

California District Gold



Golden State Gems August 2008

District Rally is coming, so let's get ready to....HAVE FUN!!!

Being presented this year by the award winning "full-steam team", your District Staff is working hard to bring you the best rally ever! The play bill will include fun games, skill games; identify the star, movie trivia and a movie version bingo. We'll present education opportunities from becoming an instructor for rider education seminars to a First Aid/CPR instructor. Become a Road Captain or master group riding or learn to be a better co-rider. Do you really know how to handle the heat or the cold? Come and hear a special presentation from an expert, and the information will surprise you! There will be GPS 102, or come and learn about the rhythms of the road. There will be classes for everyone and you can check the District website out for the schedule and a brief description of each class.

Then there are the games. Is your chapter ready to win the Chapter Cup? There will be great fun in this "friendly" competition, so get your teams identified and ready to go. Come and play our movie bingo, or the games that will be strategically around the hotel.

Our Chapter Couples and Individuals will be honored on Friday night which will lead to the competition and then opening previews of the rally and then the crowning of the District Couple and Individual. Is your Chapter Couple and Individual ready?

Saturday you'll find those dedicated Wingers out polishing and cleaning those bikes to see who takes home the trophy. Will it be an almost complete sweep by the Q-tips?

Your Chapter Directors and Chapter Educators will catch up on all the new good stuff at their respective forums.

Saturday night our Chapters will present their movie skits at the talent show and then we'll walk the red carpet to the "famous" after movie party, complete with music and...ICE CREAM! The "venue" should be decorated with chapter banners from the balconies and traditional party fun. The outfits should be worth talking about! Will anyone end up in the pool? You'll have to come and see!

Sunday we'll have a fun ride up to the Lake, or those skillful Wingers will compete in the skills games. Can you move that Wing of yours around pretty well? Can you look over your trunk and ride a perfect circle in the box? How about a slow ride? Can you do it with your co-rider? Will "Big Bertha" and her partner make an appearance? Come and look for your stars out on the Skills Game Movie Set and cheer them on to the prize.

Then go and get cleaned up and prepare for dinner as we announce those winners and complete our star-studded rally with a celebration and good friends. Then we'll part ways again until...we meet again!

So are you registered? Have you seen those cute t-shirts that are being previewed on the District website? (www.gwrra-ca.org) We sure want you to come out and take part in our District Rally of Fame!! It's always a good time, great chance to see friends, catch up on some education and enjoy some riding on our beautiful Wings. If you have questions or comments about the Rally, please email us or call us, we want this to be a Rally for everyone and that includes YOU!

See you soon!



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Green Lights and Open Highways to everyone

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Lady Riders

by
Pat Bennett

It's Hot Out There!!!

Greetings! I no longer have my 750 Shadow! I sold it and got a 2007 Yamaha V-Star 1100. We had hard saddle bags made by Champion Trikes in Garden Grove. The bike looks almost complete. I still want engine and saddle bag guards. Looking forward to happier trails!

August and September are historically the hottest months of the year. Please be sure to keep well-hydrated! Heatstroke, of which I am particularly prone to, comes on quite suddenly. Some of the symptoms are sweating profusely, you feel light headed and become disoriented. You have a tendency to say I'm ok when really you're not. At the onset, pull over, drink lots of water, get in shade or air conditioning or put ice on the back of your neck and rest until you feel much better. Stay away from soda, ice tea and coffee, these are diuretics and can accelerate the dehydration process.

Keep the rubber side up! See you at District Rally in Bakersfield!

Pat

Editor's Comments

by
Crystal Rush

\$50 for a Rally!!! Why So Much?!



Ok, we've heard a lot of people ask why the rally is costing so much this year, so here's the scoop. First off, the district is paying \$30 per person for dinner and we must guarantee a certain number of meals to the hotel, if we don't have enough participants to cover the number of meals we guarantee then the District pays for those extra meals anyway. So after the cost of the meal District is actually only charging \$20 for the rally. Out of that \$20 we must pay for trophies, decorations, prizes, ice cream, put on Horizons trainings and

any other expenses that come up throughout the year.

How many of you have ever put on a large event at a hotel? If you have then you know that part of the process of negotiating room rates is based on how much money the hotel believes it will bring in from food etc. I mention this because I'm sure when you saw how much we're paying for dinner you probably said well why don't we just skip the meal? Ok, so we skip the meal and now the hotel room rate just went up to over \$115/nite. So, do we serve a nice dinner at our closing ceremony or do we settle for a more expensive room and hope everybody is willing to pay the higher price.

We are aware of the cost of fuel and how much it is just costing everybody more to survive these days. We are doing our best to provide you a memorable experience at our California District Rally, in order to try to save you future trips for training we are packing this rally with as much as we possibly can. Since "its always so hot in Bakersfield" and "there aren't any good rides around Bakersfield" then staying in the nice cool hotel, getting some training, enjoying the vendors should be just the ticket. The Double Tree is allowing us to bring the traditional outside vendors into their courtyard area behind the California Grill to try to keep everybody from having to go out into the blazing sun. The courtyard has a misting system to help keep everybody cool.

If you have some suggestions on how to improve your California District Rally your staff would love to hear from you. We are currently looking for a site for next year. After the survey at Agoura Hills last year the most requested place for rally was Bakersfield, the second most suggested was Lake Tahoe....we checked that out and the rooms would be a minimum of \$150/nite so we dismissed that location. So, remember, this is your District....we are always open to suggestions and appreciate your feedback. If you have a site in mind for next year, please let us know and we will check it out.

As Anita said in her article, we believe we have a great rally planned this year with loads of fun. We look forward to seeing you at the California District Ride of Fame.

See you on the road!

Crystal J. Rush
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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!"***

August 2008

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September 2008

Sunday	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Saturday
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