



K-Krow's Roost



## CA2K Wind Wings

Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at  
Jack & Linda's Country Café  
2390 N. Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

## September 2011

Visit our Web Site: [www.gwrraca2k.org](http://www.gwrraca2k.org)

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



Nick & Kim Odell  
Chapter Directors

## My fine feathered friends,

---

What a great time by all at the California District Rally. CA2K had a great showing. We tied CA1Z for 2nd place for the most attended chapter. CA2N took first place. However, CA2K took home many of the raffle prizes. Also, a big thanks to Becky, Steve, Terry and Mo for representing CA2K in the "Great Team Challenge." They

made all of us proud to be Krows. Terry and Nora tied the knot. Kim and I weren't able to be at the wedding but I heard it was wonderful. Congratulations Terry and Nora. I saw the BIGGEST bear ever. That beast was dumpster diving and I made sure he didn't see me. He must have been 2000 lbs, just kidding. However, he was big. Our annual rally was a huge success. I think all had a great time. Again, thanks goes to all who gave a helping hand. Without all of you, it wouldn't have been so successful. I heard plenty of good comments. The games were great and the food was wonderful. A special thanks to Jelly Belly, Pakit Rak, Cycle Gear, Jack & Linda's, Vacaville Outback Steak House, Dutch Embroidery, Mach 1 Motorsports, California Sport Touring, Vintners Golf Club, Thornton and Sons Jewelry, Charlie Butz, Silvia and JT Mulholland, Bill and Sue Neander, Terry and Nora Stowe, Tim & Martha Moser for donating prizes. Also, a special thanks to all others who went out and hustled prizes for our rally. I hope I didn't leave anyone out and if I did, I apologize. A big thanks goes to Kim Odell, Donna Kougel, Nora Stowe, Moya Valdez, Sylvia Mulholland, Kay Kennedy and Kathie Sieg for creating those special baskets for the silent auction. Great job. As you all know, Kim and I will be giving up the reigns as Chapter Director come December. Steve and Karen Palatino will be assuming the duties of CA2K Chapter Directors. I'm sure they will be actively looking for their staff members. If you are approached, please give it some consideration. Steve and Karen will do a wonderful job leading the "Murder of Krows" so well known as CA2K.

## California District Southwest Region F, DD Review



Bill & Rene Johnson

Well, our bags are packed and we're ready to go. By the time this is distributed, we should be sitting by the pool at The Village Lodge enjoying the beautiful Sierra scenery. We are going up several days early so we can enjoy the area before the Convention begins. After that, we are usually busy about 20 hours a day, but we are loving every minute of it.

I received a funny e-mail today from one of the local's in Mammoth that owns a Condo close to The Village. They asked me if there would be a lot of loud music and motorcycle noise going on during the convention. After a short giggle, I proceeded to explain that any loud music in The Village would come from the local's, not our group. I told them if they heard our motorcycles making a lot of noise, it must mean that someone's engine is about to blow up, or they are playing the theme song to Easy Rider on their speakers.

As of about 3 weeks ago, like everyone planning any large event, I was deeply concerned that District Convention registrations weren't where they should be. Well, now that things have settled down after Wing Ding, the registrations have been flowing in at a great steady pace, so I am sleeping much better lately. Thank you all for joining your fellow California Wing Riders for the Stampede on the Mountain. We are doing everything we can to ensure you have a great time.

We have a very full schedule available for you, ARC, TRC, CPR, Crash Scene Response, Co-Riders, and PLP Facilitator to mention a few, but please be sure to take some time to enjoy all the Sierra's have to offer. If you need to take a class to stay current with your Rider Education Levels, please do, but I really hope you take some time to simply have some fun. That is the first and most important part of our Motto, so be sure to relax a bit and enjoy.

This year, our focus is to get back to basics - riding. You will notice we have several rides available for you to enjoy, including a scavenger hunt, so be sure to get out and ride.

Safe Riding is paramount, so we will also be focusing a lot of our event on Rider Education. Be sure to watch for some of the very cool ways we are honoring our most elite Master Tour Riders. We hope to encourage everyone within GWRRA to aspire to the Level IV, so if you are already one, reach out and mentor someone else to become one.

In closing, I would like to solicit everyone's help in finding a potential site for future District Conventions. It isn't as easy as it may seem. We need a ball room that will seat between 400 - 500, between 150 & 200 Hotel rooms under \$100 per night, temps under 100 degrees over Labor Day weekend, and Oh yea, it needs to be in a location that isn't too close to where our chapters are, or else they won't stay at the hotel. That is what helps pay for the classrooms & ball room.

Easy, huh - NOT! Trust me, we will continue to search, but can use all the help we can get. If you know of anything that might work, please give us a yell. In the mean time, we just want you to understand how tough it is to put a Convention on, but it is a labor of love.

Until next time, "Hang on - we're going for a ride".

Have you had your Life Line Screening done yet?

I know you have all been anxiously waiting to hear about my test results, so here they are: One of my carotid arteries was slightly occluded. (You may have guessed Kathy just told me that.) For the rest of you it means it's starting to get plugged up. The good news is the amount of blood flow seems to be normal. Sorry to disappoint you but that was about it. All the other tests came back normal, what ever that means. Well almost all, they did say I was obese. I really didn't need to pay anyone to tell me that. There is a reason for my girth. My darling wife has a eating disorder. The only way I can keep her from gaining weight is by eating almost all the food in the house.

At any rate I feel the tests are well worth the money. GWRRA is big on safety and learning to stay on your motorcycle. Having a stroke or heart attack while operating a motor cycle can have an adverse effect on you and or other bikers you may be riding with.

XOXO, Geo.

---

Welcome new comers, by Nora Stowe

Here are a few tidbits of information that were not explained when we joined the Chapter but have been learned through out our first year with the chapter. It has been a great year; there are so many wonderful people.

Please take all this in a positive way, so you feel the love.....

Chapter meetings - always good to wear the chapter colors.

Need help with having patches put on you vest - Maritha de Werk and Kay Volmer.

Want chapter cloth vest - Kay Kennedy.

Want chapter shirts - JT, he handles the chapter store.

Chapter Socials - These are usually held at chapter members home. Colors should be worn, but You will not be shunned, unless you wear a Harley shirt. =}

Chapter Outings - These are things like, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at Round table - Colors optional, But NO Harley clothes.....

The Unspoken rules..... (This is for any of the fibulas smokers)

Tissues are required if you are able to be hurt by those who do not smoke.

I am sure they mean well, but do not expect any apologies... =}

If any function is being held inside a building, please follow this advice. Smoke away from doors, ex smokers, and non-smokers. It is best to let them come to you.

Rally's held outside in the open.....

Any eating area, game area..... Those are off limits. Someone WILL tell you to leave the area, and you stink. (You may want to have a tissue =/ )

I will try to keep all the newbie's informed so they do not feel confused.



Steve & Karen Palatino  
Assistant Chapter Directors

## Hard Habit to Break

Ride like your invisible... Steve and Karen

---

## Where Were You on Labor Day Weekend?

By the time you read this the California District Convention should be over. I will say ahead of schedule “What a great time we had! We won all the games and all the trophies. Terry and Nora's wedding ceremony was wonderful. The weather was perfect and the resort was exceptionally accommodating.”

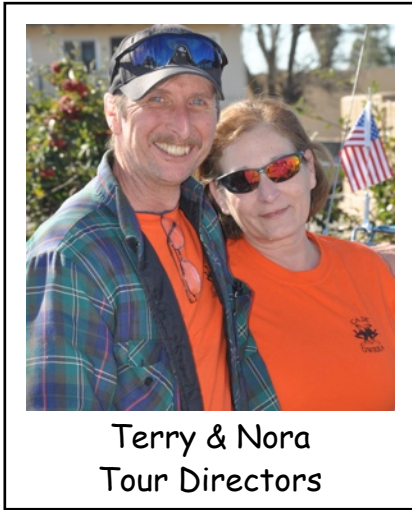
Actually, since Karen and I went to the convention last year we can say most of this will be true. Bill, Rene and their district staff have worked very hard all year to deliver a really enjoyable rally/convention. From the moment you arrive till you're headed home, it's plain to see this has been a weekend to remember. If you were not able to make it for 2011, start planning now for 2012. You won't regret it (although I can't guaranty another wedding!).

A special “Thank You” goes out to EVERYONE who helped with the CA2K rally this year. Whether you were there at the park or behind the scenes, again, Thank You! Mr. Bill Johnson reported back to us at our August chapter meeting that he has heard nothing but rave reviews from other chapter members who attended. Great job, everybody! (On a side note, if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for improving our next rally in 2012, please let either of us know.)

Last but not least, we wanted to extend an invitation to anyone who has an interest in being part of the CA2K staff for 2012. We're starting with a clean slate so we'll need your help to mess it up!

## After Chapter Rides

Dates and Destinations are subject to change.  
Check the Chapter website for updated information.



to the fellow krows,

the after chapter ride will be to Lake Sonoma in the northern section of Sonoma county which is to be led by George Sieg. Make sure you bring a lunch or snack. There is a small store at the marina.

Here is a little information on the man made lake. Nestled in the beautiful coastal foothills of Sonoma County, California, Lake Sonoma is surrounded by world famous vineyards and land that is rich in history. Created by the construction of Warm Springs Dam in 1983, the lake provides for flood control, irrigation and recreation. When full, the lake has a surface area of more than 2,700 acres

and 50 miles of shoreline, forming the perfect setting for a wealth of recreational activities. We invite you to hike, swim, ride, boat, camp, fish, or hunt at our beautiful lake.

Have fun and ride safe.

Terry and Nora Stowe



Wing Nut

This month's award was given to Mr. Bill for falling in the Suisun Slough. You would think that would be punishment enough in itself. Didn't you have a get out of jail free card? Oh, that's right Mr. Nick thought that was a bad idea. Bill's contact information is: 707 631-4102 [bill.johnson.gwrra@gmail.com](mailto:bill.johnson.gwrra@gmail.com)



Jeff Taylor  
Chapter Educator

### TOPIC: Why Should I Take a Rider Course?

This question is one that many of us find easy to answer. What we may not understand is why anyone would need to ask it. There are some riders in each of our chapters that choose not to participate in an instructed Rider Course. Let's examine this and try to understand why, and look at what a Rider Course can do for you.

Some may say, "I've been riding for years. I don't need to take a class." Others will boast about the miles they have accumulated on two wheels and ask "what can they teach me?" Have you ever tried to persuade someone with that attitude that a Rider Course might help them be an even better rider? Their position can be so negative and so strongly put that you don't

want to talk to them about the benefits of rider training. Sometimes, people hide their self doubt behind a curtain of confidence and bluster. Is it possible to have all the knowledge and skill necessary to avoid any accident? Well, if one chooses not to ride very far or very often, then perhaps it is possible. But I wouldn't want to bet **my** life on it!

Do you remember a single season in your riding career without at least one close call or near miss due to another motorist's driving behavior? How about a single month? If you ride around the state or across the country, you expose yourself to many different situations that require anticipation of all the possible actions of other drivers. You have to be prepared to counter with the proper response - whatever their action - and do it in a split second! A motorcycle Rider Course helps prepare you mentally and physically to execute the kinds of maneuvers called for by a driver's unexpected actions. We look upon these classes as an opportunity to learn and improve our riding skills in a safe environment.

The instructors are trained to spot the little techniques during range exercises that riders tend to forget to employ on the road. They provide reminders to all students in a positive manner. Their trained eyes and constructive comments are geared to put each of us on the path to being the safest riders we can be. This can help with your attitude and performance on the road. Being reminded of the best techniques to execute different skills does not hurt at all. It is painless. The practice and coaching helps to improve our skills, whether we never knew the technique to use, or just need the occasional reminder. Hey, who doesn't appreciate a reminder from time to time? Especially when it is about something you want to do correctly and safely, but may have just forgotten the best method.

In athletic training we are taught that practice makes perfect. And when you practice something you enjoy doing, it's just a lot of fun! Practicing motorcycle riding maneuvers in a closed parking lot with someone else (the instructors) monitoring the range to protect the riders from outside hazards helps you focus your attention on the task at hand - becoming a better rider!

On another level, taking a Rider Course will help you qualify for advancement in the Rider Education Levels Program, to Level II or above, or keep you current in your present level. And there is one more thing to remember about all GWRRA Rider Course offerings. Nobody fails! Everyone who completes the course receives a course completion card. There are no minimum performance requirements. You are asked to push yourself to improve your abilities. You won't get better at it if you don't try. Sign up for a Rider Course today. You will thank yourself later!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!



**To Place an Order Use our Website**

**<http://www.casporttouring.com/>**

**Or Call (888) 799-5445  
For Customer Service, Product  
Information, Etc. Call (510) 741-3700  
10 AM - 6 PM CA Time Tuesday-Sunday**

**Retail Store Hours 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
Tuesday-Sunday**

**Closed on Monday**

**636 Alfred Nobel Drive  
Hercules, CA 94547**

**Check out our tire prices!!**

**FULL SERVICE ON MOST BIKES, INCLUDING  
GOLDWINGS (EXCLUDING WARRANTY WORK)**

Give them a call to let them know you care!

Happy Birthday

Carol Flynn	Sept 16
Nick Odell	Sept 20
Larry Knowles	Sept 27



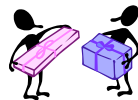
Happy Anniversary

Bill & Kay Vollmer	Sept 22
Chuck & Sherry Braddock	Sept 30



Send Newsletter items in early as we try to get it out close to the first. Thanks 80/20 geosieg@hotmail.com

**A very special THANK YOU**



To everyone who donates items to the Chapter for our monthly Door Prize Pool and those who continue to buy the 50/25/25 tickets.

Good luck to all.



MACH 1 Motorsports  
510 Couch Street  
Vallejo CA 94590  
707-643-0809



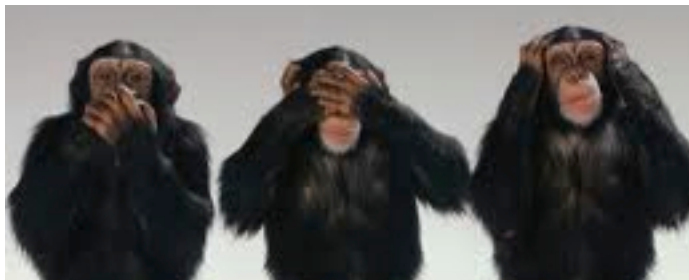
**20% Off All Goldwing Parts**

**15% Off Your Goldwing Service**

**Free pickup and delivery with major service**

Check out our website at: <http://www.mach1motorsports.com>

## CA2K Chapter Team



Position	Name	Contact Info.
Chapter Directors	Nick & Kim Odell	707 643-4279 <a href="mailto:nicklodell@comcast.net">nicklodell@comcast.net</a>
Chapter ACD'S	Steve & Karen Palatino	707 592-7058 <a href="mailto:stvnkrn@pacbell.net">stvnkrn@pacbell.net</a>
Chapter Educator	Jeff Taylor	707 252-1371 <a href="mailto:sjtaylor@dc.aol.com">sjtaylor@dc.aol.com</a>
Treasurer	Kay Kennedy	707 446-7003 <a href="mailto:cakbug@aol.com">cakbug@aol.com</a>
Membership Enhancer	Kathy Sieg	707 585-1527 <a href="mailto:katsieg45@gmail.com">katsieg45@gmail.com</a>
50/50 Coordinator	Kathy Sieg	707 585-1527 <a href="mailto:katsieg45@gmail.com">katsieg45@gmail.com</a>
Chapter Store	JT Mulholland	707 344-4056 <a href="mailto:highwaydog365@att.net">highwaydog365@att.net</a>
Member Recognition	Sylvia Mulholland	707 344-4057 <a href="mailto:oma2rb@att.net">oma2rb@att.net</a>
News Letter Editors	George & Kathy Sieg	707 585-1527 <a href="mailto:geosieg@hotmail.com">geosieg@hotmail.com</a>
Public Relations	Moya Valdez	707 425-2069 <a href="mailto:moyav@hotmail.com">moyav@hotmail.com</a>
Sergeant at Arms	Jerry Kougel	707 631-2642 <a href="mailto:djkougel@sbcglobal.net">djkougel@sbcglobal.net</a>
Web Master	Bill Johnson	707 631-4102 <a href="mailto:bill.johnson.gwrra@gmail.com">bill.johnson.gwrra@gmail.com</a>
Tour Director	Terry Stowe	235 961-6987 <a href="mailto:terry_stowe@hotmail.com">terry_stowe@hotmail.com</a>

---

Jack **COUNTRY** Linda's  
CAFE

**Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner**  
Jack and Linda Catlin  
Owners  
(707) 425-1442  
2390 N. Texas St. Fairfield,  
CA 94533

**CA2K Wind Wings General Meetings**  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month  
Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. - Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

**DUTCH EMBROIDERY CORNER**



ph 707-429-5855  
fax 707-427-0693

computerized embroidery  
embroidery with sequin  
applique  
embelishment with glitter  
sublimation

Jac & Maritha de Werk  
(GWRRA CA2J/CA2K)  
P.O.Box 1592  
Suisun City, CA 94585-4592  
1348 Lawler Ranch Parkway

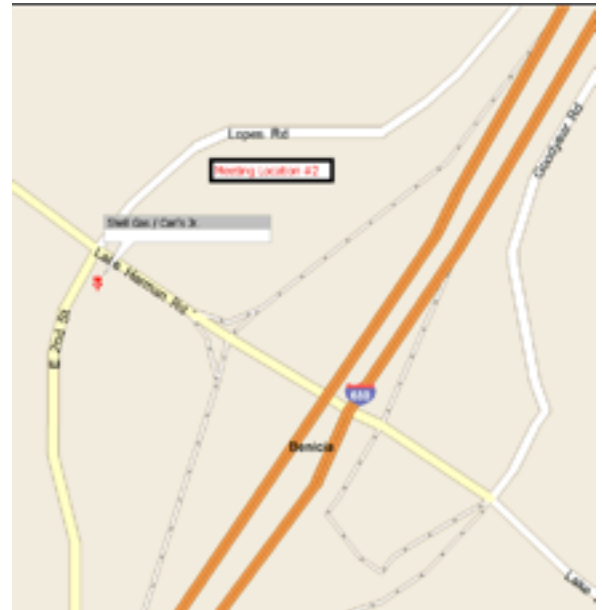
Member of NNEP, ETA, FUN  
e-mail: [dutchembroidery@netscape.net](mailto:dutchembroidery@netscape.net)

## Ride Meeting Locations

# 1 North Texas & Dickson Hill Rd.  
North end of Raley's parking lot  
in front of Century 21 Realty



# 2 Shell / Carl's Jr. North side  
of the freeway on Lake Herman Rd.



# 3 Kidwell Rd. East Bound on ramp



# 4 Rio Vista, CA Corner of  
Hwy 12 & Virginia Way  
Chevron Station / McDonalds



When showing up for any group ride please be courteous to the other members and be prepared to depart on time. That means being early enough to fill your gas tank if it isn't already full and receive any last minute updates; Wearing proper riding attire for the weather so you don't have to stop to take your clothing off or put more on after a few minutes. (I may have to rethink the part regarding taking clothing off.) And most important, bring a nice surprise for George.