



CA1K's NEWLETTER August 2011



Next Meeting, Saturday August 27th

**Upcoming Events
Let's Go!**

Aug 6		CA2K		KAMPING WITH THE CROWS
Sept. 2 - 4		DISTRICT		PARTY ON THE MOUNTIAN
Oct 1		CAC		HARVEST RUN
Oct 8		CA1V		THE "V" RUN III
Oct 9		CA1E		EAGLES FLIGHT
Oct 22		CA1F		HALLOWEEN FUN RUN
Oct 22		CA1Z		ZEBRA RALLY
Nov 5		CA1C		COYOTE RALLY
Nov 19		CA1N		TOYS FOR TOTS RALLY

STILL MISSING!



Stu's 2 Cents Worth from Assistant Chapter Director -Stu Teichner

Well, here we are in the "meat" of the summer. We can't wait to get to the high country, Mammoth at the end of the month, and for our regular breakfast and meeting I'll lead a ride probably up to Mt. Baldy or perhaps Mt. Wilson. We'll have to prepare for hot and cool, so bring jackets even if it's hot down here. It will be refreshing to get out of this heat. I wish we had more coastline rides during the SoCal hot months. We CAN go south, but we're talking about riding through heavily populated areas of LA and Orange Counties. Wouldn't a bridge to Catalina be a treat? Beth and I rode down to Laguna Beach to originally go to the free first Thursday of the month Art Walk, but we ended up going to The Pageant of the Masters (through Aug 31st), "living pictures" ...incredible art re-creations of classical and contemporary works with real people posing to look exactly like their counterparts in the original pieces in an outdoor amphitheater, with live orchestra and narration, original score, sets lighting...wow!! All surrounded by the Festival of the Arts, showing and selling high end works of art, and across the street from the Sawdust Festival, more reasonable priced works of art.



Politics and religion

These are dicey times and it's the old, "everyone's got an opinion," that seems to be the common denominator. The economy, the president, the middle east... It goes on and on. What are we here for? We're here to ride and to have fun doing it. But there we go again...everyone's got an opinion! What I hope everyone realizes is how lucky we are. I'm not sure most folks realize it though. We can actually share that opinion and not worry about the consequences. Taking our freedom of speech for granted requires us to be sensitive to the fact that our opinions vary widely. To you or to me, it may seem nonsensical that anyone would think otherwise. But it's not always the case. These are difficult times for many folks. Some of us are out of work, worried about whether our savings or health insurance (if we can afford it) will cover us if we need the help. Let's realize that not each of us thinks the same way and be respectful of it.

New York Rider Dies Protesting Motorcycle Helmet Law

A New York man died Sunday while participating in a ride with 550 other motorcyclists to protest the state's mandatory helmet law. Police said Philip A. Contos, 55, hit his brakes and his motorcycle fishtailed. Contos was sent over the handlebars of his 1983 Harley Davidson and hit his head on the pavement. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. "The medical expert we discussed the case with who pronounced him deceased stated that he would've no doubt survived the accident had he been wearing a helmet," state Trooper Jack Keller told ABC News 9 in Syracuse.

The ride Sunday was organized by American Bikers Aimed Toward Education, known as ABATE, a group of motorcycling enthusiasts who lobby for motorcycle awareness and freedom. The Onondaga chapter of ABATE has sponsored the helmet protest ride for the past 11 years every July 4 weekend. "ABATE is very saddened and still shocked about the fact that we've lost another rider in Philip and that our hearts go out to him and our prayers as well," Syracuse chapter president Christinea Rathbun told ABC News 9. New York is one of 20 states that require motorcyclists to wear helmets. Jim Hedlund of the Governors Highway Safety Association told the Associated Press that a helmet meeting federal standards reduces the chance of fatality in an accident by more than 40 percent. Still, ABATE believes each motorcyclist should have a choice how they ride. "Mandatory helmet laws do nothing to prevent accidents," it says on the ABATE of New York website. "The decision on when to wear a helmet while operating a motorcycle should remain with each responsible adult rider."

News and Views from your Chapter Educator – Dave Gilman

Lessons Learned from an (almost) Three Year Old

My wife Birdie and I have had a full house lately due to the addition of her daughter Kathlene and our grandson Nicholas moving in with us for a while. We are adjusting to our new life from being empty-nesters. Although, truth be told, our little nest was never really empty, as we were constantly hosting one, two or all three grandkids for sleepovers on a regular basis.



Nicholas, you might recall, had a pretty tough start out in life and is approaching his third birthday with the gusto of someone who truly appreciates living. He has this way of instantly melting your heart to the point that you just can't say no to him. I am a sucker for his smile and just like any good Grandpa, I spoil him rotten.

Nicholas has also taught me many valuable lessons, some of which apply to us 'Wingers:

Lesson #1: No Sleep = No Fun for Anyone

Whenever Nicholas hasn't had enough sleep, he gets a little cranky and makes sure that everyone pays the price. I have found the same applies to me. Staying up late and then getting up early can create a sleep deficit with disastrous results. Drowsy driving on a motorcycle is always a bad idea.

Lesson #2: Frequent Potty Breaks are Always Welcome, Seldom Requested

Ever notice a toddler doing the "Potty Dance" while holding themselves? That same toddler never thought to ask until the need was beyond urgent! We 'Wingers often are reluctant to speak up because we don't want to inconvenience the group, until the need is great. Choose comfort every time!

Lesson #3: Let Me do it My way or Else!

Almost three year olds are a lot of fun because everything is so new to them. I love to take Nicholas out and show him something that he hasn't experienced before. A new animal, new activity or new food will always bring a huge reaction, sometimes good and sometimes bad. He forms a very quick opinion about what he likes and if I try to change his mind he lets me know what he thinks, right away.

Sometimes we have strong opinions about our group, riding styles, destinations and more. What I have learned from Nicholas is that we are all individuals and that we have to respect each others choices and opinions. If we believe that anothers choice is incorrect, then our response should be "Thanks, but it's not for me" or just "Sorry, I'll pass on that one". We ride motorcycles because we are individuals, we ride in a group to have fun. If we focus on getting everyone to be the same, the fun goes away.

These are just a few of the things Nicholas has taught me and I hope that this has been helpful to you as well. Ride safe and have fun, I'll see you on the road.

For more information on the Rider Education Program you can always go to the Rider Education page of our website at: <http://www.ca1k.org/RiderEd.html>

You can also contact me with any questions at JDGilman@aol.com.

District Director Review

With the California Convention just 5 weeks away, I thought it would be good to share some excerpts from the GWRRA Leadership Training “How to have FUN at a Rally”. The following is provided to help you gain a better understanding of how to maximize your “FUN” while attending a rally or other GWRRA event.



The main reason we all attend rallies is to have Fun and enjoy ourselves. What’s fun for you might not necessarily be fun for someone else. You need to focus on “YOU” and what makes you happy. You make or break your own good time. Rally planners do their best to focus on Fun and enjoyment when planning events for the rally. They try to take “everyone’s” wants and desires into consideration and then try to come up with a “mix” of activities/events, which will appeal to everyone.

Each rally should be a “unique” experience. Most of us attend do so to spend time with friends, and to make new ones. We also go to try something new.

One of the best ways to ensure your going to have a good time is to know what to expect at the Rally or Convention. Be sure to take some time in advance of the event to understand what is being offered. The more you know about an event, the better you can plan your day. Things to consider are the Facility, Banquets/Meals, Seminars, Bike Show, Light Parade, Rides & Poker Runs, Lodging, and Opening & Closing Ceremonies.

Details about the California Convention in Mammoth can be found on the District Web Page at: www.gwrra-ca.org.

Some things to consider when planning on attending a Rally or Convention include making a checklist so you won’t forget important items like Rally Clothes, Medicines, Personal Conveniences, and Registrations Forms. Be sure send in your registrations in early. This helps the Rally planners have a better idea of how many guests to expect, and you can take advantage of early registration deals and give-a-ways, which help you save money.

Plan your route and mode of transportation to take advantage of scenic views and to best avoid traffic congestion. When you finally arrive at the Rally and pick up your registration package, be sure to check out the Rally Schedule to Check Rally Schedule and note seminars/events you want to attend so you don’t miss anything. DO YOUR OWN Thing (Divide and Conquer – Hubby goes to the chrome vendor, Wife to the jewelry vendor. Make a time to meet later). Try to maintain your normal daily routine as much as possible at the rally (i.e. wake up and bed times). We’re all creatures of habit and our days can start off on a good note or a bad note.

Surround yourself with “UP” people, the kind of people that have fun no matter where they are. They are the ones that are always smiling, get the most hugs, and always seem to be the ones that win all the grand prizes.

In summary, always remember that each Rally is a unique experience. Plan early, then to go out and have some fun. Ask yourself, are you the one that makes FUN happen?

The following is GWRRA's "RECIPE FOR FUN".

- Take a Gallon of Understanding
- Mix in a Quart of Planning/Pre-Planning
- Stir in 3 Cups of a Positive Attitude
- Yield – A Bushel of Fun
- Servings – UNLIMITED

Hopefully this will help, we are really looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Until then, "Hang on – we're going for a Ride".

Bill & Rene Johnson
GWRRA California District Directors

News from the Newsletter Editor:

Well the economy has finally hit me as it has hit so many of us. In January of this year the company I worked with for 11 years consolidated with two other companies which made my job redundant, I was laid off. Since that time I have worked a few contract jobs but haven't locked into any position substantial enough to support myself and my two daughters. Therefore, we are scattering through the Southern California area. For those who know me and my daughters, Kelly, 18 will be moving into a new place with her dad in Simi while she starts attending Moorpark College to study nursing. Emily, 19 will be moving in with my 80 year old mother who lives alone in Granada Hills. Emily will be spending one more semester at Moorpark and then transferring to Cal Lutheran College to obtain her teaching degree. I will be moving in with a friend who lives in the City of Orange. Due to this location change I unfortunately will not be riding with Chapter CA1K "Koala's" anymore.



I will miss everyone a lot. There are a few people I would like to specially thank. Ken Freeland is my adopted dad and helped me pick out the perfect bike. Dave Gilman has been like a big brother, my teacher and guide since I started riding and has taught me well. Nadine has been my support and roommate for a lot of years and I don't think I'd be as involved as I have been without her. Linda and Ron, Susan and Charles and so many of you others have made me laugh and been such good friends.

It is my intention to continue to ride every so often and even attend a few meetings at the local chapter in that area. I'm sure you all know the wonderful feeling inside you get when you are out on open road and I thank everyone who has enriched my life in the GWRRA organization! I will truly miss everyone immensely.

Here's the problem.... **We're going to need someone to take over the Chapter Newsletter.** Any volunteers should please contact Nadine or Stu as soon as possible.

Ride Safe and Keep Smiling,
Love you all!

Patti Torres

Stu's Joke of the Month!

Whores and Hockey Players

A man in a Florida supermarket tries to buy half a head of lettuce.
The very young produce assistant tells him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.
The man persists and asks to see the manager.
The boy says he'll ask his manager about it.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, 'Some asshole wants to buy half a head of lettuce.' As he finished his sentence, he turned to & found the man standing right behind him, so he added,

"And this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half."
The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.
Later the manager said to the boy, 'I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here. Where are you from, son?'
'Canada, sir,' the boy replied.
'Well, why did you leave Canada?' the manager asked.
The boy said, 'Sir, there's nothing but whores and hockey players up There.'
'Really?' said the manager. 'My wife is from Canada.'
'No shit?' replied the boy. 'Who'd she play for?'

***Know any good clean family jokes??????
Send them to me at pbtorres@yahoo.com for our next newsletter.***



We are a family oriented motorcycle organization sponsored by the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). Although most of our motorcycles are Goldwings, we welcome all makes and models - two or three wheeled.

Our Chapter area goes as far north as the San Fernando Valley, covers a large portion of the Southwestern area of Los Angeles, and includes the South Bay region. As GWRRA members, we are committed to the enjoyment of motorcycling, motorcycling safety, memorable rides throughout California and our beautiful country.

Committed, happy, and involved members and their families are the cornerstone of our existence. We recently created a photo album on the website for member's to post pictures of their motorcycles, travels, and memorable events. We encourage you to take a look at them.

Staying busy, traveling often is commonplace for members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter CA-1K.

August and September 2011 CA1K Ride Calendar

Aug 6 - Sat	CA-2K Day with the Krows
Aug 7 - Sun	Nothing planned, want to ride? - Call or e-mail CA-1K!
Aug 13 - Sat	
Aug 14 - Sun	Want to meet us at The Rock Store for breakfast? Let us know!
Aug 15 - Mon	CA-1K Planning Meeting - 6 PM at Canoga Bowl Coffee Shop Please RSVP if you plan on attending!
Aug 20 - Sat	
Aug 21- Sun	
Aug 27 - Sat	CA-1K Chapter Breakfast & Ride - 8:00 am @ HomeTown Buffet 6705 Fallbrook Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91307 (818) 713-1776
Aug 28 - Sun	
Sep 2-4 Fri-Sun	CA District Convention "Party on the Mountain"
Sep 3 - Sat	Nothing planned, want to ride? - Call or e-mail CA-1K!
Sep 4 - Sun	
Sep 5 - Mon	Happy Labor Day!
Sep 10 - Sat	
Sep 11 - Sun	
Sep 14 - Wed	CA-1K Planning Meeting - 6 PM at Canoga Bowl Coffee Shop Please RSVP if you plan on attending!
Sep 17 - Sat	CA-2N Party at the Barn
Sep 18 - Sun	Want to meet us at The Rock Store for breakfast? Let us know!
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Sep 25 - Sun	

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Monthly Gathering:

HomeTown Buffet – 6705 North Fallbrook Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91307 (818) 713-1776
 Last Saturday of the month at 8 AM – Breakfast Gathering and Ride –

Alternate ride meeting places:

#1 - Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf – Ventura & Topanga – 21851 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91364 (818) 716-7981

#2 - Coco's Restaurant – Sepulveda & 118 Freeway – 10841 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills, CA 91345 (818) 365-3309

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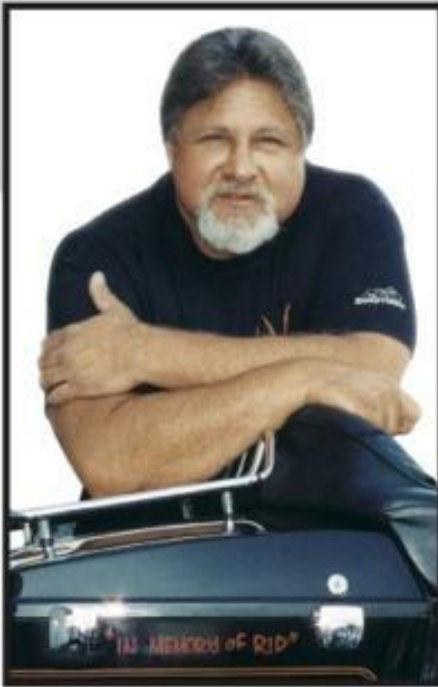
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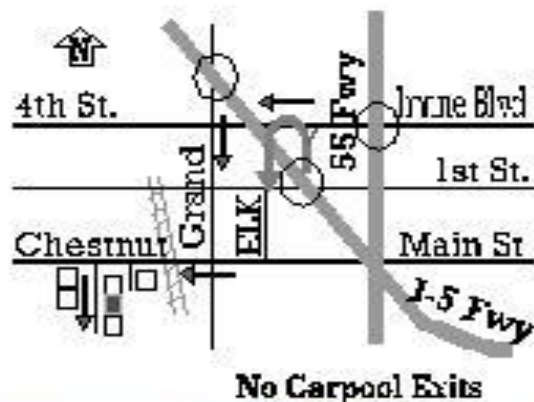
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