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## President's Message

By: Michelle Bodwell

HELLO WITW SISTERS,

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> our clocks "Spring forward" which is the first indication that winter is on the way out. So to all my "fair weather riders" Let's do this!

**\*\*Renewal time** - Ladies our membership renewals are due! If you have already turned in your renewal form and money, thank you. For you late comers don't be left out of all the fun. Please remember to bring your **\$30** fee as well as **current motorcycle license and insurance to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting**. We also welcome new members, so pass the word around! If you are not able to attend the March meeting, the renewal form is on the web-site for you to download. We are also asking each member to fill out an emergency card (2), one for the safety officer and one to keep on your person.

Our **March ride** will be to the Camel Dairy in Ramona, yes you read it right, Camel Dairy. How do you milk a Camel? Well you will have to join us on the ride to find out.

**So do you take one hump or two in your coffee?? Camel humor.**

Ok, back to business. We have invited our San Diego WITW sisters to join us and a little birdie told me that they have put this on their agenda. I sent out an RSVP request to all of you on 3/8 as we need a count for the tour and for the box lunches. In case you didn't know, Terri King our Road Captain has offered to make the lunches for all of us. Thank you Terri! You will have choice of Beef, Chicken, Ham or Veggie. So if you did not RSVP but plan to go, please let Terri King know ASAP. Please see Terri King's article for more information on the, ride, lunch, etc.

**Reminder** - Safety meeting Tuesday, March 15th, see Cathie Siglow's article for more information.

**Salute to Veteran's Ride – April 16<sup>th</sup>** – Thanks to all the ladies who gave suggestions for the special "Thank you" to our Vietnam Veterans at the staging area. We have decided to pass-out homemade cookies and a special note of gratitude. Joan DiPietro has volunteered to bake the cookies, Cathie Siglow, with help from her husband Jess who is a Vietnam Veteran, gave us the appropriate wording, Cynthia Jones will design the note in bookmark form and Pat Sanchez will laminate them. Volunteers are needed to help package the cookies and put on finishing touches, we are meeting at Joan's Friday evening April 15<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow. We also wanted to do something special for all armed forces besides showing up with our lovely smiles and motorcycles, so at the February meeting we voted and approved the purchase of a banner that will be carried by two of our members in front of the bikes. The message will say "**WITW- LADIES OF CHROME & LEATHER SALUTE OUR VETERANS**". Terri King will send out an email with the parade information, time to meet, where, etc. We have also invited our WITW San Diego Chapter to participate with us in this event.

Our two ladies who made the ride to Florida for the Winter Nationals, Linda Trowbridge and Shirley Frantum made it to their destination safely and are having a great time. I am looking forward to pictures and stories.

**I hope to see you at the meeting and the Camel Dairy ride.**

Be well & ride safe!  
Michelle

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**Next Meeting and Ride**  
**March 19**

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

**At Flo's in Riverside**

# Mark Your Calendars!

March 19 Meeting and Ride  
March 27 Open Ride  
April 16 Salute to Veterans 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](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](mailto:tmtw3@sbcglobal.net)

## Reminder

### To Order Name Tags

Please contact  
**Cynthia Jones**  
[thiamarie@yahoo.com](mailto:thiamarie@yahoo.com)  
orders must be in writing  
WITW Name Tags  
Cost \$10 - \$11

### LOCAL Website

Check out Our Web Site  
[www.LadiesOfChromeAndLeather.com](http://www.LadiesOfChromeAndLeather.com)

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## Top 10 Reasons to Ride a Trike

### *Number 10*

When I ride a Trike I feel young again?

### *Number 9*

I like it when people see me riding around Town  
and say "hey. Look at that Trike"

### *Number 8*

My Trike doesn't fall over when I park it.

### *Number 7*

I know that my Lady won't fall off the back when I Gun It.

### *Number 6*

Knowing your neighbor still rides a two wheeler.

### *Number 5*

Not having to worry if you get caught in the rain

### *Number 4*

Having not to lean into the wind when riding

### *Number 3*

You'll never have to put your feet down at a stop sign

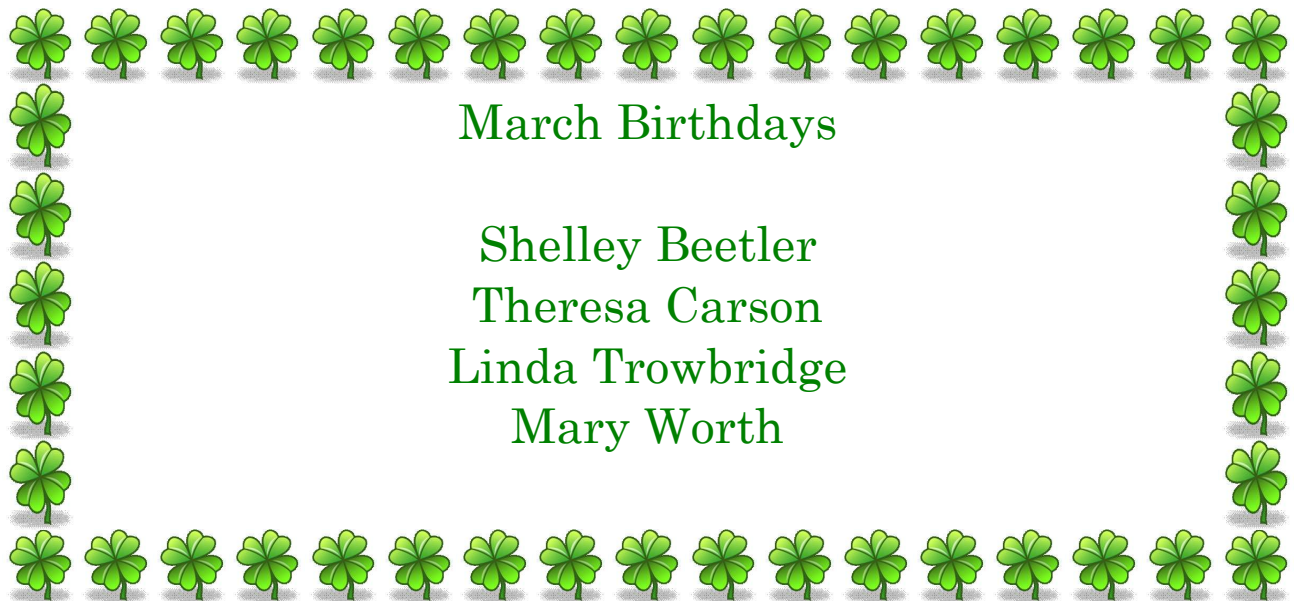
### *Number 2*

You can pull a pop-up trailer big enough to get into

### *Number 1*

Makes you Free-on-three

Submitted by Bonn'e



## March Birthdays

Shelley Beetler  
Theresa Carson  
Linda Trowbridge  
Mary Worth

## The View From Behind

Cathie Siglow  
Safety officer



Dear Ladies,

### "Get to Know Your Bike Buddy"

Yes, the weather is getting better and we should be riding more! Is your bike ready? Do you have your **Owner's Manual**? We will be having a workshop, "Get to Know Your Bike Buddy" on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at Twig and Linda's place. We will be working with Matt Sanna, a mobile Harley-Davidson mechanic who actually works on Jerianne's, Ilene's, and Shelley's bikes. At our meeting there were 14 who were interested in coming. Please let me know if you can make this date and give me the make, model, year, and cubic centimeters of your engine. We will work with metric bikes as well as Harleys, so be sure to have that **Owner's Manual and the basic tool kit for your bike**. We may also have a metric mechanic, but Twig and Diane can help with most metric bikes if you have your **Owner's Manual and basic tools**.

We will use the T-CLOCK system to help us check our bikes for safe riding. Remember T-CLOCK? That is the pre-ride checklist we learned in the basic MSF class!

- T - tires and wheels**
- C - cables and controls**
- L - lights and switches**
- O - oil and fluids**
- C - chain and chassis**
- K - kickstand/side stand**

Once you have gone through this workshop, it should be fairly easy to accomplish this pre-riding check in half an hour until you are quite proficient in doing it yourself. Then it should only take you 10 minutes or so. I know that many of you have wonderful husbands or boyfriends who do the maintenance and check-ups on your bike for you, but I understand that we may be having more overnight rides this coming year, so you want to be prepared to do it yourself!!!

### Getting an Owners Manual and basic tool kit for your bike.

To acquire an Owners Manual, go to a dealership for your bike and ask them if they have them or know where to get one from the manufacturer. Otherwise, look at eBay or Amazon. Type in the make, model, year of your bike and see what they have available. You do not need the 'shop manual', you just need the small, **Owners Manual**.

The same goes for a basic set of tools for your bike. Most motorcycles come with a basic tool set in a small case which slips into a pocket under the seat or near the battery. So, check with your dealership. If you cannot get a set from them, go on-line and Google your make of motorcycle and "basic motorcycle tool kit". You will need to know the size of the bolts and other fasteners on your bike. You may want to discuss this with your mechanic, too. In addition to basic tools specific to your bike, these items are suggested to carry on your bike: flashlight, zip ties, extra fuses, locking pliers or multi-tool, screw drivers, tire gauge, mini socket set, electrical/duct tape, thread lock, and a 2 foot piece of bailing wire. Most people who work on their bikes have their own preferences. I happen to have a magnet on a long piece of flex tubing in case I drop a nut or small item into a small space. Talk with your mechanic!





# Treasurer Chest

## By Cynthia

Hello Everyone,

2011 is looking good for LOCAL. We have renewed 32 of our members and sadly have lost a few. However, with the summer coming and better weather we will get the opportunity to ride and maybe attract more members. I also have new member patches for those who have not already received theirs and I have received the Large WITW patches that were ordered. There are 2 extra of the large patches if anyone is interested.

### **R.I.P's BAD Ride**

I would like to mention that I will be participating in RIP's BAD Ride in June. This event supports the American Diabetes Association. I am trying to raise \$1,000 so I could use your help. Visit my web page if you would like to donate or you can give me a donation at any of our monthly meetings. The link to my web page is:

[http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/BADRide/OrangeCountyArea?px=2867628&pg=personal&fr\\_id=7710](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/BADRide/OrangeCountyArea?px=2867628&pg=personal&fr_id=7710)

Any gift would be appreciated. You can also get information about participating in the event there as well.

### **For Sale**

I purchased a Nolan N-Com 103 Motorrad Modular Helmet, size Large in Black/Silver and after using it for a month decided I needed a larger size because when I wear my balaclava and my glasses underneath it was too snug. Since it was worn the store would not take it back. Now I am forced to try and sell it. It is listed on E-Bay if you are interested. The listing number is 220754217671. It is a great helmet and you can purchase the Bluetooth communication system for it anywhere Nolan helmets are sold.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, March 19 at the monthly meeting. Until that time keep the rubber on the road and the shiny side up.

Cynthia



## Secretary's Notes

Ladies of Chrome and Leather

General meeting minutes

2/19/2011

MICHELLE BODWELL: (PRESIDENT):

Guests: Stefanie, rides a Soft tail, 7 yrs of riding experience. New members: Welcomed Joan back.

Birthdays: Carolyn Jackson, Terri King

- Appreciation award 2010 was given to Ted Worth for all his dedication in helping L.O.C.A.L. Award was accepted by Mary.
- SUGGESTIONS TO HONOR VIETNAM VETS: Need more suggestions... Parade is April 16<sup>th</sup> went over Banner to be carried during parade. Sample banner club colors purple/white. It was suggested we wear our club logo day of parade. Sample banners color being purple/white was voted on; **motion by Twig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim, then all in favor of cost coming out of club funds.** Suggested book markers would be nice for handouts to Vets. Cathie Siglow with help of Jess will write acknowledgement to be used. Cynthia will make book markers and Pat volunteered to laminate.
- HOMEMADE COOKIES & CARD - Joan volunteered her home for baking cookies night of April 15<sup>th</sup> which will include packaging. Volunteers: Pat, Diane, Michelle, Maria, open to all that can make it. **Motion was made for funds for cookies be taken out of club funds by Michelle, second by Cathie, all voted in favor.**

DIANE TAYLOR: (VICE-PRESIDENT):

- REMINDER - MANUALS FOR BIKES - Keep your bike manual on your bike. Tips: Twig talked about simple maintenance, know your bike, get your husband, boyfriend, mechanic to go thru and help with any questions you may have. Shirley: Keep various tools, tape, zip ties, flashlight. Kim Airs: use Google for repair information.
- DIRECTIONS FOR MONTHLY RIDES(DISCUSS FOR TERRI) - Directions will be sent out the Thursday before planned ride. There may be some adjustments at times after a pre ride. Directions will also be available day of ride.
- RIDE TO CAMEL DAIRY/ PICNIC LUNCH \$5/\$10 TOUR/HEAD COUNT (FOR TERRI). - We had 14 hands for tour and lunch. Michelle to call dairy for cost if we can't get the 20 people needed to attend.

CATHIE SIGLOW: (SAFETY)

SAFETY MEETING IN FEBRUARY

- SUGGESTIONS – SAFETY EVENTS/AREAS OF CONCERN - Local safe mileage. Cathie brought handouts on safety, also referred back to articles written in news letter. Meeting for club ride guide lines will be at Michelle's house 3/15.

TERRI KING: (ROAD CAPTAIN) (Absent)

- Ride canceled due to rain
- CORONA VET RIDE ON MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> (SHELLEY) - Need more information from Shelley then email members.

CYNTHIA JONES: (TREASURER)

- BANK ACCOUNT - Patches have been ordered.
- MARCH RENEWALS - Still have 15 members that have not renewed. Need dues ASAP in order to turn into Nationals. Latest Feb 28<sup>th</sup> please mail or email information. Some members have turned in paperwork but still need to pay.
- 50/50 TICKETS - Total: \$68.00 , Sherri won the 50/50 \$34.00
- NAME TAG ORDERS – Sending orders in next week. Forms are on our web site, any outstanding payments are due.

THERESA CARSON: (SECRETARY)(Absent)

- NEW ROSTER - Updated rosters will be sent out after all renewals are turned in.
- STREET MASTERS COURSE – MAY 2011 - Cathie discussed the options of staying overnight, with insight of the course. It is in Lancaster May14th, Kim C., Cathie and a few others are attending. There is more information in newsletter.

DEE NORMAN: MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

- MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – SUGGESTIONS

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Kim A. asked if anyone was going to Laughlin and wanted to share a room.
- Flags were given to Karen W. and Diane T.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chaparral is having an open obstacle course in parking lot for \$5.00. Bonnie said it's a good course.
- Discussion on chatter boxes during ride. Will be determined which channels will be used during club ride for both route and for others to chat for less confusion.
- Discussion of trikes being in the back of group rides. Individuals riding trikes are upset and made statement they will quit club if this becomes the rule. Restructure needs to be discussed.
- Discussion of Summer Nationals: First meeting date will be sent out via email.
- Members going to Florida for Winter Nationals were wished a safe ride.

Minutes taken by Diane Taylor (Thanks Diane!)



## Meeting Reminder



**NEXT MEETING**  
**Next meeting March 19**

Flo's Farmhouse Café  
5620 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside  
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