



Since 2014

Valley Riders

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What's Happening



Monthly Meeting: Many thanks to those who joined us at the meeting in October. It was great to see Don and his wife back with us. The 'brown bag' auction put \$99 into our fund until Johnie Johnson added another \$1 to make it an even \$100. The auction was loads of fun with great gifts from movie tickets to tool pouches. Butch gave us a run down on what to expect for our **Christmas Party at Cosmos on Saturday, December 5th**. Each person who attends will be treated to an appetizer consisting of 10 lbs of prawns with cocktail sauce, main dishes of salmon, tri tip, and chicken marsala, potatoes, salad, veggie, and dessert! The cost will be \$27.95 per person... but since we have money in the treasury, it was decided that the cost will be **\$20 per person** with Valley Riders picking up the extra \$7.95. **Butch will need to get a count of who will be attending by the November 21st meeting**. For \$20 per person, you can't beat this meal! We will also be having the 'steal a gift' for those who want to participate.



Madera Raceway's Annual Pumpkin Smash: We had a great night at Madera Raceway's Annual Pumpkin Smash. We started out at Pieology for pizza, then 4 bikes and 2 cars motored down to Madera. As we walked up to the ticket booth we could see motocross bikes flying high in the air. We found our seats and in a few minutes the barrel race started. We did not know what to expect, but saw a huge tire just past the start/finish line with a barrel nestled inside. We had no idea all the cars would be turning around that barrel just like a horse and rider do in the rodeo. Jerry said it reminded him of the traffic circle in River Park! It was pretty wild. After the barrel race, all the kids walked down to the pits to go trick or treating with the drivers then headed back out to the track to begin smashing pumpkins. Once all the pumpkins were smashed the water truck soaked the track with soapy water then the enduro race started with cars slipping and sliding around the track. Loads of fun. In between all this we watched more motocross jumps, a demolition derby, and a stunt man drive his car into two cars standing on end (you had to be there). So far this has been an annual activity for our group so we hope those who weren't able to come this year can make it next year.



Valley Riders Motorcycle Group: Our group has been in existence for 1- 1/2 years with 63 members. The group has traveled quite a few miles in a short period of time. We've traveled along the Coast of California to places like Moss Landing, Monterey, Cambria, Santa Cruz, Pismo Beach, Carmel, Big Sur and Avila Beach (**Annual Frozen Bun Run**), San Jose (**Lick Observatory**), Danville (**Blackhawk Car Museum**), Fairfield (**Fairfield Brewery**), Paso Robles (**Estrella War Birds Museum**). We traveled to places in Central California like Hilmar (**Hilmar Cheese Factory**),

Porterville (**Stafford Chocolate Factory**), and Hanford (**Superior Dairy**). We have also traveled to the mountains of California to places like Kings Canyon National Park / Sequoia National Park, Huntington Lake, Three Rivers, San Joaquin River Delta (**Delta Loop**), Kings River (**Cedar Grove**), Mariposa (**Mt Bullion**) and Groveland (**Airport Ride to Ken and Linda Stark's home**). We've traveled to overnight places like Sacramento (**Gold Rush Ride**) and along the Northern Coast of California (**North Coast Ride**). And of course, we traveled locally within the Fresno (**Forestiere Underground Gardens, Grizzly Baseball Game**) / Clovis (**Dan Rouit Museum**) area. We can't forget about all the great places we ate at. There are too many to mention, but our **Annual Family and Friends Picnic** and of course, the Christmas Party at **Cosmopolitan Bar and Grill** are always our favorites.

Safety is always an important element while we traveled the open roads of our country. We have had **Parking Lot Practices** and **CPR/ First classes** to keep us and our motorcycles fine tuned. We want to thank our Safety Coordinators **Jerry Gregg** and **John Cunningham, Randy Patrick** and **Randy Hopkins** for all the practice on our motorcycles. We would also like to thank **Jerry and Jamie Slater** for teaching us the proper techniques of CPR and First Aid.

As we approach the end of the riding season, I hope all of you spend time with your family and friends and enjoy all the blessings of this holiday season. May everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!



Celebrations

Birthdays: Nov 4: **John McGuire**; Nov 12: **Robert Padilla**; Nov 14: **Terry Zane**; Nov 17: **Jerry Slater**; Nov 20: **Scott Overley**; Nov 25: **Ken Gong**; Nov 30: **Mark Martin**

Anniversary: Nov 23: **Bob & Marilyn Felker**



Rides

Nov. 7th: Sanger Veteran's Parade (Contact: Jerry Gregg)

Nov. 11th: Fresno Veteran's Parade (Contact: Jerry Gregg)

Thursday, Nov. 12th to Sunday, Nov. 15th: Laughlin Ride



Next Get Together



Friday Night Coffee and Conversation: **Starbuck's in Riverpark** (near the circle) 7:00 pm

Monthly Dinner Social: **No Social this Month**

Monthly Meeting: Saturday, Month Day: **Yosemite Falls Cafe** 4278 W Ashlan Ave Fresno
(Ashlan Ave / Hwy 99) 8:30 am



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