



Valley Riders October 2014



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We had another great meeting in September. Many thanks to all those who were able to join us and if you weren't there, please know that you were missed and we hope to see you soon. The "brown bag" auction was a huge success thanks to our members. We had a barrel of laughs and lots of fun bidding. We were able to raise \$173.00. That was awesome! We now have just under \$400 in the treasury. We would like to hear from you what you would like to do? After all, it is your money. Do we continue to build upon it and do a great picnic next spring, pizza party, etc...? You tell us. We had a couple of guests who joined us yesterday. Ken & Linda Stark are friends who live in Groveland. They had a ride planned to Tahoe with their group, but it was canceled because of the smoke from the fires in the area so they decided to come and see us. They told us what a great group of people we had and how much fun they had being with us. We were really happy to see them and hope they join us again one day. We had 7 bikes on the after meeting ride to Mountain House. It was great! We had a little bite to eat at Mountain House (good food!) and then drove down to Dinuba and had ice cream at Foster's Freeze. Yum! It's always a good day riding with friends.



The Quaking Aspen Ride was more of an adventure than a regular ride. We ran into some rain and hail, but we had 7 bikes and 9 members attend (Randy Tanner, Bill Dimmer, Bob & Marilyn Felker, Gary & Diane Williams, Jim & Caren and Mark Martin). It was great fun. The lunch at the little restaurant was great and we got to sit in front of a burning fire in the fireplace. Per our usual "M.O.", we stopped in Tulare for an ice cream and talked about what a great time we had. Many thanks to Mark Martin for putting this together and showing us such a great time.



Celebrations



This month, we celebrate five birthdays. Sindi McGuire's birthday is on October 7. Johnie Johnson's birthday is on October 21. Diane Williams' birthday is on October 27 and Dale Grant and Randy Hopkins birthdays are on October 30. Happy birthday!



Rides



Saturday, Oct. 4th: Airport Day - Ken and Linda Stark (our guests from the meeting in September) have invited us up to their house to have hamburgers and hot dogs on their back patio, then walk across the street and watch an air show put on by the neighboring community. You will see vintage planes, home built planes, planes racing corvettes, flour drops, touch and go's, etc... It's a lot of fun. If you are planning to go up with us, just let me know so I can get some numbers up to them so they know how many hamburgers and hot dogs to cook. **We will be leaving from the McDonald's at the new El Paseo Shopping Center (on Herndon east of Golden State) at 8:00 a.m.** If you would like to bring a salad, chips, or something to share up there, Kelly will be driving her Expedition and will have a couple of ice chests we can pack stuff in. Just let us know what you need.

Saturday, Oct. 11th: Lick Observatory: if you have never been up to the Lick Observatory (on top of Mt. Hamilton near San Jose) you don't want to miss this trip. It is a windy road up to the observatory but once up there the view is spectacular. Then you get to go in and view all the telescopes looking out into space. **We will be leaving from the McDonald's at the El Paseo Shopping Center (on Herndon east of Golden State) at 8:00 a.m.**

Saturday, Oct. 25th: Pumpkin Smash at Madera Speedway and Valley Riders BBQ - The pumpkin smash at Madera Speedway is a blast... especially since they are supposed to have the boat drags again this year. That's where the cars pull a boat, no trailer, around the track and the object is to try and knock each other's boats off. The last one with a boat is the winner. This is a good family event because the kids come dressed in their Halloween costumes, go trick or treating at the track and then get to go out on the track and smash pumpkins. Once the pumpkins are all over the track, they bring a water truck in filled with soapy water and wet everything down... then bring the cars on the track and the fun begins. If this isn't enough fun, prior to going out to the race

track... Valley Riders is going to have a BBQ at our house. Butch is trying to hook us up with some great Grizzly hamburger patties to cook. All we ask is that you bring something that goes with hamburgers to share. We will have all the condiments (mayo, catsup, mustard, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, buns, etc...) and will have sodas and water on hand. **The BBQ will begin at 4:00 p.m.** Remember, this is a family event (kids and grandkids are welcome). Even if you aren't able to go with us to Madera Speedway, we hope you come for the BBQ and if you can't make the BBQ meet us at the track. It's going to be a great day!



Next Get Together



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

Wednesday Social: Wednesday, Oct. 8th: Our social this month will be at **Fat Jack's** on Shaw Ave. just east of Willow. Great hamburgers, fries, and milk shakes. We always have a large crowd for this one so get there early for a good seat. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Breakfast/Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 18th: Monthly Meeting at **Yosemite Falls** (Ashlan & 99). Your other leaders, Mark & Brenda Martin, will be taking over this meeting. Jim & I will be heading up to Sonora for a rally to support Ken & Linda's chapter. Those of you, who know Ken & Linda and would like to join us, just let us know. We know Mark and Brenda are going to have some great surprises for the October meeting and a great ride for you after the meeting.



Valley Riders Have Fun and Safe Riding!