



# HSTA - Utah

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## Safety

Since the tag line of the Honda Sport Touring Association is "*Promoting Safety through excellence*", I just thought we should mention the Utah Sport Bike Association Advanced Riders School. The next class will be held on Sunday, June 7 at the E-Center. The people who give these classes know what they are doing. You will need an USBA membership (\$25) to participate. If you pre-register by May 30<sup>th</sup>, the class is \$65. (Unfortunately this newsletter is being mailed too late for that.) After May 30<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$75. Call 966-7021 for more information, or see Roger in the parts department at Plaza Cycle. These classes are sponsored by Metzeler, EBC Lockhart Phillips, Factory and SYED leathers. Classes are limited to 40 riders and are divided into three groups: beginners, intermediate, and advanced.

Julie and I were in the beginners group.

Other classes will be held on:

July 19 - at Utah Valley State College in Orem

Aug 23 - E - Center

Sep 13 (tentative) - Utah Valley State College

Jim Barnes

**On a related note:** I rode my VTR1000F (SuperHawk) over to Denver for Reg Pridmore's CLASS school held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Second Creek Raceway. As Reg says, this is not a racing school but rather a class to improve a rider's street riding by learning some of the skills that he and son Jason have learned through years of racing. CLASS emphasizes smoothness of control above all else and provides a protected environment, a race track, in which to learn and practice. Well worth the time, effort, and money!

Ken Bertran

## Recent Events

We have had our first two group rides since formalizing our existence as an official HSTA state organization. Both rides were well attended, with Bruce Grim, Sandy Coleman, Randy Montgomery, Andi Ely, Jim Barnes, Ken and Eve Bertran attending the first gathering on May 2. The ride up Parley's Canyon and around Jordanell Reservoir departed from the planned route when we took a rather spirited ride up toward Wolf Creek pass. The new section of this road is very nice. Lunch at the Burger Meister was enjoyed by all. After lunch we tried the Alpine Loop but found it still covered with about two feet of snow.

The second gathering for breakfast found 9 of us around a table at the Village Inn on 106<sup>th</sup> South. (10600 South for those of you who are new to Utah's way of numbering streets. We would have had two more attendees if I had given better directions. Apologies to John Miller.) After breakfast, a group consisting of Dan Hall, Brent Bernard, Randy Montgomery and Andi Ely headed for the Alpine Loop and East Canyon and are reported to have had a great time. Bob Dawson, Jim Barnes, Julie Wulf, Ken and Eve Bertran took the planned route along the West side of Utah lake and down through Goshen Canyon to the Nebo Loop. Unfortunately, the Nebo Loop was closed at the top and we had to turn around. Jim and Julie headed back home by way of Highway 89 while Bob, Ken and Eve went up Fairview Canyon and back home through Scofield Canyon for some their best riding of the day.

As is often the case in HSTA, everybody did their own ride. This is one of the things which differentiates us from other motorcycle clubs. On all rides, the planned route is only a suggested route. We will try to plan ways for everybody to do their on ride but still be able to get together as a group at some time during the ride.

## STAR '98

The Sport Touring Annual Rendezvous is June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> in Taos, New Mexico. If you have never attended a STAR, you have missed out on one of the nicest, friendliest and just plain fun motorcycle gatherings in the country. Riders come from all over the county on all brands of bikes to attend this one and we are lucky enough to have it in our own backyard. If you plan to attend, please let Jim or Ken know. If you are undecided or would like more information, call or e-mail Ken.

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## Ride Calendar

### June

Because of **STAR '98**, there are no planned rides for June. Members are encouraged to contact each other (or Jim, or Ken) to arrange local rides. Anybody who is planning to attend **STAR '98** and would like company on the ride down to Taos should contact Ken Bertran or Jim Barnes.

### July 25th

Meet for breakfast at Ruth's Diner in Emigration Canyon at 9:00 AM. Plan to depart for East Canyon, Trapper's Loop and Monte Cristo at 10:30 AM. This is a tentative plan, call Ken or check the June newsletter if you plan to attend.

We would welcome any suggestions on rides, departure points or destinations. If there is something we can do better, let us know!



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