

SADDLE LIGHT

"FOR GOD, WHO COMMANDED THE LIGHT TO SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS, HATH SHINED
IN OUR HEARTS, TO GIVE THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE
FACE OF JESUS CHRIST." II COR 4:6 NKJV

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Well here we are again at the very beginning of a new riding season. Some, like me, never stop riding so riding season is difficult to say much less quantify. None the less a new riding season is said to be upon us, JOY !!! I for one am looking forward to all the divine appointments our Lord will throw our way and all the road trips and all the adventures and all the old friends and all the new friends and, and, and, everything involved in this life and this Ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ! Let the journey begin I say !

AND SO IT HAS

Already this year Sandra, our National Secretary and I President of Columbia River Chapter, Roy Hood President Puyallup Chapter, Billy Bob Lusk President Puget Sound Chapter, Lloyd Steinke President British Columbia Chapter, his wife Betty and Dennis Adams Columbia Rivers Chapter web master took a nice trek to Hollister California on our scoots for our National Advisory Council meeting. The trip was fun, hot, cold, long, short but mostly fun. The journey south started out really nice weather wise and we managed to miss the lions share of morning traffic through Portland by hitting 205. We pretty much cruised. It was a nice ride, cool but not cold and just a little overcast. Our first stop was our breakfast restaurant just off the exit at Cottage Grove Ore. Good conversation and good food, excellent fortification for

the next leg of the journey. A quick fuel up and off we went. We cruised on down the highway for a couple more hours and as the sun broke through the temperature rose and rose. By the time we had reached the California border many of us had peeled away most of our outer wear and were down to the minimum of attire, mostly jeans and cut off sleeves. It was getting hot, very hot. By the time we had reached Redding California it was blistering hot, 110 degrees hot.

Now we are all North westerners and hot for most of us is anything above 70 degrees. 110 is HOT ! So when we arrived in Redding we pulled off for fuel and some ice cold water and gator aide. We all sucked down a couple of each and decided to ride on over to the Harley shop for a little air conditioning. The Harley shop was a block or two away so off we went and we were not disappointed in the a/c unit Harley provided. After ogling things I can't afford it was time to move on. Our goal for the evening stop for Sandra, I and our contingent was Manteca where we had reserved a room for the evening. Roy and Billy Bob were planning on stopping in Woodland Ca. for the evening because they had been riding a couple hundred miles farther than the rest of us that day having come from Edmonds and Everett. Lloyd and Betty actually came the farthest but had spent the evening before the trip at our house so we could all leave early. So on down the road we went until we reached Corning Ca..

Here we stopped at a great little restaurant in Corning Ca. called the Olive Pit for lunch/ dinner. They had a black bean chipotle burger that was awesome ! Trust me well worth the stop. We hung around there for a while enjoying the sustenance and hoping to cool off to ready ourselves for the rest of our journey. We re-fortified long enough to have recovered from the heat and ventured out yet again. We headed out with the intent of getting to our final destinations soon. Sadly it was not to be on this leg. At any rate long before we ever got to Woodland where Roy and Billy Bob were splitting off we had to pull off the free way at a rest area because of the heat. Thank God for sun screen no one got sun burned but dehydration was a serious concern and talk of heat stroke was also serious. At the rest area we all sought shelter at a covered, shaded, picnic table and found a water fountain with really cold water and several poured vast quantities of cold water over their heads and shoulders. It was a good respite and much needed. Unbeknownst to us we were only a few miles from Woodland at this rest area and about 80 miles from Manteca.

We decided to hang around in the shade until the sun started to go down and then ride on as it cooled off and so we did. When we left the rest area we headed to Woodland where Roy and Billy Bob split off, my contingent fueled up and headed to Manteca and all went fairly well the rest of the ride to our motel in the cool



of the evening. Our first day a cool 720 miles, I mean hot.

That evening I know I slept well after a nice long shower AWESOME shower.

The next morning we were met by Wally Hunter a member of the Central Valley Chapter of SKMM and he escorted us from Manteca to Hollister for church services and then on to our National advisory council meeting. Wally proved to be an excellent escort and we had a great ride on to the Hollister church service over Pacheco Pass. Great service, wonderful potluck and a very informative NAC meeting . All was well.

We stayed with old friends that evening and had wonderful accommodations. We had to make a relatively quick turn around back to Woodland WA so I could be back at work Tuesday morning and our plan was to take highway 1 from San Francisco to Oregon to 101 up the Oregon coast to Astoria. Consequently we didn't spend as much time with old friends as I would have liked.

We headed out early Sunday morn and headed for Oakland then The Miracle mile in San Rafael Ca. through Samuel P. Taylor park to

Olema to Point Reyes National Seashore where I used to work many, many, moons ago. From Point Reyes we were on Highway 1 and on up the coast we went. What a gorgeous ride. I had for gotten how beautiful the California coast was. I haven't been on highway 1 in Ca. for at least 30 years. Such amazing vistas, rugged coast line . What a wonderful road. We had such an amazing ride from Pt. Reyes to around Elk where we stopped for lunch at a great little place overlooking the ocean. Great food beautiful view and off we went continuing on to Fort Bragg for the evening.

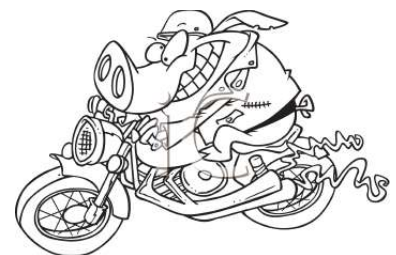
We saw hundreds of motorcycles on the ride that day mostly going the other direction and if you've never had the pleasure of highway 1 in Northern Ca, I cannot express what a twisty, up and down roller coaster ride it is. It takes way more time than a freeway but the rewards are pretty much indescribable.

From fort Bragg the following day we headed north through the redwoods on 1. One section of that road around Garberville I believe was like a cork screw wending its way for 20 miles or so through the redwoods 20 to 40 mph was max. It was inspiring and great exercise with a loaded bagger and passenger ! After that it got COLD !! Through

the coastal mountains and into early afternoon it was brisk. By brisk I mean 40's, not frigid but brisk to be sure. We spent our second night in Bandon Oregon where I broke my kickstand spring on a vicious speed bump. It allowed us to venture into Coos Bay Harley dealership next day for a brief stop and fix. Cheap at 6 bucks for a spring and free install.

From the very northern most part of the California coast to around Florence Oregon it was overcast and cool but beautiful and fun. After that it got sunny into Astoria Oregon and back to Woodland. I could spend hours talking about the fun we had on this trip and the beauty we saw but maybe you should see for yourselves. Four days of riding ,1856.2 miles and what a fun one to knock off the bucket list as Dennis so aptly put it. San Francisco to Astoria up the coast, try it you'll like it.

So if you want a "kick off your riding season ride you won't forget", give this one a try !



Two New Events



For the month of September, we were given the opportunity to set up a booth at two new events for 2015.

The first was called Country Stock held at the Harley Davidson dealership (Latus Motors) in Gladstone, Oregon and ran from September 11 through 13 as a benefit event for the Wounded Warrior Project.

The second was Warriors and Wheels, a car and bike show held in Battle Ground, Washington on September 20 as an awareness/fund raiser for the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center.

At both of these events, we were blessed with booth space at no cost and the attraction of a custom chopper built by Orange County Choppers for Seven Eleven, named the Big Gulp.

These events proved to have many opportunities to talk to people about a lot of different topics, but always inviting them to avail themselves of the free books, pamphlets, and other items on the tables.

As a result of these contacts, over 400 pieces (each event) were given away including Bibles, The Desire of Ages, The Great Controversy, The Richest Caveman, Steps to Jesus, Live to 101, and many other titles. We are expecting that many will be influenced by the Holy Spirit to read and follow in the way of our GOD and have a better life, both physically and spiritually.



Only in USA

Have you ever considered the abundance of blessings that Christians enjoy in these United States of America?

As citizens of this country, we enjoy many rights and privileges that are denied to the majority of this planet's inhabitants

The foremost of these is freedom in most matters that are legal and moral and do not bring apparent harm to others.

We are free to choose how to worship or not and in what form that worship (or non-worship) happens. We have the freedom to tell others of our religious beliefs and encourage them to join in our worship community. "OR", we can do nothing at all. The choice is ours to make and follow through on.

We have the right to our opinion on many matters both personal and political and can express them publicly to those willing to listen. There are many forums available to us for this expression of free speech including print, electronic media, and gatherings.

We have the privilege of an education society by making sure the population better life if they chose to. This "R's" were in place and that an was founded and that by citizen

We can freely travel about these "proper documents" being necessary within this country of ours and wander on business or pleasure.

These are just a few of the blessings can add many more as you think of the land of freedom called the United



system that was founded to uplift had the skills and ability to attain a education made sure that the three understanding as to how this country participation it works fairly well.

United States without worry about or mandatory. We have open borders about wherever we choose to go either

that are enjoyed and I am sure that you what you are thankful for as citizen of States of America.

There are changes about to happen and as Bible students, we can be aware of some of the freedoms that will no longer be ours to enjoy. These changes will bring troubles to the consecrated Christian, however, God has promised to be with us to strengthen as needed and will lay to rest those unable to stand otherwise.

Study the prophecies and know that the time is short and much work is still to be done. Do not be alarmed though, as it is in God's timing and is His business. Just do whatever is before you cheerfully and let the results be whatever He ordains. Pray to stay within His Will asking for His Grace and His Mercy as you take the message of the Three Angels to those prompted by His Spirit to understand.

Revelation 14 – Last Call