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## NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Greg Hill - 2008/09/12 03:18

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OK...This is the NorCal BMX tribute thread. If you have pictures, stories, whatever you can post that would be great.

I know there are many many great riders from NorCal and over the years I have heard many times "We get no respect"  
So were here to give it up for the NorCal crew..

Dave Busby, Danny Oakley, Brent Patterson, Brian Patterson, John Crews, Scott Clark, Frank Post, Cecil Johns R.I.P.  
etc..Come on Ron finish this list of great riders for me..We need pictures..

Greg

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by number4 - 2008/09/12 04:52

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How about JC doin a JC!!

[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/Crews\\_small.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/Crews_small.jpg)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/12 08:27

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Hey Greg. This is Roger ( R.Serafin ) on your myspace. The one that got inspired by a song you had on your myspace acct. Thanks for opening up the thread for NorCal. I'll post some photos of some NorCal racers, but i'd like to add to that list of great legends and respectable riders:

Ron and Ritchie Anderson

Jon Anderson

Terry Tennette

Roy David

Geoff Willis

Marc Perez

Bob Madrano

Thomas Ingram

Scott Fifield

Mike Salido

Greg Liggins

Bob Coover

Danny Steplight

Anthony Wadley

Vern Lathan

Bodie Cook

Steve Monroe

Van Argerious

Tony Harmon

Clark Kent

Anthony Martinez

Alan Porter

Shannon Kahahane

Mike Dicipolo

Joe Dicipolo

Charles Townsend

Steve Murphy

Joey Garcia

Joe Stam

R.C. Alderman

Chris Hall

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Randy Bowser  
Fred Hightower  
Chris Torres  
Darrell "Babybear" Hollenbeck  
Stevie Hutchinson  
Rick Palmer  
Steve Delinger  
Crissy Pritchard  
Sean Riola  
Paul and Kristen Eggers  
Andy Giannini  
Stephen Coleman  
Danny Ruby  
Trevor Pieget

Maybe JJ, Chris, and Steve can add to the list.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/12 08:36

Photos of some NorCal riders:

Van Argerious (1) at Lancaster:

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0009.jpg>

Danny Steplight (3) at the Worlds in Las Vegas - Tropicana Hotel Tennis courts:

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0008.jpg>

Mike Salido (3) from factory Skyway at the WinterNats in Chandler. As well as other photos of him.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0007.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Mikesalidoskyway.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0006-2.jpg>

Vern Lathan:

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0061.jpg>

Tony Harmon (38) at Devenshire Dia-Comp Nationals

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/TonyHarmon.jpg>

Bob Madrano and Brian Patterson at the WinterNats - Chandler Az. and Morgan Hill

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0001.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0002.jpg>

Frank Post and Donny Antheron - Chandler, Az

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/AZWinterNats.jpg>

Greg Liggins (71) and Shannon Kahahane (5) Yellow Bell Helmet

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0005.jpg>

Bob ( The Coov ) Coover (6A); still racing as of this day

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0006.jpg>

Little Brent Torres (76)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/BrentTorres.jpg>

Jerry Arroyo jumping over Rick Palmer at Red Devil in Union City.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0002-1.jpg>

I'll post some more later on.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Joe Baumert - 2008/09/12 08:56

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Another Joe, Joe LaMarche. Some guy named Todd Huffman.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/12 16:17

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This is what I think of NorCal riders.:laugh:

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img607.jpg>

I honestly swear I never did this intentionally. Just one of those racing deals.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/12 16:27

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Here is another picture of a very fast NorCal racer. One Stanley Robinson leading the way.

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img610.jpg>

I have a funny story about Stanley. (I don't think Stanley thought it was funnt at the time) Greg might remember this one. Early 79, a whole bunch of us are leaving LAX to fly to Indianapolis for the JAG World Championships. My first time in an airplane.

Anyway, we are all walking through the airport being the loud teenagers that we are, when Stanley yells out, "Hi Jack!" Out of nowhere security guards surround him and off he goes. I don't remember the details of what happened next, but that was some funny stuff right there.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/12 16:37

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This is my favorite NorCal racer. (only because I didn't have to race against him) When I first started dating his sister, now my wife, he was 11 years old. The typical little brother, I remember paying him to "get lost" :laugh:

Jon Anderson...

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img764.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/13 07:23

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Red: How's is Jon doing ? I havene't seen him in years. The last time I heard of him was by Billy Bowerman from Roseville. He told me that Jon was working on top fuel drag car transmissions in Roseville ? But then again, this was at least 5 years ago. Is he still racing off-road r/c cars ? I have a friend that worked with him back in the day ( Derek Furtani ) when Jon was deep into racing r/c cars.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/13 08:43

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Rogelio, Jon is doing well. He has been down here in SoCal for over 15 years. He is working for a company that makes drag racing components, brakes I know of and maybe suspension products.

We only see him a couple times a year, Thanksgiving and Christmas kind of thing. Although, whenever I need help on a home project, he is only too quick to come help out.

Yes he still races dirt R/C trucks, but only as a fun pasttime. (he did R&D for Losi for a few years)

He has no interest in reconnecting with his BMX past. It is just not his thing.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mark\_Lopez - 2008/09/13 14:12

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Red.....please tell Jon that Mark Lopez says hello. Jon was one of my most respected rivals for many years. When I won the World Cup in "84" Jon finished 2nd to me. I always had a ton of respect for Jon as he was fast as hell and as smooth as glass. He was always a very quiet kid and never ran his mouth. Do you have a photo of what Jon looks like today? Here is a pic from 1983 of me and Jon battling at an NBL national in Ohio.

<http://img175.imageshack.us/img175/374/oldbmx011wu2.th.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by norcalrider - 2008/09/13 15:26

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Greg,

Thanks..about time..Nor Cal get something..Dennis Red Baron..nice pic..:P

Great Nor Cal Legends

John Wells  
Greg Turnage  
Charley Venegas (World Champion Speedway)  
Larry Ruiz  
Dave Scott  
Allen Scott  
Wendell Watson  
Ron Zeeb  
Kevin Riding  
Nick Trujillo (Most Insane person on 2wheels)  
Danny Martin

Tracks

Vallejo PAL Track  
Merritt-Oakland  
Concord BMX Track  
Oakdale  
Hayward  
Merced  
Rheem Valley

there's alot of great race stories to be told about the nor-cal days..the jumping contests..open class..

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/13 16:09

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Mark Lopez, thanks for the kind words about Jon. As I stated earlier, I didn't stick around long enough to race him. My wife (Jons' sister) says she remembers Stu saying something along the lines of, "to beat Jon, not only do you have to challenge his physical abilities, but you have to beat his mind too."

Jon was a very technically profecient rider.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Monrezee - 2008/09/14 12:08

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I'll try to post a few.

[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/BrentPAttersonCorona76\\_4x6-ade6d1c9b6ede7b95f3d3a6c7b8a6057.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/BrentPAttersonCorona76_4x6-ade6d1c9b6ede7b95f3d3a6c7b8a6057.jpg)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 13:58

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Lets see if this works

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 14:04

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW150008.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW150008.jpg) One more time

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 14:10

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW160002.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW160002.jpg) The previous picture is Doug Bartling at Mc Clarren park in San Francisco.This page is me at Merritt.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Greg Hill - 2008/09/17 14:17

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Awesome pics!!! Keem em coming..

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by nick2009 - 2008/09/17 14:32

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I remember Venagas and Ritchie, two of my toughest rivals ever. First Chukie came down from No cal, then it was all Ritchie rich. Always a battle when they showed up.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 14:39

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/Johnspics0019.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/Johnspics0019.jpg) This was a few years ago.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 14:42

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/Johnspics0012.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/Johnspics0012.jpg) Santa Clara indoor race 1975

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/17 14:50

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/john0003.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/john0003.jpg) Same Santa Clara race, with Doug Schwerma the original Champion frames owner.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by motomark - 2008/09/18 03:45

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Great pictures guys. I knew when i seen John Wells name on the post i had to look. John you have some of the best old school pictures. Thanks for posting them. :)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/09/18 15:06

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John and I raced each other quite a bit up at Merritt and other tracks but I was always behind him and the other Silver Shield guys, it was still fun though, especially this jump.....

[http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1174/1404239929\\_4e7838af43.jpg](http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1174/1404239929_4e7838af43.jpg)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/09/18 15:08

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Downhill berm at Merritt...

[http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1436/1387660588\\_c1582b974b.jpg](http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1436/1387660588_c1582b974b.jpg)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/09/18 15:13

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Typical start at Merritt, Terry Barker next to me and I think that's Brent Patterson on the Champion with the red, white and blue pads.

[http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1203/1377245752\\_a79f37ed69.jpg](http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1203/1377245752_a79f37ed69.jpg)

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I have this photo below labeled as the last race at Merritt before it became a parking lot, 1976.

[http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1388/1387660942\\_8b12ce8621.jpg](http://farm2.static.flickr.com/1388/1387660942_8b12ce8621.jpg)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/18 15:41

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[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW160001.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/JW160001.jpg) Here ya go Spike same jump.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/18 16:50

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Great stuff, John and Spike! Welcome back to the both of you.

Hey John, are you in this picture? I see some Silver Shield jerseys in there.

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/mastersrace87abasanberngx0.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/18 16:56

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Here is a picture that I might get shot for posting.:laugh:

Before she was my wife, she was the older sister to another fast NorCal racer, Jon Anderson. She tried racing once, and only once. She got third and was satisfied with that and called it quits. Can you see just how excited she is just to be there.:angry:

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img750.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/18 17:04

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This kid was successful from day one. I think he was born fast and accelerated from there. I give you my brother-in-law, Jon Anderson.

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img760.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/09/18 17:44

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Hiya Dennis....

John, that was a cool jump and you could get some serious air but you could also be in a world of hurt if you messed that jump up.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

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Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/09/19 04:41

Roger Serafin,  
You know, I remeber ALL but three of those names you listed. LOL!!!

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/19 12:30

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Johnny Johnson wrote:  
Roger Serafin,  
You know, I remeber ALL but three of those names you listed. LOL!!!

Thats funny JJ. You know what else is funny. All the people that I mentioned were all racing in Ca-04 at one time. Everybody would all show up at a local race :ohmy: here in the bay area. Specifically, Fremont BMX when they were located at Baylands Raceway Dragstrip.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by John Wells - 2008/09/19 16:10

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Dennis, Im to your right with the Ca Cup plate. Your right about Jon, great kid, very polite and easy going but liked to win. The last time I saw him he was probably 10, but you could tell he was going to grow up into a good person.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Red Baron - 2008/09/19 16:42

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I should have looked at my other scanned photos. Here is a photo with text. How novel.:laugh:

<http://i116.photobucket.com/albums/o29/saunirae/img765.jpg>

Hey John, we were 'Legendary old Farts' way back in the mid 80's.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2008/09/20 03:51

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Cool list, I raced for Stam, and went to his Motoschool with Crissey Pritchard the same week. The test was the Fremont Gold Cup at the end of the week.

Used to see Danny Ruby and Stephan Coleman every weekend over in Cal-10

Van always struck me as a guy with class on the track, I can't remember him ever riding dirty, just fast.

I am in Torres, Ruby, Liggins age group same for Salido.

A.G.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/20 07:36

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Andy: Long time no see. I remember you all the time we went to Atwater and Merced to chase points. Your tracks raced on the same day ( saturday ). Atwater would race during the day time and Merced would race in the evenings. We ( Team Newark Schwinn ) would all goto a park that had a lake between the two tracks for lunch after Atwater. I always hung around Kristen Eggers at the lake; yeah, I had a huge crush on her before Van Agerious swooped up on her ( hehehe ). Anyways, I have a few pics of us racing. Here are afew. Im gonna have to add your name to my list in the beginning. Good to see you posting.

Photos of Andy Giannini (3) Ca-10; Along with Jon Anderson (1) at Atwater and Chandler. Other noteables: (10) David Lueck and Danny Ruby (5) behind Andy. Anthony Wadley (10) in staging at Chandler in the second pix.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/JonAnderson-1.jpg>

Andy Giannini (3), Rogelio Serafin (26), David Lueck (10): behind Steve Monroe, and Steve Monroe (101) aka: Monroezee

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/101Monroe-1.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/09/20 08:08

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Andy: Here's another one of you and Danny Ruby at Sunol BMX I justed scanned.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/AndyGiannini.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2008/09/20 08:33

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The third pic, I have it from another angle! This was right before Jon and I rode in Stam's motorhome to the Lonestar nat at the Astrodome I think. I got picked up by Powerlite on the way over. The CW handlebars I sold to Greg Liggins one night at Merced for 20 bucks. He took them to the Jox/Jag championship and tripled with them.

That is wild! David isn't on a Race Inc anymore, and Ruby is sporting the Patterson inspired MENO HELMET! I had one too for awhile, for all I know I might have sold him that one.

Kristen was a cutie, but hey so was Cheryl Felix, if you are talking Cal-10 now.

Thanks for posting the pics, thats really awesome.

With that short first straight, you can really see how critical the lane numbers could be at Atwater!

Jon and I both were Cal-11 guys, when he moved back and bumped me from plate 2 to 3 it was tough. I am over it now.:laugh:

A.G.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Ralphs Bicycles - 2008/09/25 10:29

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No Cal riders all were bad ass, even in years to come. Remember battleing aot of them Steplight for sure.

Great pictures!!

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

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Posted by Mark\_Lopez - 2008/10/05 14:03

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I raced Greg Liggins from Nor. Cal. during the mid 80's. Guy was fast but was a very dirty rider. Would T-bone you, cut you off, and run you off the track. I saw him get D.Q.ed at an NBL national in Ill. in both his mains. In cruiser for T-Boning and expert for cutting over to fast out of the gate.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoBzsomkHM4>

[http://easy2network.com/About\\_Us.html](http://easy2network.com/About_Us.html)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by roger kruse - 2008/10/10 21:17

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hey Rogelio. i don't know if you remember me but i was a few years younger than you guys. i raced for STD Cycle in san ramon. I remember a lot of you guys being fast back in the day. My good friends and then teammates tony orlando and andy baptista used to race you guys. i remember racing at morgan hill, moffett field, fremont, sunol, manteca, livermore, and many more. i knew rick heiling, van argeros, brian patterson, rick palmer, mike salido, jon crews,etc. We in norcal were all a pretty tight group. i was way younger than all of those guys and still got to hang. I remember chasing points and doing atwater, chowchila,merced in the same day. I remember racing at the pleasanton fairgrounds and a killer track in the parking lot of great america for the UBR nationals.our teams all kinda hung out, STD cycle,odyssey (livermore), samco, newark schwinn . Greg Romero and his sister Angie were on our team back then. Brian Patterson dated one of my friend sisters and i remember cruising around with him in his red trans am with writing ALL OVER it (ABA national champ,etc.) and thinking i was way cool. Actually, i was. My friends still sometimes call me rogelio. wasn't your middle name noelle?

This back in the day crap is cracking me up!

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by roger kruse - 2008/10/10 21:19

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isn't that the same greg liggins that's on the norcal news?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Duck - 2008/10/11 02:57

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Rofer,

check Mark Lopez's links. It's Liggins on the news. I remember a picture of Liggins hanging out with Brian Patterson so maybe he was getting some of his race techniques from the Malachi Bros?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/11 16:46

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Roger: Yes, I do remember you. You guys had those sweet white / dark blue uniforms. I remember we all hung out at the tracks you mentioned. It's hard to believe after all these years that most of us reconnected on the internet. As for the Newark Schwinn team, only 3 of us are racing. Anthony Wadley is vet pro, Alan Porter just started back up again afew month ago and pratically won all of his races in 36 and over intermediate, and myself. Im racing at Santa Clara PAL BMX in 41-45 cruiser. I just started back afew 6 months ago for training, and my first race back last night, I finished 2nd place. The love and passion is still there after all these years away from racing. It's been 23 years since I rode a BMX bike and to finish 2nd place right off the bat, i'm pretty satisfied with last nights performance. I can only get better from

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here. Next year, Alan and I are racing full-time.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mattyjo - 2008/10/11 17:35

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mr kruse- rick heiling is still racing today...

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by david - 2008/10/11 18:35

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I raced in and around the sacramento valley in the early to mid 80's. I raced a river front bmx in marysville, crazy horse, grass valley, paradise, auburn, lodi, and red bluff indoor bmx. The best racers that would show up at those tracks were Ron, and Richie Anderson and Cheri elliot. Some of our locals would do well at big races but as far as i know no one struck the big time with exception to the above three.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/12 08:21

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Here are some of tracks back in the day:

Vallejo Pal BMX:

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Vallejo\\_78.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Vallejo_78.jpg)

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Vallejo\\_late\\_78\\_\\_2nd\\_or\\_3rd\\_race.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Vallejo_late_78__2nd_or_3rd_race.jpg)

Lodi BMX

Roy David 1979

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Roy\\_David\\_Lodi\\_79.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Roy_David_Lodi_79.jpg)

Ritchie Anderson

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Richie\\_Anderson\\_Oakdale\\_79.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Richie_Anderson_Oakdale_79.jpg)

Orion Park: 1984:

Me ( Rogelio Serafin )

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Serafin54.jpg>

Anthony Wadley

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Wadley2.jpg>

Merced:

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Merced\\_84\\_Vern\\_Thomas\\_IngramAndy\\_Zi.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Merced_84_Vern_Thomas_IngramAndy_Zi.jpg)

Wadley (10)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/wadley.jpg>

Shawna Cordova (31)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/shawna1.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/12 08:31

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More photos:

Sunol BMX:

Preston Bradford (450):

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/PrestonBradford.jpg>

Russell Jackson (13) and Tony Harmon (12)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/JacksonandHarmon.jpg>

Thomas Allen (102), Rogelio Serafin (26), and Andy Bautista (99)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Rogelio26.jpg>

Anthony Wadley (10)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0001-4.jpg>

Rogelio Serafin (35) and Joe Rodriguez (81)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0014.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/12 08:44

Old School Fremont BMX Raceway ( Fremont Dragstrip )

Lucky Henderson ( Owner and Gate Operator ) His voice was well known for doing alot of races in Northern California. He was also the gate operator at the worlds in Las Vegas Tropicana Hotel. Cadence ( FOR MANUAL GATE ) (heheh): "RIDERS....SET THEM UP.....PEDALS READY..GO !!! " And then came the electric gate cadence: " RIDERS SET THEM UP....AND WATCH FOR THE GREEN !!! " Those were the days.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/1.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/002.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/FremontBMX.jpg>

Tony Harmon (top photo) and R.C Alderman (bottom photo)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0011-1.jpg>

My very first race at Fremont BMX ( 12 beginner ). Qualified in the first moto and 1st in the main. Photo was taken in August 1979

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/1stbmxrace.jpg>

Rowell Ranch Hayward Calif.

Van Argerious (56) and Alan Poster (55); Photo below is Jerry Arroyo (257)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0010-1.jpg>

Mike Salido (623); bottom photo - unknown location:

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0008-2.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by norcalrider - 2008/10/12 09:18

Roger

great photo and history from BITD..The photo of Vallejo Pal Track was nice to see..I ruled that track..Do you remember Chargin Charlie..Greg Turnage,Danny Martin..Vallejo Pal Track bought some Big Names to the name..Please keep Posting Photos and keep riding..

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by david - 2008/10/12 10:12

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It's cool to see the merced pictures. I raced a single, double, tripple point weekend there in 84 or 85. all i could remember was the starting hill. Thanks for the pics.:)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/12 14:42

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I've got at least two photos of me racing Roy David.

One of us on the gate at the 78' NBA Mongoose Grand Nationals and another down the 3rd straight at the 1980 NBA Mongoose Grands.

I have some picture archive stuff to fix on my computer. When it's done, I'll post em'.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by clemenson1 - 2008/10/12 15:19

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Great run down on the norcal seen. Great pictures

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/12 20:34

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I just found some more from Atwater and Merced. I'll scan and post them tommorrow after work. I'm still trying to locate some from the Nationals that was held in the Cow Palace, Lumberjack nationals at Portland, and the Northern Nationals that was held in Seattle. BMXA titled the race from Seattle the " Angel food cake " track because the whole track was built on very soft like quicksand dirt :)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Ben Troia - 2008/10/16 05:40

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Rogelio,

Thanks for contributing the killer pictures. I dont remember you, but we raced at the same time.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2008/10/16 08:52

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Ben,

How old are you and what district? I remember your name but can't quite place you.

The photo from the PAL track is neat, you can see the shortcut trail that doesn't go to turn two but back to the gate. That trail was made during the week at practice. Ask one of the Andersons how many times how many times they went back up that little path. Practice always had a full gate.

The Lodi or Eight Mile is how I remember, first time my Grandparents took me out there, it was the wrong day and no race. (I had never raced before.) I was brokenhearted but the guy that operated it let me ride around it a few times.

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The joy of riding the course with nobody else, and knowing the whole track was built just for us kids to ride on swept me away.

I was hooked on BMX and this is what I wanted to do.

GREAT PHOTOS!

A.G.

The Merced ones are hot too! I remember the guy in the lead going into turn one but his name escapes me. That must be Pro class, and about 84 or so.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/10/16 15:11

Does anyone remember a couple of races out in Brentwood at Sandhill MX track around 76, maybe early 77? I raced there twice, one was a night race near the dirt track and another was a day race that was on part of the MX track, I'm picturing both in my head as I write this. There was also a track in Livermore around 76/77 that we'd ride from Pleasanton on our bikes during the week to ride. I raced it a bunch of times and it was one of the only tracks that I won on, it had big dirt berms and a starting hill.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Ben Troia - 2008/10/16 15:34

Andy Giannini wrote:

Ben,

How old are you and what district? I remember your name but can't quite place you.

The #5 rider in the Merced photo is Vern Latham. Remember, he was factory Skyway and this pic was taken after he left that team. I am actually in that pic too. The #16 rider on the gate in the next moto is me. I was in CAL8, #7 in 81, #2 in 83, #16 in 84 then turned A and AA pro by the end of 84. I managed and raced for Moby Dick Bike Shop. I also was factory co sponsored and ran the uniform for JMC, Race Inc, and Robinson all durin those same years.

I raced Russel Jackson and Tony Harmon frequently in the 17 +over expert class prior to turning pro. I chased points in 81 and 82 racing all the local races from the central vally (Merced, Atwater, Coalinga, Modesto)up to Valejo down to Aptoos.

The pictures you are sharing are excellent quality. Thanks so much. I appreciate your passion and willingness to share. If you have any more decent ones of me please share em or email em to me at bentroia@sbcglobal.net.

Thank You

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/16 17:13

Ah, Moby Dick bike shop. I remember you guys. The guy that I raced against was Ansel Lopez for MD !!

Work has been very busy. But, i'll be posting photos this weekend. Stay tuned.

McLaren Park:

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/McLaren\\_Park\\_79.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/McLaren_Park_79.jpg)

Steve Monroe and Vern Lathan:

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[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Me\\_\\_Vern\\_84.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Me__Vern_84.jpg)

(top photo) Scott Clark and Frank Post. (bottom photo): SandHill park in Brentwood with Van Argeros (56)- white/blue uniform.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0012.jpg>

(top photo) Jerry Arroyo (30) at Watson Park ??? (bottom photo) Jerry Arroyo(257) at the spring nationals at Grass Valley 1980. The infamous mattress wrapped around the tree after the 2nd berm going towards the creek jump through the trees - YEAH !!!!

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0009-1.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/10/16 17:27

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I remember racing McClaren a couple of times, cool jumps and the track had a neat layout.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/16 17:31

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Serafin.

Is that Shimano rider in the back Will Zeip?

Think he was Nor Cal too.

Mabe Central cal.... but I'm pretty sure Nor Cal.

He was my age I think. Born around 1968.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/16 17:36

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Man JJ, you got eyes of an eagle. I didn't noticed that. He's father, Phil Zeip was a major contributor for NorCal Racing back in the day. He ran Hellyer Park, Morgan Hill BMX, Watson Park, Orion Park, and Aptos BMX (for a short time). I believe he also started up Solodad BMX in the beginning. His tracks were all in the Cal-08 district.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/16 17:39

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Old skool photos: Lodi BMX. I believe this rider is Kevin Riding ???

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Kevin\\_Ridling\\_I\\_think\\_79\\_Lodi.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Kevin_Ridling_I_think_79_Lodi.jpg)

Greg Liggins a week before he got swooped up by JagBmx ( Track: Sunol BMX )

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0006-1.jpg>

Northern California Schwinn National Team for 84: Left to Right: Kenny Wadley, Me-Rogelio Serafin, Rodney Cornist, Anthony Wadley, and Tony Harmon.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/scan0013.jpg>

1983 Worlds 16x Los Angeles, Cal. ( NorCal representing ) Vern Lathan (5), Jon Anderson (11), Im not sure if thats Ritchie or Mike Salido (3). JJ, any guesses ?

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/83\\_World\\_Champ\\_16x.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/83_World_Champ_16x.jpg)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/16 17:47

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Patterson rider might be Koron

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2008/10/16 18:47

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Me in the MotoX Fox jersey at Rheem Valley/Carrols Ranch, whatever it was called, 1977 or so.

[http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2382/1852453089\\_f611e6a3e6.jpg](http://farm3.static.flickr.com/2382/1852453089_f611e6a3e6.jpg)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Duck - 2008/10/17 01:57

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Rogelio,

#2 on the far end is Tim Kikaraus. Is the Kuwahara rider Curt Gardner? The Torker rider Kelly McDougall? Richie was still on Patterson at the time right? If not I would say that he's the Skyway rider in gate 1. I know him and Tim battled for a few years. Mark Lopez can probably call out the whole gate, this is his class.

Who is the GT rider? It's not Garonzik is it? I never knew him to have a number 1.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mark\_Lopez - 2008/10/17 02:40

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Your getting better Duck.....from L to R- Tim Kakourus(Freshour),Vern Latham(Skyway),Kelly McDougall(Torker)Lane 4 I dont know,Jon Anderson(Redline),Curt Gardner(Kuwahara),J.G. Garonzik(GT),Mike Salido(Skyway)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by david - 2008/10/17 02:42

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The grass valley track was one of my favorites. I liked the downhill first straight and extreme smoothness of the track. Of course all the shade from the trees made it a much cooler day at the races than any where else around the sacramento valley. Does any one know when and why grass valley closed?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/17 04:35

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1983 Jag Worlds  
Lane 4 is Ron House

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

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Posted by Duck - 2008/10/17 06:02

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Mark, I usually do good with that time period. It's my class so I knew most of the guys. I was even going to throw out Ron House but then I thought it might be Rob Eisenberg so I blew it off. I'm not good with the pictures from 83 and before. I had just started racing. Anyway, I've been taking notes from you and Johnny.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mark\_Lopez - 2008/10/17 08:43

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J.J. you sure thats Ron House? That time period would have put him on Factory Huffy.....

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/17 10:09

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I'm positive it's Ron House.  
I've got that race on VHS video.

Plus I didn't like racing House the first few months of every year when we would be the same age. Quite the aggressive rider. LOL!

I have a Jan B-Day so I raced Avalanche, House, McDougal, Jon Anderson, Tom Christopher all the first few months of the year.

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Speaking of that main in the 83' Worlds photo....

You should see Latham and Salido show in that main.  
They're doing Hulk Hogan elbows in turn two!  
No Skyway love there AT ALL!!!!  
Then Latham bails in turn 3,  
lots of people bail, and Garonzik wins.  
DRAMA MAIN AT THE 83' WORLDS!

But then the drama really unfolds with Darwin Griffin  
and The Avalanche in the Trophy dash.  
Unreal!! Richie wanted it soooooooooooooo bad!!!  
Probably the most unforgettable lap I've ever seen.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mark\_Lopez - 2008/10/17 10:36

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Those 83 Worlds videos used to be online some where. I forget the web address or if its even online anymore. Also, did you know that race was originally to be held in Chicago? They changed it to L.A. only about a month before the race due to a venue issue.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/17 11:05

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PHOTOS FROM ANDY GIANNINI:

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Andy out front of Todd Henry (28) and Chris Torres at Fremont BMX raceway ( aka: Baylands )  
[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmxandy\\_003.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmxandy_003.jpg)

Andy Giannini (3)- Clackamas Rose Festival nat moto or semi.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmxandy.jpg>

Andy (88) Early days of Atwater BMX. Last turn with Herb's Schwinn rider Danny Ruby in the background.  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/BMX6.jpg>

Andy (3) getting the holeshoot from the outside lane at Atwater BMX  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmx5.jpg>

Hummm, possibly the same race Andy ? My father took this one of us.  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/101Monroe-1.jpg>

Andy (3) Andy, what track is this ?  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmx3.jpg>

Early days of Andy Giannini (88)  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmx2.jpg>

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmx1.jpg>

Andy (3) with some of the factory riders. Clackamas main with Ron Bester Tahoe, Scott Stout Race Inc.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/bmx.jpg>

Phil Zeip's shimano van in the background. The Shimano Van is at Sandhill, I am behind the dad on an STR that went out as a Quad.  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andybmx11.jpg>

Morgan Hill Huffy/Keds nationals: In this photo, Bubba Hayes (27), JG Garonzik (2), Andy Giannini (3), and Jon Anderson (1):  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andybmx8resize.jpg>

Andy (4) with his powerlite sponsor along with Kent Elliot (24) Boss Racing at Lake Elsinore.  
<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andybmx6resize.jpg>

Andy Giannini - Powerlite Racing (4) powering over the jump at Chandler Winternats.  
[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy\\_bmx4.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy_bmx4.jpg)

Andy (3) Stam racing. Parade Lap.  
[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy\\_bmx2.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy_bmx2.jpg)

Early days of Andy Giannini (88)- The Pine trees is Grass Valley with Scott Barenchi no.42 cal 10 in hot pursuit.

[http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy\\_bmx1.jpg](http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Andy_bmx1.jpg)

I'll be posting more photos tonight after I come back from racing at Santa Clara Pal BMX :)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/10/30 06:07

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Hey Andy G and Roger S,

The photo of Andy in front of Todd Henry and Chris Torres.  
Any idea who the guy is in fourth or what team his jersey represents?

I just found a pic of me ahead of him at the ESPN race Nov 83'  
at the "outside" section of the Burbank Equestrian Center.

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Remember the ESPN final was a month later, same location,  
but a few yards away indoors.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2008/10/30 09:54

I think he's wearing a Pat's bike shop jersey, but that is not Mike Salido. I remember racing him, but my memory fails.

Triple point Gold Cup main, think we are all racing 13x.

A.G.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/10/30 16:47

J.J. That's Artie Whenchlog (27) ( Son of Pat Whenchlog of Pat's Bike shop ). I raced him all the time when Fremont BMX was our local track. The year that Artie was number 27, I was number 26. He kept complaining to me that I beat him by 2 points at the end of the year top 50 ceremony for ABA in Cal-4.

Im thinking if it's the ESPN race, then it was probably Mike Salido. Mike Salido raced for Pat's bikeshop for a few months before getting swooped up by skyway. The last race I believe that Salido sported the pat's bikeshop jersey was at Portland Oregon LumberJack nationals where he beat Danny Copland of factory DiamondBack easily. Post the picture for us if you can.

Post edited by: Rogelio Serafin, at: 2008/10/30 16:50

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Rogelio Serafin - 2008/11/13 06:42

Here are afew more pics of Nor-Cal racers repping at other races and nationals. I'm still trying to locate the Cow Palace national photos ( about 40 photos ) and other races I mentioned in my previous messege.....Stay Tuned.

Van Argerious - yellow helmet factory Odyessey (1) along with Rich Farside (1) and Charlie Williams (5) at the Dia-comp / Diamond back nationals in Lancaster.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Van1.jpg>

Me - Rogelio Serafin (54) at Orion Park, Cal. ( Moffet Field )

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/SerafinandWadley.jpg>

Morgan Hill Keds Nationals

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/MorganHill.jpg>

Greg Liggins (71), Paul Eggers (18), Brian Gass (2) falling, Danny Ruby (5), and others.

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/LigginsandEggers.jpg>

Jason Martinez (14) at Chandler Arizona winternats

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Martinez14.jpg>

And of the course the great legendary Greg Hill (11) at Chandler Az, sporting the GT colors. Even though he's not from Nor-Cal, I always have to add his awesome photos my father took of him :)

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/Hill11.jpg>

Atwater BMX - Anthony Wadley (10) taking the dialed inside line for the holeshot !!

<http://i189.photobucket.com/albums/z287/Rserafin161/AtwaterWadley10.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2008/11/14 13:47

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I think that is John Leonard in the number two spot wearing the Stam jersey.  
You have a treasure trove of cool photos!

A.G.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Monrezee - 2008/11/15 18:52

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JJ,  
Speaking of that 83' 16x main. Vern Latham was leading all the way to turn #3 when he was completely T-Boned by teammate Mike Salido, who made no attempt to do anything but take Vern out. Didn't even jump up & grab his bike. A Skyway 1st & 2nd placing meant nothing to him, let alone T-Boning a teammate...A%#hole. Skyway put the word out whoever did better that weekend would stay. Salido took it very seriously.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2008/11/15 20:04

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So what your saying is;

It's skyway or the hiway

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Johnny Johnson - 2008/11/20 14:36

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I got smoked sooooo bad at that national at Lancaster!!!  
I don't remember hardly anything about that race. LOL!

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by chrishall - 2008/12/14 05:44

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I need to log on here more often. Great thread!

This is from 84-Griffith Park

I'm #22 and Ben Barron is #5. Maybe someone can fill in the rest.

<http://i289.photobucket.com/albums/ll232/sanjosebmx/barronhall84supernats.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2009/02/15 04:47

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Who won this race?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/07/08 03:11

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can someone post some photos about the track in san francisco.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mattyo - 2009/07/08 19:47

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ron-

i was in mclaren park in SF the other day... the gate is still there!

roger has pics from the cow palace- guess he is still looking for them.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2009/07/08 21:17

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John Wells has a bunch and I have some that I got from Pete Harrigan that I need to scan,

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/07/08 21:24

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spike,

dude who are you..man you know pete and john..you must be cool

hey post the photos..and tell john and pete that i said hello..

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2009/07/09 18:53

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I raced against John, Pete, Oakley, Terry Barker, Dave Busby and guys like that at Merritt, McClaren(I only raced there a couple of times) and other tracks from 74 to 77or maybe 78.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/07/10 00:14

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spike,  
those are my timeline for racing in the states

i raced those guys,excluding wells..never lined up against him..

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

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Posted by Greg Hill - 2009/07/13 08:51

We have a little NorCal on the cover, check it out.. =)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/07/13 11:46

you make Norcal Smile...;)

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:27

This is my first time posting here i found this thread looking online for old bmx friends from Hayward ca.I have some old Photos im working on now to post online i may need help posting the photos.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:28

Hayward ca 1976

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:31

who is this guy Hayward ca 1976

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:34

Hayward ca 1976

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:36

Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:39

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Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:43

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Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:44

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Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:52

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Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 16:54

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Hayward ca 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 17:44

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Hayward ca 1976 day two

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 17:46

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Hayward ca 1976 day two

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 17:47

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Hayward ca 1976 day two

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by John Wells - 2009/08/14 17:51

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Great stuff, keep it coming.

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by admin - 2009/08/14 18:00

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Awesome shots! BMX roots right there!

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:21

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merced fairgrounds 1976

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:25

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unknown 1976

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**Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread**

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:27

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merced fairgrounds 1976

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:28

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Hayward ca 1977

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:30

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Hayward ca 1977

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:31

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hayward ca 1977

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Haywardbmx - 2009/08/14 18:34

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sorry im running late i have to get to Santa clara pal will post later

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/08/14 22:51

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haywardbmx,

cool photos..but where am i? i ruled that track (hayward) bitd..:whistle:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by jumpin jim - 2009/08/15 17:14

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Ruled or Drooled?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/08/15 23:52

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jumpin jim wrote:

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Ruled or Drooled?

that was a good one..i have no comment...kiss:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2009/08/16 15:20

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Any pics from Merritt?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by radical ron - 2009/08/16 16:24

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what about..vallejo PAL,Concord,Rheem Valley and Oakdale

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/09 17:51

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Nor Cal all the way. Me and my cousin were both Cal 4 riders in the ABA hailing from Pinole. My cousin Loren Thompson (the family called him Punger) was the terror of the sew-up class. He took the #1 plate in Cal 4 two or three times in the mid 80's

<http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/010910153131.jpg>

Here's a shot of me at Fremont going over the step-up. I think this was a Tripple

<http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/010910152454.jpg>

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2010/01/10 16:25

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I would love to see pictures of Rheem.

Mx Mug

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/10 17:33

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Mx Mug

i went undefeated at Vallejo PAL and Rheem for 2yrs..75-77

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/10 18:08

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Good job dude. When I got to Vallejo in the early 80's it was on Springs rd. Across the street from the cemetary and behind the drive-in theatre. Was that where it was in the 70's too?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/10 18:14

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WildBill wrote:

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the correct road is Benicia Rd..amd the cemetary is where my parents are resting..and the drive is is gone..

kinda bittersweet,now as i sat here thinking about it..:(

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/10 19:05

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Sorry Ron, didn't mean to stir up old ghotst. <pouring out half my beer> To past victories and lost loved ones.  
[http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/party\\_7.gif](http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/party_7.gif)

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2010/01/10 22:36

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I remember racing Vallejo a few times maybe 76?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/10 23:41

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Spike wrote:

I remember racing Vallejo a few times maybe 76?

that mean you ..lost a few races there.....whistle:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2010/01/11 11:12

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Did you race 16 expert?

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/11 11:16

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Spike wrote:

Did you race 16 expert?

of course..anyway if you ever raced me you would remember..i raced for Pelican Motorcycle Team and was known by Radical Ron..

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2010/01/11 16:20

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Sorry, don't remember Pelican or Radical Ron, maybe pictures would help.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/11 16:27

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Spike wrote:

Sorry, don't remember Pelican or Radical Ron, maybe pictures would help.

sad,but when my mother passed i lost all my childhood memories..i have nothing

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Sunny - 2010/01/11 17:02

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More Ron//Don't feel bad..I was co-owner/founder of JAG BMX and I have nothing but a few photos that riders have sent me..like the attached, taken at the Fremont Track. Greg Liggins on the left of me, Danny Smith was rider on the bottom, and please forgive me for the name of the rider to the right of me I can't recall.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2010/01/14 20:21

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Haywardbmx wrote:

who is this guy Hayward ca 1976

[http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com\\_fireboard/uploaded/images/img006.jpg](http://bmxactiononline.com/components/com_fireboard/uploaded/images/img006.jpg)

I just noticed that the rear rim looks like those cool Akront rims that were around for a short time. I remember I had one laced with 120ga. spokes, I flat spotted it off a jump at Oakdale. I wish I could find one now.

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2010/01/14 20:28

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I had a customer at work yesterday who raced Vallejo pal in the 70's. He told me that the local Yamaha shop sold bikes

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and had a bmx team. He also said that Jeff Gordon raced bmx.

Mx Mug

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Spike - 2010/01/14 21:10

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Jeff was from Vallejo.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/14 21:53

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I don't know about Jeff Gordon racing BMX but I do know he lived in Vallejo and started racing go-carts at the Vallejo Fairgrounds. According to his bio his family moved to Indiana when Jeff was 13, that would have been 1984ish and I don't remember seeing Jeff out there.

<http://www.jeffgordon.com/aboutjeff/>

That's just my 2 cents. I love me some NASCAR

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/14 22:04

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Okay so there's a chance that I could have missed Jeff Gordon by a couple years.  
From Jeff Gordon's site

<http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/jeffgordon.jpg>

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/15 03:00

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WildBill wrote:

Okay so there's a chance that I could have missed Jeff Gordon by a couple years.  
From Jeff Gordon's site

<http://i802.photobucket.com/albums/yy308/chronosmonk/jeffgordon.jpg>

well.here's more info..jeff gordon rode bmx bikes..and just maybe race Vallejo PAL Track..some of us knew him then..i knew his dad..and the Motorcycle Shop was called Pelican Cycles..

Kent Brooks  
Kenny Brooks  
Greg Turnage  
Ricky S?  
Charlie Venegas (TLD,Speedway World Champ 4times)  
Ron Radical Sampson  
Nick Trujillo

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2010/01/15 20:49

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The customer told me that R and R was one of the hot bikes in Vallejo. It looks like little Jeff is riding an R and R. The other nor cal classic in this picture is the Monte Carlo in the back ground.

Mx Mug

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/16 03:20

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mxmug wrote:

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Mx Mug

R&R was the hottest bike in Vallejo..I appeared in the ad for R&R and White lighting Frames.all the mini racer had R&R with matthews forks..

Ja..what true blood Norcal Family would not have Monte Carlo or Chevy Truck in the Driveway..

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/01/16 10:13

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Ja..what true blood Norcal Family would not have Monte Carlo or Chevy Truck in the Driveway..

... or an El Camino in front of their trailer :woohoo:

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by clemenson1 - 2010/01/16 12:13

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WildBill wrote:

... or an El Camino in front of their trailer :woohoo:

dude, I was told once that El Camino was short for NO cal. :woohoo:

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mattyo - 2010/01/16 12:32

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our pontiac ventura hatchback served us quite nicely- a great vehicle for travelling to bike races with.

it was quite the hand me down too... 4 out of 6 kids had it at one time or another. but eventually the 3 on the tree got a little sticky.

so my dad painted the linkage under the hood bright orange and showed my sisters and I how to pull it up just so to get it working again!

:cheer: :ohmy: :cheer:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by clemenson1 - 2010/01/16 13:10

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mattyjo wrote:

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I thought Ventura was were all the Impala's were at.:laugh: :laugh: :laugh: Oh wait that Compton in SO cal

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/16 14:32

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clemenson1 wrote:

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I thought Ventura was were all the Impala's were at.:laugh: :laugh: :laugh: Oh wait that Compton in SO cal

SEE WHAT I MEAN ABOUT THE ENGINEER TYPES..NOOOOO HUMOUR.....:pinch:

it it ok..to tell a member to sitdown....:woohoo:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mattyjo - 2010/01/16 14:51

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no... i thought tony's comment was funny.

but he's still wrong... ventura's where the surf's at.

:P

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by clemenson1 - 2010/01/16 15:33

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So matty you're saying that is where the woodie's are

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Mo Ron - 2010/01/16 15:58

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HELLO...the thread is about Norcal BMX!..Not Auto trend weekly....:angry:

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## Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2010/05/10 13:52

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Here we have some video footage of my favorite 1980's nor cal track, Grass Valley. The first bmx magazine I purchased was Bmx Plus August 1980. Included was an article covering a national held at Grass Valley Bmx. My Hero Stu Thomsen doubled winning AA pro and the trophy dash. When I started racing a few years later I had the privledge of racing this track on a regular basis.

The following videos are of a local race, not of the national. The national can be seen in the Stomping Stu preview.

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0JrhpHot\\_4&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0JrhpHot_4&feature=related)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZzHbo1uj8A&feature=related>

Happy viewing

Mx Mug

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by WildBill - 2010/05/10 14:30

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Very cool! I never made it up to Grass Valley, looks like a cool track!

I love the factory Ozzy shirt in the first video. :laugh:

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by mxmug - 2010/05/10 14:43

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There's a reasonable possibility I was at that race. I think this guy regularly raced in the factory Ozzy shirt. I also remember the name of the second place rider Michael Hecock. I was 13 at the time. I'm not sure if I'd turned expert yet. You may not have noticed, but the last straight crosses over the first straight.

Mx Mug

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by Andy Giannini - 2010/05/25 18:07

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If you look in the second vid, Jon Anderson is crossing in front of the camera, as the riders hit the first jump. He was in my class.

.02 A.G.

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### Re:NorCal BMX tribute thread

Posted by motomark - 2010/07/04 22:22

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Can't let this one die. Has anyone got anything to add to this thread. This is great stuff. :)

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