



**Contra Costa Chapter #186  
Officer/General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Bulldog BBQ  
Wednesday, June 23, 2010**

- **6:42 – Meeting called to Order by President Victor Tibbs**
- **Introduction of Guests** – Brianna, Tony Johnson’s daughter from Kentucky; Michael Kuttner, Alan Costa, and Mark Sadighian
- **Hog Roast BBQ – Finalize Report – Larry – Vice President**
  - Renee Baptiste from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties was on hand to receive the presentation of \$1900 from Larry Thompson, Chair Person of the 2010 Hog Roast Committee
  - Renee graciously thanked the Chapter stating that the Food Bank is currently feeding 130,000 between the two counties
  - Renee also answered questions from Chapter members
  - Funds are the proceeds from this year’s Hog Roast
  - \$1100 more than what was raised last year!
- **New Business – Victor**
  - Michael Kuttner was voted in to our Chapter as a new Chapter member by the Chapter membership.
- **Members Sharing Personal Ride Stories for June**
  - Jenn - her experience with the Napa Chapter’s ride to Muir Woods
  - Ken - did a mini pre-ride of the upcoming Trinity Alps weekend ride in August
    - One stretch of the road states 140 miles of curves
  - Sam/Michael – Went to Oregon, they were supposed to go to Idaho as well but after Sam’s clutch cable broke they found other beautiful roads in Oregon/California to ride.
  - Victor shared riding some great roads to and from – and while attending - this year’s STAR BQ.
- **Chapter Newsletter – The Rotating Wheel – Pauline - Editor**
  - Look forward to reading Pearl’s ride report from the Fricot City Road ride
  - Restaurant Information section is under construction – look for it in the near future
  - Send Pauline information on websites – or vendors - where you have made purchases

- Tell her about the articles purchased, web link, yours recommendations – pro or con.
  - If you have any other interesting stories to share, do not hesitate to send along to Pauline for review.
- **Website – Samuel - Webmaster**
  - Ride Captains – please check the website after the info on your ride has been posted/changed for accuracy
- **Treasurer’s Report – Jerry - Treasurer**
  - Current balance – The chapter is in good financial shape.
  - Starting 01/01/11, banks will be charging fees for their accounts for nonuse or unless there is a minimum balance (minimum balances going up)
    - Victor and Jerry will be “shopping” around for a new bank to suggest to next years officer team.
    - Several Credit Unions were suggested because their minimum balances might be only \$1 - \$5 for no fee accounts
- **Upcoming Rides –**
  - 06/27/10 – Lin - Irish and Daffodil Hills
    - Meeting at Location # 2, 8:30 am, KSU at 9 am
    - Lunch in Volcano – options: picnic, purchase at the General Store, or eat at the Hotel
  - 07/09/10 – Bob – Coastal Ridge Route
    - Meeting Location #1, 8 am, KSU 8:30 am
    - Lunch – picnic
    - This will be a higher rated technical ride due in part to the curves and switchbacks.
  - 06/26/10 – Invite from Ben, President of Modesto Chapter
    - Ride to Alice’s Restaurant, leaving Modesto @ 8:30 can meet interested persons in Livermore. Arriving at Alice’s Restaurant @ 11:30. Victor had just received that information – and will send out further information after speaking with Ben as to where to meet up with their chapter.
  - 07/03/10 – HolliSTAR in Hollister – Sponsored by the Monterey Chapter
    - Mexican Lunch with all the fixin’s
    - Event is for their charity of choice
    - Victor is leaving Pleasant Hill @ 8:30 to ride to San Ramon to meet up with the Hayward Chapter
    - Kelly – President of Monterey Chapter has suggested couple of optional fun rides after the event – Victor is considering one of those routes.
- **Café Press – our Chapter’s merchandise store – Rich – Activities Team**
  - Reported on merchandise purchased; ordered Sunday – arrived Wednesday
  - Asked Victor if changes could be made to some merchandise to personalize an order for him, no problem. Victor added that he is willing to do that for anyone – touch base with him regarding your request.

- Good quality
- Victor added that the additional funds from these products go back into our chapter treasury.
- **Ride Waivers/Emergency Contacts – Victor**
  - ICE numbers in cell phones are not looked at by EMT's (learned at the CPR class)
  - Emergency Contact numbers of our members are carried by all of our Chapter Road Captains , and President - on all of the rides – info is necessary in case of an emergency
  - If you didn't complete the emergency contact information, please consider doing so. Victor also suggested reviewing your information on file with the Chapter Secretary so that it may list someone other than the person who rides navigator with you all the time.
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- **Bridge Tolls/Fastrac - Victor**
  - Bridge tolls are going up 07/01/10
  - \$5 on weekends, \$2.50 for commute times/commute lanes (bikes included) – must have Fastrac
  - Although owning Fastrac is not a requirement for members it is **strongly** recommended as we cross a lot of bridges on our rides as we don't want someone “stuck” in the pay line.
- **Discussion on SB435 – Ken – Activities Team**
  - Chapter does not take a stand on political issues
  - Brought up and discussed so that individuals could be aware
- **Safety – Larry/Victor**
  - Larry discussed some of the recent accidents that have occurred lately involving bikes within our County – especially on the new Hwy 4 Bypass.
    - Reminded us that there are times we “feed” – or “know” we shouldn't ride that day so,
    - Listen to the “inner voice”!
    - For more information and some great reading of various safety articles, go to [www.msgrgroup.org](http://www.msgrgroup.org)
  - Victor
    - Possibly we hear more about accidents right now because it's a “start” of the riding season, “cagers” aren't used to sharing the road with us again, and in general, there are more bikers on the road
    - Do's and Don'ts – no eye contact with aggressive drivers
      - Don't tailgate
      - Use the horn sparingly – sometimes it ticks off the drivers instead of warning them that you are there
      - Don't tailgate – you don't want to be someone's trunk ornament
      - No vulgar sign language – it makes the drivers aggressive
      - Don't block the passing lane
      - Do use common courtesy

- Be aware – Modulating Headlights – cagers don't understand the meaning of the modulating headlight
  - They might think that you are an emergency vehicle or that you are flicking your lights for them to go in front of you
- Cross Winds – counter steer into the wind

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Lin Tomy – for Robin Flay

Approved as to Form and Content:

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President, Chapter 186