



Valley Riders

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What's Happening



Valley Riders 2nd Annual Friends & Family Picnic Day at Choinumin Park: The picnic was a great success thanks to everyone who was able to come. The food was awesome and the company even better. A big thank you to the following people: Thanks to Jerry for getting our spot at 6:12 a.m. and holding down the fort until we got there a little before 9. Thanks to Sindi for the creative scavenger hunt and stuffing all those eggs for the kids to hunt. Thanks to Butch for getting the great hamburger, hot dog meat, and a few extra surprises.



Wonder Valley Ride: It was a great ride to Wonder Valley. We left Perko's and headed up Belmont. Before long we were riding along the Kings River. We crossed the bridge at Piedra and made a left onto Wonder Valley Road. We rode past horses, cows, and lush greenery then headed for Twin Valleys Bar & Grill. The lunch there was great! After lunch, Jim took us on a little road through more hills and valleys and we ended up in Sanger at a Foster's Freeze for an ice cream cone. We had 6 bikes and met a new friend named Jennifer who rode with us. Many thanks to those who joined us for this great day.



Monthly Meeting at Yosemite Falls: We had almost 30 in attendance and 2 visitors at last month's meeting. The visitors were Glen Gee and Dale Wallace. Welcome Glen and Dale. Butch was there to let us know that after what was spent on the picnic, we have about \$64 in our treasury. Butch is going to get free baseball tickets to a Grizzly home game. Not only that, he is getting permission for us to park inside the stadium area. He has done this for us many times and it is a blast! If you plan to attend the game, just drop me an email or let Butch know so he know how many tickets to get. More information below under "Rides." The total 50/50 pot was \$130, so \$65 will go into the treasury (that puts us up to about \$129) and Terry won the other \$65. Congrats to him and many thanks to all of you that played the 50/50 to help put money back in the treasury. After the meeting we went out to the Felkers for some shooting practice and lunch. What a great time we had. We set up plastic bottles, cans, targets, etc... and watched to see how many holes we could put through them (by the way, if you left red ear muffs, we have them)! The lunch was better than any restaurant. We had hamburgers, hot dogs, spinach salad with strawberries, and potato salad. For dessert there was strawberry shortcake, brownies, and choc. chip and coconut cookies. YUM! Our heartfelt thanks to Bob & Marilyn for letting us come out and treating us like royalty. THANK YOU! As Valley Riders marks its one year anniversary there are 62 members in the group and growing.



Gumball Rally at Madera Honda Suzuki: The Gumball Rally was postponed until Saturday, May 2 due to the rain. Come out in May and join the fun. More pictures on the Gumball Rally in next month's bulletin.



Celebrations

Birthdays: May 6: **Randy Patrick**; May 13: **Catherine Almanza**; May 16: **Alicia Marquez-Padilla**;
May 29: **Lynn Massingham**

Anniversary: May 2: **Gary and Diane Williams**; May 14: **Ken & Linda Stark**



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Randy Patrick spoke about the new motorcycle riding courses in California at last month's meeting. Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) no longer has the contract for the State of California. The new company is Total Control Advanced Riding Clinic owned by Lee Parks. Total Control has the contract for California until 2017. Randy mentioned the course is completely different than what was put on by MSF. Total Control's riding courses concentrates more on turns and braking. Total Control's riding courses also gives the riders more responsibility in learning how to ride a motorcycle and being insured as opposed to more rider coach led with MSF.



Since 2014



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Members



Jim & Caren – Leaders



Mark & Brenda - Co-Leaders



Butch- Treasurer



Jerry- Safety



John – Safety



Wendy – Membership
Bulletin



John & Sindi- Social
Webmaster



Curtis & Kelly – 50/50
Sunshine



Bill - Sergeant at Arms



Rides

Saturday, May 2: **Gumball Rally at Madera Honda Suzuki** leaving McDonald's (Marketplace Shopping Center Herndon near Golden State & Hwy 99) 8am

Saturday, May 9: **Estrella Warbird Museum** 8am

Friday, May 22: **Fresno Grizzlies Baseball Game** leaving Starbuck's Hwy 41 & Divisadero 6pm

Saturday, May 30th: **Quaking Aspen Ride** leaving from Brook's Ranch (Central & Hwy 99) 8am



Next Get Together



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

Thursday Social: **Thursday, May 14:** **Cheesecake Factory 639 East Shaw Ave, Fresno** 6:30 pm

Monthly Meeting: **Saturday, May 16:** **Yosemite Falls Cafe** 4278 W Ashlan Ave Fresno at 8:30 am
Following meeting ride to **Mariposa Mineral Museum**



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