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Fellow Riders,

What a difference a week makes! Last week it sounded like a "loud pipes save lives" convention. Helicopters were flying 50 feet over our house and landing at the Jr High to pick up water and fuel at all hours of the day and night. We evacuated over to the Mesa in the Trooper to get some sleep.

Rode over to the office at State & Hitchcock at 10:00PM last Thursday night as the fire blew West and crossed Hwy 154. It was like a ash snowstorm on the 101. I was resigned to the possibility of the entire Riviera being taken out with

the fire traveling all the way to the ocean, but alas the marine layer arrived. Beware... the embers are like a sleeping giant that could be stirred up at a moments notice.

Headed up to Redding this weekend on the RT for a Cribbage Tourney. Oh joy! Another 100 degree commute in the Central Valley. Looking forward to wearing out the mileage biased Marathon 880's so that a can try the dual compound Pilot Road 2's.

Two years and 23K miles with the RT12.

Be mindful of the ash,

Cy Madrone



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: May 18th.

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Ed's Turn

No update to tell you on the Transalp. The bodywork is still at the painter's. I suppose I could work on the new suspension. But I have a serious case of laziness. But not so lazy that I could not get my XR650R cleaned up to sell. Yes, I just finished it but when the word finish is mentioned, the bike has to go.



On with the next project. Are you ready for this? I'm looking for a Buell Ulysses. A friend has one and he raves about the fuel mileage. 56+ mpg. I test rode an XB12S and wow, what torque. We'll see.

Jim.

BLAKE'S TIPS

Here is a parking vs. a riding Tip. When parking on the street it may not be the best plan to park behind vans, trucks or SUVs that have tailgates high enough to obscure the view of your motorcycle. Drivers frequently back-up prior to pulling out of a tight parking place, and if they can't see your ride it will likely take a hit, causing, at the least, some scratches and, at the worst, a tip-over.

Blake.



Michael, before evacuating.

Notice the cool and calm attitude?
Kramer. Michael Kramer.

Our guest speaker...

R. Stuart Baker

president of Flight Motorcycle Corporation

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Builder of custom Ducati Motorcycles since 2005

Stuart began building custom motorcycles in 2002 with his own '99 Monster 750 slowly turning it into a modern interpretation of a Cafe-Racer. The bike was nearly complete in September '04 when Ducati announced the 2005 Ducati Monster Challenge. Stuart entered the regional show in San Mateo and overwhelming took first place which netted him a spot in the finals in Daytona, FL in April '05. Although out-gunned in horsepower and out-spent, Stuart's congruency of design, overall vision and implementation won out in the end against the platinum credit card crowd which netted him top prize (a 2005 Monster S4R).

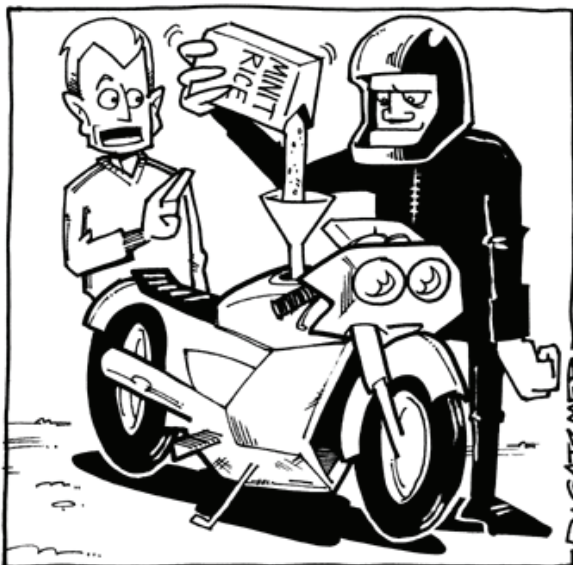
He has since started Flight Cycles devoting his time to building some of the worlds most custom Ducati motorcycles all with an artistic flair and a passion for the minimalist approach. He will be discussing his design philosophies and techniques used in his builds. He will also be discussing the current state of motorcycling today as well as the future of motorcycles in the world marketplace. If there is enough time at the end, Stuart will host a short question and answer portion.



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