

Adventurers! What a day!

Once again "wonderful things" can happen when "routine" is all that is expected... I had hoped only to get my 450R running (it does not like starting in cold weather)...



Bummed. It (yet again) would not start. Twice I ran the battery down.

Ah-ha! Lemons: Make lemonade! I would "make believe I was at the gym" and exercise via kick-starting the bike. This I knew "hopeless".

BOOM! 3rd kick! Running!

Off I went to to the auto-parts store, as I knew the carburetors on all my bikes had become gummy over the winter...

Glug-glug-glug in went the most concentrated cleaner available...



This was mixed 400% stronger than called for in the directions. But hey... This had really "done the job" on my DR-650 :-)

Zoom! Off-I-went, "neighborhood exploration"...



...nice "local color" we have; the street-signs on our dirt roads :-)

Then I rode up to my local shooting-range... Nobody home?



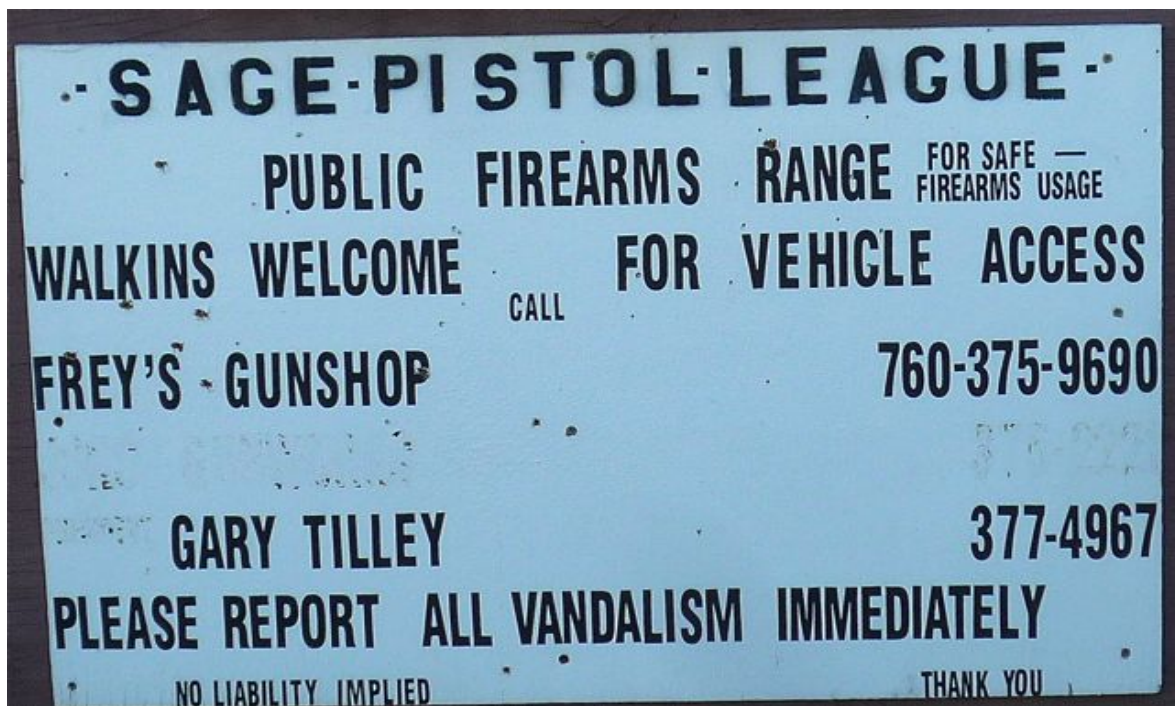
Ah-ha... Today was a "range construction" day...



Below... Our next-door archery range was open, and had a good turnout. The **Red Flag** means "Range is hot!"



Continuing up the road, another shooting club was operating "full-bore"...



This is a "combat shooting" club... Short-range, lotsa firepower...



WooHoo! Tactical shotguns...



Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!



Very impressive! These ranges approx a 10-min-ride from my home.

Continuing on (and up) to relatively unexplored terrain...



Eventually (heading north) my little town (Inyokern, CA) came in to view...



...and I must say my engine is running smoother and idling mucho better after the fuel-cleaner had been run through the carb.

Neato day! Tomorrow (Sunday) is the **Daytona 500** car-race, one of only two that I watch live on TV (the other being the **Indy-500** on Memorial Day).

Thanks for reading along!

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