



Hilltoppers MC



May 2010 Newsletter

Club Meetings: Every 2nd and 4th Wed of the month at 6.30pm
 Dues are due!! If you haven't paid please do so, \$36.00 makes you bona fide.

Letter from the President,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Hilltoppers, family and friends who attended and worked Harry Klaus Memorial 29 Palms Wild West Grand Prix April 3rd and 4th, 2010.

I would like to extend a Special Thank You to Brian Hoffmann, Joe and Sean Dowler, Don, and Carrol, the Meyers, Alan Clarke, and the 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 a success with over 800 entries. Down from last year of course but on par with the first two rounds of the series (actually better, but we won't brag). The challenge of Easter weekend was embraced by the club, having a nondenominational Sunrise Service and Easter Egg hunt for the little ones. Both were appreciated and very well received. Thanks to Laura Little for performing the service and the Dodd family for putting the egg hunt together.

Feedback from the riders has been a unanimous thumbs up! From the course lay-out, track prep, and maintenance, to sign-up, start and finish crews, sweep team, flag team – heck, even the gate captain received some compliments. Everyone involved did a fantastic job and the riders showed their appreciation. Injuries were kept to a minimum. One rider was transported via helicopter but his injuries were limited to some torn knee ligaments, great news.

Thanks again to everyone for keeping our races on time and safe throughout the weekend. I won't try and fit everyone's name in this letter but please know that your help is appreciated and doesn't go un-noticed. This club is built on decades of friendship and experiences – I truly believe that it shows in our races and our ability to put on a first class event.

The Big 6 Series is one of the largest Amateur Series in the United States and continues to grow. The Big 6 encourages continued professionalism at all of the Big 6 Series events. Title 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,

*Steven Vince – President
 Hilltoppers M.C.*

***** Upcoming Events *****

Hilltoppers Club Banquet – June 12th, in 29 Palms

Our banquet is set for June 12th out in 29 Palms. We're going to have a field meet during the day at the race track. Followed by dinner and awards in town at a restaurant to be determined.

- **Date:** June 12th
- **Field Meet:** start at 11.00am or so, ending mid afternoon.
- **Banquet time:** 6.30p cocktails, 7.30p for dinner.
- **Banquet location:** Rocky's New York Style Pizza - 73737 29 Palms Hwy, in 29
- **Cost:** \$20.00 per person or less. No need to RSVP

All friends and family are encouraged to attend. You're welcome to camp at the track if you'd like. We realize it'll be hot but we'll have to do our best to stay cool and quench our thirst. We hope everyone can make it, it should be a great day.

Hilltoppers 65 Year Reunion – September 18th, 2010.

That's right, another five years has passed and it's time for our 65 year reunion. We're set to have a big dinner, presentation and celebratopm for all Hilltoppers - Past and Present, Family, and Friends. It will be a great evening of seeing old friends, bench racing and all around Hilltopper hi jinx. Details included below, please call Dave Oakleaf (reunion chairman) at 562-713-5658 or Steven Vince at 562-304-3686 or SVince@2roads.com if you have any questions.

- **Date:** Saturday, September 18th 2010
- **Location:** Best Western/Golden Sails Hotel
6285 E Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach CA 90803
- **Time:** 6:00pm for cocktails, dinner at 7:30pm
- **Cost:** \$25.00 per person, cash bar
- **RSVP:** RSVP by July 31st. To either Dave O' 562-713-5658 or Steven Vince 562-304-3686 or SVince@2roads.com
- **Happy hour:** if you arrive early, we have a hospitality suite reserved that will have beverages and hors d'oeuvres starting at 3.00pm or so.

Hotel Room Reservation Info: Best Western Golden Sails Hotel

For room reservations mention "Hilltoppers Reunion" and receive a discounted rate of \$89.00, +12% tax. 72-hour cancellation notice.

- **Phone:** 562-596-1631
- **Web:** <http://www.goldensailshotel.com/>

Sunday morning pancake Breakfast, Sept 19th

We're going to have a pancake breakfast Sunday morning, Sept 19th after the reunion. Everyone is welcome to join us at the clubhouse. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, more bench racin, and check out the clubhouse memorabilia.

- **Location:** Hilltopper Clubhouse – 2588 Olive, Long Beach CA 90806
- **Time:** 9.30am to whenever

Hilltoppers Desert Scrambles, October 31st 2010.

Our desert race is back and we need to step it up. We've got to get the race committee up and running and get a jump on it. We're looking for someone to step up as Course Captain and need folks to start scouting. Our race will be in Johnson Valley, Soggy dry lake area. Let me know if you're available and want to help out.

Catalina Grand Prix is back!! December 3-4-5, 2010

The seas have parted and yes, hell froze over. The infamous Catalina Grand Prix is back for 2010. It will be organized and run by the Big 6, with all of the clubs pitching in. This is a one year deal, any subsequent GP's will depend on the success or failure of this event. Stay tuned for more details. If you want to attend the event, we recommend you call and make room reservations ASAP as it will fill up wit a quickness. Check out <http://www.catalina.com/> and hit the lodging tab.

Next Up in District 37 and other events:

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| • May 22 nd | SoCal MC | Team Night Race | Razor Road |
| • May 28 th | 100's MC | Team Night Race | TBD |
| • June 5 th | SCORE | BAJA 500 | Ensenada BC |
| • June 12-13 th | RUTS | Dual Euro Scrambles | Johnson Valley |

More great news from the Hilltopper clan:

Carroll Risbon's oldest granddaughter, Brianne Weldon, is Graduating from UC Berkeley with a BA in Landscape Architecture. Needless to say, he is very proud of her and she will be working toward her Masters Degree at Cal Poly Pomona in the fall. Congrats!!