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A Quick Opinion

WORTH THE PRICE OF

GASOLINE. If you just need to get out of town and are hungry, I've found a new corner just for you. It's been a long time since I ventured around Lake Berryessa to the Spanish Flat Village. I'm not sure what it's real name is, but it is one mile past the Spanish Flat boat ramp. Sherri gave me the choice — paint the house or let's go for a Harley ride. It was late in the afternoon, so I made the tough choice and headed up to the lake.



CHARLES R. WALLACE
A QUICK OPINION

Cucina Italiana had placed a couple of ads in the Express, and I had told the owners I would ride up sometime and say hello. I figured it was about 30 miles, and it is. You just take 128 to the lake, keep turning right and after 30 miles, you're there. Chef Stefano Gusberti and Sharyn Simmons make the perfect couple to run the restaurant. Sharyn is personable and takes care of the customers and Chef Stefano can cook. He also makes an appearance to make sure everything is alright at your table. A nice gesture.

The food is good, the wine red and the drive up to the lake is always worth the time and gasoline. Open from 11:30 to 9:00 Wednesday through Sunday. Call for better directions -707-966-2433

MORE ON THE LAKE. A group that gives environmentalists a bad name is trying to make Lake Berryessa off limits to motorized vehicles. That means boats. While the government is trying to figure out what to do with the lake after the present 50-year leases expire, there are people trying to get the lake declared motor boat free. I can guarantee you that they don't make a living selling or making anything.

Lake Berryessa was built with water storage and flood control in mind, but there was a big bonus with its 100 miles or so of shoreline. Kal Holman was one of the first to launch his boat on the lake and claimed to be the first water skier on Berryessa.

There may be a dispute on who should be running the concessions around the lake, or how much the government should be collecting, but the question of whether there should be a lake wide ban on motorized vehicles is just nuts.

California has a reputation of being anti-business, and if the federal

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Should a girls' softball field be built on High School property?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

government is really considering this ban, something is wrong in Washington. We've thrown out our governor because he couldn't make good decisions and maybe it's time to throw out everyone in Washington D. C., too.



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Our city council has asked for a meeting with people from the Bureau of Reclamation and we should all attend to let them know what the lake, and its recreational component mean to Winters.



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If you don't think the lake has an impact on us, just take a look at New Orleans and the picture in last week's Express where Putah Creek is flowing down Railroad Avenue. Having power boats on Berryessa might not affect our flood control, but by the number of boats in Winters, most of us have used the lake at one time or another.



If you find yourself just sitting around this week, or the next, take a ride up to the lake. It is amazing how busy it is on the other side.



Have a good week.

