



Big Bike Weekend in Redding



# MOUNTAIN VALLEY RIDERS

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## CHAPTER MEETING: \*

4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH  
BLACK BEAR DINER – MEDFORD

- 8:00 No Host Breakfast\*
- 9:00 Meeting
- 10:00 Ride

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday: Meet'n'Munch

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Business Meeting  
(when needed)

Last Friday: Movie Night

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**\* Visitors are always welcome no matter whether or what you ride!**

### Editor's Note:

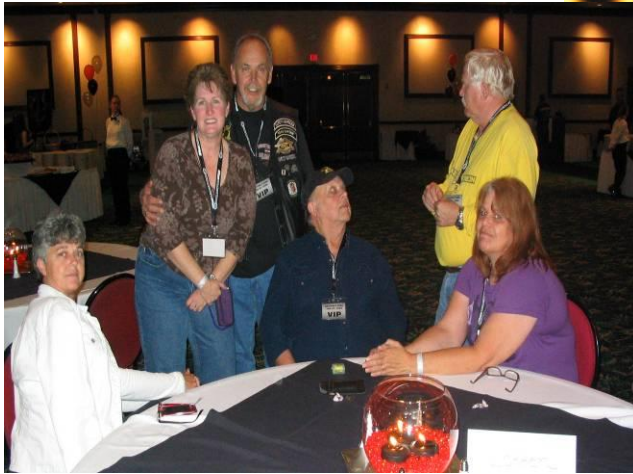
If you are receiving this Newsletter in printed form and an electronic copy would be acceptable, please email me with your email address and let me know. Also, note that the photos are *much* nicer seen on a monitor than they are in print!

Members, this newsletter is done for *your* enjoyment. Everyone likes seeing their name in print. Send me a note on *your* doings this month! Dave Norton, Editor, [ddnorton1@msn.com](mailto:ddnorton1@msn.com).

## Brittney Ride, October 7-9

By Charlie Buckner

The Brittney Ride for St. Jude's Hospital was held on October 7-9<sup>th</sup> at Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino in Canyonville Oregon. **Tim, Diana, Hal, Tina, Nick, Karen and myself** were there on Friday for the opening. I would say there were about 300+ people there, some rode up like we did, and some came in cages and RV's. The turn out was extraordinary. Those who pre-registered got a VIP badge and first choice at several things.



Friday night a band played and for those that wanted to dance and enjoy the night could do so. I for one have two left feet and I think they are on backward; they don't seem to want go where they are suppose to. But most of the people were enjoying the activities.

Saturday morning came and the poker run registration. Since **Tim and Diana** drove we appointed them the leaders, as it was easier for **Diana** to read the instructions and route. A little extra time to get going was caused by the fact the starter on my bike was trying to go out. Finally it started and we were off and running for an interesting ride.

We all arrived back at Seven Feathers and made a beeline to the table with the poker cards. I couldn't even get the worst hand, but it was fun and we all had a good time on a fun ride. It was a little foggy



when we started out but it didn't take long for the sun to come out and get us warmed up. We all wandered around and looked at the auction items and the bikes that were on display. Thunder Struck had some of his bikes setup for viewing, they were very interesting and the paint jobs were outstanding. Everywhere you looked there were bikes, Honda's, Suzuki's, BMW's as well as Harley's, the bike show had a very good turnout and beautiful bikes.



There was still some time for losing money before dinner was served, I say losing money because I never win any. Saturday dinner was excellent, BBQ chicken, potatoes, mixed veggies and of course very beautiful and tasty desserts of all kinds, I thought I would gain 5 pounds just looking at them. After dinner and the band started to play a gun fight broke out when the organizers made water pistols available to the attendees. You know what happens when you give a group of bikers water pistols. Anyone and everyone was fair game. Since there was no faucet in the room it would be a good idea not to drink from the water pitchers on the tables!



The week-end was enjoyed by all those that came to enjoy the ride and fellowship of other bikers and to support a very good cause for children. If you have the time next year and can attend you are guaranteed to have a good time and lots of fun!

## Big Bike Weekend, Redlands, October 8

By Dave Norton

This was my second year at the Big Bike Weekend in Redlands. The event draws hundreds of bikers from the area, with events during most of the week including tours, poker runs, trick riding and police slalom competition. Saturday saw the Ride-In Bike Show at Logan's pub across from event headquarters at the Holiday Inn. There were perhaps 60 entrants and over a hundred spectators jay-walking across from the Inn. The poor lady in charge of organizing the entries and scoring was new at the job and a bit over her head. One trophy was awarded to a bike that was not even entered.



My class (Novelty) comprised the Shrike, a nice Harley trike (not as nice as yours, Tina!) and a Stallion. Any could have won (different strokes for different folks) and when the winner was announced it was a name nobody knew, not one of the three. Half an hour later they still stuck to the announced winner so everybody went home frustrated.



No sign this year of the three sweet young photographer's models who liked the Shrike so much they talked the photog into a shoot with the Shrike. It made my day! But that was last year...

This is a good opportunity to mention an aspect of GWTA membership that may not be apparent. We don't all like to do the same things, participate in the same events. Some are drawn to long tours and overnight stays while others would rather stay close to home and go on short rides. Many members enjoy our social events more than the riding. Fortunately, we live in an area where there are often multiple events to choose from on any given weekend. This weekend was an example. My wife Ellie and I don't do a lot of socializing, and I'll always choose a car or bike show over an overnighter. Chapter M's

event calendar tries to show all events we are aware of that might be of interest to our members. So come on along when the event interests you, and don't worry if it doesn't.

## Meet'n'Munch at No Ho's, October 12

By Charlie Buckner

The October Meet N Munch was at No Ho's Hawaiian restaurant in Medford. There were 11 attendees and the food was very good and plentiful. There were several topics discussed, with general agreement that no one wanted to see the riding season come to an end. We discussed the Brittney Ride and fact that everyone had a very good time. Of course the MVR group had to run competition with the unhappy toddler at the table in the corner, but after awhile she got interested in all the fun we were having and settled down. The waitress at No Ho's was very prompt with service and she had as much fun as we did. We got as much teasing as we gave. All in all it was a fine evening and everyone left full and glad they came. Next month it will be Italian in Rogue River. Until then enjoy riding while you can and above all else ride safe.

## Mountain Valley Riders General Meeting Minutes, October 22, 2011

By Kathy Woods, Secretary



**Charlie Buckner** with a welcome and flag salute opened the meeting. There were twelve members present and no guests.

### Old Business:

The Brittney Mallory ride was a great success and a lot of fun. Lots of good food, friends and rides. There was a total of \$41,000.00 raised for St. Jude's cancer research for children. There was a lot of fun with a water pistol fight that just seemed to come from out of nowhere. Charlie will write a blurb on this event and the Meet'n'Munch dinner that was at NoHo's. Dinner was very good.

No one attended the Merrill Potato Festival.

### New Business:

This month's movie night is the 28<sup>th</sup> October at **Donna's** house. Meet'n'Munch will be November 9<sup>th</sup> at Paisano's in Rogue River. This sounds like a yummy Italian night.

We received a thank you letter from the dialysis center for our donation.

Safety tip for newer Harley riders: carry a spare battery for your key fob to your bike. Learn how to start your bike without the fob. There is a code in your book that tells you how.

November 19<sup>th</sup> is the CMA Toy Run; this is a fun ride to attend.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Rogue Valley Toy Run.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> is also our Christmas Party at Rogue Regency Inn. If you have not already done so please pay **Diana** at our next meeting. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

The floor was then opened for nominations for a new director for 2012. There were no nominations made. If there is not a new director voted in then the chapter will fold and all monies in the account will go to

GWTA. The idea was put out that maybe some of the members from Chapter A might transfer to our chapter. If you want to nominate someone then please contact **Charlie**.  
The winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Dave Norton**. He said it was just enough to get him into the Renaissance Fair going on in Rogue River.

Meeting adjourned. Minutes respectfully submitted by **Kathy Woods**, Secretary

Editor's note on the Meet'n'Munch at Paisano's: the price is mid-range, the ambiance is non-existent (you eat with plastic forks from the paper take-home cartons) BUT the real Italian home cookin' and friendly owner/chef make up for it. I hope to see ya there! Nort.

## Applegate Lake Ride, October 22

By Bea Downs

The mighty 4 went for a ride Saturday to Applegate Lake. **Mike Downs, Gail Schroeder, Bob Anderson, and Gene Hyrup**. They rode up from Medford to the lake, had a good gab fest and look around the lake. **Mike** said when he got home that the lake was "way down", apparently anticipating a large winter run off. He took some pictures with his camera of the lake and riding companions. The newspaper said that it is anticipated that we are going to have a wetter and colder winter this year. That will be good for next summer. The weather was good and the guys had a good time. It is great fall weather for these kinds of rides. So go, go, go when you can. The snow flakes will be upon us soon enough. Watch out of fall leaves and shadow corners everyone. Take care, keep the sunny side up and have a good time. Bye till next time.

## Movie Night, October 28

By Dave Norton

Well, Movie Night this month was a bust. I, the Shrike, and a fresh punkin pie showed up to find that several others had called in sick. **Tim and Diana** were hackin' and wheezin' as well, so I opted to let them turn in early rather than watch me watch a movie I've several times. Until next month, then!

## Dennis and Sue's trip to a class reunion

By Dennis Lindquist

The trip to Washington Court House, Ohio was planned for the great fall ride. Sue had been back a few times but she wanted to show me her first years. We decided to take just one of the GoldWings and ride double on the 2 wheeler and pull the trailer to help bring the extra things needed to go to party gatherings and the cold weather we would run into this time of the year.



We left on September 22 with 6 days to get there if needed. We took our time and made it in 5 days. The weather was good enough to ride each day. We took the north route on the way out, running through Lakeview OR and Winnemucca NV. We were staying with warm weather the first 3 days and mostly the wind to our backs. Sue and I were running Interstate 80 most of the time aiming at 500 or more miles a day.

At Lincoln NE we got off the freeway and started heading straight East on the back roads. It was nice to see the great crops that were coming out of the fields and the trees just starting to color up some. We did really enjoy the slowing down some. On the freeway to stay with the traffic you would have to run above 75 MPH.

The ride across MO was great. We were going to stay in Hannibal and the day was getting late. Lots of tree lines along the highway and farmers in the fields made it scary for deer, but we saw

none. A light rain started the last few miles into Hannibal, the hometown of Mark Twain. It was the first rain in over a month and the highway was very slick. A couple of slow speed spins and slips had us driving very carefully to the motel room. Tuesday dawned cool and wet so we started our day later and enjoyed the fact we had heated gear and rain gear on top of that. We would not find warm weather again until we started south after the class reunion.

We got into Washington Court House Ohio on Wednesday, so we had a couple of days to explore Sue's childhood area there in the middle south of Ohio growing up on a farm. We stopped and saw lots of people from her past and went out to family cemeteries. I got to spend a bunch of time talking with the people that own and run the farm now.

Sunday after the reunion things were done we headed south to spend time in the Fort Knox area with Sue's daughter who is working for the government there. It is amazing how many trees and streams there are in the Southern Ohio and Kentucky area. There is lots of traffic and many trucks in that area of the U.S.

Wednesday we headed to Nashville TN and got down there and watched a show that had lots of old performers that had stories of the old days of

country music. The next morning we did a bus tour of Nashville. Those old towns sure have lots of history and you would not believe the damage that happened to that town because of the water that went through last year. There are billions of dollars being spent there fixing it back up.

We are now heading west back toward home on interstate 40 mostly. At Memphis TN we started on the back highway across Arkansas. I was surprised how flat it was and all the farming there. We were now on our way to Tulsa OK to spend a couple of days with Sue's nephew. It seems to be a nice town. If only it was not so windy and hot in the summer. Oklahoma I was told has more river miles than any other state in the U.S. I always thought of it as so dry.

After we left Oklahoma we were back on interstate 40 and the weather was getting very nice again. Flagstaff AZ was its normal very cool, but we were able to come home through Las Vegas and Reno.

We took 21 days in all and put on 6000 miles so it was a nice trip and we took time to enjoy some things along the way. It should be something we will remember special about motorcycling in 2011.

[Editor's comment: Wow! How many of us would pack up and head East on a bike, even a GoldWing, for a 6000 mile trip at this time of year? Well done, I say! The memories will be priceless! Unfortunately, neither Dennis nor Sue took a camera along!]

## **Director's Corner**

By Charlie Buckner

The weather is turning to a cooler time of the year. The mornings are beginning to have some frost on the surfaces and the we need warmer clothes for riding. This is the time of year we start thinking of some things we can do that may not require us to ride great distances, or maybe take the car and stay warm and dry. The Chapter has had several outings in the past months where it was more prudent to travel by other means rather than ride. We have been quite flexible and had good turnouts for the events and still had fun with other members. I have enjoyed the events where we got together with Chapter A members, whether it be for a ride or just to have dinner somewhere. As the year draws to an end and a new Director is selected, I hope that both Chapters will still have events together and the support continues. Above all else when you ride, be it with a small group or large, remember to ride for the enjoyment and RIDE SAFELY.

## **Safety Corner**

By Dave Norton

Cold weather and rain are just around the corner It's time to prepare for it. For most of us that means giving it a good cleaning, draining the gas (or adding a touch of Sta-Bil), setting the battery up on a long-term trickle charger, doing any needed maintenance you've been putting off, and parking it under a tarp.

For others, the die-hard all-season riders, make sure your tires are well-treaded and properly inflated (consensus seems to be running at or near max. stated pressure), the electric system is up to snuff (cold starts put more stress on the cranking and ignition systems), and perform any needed maintenance. Cold-weather attire is a must, of course, and nothing stops road-rash like leather! Heated grips, gloves, jackets, pants, socks and seats are de-rigueur.

While winter riding, fogged windshields face shields and glasses can be a real problem. To my knowledge there are no Rain-X or similar products appropriate for use on plastics. I keep a small chamois in my jacket pocket for rain on the faceshield. Now's a good time to replace scratched shields as well. FYI I'll pass on a trick most of us learned skin-diving: spit on your glasses and rub it around in *really* freezing rain or snow when nothing else helps. That got me safely home once two winters ago.

Watch out for that first good rain, as it brings up a summer-full of oil creating a surface sheen just waiting to dump the inattentive or overly aggressive rider. This is particularly true in left-turn lanes at a signal, where you are accelerating and turning at the same time. Avoid the center of the lane for that reason.

Finally, whenever you find yourself out in conditions where you simply don't feel safe, pull over and wait. You have much more to lose than you do to gain.

I hope to see all you hardy Harley Honda and other rain-or-shiner's out there between squalls. And remember, ya just can't beat a trike (for keeping the rubber side down) on a slick road!

### **Davie's List**

*This is the spot for your Rants and Raves concerning local businesses. Got a favorite spot, or one you'll never repeat? Here's your chance to share it with the rest of us!*

#### **Rants:**

None this month.

#### **Raves:**

**Logan's** pub in Redlands. If you find yourself in need of sustenance while passing through Redlands, try Logsn's, the sight of this year's Big Bike Weekend Ride-In Car Show. As can be expected, there were hundred of bikes in town, and the place was jam packed. The staff handled the masses very well, and the food was excellent. I had the BBQ PepperCheese burger, delivered hot and juicy. Two thumbs up.

**The Chateau** at Oregon Caves: Very good food, unparalleled ambiance for a quiet weekend getaway, and a real value in the off-season.

**No Ho's** Hawiian in Medford: see the Meet'n'Munch story above.

**Noah Jarvie, D.C.** in Rogue River: I'd never been to a **Chiropractor** before, but 10 days after tweaking my back I was still in some pain, so I gave him a shot. Three "adjustments" later I was fine, probably mostly because the strained muscles healed, but the Doc helped as well. The kicker came on the last visit when I told him I didn't need any more treatments. Rather than try to sell me on the need for regular adjustments, he really was glad I healed so quickly and said he'd be here next time I need him. I had always considered them to be a bit quacky, but was pleasantly surprised.

**Milo's Auto Repair** in Rogue River:

### **Member's News**

**Mike Downs** had a rough time of it last month, being very sick for several days. Recovering from that, he fell while working on their deck and now sports a beautiful shiner!

**Bea Downs** canned 300 lbs (!) of pears!

**Dave Norton** was aced out of a possible trophy at the Big Bike Weekend show due to a glitch in scoring.

Chapter M friend **Judy Coons** is recovering from knee surgery. We all look forward to seeing the **DayGlo Duo** on the road again soon. **Don** guessed that the answer to last month's puzzle was the stairway leading nowhere. Sorry Don, that's not it. See below.

**Dave Norton** was guest speaker at the Rogue River Kiwanis meeting, sharing the story of the Shrike. I was invited by my Chiropractor. I had mentioned that my wife and I also raise Angora goats. When I finished my talk and asked for questions, the Chiropractor raised his hand and said: "**Dave**, I, uh, invited you here to talk about your *goats*." There was a moment of dead silence then everyone laughed!

**Dave & Ellie** went for a fall colors ride (in the Tundra) on our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was just a pleasant drive through Elderberry Flat on the back roads coming out south of Seven Feathers on 5. Just for fun we had the GPS on. The computer voice (we call her Gizmo) called for a turn off the paved road onto a good dirt one, we figured "Why not?" We found out why not. Gizmo had us generally following the powerline access road, getting worse and worse, but not bad enough to make it obvious that we should go back until, of course, we couldn't.



The pinch point was a dry creek crossing, under a felled tree with four inches clearance on either side, through a gap between heavy bushes about two feet narrower than the truck is wide. We came out (eventually) with a beautiful set of matching "Baja racing stripes" along both sides of the truck. I'm so proud of myself (NOT). Some things a guy's just gotta do.

Mama was not pleased.

## **Jest for Fun**

By Dave Norton

### **Words of Wisdom:**

Argue for your limitations and sure enough, they're yours. (Ouch. I'm guilty of that...)

### **Quote of the Month:**

A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.

- Thomas Jefferson

### **Thought for the Day:**

If you lock your wife and your dog in the trunk of your car for three hours, which one will be happy to see you when you let them out?

### **Joke of the Month:**

A Tennessee State trooper pulled over a pickup on I-65. The trooper asked, "Got any ID?" The driver replied, "Bout what?"

**Last month's puzzle:**

The question was what was odd about the photo off Google Maps of the Bradley Realty building in Rogue River. Here are the older Google photo and my photo of what the place looks like now:



Older photo



Current photo

The difference of course is the presence of the old Nick's Market / Holsum Bread billboard painted on the side. The oddity is that while the pipes and large duct on the current building appear to have been added over the top of the old signage, the older photo shows the pipes and duct in place with no signage. Perhaps the old sign was recently painted on, and made to look very old. If so, they did a great job, as even up close it looks like it's always been there. Check it out! [My wife Ellie just says be thankful YOU aren't married to an engineer.]

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Mountain Valley Riders**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 RSVP to Diana or Dave for Paisano's	8 	9 Meet'n'Munch Paisano's in Rogue River 6 PM	10	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16	17 MVR Business Meeting ?? Buckner's, 1708 Lillian St, Medford	18	19 CMA Toy Run
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Movie Night 6060 Rock Way, CP, 7 PM 	26 MVR General Meeting 
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3 Christmas Party, Rogue Valley Toy Run
Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6	Dec 7 	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10

**LET'S RIDE!**