



Valley Riders December 2014



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At the meeting for November we had some first time visitors. They were David Carr and T.L. Zane. We welcome them and look forward to seeing them at rides and events that will be coming up. Wendy made available the new 2014 Member Directory. It's in color and will be a great for our members to keep in touch with each other. If you would like one please contact Wendy. Thanks Wendy, great job!

After the meeting last month, the group went to Stafford's Chocolate Factory in Porterville. We were surprised where we found this unusual business, in a shopping center. This is a family run business with some of the best chocolates to be eaten. They allowed us into their kitchen, explained how the candy making processed from the bean to the cream. The chocolate covered strawberries were to die for and the hot chocolate was excellent. Their hospitality was great and by the time we left we felt like we were part of the family. Larry May's name was drawn for the \$10 ride pot. Unfortunately Larry was not in attendance and the pot will increase to \$15.



As we wrap up 2014, the Christmas party is certainly one of the highlights. We celebrate good friends, share our ride adventures and look toward the New Year. This year it is being held at Cosmo's in Fresno. We have a "Steal a Gift" exchange that is lots of fun at the Christmas party. Watch the fun begin as we all take a turns to either select from the gift pile or steal from a friend. The cost for dinner is \$25 per person and bring a wrapped gift with no name for the "Steal a Gift" exchange (around \$20 value). If you will be attending contact Butch, he will need to know how many members will be attending by November 30.



Merry Christmas to all Valley Riders!



Celebrations



We will be celebrating eight birthdays and one anniversary this month. The eight birthdays are Jerry Gregg Dec 4; Chrissy Becker Dec 7; Bill Dimmer and Jim Moody Dec 19; Gary Williams Dec 22; Wendy Patrick and Jamie Slater Dec 23 and Mary Erlewine Dec 28. The one anniversary is Jim and Caren Moody on Dec 30.



Rides



There are no rides scheduled for this month, but a lot of fun holiday activities happening.

Saturday, December 13th: Pizza and Walking the Christmas Lights at Peach & Herndon – meet at Jerry Gragg's house at 4:00 pm.



Next Get Together



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

Saturday, December 6th: Christmas Party at Cosmos' – 6:30 pm located at 1546 Fresno St, Downtown Fresno. Dinner will include chicken marsala, tri-tip, and salmon along with salad, desert, coffee or soft drink. Adult beverages are also available. Following dinner will be a steal a gift exchange which is always a lot of fun.

Saturday, December 20th: No Meeting - Merry Christmas and we'll see you after the first of the year.



Valley Riders Have Fun and Safe Riding!