

# Classico Moto Italia 2002 Itinerary

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## FRIDAY, May 3

8pm: Meet at **Saratoga Lanes** for Rockin' Bowlin' [1585 Saratoga Ave, San Jose]

## SATURDAY, May 4

11 am: Meet at **King's Head Pub** for day show [201 Orchard City Dr, Campbell]  
\*Gymkhana \*Slow Ride \*Custom Show \*Prizes \*Raffle

## SATURDAY NIGHT

7 pm: Meet at **Orchard Valley Coffee** for night ride [349 E. Campbell Ave, Campbell]  
Ride to night show at **Waves** [65 Post St, San Jose] with **Harold Ray Live in Concert**, special guest and DJ afterparty!

## SUNDAY, May 5

11:30 AM: Meet at **Southbay Scooterworks** [363 Laurelwood, Santa Clara]  
Ride to free BBQ.



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# Der Roller

A Vespa Club Los Gatos  
'Zine



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## What's in Your Toolkit?

by April Whitney

One of the inherent risks with riding a 20+ year old machine is that, sooner or later, it is bound to break down. Unfortunately, these breakdowns rarely happen when you're putting around in your driveway, but often when you are miles from home and storm clouds are forming. Since tow trucks don't tow scooters and friends are often unreachable, your best bet is a well-stocked toolkit in your glove box.

Since scooter gloveboxes are tight on space there is a delicate balance between adequate tool selection and space overload. When selecting your tools look for good quality pieces that serve multiple functions such as component screwdrivers that carry multiple heads within their hollow handles. Also look for a good receptacle to hold your tools. A sturdy, multi-sectional canvas satchel that unfolds is able to conform to most gloveboxes and can accommodate varying tool sizes. Army supply stores are good place to find inexpensive tool-bags. A few coating of spray-on repellent such as Scotch Guard will help it resist oil and grime.

Despite how you feel about them, a cellular phone is also a good item to have when riding. Some jobs you can't fix on the roadside, especially if you are hurt in an accident, and a friend may need to be called. In the next issue of Der Roller, we'll discuss glovebox First Aid Kits.

The following is a list of suggested tools to carry in your kit. It can be modified depending upon which model of scooter to have.

### BASIC CONTENTS

Flashlight: even in the daylight there may be parts you can see well. You can also buy "Star Lasers" which are mini flashlights mounted on glasses. They keep both hands free!  
Vespa spark plug tool: since spark plugs are often the first place to check This tool can also remove your tire lugnuts.

Open ended wrenches:8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14mm. Combo wrenches are good ways too combine tools.

Sockets: 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14mm

Flat and Phillips head screwdrivers

Vise grips

Spare spark plug: you can buy plug holders or use an old container from mini M&Ms.

Extra two-stroke oil & measuring cup: can also lube cables [Plastic/resin dealers carry a bottle that has an attached self-feeding measuring cup. You can use it to carry your oil *and* measure it]

Clean paper towels/rags: Blue "Shop Towel" paper towels have great absorbency. Pub towels are great for wiping a rain-covered seat.

Spare throttle & clutch cables

Cable pinch nuts:can be used on various cables

Swiss army knife:can be used to strip cables and open a beer bottle when you get to your destination

Bungee cords

### NICE EXTRAS

Folding hextool set:if your scooter has Allen-headed screws  
third hand tool:[often called 4th hand tool in bike shops]: helps gather slack in

Spare inner tube and/or tube repair kit

Electrical tape

Spare fuse

Zip ties

17mm open ended wrench and socket:holds exhaust to swing arm on P200

### SUPER TOOLKIT EXTRAS

Baling wire:for rigging parts that get really hot such as exhaust

Air pump or mini CO2 canister:better to just carry a well-inflated spare

Sandpaper:fine grit such as 400

Hand cleaner:for when you're done

Grease

Inexpensive foldable poncho:can cover you or your scooter in the rain. Also you can lay on it and keep your clothes clean while working. Look for it at Army supply stores.

Additional flashlight: in case you need to strap it to your scooter. when a headlight goes out.

## VCLG New Website

In the past year the VCLG has seen a lot of new stuff. Two new members, new club patches, our stellar new banners (you can find a mini copy for your toy scooters on the games page), and our brand spanking new website: [www.vespaclubblosgatos.com](http://www.vespaclubblosgatos.com). We promise to update this site every month. Mostly so we can have an accurate scooter of the month. We would love to feature your scooter. Send us pictures of your scooter and a small write-up, and perhaps yours can be the next VCLG Scooter of the Month.

Other pages of interest include our "History" page, which gives a short VCLG background. Our super cool "Members" page features short bios and pictures for each member. We have a "Virtual Cog Badge" page and would love to include your club's cog. Those on the page are from clubs we have contact with. We will be glad to send you ours. Feel free to submit a question to our "Frequently Asked Questions" page and we will respond to you as quick as possible. On our restorations page we will be featuring one of our members restoration following the scooter from rusty piles of scooter stuff to its shiny new restored look. We have posted our Club Charter so you can take a look at the rules that govern our club. My favorite page is "Der Roller". This page is a web-based versions of our club 'zine. In it you will find write-ups such as this one, and others with games and more. Finally, we also have a "Links" page and a "Photo" page. We would appreciate the submission of any links or photos of our club that you may have.



### CONGRATULATIONS GRETCHEN & NORBERT!!

On the upcoming birth of your first scooter baby!

### CAN YOU BELIEVE IT ??



YES! IT'S TRUE LADIES, HE'S SINGLE!  
go to [www.vespaclubblosgatos.com](http://www.vespaclubblosgatos.com) to meet him and other bachelors !

# Vespa Club Los Gatos Highlights

Photos from recent VCLG travels



Rolf's scooter at the LA Vespa Boutique



April and her first scooter



Jeff at Vegas High Roller's Weekend



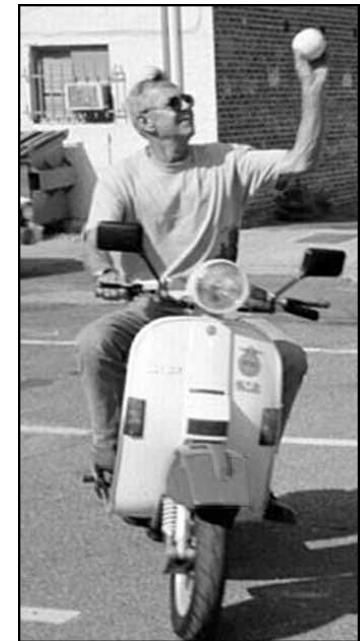
Loz and Josh at the Burgundy Topz' "Scootouring"



VCLG at "September Shindig"



Rolf demonstrates his European gymkhana prowess





# VESPA CLUB LOS GATOS

## New Members



Vespa Club Los Gatos is pleased to have added two new members this past year. Both are long-time scooterists who have owned a variety of bikes. Learn more about these new members, below.

### Brian Dornbos

I started scooting in 1984 in Santa Cruz, Calif. My first bike was a 1966 LI125 Lambretta. For a short period in 1989 I worked at first kick scooters. They were still located on 4th street in Berkeley. While I was there I built my first Vespa. It was a 125 motor in a VBB bodyshell that I built from parts of several old Vespas, (5 if memory serves me correctly).

I was able to meet quite a few scooterists while employed at First Kick. One of them sold me my second Lambretta, a 1965 TV175. I rode this while I lived in Berkeley. I did have a most *exhilarating* experience of seizing it on the bay bridge one Sunday morning en route to San Francisco. Needless to say I did not make it to SF that day. Shortly after that I moved back to Santa Cruz. I rode the Vespa until I was able to rebuild the 175 into a 190 with a piston from la sleeve. Then I had Matt Dawson do some tuning to the cylinder. This made the bike a bit faster to ride, however it also opened Pandora's box, for I was now stuck in the pursuit of more speed.

Soon after, I moved to San Jose and met many more very nice and also extremely helpful scooterists including Tony Simoni who I had the pleasure of working with at Protopipe. Tony was also responsible for teaching me about tuning, and has been responsible for all of the tuning and fabrication on my 190 from then on.

I was very fortunate to learn so much from Tony, and to have been able to pass on my knowledge of Lambrettas as well. Many thanks to John Sisson, Eric Moss, Barry Gwinn and Coltrane for their help and knowledge regarding Lambrettas). I have now taken break from Lambrettas for a while to learn more about Vespas.

### Jeff Bosco Biafore

So, I move from San Luis Obispo about a year ago to pursue a radio career in San Jose. I was enjoying the SLO life, lazy days, 70-degree weather and riding scooters in the most beautiful place in the world. I was sad to leave the place I have grown to love and the club (PushStart MSC) that I rode with, but when its time to go, you know. The first person that I run into in San Jose is Callum. Having known him for a number of years, it was good to see a familiar face in the Bay area. He convinced me that I should join the VCLG, so six months later, here I am... I started riding mini-bikes in my hometown of Gilroy as a youth. In high school, I graduated to a SWEET 2hp PUCH Sport moped. This was fun, but after seeing a few scooters around, soon I wanted a Vespa. My first bike came from Millers Motorcycles in San Luis Obispo. It was a sad P-200 for \$40 and a hole in the piston. Bob Miller used to be a Vespa dealer back in the day, and he was very helpful in not only putting this bike on the road, but also fueling my enthusiasm for the Vespa.

So, seven or so scooters later, two Benellis, a BMW R75/5 a short stint with a Puch Twingle (eeech!), and my beautiful girlfriend, Melissa, here I am in the south bay a member of one of the worlds premiere Vespa clubs, Vespa Club Los Gatos.

## Scooter Fun!!

Find the following words below:

badge Lambretta flywheel Servetta Vespa petcock Italy  
crank Innocenti pillion Piaggio spare cowl Cushman  
rim Douglas Allstate Papparino piston horn fuse

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### VCLG Banners!!

Cut out these banners for your toy scooters. Large banner fits 1:16 scale. Small fits 1:32 scale.

