



JANUARY 2012

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“ROLLING ALONG”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check the website calendar
for further information

January 1st – POLAR BEAR-R-R RIDE

January 14th – CHARTER SIGNING

Happy New Year! Let's check the bikes out, because we are going to continue to do some great rides this year. First, I would like to acknowledge and thank Rich and his team(s) for a fantastic 2011 – a year that saw many awesome rides and discoveries of new roads, a Chapter picnic which re-united the original Presidents of our Chapter, and culminated in a scrumptious Holiday Party, hosted by Larry / Sandy / Robin / Pauline. A huge thank you to those who have volunteered to help and coordinate activities for 2012!

January 14th Mimi's Café, 5705 Lone Tree Way, Antioch, CA 94509 (this is the Lone Tree exit off of the Hwy 4 **Bypass** . Don't take the first Lone Tree exit if you are coming from Martinez). We have a private room; doors open approx. 8:15 a.m. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m., our meeting will hopefully start sometime around 9:00 a.m. and for this meeting only, last approx. 1.5 hours.

This is our first Chapter Membership Meeting for 2012!!! Please plan on attending, as this is our Re-Charter meeting, an opportunity to get all the paperwork out of the way for 2012 (i.e. Ride Waivers, Chapter dues, signatures on the Charter, etc.), sharing the results of the Chapter survey (thank you all for helping your 2012 team out), and sharing of ideas for this coming New Year. The floor will be open for any additional ideas / feedback you may have, **don't be bashful**. Let us know what you want to do, or where you would like to explore and ride!! I have already sent out an e-mail regarding this meeting and our breakfast choices, so, come on down and let's have some fun.

Further information is coming regarding a short ride after this meeting. I know some are going to go to the Easy Rider Bike Show in Sacramento, and (depending on the weather), others of us will hop in the bikes for a short ride. Stay tuned!

NOTE: MY NEW PERSONAL / CHAPTER E-MAIL ADDRESS: victor_tibbs@comcast.net

Regards,
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Contra Costa Chapter, STAR Touring #186 President

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2011 Chapter HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

Saturday, December 10th, 2011

By Pauline Carlton

This is one of those special nights that I'll remember for quite some time. From the china plates and glassware, plastic stemware for the "toast" that we never did with the Martinelli's Sparkling Cider, the 8' table crammed with appetizers, delicious entrees to the Presidential Awards, other "thank you" cards from the Editor of the newsletter ROTATING WHEEL, and donning another hat from our Chapter Picnic earlier this year passing out rockers to memorialize the commitment and outstanding work done by committee members for the Chapter's 10th birthday/anniversary picnic held in August. Crowded tables, squeezing into our chairs only added to the festive occasion.

Larry did a SUPER job hosting the White Elephant Gift Exchange where the highlights of the evening were toy Spy Glasses, and railroad ties, and, of course, stealing gifts is only part of the fun. When the clock said, it's 8 o'clock and it was announced *that's all there is folks*, Chapter members quickly grabbed big black plastic bags, scooping up decorations, table clothes, empty bottles and cans, plates and leftovers and putting these inside. The plastic bags were then dragged or carried to the back of Rob-n-Sandy's truck, while other Chapter members moved the furniture back into the clubhouse meeting place from the outside patio where it had been moved earlier to make way for the tables/chairs. ½ hour later, it looks like the past several hours never happened. PERFECT. ☺



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)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1st – Kathy Smart
26th – Michael Kuttner

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CHAPTER RIDE INFORMATION

Chapter Rides: 2nd Saturday / 4th Sunday (April-September)
Upcoming Chapter Meeting Dates – as of this newsletter, TBD

February 11th – Chapter Ride
February Chapter Meeting - TBD
March 10th – Chapter Ride
March Chapter Meeting - TBD
April 14th – Chapter Ride
April 22nd – Sunday Chapter Ride

OTHER EVENTS

March 11th – Daylight Savings Time Begins May 4th – NATIONAL FEMALE RIDE TO WORK Day
July 17th – 21st – International STAR Touring Rally STAR DAYS, (Sparks, NV)
November 4th – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Note from the editor: I neglected to include our current Chapter members, Dave and Julee Hamilton, when listing the original Charter members last month in the December edition of the ROTATING WHEEL entitled “LOOKING BACK”. They have been with us since the very beginning ☺ and I apologize for the oversight.

This gives a whole new meaning to the term “three wheeler” doesn’t it?



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