



**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.**

### June 2011

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Nick & Kim Odell  
Chapter Directors

My fine feathered friends.

It's already June. Where has the time gone. Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been the best. Rainy, sunny, windy, rainy and so on.

It seems our Round Table Pizza night is a big hit. Last month, we had 35 Krows for dinner. I think we should keep doing it.

A lot of us are going up to Bob and Barb's house for the 3rd annual Clouse BBQ. Always lots of fun there.

June 18th is our Tahoe Pizza ride. That seems to be our most popular ride of the year. I expect a lot of Krows on this one. Some of us are going to go down to Carson City for the night. Look out Wheel of Fortune. Also, district rally is coming quick. Last year the Krows beat everyone out for the most attended chapter members.

Don't forget our "Day with the Krows" I really need everyone's help getting raffle prizes. Please do your best to get some nice gifts. I have feelers out to a lot of business's for grand prizes. Our rally is in our own back yard this year, so, please support us the best you can. The rally is at Solano Lakes. No excuse why you can't go.

The after meeting ride for June is to Gunthers Ice Cream. Gunthers is a great place for ice cream. It is located in Sacramento. Our ride will be up the delta. Bill Johnson will be leading that ride. Trust me, it will be a great day.



Steve & Karen Palatino  
Assistant Chapter Directors

Is it really June?

What strange weather we have been having this year. It has been very difficult to coordinate rides around the rain storms. When the sun comes out, we need to take advantage of it.

The first rally Karen and I was were able to attend this year was 2W in Clovis. They had the use of a nice facility with banquet room at the local peace officers shooting range. You could hear the gun fire in the background as you were playing the games outside. They had a wonderful tri-tip lunch and some great prizes. One of their chapter members even brought the new 2012 GL1800 to show off. Someone even commented it had the "new car smell". A good time was had by all.

The next day was our chapter meeting with guests from 2S and the wing-nut exchanged hands from Kim to Nick. The after-chapter ride was to the chocolate festival in Oakdale. Who knew Oakdale had chocolate? Someone asked me to lead the 2S group... only had one u-turn! Anyway it was a huge street fair with plenty of chocolate and crafts and food. We even saw Terry and Carla Turchin in their Castle Donut booth.

The following weekend was a ride up to the Clause's in Oregon. It was difficult to guess the rainy weather so some rode bikes, some rode in cars. Thank you Bob and Barb for hosting another BBQ. Another great trip with the 2K group. (I was also told "what happens in Oregon, ...")

I hope the weather will be better in June because we have more fun planned. Saturday the 11th at 10:00 a.m. is a PLP in the parking lot behind the Costco in Cordelia. This is a great opportunity for ALL riders to come and hone their skills (I will try to have something for the trike riders also.) Afterwords will be the lunch-and-a-movie or movie-and-a-dinner at the Outback and Brendan in Vacaville. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

Then there's the Tahoe Pizza ride on June 18th. Always a great trip with food and fellowship.

But wait, there's more pizza... don't forget the third Tuesday of the month, June 21st at the Round Table Pizza in Cordelia, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Hope to see you all soon!

## California District Southwest Region F



Bill & Rene Johnson  
District Directors

DD Review,

Where are you going for vacation this year? With the economy what it is, I find myself limiting my travel's so have to pick somewhere that will allow the most for the buck.

Gas prices are up so that effects air fare, the US dollar is down, so that eliminates all International travel, at least for us. So where we go must offer all the things I need to unwind and forget about all the world's problems.

I ask myself where I can go where it isn't too expensive to get there, isn't too expensive to stay, the people are friendly, and it is located in a beautiful scenic part of the country. I want to be treated like royalty, but not have to pay through the nose.

In all my travel's, one location keeps popping back to the top of the list. Yep, I'm talking about Mammoth Lakes, California. And not just because that is where the most fun District Convention in the country is being held, but because the area is simply breath taking and a Motorcyclist's paradise. Mammoth is normally a Ski community, and during snow season it is extremely busy and expensive. But during the Fall when all the snow is gone, Mammoth Lakes is just a quiet little tourist destination with no tourists.

That's where we can take advantage of all their hospitality, and they do know how to show their gratitude. Just ask anyone that has stayed at the Village Lodge last year. The staff simply couldn't do enough for us, and all the local shops gave us discounts that the local people couldn't get. A "Win-Win" for us Gold Wingers.

Top 10 Reasons for going to Mammoth (Sept 2 - 4, 2011)

- 10) No highway traffic
- 9) Three Diamond Resort hotel at economy prices
- 8) Lakanuki's \$5.00 menu all day long
- 7) Incredible scenic rides through the Eastern Sierra's
- 6) "Free" Ice Cream Social Saturday night
- 5) Gold Angles Demonstration
- 4) Live Music every night in the Village Square
- 3) The weather in September averages around 75°
- 2) Rene will be there
- 1) You get to spend the weekend with the most incredible people to ever straddle a motorcycle - GWRRA California members.

So if you haven't made your reservations yet, please consider all your options then call 1-800-MAMMOTH. The Village Lodge have offered our great rates from August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>, so join us for an overdue vacation in some of the most beautiful riding country California has to offer.

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

Bill & Rene Johnson  
GWRRA - California District Directors



# Chapter CA2K

# Day With The KROWS

## Aug 6, 2011



8:00am - 3:00pm

Registration will be at *Fairfield Cycle Gear*  
 8:00am – 10:30am  
 1525 Holiday Ln. Fairfield, CA

Rally to be held at “Lake Solano Park”  
 8685 Pleasants Valley Road  
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[www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/genserv/countypark/lakesolano.asp](http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/genserv/countypark/lakesolano.asp)

**\$5.00 parking**

**Registration:**

**Prior to July 1**

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kids (10 and under) \_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**After July 1**

Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kids (10 and under) \_\_\_ x \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**50/25/25:**

10 for \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 25 for \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 60 for \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 100 for \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Prize Tickets** \_\_\_ x \$1.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch 11:00 – 1:00**

**Games 10:30 – 1:00**

*Registration includes:*

*Hanger Bar (first 200)*

*Hamburger or Hot Dog Meal (including chips & drink)*

*Additional items will be for sale all day for your convenience - Soda, snacks . . .*

**Silent Auction**

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 Mail to: Chapter CA2K Treasurer, **Kay Kennedy, 712 Ruby Dr., Vacaville, Ca 95687**

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Bills tools by Rene.

1.**DRILL PRESS**: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

2.**WIRE WHEEL**: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light . Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sit!' (I was told to edit this)

3.**SKILL SAW**: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

4.**PLIERS**: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

5.**BELT SANDER**: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

6.**HACKSAW**: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle: it transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

7.**WISE-GRIPS**: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

8.**OXY-ACETYLENE TORCH**: Used almost entirely for setting various flammable objects in your shop on fire.

9.**TABLE SAW**: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles to test wall integrity.

10.**HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK**: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

11.**BAND SAW**: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

12.**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST**: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

13.**PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER**: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

14.**STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER** : A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

15.**PRY BAR**: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

16.**HOSE CUTTER**: A tool used to make hoses too short.

17.**HAMMER** : A kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object you are trying to hit.

18.**UTILITY KNIFE**: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

19.**"SON-OF-A-GEORGE" TOOL**: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling the afore-mentioned phrase at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.



Jeff Taylor  
Chapter Educator

### TOPIC: THE INVISIBLE MOTORCYCLIST

"I never saw him. He came out of nowhere!" That's probably the most common statements heard at a collision between an automobile and a motorcyclist. They're usually made by the operator of the auto because the motorcyclist is unconscious (or worse).

As riders we wonder, "How can they NOT see us? Are they just not looking?"

A lack of attention on the part of the driver does explain some of the car/bike collisions; the distracted driver, cell 'phones, unruly children, etc. All

these can contribute **BUT** some responsibility belongs to the motorcyclist as well.

I know. I know. That's heresy. Let me explain.

Motorcycles make up about 3% of the "normal" traffic flow.  
 People "see" what they expect to see; things like cars and trucks  
Unless the rider does something to visually stand out, he can be easily overlooked.

Motorcycles **ARE** much harder to see than cars/trucks because of their smaller size. A motorcycle can easily be "lost" in the background even with the headlight on.

Many motorcycles are colors that lend themselves to blending into the environment. Particularly dark colored machines (black is the color of pavement after all).

Many motorcyclist wear dark colored helmets (or no helmet at all, but we won't discuss those here) AND dark colored clothing. A number of studies in the US and abroad have shown that a light colored (white, silver, yellow) helmet is more noticeable (during daylight hours) than a dark colored (black, dark red, dark blue) helmet. Why? The driver sees this bright colored "orb" floating above the traffic (most riders heads are higher than the hoods/windshields of cars). It's DIFFERENT.

Lastly (and sadly), most motorcyclists are not skilled in emergency maneuvers. Over 13% of the motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes made NO effort to avoid the collision. They didn't brake, they didn't swerve, they just rode right into the collision. That's because, after they've gotten their license, they don't practice those kinds of maneuvers regularly (or ever). Motorcycling is a SKILL. It takes practice.

So how can you NOT be the Invisible Motorcyclist?

- Position your bike so it can be seen and identified in the traffic stream.
- Wear bright colors
- Consider getting a brightly colored bike
- PRACTICE your emergency maneuvers

Or you could take the advice I got once from a very experienced rider. He told me not to "ride like I was invisible." He told me to ride like they can see me and are actively planning to do something to take me out."



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04. People call at 9 PM and ask,"did I wake you?"
05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
07. Things you buy now won't wear out.
08. You can eat supper at 4 PM.
09. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. You can't remember who sent you this list.
20. And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.
21. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Give them a call to let them know you care!

Happy Birthday

Kathy Cranston	June 07
Bill Neander	June 10
Mike Harris	June 16
Sylvia Mulholland	June 26



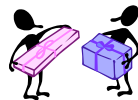
Happy Anniversary

Jac & Maritha de Werk	June 06
Luther & Carol Flynn	June 17
Les & Moya Valdez	June 25



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.



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Terry & Nora  
Tour Directors

## After Chapter Rides

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

After meeting ride to Delta/Gunthers Ice Cream Bill Johnson to lead.

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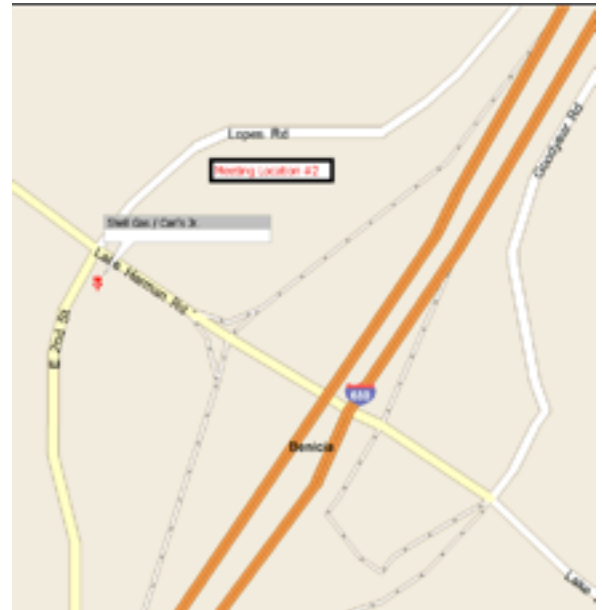
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## Ride Meeting Locations

# 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.