

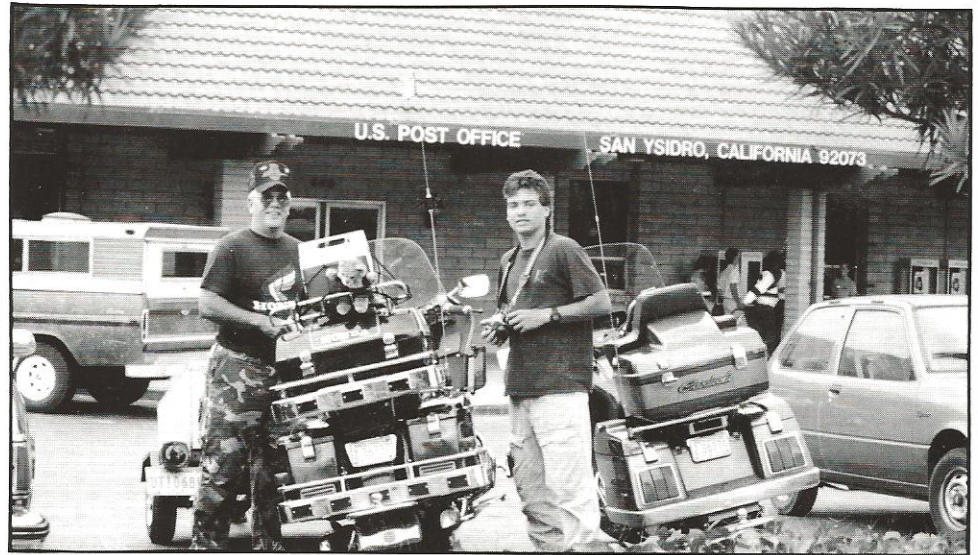
AROUND THE U.S. IN 16 DAYS

It was not unusual for a student to take a trip during his summer vacation. What was unusual was taking an 8,500 mile, 16-day trip around the United States on a motorcycle. That is what freshman Sammy Smutz, his father Sam, and his father's friend Eddie Robinson did last summer.

They originally intended to reach the four corners of the U.S. in less than 21 days. Their southern-most point was Key West, Florida. From there they went to San Ysidro, California. After that they headed northward to Blaine, Washington. They crossed the border into Canada and cut across three provinces there. From Canada they went back to the states and got within four hours of their intended destination in northern Maine. After reaching Maine, they headed southward to South Carolina. Their trip took them through 26 states.

Sammy vividly remembered the 116-degree weather that they suffered through in some states. He said, "We thought a cold front had come through when the temperature was 80 or 90 degrees."

By Lisa McCall



Freshman Sammy Smutz and his father stop at a post office at their western-most destination during their trip. Riding on motorcycles gave them a chance to encounter many different weather conditions. They drove through a rainstorm on a 25-mile bridge in Louisiana and a hailstorm in Texas. Sammy said, "We should have been better prepared for the trip and we should have spent a day or two resting. I quickly learned that people drive terribly throughout the United States."



**Kevin Edwards
Lysander Edwards
Regina Elliot
Norma Enoch
Denna Evans
Teresa Evans**

**Eric Ferguson
Kadrell Ferguson
Angela Fillers
Darryle Fishburne
William Fishburne
Maurice Flourney**

**Shelley Flowers
Jane Fontaine
Shane Fralin
Donald Franklin
Dwana Frazier
Kenneth Frazier**