

Chapter CA1K December 2010 Newsletter

Who is GWRRA Chapter CA-1K?



We are a family oriented motorcycle organization sponsored by the Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA). Although most of our motorcycles are Goldwings, we welcome all makes and models - two or three wheeled.

[Click here to download a membership application for the GWRRA](#)

Our Chapter area goes as far north as the San Fernando Valley, covers a large portion of the Southwestern area of Los Angeles, and includes the South Bay region. As GWRRA members, we are committed to the enjoyment of motorcycling, motorcycling safety, memorable rides throughout California and our beautiful country.

Committed, happy, and involved members and their families are the cornerstone of our existence. We recently created a photo album on the website for member's to post pictures of their motorcycles, travels, and memorable events. We encourage you to take a look at them.

Staying busy, traveling often is commonplace for members of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter CA-1K.

Words of Wisdom from Chapter Director – Nadine Galli

All I Needed to Know About Life I Learned from Santa

Encourage people to believe in you.
Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
Don't pout.
It's as much fun to give as it is to receive.
Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
Make your presents known.
Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
Bright red can make anyone look good.
Wear a wide belt and no-one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
Whenever you're at a loss for words, say:
"HO, HO, HO!"

The Christmas Fairy

The Christmas Fairy waves her wand, To make your dreams come true, she plans a lovely Christmas tree with wreaths and holly too, your Santa Claus would never come without this precious Miss, her magic sets your heart aglow and brings such happiness. The Christmas Fairy takes the world and dresses it in white, the loveliness of falling snow to bring a child delight, she lights a star on Christmas Eve to shine both far and near, and all throughout this wondrous land she brings her Christmas cheer. The Christmas Fairy sends her love in gifts and toys and such, and everywhere that sadness dwells she adds her magic touch, The Christmas spirit fill her heart she's real if we believe, The Christmas Fairy waves her wand and joins us Christmas Eve.

My wish is that the Christmas Fairy visits
You this Christmas Eve she waves her wand and all your wishes come true!

**Wishing you a safe and prosperous
New Year!**

Hugs & Happiness
Nadine



Simple Words from Assistant Chapter Director – Patti Torres

As the year comes to a close everyone starts to think about how fast this past year has gone. I have found the older I get the faster they go so I've decided no more birthdays!

I recently watched a movie that asked "What is your Word?" It's not what you do for work it's more how you live your life. This may be too deep for some and that's okay. But for those of us still discovering things in life it's a very interesting question. Some have already found their word for example Bernard and Bernadette Gonzales

(a new couple who has joined our chapter just recently) have found their word and describe it in an article Bernard wrote below. I've decided my word is "Balance". I, like a lot of other people, play have a lot of different roles, for example I'm a VP of a company, Single Mom, Home Owner, House Keeper, Accountant, Pet Owner, Gardner, Mechanic (Car and Bike), Friend, and then try and add some personal hobbies in there. It's not easy and I admire those who have mastered it. I imagine the secret is "Balance" and that is why I've chosen that word. It has appeared to me that people who at least appear to be "happy" are happy because they have found a Balance of work and play in their lives. It sounds so simple but appears to be a rather challenging process for a lot of us. It has raised a lot of interesting observations for me too. Do you have a balance of people in your life, some happy, some not so happy, some optimist, some pessimists, some financially wealthy some not, some givers and some takers. Balancing this out can be a challenge for example, eating with a balance and then there is exercising with a balance. I'm struggling with both but it is paying off, physically and mentally.



Motorcycle riding is also a Balancing Act. Literally you have to balance the bike at all times. You have to balance your thoughts between what you see, hear and feel while you're riding. When group riding you have to balance your thoughts between how you would like to ride and how those around you are riding (different riding styles and sometimes you lead and sometimes you follow). Then there is balancing what you would like to say to others and what you shouldn't say to others. But that's an entirely different article.

Life gives us a balance of experiences. It definitely gives us challenges and disappointments but if we keep our eyes open we will see that life also gives us successes and joyous moments. It's all how you look at things.

I hope that as everyone reviews the past year they see a Balance of experiences that has made them grow in positive ways. Life is a wonderful thing, but you do gotta get out there and live it!

Ride Safe and Stay Balanced ☺

Stu's 2 Cents Worth from Assistant Chapter Director -Stu Teichner

My goodness! We get a lot of "stuff" to go through in our INBOX's! Wingding! GWRRA events! Other chapter's newsletters, holiday parties! Rides! Peripheral motorcycle "stuff!" When do we find the free time to spend & devote to that AND to our families, friends and homes? It's not easy! Have you heard that we're spending 82% more time on social networking sites like Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter than we did only a year ago? Personally, I use Facebook. I've revived many friendships from Chicago's south side, where I'm from. Managing time, finding a balance...this is the time of the year in which it is most difficult. There's a lot of forces pulling us in one direction or another. Just try to remember your GWRRA chapter and keep your eyes open for Goldwing rider's that might be interested in joining us. Personally, I'm surprised we don't have a larger participating membership considering where our chapter is located. I had a fun encounter while driving westbound on the 10 from Phoenix to home in my car last Saturday. I had Beth's vest hanging in the car back side out and came upon about 8 riders and a few co-riders in the Palm Desert area. I showed the vest to the tail gunner and after an acknowledgment, and a radio ahead, I got a friendly wave from each rider/co-rider! I still don't know which chapter it was. One co-rider pointed to a little stuffed animal but I couldn't tell and I wanted to stay clear of them. We've all got that terrible accident down near San Diego on our mind...right where it should be! It's a great group you belong to...enjoy GWRRA and your family and friends this holiday season.



Remember...

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Stu

Stu's Humor for the Month:

Joe was sitting at the bar staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig and menacingly says, "Thanks boy, whatcha going to do about it?" Joe burst into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY."

I can't stand to see a man crying. What's your problem?"

"This is the worst day of my life," Joe says. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the postman and then my dog bit me." "So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. I buy a drink; drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing! "But enough about me, how's your day going?"

San Diego Motorcycle crash kills 5

I'm sure that you remember hearing about the horrible crash that killed 5 people on November 14th of this year. If you haven't, here is a brief reminder of what happened.

A group of motorcyclists were traveling on Highway 98, a two lane highway east of San Diego, when a car traveling behind then pulled out to pass at a high rate of speed. The driver of an oncoming car swerved onto the right shoulder to avoid the passing car and lost control of his vehicle, which turned sharply left, right into the middle of the motorcycle group. 4 of the motorcyclists were killed along with the passenger in the car. 6 more people were injured, 3



seriously. The driver that was passing and caused the accident didn't stop and has not been found. When I read about this accident and looked at the photos from the crash scene, there were two things that immediately came to mind.

First was that we have been in many similar circumstances that this group encountered that day. I can remember times on Highway 18 on the way to Ridgecrest or parts east of there, where the road is down to two lanes and we get vehicles coming up behind us at a high rate of speed. Usually the Back Door will announce that we have an issue and we will move everyone to the right and let them pass, better to have them out in front where we can keep an eye on them. Thankfully, we have our CB radios for this task.



The other thing that struck me was this picture of the aftermath. I noticed the three skid marks, heavy, black, rear tire only skid marks. There is no telling if any action by the riders could have avoided or lessened the impacts of the collision, but it is clear that these bikes were heavy on the back brake and had no ABS to help them control tire skids. One of the things that you practice most during an Experienced Rider Course (ERC) is heavy braking, using

both the front and rear brakes, during a panic stop. I had always felt a little funny before, when practicing that maneuver during a course. I mean, all of us know how to use the brakes, right? Next time, I am going to give that section of my course some extra attention. I think I owe it to myself, and the 5 people who died.

Bits and Pieces from – Ken Freeland

Complacency

I think we all at some time or other get complacent. Chinas innovations before the 15th century included the tooth brush, collapsible umbrellas, matches, playing cards, paper and the mechanical clock. And then complacency; the imperial state lost interest and stagnation set in. The consequence is history. It is human behavior that we do all we can do to protect what we have but won't do much to get more. A parallel could be; the bar is high enough; the bar is okay where it is...why do we need to raise the bar? Ask the Chinese!

This apply's to a lot of GWRRA officers and members. They are happy with what they have and will settle for that. I don't mean to sound down and a lot of people will not like me saying this, but GWRRA is not growing in membership at this time. It is a growing older membership organization at this time. Do we as officers and members look outside of just Gold Wing and Valkyrie riders to join GWRRA? Or, do we think as some Harley organizations do that if you don't ride our kind of bike we don't want you.

In today's tough times, to grow we need to welcome all riders and hope that eventually they will become a gold Wing or Valkyrie owner either through buying a new Gold Wing or a used Valkyrie or Gold Wing. How do we do this. Through Public Relations. We need to let the public know about GWRRA. What we stand for and what a great family of riders we have. We do this through PR. Every District and Chapter should have a PR coordinator. Letting everyone know about our District Conventions, Chapter gatherings and Poker Runs. Other then CA1N's Toys for Tots ride, how many other chapter Poker Runs do you see a gathering of other makes of bikes? Let the local papers know of your events. Use the free advertising in all the motorcycle magazines. Don't just rely on the district and Chapter web sites to get out information. Have any of you ever gone to other motorcycle organizations other than GWRRA to invite them to one of your events? Why not? Change can be good. Even Sonny Barger the founder of the "Hells Angels" which at one time was a Harley owners exclusive to be a member is riding a different brand of bike now.

As a New Years resolution, let's make GWRRA "ALL INCLUSIVE" not "ALL EXCLUSIVE".

**Ken Freeland
Region F - Public Relations Coordinator**

More Words from our Chapter Members – Bernard and Bernadette Gonzales



Bernard & Bernadette's Corner

"Don't trouble trouble, unless trouble troubles you."

Tis the season to be jolly and nice. Well it's that time of the year again, Christmas is just round the bend and you know what that means, 'partee'. Santa will all over town pickin' who's naughty or nice. It's also the time of remembering, remembering of what we did and what we didn't do for the year 2010. Well, for starters, Bernadette and I came to GWRRA on the third quarter of this year. "It is known that the camaraderie of riders from all walks of life is unsurpassed from ages past and ages more. Today you all had shown us what it was like to be part of that brotherhood, especially to my wife. Quite frankly there aren't enough words to express our appreciation but allow me to say, "Thank you."



Those were my exact words I wrote and send after our very first ride and meeting you folks the very first time. Since then come rain or shine, I only missed one ride when "Old Reliable" broke down on me. I remember when my wife Bernadette wasn't used to riding yet and we took some pretty challenging twisties, I was brawling with the handle bar and could use a month or two of dumbbell lifting to keep up with it, but sooner than I predicted, she turned out to be a fast learner and boy was I never been happy enjoying the ride since then. I quickly felt the significant difference in handling a horse and horse powered machine but with all honesty, the wife did listen to all the advices she got from all you guys. Out of 12 rallies the district has, the wife and I bagged 5 of them since we joined GWRRA back in August of this year, and took home quite a handful of prizes too. I my-

self had earned the level III position in the Rider Education Program due to earning a CPR certification and Bernadette is still debating on getting a rider course this year and all this happened within four months of our membership with GWRRA and with our commitment to the group. But the most valuable part of it was the experience of the ride and being with the right people for the ride. I have to admit that Nadine is such a wonderful and a very encouraging leader I have ever encountered in most, if not all, the organization I came about in my entire life. A very patient and low level headed person and with such a charisma that only few could resist. A very soft spoken person in which some I could barely hear but the message she spoke of echoed loudly in my ears.

It may come as a surprise to some how we handle our schedule with such intricate task and with many children, (last year we were both working too) but the wife and I found a way to work with everybody, with the babysitter, with school, with our kids, and now with the group. Sunday is kid's day and not for any reason that the kid's day will be taken away from them, except rescheduling. Over the weekend we usually take the kids to a place they all agreed on, although a lot of times we have to dictate because they couldn't agree then after we treat them for dinner at the place of course they all agreed. The little ones are quite handful but the Rozz and Miles are a big help to both of us.

Although this may sound like too premature to be thinking of, but spending time for ourselves was something that Bernadette and I

had thought about but it was put on one of our many lists called the "dream list". Joining CA1-K made that dream come into reality. The wife and I went through a lot through our soon to be eleven years of being married (Dec. 4) and believe it or not they are some things that an elder person can do that either one of us can't do on a not so special circumstances and there are a lot more things we could do that we know we are good of. During the "Toys for Tots" in San Diego, I was proud of what the boys had done for the event. They helped out as much as they could which I couldn't (limited bending). And FYI the boys are also going to most of the ride education and the same ride learning the wife and I are going through. They are constantly being brief before and after the ride of what they need to do and what not and how to do things when around motorcycles.

I just wanted to share with you guys that every year the wife and I with our kids, along with our babysitter and her family sponsors a small homeless shelter in Glendale called Project Achieve. During the holiday, we come and cook for the homeless people and their families one day out of a year and hand out toys whenever we could afford, none of you yet knew that my family was once put on the very same situation a few years back due for some unforeseen circumstances happened in our lives. No one feels and understands what these people are going through but the people that were once wearing the same shoes they're wearing. The wife and I for some reason were struck with disabling misfortune. Bernadette was discharged from the Navy for medical reason and I was caught in an accident that rendered me spineless for almost a year.

Bernadette and I vowed and promised our kids that we will work hard so the family won't be in that situation again. We both went back to school and within two years I earned my degree in Computer Applications and graduated Magna Cum Laude and received the "President's Distinguished Honor Award" the highest honorable

award Los Angeles Valley College delivers. I received quite a few numbers of scholarships and a proud member of International Honor Society and the National Honor Society, six units shy on getting a second AA degree in Liberal Arts and now working on my Bachelor's at DeVry and push with my Masters while Bernadette is finishing up her nursing prerequisite in LAVC. Our biography was once written in the pages of school's publications, school clubs and programs. I was once featured in the semestral catalog and the only solo person ever featured the catalog in the history of LAVC. I became guest of honor and had delivered quite a few speeches with different clubs and organization in college. Due to our disabilities and our children our family qualifies for some remuneration through federal, state, and county benefits. For these reasons we share whatever extra from the less we are receiving to the lesser fortunate families. It is not a secret what our family had experienced from the past and there is no ignominy in acknowledging and sharing to people what our family experienced especially for the purpose of helping.

Enough said, I wanted to extend the invitation to the group to look upon this December to join us in humble service to our fellow who wouldn't have anything for the holiday. It was a thought of mine to make our last ride for the year will be "the most" memorable ride ever for the whole year. Back to what I mentioned earlier about what we did and what we haven't, I believe this one qualifies to "the haven't done yet" part, wouldn't you guys think so?

From one family to another, our warmest and sincere greetings to everyone, "Happy Holidays". Remember "What you do makes history, what you didn't do is a mystery." A wise guy once told me, "Yesterday was a gift, today is a present, and tomorrow is a surprise." Make everyday worth it.

District Director Review

Seasons Greetings, Happy Holiday's, and Merry Christmas from your California District Directors. Well, it's been a full year since we stepped up, and we are wondering where the time went. We have definitely been covering a lot of territory and had a blast doing it.

So what's next on the horizon? Well, for starters the District Officers Conference is coming up in January. That is where all your dedicated Officers gather to share GWRRA news and new business. Please share any questions and concerns with your CD & CE for them with them to the conference.

There is some new news out of GWRRA headquarters; all Treasurers are being promoted to Officer status. There are many reasons for the change, but mostly due to the fact that since they handle our funds we need to protect them and the chapter with same training and coverage all Officers receive. In addition to the treasurers becoming Officers, several chapters will see new leadership in the coming months.

To support all the new changes we will be offering an Officer Certification Program (OCP) training session at the Officers Conference that is mandatory for all Officers, but if anyone else is interested in finding out what makes GWRRA tick, or is considering possibly stepping up sometime in the future, this would be a great way to find out what might lay ahead of you. If you are interested, please coordinate your attendance through your CD as we need an accurate head count so we are sure to have plenty of room.

For those of you interested in where next year's District Rally/Convention will be, trust me when I say we are aggressively working to ensure we receive the best deal possible for our members. I have personally toured 7 different potential sites to ensure we receive the most competitive rates possible. We are close to wrapping things up and I am hopeful to be able to make an announcement very soon, so stand by for more.

Until our travel's cross again, may your Xmas stockings overflow with Safety Chrome.

Bill & Rene Johnson
GWRRA – California District Director's
"Hang on – we're going for a ride"

December 2010 and January 2011 CA1K Ride Calendar

Dec 2 - Thu	First Day of Chanukah
Dec 4 - Sat	CA-1S Holiday Party - e-Mail Nadine to RSVP
Dec 5 - Sun	
Dec 9 - Thu	Last Day of Chanukah
Dec 11 - Sat	CA-1K Holiday Party at Maria's Italian Restaurant in Woodland Hills
Dec 12 - Sun	Nothing planned, want to ride? - Call or e-mail Nadine!
Dec 13 - Mon	CA-1K Planning Meeting at Canoga Park Bowl Coffee Shop - 6 PM
Dec 17 - Fri	International Motorcycle Show at the Long Beach CC
Dec 18 - Sat	International Motorcycle Show at the Long Beach CC
Dec 19 - Sun	CA-1K Chapter Breakfast & Ride - 8:00 am @ HomeTown Buffet 6705 Fallbrook Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91307 (818) 713-1776 Leaving for International Motorcycle Show at the Long Beach CC
Dec 25 - Sat	CA-1K Breakfast & Ride moved to Saturday, December 18
Dec 25 - Sat	Merry Christmas!
Dec 26 - Sun	"The Last Ride Of The Year"
Dec 31 - Fri	New Years Eve

Jan 1 - Sat	New Years Day
Jan 2 - Sun	Nothing planned, want to ride? - Call or e-mail Nadine!
Jan 8 - Sat	
Jan 9 - Sun	
Jan 15 - Sat	2011 California District Officer's Meeting at the Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel
Jan 16 - Sun	2011 California District Officer's Meeting at the Bakersfield Doubletree Hotel
Jan 17 - Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day
Jan 22 - Sat	Want to meet us at The Rock Store for breakfast? Contact Nadine
Jan 23 - Sun	Nothing planned, want to ride? - Call or e-mail Nadine!
Jan 29 - Sat	CA-1K Chapter Breakfast & Ride - 8:00 am @ HomeTown Buffet 6705 Fallbrook Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91307 (818) 713-1776
Jan 30 - Sun	

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Monthly Gathering:

HomeTown Buffet – 6705 North Fallbrook Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91307 (818) 713-1776
Last Saturday of the month at 8 AM – Breakfast Gathering and Ride –

Alternate ride meeting places:

#1 - Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf – Ventura & Topanga – 21851 Ventura Blvd. Woodland Hills, CA 91364 (818) 716-7981

#2 - Coco's Restaurant – Sepulveda & 118 Freeway – 10841 Sepulveda Blvd. Mission Hills, CA 91345 (818) 365-3309

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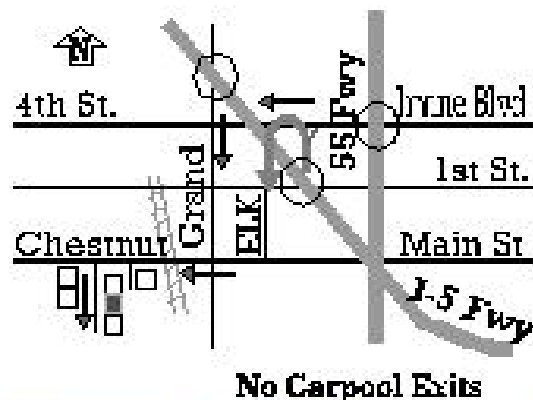
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