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Future Events

February

26th Dinner Ride

March

6th Blossom Trail and Bar B Q-Fresno

9th Staff Meeting Jim's 6:30

12th Chapter Ride-Alameda

19th Arizona Chapter F Kick Off

20th Breakfast Ride- Jelly Belly

26th 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)



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MARCH CHAPTER DIRECTOR’S NOTES

Now we are having fun. We are now on a full riding schedule. The days are a little longer and warmer. When it rains the temperature is not quite so cold and the fog is almost gone. Our first Chapter event, The Mid Winter Gathering has been held and I hope those that attended had a good time. We had to keep the time a little shorter and with the games, dancing and visiting with some members that have been living their other lives for a while, time sure went fast. It was good to see them again and hope to see them on some of our rides.

Our Regional Director, Jim Barber has been busy and will be going to Arizona to welcome a new State Director into our organization along with a new large chapter called “F Troop”. Chapter F in Northern California was the first GWTA chapter and Jim Barber was the person who started it and now Chapter F in Arizona is taking off like gang busters. Congratulations Jim.

On March 6th we will be meeting at the truck stop just south of Mack road on Stockton Blvd.

and ready to leave at 8 AM sharp to go to the Blossom Trail Ride near Fresno. It takes about 3 hours to get there and after the fun and games are over along with lunch and Gil winning the 50/50 we will head back home.

Buck and Charlene Buckley of Chapter “N” Jackson has asked me if our Chapter would help them with a poker run on April 16th at Wing Worx. They do not have enough members to do it without help and since we were close and have more members, together we could make it work. They will attend our February meeting to spell out what will be needed. I will let everyone know the particulars of the event either by phone, or e-mail or in next month’s news letter. I hope everyone is out experiencing the pleasure of riding again and if not it’s time to get going again.
So until we meet - -ON THE ROAD AGAIN-

Keep the rubber side down.
Phil Messer

The Chapter trailer:

No longer being stored at O’B’s.

**It is now located at Bill Harmon’s.
Phone number is (916) 920-5841**

MID WINTER GATHER

The day of the party started in the morning when a group of us from Chapter F and Chapter V, got together to get the room set up and decorated the tables for the BIG event. The Club house was a nice change from the VFW hall, but almost too small for the events that were to follow later in the day.

A lot of us got back to the Club house very early in the afternoon to make sure that there wasn't any thing that we had forgotten to do. A few people from different Chapters started showing up about 5:00, when the party was suppose to start, by 5:20 I was wondering where all the people were. At 5:30 when everyone was asked to take their places at the tables, we found out that we had a near full house, only a few places were left at the tables, but not for long, with the arrival of a few more people.

Time to eat, oh how we all like to be in the front of the line to get what ever looks good. There was an over abundance of food this year (not that we don't like that) and as it is every time we have or go to a pot luck the food was great, no one could have gone hungry with all the different food on the table.



The selection of desserts didn't leave anyone lacking either. There were a few home made pies, that didn't last very long. After dinner it was time to start with the games, and there was a lot of visiting going on also.

One of the games that was played was, put a pile of socks on the floor, which one person has to match, and then throw to another person, who is standing a distance away, holding a large paper bag, that person has to try and catch as many socks as possible. There were a lot of low flying socks while the game was being played. Chuck & Lisa Walker from the Woodland Chapter were the winners.

We had a game for the children also, they had to hold a balloon between their knees and walk an obstacle course, with out loosing the balloon. The girls had more fun with that game than the boys. The winner of that game was Leilani Messer. After the children were finished, it was fun time for some adults (children at heart) to try their luck. The comment was "It's not as easy as it looks."

There was some dancing, door prizes, (thank you to all who provided them) and last, but not least there was the 50/50 which was won by Gil Bell. I'm sure that a good time was had by all.

Missed those who weren't there.

Charlie

Camera wasn't working right, didn't get any good pictures of the people at the party.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

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Breakfast at Sweetie Pies

It was Sunday Morning Jan. 30th and after reading about a café in Placerville we decided to check it out. One look outside told us it was the perfect day for a ride. The day couldn't have been better after all the fog we have had lately. I pulled the trike out of hibernation turned the key several times and it came to life ready to take us toward our destination.

News that morning said the current temp. was 48 with an expected high to

be in the high 60's. We stopped for gas at a station on winding way and took off for Hiwy 50. Traffic was fairly light and the hills were still wearing their winter coats of green. The air was clear and fresh as we chose the quick route to breakfast.

It took us about 45 minutes to reach our turn-off and from there a short ride up Main Street to our destination. Sweetie Pie's is a converted house with a large porch and a brick patio in the front.

Outside people were sitting on benches, others sat at tables on the porch, still others just stood in the sun drinking coffee. I put our name on the waiting list and the girl said it would be about 20 minutes. We found a small table at one corner of the porch bathed in sunlight and looked over the menu. Karen chose Eggs Benedict and I went for one of the local favorites called Chili René no Casserole. It's made with tomatoes, 3 kinds of cheese and of course chilies. Sauce of Karen's eggs was flat but eggs were hot and cooked well. Mine was good as was the home baked cinnamon raisin toast. They have a serve yourself coffee bar with several choices, all kept full and hot. Our bill was just short of \$20. It wasn't high on our list of favorites, but we would go back again to try another selection.

After breakfast we decided to go home the long way since the day was too nice to waste. Our choice was to cross the Hiwy and go up Spring Street toward Coloma. We then took the turnoff to the right and headed up to Georgetown. Hardly anybody on the road, so we cruised at an even pace thru the curves, going down into the canyon and up the other side. Did I mention that the hills were all green and the air fresh and clean??? Lots of new building going on between Placerville and Georgetown now, so that made the trip a little more interesting. When we got to the stop sign in Georgetown we turned left for one block and left again to go down Marshall Grade to 49. Just about 12:30 we make a left turn onto 49 and crossed the river and turn right on to Lotus Road. More traffic now with lots of bikes out for the day. We journey up Lotus making a right turn and buzz thru Rescue. Thru Rescue we hang a right on

Green Valley Road. As we pass Salmon Falls I think about turning right and going up to see Al and Joyce, but just dropping in on a Sunday afternoon didn't seem like the proper thing to do. Instead we continue down and turn right going into Folsom. Turned right just up the road a bit and went up to the park at Dyke 8 boat launch. Lots of boats on the lake and people having fun. From there we stop at the prison and go thru both the gift shop and museum there. They have moved the gift shop since our last visit there. It is very small now and 6 people would be a large crowd inside. Across the way behind the guard house is the museum. It displays various weapons that have been confiscated as well as other articles that were used or worn thru the years. Outside the front entrance is a model of a cell. Doesn't give them much room at all, but they aren't in there to enjoy.

Back on the road again and thru Folsom, across Rainbow bridge and turn left at the stop light toward 50. Karen's grandson is playing basketball at Rio High School, so we stop to watch the second half.

It was around 4:30 when we go home and had a very enjoyable day covering about 100 miles.

Karen and I have always said (at meetings, in the newsletter, and web site) many times, that if the day is sunny and bright and we are home, we will be going someplace, maybe planned, maybe not.

We would like to have had others join us, but lately it seems that riding is not as popular as it once was within the chapter.

“Snoman”

FEBRUARY CHAPTER RIDE

Attending our chapter ride this month was Gil Bell, Phil and Charlie Messer, Butch and Connie, and Tim and Lori Pruitt. We hadn't seen Tim and Lori in about seven months and it sure was nice to see them and get a great big hug hello.

It was my turn to lead the ride, but not knowing the way I was pretty nervous about making a huge mistake. Phil and Charlie took the lead as they had been that way before and knew the scenic route, it was beautiful. We are headed for Charles Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa. Charles is the famous cartoonist who draws Snoopy the dog. The ride thru the valley was real pretty and the trees are starting to bloom in their many bright colors and of course the many cattle ranches we passed Gil waved for Kathy, as it's her favorite thing to do on rides.

We finally made it to hwy 101 and headed north for a short while in a lot of traffic, it was nerve racking for me. The museum is only a short ride from the hiway and we were glad to stop, plus stretch our legs and get a drink. The weather is just wonderful with temps up to 60 and not much breeze, we even ate outside. Oh, we did have some fog leaving Sacramento and the temp dropped 10 degree. Sure glad to have a



heater in the car. This only lasted for about five miles.

Wow, it was free admission day because of Black History month and the honoring of cartoonist Morrie Turner who drew Wee Pals for 40 years. You get to meet professional artist every second Saturday of the month. There is also a cafe and ice ring where you can sit and watch people, if there is a table empty. Across the street is the gift shop where your money is fun to spend. A person can spend all day there just looking around and reading cartoons and learning the history of the cartoonists.

Now with the map pulled out and our famous leader Gil taking note of the route home, we let him lead the group. He led us over Deer Hill, thru Capay Valley and past Lake Barryessa to the town of Davis with no problems. Tim and Lori headed home up hwy 113 and the rest took hwy 80. Gil went on home to check on his honey, Mary. Phil and Charlie and we went to dinner in Carmichael. We ate at Brookfield's on Madison, the food was great with Charlie and me topping it off with the sharing of a hot fudge sundae.

Well it was a wonderful ride, great day and fabulous people, oh, can't forget the hugs and hugs.

That's all Connie and Butch.

Carl Ditmars



The gang minus one-he is behind the camera

RIVER CITY WINGS 2005 RIDE CALENDAR

February 26	Dinner Ride	Surprise—Butch Ditmars	4 PM K-Mart
March 12	Chapter Ride	Oakland/Alameda USS Hornet-Phil Messer	9 AM K-Mart
March 20	Brkfst Ride	Jelly Belly Factory	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
March 26	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Phil Messer	4 PM K-Mart
April 9	Chapter Ride	Napa Valley	9 AM K-Mart
April 17	Brkfst Ride	Shriners Toy Run	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
April 23	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Phil Honing	4 PM K-Mart
May 13,14,15	Mother's Day	Orchard Springs (Colfax)	Meet at Campground
May 15	Brkfst Ride	NO MEETING	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
May 28	Dinner Ride	NO RIDE SCHEDULED	4 PM K-Mart
June 11	Chapter Ride	Mt. Hamilton---Gil	9 AM K-Mart
June 19	Brkfst Ride	Columbia State Park	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
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	Cagle/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 month.

Welcome to Horner's Corner

We have been having some pretty exciting times this past month or so. The January Staff Meeting in Woodland was attended well, and it was great to see the enthusiasm in ideas to gain new members. Also saw a lot of hands go up to attend Gold Rush and the State Reunion. We were pleased to see the new Southern California State Directors Tracy and Michael Wise come to the Staff Meeting. They seemed excited about their new position and sounded like we may soon not just be a North and South California but one great GWTA State.

STATE REUNION: May 27th – 30th in Anderson, CA. Theme: Disney. The plans for a grand time are in progress so if you haven't already marked your calendars, do so!

Please remember why we have the State Reunion and other events. Sure it is to see new places sometimes, but mostly it is to see our friends some of whom we do not get to see very often. It is also a time to show how proud we are of our Chapters and maybe act like kids again. There will be plenty of games, prizes, bike tours, rider education, bike show, food and... the best part is "and always was" is the talking and laughing with T.A. members and the others who join us. This year's theme is "Disney" and should be especially fun. There are so many characters to dress up like, and, YES you can act like them if you want. Remember, Joanne Davis' challenge... you get a ticket for any new member you sign up and two tickets if you bring the new member to the reunion. These tickets will give you the chance to smash a pie in any State, Regional or National Staff's face. Personally, I have never been much for the pie in the face thing. They always pick the messy ones. What ever happened to the good old American apple pie? Whoops, bet I shouldn't have said that.

GOLD RUSH: July 18th-21st in Grand Junction, Colorado. Theme: BACK TO THE FUTURE.

Charles and I went to the first G.W.T.A. winter event in Nashville, Indiana. While the number of people was small, about 68 persons, we had a really good time. The events and things to do were just like a miniature Gold Rush. Many thanks to Bruce and Linda Keenon and the others who put the event on. While we were there, they showed a video of the Grand Junction area. It is beautiful. There is one ride up a mountain that only a biker could love. First thing out of Charles's mouth was "I am doing that ride."

On Monday, July 18th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. will be prom night. I am not only asking you but begging you on hands and knees to attend this event. Jim and Karen were given the responsibility for this event. Let's not only make them proud of us by pretending we are sixteen again but show up dressed in prom style. Yes, I know as you read this many of you are thinking maybe even saying they're not getting me in that stuff! I have gained too much weight, my arms sag and I can't carry an outfit on the bike. Well, my arms sag and also a few other places do, too. Can't say I gained weight. Still waiting on that one. It's pretty bad being Twiggy all the time, too. As far as getting the stuff to Colorado, you can mail it. There are some who will drive their cars, and we are taking the trailer so no excuse. Seriously, you do not have to dress up if you do not want to just come. We plan to have a live band and also do some karaoke. We will have corsages for the ladies and pink carnations for the men. How about it, let's relive our teen years for three hours. Karen doesn't know it yet but she is teaching Charles how to jitterbug. Ralphie is putting together a skit for us. Please say "YES" when she asks you to join in.

We mentioned at the State Meeting about wearing the Gold California shirts. If you do not have one, give us a call as we still have some available. More on Gold Rush later.

We visited Chapter X. The meeting was great. Such enthusiasm. They had a new member and so far are the only Chapter that has turned in a completed Chapter Olympics form. Good work. Completing the Chapter Olympics is not hard. Most of the chapters already do all of it or are close to completing it. Again, make California shine!

We also went to the Chapter F and Chapter V's Winter Gathering last Saturday. Don't know how many about 100 I think were there. We had a wonderful time.

We have never been to an event that we didn't think was really organized and fun. If you have never been to their event, the

table decorations alone should get you there. What creativity.

ARIZONA: March 19th, Apache Junction, Arizona. Arizona will be holding their Kickoff in Apache Junction, just out of Phoenix. We are going. Jim Barber, our Region B Director, says there are quite a few from California and Nevada that are going, too. It is really exciting to me, since I am from Arizona. I will also get to take my best friend from there on her first bike ride.

Jim and Karen are really doing a bang up job in their new positions. Be sure to tell them when you see them. Just a little bragging - look out all you other Chapters, with Ken and Sandra Downs as new Northern California Chapter Directors of Chapter O, you just might have some competition.

Friendship always, Phyllis and Charles
Northern California State Directors

**JIM & KAREN MINI VACATION
TO VENTURA**

Day one of our mini vacation to Ventura was nothing but driving down I-5 as the most direct route....Super Bowl Sunday don cha know.

We left Sacramento around 8:30 (already an hour late) and took the most direct route as I said. Had bright sun until just outside of Bakersfield and then it started to cloud up and even get some ground fog. As we started up the Grapevine mist become a light shower and lasted all the way up to the top. As we started down broken clouds and spots of sun came out.

This was not only a vacation, but also gave me a chance to try out our new

GPS system on the car. I put the address and city as prompted and off we went.

She, as it's a lady's voice guided us out of Sacramento and down as far as Gorman. Then she was bound and determined to send us back to Bakersfield. At every ramp she wanted us to get off and go back. Once we got on route 126 she picked us up and did a good job of taking us to our final destination. We arrived at Harbor Town Point Resort and got checked in by 3:45. Only missed about 10 minutes of the game and no body had scored yet..Got out some snacks and drinks and watched the game.

Drove around and found something to eat and picked up a few things for

breakfast. We reserved a studio apartment and it was complete with all the comforts of home. Free coffee and dishes, pots, pans etc. They come in Wednesday and clean up as well as replace towels, sheets and whatever else is needed. This place is so quiet that you don't hear anyone. This time of year it isn't overbooked by any means.

Tomorrow we plan a short trip into Oxnard, the home of my first radio job back in 1957. I'm sure the station is still there but the original owner is no longer around. That is another story, the way the station was built I mean, So ends day one.

Day two found us ready to find the radio station where I started my broadcasting career. I haven't been back to this area for about 47 years so you can imagine things weren't what they used to be. The call letters have changed since it was sold and I don't even know if it was the same station. Anyway we looked around for several minutes and with no luck decided to head back to Ventura.

Going down Main Street we looked for the Mission and spot a corner hamburger stand with lots of people around it. It's either very popular or it's a drug bust. As it turned out they serve a good burger. From there we tour the mission and find several museums that look interesting. Only problem, they are either closed on Monday or only open on week ends.

Next we ride up the coast several miles and walk along the beach looking at shells and all the junk thrown up on the sand from the last several storms. We get back to the resort and decide to eat at a seafood place we found not far from the room. Food was good and after dinner we walked around the area looking into shops. Back to the room watch a little TV and off to bed.

Tomorrow we'll drive up to Solvang and eat some Danish Pastries. Eat your heart out Ralph.

APPLESAUCE FUDGE CUPCAKES

2 Squares (2 ounces total) unsweetened chocolate
½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2/3 cup canned applesauce
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sifted flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup chopped walnuts, optional

Melt the chocolate and shortening over low heat. Remove the pan from the heat and cool slightly. Add sugar, beaten eggs, applesauce and vanilla to the shortening mixture and mix well. Add the flour, salt, baking powder and soda and blend thoroughly. The batter will look slightly curdled. Stir in walnuts, if desired.

If making cupcakes, line the muffin tin with cupcake papers or spray with a nonstick cooking spray. Fill each paper half-full with batter. Bake cupcakes at 350 degrees 20 to 22 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched. Cool thoroughly before frosting.

If you are using an 8-inch square pan instead of making cupcakes, grease the cake pan before pouring in the batter. Bake the cake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 or until the top springs back when lightly touched. Cool the cake before frosting. You can use your favorite frosting or dust with powder sugar.

**CALLING ALL COOKS
BY
CAROLYN**

Information Taken From the Minutes of the January State Staff Meeting

Ed Davis told us the association's doing well and that the theme for this year is Get alive in 2005, and encourage us to bring in members. Board elections are coming up this year for our Region and it is for a Board Member and a Life Founder representative. Ed asked us to reelect him again.

Ed talked about "Baby Boomers", that they are buying more bikes than any other age group and are also more of them are dying from motorcycle accidents than any other age group. Motorcycle safety course were mentioned as a way of improving riders skills.

Ed said the next board meeting will be the Friday after Gold Rush in Grand Junction, Co. in July.

Joanne Davis spoke about membership and she suggested that for every new member you recruit, you could get a ticket from her to be in a drawing to win a chance to throw a pie in her face at the state rally in May or Charles's face or maybe even your favorite Chapter director or any state staff or national member present. You must verify the new membership by sending a copy of the application to Joanne.

Regional Director: Jim Barber reported that Region "B" will be having an event later in the year. The event is being planned and will be announced soon. Region "B" will have an assignment for Gold Rush's

"Prom Night". Jim asked Ralphine Andrus to be the cheer leader for our group at Gold Rush. Jim said there was a new Chapter in Arizona and they would be having a kick off March 19, 2005 the Chapter has 45 memberships and had 70 people present at their first meeting and looks like a great start. The Chapter is called "F Troop".

Karen asked the Chapters to turn in dates for their events to the touring news so that they could be included in the magazine and also to the state and national web sites.

STATE R.E.D. STEVE ANDRUS

Steve Andrus has agreed to be the new R.E.D. for the State for the coming year. Steve thanked Les Long for his work last year as the R.E.D...

Steve Andrus talked about a shirt their Chapter has developed for Gold Rush, you can purchase shirts from Chapter "V" they cost \$22.00 each and that includes your name. The shirt is a golf shirt.

STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR will be chosen at the Fall Fiesta October. John & Delores were asked to continue as State Family until that time. The time has been changed to October State Staff meeting to have us in line with the rest of the states.

REGION "B" FAMILY OF THE YEAR will be chosen at the State Staff meeting in January, the **STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR** from both N/CA and S/CA will be represented at that meeting and one will be chosen for the New Year and that family will represent California at the National Rally in 2006.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

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March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Blossom Trail & Bar B Q Fresno	7	8 Happy Birthday Tony Roraback	9 Staff Meeting Jim's 6:30 Happy Aniversary Glen & Marie	10	11	12 Chapter Rid 9:00
13	14	15	16 Happy Anniversary Butch & Connie	17 Happy Birthday Bill Meyer Happy Anniversary Gil & Mary	18	19
20 Breakfast Meeting 8:30 Jelly Belly Factory	21	22	23	24	25	26 Dinner Ride 4:00
27	28 Happy Birthday Loren Honig	29	30	31		