

BREAKFAST RIDERS

Fallen Riders

Mark Pettis Born June 29, 1954 Died April 13, 2002

Mark was born in Denver. He loved photography, woodworking, and camping. His passion was motorcycles and he loved to ride and also knew the total "spirit of the motorcycle". His depth of knowledge of different bikes was an inspiration to me.

As a boy, together with his sisters, Karen and Susan, he enjoyed riding dirt bikes on family trips down to Baja. Mark, in his last years, rode as much as 20,000 miles a year. He enjoyed riding with the Breakfast Riders and attending various BMW events.

Mark was a good father, totally dedicated to his children. In addition to his parents, Earl and Gerry, Mark is survived by his wife Dee and daughters Heidi and son Sean, sisters Karen Boss and Susan Petis, numerous neohews and nieces, fiance Tammy O'Brien and her sons Michael and Tippy. He will be missed by all who knew him.

His friend and riding partner, Larry Hirtzel

John Lind Born 1941 Died 2003

This was going to be a brief look at John Lind's life, his joys, and his family. I got in touch with Peggy and was going to gather info and maybe some old photos from his earlier youth that we could smile at. The plan didn't work. Peggy was not ready to open that wound just yet. Peggy is still on very rough waters -- emotionally and other ways. We should drop her a line now and then to let her know there are many lifelines if she needs them. I hope yet to be able to



get a bio done on John. I met John and Peggy's son and their sweet child - Peggy's grand daughter. They live next door. They are giving Peggy much needed love and support.

Keeping to the somber tone. Another rider has died. Jerry Leewright. His daughter contacted me to get the info about our group for her father. He was going to start riding with us. Alas, it was not to be. He took a bad turn and we lost out on meeting a new friend. For his family and for those of you that knew him, the loss will be big. For us who never met him, the loss is also big -- I hate loosing friends -- even those I haven't met.



Richard 'Dick' Johnson Died Aug 10, 2008

Sad news: 'Dick' Johnson died (heart attack) in the hills south of La Honda. Just south of La Honda, the narrow pavement of Alpine Rd looked glorious with plenty of twisties and great views. Not too far along, Steve waved me over...there was a crash. A few transmissions later and we heard "he is hurt bad". I flew back to the scene. Dick had crashed, and gone about 80 feet down a very steep hill. His wife, Sue, and Stan were down with him. Someone confirmed 911 had been contacted. We were only at the scene a minute when we heard "he is not breathing". I took off over the edge where Stan and I started CPR. In what seemed like a very short time, the emergency workers arrived. They could not revive Dick and then focused on Sue. She had a very nasty bruise on her lower back -- later confirmed as a broken rib. They strapped her to a backboard, then into a stokes, hauled her up, and into a helicopter. Thank you all for your efforts. Sue appreciated our group's aid.



