



October Witch Hunt

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Mystery Dinner Run

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Nine Corvettes left Fresno on the Halloween Witch Hunt Run. We headed North to Merced where we left the highway for the more scenic back roads northeast to our first stop at Turlock Lake for Halloween treats. Turlock Lake was the first rest stop on a 110-mile bike ride Jim & I and Al & Maria Hall has done several times in the past. From this point on we were on the same bike course. Leaving the lake we traveled towards Lake Don Pedro across the dam and around the backside turning onto a narrow one-lane road that not hardly on any map. This road was very scenic with fall colors and some open range cattle (we had to watch for the cow pie mine field). This road had a steep (1000 feet in one mile) drop down into Moccasin Creek power plant. After the steep downhill (brake and low gear test) we turned onto Highway 49/120. We turned off the highway at Chinese Camp and made a loop through the scenic Red Hill road.

Once again on Highway 120/108 we traveled down to Knight's Ferry to our second stop. At Knight's Ferry we walked over to the old historic covered bridge that spans the Stanislaus River. This old bridge has been preserved and is probably the only one in California. We walked through the covered bridge to see the old buildings of Knight's Ferry on the other side. There was an old mill building along with some others all made of brick.

Back in our Vettes again we drove through the town of Knight's Ferry turning on Cemetery Road. This time we were on the North side of the river. This was a very beautiful drive passing by nice homes, a castle home, walnut orchards, more fall color and that's where we found the witch. As we climbed up a small hill she was up high on a power pole. It seems she flew right into that pole.

We crossed the river at Oakdale. On the Oakdale-Waterford Highway a new Mercedes was trying to impress Allen & Nancy and Darroll & Debbie with his power. Shouldn't mess with vettes. Coming in Modesto from the east we found our final destination at the Mallard's Restaurant at McHenry & Briggsmore. We all had a great dinner and then left for Fresno as a group. The only thing is that it started to rain on us at about Merced. And it rained all the way back to Fresno. In spite of the rain, we had a beautiful Fall day, a great run and great people to share the day with.