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Future Events

June

25th Dinner Ride

July

6th Staff Meeting Jim's 6:00

8th-10th Campout by the Lake (Tahoe) Chapter S

9th Chapter Ride-Around Lake Tahoe

17th Breakfast Meeting- Ride After

18th-21st Gold Rush- Colorado

23rd Dinner Ride

CHAPTER WEB SITE

www.rivercitywings.org

If you need a flyer for any
of events it can be found on
the State web site under
events

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WEB SITE

www.gwta-norcal.org

**Chapter meetings for a Breakfast Ride on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Mom's,
7028 Sunrise Blvd., Citrus Heights**

2nd Saturday of the month is our monthly Chapter Ride

4th Saturday of the month is our monthly Mystery Dinner Ride

11 days before the breakfast meeting/ride is our Staff Meeting Potluck

(all members are welcome to attend the staff meeting)



Gold Wing Touring Association

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JULY CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S NOTES

This is it, everyone planning to go to Gold Rush as a group will need to be at Jim Barbers on the 10th of July at 3PM for a planning meeting. We will discuss the route, stops and camping on the way and back.

Bill Meyer has said he will take the July general meeting and go on a ride for those that can't get away for Gold Rush.

This year we have a new chapter banner to show off, so if anyone would like to take it to an event let me know.

The chapter trailer has been repaired and painted, the wood floor replaced and the spare tire mounted to the side. We also have new ratcheting tie downs. I haven't found a new home for it yet, but it is available to any chapter member to haul their wing without charge.

REMEMBER, make sure while transporting a motorcycle that the stands are all up and the front shocks are collapsed by using the tie downs and the rear is held in the center of the trailer. Tie the front wheel to the winch and it should ride for a long distance with no problems. If you feel you need help give me a call and I will help you. When storing the trailer please wind the front up so if it rains the water will run off the back.

We have the BOZO back in circulation again so look out and I will not tell who has it, so be on the safe side and be careful. He will be watching.

If anyone would like to attend an experienced rider course you might want to join the Honda Riders

Club. They will pay up to \$75.00 each year for safety riding courses and they also cover towing if you need it. I believe they only charge \$35.00 a year for membership.

So till next month
Keep the rubber side down while you are

ON THE ROAD AGAIN
Phil Messer

MOTHER'S DAY CAMPOUT

Once again, Mother's Day Campout, (which was a week late this year) was a great success.

We has about 54 people turn out for the campout and the dinner.

Friday was a busy day as a large number of the Campers came in on that day. Nice to see so many of our friends again. Friday was a kick back kind of day, we just spent the time visiting, telling stories and of course that evening we had a very nice camp fire, thanks to Butch & Connie for all the wood they brought again. Fridays always seem to be the night everyone goes to bed early, except the Woodland chapter, they are the night owls and like to stay up and play the card game 31.

Saturday morning started nice for everyone who wanted a FREE breakfast, pancakes with ice cream and fresh strawberries. Walt & Janet provided the meal, with a little help cooking from a few Chapter members. Made it nice to have something different for breakfast. How many of us would go to all the trouble of fixing pancakes with the fixings? A BIG THANK YOU WALT & JANET. Every one enjoyed it.

Some of the people stayed in camp and just visited and rested, others went for a ride to Nevada City and around the area. Of course Gil had to have his camp-out fix of a game or more of cribbage.

For dinner Saturday evening, we had our special spaghetti sauce, with spaghetti, salad, bread, cookies, and soda. It must have been good, people kept coming back for more.



The cooks, Walt & Phil

After dinner it was time for Connie to start fun and games. She choose three volunteers to entertain the rest of us. She read a story about a man and when ever she mentioned an item of clothing, they had to put it on, not necessary in the order a person would get dressed. If she happened to mention Depends, they were suppose to put on a Depends. The victims were very good sports about it all.

There were door prizes for every one, and of course we had 50/50.

The evening was spent visiting around the campfire again and another game or two for the Woodland group.

It was another good campout and the weather was very good to us this year.

Charlie



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CHAPTER RIDE TO MT. HAMILTON

I sent out an e-mail to all the Chapter members as to where we were going so I wanted to make sure we arrived at K-Mart prior to some of the new members. I had the bike topped off with fuel and ready to go and as we were getting on the bike Phil and Kathy went by on their way to get lunch for the trip.

Charlie and I got to K-mart about 8:30 and no one showed up until right at 9:00 and everyone got there just about at the same time. We had Al & Joyce Boykin, Walt & Janet, Phil & Kathy and to my surprise Loren came also. We knew we had two others, Bill Meyers and Jay Hadley waiting at the Shell station at I-5 and Pocket road, so off we went.

Because it would take about an hour to get to Brentwood I decided to make the Shell station our first break. When we arrived we saw Jay, Bill and Marie Calkins there so, we did have a good group even though none of the new members came for the ride.

We left the Shell station and headed out Franklin Blvd. toward the river road. The weather was cool, but pleasant and there was very little traffic so we took our time at about 50 – 55 mph. We enjoyed watching the river, fruit trees that were abundant with pears and the palm trees (wind generating plants). At times it looked like we were at the base of Mt Diablo. The wind started to pick up as we passed Isleton, but it was just a warm breeze and it never got strong.

When we passed Highway 12, we came to a draw bridge and just as Charlie and I went over it the alarm sounded and some our the group were stopped by the barricades as the bridge opened for a boat to pass, so those of us that got across waited while the bridge went up and back down.

We arrived in Brentwood about 11:30 so everyone that didn't have lunch bought it there and we left for Livermore for fuel and while there we stopped at a little park to eat our lunch.

As we went up the hill on Mines Road, I missed the sign that said Mines Road turned to the left and we went straight for about ¼ mile and realized what had happened and decided to make a “U” turn back to Mines Road. Some said it was like a Gil ride. The road we were on was headed up and with the trike it was easy to make the turn around, but Marie had never made that kind of a turn before and was very hesitant so Jay parked his bike and made the turn for Marie.

We later found out that this was the longest ride she had been on and had never been on the twisty mountain roads like theses before. She made all the turns like a pro and we were all proud of her achievement.

We didn't stop at the Convenient Mart on the way up because we had our lunch about 20 minutes earlier and continued up to the observatory on the top of Mt Hamilton. Those of us that went in were able to go on a tour that told about the history and building of the observatory.

Some of us just waited outside to talk to others that came up to see it also and we were able to watch a deer about 100 yards down the hill.

We went back part of the same way we went up, but we turned at the Convenient store toward Patterson for fuel. Jay and Marie decided to leave toward home on I-5 while the others stayed to eat, as it was about 5:30pm.

When we started for home we went on I-5 also and arrived home about 8:30. I don't know about the rest of the group but Charlie and I retired early as we were kind of tired.

Phil Messer



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CINCO D'MAYO

Attending this weekend from our own Chapter was Karen, Mary, Jay, Marie, Ralph, Char, Butch and myself.

Butch & I left home on Friday at 6 pm under dark black clouds. Headed down Hwy 80 (West), we exited at Newcastle onto 193 (West). It's started to mist a few showers while we were winding thru the trees and many orchards. Also several different colors of wild flowers and some smelt as good as honey to a bee.

Arrived in Lincoln and then made a right turn headed North East up Hwy 65. Still dark clouds at our heels or tires, but it stopped raining. Of course we did get a lot mist from the passing autos, who always seem to be in an awful hurry.

Yuba City now in sight, with a few more miles to go we headed up Hwy 99 towards Gridley. A short half hour later we made it to the Fairgrounds and still dry weather.

Several people already here gave us a welcome cheer and glad we made it. To our surprise, Harry & Mary were already there from Reno, wonderful to see them again. They said snow was blowing hard over the summit, so they came in the truck.

Getting set up before dark in a sorta hurry, we then enjoyed everyone's company by the small campfire. Engaging in hugs, talk & a cool margarita made the evening Great.

It was a small group this year, but we sure had fun, with the breaking of piñatas and watching the little ones do their best to break the piñatas. Most of the time they managed to hit them off the hanging handle. Chapter O won the best home made piñata and Chapter F is second. Dress-Up was fun and a lot of different styles. Pictures taken all the time.

We went on the ride out to Orville and saw different areas than last year and we stopped at The Oroville Dam overlook. Wow, what a view to see, plus while driving over the dam itself. No water going out the spill way, lake is down like then all.

Back to the camp and some bike game, it sure was exciting and shocking to some. The two new games was about hanging clothes on the line by the passengers, which was not easy. The next game was about putting clothes on over your clothes, race down the road, stop, change clothes with your partner, (no helping) and race back to the start. These two games were great for the trike riders. Pictures were wild and you'll probably see some and get a great laugh at us all. The winners were Don & Virginia from Santa Rose, Napa area, time 1:59. Contestants were John & Delores, Don & Virginia and Butch and me.

Phyllis Horner and family were there for the day and her Great-grandson handed out beautiful flowers to all the gals and said "Happy Mother's Day. He is onLY 4 years old and so cute, his little brother too. A great Mexican meal for dinner and of course ice cream for dessert. Good conversation that evening and a campfire again to warM the bones. A day of dry weather and now it's starting to cloud up again.

Sunday AM and its raining again. Pack up wet stuff, hugs, good-bye and a wet ride home.

Got home at 10:30 and had breakfast. Called our daughter to say we were home and she invited us to go shopping later in the day. That's a Yes, so back out in the rain.

A Good Weekend for ALL
Connie & Butch

**Notice from the Tour Director, Bill Meyers
Fire Extinguisher Maintenance**

If you carry a fire extinguisher in your car or Wing like I do then I thought I would share some info with you about Maintenance. That's right dry chemical extinguisher maintenance. Once a month take the extinguisher and turn it up side down then back up right, repeat this several times and you are done. You want to feel the chemical sliding back and fourth, if not or the powder feels like its clumpy inside then it needs to be replaced, even if the gauge reads good.

Now for other news:

It has always bothered me in Touring News, they never show the city where the new members are from. So I e-mailed Bruce Keenon and asked him if he can get the city added so we all will know what city and chapter has the new member, and last month it was in Touring News.

Thank you Bruce and Linda Keenon

**Willits KOA
Diablo Valley Wings
Chapter J**

We are nearly always ready for a campout or a function of GWTA. This day of June 10th wasn't any different. I let Mary sleep in an extra hour, because there wasn't anything but the hard lifting and tugging that had to be done first in the preparations of the ride. Of course, there are the little things that one always forgets, until they are well into the ride or are already at their destination. I am, we aren't any different than anyone else. I think the only thing I forgot this time was the extra bag of ice that I left in the freezer, so that's not too bad I guess.

We started out with Mary (always cold) wearing her heavy jacket with the temperature ranging around 65 degrees at eight thirty in the morning. I wore my R F K windbreaker. An hour later we met with Ralph and Char along with Joe and Patsy at Bill & Cathy's Restaurant in Dunnigan, Ca. We had a good breakfast and plenty of chit, chat and left for the remaining part of our ride to Willits. Now it was shirt weather with sun-screen. Mary joined Char in their cage and Ralph rode with me the rest of the way.

We had to make a gas stop in Lucerne, next to Clear Lake. That's where Butch, Connie, Dave and Shelly past us on their way to the event as we were gassing up. We were, also passed by a lot of Harleys with their riders and passengers on the way to their annual Redwoods Run. We heard that there were roughly 10,000 people from all over gathering there. I wouldn't know because I'm kind of shy around that kind of situation.

We got to the campgrounds about 12:30 - 1:00PM. The weather was clear, sunny, and had a slight breeze around 78 degrees, just great and stayed that way all weekend.

Their event was a laid back event with do whatever you want to do. My kind of an event. Those that wanted to go for a ride did so and those that didn't told tall tales of those that did go. You know how we are between riding and eating...

The evening got cool as and after the sun went down. Just right for a big ole camp fir. The last to arrive of our group was Les & Dottie with their four boys.

They got there around 10ish and set up their big tent. I think that there were a couple of them already in bed before the last tent stake was driven.

The rumble of the Hardleys could still be heard all of the day Saturday on their way to the Redwoods. Most of our group did various rides of their own. Some went to Fort Bragg and played in the cold, cold water. The day was very well but just a little breezy.

Chapter J had two 50/50's drawing. One held Friday evening amounted to \$84.00. The other, I believe was \$94.00 held on Saturday after the Pot Luck Dinner. The set up for the dinner started out with only two long tables of food and grew to about four or five.

You know that there was plenty of food and a lot of desserts including cookies, cakes, pies and drinks.

After the dinner some announcements were made, more door prizes were handed out to the children and some of the unclaimed ones were finally given a chance to be claimed. Then the last 50/50 drawing was held.

It was time to start another camp fir. While the children were feeding the fire with marshmallows about eight of us played a 31' card game. You shudda' been there Jim.

The next day we had to return to our homes, except Joe and Patsy, they went and had a little extended vacation to the Avenue of The Giants. We wished everyone a safe journey and we joined all of the motor homes and Hardleys returning home. We rode the twisties on hwy 20. We stopped for gas in Clear Lake and rode some more twisties of hwy 20 before we got to the super slab I-5. We stopped again for brunch at Bill & Cathy's and arrived home at 4:00PM. What else can I say, but you all missed a good time. We, Mary & I really had a good time with you all.

Keep the Shiny Side Up, Ride Safely
Your Mileage Maker Gil

NOTHERN CALIFORNIA STATE REUNION

It seems a person makes long distance plans for something and it seems to take forever for the time to get here and before you know it is here and then IT'S over with. That is what the State Reunion seemed like.

Some Chapter members wanted to get in the spirit of the theme, which was Disney, but weren't sure what we wanted to do, then Char came up with a great idea. We were going to be Dalmatians. It was planning time and time to get every thing together for our costumes before going up to Anderson.

Phil and I went up on Thursday to help get thing ready for the fun week-end to come. It was so hot, wish we had been able to take an air conditioner with us.

The day of the Reunion started out a lot cooler, finished up with thing and waited for the rush to start at 12:00, boy were we surprised. A few members from other Chapters were at registration waiting and the wait was on. Where was all the members, maybe too hot to travel, still cooler that the day before.

Members start showing up, but not in the numbers that we thought we were going to get early in the day. Of course as the day went on more and more members started showing up and soon we had campers spread all over the campground. The first day is usually spend meeting and greeting all who come in and checking out where they are camped.. We had a good showing of members, Walt & Janet, Loren & Marie, Phil & Kathy, Gil & Mary, Jim & Karen, Steve & Katie, Ralph & Char, Butch & Connie, Dave & Shelly, Phil & myself. We also had former member, Steve Gilpin & his girlfriend join us at our campsite and for the week-end

Our camping area was decorated with Disney characters that were all around our camping areas. As usual on Friday night our Chapter had a group dinner, spaghetti left over from our Mother's Day

Saturday was a full day, starting with breakfast that we could buy, sure beats having to cook or go out, then there was Opening ceremonies, games, our Chapter participated in the Family games and got 1st place for Mickey's Hoops, rides for all who wanted to take them, door prizes, 50/50, bike games, Pot luck for dinner and dirty Bingo, later in the evening. Jay and Karen were able to come up to spend some time at the Reunion..

Saturday evening was also the time for the Chapter to take part in the skits. Ours was 100 & 1 Dalmatians, even though there was only about 16 of us. We had a great time putting on the skit. The song Kathy, as Cruella Daville lip synced was "How much is that Doggie in the Window". Not exactly a Disney song, but it would do.

Sunday started with breakfast for those who wanted biscuits and gravy. The day wasn't as full of things to do, and the weather was cold and windy, but there was still lots of places to go for rides. There was bike skill practice and bike judging, a few of our members won awards for their bikes/trikes.

There was also Chapter Pride judging, One of the Chapters that took part in that are going to try for Chapter Pride at Gold Rush.

Closing ceremonies were that evening, when the remaining awards were given out. Our Chapter took the Largest Chapter on Site award, Best Camp Site Theme award, Chapter Theme award. There were a lot of other awards given out also. After the closing, there was ice cream and toppings for everyone. Dirty Bingo was played again in the evening.

Monday was the time to pack up and get ready to leave. A good time was had by all, the weather wasn't too bad and we had fun going to the dogs. Got a lot of compliments from other members on our outfits. We won't be going back to Anderson next year. The Reunion is to be held in Plymouth.

Charlie

ANOTHER RIDE

As you can tell May was a VERY busy month, but, Jim, Gil, Phil & I were able to fit one more thing in. On Saturday, the 21st we went over to Milpitas to support Chapter Z with their Mall show. It was an outside show, there were a lot of bikes, but unfortunately there weren't the people like there was last year. We spent the time over there just visiting with other members and of course the guys had to check all out the bikes/trikes. The weather was nice, but I little windy. In the afternoon awards were given for the bikes and then it was time to get on the trikes and head home.

GOLD RUSH

For those that are going to Gold Rush, there is going to be a State skit and our Chapter has been asked to help out. Needed some members to be: Mouseketeers, wear white shirts, black pants and mouse ears—I have the words to the song. Bill Haley's Comets, wear gold California shirts and blue jeans, and dance around Bill, song Rock Around the Clock-I have the words. Everyone else on stage, wear gold California shirts and blue jeans. Let's get the Spirit Award for Calif.



Looking Good



Most of the doggies



RIVER CITY WINGS 2005 RIDE CALENDAR

June 25	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Gil	4 PM K-Mart
July 9	Chapter Ride	Ride Around Lake Tahoe	9 AM K-Mart
July 17	Brkfst Ride	Impromptu	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
July 23	Dinner Ride	Surprise (Open)	4 PM K-Mart
August 13	Chapter Ride	Feather River—Butch Ditmars	9 AM K-Mart
August 21	Brkfst Ride	Rio Vista Train Museum	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
August 27	Dinner Ride	Surprise (Butch Ditmars)	4 PM K-Mart
September 10	Chapter Ride	Caple/Silver Lake/Hwy 88—Bill Meyer	9 AM K-Mart
September 18	Brkfst Ride	Impromptu	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
September 24	Dinner Ride	Surprise—Jim Barber	4 PM K-Mart
October 8	Chapter Ride	Bodega Bay—Jim Barber	9 AM K-Mart
October 16	Brkfst Ride	Apple Hill	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
October 22	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Jim Cowen	4 PM K-Mart
November 12	Chapter Ride	Mt. Baker/Sausalito—Karen Padilla	9 AM K-Mart
November 20	Brkfst Ride	Impromptu	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
November 26	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Karen Padilla	4 PM K-Mart
December 10	Staff Meeting	Phil & Charlie's	2:00 PM
December 18	Brkfst Ride	Nevada City/ Victorian Christmas	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
December 24	Dinner Ride	NONE CHRISTMAS EVE	

All Chapter & Dinner Rides will leave from K-Mart at Sunrise & Coloma
Breakfast Meetings will be at Mom's on Sunrise in Citrus Heights

Staff meetings are held at 6:30, 11 days before the General Meeting of each month (Potluck dinner)

Dinner Rides in January, April, July and October are on the 4th Saturday not the last Saturday of the

THE CHAPTER AWARD

I'M Back

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July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6 Staff Meeting Jim's 6:30	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Kathy Hoing</i>	8 Campout by the Lake (Tahoe) Chapter S	9 Chapter Ride Ride around Lake Tahoe Campout by the Lake
10 Campout by the Lake (Tahoe) Chapter S	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Breakfast Meeting 8:30	18 GOLD RUSH	19 GOLD RUSH	20 GOLD RUSH	21 GOLD RUSH	22 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Lou Cowen</i>	23 Dinner Ride 4:00
24 <i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>Loren & Marie Hoing</i>	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jerry Vollmer</i>
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