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President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell

HAPPY "2011" LADIES!

I am anxious for this rain and cold spell to end so we can get back to riding. Terri King has scheduled a "[Ride Calendar](#)" meeting for Monday, January 17th at the Food Connection in Grand Terrace just off Barton Road. See Terri's article for more information. We are interested in where you want to ride and hope to accommodate most of your requests; be ready to submit your "wish list" at the January meeting. One event that I hope to participate in as a group again this year is Salute to Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, April 16th. I understand that some of you find the slow pace and constant stopping difficult especially if the weather is warm, but the joy we bring the Veteran's and personal satisfaction each one of us takes away from this event, is so worth it. Last year we opted not to participate but have been asked by the parade committee to attend this year. I sincerely hope that many of you participate and we have a big group showing.

Cathie Siglow will also be scheduling a "Safety Meeting" in February. Please keep a look out for more information.

Maria Shepherd, our club photographer, would like to implement a member page for our website. This will consist of a member picture with her bike and a brief bio. For security reasons, we will only use first names and no license plates will be visible.

We are only 2 months away from our annual membership renewal and drive. Dee Norman our Membership Chairman will be looking for suggestions on rides or events to help promote the club – we need your input.

I hope to see everyone on Saturday the 15th for our January meeting. Ride to be announced!

May this New Year bring many blessings to all of you!

Be well & ride safe!

Michelle

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**Next Meeting and Ride
 January 15**

**Breakfast 7:30
 Meeting
 8:30 to 9:30**

At Flo's in Riverside

Mark Your Calendars!

Jan 17 Ride Calendar Meeting
7:00pm

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!**

tmtw3@sbcglobal.net

Reminder

To Order Name Tags

Please contact
Cynthia Jones
thiamarie@yahoo.com
orders must be in writing
WITW Name Tags
Cost \$10 - \$11

LOCAL Website

Check out Our Web Site
www.LadiesOfChromeAndLeather.com

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Vice President's Whatever

By Diane Taylor

Happy New Year L.O.C.A.L!

With the New Year here it's time to get focused and plan all the fun things we would like to do this year. So put on those thinking caps and help come up with some rides both day and overnight that are of interest to you.

Our Road Captain has set up an awesome ride for Jan. 15th. Hope you all are able to be at the first meeting and ride of the year.

It's suppose to be a very nice day on Saturday so check your air pressure, oil, fill your bike with gas and let's head out to Hollywood!

Can't wait to see all your smiling faces.....

Take Care and Keep on 🍷
Diane

January Birthdays

Kim Airs

Michelle Bodwell

Charlie Duran

Judy Harrison

Cynthia Jones



The View From Behind

Cathie Siglow
Safety officer

Dear Ladies,

Happy New Year and look forward to many fun rides this year! To start off, we are going to a tour of Hollywood, so I thought we might look at riding tips for city and high traffic areas.

General tips:

- Avoid motorists' blind spots. Pretend you are invisible to car drivers.
- Expect cars to make sudden moves - like for a parking space or an opening in traffic.
- Watch drivers' heads and mirrors. Motorists rarely make a sudden move without looking in that direction.
- Cover your brakes and clutch for faster response time if you need it.
- Be ready with power. Consider riding in a lower gear than usual so you have power if you need it. This will also help you slow down quickly.
- Practice scanning the environment. Know what is going on around you all the time.
- Use your mirrors, but turn your head to look for a car if you are changing lanes or turning. Watch to see that someone behind you is slowing, too.
- Be noticed - wear a bright color, ride with your high beam on, but turn it off out of courtesy if you are sitting right behind someone for a while.
- Use your thumb - cancel turn signals immediately after turning.
- Do not necessarily believe that the car with no turn signal will not turn in front of you. Watch the front tires as well as the driver's hands on the wheel.
- Scan the surface of the road. Traffic areas often mean pot holes, oil spills, objects, sand or gravel after a storm.
- Ride in open zones of traffic, but be aware of a car wanting to take that open space you are jumping to get.
- Always have an escape route planned and change it minute by minute.
- Let larger vehicles run interference for you in an intersection. If someone blows the red light let them hit the car, not you. Also, do not be too quick to cross an intersection when the light turns green; someone may run their red light.

Specific tips from Ivana Ford

On Saturday I went on a short ride with Ivana. Many of you know her as she rode with us last winter and went to Winter Nationals with us in Phoenix. Well, I knew she is a LA police officer, but I just found out that her 'beat' is Hollywood! Here are some specific tips she gave us!

- Take it **easy and slow**. Enjoy the trip!
- Hollywood is a big tourist attraction so there are lots of tourists and tour busses. The main **dangers** we face with cagers **are magnified** in areas like Hollywood. Everyone is either site-seeing, on their phone, checking their GPS, and/or not knowing where to go.
- People act crazy as they are so fascinated about being in Hollywood, so expect them to do the unexpected. That way you will not get upset, angry, frustrated, or panic. **Keep your wits about you at all times!**

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Specific tips from Ivana Ford (continued)

- **People do run red lights**, double check both ways at intersections.
- There are a **lot of emergency vehicles** with sirens on; everyone slams on the brakes or 'freaks out'.
- **Pedestrians** often **dart** into the roads.
- If your group is split at a red light the lead group usually cannot stop to wait for the rest of the group. Be **prepared to be split up by lights/traffic**.
- On the narrow, winding residential streets there are many **hidden driveways**. Ride to the center or left of the lane.
- There is still **debris** along many of the residential streets on steep hills.
- Drivers are particularly **erratic when looking for a parking space**; some cars even go in reverse for half a block.
- **Park on side streets** which are usually quieter and have more spaces.
- There are a lot of **hit-and-runs in Hollywood**. If you happen to get hit, do not try to follow. Get a license plate if you can and quickly get out of the way of traffic. Then proceed as you would with any accident. Be sure the person(s) are alright and deal with getting the bike to a safe place and call a tow truck if necessary.
- **Pull over too look at sights**; do not do it while riding.
- There are a lot of **transients and opportunists** in Hollywood. Do not leave anything on your bike. They may touch and check out items on the bike.

In summary, Ivana said to "**keep calm**", "**keep your wits about you**", "**expect people to be erratic**". This is a time for "**heightened awareness**"; it is "not a leisurely ride". but Hollywood is a fun, interesting, and exciting place so "**have a wonderful time!**"

Ladies, please see Theresa's article about taking the **Streetmasters Precision Cornering Workshop**. I took it a few years ago and it significantly changed my riding skills, my thinking about riding and my confidence in riding. I used to get all choked up when riding in mountains and on any tight turn. The class gave me a better understanding of options I had when riding curves. I now consider it one of the great pleasures of riding a motorcycle.

Here is a quick quiz to see if the Streetmasters class will benefit you. (this comes from the web site)

- I sometimes cross the centerline in tight corners.
- I can't seem to hold a smooth line through a turn.
- I often have to use the brakes in the middle of a corner.
- I'd like someone to evaluate my riding technique and give me some tips.
- I'm an experienced rider who taught myself to ride. (or a husband/boyfriend taught me to ride)
- I seldom use the front brake.

If you answer "yes" to any one or more of these questions, the Precision Cornering workshop is for you.

Cathie Siglow,
Safety Officer

Road Captain's Corner

By Terri King

Hello Ladies and Happy New Year!

Chapter Ride Jan 15th 2011...

LOCAL DOES HOLLYWOOD!!!



Pink's is probably the most famous hot dog stand in the country... certainly in Los Angeles! Located near the corner of Melrose and La Brea, Pink's can be found by looking for a crowd of people and following the aroma of fresh meaty chili and soft hot dog buns. Pink's is unlike any other hot dog stand in America. For example, it has its own parking lot attendant (parking is free). It has been in the same location for 71 years. It is not unusual to see a Rolls Royce pull up to Pink's (the chili dog ordered will be for the occupant, not the chauffeur!). Movie stars, well-known dignitaries, struggling musicians, businessmen, housewives, school children... all have savored Pink's Famous Chili Dogs. Pink's is a Hollywood landmark!



A must see for any visitor to Hollywood. The sign, erected in 1923, [originally said 'Hollywoodland'](#) and was an advertisement for a housing development in the Hollywood Hills. Today it stands as the most recognized symbol and must see landmark for tourists. It is also the easiest landmark in Hollywood to see. You may see this sign from the Hollywood overlook.

Check your emails from last week for the rest of the ride – It will be fun!!!!

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Calendar of New Rides

With the New Year brings a Calendar of New Rides, and with that We Need your participation! So Monday Jan 17th @ 7pm we will be having an activities meeting for your input and suggestions on this year's rides. It will be held at the Food Connection on Barton Rd in Grand Terrace. Address is:

22400 Barton Rd, #1, Grand Terrace, CA

If you are not able to attend we will be taking suggestions and route information at our Meeting on Jan 15th. But hope to see you there! We're looking for Fun day trips and a few overnights as well so get those thinking caps on! Any questions please email me or give me a call! We have January's ride planned – to Hollywood!!! and February's ride is to Mission San Juan Capistrano so start thinking about where you would like to go in March!

Chatterbox

Ladies I was informed that the local chatterbox location only has 14 units left in stock, so I'm doing this last call on verifying that you would like a unit...Price is \$166.00 and if you want the blue tooth it's an additional 60.00. If you email me your confirmation I can call them and let them know how many we would like to order...Collection of funds was scheduled for our meeting on Jan 15th.



Treasurer Chest

By Cynthia

Hi Ladies,

Welcome to 2011! How exciting to begin a new year with new adventures ahead. I want to remind you the membership renewal is fast approaching. Renewals are due in March and we want to get a head start. We will be passing out forms at the January meeting and collecting them at the February meeting. Membership renewals require you to complete the renewal form and a safety form. You will also be required to provide a copy of your Drivers License with motorcycle endorsement and your current insurance. The renewal fee is \$30 (\$15 National, \$15 Chapter). You may also do this in advance by mailing your completed forms, copy of DL, proof of insurance, and fee to me any time before the February meeting.

I really love to ride and I came across this article so I thought I would share it. It is proven that motorcycling will fill the needs of all your senses:

Sight: The roads, the scenery, the horizon stretching in front of you...

Smell: The countryside, mountains, fresh rain, forest, ocean, hay...

Sound: The rumble of the engine, the wind whizzing by, nature...

Touch: The control of the machine, the feel of being part of everything around you and not just driving.

Taste: The dust in the air, the sweetness of fresh rain...

Don't forget the other senses as well.

The sense of belonging to something bigger than you've known before: The community, a brotherhood/club of bikers, good times and good friends.

The sense of accomplishment: Riding further, visiting new places, trying new roads, improving your skills and more....while you can do all that in a car, it isn't even close to that feeling.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and until then may the Lord bless you richly and keep the rubber on the road.

Cynthia Jones
Lady Bandit



Secretary's Notes

I don't have any minutes to write so I guess I need to actually write my own article!!

WITW Renewals are due in March but we are starting now.

For current members we will need:

1. An application filled out
2. Safe mileage form
3. 2 3x5 emergency cards, one for road captain and one for safety
4. Your insurance and license needs to be checked by one of the officers
5. And \$30

Cynthia and I will be taking renewals at the next two meetings so please see either one of us if you have questions. We will have the paperwork at the meetings.

Or you can download the membership application, safety form and emergency information form from the website <http://www.ladiesofchromeandleather.com/default.htm> and mail it along with a copy of your license and insurance and \$30 to Cynthia Jones - her address is on the roster.

Streetmasters Precision Cornering Workshop - Saturday, May 14, 2011

<http://www.streetmasters.info/index.html>

"We've designed a different kind of motorcycle training workshop. It's not a track school. It's not about speed or large classes. It's all about practical techniques that you can immediately apply in the real-world. It's motorcycle training that put's it all together and takes your skills to the next level. We based it on professional knowledge gained from 50+ years of riding — all distilled into a one-day, comprehensive workshop. We'll show you proven skill-building techniques. Then you'll immediately put them to work. And throughout the day, we'll give you personalized feedback on your performance."

I have signed up to take this class on May 14 and just want to let others in the group know about it. The standard cost is \$390.00 but we have a 20% discount so the cost will be \$312.00. If you are interested let me know or just check out the website.

WITW Campout - September 2011

Twig will have information at the meeting about our campout planned for the second weekend in September. Games and fun events are planned and other WITW groups will be invited.

Theresa Carson
Secretary



Meeting Reminder



NEXT MEETING
Next meeting January 15

Flo's Farmhouse Café
5620 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside
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