

California District Gold



Golden State Gems April 2009

By the time you read this 1S's Leprechaun Ride and 1R's Rally in the Valley will be over. I am getting packed for Rally in the Valley between paragraphs☺. The Bake sales are behind us and both chapters did very well and had a lot of fun. I flipped the calendar page to April to realize that we have some very busy times ahead of us! April 4 and 5 will be Horizon's sponsored by Chapter 1Z in Temecula; then Easter; then 4/18 and 19 are 1L and 1Y's back to back weekend of fun and I hope to see many new faces there this year and that is also the weekend of the Region F Rally, West Wing 1 in Henderson, NV where our District Couple, Patrick and Bonnie Singer, home chapter is 1V, will be competing and Bud Budavari, home chapter 1I will be competing for Individual of the Year for the Region. We are sending loads of luck their way as they represent California and I want to thank those who will be attending for supporting them! On April 25th is that awesome dinner that Monty and Lucy Carpenter put on at their house to benefit Ride for Kids. Lucy does all the cooking and the food is great. To attend, check out their flyer on the District website, www.gwrca.org. The next day, 4/26 we'll be at the Rendezvous with Q and their awesome lunch and beautiful coastal ride. But wait, we're not done, on May 2nd 2W will be having their Cinco de Mayo run, the 3rd is Ride for Kids in Torrance and the 9th is 1K's Mother's Day run. Are you tired yet? Well after that we have a break but this is a very heavy schedule and we hope to see as many of you as possible at all of these rides. All the flyers are on our website and these are the chapters fund raisers and they count on you to come and have fun with them. It supports our chapters and our motto, "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge".

The District staff has been working on the District Rally 2009. The registration flyer is now done and we will start working on the website next. We hope to bring you previews of the rally through the website so you can plan your time, rides, fun and education. We are setting our Roarin' 20's themed rally at the Doubletree Hotel in Bakersfield again this year. The great news is that the hotel has reduced the room rates by \$5.00 for this year to an \$87/night rate! We appreciate the hotel's cooperation in these tougher economic times. The rally registration has also been reduced by \$5.00 this year. We are working on the pin and t-shirt design and the games that we will play will be right out of the 20's. On Saturday night we'll be at the Speakeasy where our favorite DJ from last year will entertain us. We'll be around the pool and the party will go from 7-11PM and ice cream will be served.

We have also asked the chapters to make a black and white 10 minute max. movie that reflects the roaring 20's. We will be playing those videos, dvd's or cd's (contact JR for more information about format, jralikire@cox.net) throughout the rally and there will be an award for the ones that best depict the theme of the roaring 20's and get the most chapter members involved. We saw so much talent last year we wanted to give you a chance to show off again this year.

Education wise we are working hard on the schedule and Hank Herrera has informed me he wants to do and ARC and a TRC class at the rally. Watch the website for more information about this and for the registration form that will register you specifically for the classes. We will have the rider education seminars offered as well as some other fun GWRRA seminars.

Friday night we will open the event with our Couple and Individual of the Year competition. I know that the staff has been out to honor those chapter couples and individuals and we are looking forward to a robust competition this year. I would love to see at least ½ of the chapters compete! This competition is designed to find that couple and individual that have given a lot to GWRRA. The judging is based on their accomplishments, education levels, participation with their chapter, district and more and on their desire that they express in their narrative that they submit on the paperwork they send to us in advance. The final part of the judging is the presentation that they do in front of all of you. I think there is a lot of misconception when you sit in the audience for the presentation as to why one couple or individual wins over another. You see their presentation and it was actually better than the other couple(s) so why didn't they win? That is because they are scored on what I outlined above as well as the presentation. There are 100 points possible and they are broken down as follows: 30 points can be awarded in the oral presentation; 20 points in the interview that they do in advance with the judges; 16 points is available for appearance and then 34 points go for knowledge, rider ed levels and participation. So as you can see, the scoring system is far more that just the presentation that you see at the opening ceremonies. We'd love it if you'd get to know the couples and the individuals better and assist them in working toward their success at achieving District Couple or Individual of the Year 2009-2010!

I'll be updating you each month will another fun, educational and/or event that will be happening at your District Rally this year, so find a costume and come ready to play on September 4th through the 6th. You can register and make your reservations now.

Keep smiling, be healthy and happy and may all the blessings of Easter come your way. See you soon as we safely ride to all our fun filled upcoming events!



Anita and JR
California District Directors

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Random Ramblings John Maguire

“Economic Stimulus”

Our government seems to be locked into the “money giveaway” brand of economic rescue plan. Apparently, the Harvard business school philosophy believes that if we give enough money to worn out, mismanaged and out of date businesses, they will find a way to survive eventually. It's my belief that if our president and congress would look closely into motorcycle touring, the economy could bounce back, perhaps by the end of the summer.

Oh, I can hear you laughing all the way up here in the Great Damp North. But consider this, when was the last time you went anywhere with the chapter and didn't spend two days pay on gas, food, (ice cream!), coffee, chrome, 50/50 tickets, vest pins and souvenirs?

When you take into account the psychological benefits of riding I believe I have come up with a very credible solution to our sour economy. After all, you never will see a Gold Wing parked outside a psychiatrist's office, (unless it belongs to the doctor), and that seems proof enough for me that this is a mentally cleansing and rejuvenating activity. Safer than skydiving, less expensive than a yacht, (and much easier to park too!) Seems to me we've got a great thing going here and with a tiny bit of

aggressive campaigning perhaps we can turn this into a really good thing for the country and the economy.

Let's do a little math and look at this carefully. Assuming there are approximately 75 million potential Gold Wing riders in America. And new Wings go for about twenty-two thousand dollars apiece. If, in the interest of rescuing our economy and generating a healthy national cash-flow, our president were to provide each of those 75 million riders a brand new Gold Wing and membership in GWRRA, it would only cost a mere 1.65 billion dollars! If each of these riders spends two day's pay twice a month on food, fuel, fun and goodies...well. I think you can see how my little plan might work to solve our country's financial woes, not to mention the added benefit of all those happy smiling faces touring the highways of America!

I don't know about you, but I'm going to fire off a letter to our president right away. This could be the start of something really great!

Let's see, I think I'll tell him I want a blue one.

Green Lights and Free Gold Wings for Everyone!
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Happy Easter?! John & Debbie's Place



Lady Riders

by
Pat Bennett

I want to thank those of you who went on the Memorial Ride for Art's parents on Saturday, March 7th. Some Veteran friends from Run For the Wall (www.rftw.org) and the Patriot Guard escorted over 30 bikes a few cars to Riverside National Cemetery, to pass the ashes of Mom and Dad into their custody for internment. Art did a short service describing his parents' military experience. The weather couldn't have been better. We found out the ashes were interred a couple days later.

Weather, as I mentioned, has been pretty nice lately, of course, depending on where you are. In California, we are blessed with many riding conditions. I personally prefer daytime cool temperatures (70 degrees or less) but if you pay attention to the weather reports, you can prepare for most good or inclement conditions.

Keep the rubber side down!

Pat



Editor's Comments by Crystal Rush

It's Going to Get Hot!

I'm sitting here in front of my computer and doing my best to think of all the things I am grateful for. I'll be honest, it didn't begin that way, I started off slightly angry and a little bitter because the GW grapevine/blame line is never silent. Many of you may think we (staff) make decisions without taking ramifications into consideration....that isn't the way it works. I know of the saying, "You can make some of the people happy all of the time; all of the people happy some of the time; but you cannot make all the people happy all of the time". To those of you who have not been happy with our decisions lately, I apologize. We always try to do what is best for the whole. My final note on this soap box is this: if you have a problem with the way we do things please LET US KNOW, but don't just come to us with a complaint - bring a recommendation for a solution as well.

On a lighter note, Easter is just around the corner and spring is in the air. Right after Easter and family time it is back to our GWRRA family with L&Y as well as the Region Rally. Those who will be attending the Region Rally, please go to the COY and IOY competition to cheer on our California representatives.

We are also heading into the months when we go for those long rides, like Wing Ding. If you plan on taking a long trip on your bike please be mindful of all the temperature changes you will encounter. Granted, most of them will be warm....or rather HOT....so make sure you have plenty of liquid available and a way to keep your core temperature down. I have learned to wear long sleeves under my Joe Rocket jacket as well as the cool vest. I wet down my sleeves, put on the cool vest and then my ventilated jacket, you would be surprised how much longer I feel cool even through the 95+ degree weather.

One of the leadership training seminars is titled "How to Have Fun at a Rally". The beginning of the presentation states PLANNING, so plan your trip – leaving a little room for spontaneity, plan to stop enough to keep cool and keep your cool ☺, but most of all PLAN TO HAVE FUN. That is the reason we ride these big beautiful machines right?

Enjoy your Easter and family time....See you in Lompoc!

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*Remember: Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, coffee in the other, totally worn out and screaming **"WOO HOO WHAT A RIDE!"***

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