

RIVER CITY WINGS

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To



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FUN THINGS TO DO

NOVEMBER

27TH – DINNER RIDE
4:00 K-Mart Parking Lot

DECEMBER

5th Sun - Chapter L - Lake County Toy & Poker Run
5th Sun - Chapter O - Redding Christmas Parade
**11th PHIL & CHARLIE MESSER'S CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK & RIDE SCHEDULE MEETING
BEGINNING AT 12:30 P.M.**
11th Sat - Chapter V - Woodland Christmas Parade
15th Olivehurst Christmas Parade Chapter T
19th Chapter Breakfast Meeting
25th **NO DINNER RIDE**

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flyer for any
events it can
be found on

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**Chapter meets for a Breakfast Meeting/Ride on the 3rd Sunday of the month at
Coco's 1830 Arden Way, Sacramento, Ca**

**2nd Saturday of the month is our monthly Chapter Ride meet
9:00 Kmart, Sunrise at Coloma**

4th Saturday of the month is our monthly Mystery Dinner Ride 4:00 Kmart, Sunrise & Coloma

Notes for the Chapter Director



Well, fall is upon us, finally. We have had some great riding weather, but alas, our October overnight ride to Bodega Bay had to be cancelled, due to rain. As it turned out, it didn't rain on that Saturday, but Friday's rain would have left wet, muddy ground for trailers and tents. The original weekend would have been perfect, but coincided with Fall Fiesta. We will re-schedule this campout again next year.

Our **November 21st** after meeting ride this month may also be cancelled due to rain here in the valley and snow in the foothills. This sometimes happens, although in previous years we have still had great riding weather in November and December. We really need the rain and snow in the mountains as well, so we can't complain. We do have a Mystery Dinner Ride on **November 27th** for anyone who's not too full of turkey and pie. If it's raining, we will go in cages (cars).

We do have some fun get togethers planned for the winter months. First is the potluck meeting at Phil & Charlie Messer's on **December 11th**. We all bring a dish to share and Phil & Charlie provide the cookies. They spend days baking a gazillion different kinds of cookies and we all go home with a plateful and five extra pounds. **We will also set up our ride schedule for the coming year, so please have a favorite ride or two in mind to share with the group.**

After that, we have our regular breakfast meeting on December 19th at Coco's on Arden Way. There probably won't be an after meeting ride then either if the weather's wet. But don't get too upset because we always have a fun get together in February at the Mid-Winter Gathering. The date is **February 5th, 2011. Mark your calendars.** The cost is still \$5.00 per person and a potluck dish. Chapter V, Woodland Roadrunners, co-sponsor this event and it is always loads of fun with great food, fun games, door or raffle prizes and wonderful company of family and friends. It will be held at the Rancho Cordova City Hall instead of the VFW hall from previous years. A flyer is available on our website. There is no Mystery

Dinner Ride in December because the fourth Saturday is Christmas.

Chapter A has a Polar Bear run on January 1st that includes a brunch at the Lighthouse Restaurant on Brannon Island in the Delta. And Chapter O has the Golden Throne Awards ceremony on January 9th in Redding. Flyers are available for the rides. The State Staff meeting is January 8th in Yuba City. All members are welcome to attend.

And, of course, we can always attend another Chapter's meetings and rides. I have been sending out a list of rides and meetings as I receive them from the State Director.

Well, that's it from here. Let's all have fun!!
TOGETHER!!

Kathy Honig, Chapter Director

DINNER RIDE for OCTOBER

The weather was cold and rainy the day of the ride, so we knew that not many would probably show up, but we were hoping. We waited a short time and then Jim and Karen, arrived, soon it was Mike and Sharon..

After a little while we knew that the 6 of us was all that was willing to go out in the rain, so we discussed where to go. Mike suggest a Mexican Restaurant and Karen wanted to try a restaurant we had been to before, but had a new name and probably a new owner, so we decided on that one.

Won't go there again. Karen was given an old menu, the meal that Karen and Phil ordered was not hot, mine didn't have much flavor and not to sure about the others.

Even tho the food was not the best we had a very fun time, visiting, telling stories and of course we got to talk about all the others that did not show up. Good thing of course.

Wished more had shown up, maybe next time.
Charlie

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2010

Up and at it, ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Got up at the normal time, but left the house about 0655 Saturday morning. Stopped on Mather road and picked up Mike Elliot and headed west on 50 and north on 5. When we went over 80 I called out on the CB for "Snowman" and Jim came right back stating he was approaching I-5, so Mike and I put the speedo on 55 and as we turned onto 99 Jim Barber was right in line. The weather was cool but real clear. As Mike and I went over 80, we could see the Bute Mountains. The roads were dry and smooth since it has been repaved.

We arrived at the Peach Tree restaurant around 0800 and were served our drinks (coffee) and in came Bill Mael. We ordered breakfast and relaxed for a while as we were to leave for line up at 0900. We had close to 15 motorcycles, bikes and trikes together.

WAITE—the registration was mailed in over a month ago, but it never reached the right person, so we did not have a number and were the last entry in the parade. The parade started at 1000 and we did not move until 1100. After the parade we all went to Applebee's for lunch. One of the wife's went there early and made reservations for 15. We had to wait for about 30 minutes, but the lunch was free for all veterans. We did pay for the drinks and we left a tip.

We came back on 99 and the ride was good.

Phil Messer



FEATHER RIVER RIDE

Wow, FALL is here!! Phil and I pre-rode the intended route the week before the ride and the fall colors were wonderful. The road was clear, although there were a few wet spots in the shade on the Bucks Lake Road. We stopped at the CHP office in Quincy and visited with the personnel there. It's been 28 years since I left Quincy for Sacramento and the office is still in the same building, but the interior has changed dramatically. And, of course, the personnel have changed. The lieutenant has only been there for several months and the sergeant is the son-in-law of one of the patrolmen I worked with from 1977 – 1982. Anyway, we checked to make sure the Subway was going to be open and checked the park for bathrooms and picnic tables. It was about 58-60 degrees that day.

Now, on to the actual Chapter ride on the 13th. What a change a week makes!! We went to K-Mart at 8:00 a.m. and were the first to arrive, but only by minutes. Four bikes from Chapter V, Woodland Roadrunners, arrived (Bob, Henry, Dan the kickstand man, and Phil & his fiancée Janet) and so did Mike & Sharon Elliott. We waited the appropriate amount of time and headed out on Highway 50 to I-5 where we picked up Jim Barber near Del Paso Blvd. On we went to Highway 99 towards Marysville. In Marysville, we stopped at the Burger King to pick up Gary Wright & Donna, Curt Meredith and Bill Maels. Since they live in out lying areas, it was quicker for them to meet us in Marysville than to go all the way to K-Mart. After some how-de-do's and chit-chat, we headed off again for our break and gas stop in Oroville. We now had 8 bikes, 2 trikes and fourteen people. Wow, and its fall, almost winter, and 10 motorcycles show up for a ride. Yay!!

Most of us got gas and then all of us gathered up again at the McDonald's for a short break. Bill left us for Chico, since he had a date waiting there. You should have picked her up first, Bill, and brought her along. We would have tried to be nice and not embarrass you!! Anyway, off to Quincy we went over Highway 162, the Oroville-Quincy Highway which becomes County Road 16. I might add that the temperature in Oroville was about 60 degrees and some of the

opted to change to lighter jackets and gloves. Of course, at the higher altitudes, it got really colder. In fact, it got down to 43 degrees at some places. And the road that had been clear the week before had some ice on it and quite a bit of snow alongside it. The trees had turned from bright yellow and red to brown and



on the ground in many places. The ice was sometimes across both lanes and couldn't be avoided. Mike was slip-sliding in one place, but managed to stay upright thanks to having his wife, Sharon, with him

(something about a sandbag was mentioned). Because of the amount of ice on the road, we decided to continue on the County road and not try Bucks Lake Road. We had encountered several wet spots on Bucks Lake Road the previous week and it is a fairly steep downgrade. With the shade and much cooler temperatures, Phil & I felt that it would be too risky since none of us had chains or snow tires.

We reached Quincy and several stopped at the Subway for sandwiches, then on to the park to have lunch. There was bad news there as the bathrooms had been closed for the winter. Luckily, there is a gas station on the corner, a short walk of a half block from the picnic area. Jim finished his lunch and had to leave to be home for a dinner engagement and football game. The Chapter V members left next as two of them also had a dinner to attend. Now, we were four motorcycles. We left the park and headed to the gas station at the end of town to get gas and use the facilities if necessary. Then we headed down the canyon, Highway 70, back to Oroville. We stopped in Oroville to top off the gas tanks and say our good-bys. After leaving Oroville, Gary & Donna peeled off at Ramirez Road to return to Grass Valley and Curt cut off past Marysville to his home in Lincoln. Then there were just Phil & I and Mike & Sharon. We returned to Rancho Cordova, we take the same exit then go in opposite directions.

It was a wonderful ride with lots of friends and was really nice to have the Woodland group with us.

Following is the note I received from Henry Clayton regarding the ride. These are fun people and we should attend as many of their events as we can.

Ride Safe, Garfield (aka Kathy)

Phil and Kathy,

Those of us from Chapter V that went on your ride Sat. had a great time. Some of us log lots and lots of miles, and this was one nice ride even though we had to deal with snow and ice, it was awesome. We had to leave a little early because one of the guys had a dinner date to be at.

I will keep you up to date on our upcoming rides. We do have our meeting this next Sat. and Steve Andrus wants to take us on a ride to Point Reyes after the meeting. It may be raining, so he may change his idea to a short lunch ride somewhere.

I am our tour director, and I have been given some nicknames, but the clean one that I use is " Ride Guide Henry: aka RGH "

If you have any more rides, let me know, I will grab some of our members and chew up the pavement with you. Thanx again,,,RGH Henry Clayton





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*You Are Invited To Attend Chapter A's 22nd Annual
✧ Polar Bear Ride & Breakfast Buffet ✧*



The Lighthouse Restaurant at 151 Brannon Island Road is the site for our Buffet this year. It is located in Isleton on the Delta Loop. The usual menu has expanded to include bagels, lox, French toast, cereals, and Gourmet teas, and the owner assures us that we will all have all-we-can-eat! We'll leave UJ's Restaurant at Pacific and Hammer Lane in Stockton at 9:15 a.m. on January 1st, 2011.

 Parking at the Lighthouse is across the street in the RV Park 

YOUR PAYMENT OF \$13.00 BY DEC. 20TH INCLUDES THE BUFFET,
DOOR PRIZE TICKET, AND ENTRANCE INTO THE
\$25.00 PRE-REGISTRATION DRAWING.
WALK-IN COST WILL BE \$15.00.



*Polar Bear & Afghan Raffle, 50/50, Music,
and Lots of door prizes!*



Send check (made out to Jim Jackson) along with the names of those attending to:

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DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Chapter L Lake County Toy & Poker Run Redding Christmas Parade	6	7	8	9	10	11 Meeting Phil & Charlie's 12:30 Woodland Christmas Parade
12	13	14	15 Olivehurst Christmas Parade Chapter T	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Butch Ditmars & Sam Karnezis
19 Breakfast Meeting 8:00 Happy Birthday Steve Bezanson	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Merry Christmas