



Valley Riders September 2014



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The group rode to Sacramento, "Gold Rush Ride", August 2-3, 2014. The group took off on Saturday and got into the hills around Oakhurst it got a little smoky (but not too bad). As we headed for Sonora the sky turned blue and the weather was great. We stopped in Sonora for a break and felt the cool air. It didn't get that hot until we got to Jackson for lunch. When we left Jackson we put on our cool vests and had about an hour to the hotel in Sacramento. The Vagabond Inn had our rooms all ready and we were checked in quickly. We had time to take a little rest before we walked to Joe's Crab Shack in Old Town. The food at Joe's was great and we had so much fun. The next day was the 'river ride' and the weather could not have been more perfect! In fact, it was perfect all the way home with the cloud cover. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and looking at all the "wild animals" at Foster's Bighorn. We would like to thank those who were able to make this trip.





At our August meeting at Yosemite Falls, we welcomed four visitors, Mateo, an exchange student from Brazil who attended with Bob & Marilyn Felker, Larry and Tammy Mays and Stan Shorey. One of the topics at this month's meeting is our participation in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11. Butch asked if we would like to participate and Lonnie has the flags that we will be using. The flags represent all branch of the service. If interested please contact Butch or Jim. At the meeting it was suggested that we do a "Brown Bag" Auction at the September meeting. Everyone agreed it was a great idea. The Christmas dinner will be held at The Cosmos on December 6 at 6:30pm. Buffet of tri tip, salmon and chicken marcela will be served. There will also be a steal a gift after the dinner. Keep your eyes open by checking the website and your email for these upcoming events. There were approximately 23 people at the meeting. Randy and Wendy Patrick announced that they are first time grandparents. Their daughter, Stacey gave birth to a baby boy named Christian on August 15. The baby weighted 7 lbs, 11 oz and was 20 ins long. Marilyn Felker won the "guess the number of M&M's in the jar". She donated the M&M's to one of our visitors, Mateo. Randy Tanner won the 50/50 drawing with \$68. Way to go Randy! Following our August meeting a large group rode over to Forestiere Underground Gardens, August 16, 2014. We had a scheduled tour that was fantastic. If you have not gone you should visit for the first time or revisit. It's amazing how Baldassare Forestiere b 1879 d 1946 began in 1906 hand-excavated a cool subterranean retreat reminiscent of the ancient catacombs. This Historical Landmark No. 916 is a must see.



The group of 8 bikes and 9 members rode to Cambria and ate ribs at Main Street Grill on August 23, 2014. They also visited Estrella War Birds Museum in Paso Robles. The guys got to "fly" an F-18! Of course it was just a simulator, but we were told it was a real simulator donated to the museum by Lemoore. We headed back to Fresno with a stop in Kettleman City at Bravo Farms for ice cream. The ice cream was great and made even better because Randy Tanner picked up the tab with his 50/50 winnings from the meeting in August. A big thank you, Randy. While eating ice cream we pulled the latest name for the 'ride pot' and the WINNER WAS.... Marilyn F. (she wasn't there). That means the ride pot is now up to \$30.



Celebrations



We will celebrate Kelly Ray's birthday on September 1, Alan Larson's birthday on September 7 and Karen Cunningham's birthday on September 29. Randy and Teresa Hopkins will be celebrating their anniversary on September 6 and Alan and Sandra Larson will celebrate their anniversary on September 28.



Rides



On Sunday, September 14, there is a ride to Wool Growers in Los Banos for lunch. Meet at McDonalds at Jensen & Hwy 99 at 8:30 am. On Saturday, September 27, there is the Quaking Aspen ride near Porterville. Meet at Brook's Ranch at Chestnut and Hwy 99 at 8:00 am.



Next Get Together



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

Wednesday Social: Wednesday, September 10 at Sweet Tomatoes, 7114 N Fresno St, (Herndon / Fresno) at 6:30 pm.

Saturday Breakfast/Meeting: Saturday, September 20, at Yosemite Falls Cafe, 4278 W Ashlan Ave, (Ashlan / Hwy 99) at 8:30am, then ride Hwy 180 & 245 to Mountain House.



Valley Riders Have Fun and Safe Riding!