



Valley Riders

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What's Happening



Happy Independence Day!!!



June's Monthly Meeting: We had 14 members at the meeting this morning. Lots of summer vacations going on. A group of us will be leaving for Mammoth next Thursday, June 22nd for a few days of rest, relaxation and great riding. We are going to be using Sonora Pass, so will be leaving from the McDonald's at El Paseo (Herndon & Golden State) at 7:30 a.m. We rescheduled the Glacier Point ride for Thursday, Sept. 7th and the Parkfield Ride for Thursday, October 19th. Jerry spoke to us about driving our bikes defensively and realizing we are 'invisible' to most 4-wheel drivers. We discussed the 50/50 and what to do with the proceeds. It was decided to leave the 50/50 as is and to set up dates for special auctions, etc... for charity events. Suggestions were to help out returning vets, stuffed toys for the CHP, or coats for kids. We also discussed T-shirts. Susie will check out her resources and coordinate with Sindi on this. They will report back at the next meeting. Dates to keep in mind: October 5 - 8 will be our trip to Sedona. Our Christmas party at Cosmos will be Dec. 9th. Dinners will be \$30 per person and must be paid for by Dec. 1st. Dinners may not be bought after Dec. 1st to ensure there is enough food for everyone.



Celebrations



Birthdays: Jul 1: **Linda Stark**; Jul 4: **Ellen Paffen**; Jul 13: **Sherbie Smith**; Jul 14: **Marilyn Felker**

Anniversary: Jul 4: **John & Sindi McGuire**; Jul 9: **Bill & Linda Dimmer**; Jul 18: **Dale & Trinnette Wallace**; Jul 19: **TL & Suzanne Zane**; Jul 24: **Scott & Becky Overley**



Safety



Motorcycle Safety

Knowing when collisions involving motorcycles are most likely to occur can help you drive safely in dangerous situations

Left Turns – Nationally, the most common crash between cars and motorcycles is at an intersection when the automobile driver is making a left turn in front of a motorcycle. In 2008, there were 2,554 two-vehicle fatal crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle.

Blind Spots – Motorcycles riding alongside a lane of cars are often out of view of the driver. An unsuspecting driver may collide with a motorcycle as the driver tries to change lanes

Hazardous Road Conditions – Motorcycles have to be very concerned about road obstructions such as potholes and fallen tree limbs. Railroad tracks may be a minor problem for drivers, but a motorcyclist may have to slow down or change lanes to avoid these obstacles.

Weather Conditions – When the road surface is wet or icy, motorcycle braking and handling abilities are impaired

Strong Winds – A strong gust of wind can move a motorcycle across an entire lane if the rider isn't prepared for it. Wind gusts from large trucks passing in the other lane can be a real hazard

Large Vehicles – A large vehicle such as a van, bus, or truck can block a motorcycle from a driver's view. The motorcycle may seem to suddenly appear out of nowhere

Remember to look out for motorcycles, anticipate their movements, signal your intentions, and allow plenty of space around them. You can do this by scanning the road and your mirrors to identify potential hazards. Anticipate the motorcyclist's actions and adjust your driving technique. Use your horn; it is sometimes difficult for motorcyclists to hear traffic and they may not hear you otherwise. Respect motorcycles as full-sized vehicles. Sign up for our online driver safety course today to learn more about mature driving and sharing the road with motorcycles.



Rides/Activities



Sat Jul 8: **Pismo Ride** leaving Brooks Ranch 8 am

Sat Jul 29: **Santa Cruz Ride** leaving McDonalds Hendon & 99 8 am



Next Get Together



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

Monthly Dinner Social: Thursday, Jul 13: **Great Wall Chinese Restaurant** 1785 Herndon Ave
Clovis (Herndon/Fowler) 6:30 pm

Monthly Meeting: Saturday, Jul 15: **Yosemite Falls Cafe** 4278 W Ashlan Ave Fresno
(Ashlan/Hwy 99) 8:30 am



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