

## **GOLD COUNTRY RIDERS**

### **May 19, 2015 Meeting Notes**

Notes compiled by Molly and edited/added to by Cindy G.

Attending: 12 members , 2 guests Madella and her husband

Introductions : We introduced ourselves to our guest who has a long history as a WOW member, and recently moved to our area. She brought some WOW memorabilia to share.

#### Rides

*May Ride* - Jill Valley Springs on International Female Ride Day; 5 members, 1 support and lunch at Hog Dawg. Tammy sent a collage of pictures to WOW to represent GCR in honor of International Female Day (which might be in the next WOW magazine)

Spring *Fling comments* and the Rapid response replies to this month's question -  
We shared our favorite ride or moment on the spring fling or other events with GCR . . .

Whale watching/sea lions feeding; riding with my daughter; good conversation with others; Jeep ride at Safari West Spring fling few years back; feeding the otters and bird watching; Hwy 25 out of Hollister- just beautiful; road out of Solvang; episode with the Segway; coastal riding by Alice's; motorcycle camping with the gals- like Fort Bragg; and social aspect of this group-great bonding.

Thanks to our leaders for the great spring fling to Asilomar - Lynn, Tammy and Jeanie Everyone seemed to have a great time, loved the rides to the location, the facility and the surrounding area. Pictures are posted on our FB page and soon to our website (send Camille a few of your best photos)

#### GCR Business:

*April Minutes* - Any questions or thoughts on last month meeting minutes? No response ( = no issues or nobody read them ... - Cindy added this comment ;- )

*June Ride* - Linda G. , The June 13th Ride will be the Delta ride, crossing on 2 Ferries

*June 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting* (info for this topic is included at the end of these minutes, as written by Cindy G., to give more clarification/details than might have been given at the meeting... so see the end of these minutes for details \* )

A & S Sponsor Update Dave gave us some info upon our curiosity request concerning the A&S robbery... Someone entered by the skylight and did some damage. Tried to escape on 2 of their motorcycles. One was caught by Roseville police (closelined by the driveway chain) and the other was caught in South Sacramento. Two young kids.

Precision will have a track day information gathering. A&S is not sponsoring it just allowing information to flow.

Bike Prep and Safety Presentation Jennifer Hughes presented.. Navigating by the seat of your Pants. She will summarize what she taught us in a future document, and some video was taken and posted on FB (and maybe later on the website after reviewing).

The following are many of the great tips that she shared (with slide projected examples)...

- Even highways run east-west
- Odd highways run north-south
- In 2002, California added the exit numbers (later then many states)
- County road postmile markers are county markers through individual counties, as oppose to milestones that indicate the distance traveled through a state
- Your going north or east if numbers are increasing on county markers
- White line break tells you when the exit is coming up, especially helpful in fog. There is also a dot pattern on the ground at 2,100; 1,400 and 700 feet.
- Exit number on right side of sign, tell you exiting will be on the right. Left side, you will be exiting left.
- Blue dot marker in the road is to indicate there is a fire hydrant on the roadside.
- US yellow markers on road reflect red when going the wrong way.
- Most common road name is Second. First is Main or renamed after someone special.
- Street vs Avenue makes a difference on east or west and can make a big difference depending on the size of town.
- Road alignment- Follow the money into town- Lights and nice road. Away or side streets more rural and less maintained.
- Satellites are over the equator. Check out the direction of satellite dishes. They point toward the south tip of Texas. So for California that would be southeast.
- Triangle on gas tank on dash of car points to the side the gas tank can be filled.
- Study your route. - Use favorite online maps. Dip into the street view for major turns and landmarks . Pre-drive or ride if possible. Carry paper maps when electronics fail. Stay out of the fast lane- wrong way drivers tend to use this lane thinking they are on a two way highway.
- When lost don't panic. Retrace your route, stop and ask questions, take your time and evaluate your surroundings, take a mental picture of how you got there and then remember the basics. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. The sun is always south and the North Star is always north. Trust your instinct

### Other Announcements

Amanda inquired about offering her place up for pool party and swap meet. (There was little response, so please reply your opinion to Cindy and we will gather some more information, so we can give her an answer to her offer.)

We still need Fall Jam and November rider leaders. Hurry, sign up with Fran to volunteer before someone else beats you to it! Ditto - openings for some monthly Safety/Ride Presentation - contact Jill.

\* Some details about the upcoming June 7th Board Meeting....

I, Cindy G., will be giving an update on chapter activities, requests and needs to date, to the board (or director advisors/committee whatever you want to call them - I call them my board+2 ) on June 7th, and

I will be getting feedback/ideas/ and direction for our chapter. This will hopefully be the groundwork for a bigger effort, to get all members informed and involved in the areas that interest them most concerning our chapter, it members, WOW/GCR promotion, organization, communication, encouraging women riders and of course, safe and fun ride related activities.

For weeks, I have been exchanging emails and calls with our GCR leaders /coordinators/ committee leaders, etc... to gathering their progress, ideas, suggestions and plans concerning the areas they are presently involved in, so that an update can be presented at the meeting. After that update, we will discuss and contribute insight and ideas to several general topics concerning GCR.

At our next GCR Monthly meeting (June 16th) we'll give a summary of the results of this brainstorming effort on the various topics. Shortly thereafter, we'll email an official summary of the main considerations we came up with for each of these topics, to all our members for further consideration. (I'm pressed for time/with family in June, so might not get a summary organized and emailed for a few weeks - so make sure to come to the June meeting for a sooner update of the meeting outcome).

!! If you have urgent GCR organizational related questions, ideas, or if you need some opinions on any GCR topic/area that you lead over or are concerned with, send an email to Cindy **by June 4th** . But don't worry, there will be many more opportunities to share your thoughts, after we narrow the scope of each topic down to a manageable discussion, at this 1st meeting.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

*GCR Next Meeting Agenda Items* - send requests to Cindy G

*GCR Rides* – contact Fran K. for ride related questions or to volunteer to plan/lead a ride

*Safety and Bike Presentations* - contact Jill D. to sign up to present

*GCR "Intro business cards"* – contact Maggy M; \$1.50 per sheet.

*Website Support, photos, profiles* - send to Camille R.

*Next Meeting: June 16th, 2015 5:30p social 6:30p meeting Black Bear Diner, 2700 El Centro Rd, Sacramento.*

**On the next page are a few recent GCR Facebook posts (you also got the news via email as well) .**

1. ...thank you Jennifer for an excellent presentation; and 2. ...congratulations GCR for being #1 in miles rider; with several other members mentioned for excelling in their motorcycle categories. WE RIDE LIKE THE DICKENS!

**Note:** Although FB it is not an official source of GCR news (email is), GCR members do post many of our/their extracurricular motorcycle activities and motorcycle related posts of interest.

So (WOW members, support members), join the Gold Country Riders 'closed' group Facebook page if you desire and if you have FB access (or look over a friends shoulder, who has that FB access).

FB has been a great way to reduce our unofficial GCR email clutter and chatter; and our Website provides us (and potential members) with easy access to general, public GCR information. Email is our way to officially communicate things of importance to our GCR members. So everything (media wise) has a place and a purpose, if we can just figure out how to use it properly (and that's surly not easy).

A few Facebook captures, related to this month follows ....



**Jill Dunphy**

May 20 at 7:20am

Many thanks to Jennifer Hughes for an outstanding presentation last night on "aids to land navigation"! So many tips and tricks for figuring out east from west and north from south (without a compass or sunlight), which side your exit will be on and how quickly it's approaching, and best- how to get "un-lost!" Almost more impressive was seeing Jennifer's recent GPS tracks on a map, as we all know how many miles she puts on her bikes every year. Thanks Jennifer!



**Tammy Johnson Mathews**

May 27 at 8:31am

Woot! Woot! Just got my WOW magazine and we have two things to celebrate... our riding machine Jennifer Hughes got second place in the mileage contest again for the 1400cc and over category and California scored number 1 overall for total mileage. Thank you to everyone that participated last year. Way to go for helping us finally land the number 1 spot (a first ever I believe) and a huge congratulations to Jennifer!! You're a riding rock star!

State	Total Miles	Category	Place
Bennett, Angie	18569	CO	
Dunphy, Jill	19185	CA	
Foster, Deana	13019	MO	
Hauck, Carol	12358	MN	
Hubbs, Vicki	18531	CA	Videner, Barbara 12437
Mathews, Tammy	19139	CA	arwood, Julianne 10289
Yelland, Lynn	12275	CA	elland, Lynn 18892
Zoyhofski, Sharron	16323	CA	
<b>State Total Mileage Category</b>			
<b>STATE</b>	<b>Total Miles</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Place</b>
CA	316,410		<b>1st Place</b>
MO	315,749		atti Bogan 6689
MA	257,589		K 31,037 miles
WI	190,482		<b>2nd Place</b>
CO	185,147		ennifer Hughes 18515
MN	163,073		A 19,053 miles
IL	141,161		
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