



# Hilltoppers MC

Newsletter, Jan 2006



Merry New Year to all Hilltoppers, Friends and Family.

Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday's of the month. Next meeting is Wed, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Meetings every Wednesday starting in February.

## What the F\*#% is up in Hilltopper Country?

Events – Past, Present, Future

### Past:

#### Hilltoppers “Positively Ghoulish” Desert Scrambles – Oct 30th

We had our annual Desert Scrambles on Roctober 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout with 300+ riders attacking the 40 mile loop. We had a few hiccups but very few injuries and the riders truly loved the course.

Thanks to Danny Fitzgerald for the great course lay out. He spent days in the desert all by his lonesome, found some great terrain and created a bitchin loop. Thanks to Harry for the coolest finisher pins I've seen in a long time. Thanks to all re-enforcements who arrived to mark the course, work sign-ups, run checks, start the race, flag crossings, ride sweep and all the other thankless jobs. Thanks to Al Guzman for doing our results, he does an awesome job and is wicked fast.

That said, our desert race needs some serious help and there is on-going discussion on whether or not to have the race in 2006. We were simply too short on man-power and we need more guys to pitch in. It's a great event and we're starting to build some notoriety with the Halloween theme - trick or treating, costume contest, etc. It's a great weekend and much easier to put on compared to the 29 Palms GP. We will not put on a sub-par event simply to do it. It needs to be Hilltopper quality and we need everyone to step it up a notch for 2006. Group hug!

#### SCORE Baja 1000. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 2005 by Scott Hamby

##### Hilltoppers MC Class 50

1<sup>st</sup> in Class 50 with and elapsed time of 19 hours 8 minutes and an average speed of just over 37 miles an hour was the Team of Jack Johnson, Chris Haines, and Hilltopper Bob Johnson. They finished 33 overall. Kick Ass.

##### Hilltoppers MC Class 40

2<sup>nd</sup> in Class 40 and 56<sup>th</sup> overall was the bike registered to Mark Jerman but it had all of your favorite Hilltoppers. Mark Vanscourt, Steve Buckley, and Joe Bolton. They put together a great ride.

They finished in just 20 hours and 51 minutes. They averaged 33.9 MPH for the entire 709 miles. Very good to see the Hilltopper stickers on the bike. It was really great meeting up with their crew for breakfast Saturday morning and having everyone back to our hotel to for beers and BS all afternoon. Nice work guys.

##### Hilltoppers MC Class 30 (the ugly crew)

Greetings from Florida. Thanks to everyone that went to mexico and lent us a hand in competing in this years Baja 1000. We had a great time, everyone was safe, and we finished. Could really not ask for more.

Danny Fitzgerald, Bobby Nix and I agreed to ride this years race. After signing up and giving Honda the money for the pits, Bruce Ogilvie contacted my by E-Mail: “Course is tough, might want to consider another rider”. About three weeks before the race we added Matt Shook from the Dirt Diggers to ride two sections for us.

Danny Started and took the bike to Race Mile 76. I was standing on Highway 3 with my hand held radio and I kept trying to contact Danny. He transmits that he is not having a good ride. I said, “Danny, you are doing great. Are you on the Highway yet?” No sound for a couple of seconds.  
“Not yet.” Says Danny.

“Let me know when you're on the Highway, Danny.” A few minutes later he says, “OK I'm coming down the highway.” We were about 8 minutes behind the leader of our class at that point. He did a great job getting the bike there in one piece.

Matt Shook got on and headed up the summit. Matt had a flat rear tire before Honda 3, but other then that, a flawless ride. He got to Honda 4 at Borego around noon. Danny and I were there waiting for Matt, Travis Pastrana's rolling circus came by and

interviewed Danny for their show. Danny talked about the Hilltoppers and our involvement in SCORE racing. He was doing a great job, but when they asked him if he was a fan of Pastrana, he said "NO". It was beautiful!

That is where I got on the bike. I rode a 50 mile section of Whoops down to San Felipe. It took about an hour and a half to get there, but I made it. Once I got to the Dump road, I put the bike in 5<sup>th</sup> stood up and leaned my head out over the front fender and did not get off the gas until I gave the bike to Bobby Nix. Man that was a rush.

We gave Bobby around 3 hours to ride a 4 hour section. A slight miscalculation in the lighting had Bobby riding at night, with the trucks, with the light you see on the bike above. Bobby made it to RM 391 (Honda 9) at around 5:30pm. We put a new front and rear tire on and gassed up. Danny gave everyone a hug and took off up to Matias. We jumped in the truck and headed to the Valle De Trinidad for my next section.

As we made it our of the Matias Pass on Highway 3, I hear Danny talking on his radio. He said the front tire was spinning on the wheel and he can not use the front brake. He got off the course and took the Mikes road back to highway three. We met him there and put the front tire we had taken off at 9 back on the bike. He was back up the road before 7pm.

We expected Danny would take around 4 hours to get around the Meling ranch loop. Danny had a tough ride. First off, it was right at freezing, dark and dusty. Danny fell off in some water and doused the bike. He said he had to turn the bike upside down to get the water out of it. He bent the Head lights. This really slowed him down. Mark Slater was up on the Meling road with the extra set of lights. That was a life saver.

I rode out to the Pacific side. I got to the Highway at rm 580 and Matt Shook was ready to ride. He left at about 3:30am and road up the coast. I jumped into Mark Slaters truck and fell asleep.

It seemed like all of about 10 minutes, and it was 5:15am I was back on the bike and riding out of Urapan rm 640. At this point I was passing all kinds of Cars, Bikes and Quads that had just stopped. I figure they were either broken, or just waiting for the sun to come up to get going again. The sun came up as I got to Tres Hermanos.

I had cold weather gear and Head lights on the bike for the rest of the race. We finished at 8:25am Saturday Morning.

We finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the 30 pro class. Only 9 finished out of 15 starters. 126<sup>th</sup> overall out of 163 finishers. Great Job guys!

## Present:

The 2006 District 37 season is up and running. We're trying to recruit new desert racing members and need all hands on deck. Danny Fitzgerald is racing again this year and he needs all the help he can get. Danny Arcese (pronounced R-Sace) has had enough of the GP's and has committed to the desert this year. He and his family will be out regularly beginning with the UEA Enduro. Even if you're not racing you might as well pick a race weekend and ride/camp then. We can do some great trail riding on Sat and watch kick ass race action on Sunday morning. It's time for some jock support.

## Future:

### Upcoming District 37 Races

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Jackrabbits MC Hare and Hound, Red Mtn

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - UEA Enduro, Lucerne

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> - Desert MC National Hare and Hound

Feb 5-6<sup>th</sup> - Dirt Diggers Grand Prix, Taft

Feb 12-13<sup>th</sup> - Four Aces - Sat Euro Scrambles, Sun Hare and Hound

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> - Checkers MC Hare and Hound, Lucerne

### Upcoming Hilltopper Events

**Mar 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

#### SCORE San Felipe 250

No racing this year, just fun rides and party time. Ocean front camp spots reserved, contact Steve Vince if you would like to come down.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### Hilltoppers Wild West Grand Prix at 29 Palms

The #1 GP in the Big 6/7 is back with a vengeance.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**

#### 2006 Pete "Bad Kitty" Brown Gonzaga ride

Four day event. San Felipe to Gonzaga, two nights in Gonzaga at Pete's, details to follow, don't blow it!



## Dues are due, pay up Scrubs!

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) 2000 Husqvarna TE 610 low hours, two broken ankles, \$2200.00, contact Dan Arcese - wk 562-595-4687, cell 562-244-5003 2) Christian Lee is selling his balls, low miles, cheap to a good home.

# Baja 1000 Photos

**Team 309x, real beauty queens eh...  
Buckley**  
(Bob Nix, Matt Shook, Scott Hamby, Danny Fitzgerald)



**Bike 449X - Joe Bolton, Helen Vanscourt, Steve  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Class 40. Good show gents.**



**I raced the 1000 and all I got was this lousy  
Finisher pin.**



**Bike 549X – Bob Johnson, Jack Johnson, Chris Haines  
1<sup>st</sup> Place, Class 50. Rock N' Roll**

