

# Meet The Members!



Hello Ladies,

My name is Karin Whitehead, and I used to be the quiet one at the meetings, at least for a good part of 2006. Then I went along to the National meeting in San Diego early last year, and I have not been the same since.

When I joined the club in 2006, I was riding a Yamaha V-Star 650. Now that I have a Yamaha 1100, I ride that much more. I started riding in 1989, when my husband took me along for rides on his touring bike. We took a two-week trip to Colorado, which was the last time I sat on the back of a motorcycle. I was lost when my husband passed away in early 2006. But I felt that one way to honor his belief in me was to continue riding, which is something we loved to do together. I enjoy riding

my own, just wish I had taken the class years ago, because now I ride with much more confidence.

On the ride from my house to meet with everyone in Temecula, I decided that I needed a bigger bike. The closer I got to the convention, I decided that I needed to ride more and maybe even learn the right way to do this. So that riding for me would be more enjoyable and safer. Cathie Siglow had told me about the Honda Class in Colton. I signed up and took the class, and my riding has never been the same. I am no longer afraid to make left turns. Many of you have told me how much better I am riding, and I thank you for that.

In the past year, WITW has added a whole new dimension to my life that I did not know was out there. It started with San Diego, then the ride to Cathie's house at Arrowhead, then the ultimate ride to Prescott, and ending up with a Christmas party that was just wonderful. I have enjoyed riding, riding safer and most of all the friendships that have developed.

On a personal note, I am a native German, born in Munich. (Maybe that is why I like Beer). I have lived in the United States since I was 11. (Ok a long time). Have lived in New York and in 1977 moved to California. I work for the post office, as a supervisor, and that job pays for my hobbies. I love to travel, but my home is and will be Southern California.

On an ending note, I want to thank everyone of you in L O C A L, and definitely look forward to more rides, more parties and more fun.

Thank you,  
Karin

