



May 7 - Ride 4 Kids

May 14 - Cuyama Valley

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## From the Riders Seat

By Roy Hooper

Track Day has been set for **May 30** and we look forward to a great member turnout. Our member Eric Munck from Fillmore will be the instructor. See Eric's article in this issue for all the info.

We are getting closer and closer to the Ride For Kids on May 7 and I will give out \$20 gift certificates to our members that make donations. See Lou's article in this issue for all the info.

Mark your calendar for **July 4** as we do the Channel Islands Parade for our second time. The parade starts at 11 and we need to show up at 9:30 to decorate our bikes 2860 Harbor Blvd. We need 2 kids to hold our banner just like last year so if you have some in mind let me know. Any suggestions for a sunny lunch after the parade? You can view our photos from last years parade at <http://www.pbase.com/calcoastriders/ciparade2005>.

The History Channel had a new special on the James Dean crash on Rt. 46. They came to the conclusion that the driver of the vehicle that turned in front of him possibly did not see him because the color of his dark silver Porsche blended in with the pavement and that DRLs (Daytime Running Lights) could have made James Dean more visible. Luckily we have DRLs on our bikes but we still need to be cautious all the time.

Motorcycle Consumer News magazine has determined that the best way to get the slick coating off new tires is to use a wire brush found at hardware stores for around \$10. So you might want to bring a brush with you the next time you get new rubber.

RideSafe. **CCR**

## Track Day

By Eric Munck- Instructor and CCR Member

Track Day at [Buttonwillow Raceway](#) northwest of Bakersfield will be Tuesday May 30th and I suggest people to sign up for that ASAP. Tuesday is the day after Memorial Day, which means there will be fewer riders at the track and more room for us. Cost would be \$ 150 per rider and this includes catering, tech-inspection, instruction and for an extra \$ 20, Dave Moss will even set up your suspension!

I recommend replacing the antifreeze with a mixture of distilled water and "Waterwetter" which is a heat transfer en-

hancing agent that also is a corrosion inhibitor. Manufactured by Redline Oils it is available from most speed shops and auto parts stores. Don't recall if Cal Coast carries it... if need be we can organize a coolant replacement day at my place in Fillmore, and I'll just order in a few cases of Waterwetter. Each bike takes a bottle and they cost 8 or 9 bucks each.

In my opinion, nylon or other fabric motorcycle apparel doesn't offer nearly as good protection as leather, so for a track day, please wear real leather! If you don't have one, they can be rented at the track for \$ 85 for the whole day and you can also get a smokin' deal on a suit at the track. As far as gloves go, no one makes a finer glove than Held. Get the ones with rivets on the palms, if you ever fall off your bike, you WILL thank me for this advice. I found out the hard way in turn 3 at Buttonwillow .... Robert is the man to talk to about renting or buying new or slightly used track suits. His number is (661) 332 7056

If you want to put some really good DOT approved track tires on your bike, I recommend Michelin Power Race Medium compound tires. On my R1, which is a dedicated track bike, I get 8 - 10 full track days on the front and 4 days on the rear. As an instructor, I often ride 2 out of three sessions every hour, ( this means I spend twice as much time on the track), so you should expect these tires to last even longer than they do for me.

If you have never been to the track before, I can assure you that you are going to have an incredible amount of good, safe fun. The learning curve isn't any steeper than you choose to make it, and all the instructors are available to answer any question you might have. Don't worry about braking points or downshifting techniques, that all comes naturally once you have become familiar with the track. Just relax, enjoy the event and pay attention to what we show you. At the end of the day, your confidence level and skills will have reached truly amazing heights. Yup, it's addicting....

One more point: Dorrie and Mark Duncan work really hard to put on first class events (to date over 300 track days!) which feature catering, free instruction and genuinely pleasant atmosphere. They do this for the love of the sport (they actually both have to work REAL, full time jobs to survive financially) so lets all show our support and just Do It! Shiny Side Up! [semashow2005@yahoo.com](mailto:semashow2005@yahoo.com) **CCR**

## Ride for Kids

By Lou Vanderveen

The Ride For Kids is May 7 which is just around the corner. Visit my personal fund raising page <http://firstgiving.com/louisvanderveen> for those that want to contribute but cant make the ride. I will make sure that anybody that donates through this safe and secure website will get credit to the Cal Coast HRCA! PLUS as a "thank you" Roy will GIVE YOU a \$20 gift certificate to Cal Coast Motorsports. So with the minimum donation being \$35 per BIKE which includes donuts, bread, delicious pastries and all kinds of drinks and the bag lunch it is like paying only \$15 for this great cause. The next level is \$50 which includes a RFK T shirt that you can wear to show people that you are doing your part in helping Kids with brain tumors. I have raised about 30% of my goal and your donations are welcomed. Our Club will be giving away our Club bears to these kids so you don't want to miss that. We LEAVE at 7 am at the Jack in the Box on Victoria in Ventura, head to the McDonalds on Stham Ave. and Oxnard Blvd. for a pick up at 7:10 and then continue on PCH to the Honda HQs. Visit our site for the latest info.



**REMEMBER- Many Kids are living longer because of donations made to the Ride For Kids. WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. CCR**

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## CalCoast Riders 2006 Calendar of Events [Visit CalCoastRiders.com](http://CalCoastRiders.com) for latest ride info.

- May 7 Ride 4 Kids Brain Tumor Fundraiser. LEAVING AT 7 AM
- \*May 14 Cuyama on Hwy 166. via Tepusquet Rd.
- May 21 GWTA Southern California Chapter O is presenting its STRAW-O-BERRY RIDE, a great ride through the Ventura County backcountry. Start and Finish is at Cal Coast Motorsports, 5455 Walker St., Ventura, CA. Registration opens at 10 AM, pre-registration contact Chuck Burton at 805/647-7382 or [chbvta@pacbell.net](mailto:chbvta@pacbell.net) Pre-registration \$10, on-site registration \$12.
- \*June 11 Lake Isabella.
- July 4 Channel Islands Parade! Parade starts at 11 and we need to show up at 9:30 to decorate our bikes 2860 Harbor Blvd.
- \*July 9 Paradise Cove on PCH
- \*August 13 Cold Springs Tavern.
- August Downed Officers Ride and August 3rd- Annual Teen Challenge MC Run Fundraiser Event. Visit Bikers For Christ for info.
- \*Sept- 10 Pine Mountain Club in Kern County.
- \*Oct. 8 Devil's Punch Bowl- we will stop at Charlie Brown's in Pearblossom to buy a lunch-to-go. Rick Bell leading.
- \*Nov. 12 Harley's Rock Inn in Leona Valley. We will leave Jack's at 8:15 so that we can see the VIPs at the front of the pack. Rick Bell leading.

Most rides **LEAVE at 9:00am** from Jack-in-the-Box on Victoria in Ventura. Rides are usually on the second Sunday of the month and you do not have to be a member to ride with us. Contact Roy Hooper if you would like to lead a ride...it's FUN!