



The L.O.C.A.L. Informant

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Women In The Wind®

~ Ladies Of Chrome And Leather Chapter ~

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President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell

Hello Ladies:

Spring has sprung! Californians are lucky to have great riding weather all year round but spring time brings weather perfection; not too **hot** or too **cold**! Check out the LOCAL web-site, scheduled rides to see what our Road Captain Cathie Siglow and her assistants have planned for spring and summer.

****Mentors Wanted** – If you are interested in becoming a “mentor” for our club, please let one of your officers know. We will comprise a list that will be included in our membership packets.

****Salute to Veterans Parade** – L.O.C.A.L. has been invited for the 2nd year to participate in the “Salute to Veterans Parade” in Riverside. I participated in the ride with our group last year and it was a very moving and memorable day for me. We had the privilege of meeting veterans from WWII and Vietnam. We also met two women pilots who flew in WWII and a gentleman who was part of the famous Muskogee Airman. What a humbling experience! See Cathie Siglow’s article for more information. Since this is a Patriotic event, we will be decorating our motorcycles accordingly; American Flag, Red & White Colors, etc.

“The truest greatness lies in being kind; the truest wisdom is a happy mind”

How do you spell relief? **RIDE** - Michelle ☺

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**Next Monthly
Meeting
April 18
We are not
meeting at
Flo's - see
Cathie's article
on page 6**

Mark Your Calendars!

Keep These Dates Open...

April 18 – Meeting (at Linda Jenko's house) and Veterans Day Parade
 April 19 – Joshua Tree Open Ride
 May 16 – Meeting and Ride
 June 20 – Meeting and Ride

Reminder

To Order Name Tags

Please contact

Chris Montoya at

951-231-3767

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WITW Name Tags

Cost ~ \$10

Complete the order form & it will be delivered in about 10 days!

LOCAL Website

Check out Our Web Site

www.LadiesOfChromeAndLeather.com

REMEMBER...

The L.O.C.A.L. Chapter Classified ads section is up and running on the website:

<http://www.ladiesofchromeandleather.com/Classifieds.html>

Take a look, there are some very nice bikes up for sale right now.

Email me with your ad and I'll get it on the page for you right away!

tmtw3@sbcglobal.net



International Women & Motorcycling Conference

Keystone, Colorado 2009

Event Details

When: August 19-22, 2009

Where: Keystone, Colorado

Venue: Keystone Resort & Conference Center

<http://www.womenandmotorcycling.com/womenc/index.asp>

Renewal time - Ladies our membership renewals were due in March. Please remember to bring your \$30 fee as well as current driver license and insurance to the April meeting if you have not already renewed. We also welcome new members, so pass the word around! The renewal form is on the web-site for you to download.

Vice President's Update

By: Chris "Cha-Cha" Montoya

Hello Sisters of L.O.C.A.L.,

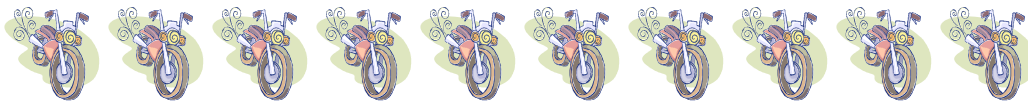
For those of you who missed our Death Valley ride, you missed a fun time. We had three groups riding the desert route through the curves, twistees, ups and downs and straight a ways. We stopped along the route to see a place called Badwater. History noted that the pioneers crossing the desert drank from the waters there and perished because the water was bad, thus the name Badwater. Once we reached our destination..... Beatty, we all got our rooms, cleaned up and headed towards the eating places around town and stopped by the local Casino of course.



On our journey back, we stopped for lunch at a site that had some picnic tables across from a factory that produced Borax (soap); one of our countries biggest producers. As we continued on, we encountered some rough winds just north of Adelanto, and that was challenging I must say but we all made it back with no problems and with lots of stories to tell. All in all we had a great time thanks to our wonderful road captain who mapped out our destination with some great sites to see. This was much too much to see on one road trip, so count on this as being an annual thing so we can take in more sites along the way.

We will be having a Sunday ride to Joshua Tree. Our road captain will be saying more about this in her article, so do think about going, it should be another great ride. Until then and always, ride safe.....

Chris "Cha Cha" Montoya



April Birthdays

- Kimberly Church
- Patty David
- Jerianne Ekins
- Christine Ereksen
- Deborah McLean
- Jana Rawling





Treasurer's Account

By Bonn'e Judge

Ok Ladies,

Of those that went on the ride to Borrego Springs, who saw the buffalo? You know, the ones on the south side of the street, right before we got to the replica of the abominable snowman on the left? And how many of you thought the buffalo were real? I DID! I even pointed them out to the riders behind me! You can stop laughing now!

It was great leading my first ride; I now know why the leaders usually like smaller groups; it sure is hard to see the sweeper when there are so many bikes in between us! Special thanks to Cathie for showing me where to turn with her car, hopefully one day I will get a tank bag and learn to read directions!

Registration is coming along well; Becky Brown has asked that we turn in all renewals at one time so if you haven't turned yours in yet, please do it soon.

Current bank balance \$888.43 of which \$15 from each membership renewal will be sent to National.

xoxoxo

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**Minutes Women in The Wind
Ladies of Chrome and Leather
Chapter Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2009**

Attendees: Sandy Ruller, Linda Jenko, Patty David, Michelle Bodwell, Bonn'e Jduge, Cathie Siglow, Dee Norman, Jackie Cliett, Linda Trowbridge, Charlotte Duran, Cynthia Jones, Valarie Jones, Candace Bywater, Karin Whitehead, Karen Carter, Theresa Carson, Carolyn Jackson, Kim Airs

Call To Order: 8:56 AM

Michelle: President

1. Guests: Valarie Jones, Dee Norman
2. New Members: Charlotte Duran
3. March Birthdays: Shelley Beetler, Linda Jenko, Mary Worth, Lisa Mosby, Joey Carson, Theresa Carson, Chris Montoya, Linda Trowbridge.
4. Issues/Comments/Suggestions from Members: None
5. Lunch Menu: On tables to review.
6. Shooting the Breeze: Michelle contributed an article for the 10th Reunion.
7. Becky Brown: She wants to come out to the Winter Nationals in Phoenix and possibly ride to Tombstone January 2010.
8. Randy Twills: She wrote an article for Quick Throttle for the WITW reunion which should be out soon.
9. Member of the Month: Cynthia Jones agreed to be the Member of the Month for April and Candace Bywater will be May Member of the Month.

Cathie: Road Captain:

Ride: Borrego Springs, Death Valley and Parade

1. Describe Death Valley ride March 28 to March 29th which is an open ride.
2. Sol Sister "K Lee" who died of cancer will be remembered today by a special ride where her ashes will be spread out. We may see them near Warner Springs.
3. Route was passed out for Borrego Springs. Linda will lead and Bonn'e be the sweep.
4. April 18th will be the Salute to Veterans Parade in Riverside. We will meet at Linda Jenko's house at 3715 Elmwood Court, Riverside for refreshments at 8:00am and decorate our bikes before proceeding to the staging area.
5. April 19th will be the ride to Joshua Tree which is an open ride and the cost is \$5 to get in.

Twig- Safety Officer:

1. Group pictures for sale
2. Posters for sale

Bonn'e: Treasurer

1. Bank account
2. 30 year patches for sale \$4 each
3. The large patches are available in small size, same price

Linda: Secretary

1. Will update current roster
2. Discuss mentor list
3. 50-50 Jackie was the winner. She won \$35.00 and donated it back to the chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM

Linda Jenko, Secretary



Road Captain's Corner

By: *Cathie Siglow*

Dear Ladies,

Twenty four of us rode to Death Valley on a beautiful weekend. We had 7 husbands, boyfriends, or friends with us. It seemed to be fun for all, except for the winds coming back from Trona to San Bernardino. We may do this again if enough of you wish. I already have plans for a different route and adventures next year!

Veterans Parade

Your chance to ride your bike or walk in a parade! For our meeting/ride on April 18 we will participate in the Riverside Veterans Parade. We will NOT meet at Flo's, but will meet at 7:00 at Linda Jenko's home, 3715 Elmwood Court, Riverside, CA. From there we will ride to our staging place. We are to be at our staging location by 7:30 as directed by Parade officials. For those of you who cannot be at Linda's by 7:00, please be at our staging location by 8:00. Our unit number is: G - 114. To get to this location, come to the corner of Magnolia and Ramona Drive. Ride up Ramona to Entrance 2 (first driveway on left). As you turn into the staging location, make an immediate left (section G), and we will be the third unit on the left. There should be people directing participants, but you need to know this information to get to our location. There will be coffee, water and cookies, but I strongly suggest that you eat breakfast and bring along some food. We will decorate our bikes at the staging location. The parade starts at 10:00 and we are about 3/4 of the way back in the parade. I am guessing, based on last year, that we will be finished about 12:00 to 12:30 on Main St. between 13th and 14th Streets. Then we will go to the Mission Inn patio restaurant for lunch. We had a great time doing this last year. Now that we have the wonderful banner that Ted and Mary donated, we need 2 ladies to walk in front of us carrying our banner. The parade officials strongly suggest that we have our own identifying banners. The parade route is about 1-2 miles, so you need to be able to walk that far comfortably. We will arrange for someone to take you back to your bike/car at the staging area. Please contact me, Cathie, if you are willing to do this for our club. siglowce@yahoo.com.



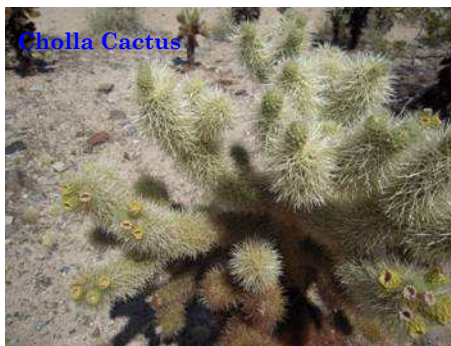
Devil's Cornfield, Death Valley

Other points about the parade: The staging area is for parade vehicles only. Porta Potties are available. Parade goes on rain or shine. There will be a lot of starting and stopping. Be prepared to wave and honk horns at the crowd, but still control your bike. Look left and wave at the VIP grand stands on Main St. We will wear our helmets, but do not obey traffic signals in the parade. The staging area is public school property and is a no smoking zone. Please bring flags for your bike and any other red, white, and blue decorations. Bring extra water; stay hydrated! Please email me to let me know if you will be participating in the Parade. This way I know how many to plan space for and to tell the registration desk. But, if you can come at the last minute, come anyway. siglowce@yahoo.com.

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Joshua Tree ride—Karen Carter's 'back yard' ride

Since we are participating in the Veterans Parade, we decided to move our scheduled ride to Sunday, April 19, and make it an open ride. We will meet at the Farm House Restaurant in Beaumont. It is off the I-10, exit Highland Springs Rd., left, under freeway, and second right (immediately after the east bound off ramp and stop light). The restaurant has a red roof and looks like a barn. At the corner where you turn there is a Chevron station, then a Denny's, and then the Farm House. I am hoping we can all park on the west side of the lot so leaving together will be easier. Depending on how many come, we will have 2 or 3 groups. Karen Carter is a wild life biologist with the San Bernardino County Museum and has done much studying and recreation in the Joshua Tree National Park. The ride will be about 200 miles from and back to Beaumont. We will be on the freeway past Indio, then on two lane roads and some twisting roads in canyons and in the National Park. There is a \$5.00 Park fee for each bike/rider. If you have a National Park pass, bring it for entrance. You must keep your payment receipt handy as you will be expected to show it on the way out of the Park. There are still many flowers in the Park; if you have allergies you may want to bring medicine as the perfume from the flowers is wonderful! On the pre-ride we saw two snakes in the road - one dead and the other quite alive. Just be prepared - avoid hitting them and keep riding safely. Be prepared for both cold and warm weather. It is supposed to be sunny, but it is quite cool at higher elevations. There are some magnificent vistas as well as lovely views of vegetation, birds, and rock formations. The speed limits and road within the park permit sightseeing! Guests will need to sign a waiver form to participate in this ride. Hope to see you there!



Cholla Cactus



Hedgehog Cactus



Jumbo Rocks area

May ride

Our May ride will be in Barbara Cornett's 'back yard'. We will be going up to the high desert and do part of the ride on Route 66 as well as many two lane roads.

The AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) is having its Women and Motorcycling Conference in Keystone, CO from August 19 through August 22. This conference is held every 3 years and is a wonderful chance to learn and broaden your perspective on riding, improve your skills, and meet some other wonderful women riders. Three years ago Twig, Diane Taylor, and I attended the conference in Athens, GA. We had a wonderful time. If you are interested, please check the web site:

www.womenandmotorcycling.com. In addition, the owners of Streetmasters (Precision Cornering Workshop) are presenting at the conference and Nancy has opened a web site to invite people to ride to the conference with them. She has a great route planned. If you are at all interested, check out her web site at: www.streetmasters.info. Several of us are already planning to go to this fantastic conference. Hope to see all of you at the Veterans Parade (April 18) and on the Joshua Tree open ride (April 19).

Cathie Siglow, Road Captain



Selections from our Secretary!!

Linda Jenko

Hello Lady Riders,

What an incredible month of riding we have had in March. I loved going to Borrego Springs. The ride was beautiful. We started out a bit cold but as we got closer to Warner Springs it warmed up. We ended up breaking into two groups to manage our 14 or so riders. The ascent and descent into the valley was gorgeous and the blossoms were everywhere.

The highlight of our trip was when we got to the Mexican restaurant in town, Candace's boyfriend Mark was there to propose to her. It gave us all teary eyes. It was so romantic. He got on to his knees and pulled out the most beautiful ring to ask her to be his wife in front of all the WTIW. There were roses on every table and a cake you could die for. The good news is Candace said YES!

The ride to Death Valley will always remind me of the beautiful valley that it is. This valley is full of history if you can take your time to read about it. We rode through Shoshone and a different route than I have taken into Death Valley. The weather was incredible. It was warm but not too hot. The flowers were blossoming here in yellows and purples. We stopped for a break at Badwater which is the lowest area in North America below sea level. We walked looking at the salt flats. It was beautiful. Then we took a ride around Artist's Palette. The colors of the rocks were reds, yellows, purples and greens. The road twisted tightly through a narrow canyon of rocks. "Amazing" is all I could say.



Artist's Palette

Our dinner at the Mexican restaurant in Beatty was nice as most of us enjoyed laughing, talking and eating. The next morning we left after a quick breakfast in two groups. A third group went on to Scotty's Castle. We rode through Stovewell Pipe Wells and to Panamint Springs. We had a short break there and on to Trona. The lunch that Cathie and Jess picked up for us was devoured in Trona and boy it was awesome. The two groups separated in Trona for the next 150 miles or so to home. The funny thing is that the next 100 miles we had to fight a fierce wind all the way to the 15 freeway. It was pushing our bikes from the West to the East and made it a memorable ride home. I got home around 3:15 pm and all I could do is feel overjoyed to be able to make such a quick and wonderful ride. We have to do this again.

I have about 15 or so ladies that I am really hoping you send us your renewal or pay at the April meeting. I hate for you to miss out on any rides or news. Not only that but Bonn'e and I have to turn in the renewed members names to National so that we can continue to receive our Shootin the Breeze magazines.

See you in April.

WOMEN IN THE MIND



Meeting Reminder

NEXT MEETING

April 18, 2009

At

Linda Jenko's house

3715 Elmwood Ct.

Riverside

7:00 am

We need to be at the parade staging area by
7:30 am for the Veteran's Day Parade