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## *Tribute to Steve McQueen in Santa Paula*



SBBMWRiders meet every 3rd Monday of the month at Sizzler @ 5555 Hollister Avenue in Goleta (Hollister & Kellogg) Dinner is around 6:00 PM and the meeting starts around 7:30.

Next meeting: Jan. 19th.

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## Ed's Turn

The new year is upon us. I wish you all health, prosperity and joy. But most of all, I wish you would send some articles. Ha ha. No, seriously.

Time sure flies by when you're busy. It seems like yesterday, I was playing with a PlasmaCNC. Wait, it was yesterday. This is one cool toy. I could really make all my parts... I mean parts for work. I could use one of these in my garage. Oh the possibilities.

Jim.

Bike Porn.



## BLAKE'S TIPS

Happy New Year All! I happened to be watching Mythbusters the other day and the show was about how much damage they could do to a motorcyclist by using a blown truck tire. Well, the experiment didn't go off too well, but the idea of it remained. On almost every ride I see bits of tire tread by the side of the road, or in lanes; they had to come from somewhere. In the past I have been weary of truck tires and if I ever am forced to pass next to a truck, I usually do it as far away from the tires, and as swiftly, as possible. This goes double if I sense the truck is not being well maintained. Also, plan an escape route in case the tire starts shedding tread while you are nearby.

## XR650R Build Up.

Honda made this particular model up to 2007. It has been cast aside for their CRF line of off-road bikes. Up to that point, the XR was the undisputed King of Baja. It is still the weapon of choice for privateers. I made the mistake of saying I was done with my BMW GS. I sold it last fall. So, my new project is the venerable XR650R. It is fast and some what light (lighter than the GS). It is also known as a BRP (Big Red Pig).

I acquired this XR about a year ago. I had owned one previously but sold it because I was tired of kick starting the thing. The XR does not have an electric start feature. Some may say it's a man's bike. I say I need the exercise now. The bike was bone stock and not street licensed. It looked like it just came off the showroom floor, not too bad for a 2002 model.

After installing the necessary parts to render the bike street legal, it was titled and plated. From there, there were some modifications but the big mod came last month. I purchased a fairing made by a guy in Texas and basically turned the bike into a rally replica. (Incidentally, the Dakar Rally is in full swing down in South America as I type.) I had to fabricate the instrument panel to accept the proper compo-

nents. A high capacity fuel tank is a must. A true rally bike will have front and rear tanks. I may add the extra capacity in the future. With big fuel capacity, comes big weight. So I installed one of my big brake rotors. A softer foam seat replaced the stock brick for those long days.



The shakedown ride will be before next month. Then, a week long test will take place during the annual ride at the proving grounds in Texas.

Happy new year!

Jim.

(Article submitted to my company newsletter.)





# Bob's Road Trip

Bob & Nancy Phinney came across a Marine officer touring the Rockies.



Michael roughing it in Asia.

## Chris L.'s Recipe for Hardtack.

Combine 3 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup whole wheat flour, 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal, 1/2 cup cracked wheat, 1 tablespoon sugar and 1 tablespoon salt. Add 1 3/4 cup buttermilk, mix well and knead briefly. Shape dough into golf-ball-sized portions. Dust with flour and roll out to 1/8 inch thick, about 4 inches in diameter. Place on greased and floured baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees, turning about every 4 minutes (about 5 times), until lightly browned on both sides. Cool; then store in waterproof container. Keep from moisture.

This recipe sounds much better than most I found, consisting of flour and water, just like homemade pasta!

James & Co. at Colson Canyon



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