



GOLD COUNTRY HARLEY RIDERS

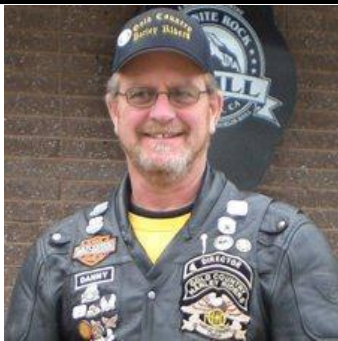
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Danny Hanson, Director



June 16, 2011

Dear Gold Country Harley Riders,

Here we are half way through the year. Sure doesn't seem like it with all of the rain we have had. We have grown into a great group. We have become a big family full of great wonderful people. Thank you all for being who you are.

As the work season has come to me once again, off to work I go. Missing all the good riding with you. All the good times at the General Meetings and the Board Meetings, getting ready for the next General Meeting and the next event. Looking at the gallery, looks like all of you are having such a good time. I really miss it. I am sure that there will many more good times to come.

It is great to hear Bruce is doing such a great job stepping up to the plate filling in for me. He is a great asset to the group. I have great respect for this biker.

I am telling you, Andy Steven's Memorial Run was a lot of fun. There were over 100 people there. I am looking forward to this event next year. Learned a few things from this event and will put them to work next year.

The calendar is full of rides. Be sure to check them out and then jump on and ride. We have a great Head Road Captain (Roy) heading up his Road Captains. They are well experienced and put a lot of work into their rides to make them all good ones.

Everyone have fun now riding your Hog's. Be Safe most importantly!

Danny Hanson

Director

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Bruce Ullom, Assistant Director



Greetings!

What a spring, or was it? We went from winter to summer without much spring. The sun is here and the rides are on the calendar so it's time to polish the boots and jump on the bike.

The Gold Country Harley Riders continue to be a success by adding great new members who want to get involved in Club activities and that's what it takes to make a good Club.

I believe that the gals in the Club are the ones stepping up. Mary Shine has volunteered for a huge project, taking on the task of Operation Mom. Projects like this help make our Club stronger. Please give her all of your support by bringing in your contributions. Thanks Mary.

Peggy Ullom has also stepped up by becoming our new Editor and it's nice to have more ways to keep all of us informed about Club activities.

Two of our new Road Captains got their first rides under their belts. Tom Coursey took a large group on a nice ride around the Buttes and lunch in Yuba City. Good Job Tom! Peggy Ullom took another group up and over Omo Ranch Road and lunch at Mace Meadows just above Pioneer. The weather also cooperated. Gary Kling got a ride in as well. No snow on this one. We made it through Marysville and lunch at Gary's Place.

We also managed to get an overnigher off to Topaz by yours truly. We succeeded in squeaking by the snow on Wentworth Springs and make it over the pass at Monitor. We all had a great time. P.S. Thanks for the dance Linda.

Lee McCallum led a ride back through Downieville, up and into Sierraville for lunch. What a great day and lunch! The weather is getting right where we want it.

At press time two more rides will have taken place: the Progressive Lunch by Debi Hanson and Jay Hutchinson's Million Mile Monday Ride 450-500 miles. Bring your pillows!

Looking ahead, one of the rides I look forward to each year is Gary and Barb Kling's ride to Susanville in July, 3 days and 2 nights of great fun and riding. Make sure you check the calendar for this one. Don't miss it! You can learn a lot about your fellow club members on a ride like this. We had a lot of fun on this one last year and I understand they have made a few changes to make it even better this year.

We are still working on the poker run. Hopefully we will have all the info on that in the next newsletter.

Till next press, keep riding!

Bruce

Carole McCallum, Web Queen



From the Web Queen:

If you are reading this our second newsletter publication should be out and posted on the web site -- this year is running away from me.

If you haven't looked at the site lately – you will find a weather 'widget' on our GCHR web home page. Now you don't have to walk outside to see what the weather is like – access it from your computer. We also have a 'Funny Quote of the Day' – changes daily. If you are a Facebook Junkie we have a link to the GCHR Facebook home page – feel free to 'friend' us and post away!

We have a few changes coming up for the web site – most importantly a new calendar look. All the same information – but in a more secure format...coming soon.

We continue to post the minutes for the board meetings and the general meetings on our Members Only page. If you don't have the password email one of your board members.

As always, if you have something you would like to see added to the web site please let us know and the board will put your request on the agenda for a vote.

Ride Often [now that the weather is better] – and Ride Safe

Carole



Roy Sunahara, Safety



Safety

The weather is great and there are not enough weekends in the month. You may find yourself participating in several group rides this summer. There are several factors that are involved when planning and participating in a group ride. Here is some information that can make group rides more fun as well as safe.

It is always a good idea to prepare a map of the route with all the stops indicated. If some bikes get separated from the group, they can catch up at the next stop.

- ◆ If you are not out for a scenic ride, plan the most direct route to an event or activity. Freeways offer the following advantages.
 - ◆ All traffic is moving in one direction.
 - ◆ No cross-traffic or traffic lights to split up the group.
- ◆ When there are three lanes, it is a good idea to travel in the middle lane. This allows faster traffic to pass and also allow vehicles to enter/exit the freeway more easily in the right lane.
- ◆ If out for a scenic ride, be sure traffic conditions will allow it. Will there be any other activities such as fairs, car show, major sporting events, etc. that would present traffic conditions that could complicate the ride?
- ◆ Plan stops to avoid gravel and left hand turns. Right hand turns in and out of stops will help the group stay together.
- ◆ Plan gas stops at least every 90 miles, so those with smaller tanks can fill up and stay with the group. This is also a good time to adjust your seat and get a drink of water
- ◆ If you have a large group stopping at a restaurant, call the restaurant far enough in advance to allow them to prepare for a large group.
- ◆ Maintain a comfortable pace within the speed limit. Keep in mind that riders at the end of the group may have to ride faster to keep up if there are gaps in the group. Setting a pace that is too slow can also cause problems with other traffic behind the group becoming impatient and trying to get around the group.
- ◆ Know the route well so that you can give the group plenty of notice that you are approaching a turn. Always signal your intention to turn or change lanes well in advance. If you find yourself at an intersection too quickly for the entire group to safely make the turn, continue until you locate a place where the entire group can safely execute the turn.
- ◆ Drinking and riding never mix. This is especially true when participating in a group ride.
- ◆ Make sure your motorcycle is in good operating condition. A bad tire could cause an accident on a group ride. A temperamental engine could cause delays to you and others.
- ◆ Always ride with lights on to make yourself as visible as possible. Cars have enough trouble seeing us; we need to do as much as we can to help them out.
- ◆ Always ride in staggered formation. This allows for a margin of safety. The ride leader will signal if there is need to change formation to single file (left arm and index finger pointed straight up).
- ◆ A group of motorcycles is not considered a single vehicle. Be courteous and allow cars to enter and exit the highway and change lanes. A car will not want to ride in the middle of a group of motorcycles and will get out of group as quickly as possible.
- ◆ Familiarize yourself with the route and scheduled stops/
- ◆ Arrive to participate in a group ride with a full tank of gas.
- ◆ Ride with a partner. In the event someone needs to pull over for an unscheduled stop, the partner should also stop to provide assistance if needed.
- ◆ It is unsafe for a large group to stop on the side of the road. If someone needs to pull over, the remainder of the group should continue to the next planned stop. The group can then decide to wait for the missing members or to send two riders back to assist. All riders should have a map of the route so they can reach their destination on their own if needed.
- ◆ When a road hazard exists, the lead rider will point out the object or condition with the left hand. This could be debris in the road, a pot hole or crack in the pavement, a wet or oily spot, or sand or other hazard that could affect your line of travel. Be sure to use the same signal to point out the hazard to the riders following behind you.

Group riding can be a very fun motorcycling activity. Just like all motorcycling, caution must be exercised by the riders at all times. Whenever riding in formation at highway speed limits I like to increase the following distance interval to three seconds. Use your best judgment and be safe.

Ride Safe, Ride often, and enjoy the Ride

NEW MEMBERS

APRIL

Pat Clawson

MAY

Nancy Long
Frank Nin

Please make a point to say hello to our new members!



OPERATION MOM

Their primary mission is to provide a place where families of those serving our country can find support, encouragement, solace, and be with others who share their heart.

Support is what they are and what they do. An outreach of their support system is to also provide 'Little Touch of Home' packages to our troops serving worldwide. They have been actively doing this since 2001, shipping hundreds of thousands of boxes to wherever our troops may be stationed.

They make heart connections and lifelong friendships with the families of those serving our great nation.

They also ensure that our proud military service members and veterans will never return home to indifference or ungratefulness. Operation Mom is neither political, religious, for, or against any war or conflict. They fully support those who serve and recognize them as heroes for their faithfulness and courage. They honor our troops and love their families.

Gold Country Harley Riders is proud to be a part of Operation Mom showing support for our country and those who defend it.



We hope that everyone will help support Operation Mom. Mary Shine will be collecting donations each month at the GCHR general meeting.

Debi Hanson, Activities



Hi Everyone,

It is so good to write to the Gold Country Harley Riders again. We are off on a great year with many things we have done and many more things coming up.

Which brings me to the Progressive Lunch Ride. By the time you get this News Letter the Ride will be History. I just know it will be all good!

Last year we had a successful Garage Sale and I am looking forward to doing it again. I would like you to get a hold of me when you can to let me know if you are interested in doing it again.

Also in October we have a Swap meet that Gold Country Harley Riders are doing. Steve Stanton is the man of this event. He is all over this and has it under control. The Gold Country Harley Riders Poker Run in October too. The dates are on the calendar so be sure to put them on your personnel calendar. Do not forget our annual Christmas Dinner too. Tickets will be available soon.

I'm so excited seeing you at all of these events. We have such a nice club.

Thanks to you all!

Debi Hanson
Activities Officer
Gold Country Harley Riders



UPCOMING GCHR RIDES AND EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Leave Info	Destination	Road Captains
July 2	Sat	Lunch ride	C&E 9:30 a.m.		Roy
July 8 -10	Fri-Sun	Overnight to Susanville	Combie Rd. 9:30 a.m.	Susanville	Gary and Barb
July 13	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
July 16	Sat	Blue Star Mom's - Welcome Home Vets 2nd Annual Ride	C&E Ride at 11:00 a.m.		
July 23	Sat	Lunch ride to Buckeye/French Meadows	C&E 9:30 a.m.	Buckeye for lunch	Bruce
July 27	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
July 30	Sat	Kirkwood Lunch Ride	Leave Belair 8:30 a.m.	Kirkwood	Bruce
August 6	Sat	OPEN			
August 10	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
August 13	Sat	Ride TBD	TBD		Kathryn
August 20	Sat	Amador/Pardee	TBD		Bruce
August 27	Sat	OPEN			
August 31	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
Sept 3	Sat	OPEN			
Sept 10	Sat	BBQ – Barb & Mikes			Gary
Sept 10	Sat	Kacie's Ride for Hope			Non-Club Event
Sept 14	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
Sept 17	Sat	Carole's Surprise	More Info to come		
Sept 22-24		Street Vibrations, Reno			
Sept 28	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
Sept 29-		State Hog Rally, Monterey			
Oct 8	Sat	GCHR Event	More Info to come		
Oct 12	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
Oct 15	Sat	GCHR Swap Meet		C&E	
Oct 26	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	

****Be sure to check website for updates on rides.**

2011 ROAD CAPTAINS

Roy Sunahara (Head RC) Danny Hanson Bruce Ullom Cathryn Hutchinson	Robert Roller Jay Hutchinson Lee McCallum Tom Coursey	Gary Kling Bill Shine Peggy Ullom John "Fixer" Schoonmaker
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*Chapter Meeting Held 2nd Wednesday of each month at
Chevy's, Auburn, CA
Dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM*

ELECTED OFFICERS

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APPOINTED POSITIONS:

Photographer: Mike Krieger

Sergeant at Arms: John Schoonmaker

Hospitality Jay Hutchinson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Dave Funk	July 11
Mike Twogood	July 13
Lisa Sunahara	July 26
John Currier	July 28
Nancy Long	July 31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kim Glassco	August 7
Gary Kling	August 7
Cathryn Hutchinson	August 13
Carlo Luhan	August 13
Bill Shine	August 18
Mike Mahoney	August 19
Peter Rau	August 23
Linda Garcia	August 25
Shirley Smith	August 25
Peggy Ullom	August 25
Jay Hutchinson	August 27
Don Jung	August 28
Brynte Johnson	August 31
Roberta Johnson	August 31
Mike Rhodes	August 31

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Janie Brinkley	September 17
Linda Kenney	September 17
Carole McCallum	September 17
Emma Lujan	September 20
Barbara Turner	September 25
Mark Korb	September 30

