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Valley Riders

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What's Happening



Big Sur Ride: Well, the weather was perfect and so were the people who joined us on this ride. We had 8 bikes leave the McDonald's at El Paseo. We rode to Los Banos and picked up the 9th bike for a total of 12 people today. Jim led us over to Monterey, then saw the traffic jam and made a quick decision to take everyone up Laurel's Grade to Carmel Valley where we had lunch at the Running Iron. It was much better than the stop and go traffic all the way to Monterey. Lunch was great and leaving Carmel Valley, our new leader was Butch who took us over Big Sur. About half way to San Simeon we spotted another biker friend who promptly turned his bike around to have ribs with us at Main Street Grill in Cambria. It was sure nice to visit with Ken. We pulled a name for the ride pot and the winner was Mark Martin. He lost out on \$25. That means the ride to Jones' Store on July 25th will be worth \$30. Leaving Cambria, we headed home knowing it was another great day with good friends.



Monthly Dinner Social: We had a great time at Hunan Restaurant for our July dinner social. The chef actually prepared surprise specialty dishes for 16 of us. My personal favorite was the strawberry and cream shrimp. Many thanks to Jerry for the suggestion and to Jennifer for being best friends with the chef's wife!



Monthly Meeting: We had 27 in attendance and welcomed Ken Gong, Judy Bezzerides, Jim Evans, and Jon Moe to their first meeting. We hope they will join us again. It was nice to see Shauna back with us, too. Marilyn Felker was the only one in attendance with a birthday so she got the birthday song all to herself. We had many members in attendance who were celebrating anniversaries so we congratulated John & Sindi McGuire, Bill & Linda Dimmer, Terry & Suzanne Zane, and Scott & Becky Overley. May you have many more years of happiness. We discussed the ride schedule coming up for the next few weeks and talked about our upcoming North Coast ride. Many have already set up their reservations for that ride. We had a John Wayne trivia contest and gave out lots of candy bars for those with the correct answers. In our safety talk this month, John Cunningham talked to us about making sure to check tires frequently, being mentally prepared for road hazards, and uneven pavement. Sindi let us know

about the upcoming dinner social at Todd's Barbeque in Clovis and asked for suggestions for the upcoming year. We were also pleased to announce that our Christmas Party on Dec. 5th, will be at Cosmos again this year. Many thanks to Butch for setting that up. During the open forum we discussed starting the meeting at 9:00 am, but most would rather keep the 8:30 am start time. It was suggested that a 9:00 start might do well for the winter months when the fog starts rolling in. The 50/50 was won by Gary Williams who received \$41.00. Thank you Curtis for selling those raffle tickets. That means \$40.00 went into the treasury. After the meeting we went to see Jurassic World at the new Maya Cinemas then walked across and had ice cream at Cold Stone. Many thanks to Bob & Marilyn for joining us and buying ice cream. We found out that was only the 3rd movie they had ever gone to.



Jones' Store-Beasore Meadow Ride: What a great group of people riding to Jone's Store today. We left Starbucks with 9 bikes and 10 people. Thanks to Jon, we got to meet Sherby (I hope I got close to spelling her name right!). What a wonderful addition to our group and it was really nice to have another woman along on a ride. We rode up around North Fork to Bass Lake and then headed toward Beasore Meadows. It was a beautiful ride and when we got up to the Beasore area the temp was great. We went to Globe Rock and had the usual questions, "how did a rock that big get so round?" and "how did it get up there?" Our resident expert in all things (Doc Dimmer) was able to give us answers (after his house in Bass Lake burned, we just don't know how true they are). We headed back down for some lunch at Jone's Store. We now know that whatever you order, you need to find someone to split it with. The burgers were great and Dale said the tri tip sandwich was worth the ride. Irv is planning to ride back up just for a piece of pie (it was homemade, took up most of the plate, and was piled high with ice cream). Some of us decided we are going to skip lunch next time and go for dessert. By the way, we pulled a name for the ride pot and if Johnnie Johnson had been on the ride he would have won \$30. For the ride back we cut across and took Grizzly Road (a new one for everyone) and ended up riding past Mammoth Pool and Redinger Lake. On down the hill, it was time for ice cream in Prather. Yum! We sat and talked and laughed and talked and laughed. Then headed home. Thanks so much to everyone who was able to join us.



Celebrations

Birthdays: August 13: **Becky Overley**; August 22: **Steve Valentine**;
August 26: **Butch Erlewine**

Anniversary: August 5: **Dan and Chrissy Becker**



Safety



Motorcycle Tire Safety - Pre-Trip Safety Tips For All Motorcycle Riders

The season all of us motorcycle riders enjoy is upon us. Riding Season is pretty much in full swing across most of the United States and Canada. and now is the time to think about the best precautions you can take while out there cruising the open roads. The following article will highlight a few basic motorcycle tire safety tips you should use before setting out on that next motorcycle ride.

The first thing you should do before you even think about firing up your motorcycle is to check the air pressure in your front and back wheel. This is one of the most important motorcycle safety tips that you can do but most people forget or just choose not to do it. Check your owners manual for the proper tire inflation required for your motorcycle and inflate accordingly. Proper tire inflation cuts down on your vulnerability to a tire failure. Tire failures can lead to being stranded on the side of the road, or even worse the tire itself blowing out and sending you into an uncontrollable skid.

Not only is proper tire inflation essential for safety it is also a way to save yourself 100's of dollars each and every year. After some time of running on under inflated tires the tire gets what is called cupping. This not only provides for a very uncomfortable ride but it also decreases the tires life expectancy dramatically. So keep your motorcycle tires inflated properly for a better ride, a safer ride, and save yourself 100' of Dollars each year.

When doing a pre-ride inspection of your motorcycle tires be sure you check the rims carefully. Look for any cracks or blemishes in the rims, and if you run a spoked rim check each spoke and be sure that it is not loose. Loose spokes can cause an uneven rim therefore taking away some of the control you have on your motorcycle. Therefore it is important to be sure you take the extra minute or two to properly check your rims carefully.

So many people overlook the values of properly inflated tires and non damaged rims. Not only will they keep you safer out there as you ride the highways and byways but properly inflated motorcycle tires will get you a lot better gas mileage. Experts have said that it can increase your miles per gallon by as much as 20 percent. So as you can see there are more than enough reasons to take an extra few seconds to check your tires and rims before you go out for a ride on your motorcycle.



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Rides

August 1: **Santa Cruz** leaving McDonald's (Marketplace Shopping Center Herndon near Golden State & Hwy 99) 8 am

August 29: **Pismo Beach** leaving Brooks Ranch, 4131 S Chestnut Ave, Fresno (Hwy 99 & Central Ave) 8 am



Next Get Together



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

Thursday Dinner Social: Thursday, August 13: **Todd's Cookhouse BBQ** 1414 Clovis Ave Clovis (Clovis Ave between Shaw Ave and Barstow Ave) 6:30 pm

Monthly Meeting: Saturday, August 15: **Yosemite Falls Cafe** 4278 W Ashlan Ave Fresno 8:30 am



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