



FEBRUARY 2012

THE PREZ SEZ "ROLLING ALONG"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check the website calendar
for further information

February 11th – Chapter Ride

February 15th - Chapter Meeting

Where did January go? As in the past, now that our riding season is starting, I will share a few New Year's Resolutions:

Always perform a T-CLOCK inspection on my bike before I ride. This is an annual resolution and one that is non-negotiable.

(1) Ask for, and incorporate, your ideas. This is **your** Chapter. Let's all have some fun. ☺

(2) **BE SAFE.** As with all riding, I feel the Boy Scout motto is always the best practice – "**Be Prepared**". It amazes me how inaccurate weather forecasts are. Although it may be sunny and a "little cool", we've all felt the stiffness in our fingers and hands when we get cold and that can reduce our braking time and smooth shifting. Hypothermia is far more severe. Dress in layers. It is not unusual to make several clothing changes, especially when going through areas we like to ride.

(3) Continue to support and participate with our sister Chapters, and the STAR Association as a whole.

Hoping to see everyone at our February Chapter ride, and especially our Chapter meeting where we will be having many topics to discuss, and share ideas.

Riding in the Sticks with the 186!

Victor Tibbs

President

FEBRUARY SAFETY TIP

Though the days are gradually getting longer, the temperatures have recently been well below normal, it pays to be prepared. First, if anything, before setting out, it's important to always check your tires. As the temperature decreases, gases (such as the air in your tires) contracts. This means on a cold morning, your tire pressure may be lower than it was when you last checked.

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Doc Wong Certified First Aid/CPR for Motorcyclists!

When: (See schedule below)

Time: (See schedule below)

Where: Doc Wong's office at 1021 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002

How to sign up: e-maildocwong@aol.com. Please include name and telephone number.

February 3, 2012 "Doc Wong Motorcycle Maintenance Workshop at De Anza College" (Friday night 7:30 pm)

February 9, 2012 "Riding Position and Ergonomics Workshop" (Thursday 7:15 pm)

February 10, 2012 "Basic Suspension Part 1" (Friday night 7:15 pm)

February 12, 2012 "Doc Wong Monsoon Riding Clinic - Wet Weather Riding" (Sunday 9 am - 2:30 pm)

January 14th Chapter Meeting / Ride

By Lone Eagle

Well, the Charter was read, the signatures were gathered, a group picture was taken. It is a beautiful day, **let's ride!** Eventually the Prez, also known as Ride Captain for the day, comes out of the restaurant, counts the bikes, gives the orders to "Fire them up" - but wait, one of the riders needed gas?!?! OK, we'll wait.

Soon after, off we were traversing through Vallejo / Sears Point / Petrified Forest Road on our way to one of our annual stopping places: Buster's BBQ in Calistoga. One could not have asked for a better day, approx. 62 degrees (if I remember right, although it started a little chilly), fantastic scenery, approximately 10 bikes and 12 members. It is always fun when comments are shared "great road - never been on that one before, great lunch stop - always passed by and never stopped". Being as it was a 49'er playoff game day, we gobbled up our lunches (mild sauce - not hot) and headed for home with most of us catching an exciting 4th quarter.

Thanks to everyone who came out and had some fun. *Lone Eagle.*



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For any current or new members that want to become a Star Vet, you can go to the National website www.startouring.org to get the Star Vet Application (DD Form 214 required) as well as the form to get Star Vet Patches. (Veterans Resource Center available on the Chapter's website **VETERANS** button)



The Chapter Store Café Press

<http://www.cafepress.com/STARChapter186>
(many items reduced) Check it out ☺

CHAPTER RIDE INFORMATION

Chapter Rides: 2nd Saturday / 4th Sunday (April-October)

Chapter Meeting Dates

March 10th – Chapter Ride
March 21st Chapter Meeting

April 14th – Chapter Ride
April 18th – Chapter Meeting
April 22nd – Sunday Pick-Up Ride

May 12th – Chapter Ride
May 16th – Chapter Meeting
May 20th – Sunday Pick-Up Ride
May 26th – STAR KNIGHTS Ride

OTHER EVENTS

March 11th – Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 24th – Merced STAR Chapter's SUPPORT THE TROOPS RIDE

March 30-31st: S.W. STAR-B-Q (Tucson, AZ) <http://www.tucsonstarriders.org/starbque.htm>

May 4th – NATIONAL FEMALE RIDE TO WORK Day

July 17th – 21st – International STAR Touring Rally STAR DAYS, (Sparks, NV)

** STAR DAYS REGISTRATION BEGINS 2/1/12 – www.stardays.org **



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PROJECTED RIDES.d

Check this out to find out what our other sister Chapters are doing this month

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2012 STAR Touring – Mid California Chapter Website and President Information:



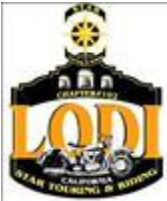
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