



Hilltoppers MC

Meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday @ 7.30p
Next up May 27th and June 10th



Harold Klaus 1944-2009



We lost Harry on March 25th, after a long and courageous bout with pancreatic cancer.

Harry grew up in North Long Beach, California. Graduated Jordan High School, Class of "63". Motoring around town on a chopped 50's triumph, and a V8 powered 48 Chevy. He was part of the "In Crowd" and had a huge passion for Motorcycles and Cars alike.

Harry joined the Hilltoppers MC in 1979, and really enjoyed riding with dirt bikes. He was the Hilltoppers president from 1993 to 2007. He accepted this often thankless job when no one wanted to step up and he ran the club with a great sense of tradition, loyalty, and of course humor. It's not an easy task to herd a crew of aging, stubborn, deaf, and opinionated Hilltoppers - all of who know the 'right way' to do things.

The Hilltoppers Club House is a walk through the history of the Hilltoppers and District 37 events. He was the Club historian and is largely responsible for the history and keepsakes it preserves. The Club House was dedicated in his Honor September 20, 2008.

Harry enjoyed D-37 events, Desert, Enduros, Grand Prix's, and most of all Bench racing and drinking beer with his buddies. He never had a discouraging word about friends and acquaintances, he was a class act. He was a D-37 and Big 6, rep. and would always champion the cause of D-37 even if he didn't agree.

Much more importantly, the Hilltoppers are part of Harry's family. Countless trips to the California Desert, Mexico, traveling Europe, fishing in Alaska, or just grabbing a bite after work. Harry did not take friendship lightly, sounds cliché, but he's as solid as it comes. We will miss him dearly. Harry is survived by wife Pat, sister, Kathy Shable, and family.

Race Wrap-up, Letter from the Prez

April 30, 2009 - Letter from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Hilltoppers, family and friends who attended and worked the 35th Annual Hilltoppers 29 Palms Wild West Grand Prix April 4th and 5th, 2009 and also Thanks to all of the Captains, Officials and Officers for fine job well done.

I would like to extend a Special Thank You to Brian Hoffmann, Joe Dowler, the Meyers, Alan Clarke, Don, Pete, and Carrol, members and friends from 29 Palms who spent many days preparing the Race Course, Kid's Track, corral and camp grounds for the event.

The Race was very successful with over 1100 entries, everything went smoothly and there were a minimum of injuries. A big Hooray! goes to the Start Line crew for starting every race on time and in a safe manor. The Finish line guys held up there end of the bargain as well and Ronnie Smiths sweep team logged some serious miles. The scoring this year was great, Bill and Lori Bateman & Crew did fine job, Dave O' handled Ref duties in the same fashion. All Races had results within one hour from each event and this years Trophies were a big hit. Great job to the sign up crew led by Pee Wee and crew, and to all involved in these tasks!

The Big 6 Series is one of the largest Amateur Series in the United States and is getting bigger, and is actively pursuing big name sponsors to support the Big Six Series. The Big 6 encourages continued professionalism at all of the Big 6 Series events. Name sponsors are impressed when they observe professionalism and consistency.

Let me again thank everyone once again for a job well done and hope to see ya soon.

Sincerely, Robert Mathis – President

Denby Ride 2009, wrap up – Thanks to Denby for putting on another great ride weekend. We had a great turnout, excellent ride conditions and a good time was had by all. Thanks again, Denby, you rock!

Club Banquet – June 13th

The banquet is set for June 13th. Location is Tracy's Bar & Grill in Long Beach. This is going to be a special event, come one, come all. Cost will be approx \$20, details to follow. RSVP to Steven Vince, 562-304-3686.

May 21st to 25th Bad Kitty Ride, Part Deux

We're full up at 21 people for this ride. I've included details below, call me anytime if you have any questions, 562-304-3686. You'll be able to leave vehicles at Bob and Nancy's, it's safe and has good view.

Schedule:

Thursday 05/21	Arrive at Bob and Nancy's, K32 South of San Felipe.
Friday 05/22	Ride to Gonzaga Bay - Pete Brown's house
Sat 05/23	Hang in Gonzaga, fish, ride, etc.
Sunday 05/24	Hang in Gonzaga or depart for home, your call.
Monday 05/25	Head home.

Food: Food will be provided for Friday (breakfast and dinner), Sat (breakfast, lunch, dinner), Sunday (breakfast, lunch), we'll go to the Cantina for Sunday night dinner, pay your own way.

What you're responsible for:

Money: We're going to charge just \$25.00 a head. This goes to the cost of the food, chase truck gas, etc. The club will pay the rest (Beer not included, our stimulus package was lost in the mail).

Fuel: I will not carry gas cans. It's 80 miles from Bob and Nancy's to Gonzaga, you'll be able to get gas in Gonzaga and possibly Puertacitos.

Sleeping bag and clothes: Everyone has to carry they're own gear this year, too cramped on space with only one truck going.

Fishing: You must have a Mexican fishing license to fish in Gonzaga. You can get a license at any major tackle shop here in the US. If you are going to fish bring you own rod, reel, etc.

House Rules While in Gonzaga:

NO Riding on beach
NO Riding on runway
NO Paper in toilets

NO flush after pissing
NO Fireworks
Beer Drinking O.K.

Buy and Sell:

Harry's bikes are for sale. PeeWee is handling all sales, contact him directly at 714-350-8241.

- **Husky 2005**, 450TE electric start, asking \$3,500.00-\$4,000.00 Very nice bike.
- **Husky 510**, Licensed, asking \$850.00-\$1,000.00.
- **Husky 250**, 2str with new motor and lots of spare parts including wheels asking \$1,200.00.
- **1972 CZ**, asking \$4,500.00. Harry just had complete new suspension including a custom swing arm new triple clamps, bars, and levers(cost \$3,800.00)

Editorial contributions are welcome, as are buy and sell items, trail ride info, non district race dates etc.
Submit them to Steven Vince at Svince@2roads.com or call 562-304-3686