



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter CA-1R - South Orange County, CA**

Staff Notes

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Tour Director Report

**And other interesting
facts!**

Mike & Gayle Davis - Chapter Directors

A lot of activities this last month. We had a great response to the after gathering ride, 9 bikes and 3 cars. Thank you to Jim Wilson for putting the ride to the Vroom motorcycle exhibit at Forest Lawn in Glendale. We not only got to see many vintage bikes from the very early 1900's, but we visited a few of the celebrity resting places. After a late lunch, we then headed home. It sure was nice to see such a good turnout.

We are starting to plan next year's Rally In The Valley. "R" adventure will be held in Mesquite, NV. The theme for the rally is...to be announced soon. As always, we are looking for volunteers.

Let remember to help support our fellow chapters by attending their rallies as they have supported us.

Ride safe and have "F"un.

Mike & Gayle



Rider Education

Riding With Friends

Have you ever been buzzed by a pack of rice burners on a freeway. My first response is what a bunch of @\$%^s! Probably because it's both rude and unsafe. Then I remember the days of my youth and had I been with friends like that, I probably would have gotten a kick out of it. Hopefully we put those wild notions aside. So how do these rides differ? Both are riding together and both seem to be having fun. The difference is expectations. Knowing where your riding partners are and what they are doing means that I know what I need to do. It's kind of like golf in a way when you consider the etiquette. In both sports someone goes first and others fall in order. Teams stay together and others look out for each other. Just like golfers who hold the pin for someone who is putting, our back door clears the lane for lane changes. We have fun because everyone knows the rules and plays by them. Golf courses have course marshals, while riders have police. I suppose riding infractions are more significant than taking a mulligan. The point is that we have a set of riding practices that we use when we ride together. These are honed at Team Riding Seminars and during group rides. These practices are not only geared to keeping us safe, but also to knowing what to expect on a ride and how to ride together as a team. This means fun and looks really cool. If you are driving on the freeway, which group of riders would you like to encounter?

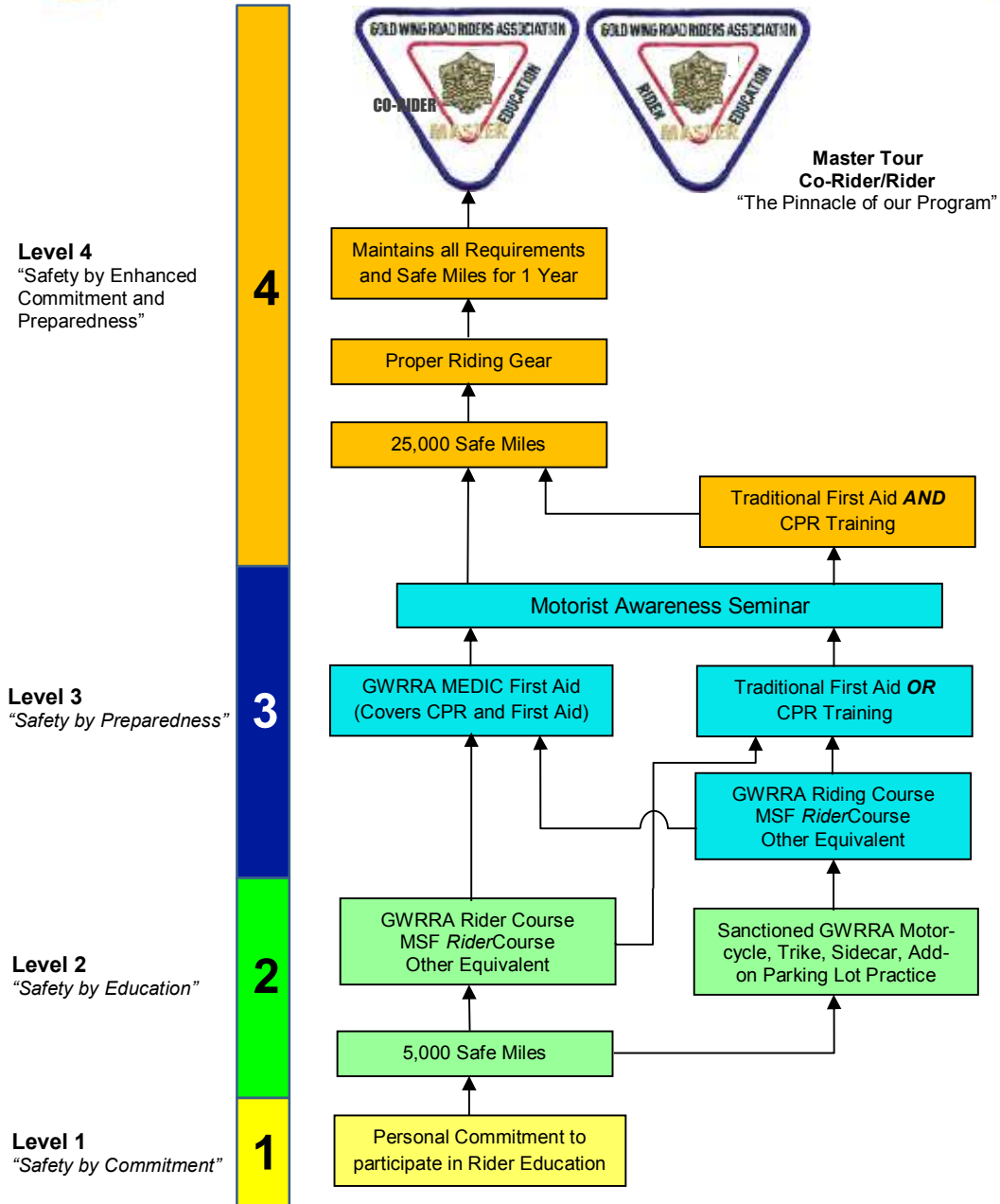
Ride Safe

Bill Himebaugh

Chapter Educator



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Rider Education Levels Program
 "The Building Blocks of Rider Education"



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Kenny "Your" Tour Director

When life throws you a curve – Lean into it!

Summer is but a Memory:

By the time of this printing Fall will be in full swing. It's hard to remember the cooler days of Fall when we are just exiting from an extraordinary heat wave. With the passing of summer and our schedules becoming more in tuned with the season, we can again look at attending a lot of rides and activities with CA-1R. Please review our activities calendar on our website for the latest and greatest of everything "SEALS".

Please plan your calendars in advance and make the most of everything our chapter has to offer.

Events you may have missed:

California District Convention

What an awesome event this turned out to be. We had a pretty good turnout of Seals in Agoura Hills. Many went on rides, some visited the Reagan Library, and some enjoyed the pool, while others attended the many class offerings. Sharon and I competed in the Couple of the Year contest; while we were not selected to represent the District at Region, we consider ourselves honored that our chapter selected us. Many thanks to all who made special arrangement to support us during the completion.

Fiesta De Kus to m Kulture Car Show

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San Diego was the stop for this event. We saw many classic and customer cars and a few motorcycles as well. We ate at one of the many fine Mexican eateries on old town and then rode the coast home. It was a very nice day of fun, cars, food, and ocean breezes.

V' Ro o m Mu seum at Fo re st Lawn

They say that people are dying to get into this place. Who would have thought there would be a museum on the grounds of Forest Lawn? Jim fearlessly RC'd this ride and showed us a great time. We saw motorcycles galore, fancy painted helmets, and other museum quality exhibits. We enjoyed the stained glass, Disney monument, and afterwards, enjoyed delouses BBQ. On this ride we had three cars and 9 bikes – it was a great turnout.

Z ubies Dry Dock Di nne r R ide

Zubies was yummy – 13 lucky people attended and partook of the delectable morsels that Zubie's Dry dock is known for. If you have not joined a dinner ride, you are missing some fun. We have a least one dinner ride scheduled every month and sometimes two.

We try to visit place that are new and interesting, as well as some old favorites. Check the listing under upcoming events for the next opportunity to break bread with friends.

G ue ss Who ' s C o ming To Dinne r

We had five host families prepare adventure for their unknown guests. This was an opportunity to get to know our friends on a more personal basis than is possible at other large events. If you missed it you will need to wait a year for your next chance to Guess Who's Coming To Dinner

Movie Nigh t an d Po t Luck

This event is taking place a few days after this writing. It will be but a memory when you actually read this newsletter. I'll share info regarding the event in future writings. So watch for it!

**Upcoming Events to Look Forward To
Put these on Your Calendar:**

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Other Great Events for September

CA-1Z 8 Ball Poker Run

CA-1V V run Rally

October Happenings:

Jerry' s Wood Fire Dogs {October 1st} – Dinner Ride (it's not too late to RSVP)
Come on! You have to eat!

Chapter Gathering {October 5th} – ***Make, Bake, and Buy***

This is one of our Big Fund Raisers of the Year.

Please plan on attending, Making, Baking, and Buying

Train to Olvera Street {October 11th}

This is going to be a fun one!

We will ride the Train (boarding at your closest spot) and arrive at Olvera Street in Los

Angeles. We have a guided tour planned and lots of eating, shopping, and fun

Check the calendar for all the details.

Oktoberfest – Dinner Ride {October 15th}

What more do I need to Say

Parking Lot Practice {October 18th}

This is your opportunity to practice turns, swerves, quick stops, and U-turns in a safe environment; without judgment. There are no instructors at these practices, only facilitators to keep things moving and keeping everyone safe.

We have not had a parking lot practice in a very long time. Our Fiends at CA-1F in San Diego have graciously invited us to share their space. This event can only accommodate eight bikes – so act quickly and RSVP to reserve your space.

Activities Meeting { October 21st}

Just Come! Be Heard! Share Your Ideas

CA-1F Halloween Fun Run {October 25th}

In Puma Valley

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Please check our chapter website for additional information and calendared events. The website has the most accurate and up to date data on everything CA-1R. Here's the link to get you there quickly <http://www.gwrra-ca1r.org/calendar.html>

As you review the calendar be sure to click the events. This will give you all the needed information for the ride, allow you to RSVP, and you can click the link to add it to your personal online calendar.



Final Word :

It looks like you can use some parking lot practice

Kenny – "Your" Tour Director



2014 District Rally

Last month California held its District Rally at Agoura Hills and, thanks to the amazing support of our volunteers, it was a resounding success. For those of you that attended, you saw how many different people were involved and proved once again the adage that “many hands make light work”. Our amazing sponsors, Dunlop Tires, JBJ, Law Tigers, and SkyMed provided 4 sets of tires as grand prizes and StreetMasters provided a gift certificate to their school. Then Misty Johnson of Dunlop surprised us with an additional set of tires at opening ceremonies. We would like to extend special recognition to a few of the instructors that worked under some restrictive conditions: our newest Trike Instructor, Shirley Machado and her mentor John Boman, and ARC Instructors Jerry Cowen and Dave Gormley, all 4 of whom had to teach on modified ranges without the benefit of being able to set up before the morning of the class; a true testament to their teaching ability. A special thank you to Ruth Burke for doing such a incredible job on our T-shirts and to Mike Burke, our District Educator who made sure all of the Rider Education components came off flawlessly. Also thank you to Mike and Ruth for handling the Couple and Individual of the Year Programs.

Showing us how truly amazing and adaptive they can be, the Gold Angels performed their entire show on a shortened field which gave the audience a very up-close and personal experience and a new perspective on just how skilled these riders truly are. Gator even thrilled us with a new trick and everyone was so impressed that we hope he makes it a regular part of the show!

On Saturday, we had over 20 bikes head out on a ride lead by Ken Freeland and more than one member familiar with the area said that they went on roads they didn't even know existed. The CD Forum was well attended as 38 members shared ideas and not surprisingly, when one chapter expressed a need there was always another chapter also expressing a similar concern. The beauty of this networking experience is that there is always someone who has been there, done that, survived it and could offer advice. Later that afternoon we discovered that the Reno Rendezvous is not an actual GWRRA event, but, rather, just an event where GWRRA is one of the sponsors. Many of the members were disappointed that it was not a Wing Ding for the West, but it did make it easier to decide which event to attend for those that could not make it to Reno and also to the Region Convention which is being held just a few weeks prior on Memorial Day weekend in Tucson,

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Arizona. Personally, we applaud home office for sponsoring an event targeting the Harley-Davidson and sport-bike riding community. For years, we have been experiencing declining membership and have known that if we don't do something to attract new and younger members, eventually we may all become outriders. Being self employed, we will not be able to make Reno next year, but if any of you do go, please send us pictures we can share in our newsletter.

Closing ceremonies was preceded by a hilarious hypnotist show and any shred of self-respect that Anita Alkire and the other participants had was graciously sacrificed for everyone else's entertainment (look for the video at the Officer's Conference in January). At closing ceremonies, Kevin Griffith drew two tickets for the \$1,250 Best Buy gift cards he donated to the District with one card drawn from all of the Grand Prize tickets and the other one from those that paid for the dinner show. Kevin's generous contribution guaranteed that the convention was a financial success and he has promised to do it again next year.

October still holds a couple of Chapter Rallies: Saturday the 18th at CA2N and Saturday the 25th at CA1F. Pam and I will be there at both of these and we hope you will too and, by the way, kudos to CA2W on the success of their event. By thinking out of the box, they ended up netting more money this year than in any previous year.

Until next month, ride well and ride often.

-Vincent and Pamela Puterbaugh



Phil Bahler 10/1

John & Teri Edwards 10/6

Cathy Diaz 10/1

Bruce & Kim Philips 10/11

Gail Lefebvre 10/1

Jim & Veronica Dibble 10/21

Gay Himebaugh 10/5

John Edwards 10/6

Rob Levig 10/8

Paul Fenton 10/22

George Diaz 10/26



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Chapter CA1R
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Monthly Gathering Place:

Hometown Buffet

1008 E. 17th St

Santa Ana, CA

8:00 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM Meeting

First Sunday of the Month

Chapter Miles for 2014 so far:

91,109

Chapter CA1R communicates on channel 31

Community Spirit

We continue to collwce the following at the monthly gatherings:

Toiletries

Ink Cartridges

Pull Tabs

September Monthly Gathering At a Glance

Monthly Chapter Get-together

Meeting Date: September 7, 2014

Chapter Members	36
GWRRA Visitors	0
Non GWRRA Visitors	0
Bikes	11
Trikes	1
Side Cars	1

50/50 Winners

Jack Wear	62.00
George Neuman	63.00

Birthday/Anniversary

Mike Davis	10.00
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Donation raffle

Mona Levig	10.00
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Door Prize Donors:

1. Guy & Gail Lefebvre
2. Mike & Gayle Davis
3. Vern & Novella Vandal
4. Jan Jaffke
5. Bill & Gay Himebaugh
6. Nancy McKee
7. Dean & Sharon Rausteadt
8. Rob & Mona Levig
9. George & Jackie Neuman
10. Tom & Vicki Lorenz

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Observances October 2014

- 10/1 - Name Your Car Day (I'm sure this applies for your motorcycle too)
- 10/3 - Techies Day
- 10/5 - Do something Nice Day
- 10/9 - Curious Events Day
- 10/13 - No Bra Day
- 10/16 - Boss's Day
- 10/17 - Wear Something Gaudy Day
- 10/21 - National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day
- 10/24 - National Bologna Day
- 10/27 - Navy Day