



NOVEMBER 2010

THE “PREZ SEZ”

**NOVEMBER 17TH CHAPTER MTG:
2011 OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

November will be a very busy month as we start to wind down what has been an incredible year. Barring inclement weather, we will have a great ride coming up on the 13th, and a very important chapter membership meeting on the 17th – time to consider and nominate your new President / Vice President team for next year. I ask everyone to seriously think about this, and if you are interested in either position, please let me know as soon as possible. The President/V.P is only nominated as a team – not individually.

Fall and winter are coming upon us. Let us all be careful and cautious as we start off on our morning rides. Already, at our house, we had one morning of “black ice” – not fun on a motorcycle. Also, please consider layering up – as we can’t start off cold, but get into nicer weather as the day progresses.

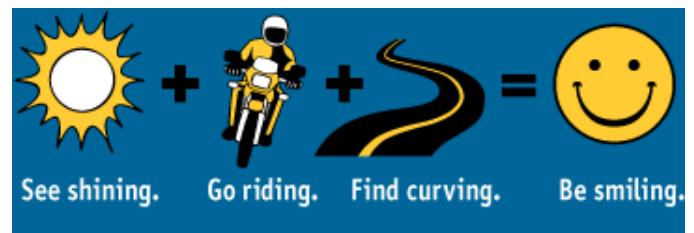
I strongly suggest to continually TCLOCK your bike. Recently I got onto a friends bike – to take it over to a dealership and everything looked fine. This bike may not have been ridden in a month or so. I was “lazy” and only inspected the tires versus actually putting a gauge to them. Though they passed the “kick” test, leaving the driveway I noticed the bike was a little “loose”. Fortunately a gas station

was right down the street – each tire was under inflated approximately 10 pounds or more – would not have been fun on the open road. Just because things “look” OK, it pays to take an extra minute or two to physically check everything.

As a last thought on safety, let’s be sure to be aware of our surroundings. With the Holiday Season rapidly approaching, people are often in a hurry, not paying attention to where they are – or want – to go, and are making unsafe decisions for themselves and/or anyone around them. I also maintain that sometimes, as we have experienced this year, vehicle GPS systems can play into this as someone suddenly realizes that they were supposed to take an exit, turn right, whatever. I believe motorcycle riding often provides us with a “sixth” sense – we are usually more alert and used to anticipating others – let’s stay alert, take our time and be careful – to come back and ride another day.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and I look forward to seeing you all on our next ride and/or Chapter Meeting.

Victor Tibbs
President, Chapter 186



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check the website calendar for further information

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CHAPTER RIDE / EVENTS INFORMATION

Chapter Rides: 2nd Saturday / 4th Sunday
Chapter Meetings – red

November 7th – Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 13th - Chapter Ride

**November 17th - Chapter Membership Meeting -
Nomination of 2011 Chapter Officers**

AND THE MEMBERS SAID ...

This is your section to share with other Chapter members
Ride Reports, etc.

Saturday Chapter Ride

October 9th, 2010

by Bob Hayes

Chapter 186 was kick stands up at 09:00 sharp and led by able Road Captain Jeff. It was a cool and clear morning, a great way to start a long ride.

Once we got off the 505, we found ourselves replete in the beauty and essence of a bucolic environment; not to mention a whole lot of cool farm country. The ride brought us into mostly 2 lane gently winding roads where, for the most part, you could sit back and enjoy the view with minimal riding effort. The rest stops and gas breaks were plentiful and appreciated. The view and back drop of the Oak Hills Mountain Range – with close up views of St. Johns and Snow Mountain - was a thing of beauty and inspiration.

We had a late lunch at the Last Stand Bar and Grill, in Willows, where, when we entered, we found our table waiting complete with ice tea and ice water. The food was good, the price was reasonable, and the service was great. When we left we picked up 2 additional riders bringing our number of riders on this trip to around 19 total. As we ambled down the road we found ourselves colliding with butterflies (we won), and taking in the beautiful views of the

Sutter Buttes – the world's smallest mountain range.

Toward the end of the ride, near Davis, we found ourselves making our traditional, obligatory and hopefully expectant ice cream break where we enjoyed frozen yogurt. As a side note to anyone new, if you are sitting with Victor at this stop, **DON'T GET UP AND LEAVE** until the ride is called; you may find yourself on special assignment. ☺

A special thanks is always in order to the folks who take the time to prepare and pre-ride these outings. The rides couldn't happen without you.

KEEP THE SHINY SIDE UP!

Safety Tips/Tech Talk

This is your section to share "techie" stuff

Safety Tips:

**Watch the lane next door to make its clear
when changing lanes**



OTHER SAFETY INFORMATION

A friend of mine on VentureRider.org site shared this information to the board, and I should I might share with all of us – The Prez.

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EPA Approves E15 Ethanol

Be careful what you put in your bikes. The EPA has now approved E15 Ethanol. At this time, they are saying that it is good for vehicles made in 2007 and later but they are saying that they will likely revise that to 2001 models and later.

MANY small and large engine manufacturers are warning that you should NOT use E15 in your vehicles because it will damage rubber parts and plastics and can cause fuel leaks.

Some environmental groups are even saying that it can cause increased pollution because ethanol contains only 66% the energy of gasoline so fuel mileage will likely suffer.

The good news is that, for now at least, it is voluntary and many stations are likely to not add pumps for it or switch over from the E10 that many currently sell. Still, some will likely do it and you don't want to put it in your motorcycles.

It is absolutely crazy for them to do this. There was a story on the news earlier this week about meat prices going up due to the higher cost of corn. Looks like it is only going to get worse.

Note from the Prez: I am sharing this post – not to make a political statement one way or another, just saying to WATCH what you put into your gas tank.

All Roads Are Not Alike

Tourers take note

By: James R. Davis

Those of us that tour with our motorcycles have learned something about the roads across the country that might not be obvious - they are all different.

I mean that they are made of different materials, the quality of their surfaces varies considerably, they might be pristine and immaculate in one place only to become potholed war zones a few miles farther along.

The curves in one section of a road can be well lighted, perfectly banked, and of consistent radius while only a mile away a similar curve can be dark, decreasing radius, covered with 'tar snakes', and have roadside weeds higher than your head.

Why?

It seems to me that what we are seeing is simply a manifestation of the very real differences in County and State wealth and quality of their various maintenance personnel.

The Interstates are consistent in quality and design. The various State and County roads are not.

So, the message here should be obvious: As you cross a County line be sure to be ready for changes in road surface and quality. Slow down and experience the workmanship and care of the roads in a new County for a few miles before believing that you can take that next blind curve as fast as you are used to driving.

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For any current or new members that want to become a Star Vet, go to the National Web Site www.startouring.org to get the Star Vet Application (DD Form 214 required) as well as the form to get Star Vet Patches. I'll have a hard copy of the Star Vet Application and Patch Form on our rides.

Let's Say Thanks :

This site allows you to pick out a card, select a message or type one of your own, and is then printed out and sent to the military member. You only have to provide minimal info - your first name and city.

<http://www.letsaythanks.com/Home1024.html>

HAPPY November BIRTHDAY !!!

[Editor's Note: From the responses that I received]

3rd – Teresa Barbetti
4th – Warren Darmstead
7th – Ken Ayers
9th – Jaime Ray
19th – Dominic Leung
28th - Ed Carreno

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December 11th – **Chapter Membership
Christmas Party – 6:00 – 8:30PM –
Fuddruckers – RSVP Requested
Election of 2011 Chapter Officers**

**Saturday, November 20th: Sacramento STAR
Chapter's 2nd annual COATS FOR KIDS
November 19th – 21st - San Mateo
International Motorcycle Show**
<http://www.motorcycleshows.com/5daystoSave>

**This one is for you Cecil ☺
Our triker dude**

(Now you know what happened in Lincoln)

