



Valley Riders August 2014



? ? What's Happening ? ?

At our July meeting at Yosemite Falls, we welcomed some old and new friends. Bruce Williams, Irv Stout, and Johnie Johnson. There were approximately 20 people who attended the meeting. Our safety coordinators, Jerry Gragg and John Cunningham's discussion was on group riding. They also stated there is an upcoming first aid class and parking lot practice which are in the works within the next few months. Check the website and your email for further information. There was discussion about the group changing our name, so we can attract a more diverse group of riders as well a more diverse group of motorcycles. The new name of the group is called "Valley Riders." The new website is <http://www.thevalleyriders.com>. Kelly Ray created a logo for the group. The group voted and the new logo is on the new website and at the top of August's bulletin. A new feature of our meeting is a product review. This month Jim talked about a great windshield cleaner and a compact battery to jump your bike, fire up your computer or charge your cell phone when needed. Our treasurer, Butch Erlewine stated there is approximately \$150 in our account. Jerry Gragg won the 50/50 for the month of July. The group went to Madera Bowl after the meeting.



In July, we celebrated Jim Moody's retirement from Yellow Freight. He had been working there for 23 years. Congratulation Jim on your retirement!!!



To beat the heat in the valley and to cool off, there was a ride to Monterey during the month. The group ate at Rappa's Seafood Restaurant on the wharf.



The group also rode the opposite direction towards the mountains to Huntington Lake to cool off again from this valley heat. They ate lunch at Jack's. We pulled the "ride attendance" game piece and Randy Tanner won. He was kind enough to put the \$20 he won back in the bag for the next lucky ride winner! We welcomed two new riders to the group. They are Larry and Tammie Mays. Tammie is Randy Tanner's sister and Larry is her husband. They ride a BMW motorcycle. They also belong to the BMW Riding Group, so they will be balancing their time between both groups. Jerry Gragg won the 50/50 and promised to buy ice cream. Well, he made good on that promise and bought everyone's ice cream in Prather.





Celebrations



There are two August birthdays, Becky Overlay on August 13 and Butch Erlewine on August 24.



Rides



The rides scheduled for August are to Sacramento "Gold Rush" ride on August 2-3 for an overnight stay in Old Town at the Vagabond Inn Executive. The ride will visit Old Sacramento on Saturday, August 2 and then the ride on Sunday, August 3 is going to be a "River Ride" to Rio Vista. There will also be a ride to Cambria for ribs on August 23. Departing Brook's Ranch, Chestnut/Hwy 99 at 8:00 am.



Next Get Together



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

Wednesday Social: August 13, Seven Restaurant, Clovis (Shaw/Minnewawa)
6:30 pm

Saturday Breakfast/Meeting: August 16, Yosemite Falls Cafe Fresno, (Ashlan Ave / Hwy 99)
8:30 am, Forestiere Underground Gardens 10:30 am tour



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Have Fun and Safe Riding!