

# DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

## DIABLO VALLEY WINGS

**JANUARY 2012**

**Volume 15 Issue 1**

**NEXT MEETING**



**TUESDAY, Jan 10, 2012**

**Sizzlers Restaurant, Concord CA**

**Lunch 1:00 pm**

**Meeting 1:15 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**

**Phone Tree – Bev Tidwell  
Sunshine – Bev Tidwell  
Photographer – Leonard Nerenberg  
Special Fundraisers – Mel Teigen  
Safety – Cesar Higuera  
Road Captain - George Brice  
Tour Director - Herb Williams**

**Assistant Tour Director – Eric Bravo**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012!**

### **JANUARY 2012**

- 1 Polar Bear Ride – Chapter A**
- 7 State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- 8 Golden Throne Awards – Chapter O**
- 10 General Meeting – Chapter P**
- 24 Save for a Ride**

### **FEBRUARY 2012**

- 4 Mid-Winter Gathering – Chapters F and V**
- 14 General Meeting – Chapter P**

### **MARCH 2012**

- 13 General Meeting – Chapter P**
- 24 State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- 27 Save for a Ride**



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**UPCOMING RIDES and Events/Campouts**

- Jan 1, 2012 – Polar Bear Run – Chapter A**
- Jan 7 – State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- Jan 8 – Golden Throne Awards – Chapter O**
- Feb 4 – Mid-Winter Gathering – Chapters F and V**
- Mar 24 – State Staff Meeting in Yuba City**
- April 28 – Fallen Rider Memorial Ride – Chapter O**

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**From Harry –**

**Thank you everyone for electing me as your Chapter Director for 2012. It is very exciting to be part of Chapter P. We are all fortunate to have our officers remain as part of our Chapter future. There may be a few changes as needed by our members. If you would like to contribute your talents, please let me know. It may be that someone else would like to make a change.**

**Please think about Gold Rush and make your plans if you would like to visit Lake of the Ozarks in July. Registration fees will change and go UP on Feb 1, 2012. That gives you just a short month to make your plans.**

**Even though it is January, and winter time, there are lots of events and rides coming up. Remember that cars are always welcome to rides, and we hope that everyone can join Chapter friends for rides, events, dinner, and the meetings. See you soon!**

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**Gold Rush 2012 will be in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, on July 23-26, 2012. Registration is \$25 for the 25 year anniversary of GWTA; the special price of \$25 is good only for those members who register BEFORE Feb 1, 2012. The non-member registration is \$35 before Feb 1, 2012.**

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**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.**

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**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**

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**DIABLO VALLEY WINGS**   
December 17, Saturday, at 5:00 pm  
**Chapter P Christmas party - Mimi's**  
**5705 Lone Tree Way, Antioch.**

**Mimi's was the spot! There were 26 Chapter members and guests at the annual Christmas dinner and party. Everyone enjoyed the food and gift exchange. Many thanks to Mel for arranging a wonderful evening.**

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**DECEMBER 2011 MEETING REPORT -**

- \* Harry Davis elected Chapter Director for 2012
- \* Our meeting guest was Eric Garrison, Marketing Director, CruiserCustomizing
- \* Most members liked the idea of lunch meetings according to a phone survey conducted by Bev
- \* The secretary will take meeting minutes but will not be reading them aloud at future meetings
- \* It is time for someone else to take care of the Treasurer position, as Terri is focusing on her health
- \* December is the month for individual membership renewals to Chapter P; see Marilyn
- \* Entertainment books are available through Mel and the sales benefit Chapter P
- \* Unsold Entertainment books will be returned at negotiated deadline; get your copy
- \* Safety tip – Use trickle chargers in cold weather and when not riding motorcycles very often
- \* Kyle has info to add ABS effect to bikes (re TCB brake system for emergency braking control)
- \* The next meeting will have a discussion and vote about future date/time of future meetings

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**CHAPTER P MEETING CHOICES**

**At the January 10 monthly meeting, we will discuss future meetings at Sizzlers. A group already meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 11:30 for lunch in our favorite room. The Jan 10 meeting will again be held at 1:00 p.m., and you may arrive earlier for lunch but you will be seated in the outside area until 1:00 p.m. (1) Should we continue this arrangement? (2) Should we try for the third Tuesday and meet at noon for lunch? (3) Should we move to another day, and meet at noon for lunch? Discussion will be held, with voting after discussion, at the Jan 10 meeting at 1:15 p.m. (lunch 1:00).**

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**Come One, Come All, to Chapter A's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual**  
*✧ Polar Bear Ride & Breakfast Buffet ✧*



**The Moose Lodge at 3824 East Woodbridge Road in Acampo**  
*will once again be the site for our Breakfast Buffet.*

*The menu will include many of your favorites: Eggs, ham, sausage, bacon, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit, sweet rolls, etc. Join us at 9:15 a.m. as we ride from UJ's Restaurant at Pacific and Hammer Lane on January 1st, 2012, or, as always, you may meet us at the Moose Lodge. Breakfast starts at 10:30am.*

**Your payment of \$13.00 by Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> includes the buffet, door prize t, and entrance into the \$35.00 pre-registration drawing.**

**Walk-in cost will be \$15.00.**



***Polar Bear & Afghan Raffle, 50/50,  
Music, and Lots of door prizes!***



**Send check along with the names of those attending to:**

**Jim Jackson (not GWTA), 8537 Don Ramon Drive, Stockton, Ca. 95210**

*For further information, please contact either:*

**Jim & June at (209) 951- 4427 or Richard & Leona at (209) 957- 0471**

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# SHASCADE WINGS



## 26TH ANNUAL GOLDEN THRONE AWARDS



It's that time once again to get out your pen and paper and hang you better half, friend or who ever to be roasted at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA. . January 8, 2011 at 8:00am for food, fun and lots of laughs

Take I-5 to Corning. Take the Liberal Ave. exit (628)

Just \$15.00 per person covers breakfast w/ coffee, tea, juice



to the west side of I-5. Turn left onto Barham Ave. Park on the south side of the casino.

and tip. Along with that, you just might get to set in the hot seat for a lot of laughs.






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Make checks payable to Shascade Wings, and send pre-registration to Les Long, 6934 Riverland Dr #20, Redding CA 96002

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Diablo Valley Wings is making some changes - evening meetings have changed to lunch meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Sizzler in Concord, for a meeting time of 1:00 p.m. Please feel free to come earlier for lunch, or plan to eat your lunch during our meetings. We will have plenty of time for friendship, stories, and discussions.

And, for the winter at least, we will no longer have business meetings six times a year. Any business can be taken care of at our general meetings.

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**The following information is from Don Coons, with reprint approval by Biker Chad.**

## **Motorcycle Winterization (An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure)**

**Written by Biker Chad**

As our winter is fast approaching, cold northern climates need to consider some winterization tips. Everyone can benefit from the following information so that you can be ready to roll when spring comes around next year.

Every spring my bike shop was flooded with costly repairs that could have easily been prevented with a little winterization. Who can afford to waste money on unnecessary repairs these days? I will cover the two most common spring repairs we did in this article, along with some things I do before parking my bike for the winter.

The most common problem we fixed each spring was dead batteries. Without putting your battery on a charger through the winter it may not work at all in spring. Even if it does you have shortened the life of it drastically. You cannot just put your bike's battery on any old charger or even a trickle charger; it must be a smart charger. A smart charger will turn itself off when the battery is fully charged and then keep it charged without damaging the battery by overcharging. These chargers run around \$30.00 at any bike shop. They usually come with a connector that you can leave hooked up to your battery all the time, so all you have to do is plug the charger in and forget it. So let's review, \$30.00 for a good charger paid by you once, or \$70.00-\$100.00 for a new battery paid by you every spring. Sounds like a no-brainer when you look at it that way, doesn't it?

The second most common repair we did every spring was carburetor rebuilds and fuel injector replacements. When you park your bike all winter with untreated gas in the tank, you are asking for trouble. Within a few weeks gasoline will break down and gum up the fuel system if it is not treated, and the new reformulated gas is even worse at gumming up carburetors and fuel injectors. This leads to some expensive rebuilds at the garage.

So before you park your bike, fill your gas tank to keep internal condensation of water to a minimum over the winter, and add a fuel stabilizer. Follow the directions on the stabilizer bottle to get the correct mix ratio, slosh the tank around to mix the fuel/ stabilizer mix. With the stabilizer properly mixed you will need to run the bike to get the stabilizer into the whole fuel system.

If you have a fuel injected bike, start the bike and run it until the engine gets to normal operating temperature (or longer) as this will get the stabilizer all the way through the injectors.

On a carbureted bike (if you have a choke, you have a carburetor) start the bike, run it till it gets to operating temperature (or longer) and then turn the fuel supply to Off leaving it run until the engine dies. Now you have successfully taken care of the fuel system for the winter. So again let's review. Spend \$10.00 for a bottle of fuel stabilizer, or a few hundred dollars at the garage to rebuild carbs or to change injectors. It's your call.

Other things I routinely do:

- I stuff steel wool or shop rags into the end of my mufflers to keep moisture and rodents out of the exhaust, removing them before I start it in spring, of course.
- I keep my bike on a bike jack taking the weight off of the tires and suspension, as it will prolong the life of them.
- I always change my engine oil before I park my bike for the winter, and again right after my first spring ride.
- A good thorough wash and dry followed by a detailed waxing of the paint and chrome will keep the finishes looking good for a long time.
- Last but not least, all that cleaning will be meaningless without a proper breathable bike cover to keep the dust off.

If you have a question email anytime at [bikerchad@roadguardians.org](mailto:bikerchad@roadguardians.org). Thank you and ride safe.

## **IT JUST DOESN'T PAY**

## **Story by Don Coons – Part 3**

On 9 May we met with John for a farewell breakfast and shipped 34lbs of stuff home. Then we rode 451 miles to Amarillo, TX. for the night. Had a strong cross- wind all day so we were both tired and just ordered pizza delivered to our room.

On 10 May we rode through strong wind again all day and arrived at our Motel in Owasso, Oklahoma at 2:30PM. We called local family members to let them know that we had arrived and were tired. We took our showers, enjoyed take-out fish dinner from next door and went to bed early.

On May 11,12 & 13 we visited with family and enjoyed a wonderful stay. Home cooked meals and family, can't be beat. We made a short trip and fun outing to Washington County to visit the Dewey Hotel Museum and then walked across the street to visit the Tom Mix Museum. Wish they weren't so far away so we could visit more often.

On 5-14 we rode to Fayetteville, Arkansas to spend time and visit with old work buddy and his wife from U.S.D.A. in Albany, California. Once again we were treated like kings and queens. What great hosts and hostesses we had for the entire trip. We visited with Max and Sharon until 5-16.

On 5-17 we rode to Antioch, Tennessee and met with Dennis & Nancy Seery, Debbie and George Deskins, Randy and his wife for a great dinner at Jim N' Nick's Bar-B-Q and to drop off some safety material. Had a great time with lots of conversation and laughs through-out the evening.

On 5-18 we rode to Cartersville, Georgia to kind of regroup. I was able to find a new tire for the Bushtec Trailer and had it installed at which time I also found that I needed wheel bearings in one wheel. Luckily we had a spare.

On 5-19 we rode to an old shipmates home in Griffin, Georgia to visit and talk about the old days until 5-22. Another fantastic host and hostess, we enjoyed a fantastic time where we were made to feel right at home. Enjoyed a great outing to Stone Mountain where we sat out on the lawn in the evening and watched a laser show on the side of the giant rock. Again we wish that our friends weren't so far away.

On 5-23 we rode to Leesburg, Florida to visit with more almost lifelong friends. We spent time fishing on the local lakes, visiting retirement fishing on the local lakes, visiting retirement community, lounging in the pool, taking a boat ride on a lake, fishing from a charter boat on the Gulf and enjoying the neighbors company along with a fantastic fish Bar-B-Q. I honestly believe that the good people in the world far outnumber the bad, it was a terrific stay and visit.

On 5-31 we rode to Melbourne, Florida to attend my ships reunion. It was a small turnout but we had a fantastic time right on the beach. We took a boat ride on three adjoining lakes with some spectacular home settings that we can only dream about, went on an airboat ride through sloughs full of alligators and then attended an evening dinner show where we really enjoyed ourselves. The company on these trips even made them more spectacular. What a fantastic time, life just doesn't get any better.

**To Be Continued Next Month**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

**January 4 – Gus Broers**

**January 6 – Elouise Brice**

**January 12 – Pauline Soliz**

**January 16 – Bev Tidwell**

**January 18 – Eric Bravo**

**January 25 – Anne Haugrud**

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