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## What's Happening



**Annual Frozen Bun Memorial Run 2016:** First of all, I want to thank everybody who came out in the cold, foggy weather today for this ride. You guys are fantastic! But for all of you who did it, I'm sure every one of you will say you had a great riding day. We started off at Brooks Ranch after breakfast and had a fairly large group of riders, about 11 bikes and two cages. Glen, John, and Chuck decided they wanted to take off on their own, so they left us. So there were 8 bikes remaining and then we picked up John Cunningham in Lemoore for a total of 9 bikes for the ride today. The low temp was about 28 degrees this morning, but it started warming up quickly once we got to the Tachi Palace turnoff. We were all dressed quite properly, so no one froze; in

fact most of us were quite warm with the electric clothing, Lol! Mike "Gopro" Brogdon and his lovely wife Rene drove their car for 3 good reasons; 1) he just had surgery on both hands and was not completely recovered yet and could not ride the Harley, 2) they had reservations to spend the night in Pismo tonight, and 3) he was taking video of us riding our bikes on the road (video will be sent out later.) They had lunch with us and then began their holiday on the coast. Thank you both for joining us today! The weather was absolutely fantastic once we got past Kettleman City. The skies were blue, the air was clear, and the temp was about 54 or so! It was a very pleasant day for riding. I'm very sorry for those of you who had to miss it... This was a memorial ride for our fallen brothers who used to ride with us on this very same New Year's Day run to Fat Cats. We remembered Tom Wallace, Paul Smith, John Haro, Bruce Berton, and Lonnie Vigil today as we began lunch. It was an honor to include them again in our activities today! We were thinking about honoring Lynn Massingham in advance of his demise, but I told him we better wait until after the fact... Lol! The food at Fat Cats was, as usual, outstanding! The fish & chips, clam chowder, fish tacos, lobster sandwich, and more were very well received by our group. No complaints about anything; good food, good service, good ocean view, good company, and good ride! Thanks to all! Thank you to Jim Moody for leading this ride through old highway 41 going over there and highway 198 coming home. These roads are very curvy and twisty, an absolute kick to ride. I just love those roads. They're so much fun to ride! Curtis and his lovely wife Kelly and daughter Emily all had a fun time feeding the seagulls oyster crackers. Thank you Caren Moody, daughter, and granddaughter who drove the Lexus over and helped do a little tail-gunning for us. We travelled approx 365 miles today round trip. Other participants were Stan "Skeets" Shorey, Manual Orrantia, Jim Cline and his son Jason Cline, Lynn "Hams Hog" Massingham, Curtis Ray, Jerry "Rock" Gragg, John "Left Lane" Cunningham, and Jim "Hazmat" Moody. Ken & Linda Stark, who now live in Grover Beach, met us over there and had lunch with us. We also met up with Bruce Williams and his lovely wife over at Port San Luis. Bruce is a former rider who knew we were coming over today so they made it a point to come out and have lunch with us! All totaled, there were 22 friends on this trip! We all returned home safely tonight around 7:15. Ladies and gentlemen, we had a great time and a very meaningful ride today! Hope you can all plan to do this ride with us next year! We pray that there will be no more "former" riders to add to our list of honorees... Thank you Jerry Gregg for the report!





**Monthly Meeting at Yosemite Falls:** We had a great meeting today with 2 new visitors, Hans Mikkelson and Rich Richardson. We welcome them. Butch and Mary gave us our treasurer's balance after paying the bill at Cosmo's and the pizza for the Christmas Lights ride at Jerry's house. We now have \$234.65. Jim talked about the next ride on Jan. 30th to have breakfast/lunch at the Runway Café near Woodlake. He also mentioned that with the welcomed rain, many riders retired, to watch your emails because there will likely be some "spur rides" set up during the week. That means, if it looks like a sunny day on Wednesday, you may get an email on Tuesday night saying "let's meet and go for a ride tomorrow!" Our annual Easter Picnic will be Saturday, March 26th. Set that date aside to bring the family for hamburgers/hot dogs and a great Easter Egg Hunt. Sindi has agreed to "fill" the Easter Eggs with all kinds of surprises again and Butch is going to see about the meat. We just need members to bring some type of side dish. More info to come. Sindi talked about our social at Pad Thai and how it was a very new experience in food for many of us, but it was good. We will be going to DiCicco's at Herndon & West in February. Our 50/50 raffle collected \$117 total so we were able to add \$58 to the treasury and give \$59 to the winner, Dale Wallace! Jerry talked about road conditions and what to look for when riding. We talked about the scheduled ride to Death Valley National Park. If you are interested in that ride, please contact Jerry Gragg. He said he will be camping, but I have placed to links below if you would like to go and stay in a motel in the area. The ride will begin during the week, so get together with Jerry to set the dates. Dale said they stay at the Nugget. We also talked about going to Wing Ding in Billings, Montana this September. Anyone interested will find that info in the latest GWRRA magazine or you can go online. That would be a great trip to take. Our next meeting will be February 20th and if the weather permits we will be riding for ice cream to Superior Dairy in Hanford.





# Celebrations



**Birthdays:** Feb 3: **Don Bezzerides**; Feb 23: **Bob Felker**

**Anniversary:** Feb 20: **Ken & Angie Gong**



# Rides



Saturday, February 6 **Woodlake Ride** Leaving Perko's (Kings Canyon & Clovis) 9:30 am

Saturday, February 27 **Parkfield Ride** Leaving Brooks Ranch 9 am



## Next Get Together



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

**Monthly Dinner Social: Thursday, Feb 11:** **DiCiccos Italian Restaurant** 7038 N West Ave  
(Herndon/West) 6:30 pm

**Monthly Meeting: Saturday, Feb 20:** **Yosemite Falls Cafe** 4278 W Ashlan Ave Fresno  
(Ashlan/Hwy 99) 8:30 am



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