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# CA2S SHARK BYTES

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February 2009



## **Chapter CA2S Silicon Valley Wings**



## **Gold Wing Road Riders Association Region F / California District**

*Welcome to the new look,  
and name, for the CA2S  
Newsletter. We hope you  
enjoy the new format!*

**Next  
Chapter Meeting  
Saturday,  
Feb. 21 at Marie  
Callender's, Milpitas  
Breakfast @ 8 AM  
Meeting @ 8:45 AM**

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## Chapter Director's Message



Well, the cobwebs from 2008 have finally been removed from our brains and we are off and running into 2009. Can you believe that a whole month has gone by already? And what a month it was. We have a new President of the United States and we can only hope for the best from him as he tries to untangle all the mess that was left behind. I don't think many of us would want to trade places with him at this time.

We (CA2S) also managed to knock out our ride calendar for the year at a get-together at John and Debbie's house. Many thanks to all who were able to attend and offer their suggestions to make this a terrific year for the chapter. We managed to cover all the bases, both with the Goldwings and also a few for the R.V. crowd. It looks real good on paper. Now the fun part is participating in these activities. E-mails will be going out as each event grows closer, so keep an eye on your mailbox. We would love to see each and every one of you participate in at least 6 events this year. Will you accept this challenge? We sure hope so!

January was also the month for the annual District Leadership Meeting in Bakersfield. Each chapter in California was represented there this year. (A first). It was a day and a

half of classes geared for the CD's / ACD's and Chapter Educators. Everything from how to welcome new visitors to inspiring the more seasoned veterans. Irene and I were joined by Mike Melby, Ron Green and Doug Loyd. Ron accompanied us to dinner on Saturday night and let me tell you, if you ever have the time, I suggest getting together with him and having him tell you some of his many adventures he has had in his life. We thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Sure made the one hour wait for the table a lot less stressful. It just brought to mind one of the greatest rewards in being part of a chapter like this and that is the fellowship that it provides. Just getting to know one another and hearing each others stories. Sure beats sitting in a chair watching TV and life going by.

As of press time, over 20 people have signed up for our "Holiday Party" to be held at the Watt's home on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a simple get together consisting of snack foods, games and gift exchanges. We decided that this was a less hectic time than in December. Right now it feels like it was a great decision.

So, that's how January led off the new year. Now it's on to February while we still have the momentum. Lots of good riding coming up (weather permitting). We hope to see you out there riding with us and supporting our monthly get togethers, both the planning and chapter meetings. Also, don't forget to check out our website every now and then .

Keep it safe and enjoy life while you can

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## January Is A Time For Planning

By Michael Melby, CA-2S ACD

January is the time we make plans for the year. We held a planning meeting which was generously hosted by John and Debbie Watt, where we found that there are never enough weekends in a year. The California District of GWRRA also holds its officers' meeting in January. This gives us the opportunity to find out what's happening with other chapters, and some of the major events scheduled for the region and nationally.

There were many excellent ideas presented at the chapter planning meeting. The proposed rides, when combined with outside events, will create a very busy calendar. Providing the weather cooperates, there will be a recurring ride to be organized at the end of the monthly chapter meeting. This ride has been unofficially anointed "Ron's Ride" because Ron Green has volunteered to be the go-to guy. On the subject of recurring rides, we've decided to forgo the Friday Night Dinner Ride for the time being with several members expressing frustration with Friday night traffic. Also noted was a desire to reinstate the occasional drive-in movie night. (I want to see how you sneak someone in.)

A few of the events need your attention now. Chapter CA-C (Sacramento) has scheduled a mail boat ride for June 20. This is a multi-day ride to Oregon and will need to be coordinated with Chapter C. Another multi-day event is an overnighter to Eureka for May 22-25, Memorial Day weekend. This ride will include the Trees of Mystery and the Kinetic Sculpture Race. Jim and Sherry Carr are planning a trip for April 24-26 to Disneyland, but are using their motorhome for transportation. There may be space if you want to ride along. There are other over-night rides/multi-day events to be thinking about. The Blue Butt ride in Reno will happen in August, possibly the 15<sup>th</sup>. Bob and Irene are interested in another two-pass ride, leaving July 25. There was interest in an over-nighter to Tahoe, perhaps in October.

There are several popular rides that have been requested. A run up hwy 1 to Tony's Oyster Bar in Tomales Bay is scheduled for mid-June. The



Carr's will lead a lunch ride to Columbia in mid-March. Another popular restaurant is Phil's at Moss Landing, which is scheduled for April 18, but could happen several times this year. I'm hoping we stop by Gizdich Ranch for some of their excellent apple pie. And there's always Wool Growers in Los Banos; John Watt will lead us there in June. A return to the Corn Maze was discussed, possibly for mid-September.

At the California District level the other chapters are intent on riding as much as we are. And we're welcome at their events. The big deal is the District Rally, September 3-6 in Bakersfield. The theme this year is the Roaring 20's. Rally In The Valley, CA-1R, is coming up quickly on March 27 in Mesquite, NV. The Region F Rally, "West Wing 1" on April 17-19, in Henderson, NV, shortly follows the event in Mesquite. April 18-19 will feature cooperative events with chapters 1L and 1Y in San Luis Obispo and Lompoc. Grab your water cannon and head for 2K's Synchronized Soaking on August 1. Chapter 2N will hold their Frog Hop on September 12. Chapter 2A is sponsoring a Mountain Run on September 26. There is a more complete calendar on the District web site at [gwrracalif.bizland.com](http://gwrracalif.bizland.com).

The GWRRA national rally, Wing Ding, cruises into Tulsa, OK, on the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

# SHARKEY'S SAFE RIDING TIPS

## “Group Riding”

Everyone loves a parade. The excitement of seeing the marching bands all walking in exact formation. Everything is so orderly. People on the sidelines are watching and waving and the children cannot be pulled away until the last participant is out of view.

The same can be said for group motorcycle riding. It looks so professional and exciting, getting the attention of all who pass in their cars but unless you have preparation, organization and consideration for others it can be a disaster.

**The preparation** comes before the ride even gets started. A proper riders meeting is necessary. It gives quality time to go over the route, plan rest stop locations and decide placement of bikes based on the experience level of the rider. It's a good time for everyone to ask questions and clear up any confusion.

**Organization** needs to occur all during the ride. Riding in formation is not as easy as it looks. There is always the need for more practice to achieve perfection. Can you imagine how that marching band in the parade would look if they just went out and started marching, each to their own desires with no practice? We commonly use the “**staggered formation**” in our riding. In this type of formation the riders will allow a full **2 seconds** following distance between themselves and the rider **directly ahead of them**. The leader rides in the left side of the lane (or left *track*), while the second rider stays **1 second** behind him in the right *track*. A third rider maintains the left position in the lane, 2 seconds behind the leader. The fourth rider would keep a 2 second distance behind the second rider, and so on. This formation keeps the group close and permits each rider a safe distance from others ahead, behind, and to the sides. It also discourages automobiles from breaking up the formation and cutting in between riders.

**Single-file formations** are usually used when riding on twisty mountain roads where the group may need to spread out and use the full width of the lane. This will normally be called by the ride leader during the ride.

When it comes time for the group to stop, try and stay in formation and wait your turn to park. Not only does it look professional and very exciting to see but one rider out of place can greatly disrupt the flow of traffic and create confusion for everyone.

**Consideration for all** who are riding in the group is very important. Each rider is responsible for making sure his motorcycle has a full tank of gas and that he is ready to leave on time, arriving early enough to attend the riders meeting. The pace and the expectations within the group should not be set higher than the limits of each individual's abilities and equipment. Each rider must know his personal limits and be aware that at any time during the ride it is o.k to “ride out” away from the group. That is accomplished by notifying the ride leader and safely pulling out from the group.

Your preparation, organization and consideration is the key to making this social form of motorcycling fun for everyone. Is all about making group riding the most enjoyable type of riding for everyone.



# Pictures from our "After Holiday Party"



Good Food



Games





## Gift Exchange



## Fun and visiting





# Don't forget Valentine's Day!

## February 14th



## *February Birthdays*

Les Cook	5
Debbie Watt	14
Jim Carr	23
Paul Cline	25

### Brain Exercise 5 RIDDLES

GIVE YOUR BRAIN A LITTLE EXERCISE.

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?
2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?
3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away ?
4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday?
5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

THE ANSWERS TO ALL FIVE THE RIDDLES ARE:

- 1 The third room. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead. That one was easy, right?
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).
3. Charcoal, as it is used in barbecuing.
4. Sure you can name three consecutive days, yesterday, today, and tomorrow!
5. The letter e, which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear even once in the paragraph.

How did you do?

*And now a kind word for our sponsors:*

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## District Director Message



Happy Valentines Day Wingers! Make this Valentine's Day the best ever, even if it's to send yourself the flowers you've always wanted. It's a day to say "I love you" to all those special people in your life, your family, that special love and to yourself. So give yourself and all those special people a good Winger hug and then smile for the rest of the day and others will wonder what you've been up to ☺!

I want to thank all the attendees of the Officer's Meeting for a fantastic meeting! The information that was shared was wonderful and helpful and each year it gets better and better! I also want to thank my incredible staff for assisting in putting this meeting together! These are extraordinary people who share their time and passion of motorcycling with all of you in hopes to make this organization all it can be for you. A very special thanks to Crystal Rush for coming to my aid when I was melting down just like the hard drive in my computer. Crystal you are an awesome friend and I'm so glad you're in my life!

We have a jam packed year of fun riding and events coming your way. Pick what your budget can afford and then come and have the time of your life. Our fabulous Wings are the best stress relievers in the world and to end off a great ride with a hug from a fellow Winger just makes it even better. The event calendar is on the District website, [www.gwrra-ca.org](http://www.gwrra-ca.org) so you can start planning your vacation. You will see a little conflict in April. While California Wingers are enjoying the wonders of San Luis Obispo and Lompoc (Chapter L and Y's great back to back weekend event) the rest of the Region will be out in Henderson, NV at the Region Rally. The flyer for the Region Rally is on our website to be fair and is an alternative for you if you just can't be at L and Y's ride. The Region wanted to have a rally and this was the date picked even though they knew that California would be supporting their home chapters, as JR and I will be doing. We are pleased that we will have a District representative, Rene Johnson going and Chapter 1V to the Region Rally to support our incredible District Couple of the Year, Pat and Bonnie Singer, as

they compete for the Region Couple position. If you do plan to go to the Region Rally could you let me know so I can plan accordingly. The rumor is (from a very reliable source) that the Region Rally will be back on Memorial Day weekend in 2010.

Since I stepped into the District Director position, my slogan has been, "Making a Difference One Member at a Time". To follow with that slogan our contest/competition this year is Making a Difference One Member at a Time. The contest is centered on you the member as points are accumulated by you visiting other chapters. If you are a 1 chapter and you visit a 1 chapter you'll get 1 point (same for a 2 to a 2). If you are a 2 chapter and visit a 1 chapter you'll get 2 points and vice versa. CAC is considered a 2 chapter for the purpose of the game. You may visit the same chapter 2 times during the game to receive points. If you visit 5 different chapters you'll get 5 bonus points; visit 10 different chapters and get an additional 10 bonus points and visit all 23 chapters and get an additional 25 bonus points. The game starts January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and concludes on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. At the end of the game your Chapter Director will ask you to total your points and turn them in and the CD will then total the number for the chapter. Your CD will submit the top 3 individual's numbers as well as a cumulative chapter number to me and then we'll do a tally for the District. The top 3 points earners in each category, member and chapter, in the District, will receive, at opening ceremonies of the District Rally, 1<sup>st</sup> place=\$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> place=\$75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place=\$50. We hope to see all of you out visiting.

This year the District Rally will be "Roarin' 20's" into Bakersfield! We will have a roarin' good time at the Speakeasy on Saturday night around the pool with ice cream and music! The costumes should be outstanding and fun to wear! We'll be announcing more about the rally in future articles, but make certain you save your dollars as this will be a rally you won't want to miss. Our dates over Labor Day weekend are September 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars. We have been negotiating hard with the DoubleTree Hotel and they have agreed to reduce the room rates by \$5 a night this year or \$89/night. To give you a little more incentive, for each room night you stay at the DoubleTree, you will receive \$10.00 worth of 50/25/25 tickets so if you stay 3 nights you'll get \$10 worth of tickets for each of the 3 days of the rally. We want to see you there so brush up on your 20's vocabulary, ya follow?

We'll see you at the Valentine's Ride on February 21<sup>st</sup>, so until then, be safe, be happy, stay healthy and have fun! And in this month of love well don't forget to say "I

## February 2009

Sunday	Mon day	Tues day	Wednes day	Thurs day	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Planning Meeting Meet at Holders Country Inn 6:45pm start Dinner 6:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Workshop & Craft House Workshop Meet at Carr's garage Starts at 10:00 Doughnuts & coffee
<b>8</b> Parking Lot Practice Meet at 6325 San Ignacio Ave. Start 10:00 Practice slow speed skills.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Join CA2J in Concord. 8AM Breakfast Team Riding Class available.
<b>15</b> Gilbert's in Monterey Meet at Holiday Inn on Bernal/101 Depart Leave 10:00am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Chapter Meeting Meet at Marrie Callendar's, 333 Abbott Ave Milpitas, CA Starts promptly at 8:45 AM, Breakfast @ 8:00 AM.  CA11 Valentine Run Covina
<b>22</b> Buster's BBQ Calistoga Join CA2K Details to come.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

## March 2009

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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Planning Meeting Meet at Holders Country Inn 6:45pm start Dinner 6:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CA1A rally Antelope Valley
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Columbia (unlicked Skillet ride) Lunch in Old town Columbia Meet at Omega Restaurant Calaveras/Park Victoria Leave 10:00am
<b>15</b> CA1M Bake sale Riverside.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Chapter Meeting Meet at Marrie Callendar's, 333 Abbott Ave Milpitas, CA Starts promptly at 8:45 AM, Breakfast 8:00 AM.
<b>22</b> RIV Workshop Meet at Carr's garage Starts at 10:00 Doughnuts & coffee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Rally in the Valley Mesquite NV. Meet Holiday Inn Bernal/101 Leave 5:00am (5:30?)	<b>28</b> Rally in the Valley
<b>29</b> Rally in the Valley	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



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## OUR REGULAR MEETING PLACES

**Monthly Meetings**—The third Saturday of each month. The meeting starts promptly at 8:45 AM, and is usually over by 10:45 AM. Marie Callender's, 333 Abbott Ave, Milpitas in the Garden Room. Business meeting, Safety Talk, 50/50 raffle, General camaraderie. Any rider of Honda Gold Wing and Valkyrie motorcycles, or anyone who just loves to ride.

**TGIF** – *Beginning Jan 2009, these rides have been suspended for awhile.*

**Rides going NorthEast** - Mervyn's parking lot on E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas (hwy 237 & 680)

**Rides North to SF** - Mercado Theater Santa Clara on Frontage Rd. off Great America Parkway. This is the meeting place for rides that take us North along Hwys 101 or 85 (San Francisco, Marin, Eureka).

**Rides South** - Holiday Inn at Bernal Rd and 101 South.

**Disclaimer:** Please note *all meetings are subject to change*, both in location and times to meet. If you are interested in a ride or event and have questions, please call or email any staff member noted in the newsletter or on the web. <http://www.ca2s.org>.

## California Chapter Meetings and Locations

Meeting Date & Time	Chapter	Meeting Location
1st Saturday 9:14 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM	Ca1A	Greenhouse Cafe, 1169 Commerce Ctr Dr., Lancaster
3rd Sunday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00AM	Ca1D	Elks Lodge, 8108 E. Alondra Blvd., Paramount
2nd Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1F	Broken Yolk Café, 1851 Garnet Ave., San Diego
1st Sunday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1I	Covina Bowl, 1060 W. San Bernardino Rd., Covina
Last Saturday, 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM	Ca1K	Lulu's Café, 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys
2nd Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1L	IHOP Restaurant, 212 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo
2nd Sunday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1M	Elks Club, 2055 Elks Drive, San Bernardino
3rd Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast 7:30 AM	Ca1N	Grandma BB's, 539 Vista Bella, Oceanside
2nd Sunday 8:00 AM Breakfast 7:30AM	Ca1Q	Hof's Hut, 7005 Knott Ave., Buena Park
1st Sunday 8:00 AM Breakfast 7:00 AM	Ca1R	Knowlwoods Restaurant, 14952 Sand Canyon, Irvine
3rd Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1S	Carrow's Restaurant, 2401 Harbor Blvd, Ventura
3rd Sunday 8:00 AM Breakfast 7:30 AM	Ca1V	Coco's, 15570 Park Ave., Victorville
1st Sunday 8:30 AM	Ca1Y	Bakers Square, 936 North H St, Lompoc
1st Saturday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca1Z	Home Town Buffet, 40390 Margarita Rd., Temecula
1st Saturday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca2A	Neilson's Restaurant, 137 S. M St., Tulare
3rd Sunday 8:45 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	CaC	Denny's Restaurant, 7900 Collegetown Dr, Sacramento
2nd Saturday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:30AM	Ca2J	Hometown Buffet, 2050 Diamond Blvd., Concord
4th Sunday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca2K	Jack & Linda's Country Café , 2390 N Texas St, Fairfield
2nd Saturday 9:00 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca2N	Pine Rest & Lounge, 19601 Hess Ave, Sonora
3rd Saturday 8:30 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca2Q	Athen's Burger Rest, 6999 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
1st Saturday 10:00 AM Breakfast 9:00 AM	Ca2R	Sang's Café, 131 Main St, Salinas
3rd Saturday 8:45 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM	Ca2S	Marie Callender's, 333 Abbott Ave, Milpitas. In the Garden Room
1st Saturday 9:30 AM Breakfast 8:30 AM	Ca2W	Home Town Buffet, 458 Shaw Ave, Clovis