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## GWRRR's California District Bulletin

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## Greetings from your District Directors Nancy & Bob Clark

### Hello to all the Chapter Teams

March is already here... where does the time go? Hopefully your chapter team is preparing a schedule of events and rides for the next few months. It will be important to keep all involved in the loop as you plan events. Consider other chapter rallies when planning your activities. We want to support our fellow chapters, as we



hope they support ours. Visiting chapter gatherings is always fun, as well as their rallies. Directors, be sure to ask your members what training they would like.

There is an attempt to get several Road Captain/Team Riding classes scheduled thru out the state.

Start getting a count of how many are planning on attending the Hoot in the Ute over Memorial weekend, and what activities, if any, they would like to help with. I will be needing to get that information to those planning the event.

Be sure to have the treasurer download the financial spreadsheet for 2018 and use it monthly for income and expenses. It will make the end of year financials much easier.

Thank you to those chapters that have reported ride schedules to the District Ride Coordinator and have them posted on the district website. Looks like a lot of you are having fun and providing rides for those who wish to ride.

A schedule for the monthly phone calls was sent out. These times are a guideline as you can call me at any time, and I may wish to call you at a time different than scheduled. Let me know if you need a different time than the one listed. We look forward to talking to you and seeing you out and about.

Ride Safe!

*Nancy & Bob Clark*  
*California District Directors*

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## Assistant District Directors – Ralph & Robynn French

### Developing your Chapter Staff

When I was a chapter director, I remember how hard it was to get volunteers to fill out the chapter team. I just want the chapter officers and chapter teams to know that you are appreciated.



Here are some thoughts to help you fill out your team.

- Show excitement at your gatherings and events. Excitement is contagious. I have attended several chapter events over the last year and excitement is everywhere in California. Keep up the good work.
- Don't ask if they would like to volunteer. Instead tell them that you would really appreciate their help for chapter success. Explain how their skills will help achieve that success without consuming their life. Those that have been there remember a lot work. The new requirements have reduced requirements making each position easier at the chapter level.
- Look to new members but not too quickly. Welcome them in and excite them to volunteer. Give them at least four months before putting them in a staff position. And remember to not just place them in a position that needs to be filled but rather a position that matches their talent.
- Volunteers don't receive pay. The reward is "A Thank You". Make sure to recognize your staff and the volunteers that helped plan the event. And always thank the people that performed the work. People that help - may be your next volunteer for a staff position.
- Find assistants for all positions. Assistants involve more people in the fun, reducing the workload for each staff member. Assistants also provide people to fill the position when someone steps aside or substitute in someone's absence.

I hope these thoughts help you in filling all positions that are available to our members. Remember, look for a talent or someone who is enthused and ask them to join in the success of the chapter. Also, the District Team is here to help you.

*Ralph & Robynn French*

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## District Ride Coordinator - Don Kuellmer

### Greetings to California!

February has come and gone quickly. Sure seemed like it was fast, probably being the shortest month of the year helped that along, too. But, I have been out and about, trying to get things set up for you.

Thank you to those chapters that have sent in rides for the District Ride Calendar. We have simplified it to a few key elements. The first is the date. The second is what is the ride event – Chapter CA-\_\_ After Chapter Ride to (fill in the blank), or Chapter CA-\_\_ RTE to Jack's Diner in Timbuctoo. The third is a general route. Include start location and time of the KSU (Kick Stands Up) or BOB (Butts On Bikes) for your ride. Give a few highlights as the exact route can change due to the group that shows up for the ride, road conditions, traffic conditions, etc. The fourth is a Point of Contact (POC) for the ride, and a phone number or email address to reach the POC. With that information, your rides will be added to the District Ride Calendar. Please submit only those that you want as open participation rides. If you have a Chapter Dinner event to a small or private location, then there is no need to submit that for the District Ride Calendar.

The other thing to do is to reach out to the ride calendar to see if there are any rides you want to go on. There are a few overnights posted there that you may like to ride the whole ride with the hosting chapter or meet them along the way at a pit stop (planned or arranged) and join them for the section that suits you. One example is the ride slated for the first weekend of August up through NW California and on to Gold Beach OR to ride the Rogue River Jet Boats. There are many planned stops along the route to pick up riders. If you are planning on attending, Becky Carroll needs to get some numbers soon as the rooms are filling up quickly along the route. And, if anyone is looking for a roomie, I will be flying solo on that ride and will gladly share a room with 2 beds with a fellow rider.

Some of the things that I have been doing in February is getting the planning together for the Education Ride Events. So far, I have May 12<sup>th</sup> slated for a So Cal ARC & TRC event. Where has been narrowed down to a few possible locations: San Bernardino, Adelanto and Lancaster as the large expanse of asphalt required for the ranges has been spotted. At this point, Adelanto is the leading contender, so watch out for an email with the details. Once the range location is set, I will then get a nearby venue for the classroom portion. Being Mother's Day Weekend, we definitely will be done in time for those in So Cal to travel back home for Sunday events. Nor Cal, I have April 28<sup>th</sup> slated for a TRC (and, if I can coordinate an instructor, an ARC). Again, the venue is up in the air, with the first option of Sierra College being not available. So, locations in Discovery Bay, Livermore, Stockton and Atwater are presently under consideration for the range.

Many of the Chapter Ride Coordinators need the current Road Captain course. I understand that many took it when you first received your Road Captain Badge of Honor, but a refresher never hurt anyone. Presently we have two slated courses, one for So Cal and one for Nor Cal. The Nor Cal is June 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosted by CA-2S. So Cal will be at either CA-1K or CA-1Q or both rallies. So, come on out and support your fellow chapters and gain some valuable skills to boot! I will be sending out the details via email once the final plans are completed.

Keep riding safely,

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District Membership Enhancement Coordinators - Alma & Steve Sprenkle  
&  
Assistant District M.E.C. - Steve Johnson

Here are some things to consider when you have your chapter gathering, chapter rally, are visiting another chapter, or going for a chapter ride.

You are never too old to have Fun.  
You get old when you stop having Fun.



Attitudes are Contagious!  
(Please try to keep yours Positive)

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## Rider Education Info

There has been much concern expressed, over the last couple of months, about District or Chapter choices to fill the Ride Coordinator position not meeting all of the selection criteria. There is also some expressed belief that these positions cannot be filled unless the candidate meets all of the position criteria at the time of appointment.

This is a new Officer position for the Rider Education Program. As such, we are more than willing to allow a little flexibility with the appointments of suitable candidates. The MOU allows for a brief period of probation, normally six months, to allow appointees the opportunity to fully comply with the requirements of the office being occupied. In the case of the Ride Coordinators, this probationary period may be used to obtain a certification as a Road Captain or attain the required level in the Rider Education Level's Program.

Districts are beginning to plan, or have already scheduled, training events that may include a Road Captain Course as part of the curriculum. Districts with a year-long riding season have a better chance of successfully providing the proper Road Captain Course training than those Districts with shorter riding seasons.

The proper presentation of a Road Captain Course occurs within a twenty-four-hour period. This means that the classroom and road portions of the course should be accomplished within the same day. It is acceptable to present the classroom portion one evening and the road portion the next morning. What is not acceptable is presenting the classroom portion at a scheduled training event and not having the road portion scheduled until sometime in the future. When circumstances preclude having the classroom and road portions of the Road Captain Course run concurrently, it is suggested that the course be re-scheduled.

Designation as a Road Captain or Co-Road Captain will only be given to those Members whom have successfully completed a properly presented Road Captain Course. District Educators and University Coordinators must ensure that all GWRRA specific training is provided in an approved manner following approved procedures.

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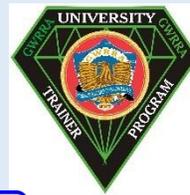
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### GWRRA's National Programs:



## 2018 GWRRA Events

- March 17<sup>th</sup> – CA-1F “Saint Patrick’s Day Ride” @ El Cajon, CA
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – CA-1R “Rally in the Valley” @ Laughlin, Nevada
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – CA-1M “Picnic Ride” @ Hunter Hobby Park in Riverside, CA
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – CA-1A “A Day at the Country Fair” @ Lancaster, CA
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – CA-1K “Ken Freeland Memorial Ride” @ Simi Valley, CA
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – “40 to Phoenix” @ GWRRA’s “Home Office” in Phoenix, Arizona
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – CA-1Q “Rendezvous” @ Huntington Beach, CA
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – CA-1L “Picnic by the Castle” @ San Luis Obispo, CA
- May 25<sup>th</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> – “A Hoot in the Ute” @ Midway, Utah
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – CA-2N “Gold Country Fair” @ Sonora, CA
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – CA-1S “Channel Islands Harbor Run @ Ventura, CA
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – CA-C “Bear Country Fair” @ Elk Grove, CA
- August 28<sup>th</sup> thru September 1<sup>st</sup> – “Wing Ding #40” @ Knoxville, Tennessee
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – CA-2R “Rally at the River” @ Redding, CA
- October 26<sup>th</sup> thru 28<sup>th</sup> – Arizona District Rally @ Lake Havasu City, Arizona
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – CA-1C “Spaghetti Feed” @ La Quinta, CA