

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO VALLEY WINGS

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NEXT MEETING



TUESDAY, August 9, 2011

Sizzlers Restaurant, Concord CA

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Chapter Director - Harry Davis
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Safety – Cesar Higuera
Road Captain - George Brice
Tour Director - Herb Williams

Assistant Tour Director – Eric Bravo

AUGUST 2011

- 9 General Meeting – Chapter P**
- 19-21 Tahoe Campout – Chapter S**
- 26-28 Hearst Castle Weekend – Chapter P**

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 10 Day Ride to Yosemite National Park – Chapter P**
- 13 General Meeting – Chapter P**
- 16 Fall Fiesta and Tortilla Toss**
- 17 State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- 27 Business Meeting – Chapter P – ALL MEMBERS INVITED**

OCTOBER 2011

- 2 RIDE FOR KIDS**
- 11 General Meeting – Chapter P**
- 15 Chapter Ride – Third Saturday – Chapter P**
- 16 Taylor's Tavern Run – Chapter L**

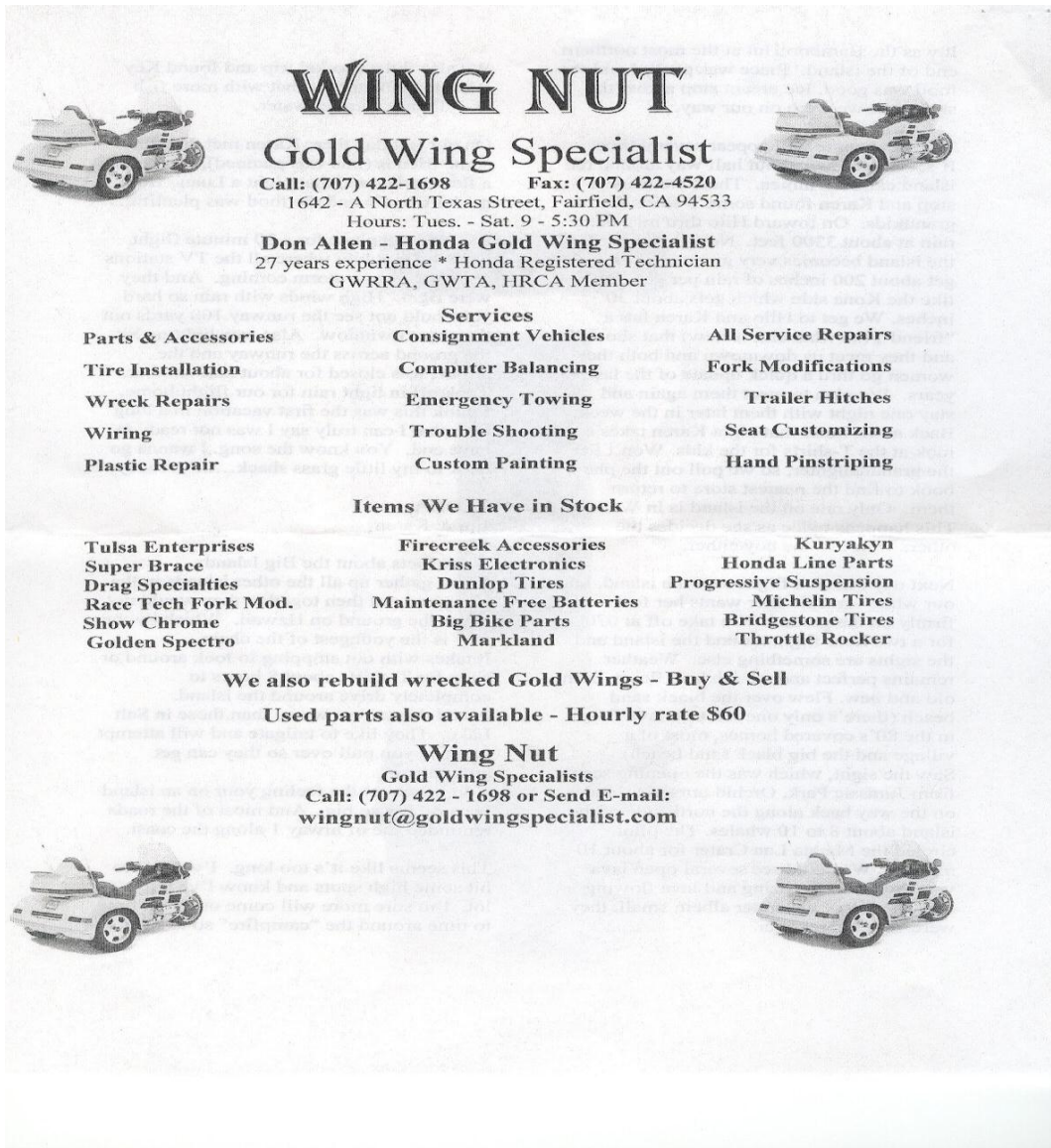
MEETING SCHEDULE – CHAPTER P

Two meetings (one is business) in January, March, May, July, September, November

One meeting in February, April, June, August, October, December

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http://gwta.org/logosclipart/chapter_logos.htm



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UPCOMING RIDES and Events/Campouts

- August 19-21 – Campout by the Lake in So Lake Tahoe – Chapter S**
- August 26-28 – Weekend at Hearst Castle in San Simeon – Chapter P**
- Sept 10 – Day Ride to Yosemite National Park – Chapter P**
- Sept 16-18 – Fall Fiesta and Tortilla Toss**
- Sept 17 – State Staff Meeting**
- Oct 2 – RIDE FOR KIDS**
- Oct 15 – Third Saturday Ride – Chapter P**
- Oct 16 – Taylor’s Tavern Run – Chapter L**
- Nov 6 – Toy/Poker Run in Woodland – Chapter V**
- Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade in Marysville – Chapter T**
- Nov 20 – Parade of Toys (Santa Rosa to Sonoma) – Chapter B**
- Dec 4 – Christmas Toy Run in Lakeport – Chapter L**
- Dec 17 – Annual Christmas Party – Chapter P**

From Harry –

GWTA’s Gold Rush was fantastic! We were interested to see an eastern ski resort and the location was perfect for Gold Rush. Various lodging options were available and most events were in one “village” setting. The ski lift was running so non-skiers could also experience a lift to the top of the hill. Many motorcycles and members enjoyed the activities, including the bike show, the light parade, and the seminars. The light parade wound to Boyne City about six miles away, and the streets were lined with people!!! Bikes were coming in while the parade bikes were trying to line up on the main street. The stores stayed open for GWTA and the whole town was a late-night party! The Living Logo was done with people and lights this year, which promises to be an exciting photo when you see it. We wish more of our Chapter members could have been there. We enjoyed seeing Don and Judy on the road and at Gold Rush. Next year – LAKE OF THE OZARKS in Missouri. Fun, fun, fun, fun, did I mention fun??

**When you travel, carry this phone number – GWTA’s Blue Line Assistance –
1-866-654-WING (9464)**

If you need assistance when you are on the road, just call the Blue Line number, use your GWTA membership number, and ask for a GWTA member in the area who could be of assistance to you. AND, be sure you have some kind of roadside service, and carry your membership card with you.

THIRD SATURDAYS of the Month -

Chapter P members are planning a Chapter ride on third Saturday of each month. (No Chapter ride if another local GWTA Chapter has a published ride.) Meeting locations/ times will vary.

- September 17 – Fall Fiesta and State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- October 15 -**

GWTA GOLD RUSH XXIV in 2011 was held at Boyne Mountain, Boyne Falls, Michigan on July 24-28. GWTA shared the large ski resort with other groups and it felt like GWTA members had it all to themselves! Harry and Karen and Don and Judy enjoyed Gold Rush in Michigan with a few other Region B members. The raffle prize winner was a new GWTA member from a new Illinois chapter. Family of the Year is from Iowa. Lots of excitement!!! There will be more news and stories in next month's newsletter. www.gwta.org

Chapter P enjoyed the Concord Fourth of July Parade, on July 4, 2011. Three trikes (Herb, Harry, Leonard) and five bikes (Cesar and Virginia, Mel and Marilyn, Eric and Norma, Robert, and Dennis Therion) were ready for the 10:00 am parade start. There were lots of people along the parade route and great excitement in the air. Since it was also a hot day, everyone headed to Mimi's for lunch after the motorcycles cleared the parade route. It was nice to hear the loud speaker Chapter P introduction at two locations during the parade. This introduction was provided to the city ahead of time. "Diablo Valley Wings of Concord is the local Chapter P of Gold Wing Touring Association. All motorcycles are welcome. A few of our members are here today with both trikes and bikes. Gold Wingers like ice cream, safety chrome, long or short interesting roads, and cross-country cruising. The National Gold rush will be in Michigan this summer. Chapter P meets the second Tuesday of each month at Sizzlers in Concord. International information is available at website www.gwta.org."

Hi folks

It was great being with the group for the parade and thank you Harry for giving me a hand getting my trike started after the battery went south. When we left the parade I went directly home and when I stopped at the signal at Geary and Bancroft, the engine quit and when I pushed on the starter nothing happened and in frustration I pushed it a second time and she started. So I made sure the motor never got down to idle the rest of the way home.

Hope all of you had a good time also.

In friendship

Herb.

NOTE - The annual Chapter P Christmas party will be held on December 17, Saturday, at 5:00 p.m. at Mimi's in Antioch. Mel has arranged a fun time and a great dinner at a low cost. Save this date.

No CA SPRING FLING

MAY 25-28, 2012

at MOTHER LODGE FAIRGROUNDS, SONORA

We hope everyone will be at the next Spring Fling, in Sonora CA with its super facilities, great campgrounds, beautiful riding areas and close to Columbia.

The theme will be

Hawaiian Luau



Mini-Karts/Mini-Golf/Jelly Belly in Cordelia CA - JULY 9, 2011

A large group met at Denny's, Cordelia for breakfast on July 9. Chapter V members came to join in the fun! George and Ella, Robert, Rich, Paul, Leonard, and Harry and Karen did the mini-golf first. Ella went through the golf course a second time. Others went over to the mini-karts for two fast runs. Chapter V (with 12 members) included three youth and two little kids on the grounds. The mini-Golf winners were Robert Taylor, with a 45, John Hunrath with a 48, and George Brice with a 50. They were awarded medals with ribbons. Everyone else said how did you get scores that low!!!! The mini-Karts were generally fast and fun. Harry counted the scores of all the runners, based on his rules, and the first place driver was Steve Cue with 4 points. MyKenzie and Corey were tied in second place with 2 points each. All three drivers were awarded medals with ribbons. Very fine driving! John Hunrath was the adult driver to watch, and others did a credible driving job in those colorful low fun machines. The group headed to the Jelly Belly Factory for lunch and friendship. A fun and exciting day.

GOLD COUNTRY RIDERS CAMPOUT BY THE LAKE

(F Loop)

AUGUST 19-21, 2011

Campground by the Lake, 1150 Rufus Allen Blvd, South Lake Tahoe CA

Children 5 and under free – pets \$1.00 per night

Pre-registration \$10 per person (postmarked by Aug 12).

On-site registration \$15 per person per night

Lunch Ride to "Somewhere" on Saturday

Friday Night Campfire and \$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$

Saturday Night Campfire, S'Mores and \$\$\$ 50/50 \$\$\$

Call the campground and make your own reservation for RVs. Key word is "GWTA" and they should put you in a space from #39 to #42 which is near the tent campers.

Flyers and Information are available at Chapter meetings and on No CA and Chapter P websites.

➔ ➔ (Non-Members fill out "Release and Waiver of Liability" attached)

Make Checks Payable to: Gold Country Riders / MAIL TO: GOLD COUNTRY RIDERS

1475 Carroll Lane, Paradise CA 95969 E-mail: gadgetman.jack@yahoo.com

Limited parking and camp spaces; must pre-register or contact Dennis

Therion at 530-877-4279 or skyhawkgw@gmail.com

FALL FIESTA

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2011, YUBA SUTTER FAIRGROUNDS, YUBA CITY CA

Camping, Potluck, Breakfast, and THE TORTILLA TOSSSSSSSSSSSS

You are invited to the State Staff meeting on Sat Sept 17, at the Fairgrounds.

On July 16, Chapter P members planned a day ride to Jackson for lunch. Harry and Karen, Leonard, Eric, Ralph, and Robert met at Sizzlers at 9:00 a.m. Guests Rob and Karole and Bonnie also met the group. Leaving Sizzlers, there were four bikes and three trikes. A very impressive line of beautiful machines! After stopping at CJs, and going over the Antioch bridge, another Chapter P group merged with the line of beautiful machines on Hwy 160 and Hwy 12. George took over the lead, and Cesar and Virginia and Richard joined the group. There were then six bikes and four trikes. Wow!

It was a beautiful day, on the cool side in the morning with a promise of warmer weather in the afternoon. Since George knows the very best routes, the group rode on the delta to Isleton, across I-5, across Hwy 99, and to Lockeford and Ione, before going through Jackson. A stop at Rancho Seco with a bit of history and then the group agreed to go on to Mokelumne Hill and have lunch at Jeff Tuttle's Union House.

Rob and Karol went on to Jackson Rancheria for lunch there. After looking through some of the town, everyone ended up at the Hotel to greet Daryl and his wife Tracy who are the new hotel owners and friends of Virginia and Cesar.

Leaving Molelumne Hill, the group rode and wound around to Hwy 12. Once back on the delta, a stop for ice cream was a must! Ralph and Richard left the group at I-5 and everyone else continued to great ice cream in Walnut Grove. Staying on Hwy 160, everyone headed back to Rio Vista, Antioch, Concord, and Walnut Creek. Another perfect day on the road with wonderful friends!!! We missed you, Herb.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS –

Bonnie Philco of Concord

Robert and Karole Schatzman of Pacheco

GWTA Chapter P

AUGUST 26-28, 2011



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Hearst Castle is located on California Highway 1, about halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, approximately 250 miles south of San Francisco.

Tour tickets – \$25 adults

Ride to Hearst Castle, using Hwy 1, on August 26 and return on August 28.

See Tours on the website for August 27. Options available include meeting at Hotel, choosing own hotel, choosing own tours, riding on other days.

Courtesy Inn 805-927-4691;

San Simeon Lodge 805-927-4601

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CHAPTER P DAY TRIP TO YOSEMITE

September 10, 2011

Yosemite Valley & Wawona (4,000 ft / 1,200 m):

87°F (31°C) / 51°F (10°C)

**JOIN DIABLO VALLEY WINGS, GWTA CHAPTER P,
on a Day Ride to Yosemite National Park**

Contact Harry Davis, 925-686-3774 or 925-768-4903

Ride leaves from Concord CA. Plan for a full day, spending several hours in the National Park. harrykaren@comcast.net

SAFETY TIP - How To Ride a Motorcycle Trike - by Don Coons

Learning to ride a motorcycle trike is not as easy as it looks. Here are some pointers to get you going as a triker.

Here's How to Ride a Motorcycle Trike:

1. The motorcycle trike controls are exactly the same as on a motorcycle. However, the steering is different and you need to get used to it.
2. Start out driving the trike in a parking lot with your right hand in your back pocket. Leave the trike in first gear, steer it around the lot and do some figure-8s. Get used to the long pushes to turn corners.
3. You steer a trike much like a car. You will find it easiest to use a push-pull steering technique. That is, when you want to turn right, pull the right grip toward you while pushing the left grip away from you. Similarly for a left turn, pull the left grip toward you while pushing the right grip away from you. This technique is especially useful making turns on twisties. You will find it much easier to pull the grip on a hard turn than trying to only push the grip.
4. You need to spend some time getting familiar with steering and evasive maneuvers. Your mind will keep telling you that you are on a bike. Train yourself to steer, not countersteer.
5. Don't try to put your foot down when you stop. The rear wheel will run over it.
6. Remember that the trike is wide and you have to compensate when you pull in next to a gasoline island or a toll plaza.
7. Align the trike in a traffic lane positioned much like a car.
8. Turning long sweepers will be easy. Doing twisties will take some technique and a certain amount of muscle.
9. Trikes can be altered to have more rake. This makes steering easier but judgement mistakes are easier to make too.
10. Tight turns or decreasing radius turns on entrance and exit ramps are noticeably more difficult and require steady pressure.
- 11, etc ..

** Do not assume that since you've been riding motorcycles for 30 years, that you already know how to ride a trike. You may find yourself in the ditch.

** Be very careful when parking on hills and leaving it in gear depending on compression to keep it there. You may get a surprise.

** Know where the back wheel is at all times.

** Be prepared for and get used to the inertia during turns. It's a whole lot different than riding a bike.

** Use the apex of the turn just as you would on a bike. It will extend the lifetime of your front tire.

** Be constantly observing automobiles around you. Trikes have been around awhile now but people still want to look and, like motorcycle riders, they go where they look.

** Keep both hands on the grips at all times; you may be required to take swift evasive actions.

** Enjoy the ride and comfort that a trike can afford you on a long trip but never get too relaxed.

Ride Safe and enjoy each ride to the fullest.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

August 4 – Karen Davis

August 15 – Becky Doherty

August 17 – Gene Shimmel

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