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Ladies Of Chrome And Leather Chapter

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Women in the Wind (WITW) strives to:

- educate our members in motorcycle safety and maintenance
- unite women motorcyclists with friends of common interest
- promote a positive image to the public of women on motorcycles.



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Christmas Party - December 17
at Twig and Linda's
 2 to 6 pm
 \$20 gift exchange
see roster for address

President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell



HELLO WITW SISTERS,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! This year our chapter's Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 17th 2 pm to 6 pm, hosted by Twig Dickmann and Linda Trowbridge. The address will be sent in a separate email. Quite a few of you RSVP and paid your \$10 at the progressive ride last month. If you would like to go, but haven't RSVP, **please send me an email ASAP**, you can pay your \$\$ the day of the party. Remember to bring a new wrapped gift, \$20.00 value.

In keeping with our Holiday tradition, we will be donating a \$100 to the **Red Rover Foundation** which cares for **animal** victims of natural disasters, cruelty and neglect. Thank you all for your nominations.

With the close of "2011", 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; Dee Norman – Road Captain. Assistant Road Captains; Shelley Beetler and Jerianne Ekins. Assistant Safety Officers; Jackie Cliett, Sandy Wietecha and Bonnie Judge; Linda Trowbridge- Hospitality, Maria Shepherd-Historian/Photographer and Jackie Cliett – 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!

Since this is the Christmas Season, I would like to share some heartfelt words with all of you. As we go through our day to day lives, sometimes filled with uncertainly, remember, "Love one another", we are our brother's and sister's keepers. Merry Christmas to all my sisters! May your Christmas and New Years be filled with blessings, health and love.

Michelle



The View From Behind

Cathie Siglow
Safety Officer

Dear Ladies,

Hope to see all of you at the Christmas party at Twig and Linda T's wonderful home! We always have a great time there! They are such fantastic hostesses!

Negligence-Assumption of Risk:

Recently Michelle emailed me an article from the "Weekly Law Resume", put out by www.lowball.com. The court case is Robert Amezcua, et al. v Los Angeles Harley-Davidson, and comes out of the Court of Appeals, Second district, October 27, 2011. It deals with a motorcyclist and his passenger who were in an accident during a Toy Ride organized by Los Angeles Harley-Davidson. To quickly summarize the case, the motorcyclist and his passenger did not sign the release of liability form, participated in an organized parade which was led by LA police officers, were hit by another vehicle which was on the freeway whose driver was distracted by the sight and sound of the group of motorcycles. The motorcyclist claimed that the dealership was negligent and, hence, responsible for their accident. Bottom line is that the court of origin and the appellate court ruled that even though they did not sign the waiver of liability, the dealership was still not negligent and responsible for the accident. Both courts indicated that the organizers of a motorcycle ride do not assume primary risk in connection with an organized, non-competitive, recreational motorcycle ride.

For a more comprehensive summary go to this web site:

http://www.lowball.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1068:november-10-2011&catid=

Safe Mileage:

I have completed Safe Mileage form(s) and mileage for the following:

Airs (except for the ninja), Beetler, Bodwell, Carson, Cliett, Corral, DiPietro, Ekins, Frantum, Freitag, Pendleton, Robbins, Sanchez, Taylor, Torrez, Trowbridge, Wietecha S., Worth. (Dickman, I have the form, waiting for the mileage when you get the bike back.) If your name is not on this list I do not have the form and the current mileage on your bike. If you ride a lot before I get this information, it will not apply for this year's contest! If you wish to participate, please get this information to me as soon as possible.

Holiday riding:

There are so many distractions this time of year - decorations, high traffic, shopping to be done, parties, etc. Please be extra alert when you ride! Be sure to frequently check your mirrors and look over your shoulder when you change lanes. At intersections please look as far as you can for dangerous, careless drivers of all kinds!

We want to see your smiling face in 2012! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cathie Siglow, Safety Officer

Mark Your Calendars!

December 17 - Christmas Party
January 21 - Meeting and Ride
February 17 - 19 Nationals Las Vegas

REMEMBER...

The Women in the Wind - 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
thiamarie@yahoo.com
orders must be in writing
WITW Name Tags
Cost \$10 - \$11

Women in the Wind - LOCAL Website

Check out Our Web Site

www.LadiesOfChromeAndLeather.com

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Well ladies it's that time of the year again. All the hustle bustle to get your shopping done. I have been out today with it pouring down rain which really helped to get me into the spirit. Didn't help my wallet though..

I went on a awesome get away to Palm Springs this past weekend. Imagine I rode up in front of the Riviera in my leathers and on my bike. I got a few stares but overall they were friendly with exception they would not let me park up front. Whats wrong with that picture? And yes I did let them know about it.

Just a few reminders with riding in the cold; Remember layers, our bottom layer should be some type of thermal or fleece that fits close to your body. Add layers not to lose mobility. If you can't rest your arms down by your side and you feel like the Michelin woman either take some things off or consider investing in heated garments. (Tell Santa!!!)

Hands and feet; Make sure you have good boots and gloves. One idea is to have some of those Air activated hand and feet warmers. They are reasonably priced and easy to carry. (heated items SANTA!!)

In closing I want to thank all of you in support of me as your VP. We have a awesome group of women in our chapter and I have been honored to be a representative for you.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May your stockings be filled with goodies and your eggnog spiked with lots of brandy!

See you in 2012.....

Merry Christmas!

***Take Care and Keep on
Diane***

December Birthdays

Dee Norman
Denise Ritter

