



Hilltoppers MC

Newsletter, June 2006



Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month. Next meeting is Wed, Jun 28th.

What's the word in Hilltopper Country? Events – Past, Present, Future

The Hilltoppers mourn the loss of two family members.

Sheryl Lynn McKeen, daughter of Emery and Judy McKeen, was killed March 26 in a motorcycle accident. A terrible loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. The Hilltoppers have made a donation on Sheryl's behalf to the Payson, AZ High School Softball program.

Harold Soens passed away on March 30th after suffering a heart attack. Harold was a great person and a tireless champion for the off road community. Always a quick wit, his enthusiasm for life was contagious. Godspeed Harold, you will be missed.



Events Past:

Hilltoppers Wild West Grand Prix at 29 Palms

Man, where to start. Simply put, one of the finest GP's in the modern era. Outstanding effort by everyone involved and a great turnout with over 1300 race entries. Very few complaints from the hard to please GP racers – it's an odd day on the D37 internet message board when no one has anything to bitch about. Course lay out was great and conditions superb with all the water and grooming throughout the weekend.

Thanks to everyone who labored for the weeks before the event, during the event and after the event. From the equipment operators, track crew, sign up, start team, referee, flaggers, gate team, cook team, finnish crew, etc. Too many names to include them all but you know who you are - Especially the 29 crew, you guys made it happen in record time, Big Thanks.

The standard was set for the Big 6 that weekend, other clubs better be on their game. A few things to improve on of course but truly a great showing for the club. I can't really do it justice here, simply too much to report on the weekend. Again, thanks to all involved. Event photos posted at www.HilltoppersMC.com.

2006 Pete "Bad Kitty" Brown Gonzaga ride

Woوو Doggie....errr Kitty. Needless to say a good time was had by all. We had 22 people total, 19 on bikes, 3 in a truck and not one live chicken for miles. A great couple days of riding along with world class bench racing, libations and general tomfoolery. A

few get-offs but everyone made it home safe and without injury. Many stories to tell but as the saying goes...those that live in glass houses....

Thanks to Bob Daily – It turns out he runs an oasis for wayward dirt bikers. Complete with 24 hour truck storage and security, hot showers, welding, cowboy coffee, cold beer and beds for 10 or more. Thanks Bob, we had a great time and appreciate you being there.

Thanks to Pete Brown – What a great couple of days. Gonzaga weather was perfect and you can't beat the waterfront beach accommodations. Thanks for letting us mess up your place.

Thanks to Christian Lee – Holy mackerel, we've never eaten so well in Mexico. Seemed just as we finished with one meal another one was served. Didn't miss a beat all weekend – We ate like Kings I tell ya'.

You do not want to miss this ride next year – Great riding, great friends, great fun. Check out www.HilltoppersMC.com for the photos.

Present:

Big 6 GP's

Our GP Squadron has taken some hits but keeps on rockin. I'm looking for a GP Race Reporter. If anyone that races the GP's would like to submit race reports we can get them in the newsletter and give y'all some props. Doesn't have to be long, just a few paragraphs. Always looking for good content, let me know if you want to do it for the Big 6.

Hilltopper Club House Rental

Our renters hit the road and the house is need of a few things. Pee Wee has been in charge and things are moving at a good clip. That said, we still need a bunch of work done before someone can move in, ideally on July 1st. Please take a look below.

Item that need to be done before we rent the Clubs Rental:

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| 1) Fix Back porch (rebuild?) | 2) Clean windows | 3) Clean cabinets in hall and Bath |
| 4) Remove kitchen floor covering | 5) replace ceiling fan in bedrooms | 6) Concert Front Walk |
| 7) Replace screen on back door | 8) Install new mini blinds | 9) Trim Trees on side |
| 10) Some floor work to be Detailed. | 11) Take out trash, water the grass. | |

Repairs that have been done or are in the process:

All carpet: removed, major clean-up, dump run.

Kitchen: New sink, Stove top, Oven, Vent-a-Hood

Hot water heater relocated to back of house, out side.

Dry wall repair, and the interior has been painted.

Bath room: New Tub/shower in, Sink/Pullman

Electrical up grades,

Copper repiping of the house, drain replacement.

Note from PeeWee - We have had a lot of interest in the house, we have a for rent sign on the house, with a plan for July 1 as the completion date. If you can help with **anything** please let Pee Wee know mthomas@wirecut-co.com or 714-994-1170.

Membership

New Member: Art Forman has been voted in as our newest member. He and his son have been riding the GP's and all you GP'ers probably already know him. He seems to be a good guy, well at least he brings beer to the meetings. Welcome aboard Art.

Honorary Member: The club voted in James Mooney as an honorary member. Pretty much everyone knows James and his family, great people. Thanks for all your help, we appreciate it.

New Race Jersey's

Our newest member Art Foreman went right to work attempting to class up the Hilltoppers - that's no small order. He is spearheading the jersey committee. The preliminary Artwork is done (see below), we should have pricing information soon. Feel free to chime in if you have any suggestions.



Future Events:

Hilltopper Annual Banquet

The Banquet has yet to be scheduled but we're working on it. It will be in the 29 Palms area this year, details will follow when they get ironed out.

Hilltopper Desert Scrambles – Oct 28-29, 2006

It's never too early to get things going. We had a great course last year but there are a few things we need to work on. Per usual we're looking for a course captain, check captains, guys to scout the course, mark the course, etc. Feel free to step up, we need all the help we can get.

Dues are still due. Please pay your \$\$, thanks.

Full Hilltoppers MC membership is \$36.00, Associates Membership is \$18.00

Check payable to: Hilltoppers MC, 5482 Santa Catalina, Garden Grove, CA 92845

Buy and Sell: *1) One slightly used pack of gummy bears. Only ridden twice, once on a flat tire. Contact Lee Hamby* *2) 2000 Husqvarna TE 610 low hours \$2200.00, contact Dan Arcese – cell 562-244-5003*

Once again, 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