

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

DIABLO VALLEY WINGS

OCTOBER 2011

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NEXT MEETING



TUESDAY, Oct 11, 2011

Sizzlers Restaurant, Concord CA

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:00 pm

Chapter Director - Harry Davis
Assistant CD - Richard McMillan
Membership – Marilyn Teigen
Secretary - Elouise Brice
Treasurer – Terri Tidwell
Charities – Terri Tidwell
Newsletter - Karen Davis
Website – Judy Coons

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Photographer – Leonard Nerenberg
Special Fundraisers – Mel Teigen
Safety – Cesar Higuera
Road Captain - George Brice
Tour Director - Herb Williams

Assistant Tour Director – Eric Bravo

OCTOBER 2011

- 2 RIDE FOR KIDS
- 8 Christmas Fun Poker Run & Scavenger Hunt – Chapter L
- 11 General Meeting – Chapter P
- 22 50's Sock Hop – Chapter X

NOVEMBER 2011

- 6 Toy/Poker Run in Woodland – Chapter V
- 8 General Meeting – Chapter P
- 11 Veterans Day Parade in Marysville – Chapter T
- 20 Parade of Toys (Santa Rosa to Sonoma) – Chapter B
- 22 Business Meeting – Chapter P – ALL MEMBERS INVITED
- 24 ENJOY THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 2011

- 13 General Meeting – Chapter P
- 17 Annual Christmas Party – Chapter P
- 25 Christmas – Jesus is the Reason for the Season

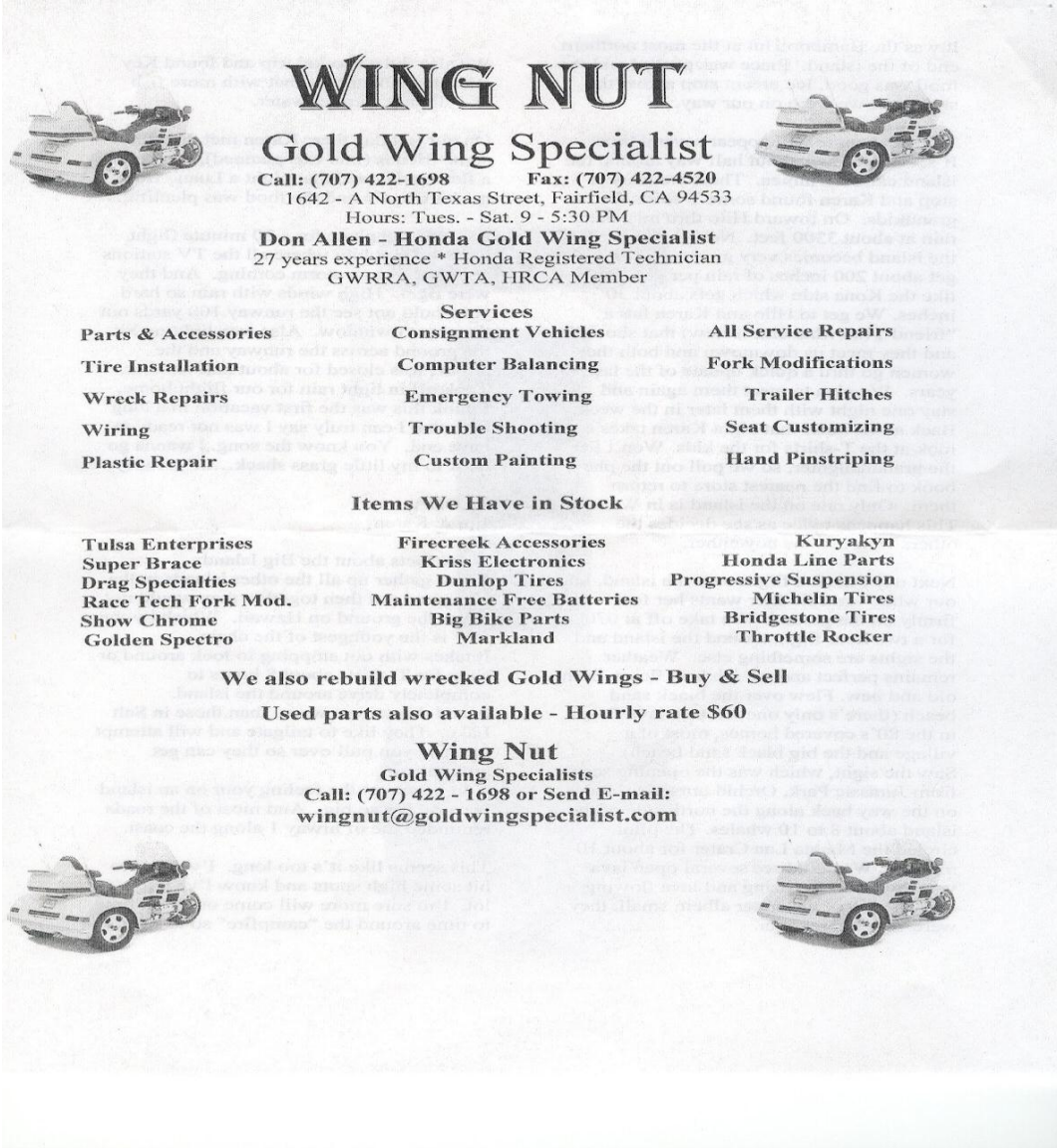
MEETING SCHEDULE – CHAPTER P

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

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

If you would like to see our chapter logo on the National Chapter logo page, click the link below and go to the bottom of the page.

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UPCOMING RIDES and Events/Campouts

Oct 2 – RIDE FOR KIDS

Oct 8 – Christmas Fun Poker Run & Scavenger Hunt – Chapter L

Oct 22 – 50’s Sock Hop – Chapter X

Nov 6 – Toy/Poker Run in Woodland – Chapter V

Nov 11 – Veterans Day Parade in Marysville – Chapter T

Nov 18-20 – Progressive International Motorcycle Show, San Mateo County Event Ctr

Nov 20 – Parade of Toys (Santa Rosa to Sonoma) – Chapter B

Dec 17 – Annual Christmas Party – Chapter P

Jan 1, 2012 – Polar Bear Run – Chapter A

From Harry –

The month of September was exciting with lots of adventures! October is here, and the news flash as this newsletter goes to press is that Ride for Kids raised \$93,946.58 at the Fairfield event. Wow!

There are lots of other news items for our Chapter members. The holidays will soon be here, and you will want to plan on enjoying our annual Christmas event with all of our Chapter P friends. Mel will be publishing more information but be sure to keep the date of December 17 on your calendar. We will again be at the same Mimi’s location as last year.

October has some great events coming up; please check the newsletter and also the website. Call if you have any questions; one event is Oct 8 (see the information in this newsletter) before our meeting and the other event is Oct 22 (the info is being sent to you along with this newsletter). Our Chapter needs to think of a great event for all of our friends; do you have any ideas?

We want to thank our members who have been so supportive of us as we work with all the No CA Chapters. We hope you enjoyed the State Staff meeting and thank you for being there! See you at our next meeting on October 11.

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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 have planned a Chapter ride on the third Saturday of each month. Meeting locations and times have varied. Nevertheless, Chapter P members have lots of other activities going on that seem to happen on the third Saturday of each month. Do you have an alternative date that you would like to ride in a group? We have lots of members who can ride on Tuesdays, but we would like to hear from those who are working or not available on Tuesdays or during the week.

DIABLO VALLEY WINGS

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.

No CA SPRING FLING

MAY 25-28, 2012

at MOTHER LODE 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**

FALL FIESTA

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

Camping, Potluck, Breakfast, and **THE TORTILLA TOSSSSSSSSSSSS**

Harry, Karen, and Richard enjoyed the Yuba City weekend with GWTA friends. Richard camped for the weekend, and the weather was perfect! The Tortilla Toss was great fun and Harry's throw was 51.9 ft/in (amazing since the tortilla usually favors falling at his feet!) and then someone threw just a few inches further. And then the winning toss was further yet! First and second place winners receive money, and the first place winner also puts on next year's Tortilla Toss! Everyone enjoyed the pot luck and campfire and a very nice campground.

State Staff Meeting of Sept 17, 2011

Regional Directors request updates from Chapters. Stickers for GWTA brochures and hangers are available from Steve and Ralphine Andrus and from Harry.

Chapter registrations are due to State Director by Nov 15; registration cost is \$50 for each Chapter. Chapter P approved this expense.

Gold Rush XXV is July 23-26, 2012 at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. Registration before March 1 is \$25 per person. The theme is Memories. Region B chapter members should wear the safety green shirts at Opening Ceremonies.

The 2012 Spring Fling will be in Sonora and the theme is Hawaii Luau. Logo entries are needed by January for a vote to determine the 2012 logo. Win \$100 if your logo design is chosen by those in attendance at the January State Staff meeting.

Ride for Kids is Oct 2, 2011 at Solano Community College in Fairfield.

A Tuesday Ride to Placerville - On Sept 20, four trikes (Leonard, Bonnie, Richard, and Harry and Karen) and one bike (Mel and Marilyn) left CJs in Oakley for a back roads ride to Placerville. The route was Hwy 4 to Hwy 160 and then to Hwy 12. George used the radio to determine the group's location and slipped easily into the lead for a total of two bikes and four trikes. George is the very best Road Captain! The travel estimate was 114 miles or about 2-1/2 hours on the road. Merging onto Hwy 99/Hwy 12 towards Sacramento and then the exit towards San Andreas was uneventful on a beautiful ride day, and the route mainly avoided freeway use. The daytime temperature was going to be warm, but not until afternoon. Following Hwy 12, and onto Hwy 88, then Hwy 104, and then onto Hwy 49, the group ended up in the historic Hangman town of Placerville. There were great lunch places to choose from, but the consensus was to go directly to Mel's for breakfast or lunch of choice. And use of the bathrooms! Even though George asked along the way if anyone wanted to stop for anything, no one quite realized how much time was involved or what the bodies might think about when getting off the bikes! It was a great ride. After lunch and some shopping/strolling, the group went to Hwy 50 for a scenic ride home. It was after lunch that the temperature climbed close to 100 degrees, and got "pretty toasty" as Mel called it. Root beer floats and ice cream were perfect in Walnut Grove while riding back on the Delta road. Mel and Marilyn took a detour to check on some shirts and then arrived back on the Delta crossroads just as George turned to go across the Rio Vista bridge and home and the rest of the group waited to cross Hwy 12 and head to Antioch and home. Talk about timing; it couldn't be better!

Hi everyone (from September 26, 2011)

First from the bottom of my heart, I thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and visits while I was in the hospital.

First one of my lungs is filled with liquid and has to be drained every day, but I am able to have that done at home by my two children. Then, my Esophagus became infected and I couldn't eat or drink. After a week of no food or water, they ran a tube through my nose and down to my stomach and fed me liquid for almost two months (terrible! and they had to put another tube in my arm to the main artery to my heart and fed my antibiotic through that so I was pretty well bed ridden for some time.

After a couple months they finally pulled the tube out of my nose and started feeding soft food which was terrible and then last week they let me have regular food; boy was that great and finally yesterday THE DAY BEFORE MY 92ND THEY LET ME COME HOME (boy was that great, like going to heaven)! NOW I AM DOING PRETTY GOOD EXCEPT I AM SO WEAK THAT I HAVE TO USE A WALKER TO GET AROUND, BUT I AM STARTING BACK TO THE GYM AND HOPE TO BUILD UP MY STRENGTH.

Now you have my sad story, but I am happy to be home and I will get better fast I hope.

Much love to you all

In friendship

Herb Williams

CHAPTER P DAY TRIP TO YOSEMITE

September 10, 2011

The day started out as the perfect ride, good weather and cool temperatures. Two bikes from Chapter A (Jim Jackson and Manny and Lucy Bernstein) joined George, Ralph, Paul, and Harry and Karen for this beautiful ride. The group met in Manteca and went to Hwy 120 towards Sonora, and then to Hwy 140 / Big Oak Flat Road. This was the first visit to Yosemite for several riders, and everyone worried a bit about the weatherman's promise of thunder and lightning in the late afternoon. George, ride leader, was anxious to get out of the high country before rain and lightning but everyone was in awe of the surroundings and enjoying the beautiful country. After a visit to Glacier Point, everyone rode into the valley in search of lunch at the Yosemite Inn cafeteria. Suddenly, as the group rose to go back to the bikes, a gust of wind smacked up against the trees outside the cafeteria and the rain began in earnest. By the time everyone got to the bikes, there was a couple inches of rain on the seats! With Harry in a poncho and others in rain gear, the group headed home to (hopefully) dry skies.... It was a long and



wet and arduous journey through heavy rain and heavy traffic and dark areas and lots of winding curves and searches for long waiting areas for traffic to pass and lots of time before the group got into safer and drier roads. Wow, everyone was safe! The ride home was somber and reflective and everyone dropped off at their usual turns to

go on home. Thank God for another day and another ride!

IT JUST DOESN'T PAY Story by Don Coons

It just doesn't pay to go away for a 30 day trip. It takes 60 days to catch-up when you get back home.

On 2 May 2011 @ 7 AM, Judy and I left on our 1995 Gold Wing "Green Envy" and rode for 372 miles in a head wind to the Best Western Motel on March Lane, Stockton, CA to spend the night. We met with longtime friends for an enjoyable dinner at Red Lobster and caught up on what we've each been doing since last we were together.

On 3 May 2011 we left Stockton and rode to our scheduled meeting place at the I-5 rest stop in Westley, CA, where George and Ella Brice met up with us. From there we rode 478 miles to Indio, CA. The high for the day was 97 deg. We shared stories over a Mexican (Judy's favorite) dinner.

On 4 May 2011 Up early and rode 315 miles to Best Western, Tucson, AZ where I lost \$1.75 in the candy machine. The A/C didn't work and the internet system was old and not compatible with my e-mail system. Each of us received a ticket for a free drink with dinner at motel restaurant.

On 5 May 2011 we rode 402 miles to Alamogordo, NM. To attend the GWTA Sun Runners annual rally.

To Be Continued Next Month



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As you know, Judy Coons has had knee replacement surgery and is recovering at home. She is already doing physical therapy and walking around! See the photo of flowers that were sent to Judy on behalf of Chapter P.



A Chapter FUND RAISER is the new 2012 Entertainment Books

Mel Teigen (telephone 925-779-1513) has the 2012 Entertainment Books for sale at \$30.

As an added bonus, if you buy a 2012 Entertainment Book you can register this book on the Internet with www.entertainment.com/activate. They will send you a monthly e-mail message that has multiple discount coupons online which you are able to print. Some of these coupons are not even included in the book, so this will result in additional savings when you use them. These additional coupons are only good for 14 days after they are printed.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

October 12 – Judy Coons

October 13 – Rich Gierak

October 27 – Paul Androwsky

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