CA2S SHARK BYTES

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Chapter CA2S Silicon Valley Wings



Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region F / California District

Next
Chapter Meeting
Saturday, November 21
Hometown Buffet @
McCarthy Ranch, Milpitas
Breakfast @ 8 AM
Meeting @ 8:45 AM

Our mascot, Sharky, has been reclaimed from the Krows, aka CA2K. He's back and recovering nicely with iWing. Both are getting better and stronger each day. See the article on page 6.

Ride for Kids a GREAT success. See Doug's report on page 4

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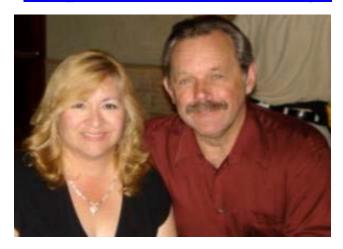
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Chapter Director's Message



WOW! I can't believe that I am writing an article for the NOVEMBER newsletter already. Where has the year gone?? It seems like only yesterday that we were all sitting around at John and Debbie Watt's home and planning the ride calendar for 2009 and now this year is coming to an end. Thanksgiving is just down the street and Christmas is around the next corner. It is so hard to think about those holidays with the weather we have been enjoying. With the exception of a couple of rainy days, we have been blessed with temperatures in the mid 70's to low 80's. Great riding weather.

Last months chapter meeting was well attended with 14 bikes and 1 trike showing up at Hometown Buffet in Milpitas. We were very pleased and surprised with the price reduction on their breakfast menu, all that food for only \$6.00. That is surely something to tell your friends, family and co-workers about. What a deal. The day was even better for Mike Melby who walked away with the 50/50 money. Of course, on the opposite note, yours truly walked away with the coveted Wing Nut due to a shortage of nominations and the missing mascot, Sharky. So, I am waiting for all the calls to come in to see if I have the Wing Nut on my person or not.

On the subject of the Wing Nut, it seems that the interest in this fund raising effort for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids) may be dwindling. Nominations have been drastically falling off as well as the phone calls and e-mails to the lucky holder of the Nut. Last months recipient, Les Cook, reported that he received two

calls the whole month. We had the same result for the month of September, also. If this trend continues, we will have to look into maybe putting the Wing Nut in hibernation for the winter and come up with some new ideas to bring in the funds for the PBTF (RFK).

With the end of the year in site, we all need to start thinking about ideas on decorating our Wings for the "Los Altos Light Parade". Many of us look forward to participating in this fun event. I am hoping for an even greater turn out this year. The idea is to decorate your bike with as many lights as you can get away with. If you have a trailer, you can also think about pulling a "float" behind your bike. Let your imagination be your guide. Our group is always at the top of the list each year as the most enjoyable "float" in the parade. The joy in seeing the smiling faces of the children and adults alike as we pass by is reason enough to participate in this fine event. This year's parade is just a few weeks away on Sunday the 29th. If you have any questions or need some ideas on decorations, feel free to contact me anytime. Don't miss out on this very fun and enjoyable experience. More information will be coming in future e-mails.

If all went according to schedule, Sharky should have been rescued from the Krows in Fairfield on the 25th of last month. If so, he will be back in his usual high chair at our next chapter meeting on the 21st. Be sure to come to the meeting and welcome our mascot home. Another good reason to be there is the possibility of walking away with the 50/50 cash or many other good prizes that are awarded each month in our door prize raffle. We would love to see you there.

The order has gone to the printers for our new Chapter brochures and business cards. They have been updated with the new Chapter meeting location and times and should be available by the time you receive this newsletter. Please pick up your supply at the next planning or chapter meeting. It is a great way to advertise CA2S to other GoldWing owners/ riders who may be looking for a group of fine, upright, outstanding individuals to ride with but who might settle for us instead. Let's all do our part to get the information out.

Until we meet again, Ride safe and ride often grandpoohBob & the wounded I.Wing



Chapter Wassup By Michael Melby, CA-2S ACD

Adventures in Trailer Wiring the GL1800

I didn't realize what I was getting into when I bought the trailer for the bike. I also put the cart before the horse by buying the trailer without considering hitches or electrics. The hitch wasn't that difficult. Ordered it from Wingstuff.com; it arrived; I followed the directions to bolt it to the bike. The only problem I had was I needed a small jack to spread the legs on the H frame so the bolt holes would line up. Later, I realized the H frame was on backwards, but no harm done.

The wiring had me considering returning the trailer. I didn't know the GL1800 is equipped with a 5-wire system for the brakes, turn signals, and taillights. Anyway, I thought, "No problem. Just use an adapter like on the 7-wire pick-up and 6-wire motorhome." They both work fine on a 4-wire trailer. Not so fast, grasshopper. An adapter won't help with a 5-wire system; I needed a converter. I found this out the expensive and time-consuming way of throwing parts at the problem.

The only thing I did right was isolate the trailer wiring from the bike's lighting system. I used the Add On wire harness, which comes with relays, wires, wire ties, and fuse. I threaded the fuse wire up through the frame to the positive terminal on the battery. Then the plugs connect in-line with the plugs hidden in the boot strapped to the frame member behind the license plate. Simple enough, but it still left me with 5 wires out of the relays: ground, left turn, right turn, taillights, brakes.

Then I committed a number of errors that made a mess of the wiring and broke the isolator already installed. I ordered a converter from a company that provides parts for trucks and big trailers. They "upgraded" the converter to a model that did not work with LED lights. That would have been ok if I had realized a load equalizer would fix that problem. Without the load equalizer the converter didn't work, so I ordered another converter; this time from Add On, thinking that their converter should work with their isolator. But I made the mistake of leaving the isolator on the bike while I waited for the converter. I tried to insulate the wires, but the tape fell off, shorting the isolator. Now I also had to replace the isolator.

The new isolator arrived. By now I was an expert at ripping the rear panel off and diving into the wiring in the boot, so installing the new wire harness was a piece of cake. Being brave, desperate, and reckless, I cut wires and soldered the converter to the isolator for a permanent connection. The converter comes with a mile of extra wire and a 4-wire connector to work with the trailer. I buttoned everything up and tested it on our big trailer, which has incandescent lights. That worked fine, but Add On said it would not work with LED lights; so, rather than test it, I ordered a load equalizer. By now my credit card started to smoke every time I went near the bike.

With the load equalizer in hand I decided to test the installation with the LED lights and it worked! Evidently, I only needed to buy the load equalizer, not actually install it. The only problem I have now is that, at my age, I can no longer move quickly enough to press the brake pedal and run to the trailer to see if the brake lights work.

A message from Douglas Loyd, RFK coordinator

Ride for Kids 2009 Fairfield

I have to start out with a special thanks to Ron Green for the use of his "couch". Also recognized as a 2006 Wing. This allowed me to attend my 7th straight year of Ride for Kids. My bike took a tranny dump the Friday before hosing my weekend plans that included CA-C's Harvest Run.

We had \$742 from the chapter to turn in. The Pleasanton location is no more and Woodland was moved out to Fairfield combining the two locations. There were a great number of improvements from past rides including Woodland/Sacramento Rides. The first noticed improvement was being able to pick up T-Shirts before the ride where there was practically no line at all. This meant there was no mad dash and 1+ hour line-up at the end with many people having to wait it out collecting for others leaving with several T-Shirts.

Practically everyone stayed for the "talks" and drawings any way. Those few that did leave early would have left any way (remember the T-Shirt line)...... Then there was a choice in sandwich (turkey or ham), choice in chips and even a choice in dessert. They gave you a bag and you filled it with the lunch you wanted. Ride distance and scenery were also pretty good. No dull and nothing to look at of Woodland area, no very short ride like in Pleasanton with neighboring communities "blocking" the route through "their area". This was the reason for such short rides in Pleasanton.

The ride route can best be viewed rather than described, so I included my GPS route snapshot [editor note: sorry, I couldn't get the attachment opened and inserted. We rode through vinyard areas, country roads, and up to Lake Berryessa]. We took the 60 mile loop in a clockwise direction starting/stopping where the "bike" is. There were a few winding roads, but they were not overly winding.

The total amount taken in this year was \$120,273 with CA-C taking top bracket for Clubs with \$27,278. This seems to be a common claim for CA-C over the last few years at the Woodland ride. I am looking forward to next year. Maybe, I will be on a blue 2011 by then.... or at least my problem bike may be running again........

Impromptu Ride to Columbia Nov. 1





Roger chilling. Or is he holding up his wing?

Getting ready to go. TCLOCK check?



Jim sprung a leak and had to clean up and replace his antifreeze along the way.



Aldo harassing the waitress.



And of course, there was food involved....

CA2S News

S H A R K Y ' S B A C K HOME!!!!!!

On Sunday, October 25th, Doug Loyd left the warmth and comfort of his humble home at o-dark thirty and rode his wing to Fairfield to rescue Sharky. Sharky was so happy to see him, he wagged his tail, and gave a great big smile. There wasn't much of a fight, so maybe CA2K was happy to be rid of him?!! Doug was just mopping up from the capture, when Mike Melby arrived to cover his back and daring escape.

It's reported they all had a very nice breakfast, a great meeting, and Doug even won the 50/50 raffle. So it really paid for him to have to take the "long way" thru' SF to avoid the bridge toll to get to the meeting. LOL.

Also it was noted that Kathy Moudry was on deck to recapture Sharky should Doug or Mike not be able to score.

Check out the new photo gallery at the chapter website. Look under 'About CA2S' for the link.

Update on Irene:

Still recovering at home. Has good days and some not so good. Bob reports his mother-in-law has been helping out, and he's gaining weight. Trying to figure a way to keep her permanent. ;-)



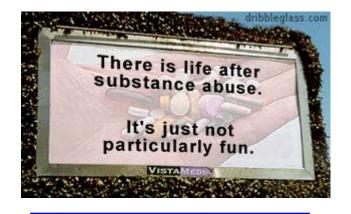


November Birthdays

Dale Nicholas	6
Verdi Jercha	21
Bob Neitro	23
Ron Taylor	24

From the editor:

Do you have something inspiring, or just plain interesting for the newsletter? We are always looking for unique pictures and stories to share with the chapter. Or if you have any other ideas, let me know. Danny.



From our Funny Billboard files...

Special Recipes from Kathy Moudry

Five-Ingredient Pineapple Upside-Down Cake



POINTS® value | 3

Servings | 10

Preparation Time | 7 min

Cooking Time | 40 min

Level of Difficulty | Moderate

Cakes | Rich and delicious. We took an old-fashioned recipe, lightened it up and gave it a convenience food spin.

Ingredients

- * 1/4 cup(s) unsalted butter, divided
- * 1/4 cup(s) packed light brown sugar
- * 3/4 pound(s) canned pineapple slices (rings) in juice, reserve 1/4 cup juice*
- * 1/4 pound(s) unprepared vanilla cake mix, about 1 scant cup
- * 1 large egg(s)

Instructions

- * Preheat oven to 375?F.
- * Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a 9-inch round, flameproof, aluminum pan over medium-low heat (make sure to cover entire pan bottom); sprinkle sugar over top. Carefully place pineapple rings in a single layer in bottom of pan. Increase heat to medium-high and cook until pineapple caramelizes, flipping once, about 2 minutes per side; remove pan from heat.
- * Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter on stove top or in microwave. In a medium-size mixing bowl, beat egg with remaining melted butter. Add cake mix and reserved pineapple juice; combine well.
- * Pour batter over pineapple; bake until a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean, about 30 to 35 minutes. Allow cake to cool for about 15 to 20 minutes; when still warm, loosen sides with a knife and invert cake onto a serving plate. Slice into 10 pieces and serve. Yields 1 slice per serving.

Notes: Use 7 pineapple rings.

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Did you see the caption on the cover of WingWorld? It's time to winterize your bike. What is this, it's time to ride and ride we did. We went to Nevada's Jack Ass ride in Primm, NV this year and it was a great time. I'm still trying to figure out how I got talked into riding Desperado! JR had sense, he stayed so my riding buddy was Pat Lewis and boy did we laugh when I wasn't screaming. We came home, washed clothes, repacked and left for the New Mexico District Rally in Grants which is about 70 miles west of Albuquerque. The town's fame was that Bad Burger had won the distension of having the state's best green chili burger and it was good. The opening party was fun. The mining museum was open and Pam White, the Region F Treasurer used to work in the mines so she took us on a personal tour of the museum and downstairs they had a mocked up mine, it was really cool and worth the time. So the question is, what happens when 12 Wingers get into 1 elevator? The answer, it gets stuck! With the help of the emergency line we were able to get the door open and then we found the emergency stairs, what an adventure! The rally was loads of fun and with the advice of Kathy Bates, NM District Director, we stopped by the ice cave on the way home. It was really cool (pun intended), it's a lava tube that keeps 12' of ice or more in part of the collapsed tube. We had a great ride home and started the cycle again. On Friday we took off for Sacramento for CAC's Harvest Run. We stayed Friday night with Bill and Rene and enjoyed our short stay and rode up with 2K to the Harvest Run on Saturday. The event location had changed to a park that was really nice and had a great lunch and a good turnout of Wingers. Then we were off for home, staying in Tulare on Saturday night with Larry and Donna Pickens who have been running around on these adventures with us. It was nice for us the next weekend to have a local ride to 1V for the V Run. JR took the bike and I took the car with Denali as we were going to Mom and Dad's to celebrate Dad's 87th birthday on Sunday. We're so blessed to have our parents! The V Run ended at a fantastic burger place and the onion rings were to die for!!! The Chapter collected \$1000 for Operation HomeFront and presented that check to them at their chapter meeting on October 18th, see their webpage for pictures. Great job Chapter 1V!

District Director Message

So we had a weekend home, that was really nice and then we just had the F/Z weekend. Saturday, Chapter 1F had their Halloween Fun run that started at MotorWorld in El Cajon, a dangerous spot for Ralph Richardson © The ride ended at Santa Ysabel Casino that has a fantastic view of Palomar Mountain and Lake Henshaw. Thanks to CD Ed Carroll, I addressed everyone as I was fighting a cold and losing my voice. When I got home my body said it was done so JR went to 1Z's Naked Run alone. He said there was a good turnout and the ride was very nice. So we're getting ready now and we'll be heading to the Arizona District Rally this coming weekend and we'll be holding our first official Region F meeting on Friday before the rally starts. In November, the California District will represent GWRRA with a booth at the Long Beach Motorcycle Show. Ken Freeland is heading up the group to work the booth. This is a great opportunity for us to recruit new members and reconnect with members who may be lost. GWRRA will be providing the giveaway stuff and it should be a great weekend. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ken, kjfreeland@aol.com for more details and times available.

Toys for Tots ride will set off from Oceanside Harbor on November 21, 2009. The registration flyer is on the website and this year you can pre-register. This is a new opportunity for you to let the chapter know you are coming. The registration fee is \$10 and then bring with you a new unwrapped toy. We'll be riding out to Pauma Casino again this year to meet the Marines and drop the toys off. We'll then enjoy our lunch and watch the Gold Angels performance. Last year there were over 600 people who attended. Chapter 1N has done a great job engaging the media and doing great PR to promote the event. So get your bike or trike ready early, decorate with clings, lights, garland and toys and be the best looking bike or trike there and let's have a good time again this year and help those kids who need our help. You may want to find a holiday t-shirt and not a sweater if the weather is anything like it has been in the last couple years © It's that time to reflect back over the year and look forward to 2010. For the CA Winger family there will be a change in leadership at the District with Bill and Rene Johnson becoming your new CA District Directors. Their staff will be announced at the Officer's Meeting in Bakersfield on January 15-16, 2010; Bill will be announcing more details about the meeting. This meeting is for Chapter Directors and their Assistants, Chapter Educators and their Assistants and others that the Chapter Directors feel should be at the meeting. We will be "officially" installing Bill and Rene and saying our farewells as your District Directors. We are getting ready for the transition and reflecting on all the fantastic times we have had over the last 3 years and the 3 before that as ADD's. We want to thank you all for making our tenure so very enjoyable and for the memories!

So as we head toward the holidays and the end of the year, it's time to spend time with our families and our Winger family. Enjoy each moment, we won't get it back! Give thanks for all that you have and all of your blessings and from our family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Anita and JR Alkire District Directors GWRRA California www.gwrra-ca.org

November 2009

Sunday	Mon day	Tues Day	Wednes day	Thurs day	Friday	Saturday
1		Planning Meeting Meet at Holders Country Inn 6:45pm start Dinner 6:00	4	5	6	CA2S DeAnza Flea Mkt Craft Sale
8	9	10	11	12	13	Workshop Meet at Carr's 10 AM
PLP Location TBD 10 AM		17	18	19	International Motorcycle Show	Chapter Meeting Meet at Hometown Buffet, 212 Ranch Dr. "McCarthy Ranch Shopping Center", Milpitas. Starts promptly at 8:45 AM, Breakfast 8:00 AM. CA1N Rally, Oceanside International Motorcycle Show
International Motorcycle Show	23	24	25	26	Cow Pie Ride & BBQ Meet at Holiday Inn Leave 9 AM Bring a dessert	28
Los Altos Light Parade Meet 3 PM	30					

December 2009

Sunday	Mon day	Tues Day	Wednes day	Thurs day	Friday	Saturday
		Planning Meeting Meet at Holders Country Inn 6:45pm start Dinner 6:00	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	Toy's for Tots Meet at Vallco. Leave at 4 PM. Dinner after at Sonoma Chicken Coop
13	14	15	16	17	18	Chapter Meeting Meet at Hometown Buffet, 212 Ranch Dr. "McCarthy Ranch Shopping Center", Milpitas. Starts promptly at 8:45 AM, Breakfast 8:00 AM.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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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. Hometown Buffet, 212 Ranch Dr. (408) 935-0893 "McCarthy Ranch Shopping Center", Milpitas. 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	CalA	Greenhouse Cafe, 1169 Commerce Ctr Dr., Lancaster
Breakfast 8:30 AM		
3rd Sunday 8:30 AM	Ca1D	Elks Lodge, 8108 E. Alondra Blvd., Paramount
Breakfast 8:00AM		
2nd Saturday 8:30 AM	Ca1F	Broken Yolk Café, 1851 Garnet Ave., San Diego
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
1st Sunday 8:30 AM	Call	Covina Bowl, 1060 W. San Bernardino Rd., Covina
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
Last Saturday, 9:00 AM	Ca1K	Lulu's Café, 16900 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys
Breakfast 8:30 AM		W077
2nd Saturday 8:30 AM	Ca1L	IHOP Restaurant, 212 Madonna Rd, San Luis Obispo
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2nd Sunday 9:00 AM	CalM	Elks Club, 2055 Elks Drive, San Bernardino
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3rd Saturday 8:30 AM	Ca1N	Grandma BB's, 539 Vista Bella, Oceanside
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3rd Sunday 8:00 AM	CalV	Grumpy Golfer, 14144 Green Tree Blvd. Victorville
Breakfast 7:30 AM	Carv	Grumpy Gorier, 14144 Green Tree Bivd. Victorvine
1st Sunday 8:30 AM	CalY	Bakers Square, 936 North H St, Lompoc
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1st Saturday 9:00 AM	CalZ	Home Town Buffet, 40390 Margarita Rd., Temecula
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
1st Saturday 9:00 AM	Ca2A	Neilson's Restaurant, 137 S. M St., Tulare
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
3rd Sunday 8:45 AM	CaC	Denny's Restaurant, 7900 Collegetown Dr, Sacramento
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
2nd Saturday 9:00 AM	Ca2J	Hometown Buffet, 2050 Diamond Blvd., Concord
Breakfast 8:30AM		
4th Sunday 9:00 AM	Ca2K	Jack & Linda's Country Café, 2390 N Texas St, Fairfield
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
2nd Saturday 9:00 AM	Ca2N	Pine Rest & Lounge, 19601 Hess Ave, Sonora
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
3rd Saturday 8:30 AM	Ca2Q	Athen's Burger Rest, 6999 Dublin Blvd, Dublin
Breakfast 8:00 AM		
1st Saturday 10:00 AM	Ca2R	Sang's Café, 131 Main St, Salinas
Breakfast 9:00 AM		
3rd Saturday 8:45 AM	Ca2S	Hometown Buffet, 212 Ranch Dr. "McCarthy Ranch
Breakfast 8:00 AM		Shopping Center", Milpitas
1st Saturday 9:30 AM	Ca2W	Brooks Ranch, 4131 S Chestnut Ave, Fresno
Breakfast 8:30 AM		