, I was able to remount the GPS. I needed to stop at the local fire station to resize the holes on the bracket. One of the firefighters was from the Victorville area. I told him he would not recognize the area now, due to the growth of Victorville, Apple Valley and Hesperia. While at the station, Eric called to give me the news about his bike. They found a worn bearing that needed to be replaced, and they did not have the part. The closest dealer with the part was in Roanoke, ninety miles away. Isn't that where we started from this morning? Ah, well, back to Roanoke to pick up a \$15.00 part. I guess that is why Harley riders need a Honda rider in their group, to get parts when they break down. Six hours later, we are back on the road. We make it to Hagerstown, Maryland. Zumer's total mileage: 442 miles.

Day 13: Saturday, June 13, 2009 0615

To avoid traveling through Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City and Boston, we stayed on Interstate 81 to Scranton and Binghamton. Then we took Interstate 88 to Albany, New York, then on Highway 9 to Keene, New Hampshire. Highway 9 is a biker's dream! Nice sweeping turns. Total mileage: 516 miles.

To be continued next month

MOVIN' ON

by John Del Santo

Here it comes! The season when the birds are chirping and the schools are letting out for the summer and a large part of the population is taken with "The Great American Urge to be Somewhere Else" It's Moving Day!

Homes and apartments are moved at the end of every month, but the two biggest times of the year for "Moving Day" are when schools close for the summer, and just before they reopen in the fall. These are times that motorcycle riders must be way more alert for junk on the road. A lot of the moving is done by people in pick-up trucks, two of the most common exercises done by the Yuppie crowd is jogging, and helping divorced friends move. You can tell by how people pack things in a pickup if they have any idea of what they are doing. People watch the TV NEWS and see a hurricane in Florida that has a 65 MPH wind ripping the shutters off of houses, and then they'll load a whole bunch of furniture in their pick-up without any type of tie-downs. They drive down the Freeway at 65 MPH and expect that stuff to actually stay in the back of the truck. "WHOA" here it comes!... mattresses and chairs, ladders and garbage cans flying out of the truck as we brake and weave on our motorcycles like targets in a video game, trying not to be killed. In Louisiana recently a bathtub fell out of the back of a pick-up and slid into the path of a motorcyclist! We know there's potential trouble when you spot someone with stuff on the roof of their vehicle held on with about six long pieces of string, or they have their arm stretched out the window trying to hold something on the roof. The most common thing to find on the roadway are Bungee Cords. The second most common thing to find on the roadway is the stuff that the Bungee Cords used to be holding. Ya' can't trust them!

Now here comes the big Conga-Line of "U-Rent-um" trucks. Eight feet wide and twenty-five feet long being driven by someone who has never driven anything bigger than a Hyundai before. They have no idea how to use the mirrors, no idea how many blind spots are around them or where they are, and no idea that with that extra weight it will take a lot longer to stop the vehicle. Don't stay anywhere near them!

As motorcycle riders, to protect ourselves we need to keep an eye as far up the road as possible, to watch for other vehicles swerving around things already lying in the road, and when we spot the rental-trucks and loaded pick-ups... BEWARE !

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