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President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell

Hello Ladies:

Our annual Christmas party this year was hosted by Lisa Mosby. Lisa and her family opened their lovely home to 22 of us, thank you. The food, drinks and of course our gift exchange was great; we all laughed from the time we arrived until we left, it was definitely a good time had by all! Lisa also had hats made with our chapter name "LOCAL" in BLING for our parting gifts. Thank you Lisa very much from all of us!

Our "Exceptional Member Award" this year was presented to Diane Taylor. Diane so graciously stepped into the Vice-President position when Chris Montoya resigned. Diane is currently serving another term as my right hand women ☺ Thank you Diane for all your hard work and dedication to this club.

In keeping with our Holiday tradition, we will be donating a \$100 to the children who lost their parents in the Saddle Tramp Motorcycle accident in San Diego. I also want to thank the ladies who gave extra dollars to help brighten the Christmas holiday for these kids. I will contact San Diego Harley to get the information on where to send the card & check.

With the close of "2010", I would like to take the opportunity to give a much deserved **Thank You** to our fellow officers who have worked so hard this year:

Diane Taylor – Vice-President; Cathie Siglow –Safety Officer; Theresa Carson – Secretary and Editor, Cynthia Jones – Treasurer; Terri King – Road Captain. Assistant Road Captains; Shelley Beetler, Jerianne Ekins & Dee Norman. Assistant Safety Officers; Jackie Cliett, Sandy Wietecha and Bonnie Judge. We also have added three new appointed positions: Linda Trowbridge- Hospitality, Maria Shepherd-Historian/Photographer and Dee Norman – Membership. Thank you ladies for all your hard work and support; you are truly what teamwork is all about. I want to send a special thank you to our Web-Mister Ted, who has done a spectacular job in maintaining our website. Finally, a big "**Thank You**" to all of our members for making our chapter the best ever! We are all sisters with a common interest, motorcycles!

I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and Prosperous, Healthy, & Loved filled 2011. "May all your dreams come true". Here comes "2011"!

Be well & ride safe!
 Michelle

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**WE WILL NOT
 HAVE A REGULAR
 MEETING/ RIDE IN
 DECEMBER**

**Next Meeting and
 Ride is January 15**

Mark Your Calendars!

Jan 15 Meeting and Ride
Feb 19 Meeting and Ride
March 19 Meeting and Ride

Keep These Dates Open...

The web site to order WITW t-shirts and other logo items is:

<http://www.witw1.com/ShirtInfo.html>

REMEMBER...

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

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!

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Reminder

To Order Name Tags

Please contact
Cynthia Jones
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orders must be in writing
WITW Name Tags
Cost \$10 - \$11

LOCAL Website

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Christmas Party 2010
Thanks Lisa!!!



Vice President's Whatever

By Diane Taylor

December.....

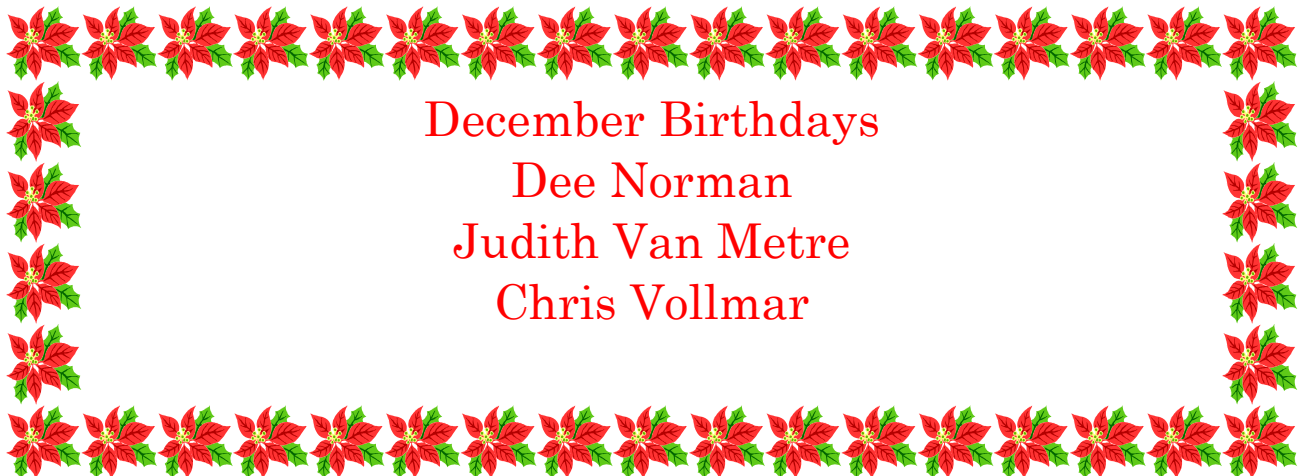
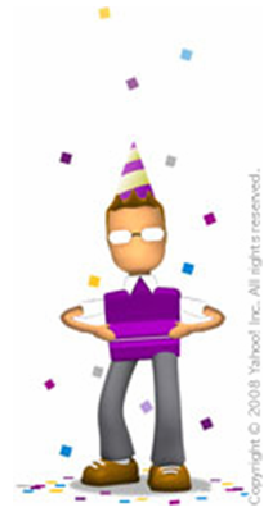
What a busy month. Our Christmas party was awesome and really sorry that some of you missed it. Lisa made us all feel welcomed and at home. Good food, great company, wonderful surroundings, what else could we ask for? We had little rain on the way home helped with the holiday spirit we were all feeling.

There were also a few surprises, one being the 2010 Member of The Year Award. I was sitting at the counter sipping on a glass of red wine when my name was announced, I could not believe it. There are so many of you that deserve this award. I'm very honored and thank all of you that voted for me. I care about all of you and your safety. Again Thank you this touched my heart.

I hope all of you are with family and friends during the Christmas holidays as I will be spending Christmas with my brother and his wife in Bermuda. So I will stick my toes in the sand and drink a cold beverage for each of you in celebration of the holidays.

If you're out riding be safe and Let the wind blow in your face, Helmet Hair? Not to worry we got nice caps to wear now! Thanks Lisa..... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Take Care and Keep on 🚗
Diane





The View From Behind

Cathie Siglow
Safety officer

Dear Ladies,

It was so wonderful to see so many of us at Lisa's fantastic home for our Christmas party! We do have a great group of Ladies!

As Theresa, Sandy and I went out to our bikes we noted the heavy, grey clouds to the north and west, which was where we were heading! So we promptly got going! Theresa and I headed north to Moreno Valley and Redlands while Sandy headed west to Escondido. Theresa and I had enjoyed the ride down on Sage Road and decided to take it back. Theresa was leading and about the time we got to Sage Road the drops were falling on our windshields. At a stop sign we discussed whether or not we should put on our rain gear, which each of us always carries, but decided that the rain was light enough that we did not need to worry about it. The rain continued to fall and increased in volume as we rode past the farms, fields, and vistas. But it was a fine rain and brought out the smells of the countryside. It was exhilarating to feel the freshness of the damp air. The whole world was so quiet except for the sound of our tires on the wet pavement. Our windshields protected us from getting very wet and the colors in the sky were varied as the sun set and light filtered through the different cloud groups. All-in-all, it was a delightful ride home!

Both Theresa and I have ridden in rain enough that we were not fearful, but we were more confidently cautious and alert. She kept the speed at a moderate level and I kept more space between us. We were more aware of cars and kept our distance from them. We also let cars pass us if they seemed to want to go faster. We looked farther ahead to be prepared for any slowing, stopping, or dangers in the roadway. It was fun to use our riding and awareness skills on a great road, in the peaceful rain, and after such a grand party at Lisa's with the great Ladies in our LOCAL club!

After getting home, Sandy, Theresa, and I all communicated so we knew all of us had arrived home safely. Sandy even said,... "I never road in the rain before, but I guess I CAN do it now!"

While we live in Southern California and it rarely rains, you may get caught in a bit of rain. And, why deny yourself a great day of riding if there is only a possibility of scattered rain? **Be prepared, not scared!**

Pointers for riding in the rain:

- Be prepared: keep rain gear, at least a light jacket, on your bike
- have your boots waterproofed periodically
- be sure your tires are inflated properly and you have good tread depth - at least 3/16ths.
- keep windshield and visor clean and coated with a rain shedding product, such as Rain X and anti-fogging product.
- you may consider putting reflective tape on your usual riding clothing or bike for riding at night or in the rain
- Control your anxiety level. Take slower, longer breathes and maintain a calm, controlled, confident attitude. **YOU CAN DO THIS!**
- Look farther ahead so as to avoid the need to brake hard. Apply brakes slowly and smoothly. Allow more space to stop, slow down, or accelerate.

Pointers for riding in the rain continued next page

- Use smooth controls when changing speed or direction. Downshift smoothly, engage the clutch a bit slower, and avoid abrupt throttle changes.
- Consider using a lower gear for up or down hill travel, but do not suddenly downshift
- Keep more distance between you and cars, trucks, or other large objects on the road.
- Use your rear brake a bit more than the front brake. Smoothly do all braking
- Try to avoid metal or painted surfaces. If you do cross railroad tracks or metal plates in the road, do so straight up and at a right angle. Try not to have to brake on a metal or painted surface.
- Ride in the tire tracks of cars to avoid the oily build up area in the middle of the road. Be cautious in tunnels, covered garages, etc. as the oily deposits will not be washed away by the rain.
- Be sure drivers around you can see you - use bright clothing, high beams, horn, and/or hand signals to get their attention to you.
- If your tires do begin to slip, steer straight ahead and look where you want to go, not where you do not want to go!
- When riding on freeways, be aware that the slower lanes are generally lower than other lanes and may have standing water in them. Stay in the dryer lanes.
- If you have a windshield, it will direct the air and rain over you, protecting you from much of the rain, thus keeping you dryer.
- Check your rear view mirror often to be aware of traffic coming up behind you.
- Most of these suggestions also apply to driving in a car.

There are many good articles on the web about riding in the rain. Some are really funny, too! Portions of the advice above were taken from articles from a variety of web sites on safe riding.

Safe Mileage Contest:

First, since I have not had the chance to see your odometer due to the heavy rain at the November meeting and the Christmas party, please email me a picture of the **CURRENT odometer reading** on your bike for the 2011 year contest. Sooner is better so you get credit for the miles you put on before our January meeting. Several Ladies have done so already!

Secondly, for those of you who were not at our November meeting, our chapter had 30 Ladies participating in the 2010 contest. Our **top 5 Safe Mileage riders** were:

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| 1. Becky Torres | 30630 miles |
| 2. Linda Trowbridge | 18231 miles |
| 3. Cynthia Jones | 17241 miles |
| 4. Bonn'e Judge | 14355 miles |
| 5. Kim Airs | 13530 miles |

Total miles for our top 5 is: 93,987 miles! National uses the mileage for the top 5 to calculate each chapter's Safe Mileage total for the contest!

Also, 10 Ladies **increased their mileage over the 2009 mileage contest:** Sherri Anderson, Vi Barrios, Theresa Carson, Jackie Cliett, Carolyn Jackson, Cathie Siglow, Diane Taylor, Becky Torres, Linda Trowbridge and Chris Vollmar!

See you at the January meeting/ride if not at the Long Beach Bike Show; Jackie, Theresa, and I are working the Women's booth December 18, 2010!

Cathie Siglow, Safety Officer

Road Captain's Corner

By Terri King



It's that time of year that we all get bizzy with the hustle and the bustle of the holidays. with all the shopping the Toy Runs and Parties. I still made time to Visit Mr & Mrs Clause...Santa Gave in and let The Mrs. be in control this year. and it made me think of what I wanted this year?

So what would you hope for this Christmas Day?
Is it something Santa can fit on his sleigh?

Now remember his sleigh is two wheels and chrome
That sounds like thunder from home to home.

He brings us the road and the wind in our hair
And those that deliver the occasional stare.

He brings us a lifestyle and a culture our own
And he made us all brothers so we're never alone

He brings us our rallies and toy runs and gear
And he gave us the ability to stare down a fear.

He knows we like t-shirts and leather and lace
And an undying need to pick up the pace.

He knows we like parties and custom beer mugs
And even the usual teeth full of bugs.

We like swap meets and bike parts, old and new
And buckles and belts and men with a tat or two.

So what will you ask of the jolly ole' guy
Whose chrome reflects off the cold winter sky?

Will it be goodies or garments or parts or a spare;
A new seat or bags or new tins if you dare.

Now these all would be great, fine gifts I would say
But here's some suggestions, if I may:

I'll take more time to ride and more biker days
More winding roads and more sun rays

I'll take more biker friends old and new
And a guardian angel to watch over me too

I'll take the wind and the rush and the smells in the air
And the destinations as they lead everywhere.

I'll take the feeling of freedom, as that's my therapy
Cause riding is all that I ever hoped it would be!

So after telling Santa My wish list this year, he booted his wife and the reindeer!
Jumped on and said Ok I give in, you've got experience from deep within! Mrs Clause
doesn't know the difference, between you and I, so Im on lets Ride !
All I could say to Santa was Hold on or you will Fly!



Merry Christmas to all and to all a good ride!

Terri



Treasurer Chest

By Cynthia

Hi Ladies

During this holiday season I want to share a wonderful reflection poem.

The Greatest Secret in the World - by Og Mandino

I greeted this day with love in my heart.

I praised my enemies.

I thought "I love you" silently to all I met today and I loved myself enough to protect my body from overindulgence and my mind from evil and despair.

I kept myself away from those whose weeping and complaining are contagious.

I avoided negative thoughts or words.

I tried to complete one more task when it was time to journey home and I did not allow the day to end in failure.

I refrained from all self-praise.

I learned at least one new thing about my profession today.

I concentrated on making each project better than the last.

I kept the market place and home separate from each other in my thoughts.

I greeted this morning with gratitude for the gift of another day.

I mourned not yesterday's mistakes and defeats.

I wasted none of my precious time on foolishness.

I treated everyone with tenderness as if I would see them no more, and I truly lived this day as if it were my last.

I avoided all negative thoughts of failure and despair by making my actions control my thoughts.

I smile often.

I moved swiftly.

I raised my voice to strengthen my confidence.

I made allowances for the moods of others and I refused to allow any setback or problem to discolor my day.

I laughed at the world and at myself today.

I refuse to take too seriously my petty understandings.

I laughed at my problems, my heartaches, my failures, even my successes.

I maintained my perspective by telling myself throughout the day, "this too shall pass."

I put off no distasteful chore for another time.

I moved swiftly from task to task to avoid diversion and temptation.

I overcame my fears through action.

I prayed today. I repeated a familiar prayer but I also spoke a few words of my own asking for guidance and thanking my Creator for giving me the privilege of making something of this day, and my life.

<http://www.bradfitzpatrick.com/weblog/19/og-mandino/>

I look forward to seeing you all at the January 15 meeting and until then may the Lord bless you richly this holiday season and may your new year be prosperous in His sight.

Cynthia Jones

Lady Bandit



November Meeting Minutes

Ladies of Chrome and Leather

General meeting minutes

11/20/2010

Guests: Larry (with Becky), Heather (Sandy's daughter)

New members: none Birthdays: Jackie C. and Toni B.

Officers present: Michelle B., Diane T., Terri K., Cathie S., Theresa C.; 20 members present

Start time: 8:40

Michelle

- Christmas Party Ride: Terri will email out ride directions and meeting place.

Concerns: Email or call Michelle if you have concerns or problems with the group – we are a family. Problems need to go to Michelle first.

Cathie - Safety

- **Safe mileage:** 30 ladies participated this year, the 5 highest were Becky with 30,630; Linda T. with 18,231; Cynthia with 17,241; Bonn'e with 14,355; and Kim with 13,530. The total mileage for the top 5 riders is 93,987. National takes the top five from each group. 10 people in our group increased their mileage from last year.
- **Ride Guidelines:** The ride committee will work on this
- **Practice Rides:** The safety officers will meet and set up some practice rides, parking lot practice (U-turns, T-Clock, etc.) after they get the ride calendar.
- **Safety topics:** email Cathie if you have any safety topics.
- **SD group:** Our group will make a donation to the San Diego family that lost both parents in the motorcycle accident there.

Terri

- **LAWS:** Thanks to those that attended the Laws event, Diane helped with the popcorn and made \$100, Dee helped all day and night. Terri made \$400 at the shoe shine. All money went to safe house.
- **DEC 3rd:** Ride to meet Garth the elf for the toy run at 5am at Ontario Mills, Terri will send an email with more information
- **Dec 17th:** Long Beach Bike show, possible group ride if there are people interested
- **Christmas night light ride:** Open ride, Thursday night at 6:30pm, meet at Mission Inn at the end (CANCELLED)
- **Ride Committee:** will meet in January to schedule rides, email Terri if you are interested
- **Thanks to Sandy W.:** for leading the ride last month

Dee

Will continue with bike nights

New Business

Camping Trip: Twig and others are planning a camping trip for the second week of September with Vegas girls, Divas, Havasu group and San Diego girls. Motor homes are ok, women only, Twig has a trailer to take supplies for girls that ride. Location not decided yet, possibly Idyllwild, Calico, Faultline. Twig will send out a pre-notice.

50/50

Michelle won \$35 and \$35 went to the group. Michelle donated her winnings to the "Safe House."

Meeting adjourned 9:45??

Theresa Carson, Secretary

Meet the Members

Pat Sanchez



Hi, everyone I am Pat Sanchez, a single mom of 3 children & 1 granddaughter.

I live in Riverside and was born and raised here. I have worked as a Instructional Assistant for Riverside County Office of Education in Special Education for 20 years

I have 3 siblings; 1 sister and 2 brothers. I am youngest. We are a very close family and I would not be the person I am today if it wasn't for my family.

I started riding in 2008 and purchased my 2008 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster Lowride. I enjoy riding every chance I can.



I joined WITW in July 2010 and I've learned so much with these ladies - they are all an AWESOME group.

Thank you ladies for having me.





Meeting Reminder

NEXT MEETING
No Meeting in December
Next meeting January 15

Flo's Farmhouse Café
5620 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside
(951) 352-2690