

GOLD COUNTRY RIDERS
FEBRUARY 17, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Introductions 18 members and 1 support member attending

Went around room sharing items on our bucket list-accomplished and to accomplish List included wanting to ride in other countries such as Hawaii, New Zealand, Alaska, Costa Rica, Alps, riding across our country and renting a scooter in Siagon. Travel-Tibet, Cuba, Porta Fino, beaches in the Caribbean and Arctic Circle. Other items included African Safari, getting custom bike back on road, learning to weld, be a hospice caretaker and working in a winery pouring wine

February ride- 12 riders, beautiful weather and great food. Thanks to Tammy for planning and Jennifer sweeping. Tammy brought everyone a Valentines treat bag at the ride and Fred & Cindy surprised the group with a GCR Roadside Valentine's card on Hwy 128. See the 1.5 minute Youtube video at: http://youtu.be/U_Krc5UrUBI

Spring Fling- 24 people already signed up. Email will go out when people are traveling so you can hook up. Some traveling a day early and some staying a day later. No official ride planned right now. May have a poker ride- Stop in cities to obtain a receipt that may spell out something. Game to be determined. Lots of things to do and knowing who would like to do what allows the organizers to post a list, so we can do things together, if you wish. One group dinner planned on Sunday in dining hall for \$20.00. Bring own adult beverage. Southern CA invited however date conflicts with their schedules.

Business- In response to Jan. meeting questions, Cindy read the Chapter manual and contacted the WOW CD/SA Coordinator, Carolee L. (via the WOW CDSA yahoo email forum, which is a resource available to directors and state ambassadors), regarding having a treasurer position and conducting fundraisers, like our meeting raffle.

Conclusion: The Treasurer position is a WOW 'recommendation', not a mandatory position. If we were collecting large sums of money for charities or other events, than it would be in our best interest to have a treasure. Fundraisers are OK as long as they fit WOWs mission statement and promote a positive image for women riders. WOW does not allow us to collect Chapter dues. GCR needs funds to cover yearly Chapter membership fees (~\$25.00),and other preapproved expenses (such as Thank you gift to outside presenters; a ~\$15 'director plate' for GCR plaque at A&S; or mailing back the animal for WOW promotions are examples) Cindy took a vote and it was accepted that we continue the raffle to cover minor expenses, provided it is conducted before the monthly GCR meeting starts (before 6:30p) and the winner is called after the meeting ends.

* If you have any input or questions concerning WOW policies, let Cindy know, and then she will get assistance to find answers from the many WOW documents; our State Ambassadors (Tammy & Jill are 2014-5 Co-Ambassadors) and/or via the WOW CDSA forum (which is prompt to reply and keeps very up-to-date on WOW activities).

There has been no activity concerning the GCR Bylaw update, as Linda G. has not completed compiling the minutes from the Dec meeting due to computer problems. Cindy will follow up on this.

Coordinators are needed for the Fall Jam, November Ride, December Holiday Party and for and optional Dec. Ride. Contact Fran if you would like to take one on.

* We need more willing people to take the 'relaxed' group on some of the rides that the monthly organizer considers challenging, but wants both energetic and relaxed riders to be able to attend to enjoy the route with 2 pace choices. Relaxed rider leads, sign up!

May Ride- Since the ride is the same date as the Guidera ride, Jill our ride coordinator will plan a ride on May 2nd (International Female Ride Day) so others can attend Guidera on May 9th. A pole of members at the meeting had mixed feedback, but no real preference. Jill will discuss this plan with Fran, our Ride Coordinator, when she gets back into the USA, in a few weeks.

Points system- To promote participation. The most points earned is acknowledged at the Christmas party with an award. Process was simplified by Vicki and Fran and approved by the 2014 Board in November. Vicki presented the 1 point system for the following categories: Attend Monthly meeting, Attend Monthly club ride/Fling/Jam/Xmas, Ride/Club Event Coord/Co-Coord, Ride Lead/Sweep, Meeting Presentation Wow/GCR article, GCR/WOW Promo Events, WOW Ride In

Pre ride was removed. You need to be a full member of WOW to receive points. Support members are not eligible this year. You can you earn more than 1 point if you plan, attend or lead a ride as well. Vicki will send out a spreadsheet each quarter. This upbeat presentation was accompanied by Cindy on the ukulele.

Promotion Saturday Feb 21st at Roseville Honda. Janet is setting up a table. Volunteers have signed up. 10-2

March Ride- Vicki will lead a rated 2 ride from West Sac to Gridley. 95 miles 2 ½ hours. For those who have not ridden this winter or for a while. Lunch at Casa Lupe. After lunch on a NON GCR event- ride will be rated 5 for those who need to twist out. Buddy up with friends to return home if not participating with after lunch ride.

Ride In- Tammy reported July 7,8 and 9th in Wisconsin. No CA members are registered. Presently WOW has a Ride-in logo/tshirt contest - see Jan. WOW Mag.

A&S- Dave reported new BMW and Ducati bikes are in. Plan ahead with such bad weather and dock strike, accessories, clothing and other items are not coming in as quickly. Don't wait until the last minute if you need something.

Bike Blessing- Molly offered a blessing event Sat Feb 21st. Meet at C&E 12015 Shale Ridge Lane in Auburn at 9:00. Clutches out at 9:20 to ride to Catholic church for a blessing at 9:30.

Presentation- Jill asked us questions regarding our Riding Guidelines. 1000 miles for new riders and 500 miles for experienced riders on a new bike
We ask riders to know their limits and ride their own ride
We discussed where a novice/new rider should ride in our group.- Behind the person who leaves first or in front of the person leaving last. Our group prefers in front of person leaving last.
WOW Terminology suggested- Leader is person 'leaving first' Sweep is person 'leaving last'. Ride coordinator is preferred over leader.
We discussed changing a few items or clarifying a few points. Molly gathered information 3 years ago and DeeDee offered to take notes and form a committee to help revise the guidelines.

THIS CONCLUDES THE GCR FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES, as compiled by Molly and reviewed by Cindy G. with some slight mods/additions.

(A few grabs from GCR Facebook posts, and make sure to visit the GCR Websites Events page for more photos Camille which posts for our group rides and events www.goldcountryriders.com/Events_PastRides.php, click on the 'photos' links

