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Future Events

OCTOBER

243rd Food & Toy Run Chapter N (Jackson)

NOVEMBER

6th Woodland Toy Run 9:00

16th Breakfast Ride-Apple Hill

22nd Chapter Dinner Ride

DECEMBER

2nd-4th SLO Wing Fling (San Luis Obispo)

4th Toy Run Chapter L (Lakeport)

10th Staff Meeting Phil & Charlie's 2:00 PM

18th Brkfst Ride

Nevada City/ Victorian Christmas

24th Dinner Ride

NONE CHRISTMAS EVE

25th Christmas Day

31st New Years Eve

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 *NOVEMBER 2005*



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NOVEMBER CHAPTER DIRECTOR’S NOTES

Fall is upon us once again and we have enjoyed another year of fun and many miles of nature's finest scenery. It wouldn't have been so enjoyable without all the friends throughout this whole country. It seems that wherever we go there is always someone to say hi to and to share stories with.

Gold Rush in Colorado was especially a lot of fun, not because of the hot weather, or the problems of overheating going up a steep grade slow behind a large truck or even one of the bikes just stopping because of vapor lock, but it all comes down to (I know you have heard it many times, and it is true) good friends with more time than money having fun.

On the way to Colorado in the middle of Nevada, we stopped in Eureka and found a water facet where everyone got drenched just to cool down and have a few laughs.

Again we have the Toy Run in Woodland so we can contribute a toy so that those less fortunate can enjoy a little pleasure in their childhood.

Lately I have noticed a lot of motorcycle accidents and some with fatalities. One that comes to mind was the Goldwing that was splitting lanes between two semi trucks; He must have gotten caught by the vacuum and wind pressure and didn't make it all the way between them. His funeral was a few days later.

We all should take another look at the programs available to us. One program offered by GWTA is called the Rider Education Program. Steve Andrus, Region B Rider Education Director, has offered his time and now it is up to each of us to reciprocate and offer some of our time.

It only takes a split second to make a mistake that could have lasting effects, and even though we have been riding for several years and have thousands of miles under our belts, we are still vulnerable to a bad judgment by our self or someone else. If it is someone else, I hope we have the knowledge and ability to thwart a disaster.

If someone would like to take the California Experienced Rider Course they should join the Honda Rider Club. Honda Rider Club members can take a riders course each year and be reimbursed up to \$75 for taking that course. If you do the math, joining cost is \$40 per year, and you get \$75 for taking the course, you can make \$35 each year.

These are just a few things to think about and maybe a few members can give me a call and give me a few more.

Until next month, keep the rubber side down and show off the safety chrome while you are

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.
Phil Messer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In case of an accident the EMT's will look for a contact number on your cell phone. If you do the following it will help them

In your cell phone list of numbers, put in ICE #1 –CONTACT NUMBER & who it is
ICE #2 CONTACT NUMBER & who it is
ICE # 3 CONTACT NUMBER & who it is

FRIENDSHIP CAMPOUT

During the week prior to the campout I made a few calls to find out who all might be attending and what time they would like to leave. There was a lot of different going's-on that prevented some of the campers from attending the event. The event was the Friendship Campout held the weekend of September 16, 17, & 18th, at Woodson Bridge just east of Corning, Ca...

We decided to leave from home at 9:30 AM. The only other couple that were going about that time were Joe & Patsy and they were to meet us in Corning at the Giant Hamburger Restaurant for lunch. We had very light traffic while traveling north bound on I-5 and the drive was pleasant. It was just great to be out and about. We had the 'three napkin' burger and fries with the drink and left for the campout.

Mary told me that she didn't think a burger and fries at that time would be any good or not, but afterwards said that it was pretty good.

We stopped at the Arco for gas and arrived at Woodson Bridge just shortly after Joe and Patsy. There were two other couples there and set up but they had their large RV trailers. We had the pick of the place and were soon set up and ready to enjoy the weekend. Some more campers arrived. I played myself a short game of horseshoes because there weren't any other challengers. By the way I lost, 3-1, so I quit.

Then some more campers arrived to join us. We all gathered around to watch, greet, and kibitz the campers as they arrived. We all had the large group campsite area that we had before, but they added a fresh layer of redwood bark to the whole area. Each step that a person took, a small cloud of red dust formed around the foot of each step. It didn't take but a very short while for the feet and red bark to all be the same color.

That was remedied by a couple sharp stomps onto the blacktop and you could nearly see the proper color of your shoes, if ya had shoes on. Some people go bare footed, duncha' kno.

Friday evening was 'on your own' for dinner ,but we planned on pasta and salad with French garlic buttered bread. Some more campers arrived. After

dinner, Ed Drummond started **THE FIRE**. A little one, it was not. Some more campers arrived. While some sat around the fire doing what you set around the fire doing, others of us donated our quarters to the cup. It was dark thirty and some more campers arrived. It was a perfect night for sleeping when we all decided to turn in. Most everyone had arrived by now that was going to I think. I set the pot and turned out the lights.

Saturday was almost a repeat of Friday. Some more campers and attendees arrived. Some of the people had places to go and things to do while others stayed in camp. All in all there must have been about thirty-five to forty people there. Some went on a ride to Mt. Lassen. Some went to the casino to wuk the one armed bandits. And some went on a ride to Paradise. Only one incident happened along the way. One alternator went ka-puut and all ended back at camp safely.

The pot-luck dinner went very well with plenty of food and deserts left over. **THE FIRE** was revived and later ice cream and root beer was provided for all. Again the cards were shuffled and reshuffled until late hours of the evening. I set the pot and turned out the lights.

Sunday Butch had fired the pot and revived the fire, but it was smaller. We finish burning off the remaining wood. Then we broke camp and all of the hugs were given and we returned home. It was a great weekend.

Keep the Shiny Side Up
Ride Safely
Your Mileage Maker
Gil

WOODLAND Roadrunners 16th Annual TOY RUN
Sunday 9:00am
OCTOBER 6 2005

Free coffee and Donuts
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RAIN OR SHINE
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Main & 2nd Street

RIDE DAY FOR THE RETIRES

This is something I have never done before, but since the time was running out for the Photo Tour, I thought it might be a good time to get some retired folks together for a ride to do the photo tour.

My big problem was time. I know, since I am retired, I should have lots of time, but in reality I think I have less time now than when I was working for a living.

The Photo Tour is a fun thing thought up by a long time friend we all know as Jim Barber. Since the Region funds are low, he thought this would be a fun way to get a few dollars.

By signing up for seven dollars per person and traveling to towns that start with the letters G W T A, taking a picture of yourself with your transportation (bike, car, airplane, etc.) and the town sign, as well as a picture with the name of your state, then send them to Charlie, she will send out a Lanyard to each person who completes the tour.

We traveled to Colorado this summer and had several opportunities to take these pictures, but were always in too much of a hurry.

This is why I decided to invite the retired folks on a Monday photo tour. The ones that came were Jim and Karen, Gil Bell and Charlie & I.

I wanted to go toward the coast since we haven't been there in a while, and just going to towns in this area wouldn't be much of a ride. We left from EPIES in west Sacramento at 0900. We went east on 80 down to Cordella and turned onto 12 over to 29 then right and over the high bridge to 116 and turned left toward Petaluma. In Petaluma we stopped for fuel and headed our bikes toward Tomales for the (T). We then went North on 1 for about ninety miles making a stop at Bodega Bay for lunch, and turned right on a one lane road called Annapolis road to the town of Annapolis (A). This town is very small and I guess I blinked my eyes, because I missed it, so we turned around and went back to what we thought was the town and took a picture in front of a winery sign which was the only business we could see. We didn't see any city signs or post office.

We stayed on Annapolis road for another 10 miles to Stewarts Point, Skaggs Springs road and turned left for about 20 miles on a road that we could only do about 25 mph, because of sharp turns and ups and downs and around mountains over to Canyon road



where we took another left to Geyserville for the (G). We then continued on 128 to Calistoga where we filled our tanks and continued on 29 south and turned left on Bale Lane to the Silverado trail and right to Deer Park road then left again. At Pope Valley we turned right on Cheles & Pope Valley rd to 128 again and turned left and went past Lake Berryessa Dam and to Winters (W) which completed (GWTA).

Winters was supposed to be our dinner stop and we were to meet Phil and Kathy Honig at the Buckhorn Restaurant at about 5PM. So by getting there at 7:15 we were a little late. The restaurant did keep our reservations open since Phil & Kathy waited for us and they still had a table open. The Buckhorn is noted for having tender steaks (and usually take part of it home for another meal). We left the Buckhorn rather late after taking our picture by using the flash on the camera and when I reached home I had 341 miles logged on the odometer.

This was a long trip just to complete the Photo Tour for the letters GWTA, but when you are with friends and are having fun, time flies by fast.

Phil Messer

RIVER CITY WINGS 2005 RIDE CALENDAR

October 16	Brkfst Ride	Apple Hill	8:30 AM Mom's Restaurant
October 22	Dinner Ride	Surprise--Jim Barber	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 themonth

Mon. - Sat 9:00 - 6:00
Sunday 10:00 - 4:00



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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

I could try to call every one of you good people and friends that helped with the assembling of the lunches. It would take a while to accomplish that, because, some would be at work, some would be out of town, and some wouldn't be checking the answering machine right away or for some other reason or another.

Here is the list of people that I want to thank for putting up with me. It's not in any particular order, alphabetically or any otherwise... Jim Barber, Butch and Connie Ditmars, Walt and Janet Welch, Loren and Marie Honig (Loren's use of his pick-up and ride to Stockton) (Marie's offer to deliver Mary and myself back home), Janie O'Brien, Carlene (Kelly Ellis friend who helped at the end of the table where Jim & Janet worked), Patsy Secco. Marissa (Marie's Granddaughter), Dave and Shelly Caudle, Ralph and Char Bezanson, Ron Tryon, Phil and Charlie Messer, Steve Bezanson and Katie McFarland, and there were two of The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's staff persons also assisted, which I didn't get their names, (I'M SORRY)...

The trip to Stockton where we loaded the products was made in good time and on time (even though I was seven minutes late) and Loren didn't have to blow the horn or

slam on the brakes. The truck was loaded and we were out of there in a very short time. We were now, just slightly a head of schedule. A quick trip to Woodland and now the rest is history.

Each and every one of you did an excellent job this time again. If this was your first time, you worked smooth & well with the team and fit right in like a well-oiled machine. It's just that this rusty ole' farmer wasn't keeping up that well with my end, for which I'm sorry. I'll have a sharper knife the next time.

We accomplished the assembling of approximately 1200 lunches in less than three hours. We have had quite a few compliments on our lunches yesterday and I hope to count on you again for next year's assembling of lunches.

This is going to be an annual event until **WE** can beat or cure these cancerous brain tumors.

(A great big)
Thank you,
Gil

Busy making all those sandwiches and lunches.



Chapter Ride to Bodega Bay

After a few phone calls to find out there would be two meeting places Gil, Mary, Phil, Charlie, Jim and I headed out from Kmart to Eppies in West Sacramento to pick up Phil, Kathy, Bill and Carolyn.

Nice crisp day as we drove south on 80 to Napa cut off. On to Yountville for a leg stretch and potty break. Yountville is ready for Halloween with front lawn decorations of ghost and goblins. Some shopping and talking and we are on our way over Oakville pass to Bodega Bay. This is a twisty turny road with some pretty good switch backs so we take our time and enjoy the scenery. We are climbing and the on coming traffic is descending with one car probably descending just to fast, as we come upon a rollover accident. People standing around and someone has already called 911 so we continue only to have the emergency vehicles climbing toward us as we descend. Ok, no more of those to hamper a great day. We continue to Hwy 12 with no problems and head for Santa Rosa for gas.

Away we go to Old Occidental Rd which also is a great motorcycle road. This takes us to Occidental for another stop before starting over Sheep road which is really Coleman road, but it seems like every time Jim and I take this road there are sheep everywhere, hence the new name. This part of the ride is also very pretty, but as we get closer to the top the wind picks up and time for a stop to put jackets on before we get down to Hwy 1 and the ocean. Heading down to Hwy 1 is quite a venture and the view is spectacular.

Making our turn and heading for FOOD, we stop at a little restaurant for some pretty good food and then head for Bodega Head. Wind blowing and it is cool, but what a view and the waves are mesmerizing. I am pretty enthralled since the coast is my favorite place to be and since I haven't had enough I ask everyone if anyone is in a hurry to get home. No one is and Charlie says they do need to be home by Tuesday morning. I think we can make that so we decide to extend the coast ride a bit more and go to Marshall taking Marshall-Petaluma road toward home. Closer to Petaluma it warms up and everyone needs a stop. Not knowing where to stop we go to the park

where the farmers market is going on. No place to park so Jim makes a turn into the road that says no parking. So we park. The road is a little rough with some holes but we all find our own hole and take a break. Since Kathy is concerned about our parking place and the fact that the market is about to close we decide to head out toward home and more FOOD. Low and behold Phil just couldn't get out of his hole so he throws Kathy to the cement. All the guys run to help Kathy off the ground and Phil pulls out rather easily. When she slaps him on the head a few times and says she is fine, we are off again.

We decide to stop in West Sacramento for a light dinner at Bakers Square. Once again they put us in the back room. Our waitress was a good sport and was on Kathy s side and gave Phil a bad time for throwing her to the cement. After FOOD AND PIE we did our hug um ups and all went out merry ways. A long day but great fun. Hope to see more of you next time.

Karen



Nice BIG waves



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Woodland Toy Run 9:00	7	8	9 Staff Meeting Jim & Karen's 6:30	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Chapter Ride Mt. Baker/ Sausalito
13 Happy Birthday Jim Barber	14	15	16	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Pete Reynen
20 Breakfast Meeting 8:30	21 Happy Anniversary Jerry & Judy Vollmer	22	23	24  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	25	26 Dinner Ride
27	28	29	30			