



# GOLD COUNTRY HARLEY RIDERS

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## Bruce Ullom, Director



Well here we are 2012. Our Club has a lot to look forward to. The Gold Country Harley Riders have three new officers: Barb Kling is our new Secretary, Barbara Krieger has taken over as our Activities Officer and Janie Geraldson is our new Raffle Officer. Do you think the Gals are moving up or what! Congrats to Jay Hutchinson who moved up to Assistant Director. Also, Steve Stanton is now our new Safety Officer.

We have had several changes but some of the officers have not changed. Tom Corsey remains our Treasurer, Carole McCallum stays at Webmaster (Webqueen), Peggy Ullom at Editor, and Brenda Whittington at Membership. Non-board positions are Lee McCallum at Sergeant at Arms, Mike Krieger at Photographer and Mary Shine at Operation Mom.

Let's not forget the four officers that will be missed. Danny Hanson, Director, 2 years; Roy Sunahara, Safety Officer, 1 year; Debi Hanson, Activities, 1 year; and Raffle Dude Robert Roller, 2 years. We thank you for all that you have done.

As the New Year rolls in we need to get rides on the calendar. Strap on your boots and see if we can top the amount of miles we did last year. More day rides and let's see if we can add one or two overnights. They are a lot of fun and a great way to put on some miles.

Hey, how about that Christmas party! Great food and lots of fun and the White Elephant. I could not believe it when Lisa Sunahara won that mug and wanted to keep it. But Roy Sunahara took it away, then lost it anyways. Dog house for sure. Both toy runs are over and thanks for all the help. One thing we are never short of is volunteers. Roger Gibson - Thanks for the open house to stage and for breakfast.

K.C. got an early Christmas gift – a new Harley at the Coursey household – Congrats.

One thing in closing, we have the Get Acquainted Day coming up on January 21st. Let's all try to attend and give our new Activities Officer a big kick off. Happy New Years! P.S. Let's not forget about the Sweetheart Run February 12<sup>th</sup>. More info to come.

Bruce Ullom, Director

## Jay Hutchinson, Assistant Director



Mele Kalikimaka & Haoli Makahiki Hou, (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year)

Season's Greetings from your outgoing Secretary and your in-coming Assistant Director,

It's been a pleasure and an honor to be the Club's initial Secretary. For the past two years we've struggled to clear up our tax exempt status with the State. That effort has finally paid off and we are designated as Mutual Benefit non-profit. I need to thank my wonderful wife, Cathryn, for

helping keep me in line and assisting me with the minutes. I look forward to working with the new Secretary elect, Barb Kling. I know she'll do her usual great job.

As I transition to the Assistant Director's position, I'd like to thank the membership for their vote of confidence in electing me to the post. I'll have big shoes to fill in taking over for Bruce but I'm sure he'll provide me guidance and assistance as I take over in my new role.

I'd like to thank Danny for his drive and dedication to the Club. Much of the Club's success is due to his enthusiasm and effort. It's been exciting watching the club grow beyond our expectations so quickly. Thanks to our Club member's enthusiastic participation and support we can look forward to carrying on the success and growth our Club has enjoyed. Gold Country Harley Riders is your club. Your Board members welcome and stand ready, willing and able to discuss any comments, concerns or ideas you may have.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting next month at Chevy's. Until then, ride safe, ride often.

Jay Hutchinson  
Assistant Director, elect

## Barbara Krieger, Activities



My name is Barbara Krieger and I'm your new Activities Director for 2012. My goal this year is to encourage as many members as possible to participate and get involved with the group. We have several events planned this year, kicking off the new year with our Get Acquainted Day on January 21st. I'm looking forward to working with everyone and having fun. Remember "volunteering is a good thing" so sign up and show up as much as possible. I thank you in advance!

Barb

## Brenda Whittington, Membership

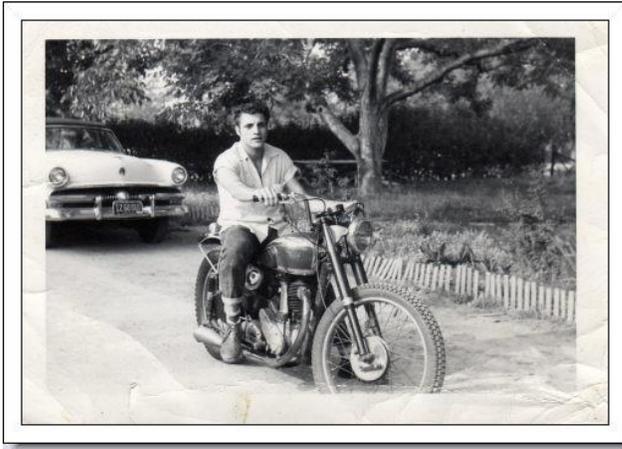


Hello Gold Country Harley riders! It's been a great year of fun with 95 fun members strong. Our rides are always a lot of fun and the Christmas party was another year of great fun with some wonderful people. The handcuffs were a great gift along with the flamingo. I still want a flamingo. Haha. I look forward to another year of good times and great rides .

Another welcome to our newest members: David Fong, Mike Curtis, Rick Wilson and Mona Wilson. We also had 4 new members in November: Neal Evans, Michael Madigan, Teresa Savoca, and Jeffery Delgado. In October we welcomed Roger Gibson to the club. The breakfast was enjoyed by a lot of people before the Toy Run. Thanks Roger !!

We really are lucky to have a great group of people in our club. I feel fortunate to be on the board as your Membership chair. Thanks everyone and Have a Wonderful safe and prosperous New Year of riding. Look forward to seeing you all on our rides.

### WHO ARE WE?



These are pictures of two of our current members (they are married to each other). Come to our January meeting and, if you know who they are, enter the drawing to win raffle tickets.

## Janie Geraldson, Raffle Queen



Hi Gold Country Harley Riders,

Just a note to say how honored I am to be your Raffle Queen this year. It's hard taking over for Raffle Dude, what an awesome guy.

I'm sure looking forward to the New Year 2012 and having another great year with all the Gold Country Harley Riders. Tis the season to bring in those raffle prizes you would love to regift. Already received some nice raffle prizes from members.

Thank you so much and looking forward to being your Raffle Queen for 2012.

Raffle Queen  
Janie Geraldson



## Carole McCallum, Web Queen



### From the Web Queen:

Here we are at the end of another year - unlike last year the weather has really been superb. Wish we had more rides...or time...or both! If the weather holds through the spring months we might be able to make up for all of the canceled rides from this past year.

As always, please let me or a board member know if there is something you would like to see on the web site. I am happy to oblige.

Hope your holidays were wonderful and continued happiness for 2012.

Carole McCallum



## Steven Stanton, Safety



Hello to all GCHR members. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for your confidence in voting me your Safety Officer and Head Road Captain of 2012. I hope you are looking forward to the coming year as much as I am.

Member participation in our rides continues to grow each year. I recall several times last season having 20 or more riders on a single event. It's an awesome sight to see that many Harleys traveling in perfect formation down the road. Feel good that we have such a skilled and dedicated group of road captains leading us. Many of our road captains are now certified in CPR and first aid. We logged a lot of saddle time last year. And will do so again in 2012.

We live in arguably the best riding area in the country. We have the luxury of being able to ride year round, although, winter riding can definitely be more challenging. Riding in the winter months requires a new mindset. Wet roads become more slippery, demanding reduced speed in cornering and increased distance for braking. Early morning ice from overnight freezing is always a danger. It's best to plan your rides after the sun's up long enough to melt the ice or change your route to where you likely don't have the danger. Road crews sand many roads during freezes, creating a very hazardous situation to us bikers. Use extreme caution through these areas. Limit leaning in corners by reducing your speed. High winds from winter storms tend to litter roadways with leaves and pine needles making traction a real problem. Slow down and pick the best line around them. Again allow extra distance for stopping. In cooler weather our bodies use more energy to stay warm and this can cause fatigue. Limit your riding time accordingly. Try riding during the warmest part of the day. Usually 11 am to about 3 pm is best. Take more breaks to conserve your energy. And be sure to dress appropriate for the temperature. Leather is a must. Wearing heated clothing is a good idea too. Winter riding is definitely more demanding on us riders, but it's still better than sitting at home and waiting for spring to come. Just be a little more careful out there.

Be sure and check our web calendar for upcoming rides. Your road captains have already begun planning great rides for the New Year.

Steven S



## Danny Hanson, Past Director



Two years have come and gone already. What a great time to share with all of you. One day a certain **Bad Biker** said to me, "Hey Danny let's just start our own group," after we lost our sponsor and we kept on having our meetings. Then we brought it up to a vote and all 40 of you all said "**Go For It**". We did not miss a beat. We kept all meetings going and the rides. I will tell you who this Bad Biker is at the end of this note.

Doesn't it feel good to accomplish what we have done? You all are a great part of this club. I hope you all feel real proud of what you made. I just want to thank all of you for your support. Seems like we just go on and on having so much fun. We went from regularly having 25 members to 35 and now 50 + members at the meetings. Sixty six people at the Christmas Party. I really had the best time. All of our new members looked like they were having a great time too. This is a good thing!

By the time you will be reading this, I will be the "Past Director". Yes this was a great time of my life and most of all I want to thank my wife Debi, without her support I would not have been able to do this. I am really grateful for her. Please be sure to give her an "**Atta Girl**" the next time you run into her. Now we move into another year and I am sure it will be just as good if not better. We have some great Board Members coming in for the new year. So let's give them all the support we can. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you soon. **Bad Biker Dude = Bruce Ullom the Director**. How can I be Da Man if he is Da Man?

Gold Country Harley Riders/ Past Director-Danny Hanson

## Rob Roller, 2011 Raffle Dude



Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to All

Thank You, to each and every one of the Gold Country Harley Riders members. The last two years have been great. I enjoyed my time as "Raffle Dude". The support from the group has been fantastic. With your constant support, the monthly raffles were always good ones.

Now it is time to pass the raffle barrel on to the new "Raffle Queen-Janie Geraldson". With your continued support, next year will be just as good if not better.

Thanks to all, The "Raffle Dude" Robert Roller (OddBall)

## Roy Sunahara, 2011 Safety Officer



Jan 2012  
Safety:

I would like to welcome Steve Stanton as our 2012 Safety Officer /Head Road Captain .He come in with years of riding experience. Lets' give Steve all the support to make his job easier.

Thanks to all the Road Captains for putting on great rides in 2011, and the members for participating. We had no accidents for the year; I believe it was because the members put safety first.

Winter has arrived. However we are fortunate to live in an area where we can still ride during the winter between storms. Not like large areas of the nation that are subject to snow, ice and bone chilling weather most all of the winter. Winter is a good time to perform the maintenance that you may have been putting off (shame on you), or add the accessories and chrome you have always wanted to put on. Or maybe you plan a complete overhaul or rebuild. Now is the time to get started. Either by you in your own garage or at the shop, winter gives you the time to give your bike the attention it may be missing out on during the months of continuous riding.

### Safety tips.

- **INSPECT.** Remember the checklist - check brakes, mirrors, headlight(s), tail lights, turn signals, horn, and tire condition. When is the last time you did that before you rode? Like most of us, you put the key in, turn the ignition of, start it up, and head out.
- **BE SEEN.** Trust no one! Even if you have made direct eye contact with the driver, don't trust him/her not to pull out in front of you. The best way to avoid placing any trust in other vehicles is to stay away from them. This includes placing a buffer zone around your bike and maintaining it. By protecting your safe zone you maintain visibility and increase the chances of your anticipating any unforeseen events.
- **POSITION YOURSELF.** If the car in front of you has its left turn signal on, move over to the right third of the lane. This allows motorists following you to see the turn signal of the car ahead. If the car you are following has the right turn signal on, move to the left third of the lane for the same reason. If there is any possibility that the car in front of you will stop, be sure you leave yourself and escape route in case the car behind you doesn't stop. Always keep an eye on the cars behind you when you have to stop. This pertains to intersections as well; either stop sign or stop light controlled. Always watch your behind.
- **YOU GO WHERE YOU LOOK.** Our survival instincts lure us to look at danger areas on the road, such as obstacles in our path of travel or the outside of turns in which we may be running wide into. Your bike will go where you look. Instead of looking where the danger is, look where the danger isn't. This will prevent you from fixating on the danger area, and keep you out of harm's way. Have you ever hit that twig or rock that you were staring at?
- **WHAT IS NEW CAN KILL YOU.** What can be worse than having a new rider on a bike they've never ridden? How about a new bike that an experienced rider hasn't ridden. Just because you mastered your last bike doesn't mean that you can ride anything. Different throttle responses, braking tendencies, cornering ability, center of gravity, and ergonomics can really throw you off. Treat any bike you haven't mastered with respect. If you don't you may find they bite as hard as they bark.

## NEW MEMBERS

### OCTOBER

Neal Evans  
Michael Madigan  
Theresa Savoca  
Jeffrey Dulgado

### NOVEMBER

Mike Curtis  
David Fong  
Mona Wilson  
Rick Wilson

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



## Peggy Ullom, Editor



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2012 is going to be a great year for the Gold Country Harley Riders. Your 2012 Road Captains are busy planning some great rides for the year so make sure you are ready to get out and ride when the weather is good.

The newsletter is published quarterly on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each quarter (January, April, July, and October). We are adding a few new things to the newsletter this year. This month we have an article written by Roger G. about his trip to St. Louis. Plus we have the "Who Are We" segment. We have added two youthful pictures of a couple who are current members of the GCHRs. See how many can guess who they are!

I want to wish each and every one a healthy and happy 2012!

Peggy



The following story was submitted by Roger Gibson.

The day after our October general meeting I trailered my '02 FLHR Screamin' Eagle to Bob and Marie's home in St. Louis. A fellow rider back in '77. From there it took another 4 days to make the additional 1100 miles to get to my sister's house in Port St. Lucie, FL. (Bad back equals shorter miles per day.)

Bonnie was my inspiration from this journey. She has had Hep-C forever, and given a new liver about 3 years ago. All was OK for a while but cancer has lodged in her lungs and throat. She had radiation treatments and in and out of chemo as her body allows. You can guess the rest.

So, her only sibling arrives for another visit. Our time together was the best. Remembering tragedy and outrageous fun. Family, neighbors and friends. I stayed 10 days in a tent in her back yard just so Emma (12), Bonnie and Mikes daughter, could stay in her room (the last three times I visited she slept on the floor in her parents room so I could have her bed). Certainly not a problem.

From there I shot up the coast to Daytona. I heard that BIKE WEEK (bigger than Sturgis??) was happening. I'll never forget- it was Halloween- and the day after bike week. Just one day!

One more stop before trailering up in ST. Louis and heading home. Only 300 more miles north is Hilton Head, where Brad and Lisa happened to be. Hadn't seen them since they sold their Pollack Pines house twenty years ago. I've known Brad since 7th grade. Yep. Another rider. Many, many bikes between us- mostly Hondas. We raced around and jumped and wrecked so many times in each other's company. Another best friend.

The entire month gave me 3 weeks camping, 4 nights with friends and 4 motel nights. My kind of trip!

On the way home I got a room in Williams, AZ. I woke up to find 26 bikes in the lot-- not there last night-- Dang! did I sleep well or not. Anyhow, shot a pic- and came in for that magic continental breakfast. Magic means-- free. There were two folks before me loving their waffles when I came in at 6:16 or so. I asked if they were a part of the club outside?? Yea-- with heavy German accents. I ended joining them, with coffee and cheerios and questions. They started in LA about a week ago with friends and spent the past few nights in Death Valley, Las Vegas and here in Williams. And today, yea today, a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon. A vacation to beat the last one on the east coast a few years ago. Real good people. I welcomed them as best as an ordinary Californian could and went up to re-pack for the last leg home.

All set. Go down, pick up a last cup for the road and I find a huge crowd in the coffee shop, all speaking German! It turns out that the couple I met earlier was just the early-birds of this group. These folks (forty of them) came over for 2 weeks' vacation together and the package included a Southwest Harley Tour of 10 days. Can you imagine....

Forty five minutes later I ended up leaving by shouting out HAVE FUN TODAY!!! (about a year ago I stopped saying 'have a nice day'.) In less than an hour I made friends with so many of these 40 visitors who loved the wind and leather. We are not alone folks, Harleys and friends are worldwide.

Great trip

car- 2500 mi less 13

bike- 3000 mi less 6 mi.





**GCHR Annual Christmas Party**



**UPCOMING GCHR RIDES AND EVENTS**

Date	Day	Event	Leave Info	Destination	Road Captains
January 1	Sun	New Year's Day Ride	11:00 a.m. BelAir	Duke's Diner	Danny Hanson
January 4	Wed	Road Captain Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
January 11	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
January 21	Sat	Get Acquainted Day	11:00 a.m.	C&E	
January 25	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
February 8	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
February 12	Sun	Sweetheart Run	More info to come	C & E	
February 29	Wed	Board Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	Round Table, Auburn	
March 14	Wed	General Meeting	Dinner 6:00 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Chevys, Auburn	
March 28	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.**



**Auburn Toy Run**



**Nevada City Toy Run**

**2012 ROAD CAPTAINS**

Steve Stanton (Head RC) Roy Sunahara Danny Hanson Bruce Ullom Cathryn Hutchinson*	Robert Roller Jay Hutchinson Lee McCallum Tom Coursey* Grant Monson*	Gary Kling Bill Shine Peggy Ullom* Buzz Whitney*
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\*Training

## GOLD COUNTRY HARLEY RIDERS

*Chapter Meeting Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at  
Chevy's, Auburn, CA  
Dinner 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM*

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Sergeant at Arms: Lee McCallum

Hospitality: Jay Hutchinson

Operation Mom: Mary Shine

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Gonzales	Jan 6
Laura Roller	Jan 11
Rick Stanley	Jan 16
Jeanne Glenn	Jan 18
Danny Hanson	Jan 27
Al Bouma	Jan 31

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Moran	Feb 12
Lynn Zankich-Geach	Feb 12
Janet Currier	Feb 13
Thomas Hughes	Feb 14
Brenda Whittington	Feb 17
Gene Jovich	Feb 17
Larry Turner	Feb 22
Kathy Koenig	Feb 23
Buzz Whitney	Feb 24
Linda Wyrosdick	Feb 25

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Terry Bross	March 5
Sue Rhodes	March 9
Theresa Savoca	March 9
Debi Hanson	March 10
Mike Curtis	March 13
Corrie Long	March 28
Tom Anderson	March 22

