

MINUTES FROM THE GOLD COUNTRY RIDERS AUGUST 19, 2014 MONTHLY MEETING
(as best recalled by Cindy Giesen, so sorry if I missed or misrepresented something)

WOW and WOW Ride-in: Jennifer was presented with the WOW 2013 Second Place Award for the most miles ridden in 2013. CONGRATULATIONS!

Carmen shared their experiences going to the Louisiana WOW Ride In; 4 days to, 5 days back; Her 1st major ride alongside her godmother Barbara. It was suggested she write up something for the WOW magazine, as a new rider who had good experiences and learning's. Way to go

Tammy encourages us to check out the new WOW website and she was able to get some goodies for our table at the Honda Bike Night event on Thursday in Roseville.

August Ride : Lynn planned the August ride to Kirkwood and it went real well. There were 2 groups; Hwy 88 was well patrolled; The Inn had 150 yr western celebration (some members are gun shy); the BBQ worked out well (no waiting on food); Jey and Lynn lead and AJ was exceptional tail anticipating things for the group in advance (making lane changes easier etc.).

Lynn welcomed everyone on her twisty, forest/goat road, ride home and a few took her up on it , following parts of it as they worked their way home. They were fun roads which needed attention.

We are reminded that if you notice that someone at a stop or startup seem to be losing control of their bike, DON'T ASSUME they seem to be getting it back under control. PUT YOUR KICKSTAND DOWNED and hop off immediately, ready to help them steady the bike.

Fall Jam for Sept. 20-21st in Three Rivers, CA Update: Cindy and Fred took a second/final preview trip in July. Findings: We will go down the more scenic (but a little longer) Hwy 49 route. The River View food was good and buffet plans for Saturday will work out well; Unless you're a real cave buff, I'd pass on that excursion due to the time it consumes and smaller cave size. Most the areas roads are challenging and curvy so avoid too much partying the night before (trust me!). Kings Canyon is interesting with a sequoia grove, a lake, and the road that gets you to the bottom of the canyon is also fun, with amazing views.

Twenty are signed up so far. The Comfort Inn will probably still give the GCR group rate (mention Cindy Giesen). If you haven't already informed Cindy you are coming, let her know and see prior postings on the Event portion of the website for details.

* The Fall Jam route will be sent before the end of August, along with a summary of our activities/decisions so far, for the event. So watch for it in your email and on the website.

Safety Presentation: Cindy gave a PowerPoint presentation on Motorcycle Light troubleshooting and alignment. It was geared to help members gain confidence in troubleshooting, by being prepared for light problems and by being familiar with basic debugging information. We also learned that the newer motorcycles are using computers to control things so fuses aren't necessary.

* The presentation is attached.

Tammy created a CD of the excellent Motorcycle Packing presentation we had previously. You can borrow it. THANKS TAMMY!

Septembers safety presentation will be on First Responders and what to do in an emergency. Don't miss it (you co-riders depend on you) !

Misc Agenda Items:

- Dave from A&S gave some updates on sales, motorcycles coming in and how their shop has a new layout and look.
- There was a question whether members would be interesting in doing a group discounted purchase of some headsets. Then discussion about what people had etc. More info concerning this topic will be gathered and put on a future agenda. Consider your Pros/Cons of different communication devices and be prepared to add to the discussion.
- Fran shared the benefits of an Arai helmet, which has an exterior Pro Shade System Visor/shade shield.
- We still need monthly ride leaders for the remainder of this year (and next).