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President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell

Hello Ladies:

Our May ride was to Barbara Cornett's backyard, the High Desert. We started our ride from Flo's and headed up the Cajon Pass to Barstow. The ride through the desert was very tranquil, no traffic just wonderful scenery. Our first stop was The Harvey House which was a dining and boarding house built by Fred Harvey to accommodate railroad travelers. The original house was built in 1885, but due to a fire in 1908, was rebuilt and re-opened in February 1911. The dining establishment featured the Harvey Girls, who served food and chatted with guests. If any of you are old movie buffs, the movie "Harvey Girls" with Judy Garland aired in 1946. **I have attached a couple of pictures**. (page 2). We then headed back toward Victorville on Route 66 and had lunch at a 60's diner – Yum! I complimented my ride through the desert with a huge chocolate shake – so worth it!

Our June ride is to the famous "Rock Store", you never know who you will see there!

Memoriam - Most of you have already heard that one of our WITW Sisters, Kathy Nicholson passed away a few weeks ago. She had a wonderful spirit and her smile and laughter brighten up any room she entered. Once news of a local memorial is available, we will pass it on to the club members.

Congratulations in order two of our members: Jerianne Ekins & Chris Vollmar who were in the 10 Top Mileage Safety Riders! Great Job Ladies!!!!

Voting/ Discussion: At the June meeting I will propose or discuss the following items:

- Prospective New Members must go on one group ride before joining. We would also assign a Mentor to help them get better acquainted with the group.
- Club Mascot – Currently we have the "spoon" which is given to a member who has an accident in the club. The spoon is kept with that person until she can pass it on to the next "victim". The Mascot would be a stuff animal, or ? that would accompany the member to each meeting/ride until it can be passed to the next person.

Remember ladies, this is your club and any concerns or ideas are always welcome ☺

"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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No Meet the Member this Month—Shelley Beetler will be member of the month for July.

Next Monthly Meeting

June 20
At Flo's
in
Riverside
8:30 a.m.

The Harvey Girl
05.15.2009

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Who Needs It?
You Do.
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Mark Your Calendars!

Keep These Dates Open...

June 20—Meeting and Ride
July 18—Meeting and Ride
August 15 – Meeting and Ride

Reminder

To Order Name Tags

Please contact
Chris Montoya at
951-231-3767
cmontoya03@peoplepc.com
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

Planning meeting at Linda and Twig's Sunday, June 21
Phone: 951-776-3912

Renewal time - Ladies our membership renewals were due in March. Please remember to bring your $30 fee as well as current driver's license and insurance to the May 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.
You can also send your registration form and check for $30 (made payable to LOCAL) to Bonn'e's home address:

Bonn'e Judge
11425 Coleman Dr
Moreno Valley, CA 92557

Vice President's Update

By: Chris "Cha-Cha" Montoya

Dearest Sister's of L.O.C.A.L.,

I just want to reflect on my past years before joining L.O.C.A.L. in 2004. I was coaxed into going to a women's bike club meeting by my biker buddy Donna. I didn't even know how to ride my bike or even ride in a group. As a matter of fact, I purchased my bike and didn't even have a license but was determined to tame that big bad machine. So with the help of my girlfriend, I was taken out on the weekends to putt around town and as my confidence built up, the dreaded freeways.

After joining our chapter, I had fun bonding with my newly found Sisters and in doing so; I became close to everyone and I felt like I was a member of a family. On May 22, 2009, one of our fellow Sisters and family member passed away and as I think back on all the rides we went on together within the club and outside of the club, I will never forget our last "hug" at our 10 year reunion back in February of this year. Who would have thought that would be the last time I would feel the warmth of her touch, hear her voice, her laughter and her funny tales of North Carolina, where she was currently living since she left California in 2007.

It is so very hard coping with the loss of someone whom you thought was in the prime of her life and in the best of health. I guess it doesn't matter; if it's your calling to come home, then we can rejoice in knowing that we have left our mark here on earth and that our life was complete and we will never be forgotten by those who love us. Kat will forever be in our thoughts and prayers, and live on in our memories held so dear to all of us.

Reflections of Life

See how the branches sway to and fro,
Ever so gently the winds do blow…
Bending and bowing high and low,
Some almost weeping tho not from woe.

The leaves do their dance with softness and grace,
They dance in the morning; they dance in the night…
Ever so gently, ever so bright.

Time heals all wounds as we start another day,
The clocks keep on ticking, so they say…
From infants to adults then back again,
The circle of life, its journey, its end.

Blessed are the souls who have left their mark,
Of memories that linger within our hearts…
Help to release thy earthly bonds we hold,
And let Your warmth slowly unfold.

Chris "Cha Cha" Montoya

Treasurer's Account

By Bonn'e Judge

No treasurer's report.

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June Birthdays

Karen Carter
Colette Schacht
Diane Taylor

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Road Captain's Corner

By: Cathie Siglow

Dear Ladies,

For those of you who knew Kathy Nicholson, you know she would enjoy our rides into the mountains. We will miss her but be inspired by her spirit.

June Ride:
Our ride for June is to the Rock Store near Malibu. While I cannot promise that we will see celebrities, I can promise that we will see some lovely riding country and lots of interesting bikes! This is considered a 'long ride' for our group. It will be about 115 miles to the Rock Store and 130 coming back. We will need to go and return on freeways, but will spend time riding around the Santa Monica Mountains before we stop at the Rock Store. We will return via the 118 and 210 to avoid the heavy traffic on the I-10 and the 101. This route is prettier and not as busy. Please be aware that we will need to move at normal freeway speeds and stay together to avoid riding with the trucks in the slowest lane or causing dangerous traffic conditions.

Yes, there will be sport bikes in the Santa Monica Mountains, and they will probably pass us. You will need to be aware of them but not intimidated! If one is coming up fast or obviously wants to pass you, safely move to the right side of the lane, and motion them him/her to pass. Many may just shoot past you even if you do not motion. Just be aware and allow these bikes to pass.

AMA Conference, Women and Motorcycling:
For those of you who are interested in going to the AMA conference in Keystone, Colorado on Aug. 19 to 22, we are having a meeting at Twig and Linda's on Sunday, June 21 to further discuss route, dates, riding, packing and housing details. Please attend if you are thinking about going with us. Also, if you cannot take off time to ride to and from Colorado, many ladies come by air and rent bikes nearby. Check the web site: www.womenandmotorcycling.com.

July ride:
This July we will, again, have an overnight ride to Lake Arrowhead. The route to the cabin will be different from the past two years, but we will be practicing our mountain riding skills! This is a great opportunity for you to practice packing your bike for an overnight of extended trip, such as the Prescott trip planned for the first weekend in October. The Arrowhead ride will be on our normal meeting/ride day, July 18-19. Even if you cannot spend the night, the ride will be fun and you can come back down to home.

Sunday rides:
Several members cannot attend Saturday rides due to work or other commitments, so the Officers thought that we could do a Sunday ride every other month. We would like to form a Sunday Ride Committee to design and set up Sunday rides. We will discuss this at the June meeting, but if you wish to help and/or participate in Sunday rides, which will be open rides, please contact me. Issues to consider: should they be short (2-3 hours), replicate the Saturday ride, start early or late, ladies take turns leading and designing the rides, … Think about it and come up with some ideas!

See you June 20 with a prepared bike and an open spirit!

Cathie Siglow

Selections from our Secretary!!

Linda Jenko

Minutes Women in The Wind
Ladies of Chrome and Leather

Chapter Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2009

Attendees: Linda Jenko, Patty David, Michelle Bodwell, Theresa Carson, Carolyn Jackson, Patty Fierro, Tina Blair, Shelley Beetler, Terri King-Shepherd, Colette Schacht, Troyce Borgerd, Chris Vollmar, Shirley Frantum, Barbara Cornett, Mary Worth, Carolyn Jackson

Call To Order: 9:03 AM

Michelle: President

1. Guests: Tina Blair (Shelley's Friend), Collette Schacht (Terri's Friend) and Patty Fierro (Linda's Mom). Tina rides a 883 Sportster and Collete rides a 09 Trike Glide. Shirley Frantum (new but rode with us to Death Valley). Shirley rides an 883 Sportster. Shirley and Colette joined and are the newest members.
2. New Members: Shirley Frantum and Colette Schacht
3. May Birthdays: Bonn'e Judge and Candy ByWater
4. Issues/Comments/Suggestions from Members: None
5. Member/ Open Rides: Table until next month. Discuss open rides – open ride Sunday every other month. Barbara discussed a ride called, "Bikers Against Cancer". If any riders wanted to join her to meet in Corona at 10:00am.
6. Member of the Month: Shelley Beetler agreed to be the member of the month for June's newsletter.

Cathie: Road Captain:
Ride:

1. Shelley and Barbara discussed rides in Cathie's absence. October 1st weekend is Prescott. We will leave on a Friday and come back on a Monday. July will be our annual Arrowhead weekend ride. This is for members only. Jerianne may be putting a Solvang weekend ride together for us as well. Barbara discussed today's ride to the Harvey house. She suggested changing lunch locations. The Harvey house is a museum and was built in 1911. There is a railroad museum on site. The ride will take them on Route 66 and Main Street Barstow.

Twig- Safety Officer:
Out of town:

Bonn'e: Treasurer
Out of Town

Linda: Secretary

Passed out the most current WITW Roster with the renewing and new members for 2009/2010 year.

Terri King

1. Terri made the announcement that our member Judy Harrison is now cancer free. And there was going to be a cancer walk for Judy that is being sponsored by Arrowhead Credit Union on May 30th.
2. Terri discussed the West Coast Thunder ride on Memorial Day and asked for volunteers to help with registration. This was the 10th annual WCT and 6,000 motorcycles were already registered. She described the Fallen Soldier ceremony at Skips and the ride to the National Cemetery. Lunch was not included in the ride cost this year, however a T'Shirt was. Pre-registration was all day at Skip's and cost $25.00. After today registration was $30.00.

50-50 Barbara was the winner and she received $25.00 and $25.00 went to our chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM

Member's Thoughts

Non-club rides:
If you are planning to go on a ride sponsored by another group, particularly philanthropic groups, please announce it at meetings or send an article to the newsletter editor, Theresa (tcarson22@msn.com) so that others in our club may join you. After all, we all want just about any excuse to go riding!

Moonridge Animal Park

Big Bear Lake, CA

Saturday September 19, 2009
9:30am to 5:00pm

Poker Ride – Prizes – Run Pins for First 500
50/50 – Raffle – Chapter Challenge
Vendors – Barbeque – Live Music

$25 Rider $20 Co-Rider – Includes Poker Ride, Pins and T-Shirt
Plus Behind the Scenes Grizzly Tour

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – ALL BIKES WELCOME

All proceeds to benefit the Grizzly Bears at Moonridge Animal Park
Sponsored by The Friends of the Moonridge Zoo

No pre-registration
Register at Chad's Place in the Village at Big Bear, 40740 Village Drive – (909) 866-2161

For more information call (909) 878-4200 or email us at fomz@moonridgezoo.org
Check our Web-site for info and history of the ride at moonridgezoo.org/GrizzlyRun.html
Vendor Information call (951) 218-5818

Meeting Reminder

NEXT MEETING

June 20, 2009

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

NOTE: Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Meeting at 8:30a.m.