

# California District Gold



## Golden State Gems September 2009

The Roarin' 20's has roared in and is now gone and our last District Rally is done. It's a bitter sweet thought as we always have so much fun putting on the rally even though it's so much work. When we experience your excitement and enthusiasm we get charged up and it makes any sleepless nights and nails that were bitten off all okay. Our rally came with some fun announcements, great entertainment, wonderful classes, a great Speakeasy dance night, ARC's and our own Gold Angels! We know that Bill and Rene and their staff will work just as hard to put on a fantastic rally next year!

September is full of chapter events. We have 2N's "party at the barn", which is the same weekend as NV-A's, Vegas Wings', Jack Ass Ride in Primm, NV. So you have a great choice to head up to the beautiful central California Mountains, or head to the desert and an incredible roller coaster. Then we have that awesome Spaghetti Run of 2A. The ride is incredibly beautiful and the spaghetti is delicious and most importantly the company can't be beat. As we head into October, we start the month with CAC's Harvest Run, then 1V's V Run, something a bit different to look forward to, and then after San Diego's Ride for Kids on the 16th, we have the F and Z weekend that plans to be loads of fun. The last of the month is the Arizona District Rally and the Woo's, AZ District Directors, have rolled out the welcome mat to all of us in California. Our last planned event this year will be 1N's Toy's for Tots in November. So we have some great chapter events coming so start making your plans to come out and play with your friends.

Although we still have loads of fun to have with one another, it's time to start looking at all those things that happen at the end of the year. At the end of each year, each chapter is responsible for sending in a check for \$50.00 for the annual charter fee. That fee covers insurance for your chapter officers each year. We'll need those fees in by November 15th so we will have time to get all the check in and get them cashed before the end of the year. The reason that is important is that the annual financials are due with the last bank statement of the year and each chapter wants that check to have cleared before they have to do those financials. At the District rally this year, those treasurers in attendance went to a seminar with the District Treasurer, Debbie Starkey and she shared the new breakdown for the financials. If you were not in attendance, please ask your Chapter Director to go to the officer's website and download the breakdown so that your financials are in compliance. We will be sending back financials that are out of line with this new breakdown. It answers a lot of questions that have come up in the past so this breakdown is really welcomed by this District Director.

We'll talk more next month about some of our upcoming changes in the District and we are always available to answer any questions that you may have. So we hope you really enjoyed the District rally and we'll see you down the road. Be good to yourself and one another, be healthy, be safe and smile, it will make you feel better and others will smile back and help to make your day better.



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## Random Ramblings

**John Maguire**

### This 'n' That

It's time, ladies and gentlemen, to clean up a few things and air some observations. Having lived and ridden motorcycles for the better part of four decades, I've learned many things. What follows is a list of these nuggets of 'truth', at least to my sun and wind addled mind.

Ladybugs taste better than butterflies. Raindrops taste better than both.

A police officer with a modern radar gun can check a motorcycle's speed from over one half mile away. A deer can change directions three times in the time it takes you to cover one hundred feet on a motorcycle. Having to deal with either one on a personal basis is usually not good.

A steak dinner on the bay is nice. Breakfast at the Waffle House, with scrambled eggs and a slice of ham the size of New Hampshire after one hundred December morning miles, is wonderful. Coffee and donuts with your closest friends is about as close to heaven as you get.

Laying your new Gold Wing down in the garage is embarrassing. Finding that your twenty-five year old 'Bucket of Bolt's' kickstand has failed and your bike is found lying on top of your Chapter Director's brand new ride, really sucks.

Learning that the pin-backs on your vest pins have fallen off is bad. Finding that your co-rider has fallen off is disastrous. Seeing that the price of gas has fallen to \$1.00 a gallon is pure fantasy.

Finding a worm in your apple can ruin your lunch. Finding half a worm in your apple can ruin the entire day.

Winning the 50/50 drawing is fun. Winning \$50,000 in the state lottery is great. Explaining a \$50,000 discrepancy in an IRS Audit is no fun at all.

Showing up early for the chapter meeting is good. Showing up two weeks early will probably be brought up at the next chapter meeting. Carrying around the chapter's Booby prize for the next month is really cool.

And finally..... Riding a new Gold Wing is fantastic. But riding an old Wing is just as much fun.

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# Lady Riders



By

**Pat Bennett**

As of this writing, it is almost September. I flew out August 3rd to meet Art, to travel one up with him from our daughter's house just south of Washington D.C. It was then I found out my beautiful step-mom, Lori, had passed away, the morning I flew out. My Dad told me and my cousin, Jean, NOT to come back.

We went to New Haven CT the first night. Travel hint: if you can avoid it, do NOT take the Washington Bridge in New Jersey!! We think we have traffic in SoCal...nothing compared to the East Coast. Art's Wing began to get pretty hot, but thankfully, when we got to the other side, traffic sped up enough to cool the engine down again. We followed the directions of our new GPS, named SONIA, but we watched her a little closer to avoid traffic snafus after that.

Then we went to Lewiston Maine to visit my cousin, Jean. The tour highlight there was seeing the Lighthouse Museum in Rockland, followed by a delicious seafood lunch in Camden. On our way back south, we stopped at Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame. I'm not a real big BB fan, but I was in awe of the displays. Do you know who the only two men inducted into the BB Hall of fame, who never played a game of professional baseball? We do!

The final leg of my ride was Punxsutawney PA, yes, the home of Punxsy Phil, the Groundhog! Art's cousins live there. We enjoyed several days with them. Debi and I shopped at several craft and antique stores (As a calligrapher, I collect ink wells and bottles, plus dip pens) and toured a lot of the historic homes there. As a side trip, we went to Dan Brooks' lovely new home in Emlenton, about an hour away. Dan was our CAID Chapter Director before Tim McShane. We had a nice visit, and of course, a tour of his home town. He's just literally across the street from where his parents and grandparents are buried. I flew home from Pittsburgh Sunday the 16th. I had a wonderful time, enjoyed the scenery, but was dismayed at the conditions and economic status of a lot of the East Coast. Monday I picked up a very happy Dutchess, our mini Dachshund, who had been boarded at the Vet's.

Keep the rubber side down!

Pat

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## Editor's Comments

By

**Crystal Richardson**

**The Downhill Slide**



The last hurrah....no way! Yes, this was our last official District Rally but that just means we will once again get to be "just a member (JAM) and actually participate in all the events that happen at the rally. Don't get me wrong, it has been a lot of work but very gratifying work. I have to admit I do seem to thrive on chaos and believe me when we get down to the last days of the rally it is truly chaos but that's how it all gets done. I will miss thinking up themes, games and rounding up vendors (Great Job Donna!) to please everybody but then again, I am

looking forward to actually riding my motorcycle to the rally and having the time to take an ARC or go on one of the planned rides, or participate in the best dressed competitions. I do promise myself this though, I will continue to wear the crazy costumes at the rallies....what a blast! Like my closing line...WOO HOO WHAT A RIDE!

So let's take a little ride down memory lane (Thanks John)...riding in 117 degree weather at the end of the trail just to get home...not fun; getting out of the 117 up into the mountains and a cool 92, priceless. Riding 350 miles and having a nice relaxing afternoon at a hotel pool, fantastic; riding 810 miles for the opportunity to spend a little time with family while on the road...priceless! Riding through the mountains with electrics and they malfunction...oh crap!...getting to that destination and going for a long horseback ride...fantastic!

I'm sure we can all name our "priceless moments", this just seemed to be the perfect time to remember mine. I hope you all had a fantastic time at the rally and I look forward to seeing you at the next "ride".

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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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					California District Rally Bakersfield	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19 CA2N Party at the Barn
					NV A – Jackass Run	
20 NV A Jackass Run	21	22	23	24	25	26 CA2A Poker Run
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# October 2009

Sunday	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	Saturday
				1	2	3 CAC Harvest Run
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18 Ride 4 Kids San Diego	19	20	21	22	23	24 CA1F Halloween Fun Run
25 CA1Z Naked Poker Run	26	27	28	29	30	31