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Well so far 2009 really sucks by JR President WPMC

Bad Start

I thought 2008 was bad; boy 2009 has started off with one funeral after another. Most recent was a friend of ours who had a solo car accident in which she was killed along with her grandson. The same accident cause major injuries to her two other grandchildren. With two funerals and a memorial next week .this stuff needs to stop. Between WPMC and PGR, I have represented our club at 14 funerals so far this year.

PGR

Several Wind & Fire members from my chapter belong to the Patriot Guard Riders. It seems that every three or four days we get notified of a funeral involving a GI. If you don't know about the PGR check it out at <http://www.patriotguard.org/>. PGR is a great way to support our troops and their families. Best of all it doesn't cost any money and gives you a very good reason to ride. Wind & Fire MC member's from across the USA already belongs to PGR. Check it out.

Just stuff

By now the Eastern Rally is in the books and we are well into 2009. Start planning your road trips and local rides. Remember it's not how far you ride it is that fact that you ride with your friends. Maybe along the way you will even make a few new ones. Remember to wear your WPMC colors' and wear them proudly.

Cops and Stuff

I know that firefighters and cops are friends and do a joint service to our communities. But more and more it seems that if you belong to a motorcycle club the cops are just lumping us in with all other clubs around the world. This is not good.

Don't think for a minute that you won't be harassed just for wearing a patch on your back. My personal recommendation is that if you do have an encounter with law enforcement that you be professional with the officer but by no means give up your civil rights. As my lawyer says "JUST SAY NO". NO you may NOT look in my saddle bags and NO I have not been drinking, and the list goes on. You have a civil right to wear your colors' when and where you want. If someone has a problem with that please contact me and I will refer you to someone who may be able to help you...

Now if you choose to not wear colors' and choose to give up some of your rights that is your personal choice. Just remember what you do has an effect on all of those that belong to this great club.

Whips or Motorcycle Get-Backs from the old days

If you are interested in one of the WPMC whips that hang from your handle-bars contact our Rocky Mountain Chapter. Many of us already have the WPMC color leather whip. They are very well made and are just another part of cycling history.

Keep in mind not all states like the 'whip'. California has dug up an old law and claim that the purpose of the whip is to harm someone rather than just look cool hanging on your bike. There is a simple fix here in CA, just remove the snap and use a leather lace to attach the whip to your bike. Just beware that some agencies are using any reason to pull you over. Once they have you stopped then they will check helmets, pipes, papers, saddle bags if you let them, and the list goes on.....



JD's new ride

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Getting that new scoot is all about trade-offs and choices. With JD's new ride it came down to STLYE versus HORSEPOWER? Hello..that's a no brainer! JD went with STYLE



Good Friends - Good Memories

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EMAIL IS NOT SPAM

As I see things...

John Bergstrom- Vice President

Well, spring is full underway in many parts of the country and many of us have followed the groundhogs lead and emerged from our burrows. If you haven't already done so now is the time to give your ride a good going over. Tire pressures have dropped over the winter and if you don't have your battery on a tender it will need attention as well. A good going over of your ride when you wash off that winter dust may save you some time later on the road.

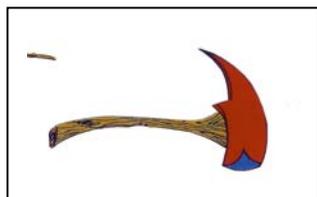
Tap, tap, Hello is this thing on...

In the January newsletter was a questionnaire that we included to ask for some feedback on our operations. To date I received **THREE** responses. One from California, one from Wisconsin and one from Spain. That's three out of 4500 members. Now this tells us that we are doing an outstanding job of running the club and that nothing should be changed or improved, that's good to know. However, if you would like to make a comment on the club or have a suggestion on **anything** from our rally's to operations, to club products we would love to hear from you. You may download the questionnaire from the January newsletter or write up your comments and email or snail mail them to me. I can be reached at jbergstrom@windstream.net or 140 Slaty Ford Rd. Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

2009 Honorary member

We have only received one name for nomination for 2009 Honorary Membership so we may not have one for this year. If you have someone in mind please let us know or if you are unsure of the requirements or nomination process give **JR** or me a shout. It's never to early to be thinking about this for next year.

I hope everyone has a great summer and safe riding. See you at the rallies!!



Board Chairman: [Lynn E. Kerstetter]

In my January New Letter article I addressed the non-Harley riding people that have questioned me about being a member and I expounded briefly on how I handled it. (See January News Letter, COB Report) I of course know that we have associate members that do not ride Harleys, even though I was remiss not to mention it. I apologize for that mistake. I did reply to those who questioned my article.

I guess my whole point was the fact that Firefighters, that wanted to joint and can only be an associate instead of a full member, because they don't ride a Harley, feel a little rejected.

I understand the conception of our Club and I have always honored that position. However, over the years I have felt the rejection of Firefighters who have ask to join but didn't like the part of it being only an associate brother or sister firefighter.

I have watched a lot of Firefighter Clubs form and become quite large and the main reason is because they can ride other bikes.

I can honestly say that I have watched Firefighters in my immediate area who I have personally contacted, join the other Clubs because of the type of bikes their buddies ride. I would estimate that I have lost over 100 Harley riders because of that.

I am not trying to make a case for myself nor am I trying to say we should change. I am just trying to explain why I wrote the last article. If I offended anyone with that article I am sorry. I am still a loyal member and as I said before, I respect the founder's conception and remain a true W&FMC member.

The past three months have been quite. I hope all is well with all of our Chapters and Members. Ride safely. Hope to see some of you this year. [Lynn E. Kerstetter]

(Note: Wind & Fire MC was founded as a Harley-riding firefighter motorcycle club, not a Firefighter club that rides motorcycle. Interesting point our club has 1% of its membership that is not associated with the fire service)

Skipper's Log: Terry Porter

Well, winter has been long for some of us (I still have snow in my front yard), but some others have enjoyed the quiet roads. For all of us riding season is almost here. There are lots of articles about getting your bike ready for the riding season, so I'll talk about getting you ready. For those of you who are new to riding and/or riding with Wind & Fire you are in for a big treat. Don't be one of those riders who waits for others to suggest a ride or destination, take the lead. Some Chapters kind of stop being active because the people who started the chapter get other assignments, move to other departments or jobs and a few of us even retire and move away! Don't let that stop you from riding. There are lots of places to go and things to do if you just do it. It doesn't have to take a lot of planning or work. At my department we decided on a morning meeting once a month on the third Saturday of the month at a local eatery. If you got there early, you could get breakfast before we took off at 0900 (had to give the guys getting off shift a chance to change, eat and get there). Then we'd head out for a lunch ride somewhere or an organized event if someone else did all the planning (we supported a lot of runs from different clubs and got our colors out there, so they would support our efforts). We had our bikes blessed, gave blood (no, the Red Cross type), did memorial rides, fallen police officers rides, rides for bikers freedoms, etc. you get the idea. Get out be seen, have fun, enjoy the trip and each other.

Evo Red started this club to help others enjoy his love of riding, pride of being a fire fighter and helping others through

charity work and it has been a great success. Those of us who joined Wind & Fire have found something that is hard to describe, but incredible to feel and experience. Meeting other members just about everywhere you go. Riding to club events local, regional, national and international are fantastic. You are not a stranger, you are among brothers and sisters and welcomed like a member of the family. The look on kids faces when you do a charity ride at a burn camp, cancer camp, youth getaway, toy run just cannot be put into words, but the appreciation is there. They love you and they love the bikes.

Get yourself ready. Make sure you are rested. Bike fueled up and ready to ride. Dress for the weather, but be ready for changes. Wear your colors' proudly. Get there early and leave on time. If it's just you, that's okay, enjoy the solitude of you and your bike and no one but you to decide where to go, when to stop and what to do. If others are there, make sure you are all on the same page of where you are going and where you stops will be (that way if someone does stop along the way, they can catch up. I started a two hour ride with about 300 other riders and one of the guys with four of us dropped off in the first mile. He caught up at the lunch stop. Seems he ran out of gas.). At lunch don't always sit with the same old group, get to know the others and make them feel welcome you just might make some good friends.

There are some big rides coming up this year and one of the first is Run For The Wall. If you can't make the whole run, try to hook up along the way. Since it goes all the way across the country from California to Washington DC, everyone can probably find a day or two to ride to where it will be going through and ride with if for awhile (we had two riders from Sweden that rode down to join the 1st European Tour in 2006 for just a couple of days and French riders met us in Italy and rode for days with us before going back to work). We know some of you young guys still work and it takes a sacrifice in time and money to head out to ride with strangers, but it is well worth it and you won't be strangers long. I could tell stories, but they won't give me enough space. Get out and make your own memories. I've ridden over 250,000 miles on my Harleys and I'm not even half way done.

Remember we've got 2010 to celebrate the addition of our European riders, 2011 to celebrate the 20th year of the club and to remember the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 and who knows maybe 2012 in Australia. Every year are our Regional Rallies, many local club events, The Ride to Remember in Colorado in September (those Colorado riders really know how to make a body feel welcome), The National Rally in Hill City SD, (the members who put that get together on know what the club is all about). There are so many rides to do, but the main thing is get involved, ride and experience a growth you never thought of when you joined the Fire Fighter Brotherhood. When you see me at a run (or any officer and/or Board Member) come on up and say 'Hi', bend our ears and let us know what you think of the club because it is YOUR club. If you need help planning a ride, just get drop me a note and I'll help all that I can. If you need to know what's up see the

WFMC calendar that JR made up and let him know if you have things to put it. We'll help you get the word out. Now stop reading and start planning to get out there and ride.

See you on a run. [Skipper, International Road Captain and Board Member]

To All Members:

At the September 2008 Wind & Fire Board Meeting in Colorado the following was discussed:

The observation of the 20th Anniversary of the founding of Wind & Fire International MC, Inc. will take place in 2011.

Appropriate ceremonies should take place as it was in 2001 on the 10th Anniversary with the USA Tour and in 2006 on the 15th Anniversary with the 1st European Tour.

Discussion followed as to what could or would be appropriate. Skipper noted that since the club did the Memorial Ride To Remember to New York City Ground Zero, the Pentagon and Shanksville, PA in September 2002 and 2011 would be the 10th Anniversary of 9-11 and the club would be honored to observe 9-11, that perhaps the two could be tied together. (Just an idea)

A 20th Anniversary Committee was formed with Skipper as Chairman with Gary, Bruce, Eddy and Don to report back to the Club President before June 1, 2009 with their recommendations.

We need your help. We need ideas and someone to step up to plan and organize a run that will be something special and that we can all be proud of like the USA & European Tours.

Contact any committee member or any officer. Let the ideas flow and let's make this big. Thanks, Skipper

(Note: The focus of the 2011 WFMC anniversary event should be a celebration of 20 years of Wind & Fire MC and not be over shadowed by some other event, bringing members together is what it will be about, we need your input. JR)

Sgt.-At-Arms: William Trinkl

Well I hope you all had a great riding season. I covered over 15,000 miles with club activities last summer. I made it a point to attend all 4 national rallies and a few other W&F Events. As some of you know, we are coming close to being around 20 years old and I think it is about time we get our "colors" up to standard. As I traveled I have discovered there are still quite a few of you out there proudly wearing your Rally Vests.

Nothing wrong with Rally Vest but they should not be confused with a set of Official W&F MC cuts or as some of you know them 'colors'. Rally vest,; a vest where you stick everything that you come across in your travels. Colors' that would be our patch with a 'rocker' only on the back of a vest.

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Corny as it sounds check out Sons of Anarchy they have almost a perfect vest.

At our last W&F board meeting we voted to officially make our club a 2 piece patch club.

That means we would suggest that all members not in a chapter, wear an approved rocker or order the approved rocker "Firefighter". Let's see if we can get majority compliance by the 20th anniversary W&F Run.

If you have questions check out the W&F web site under "Sgt at Arms" there you will find some pictures. If you need more personal direction email me: wm53pan@yahoo.com

[William] W&F MC Sgt at Arms

EVO RED Rant

QUOTE: (Abate of California Newsletter Jan-Feb 2009 page 13) "Motorcyclists are all bound together by a brotherhood tie through their love of the sport, and what difference does it make what make of machine he rides as long as he belongs to the clan." Walter Davidson, December 1920 edition of Harley-Davidson's Enthusiast Magazine.

W&F MC by-laws carry this philosophy with regard to Associate Membership. [JE]

The Honor Run: checkout this site. It's a worthwhile motorcycle event happening in September. Our brother Dave Barr is up on this one and riding across the land from Washington D.C. to California. www.thehonorrun.org [JE]

PASS ON THE NEWS! The reason the Club no longer sends free newsletters to every member – W&F MC did this for many years – the printing/ mailing financial impact on our bare-bones funded, nonprofit and volunteer-operated club would bankrupt us. Thus, the burden of spreading the news about W&F MC has shifted to the members...that's you! Our Quarterly Newsletter is free on the Club website. Help get the word out by printing copies of the Newsletter and distributing them within your chapter and to other members; or, simply keep reminding members to dial up the website and read the current issue of the quarterly news. A hard copied newsletter is also available by subscription, contact our editor JD..

GEEZER PUTTING: As the years flash by, retirement mode takes its toll and winter gruels along, riding thoughts have been thumping through my noggin. I'm beginning to understand why my dad was still riding at age 85...to Sturgis no less from Santa Barbara on his Road King! Undeterred JD is at his reverse age of 18 and still laying down the miles! (*Personal note to JD: You win John; I've set 75 as my absolute max for being in-the-wind...of course, I've got a history of declaring riding absolutes that aren't that absolute.*)

Trekking coast-to-coast last year with the pack on RFTW was intense but worth the bragging rights of having

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made it "all-the-way" on the 1st Run in 1989 and the 20th Run in 2008.

I rode to the Black Hills in the off season last year for our Honorary Member Presentation. The pendulum swing of whether or not I'll go to this year's National Rally is hanging mostly on the South Dakota side.

As usual I'm looking forward to my annual Anti-Laughlin Run and those California W&F runs that I can make. By the end of summer my 100th Anniversary Wide Glide should be "broken in" proper by passing the 100,000 mile mark.

"Life is risks." See you on the road. [Evo Red]

TOO FAST No thought: sometimes that reflex reaction can benefit from some thought before a too quick retort is used on a person or problem.

*You were a moth
brushing against my cheek
in the dark.
I killed you
not knowing
you were only a moth,
with no sting.'*

— Ruth Zardo (One of Louis Penny's characters in *A Fatal Grace* [a mystery book])

FREEDOM RUN: April 20 in Sacramento, California.

When something smells give notice! Here's my ranting letter on a local stink and the reply I received:

To: The Unity Shoppe
1219 State Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Unityshoppe.org

Dear Shoppe,

I've been riding in the Santa Barbara Toy Run every year since year one. I have always felt pride to make this effort rain or shine until this year. The source of my bad feelings began before the run started when the word was passed down that colors would not be allowed on the run. This decree was targeted at the Hells Angels and the Bravados. That color decree is a biased blanket effort against motorcycle clubs. I wear my colors everywhere and have done this in all states but one state and in 20 other countries.

A goodwill effort at Christmas time should be free from law enforcement centered bias. The two clubs mentioned have financially supported the Toy Run over the years.

If The Unity Shoppe wants to discriminate at least be up front about it and publish this bias on your Toy Run flyers, news notices and raffle tickets i.e. "No Colors Allowed". That way the spirit of the run will be out in the open.

Incidentally with the SB "bah humbug" approach I won't be there and I will direct the members of my nonprofit international firefighter/Harley-Davidson club not to attend.

A resident of Santa Barbara since 1969, I founded an international Firefighter/Harley-rider club, Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club Inc., in 1991 (4,000+ members, 160+ chapters, 20 countries). Nationally and internationally W&F MC annually organizes over two dozen charitable events. As a motorcycle club we wear back patch colors. We operate with an open minded approach to interacting with all other clubs. (W&F MC details can be found at www.windandfiremc.org).

As a local rider I have been fortunate enough to participate in all 21 Santa Barbara Toy Runs. The first few runs organized by the local motorcycle rights group ABATE were a hard sell to the community. Eventually Santa Barbarians realized our effort lacked an ulterior motive and saw the event as simply an adjunct to serving the needy of the community. Thus, the ride was sanctioned and finally allowed to run up State Street.

I have had visiting W&F MC members participate in the run wearing their colors from the Santa Monica Chapter, the Diamond Chapter Belgium and this year from the Hawaiian Islands Chapter. Our member from Hawaii, a fellow Vietnam Veteran, saw the "no colors" decree as an affront to basic freedom. I had to convince him to stay. Our small group in total donated about \$700 to the run.

I have worked on the job with law enforcement, even cohabitating at the public safety building on the campus of UCSB. In the service I was in law enforcement, an MP in Germany and Vietnam. As with all professions there the range of professionalism includes a few unclear minded individuals. For the most part the people in law enforcement are dedicated, understanding and civic minded, but there are also a few with heavy badges. I know this first hand. During my tour in Vietnam I saw my senior partner turn an ordinary apprehension into a riot by simply adapting a hard core attitude. Each situation dictates use of a specific tact.

The SB Toy Run's "no colors participation" for two local groups – that have a history of being supportive and well meshed with other riders at this event – is an erroneous tact.

Sincerely,
Jerry Eibert
Retired SBCO FD (30 years)
Vietnam Veteran
"Local Hero" SB Independent
Unity Shoppe volunteer (10 years)

PS: Nonattendance by our members or myself will likely result in simply a shift of our toy run donations to another toy run...Santa Maria, Ventura, SLO, Los Angeles, etc.

My Dear Friend Jerry Eibert,

First of all, I and Tom Reed, cannot thank you enough for all your support these past 21 years. It's been groups like yours that has made this annual event as great a success has it has. It has been my intention to include any and all who support motorcycling and giving back to those in need in our community and, as you know, the Unity Shoppe is the very best at doing just that. Your continued support is much needed and would be sorely missed.

As to the wearing of "Colors," I would like to go on record that we on the committee, do NOT have a problem with the wearing of "Colors," that, my friend, came down from the CHP. I am hopeful that we can resolve this problem, as we are told that the officer that made this decree would be relocating to another district. I don't know the exact outcome, but I will work very hard to resolve it. I am forwarding your letter to Officer Don Clotworthy and hope to open a dialog with the department. For the record, I discussed this with the Santa Barbara PD and they have no problem with the wearing of "Colors" as there has never been a problem in the past.

Please be patient with Tom and I, and we will keep you informed as to the outcome. I thank you for your letter and look forward to talking to you in the near future.

With a heartfelt thanks,
Jerry Herzberg, Chairman
Santa Barbara Motorcycle Toy Run 805 689-3065

DAVE BARR:

Any club member who also belongs to the AMA got a bonus in this month's issue of the *American Motorcyclist* magazine (April 2009 issue pages 44-48). There is a great story covering our own incomparable Bro, Honorary Member Dave Barr. Dave's legendary exploits are exposed as well as his incorruptible positive spirit. [JE]

BOOK REVIEW: I'm reading *No Angel* by Jay Dobyns. The book was on the Nonfiction Best Sellers list for a couple of weeks this month. I'm on page 252 of 313 and find it a well written account of an ATF agent working undercover as an outlaw biker.

My take on the *No Angel* philosophy is it seems pretty true to life but projects some naiveté of the lifestyle and comes with a law enforcement bias. The reverse, outlaw bias, can be read in Sonny Barger's books. Both approaches express the author's opinion of the facts. Seems to me that reality is somewhere in between.

Jay Dobyns' book is interesting and worth reading. [JE]

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If you have already sent your money for another 2-Year subscription - Let me know! [JD]

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Make sure you send information before the event is going to happen: Newsletters are sent April (Quarterly), July (Quarterly), October (Quarterly), and January (Quarterly).

New Wind & Fire MC Chapter: Welcome

Our newest chapter is #165 Oberbayern Chapter (Germany)

Simon, Heinzl: President

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WIND & FIRE RALLIES AND OTHER RUNS:

WIND & FIRE - FIRE FIGHTERS UK

Present their Annual

Folkestone Charity Custom Bike Show
in aid of

Peanut Ward Children's Burns Unit (East Grinstead)

and the Firefighters Charity

April 5th 2009 to be held at Highfield Industrial Estate,
Bradley Road, Folkestone, CT19 6DD

10:00 to 15:00 Show prize giving and raffle at 14:00

Emergency Service displays by the Fire, Ambulance, Police & RNLI., Two Bike shops open, Club & Trade stands & displays, food, drink, toilets.

The Custom Bike Show is judged by the public. Classes are; Best Harley-Davidson, Engineering, Paintwork, Chrome, Classic, Trike, metric, Chopper Custom and Show Champion
all prizes are donated in memory of Christine Fenn

FREE ENTRY to this event but
please support the Charities and buy some raffle tickets.



Bikes ONLY on Site

Greetings Brothers!

I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you and the rest of the Wind & Fire MC. For the second year in a row, the San Bernardino City Professional Firefighters Local #891 will be putting on the "Berdoos Bikes & Blues Rendezvous" at the Arrowhead Credit Union Stadium in downtown San Bernardino on Saturday, May 9th, 2009. Our one day show is a charity event with proceeds going to the Edward G. Hirschman Burn Ward at the Arrowhead Medical Center. Our event will

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feature Big Bear Choppers, live bands, a 100 mile Poker Run, vendors, exhibits, activities, a bike show and sale area and a kids' zone. Please check out our web site at: www.berdoobikesandblues.com and check back often – we're always updating it.

If you would like to come up to our event as a group, please contact me personally so that I can make arrangements for your

arrival and entry. Unfortunately, because of police and city ordinances, we will not be able to allow colors to our event. We tried but were turned down in force. Please do not consider this a deterrent to our event. This is a true "ride in" bike show that is produced by firefighters and promotes the City of San Bernardino, local bikers and the Inland Empire motorcycle community as a whole. We'd love to have you join us. Please contact me at your convenience.

Cheers! Bill Beaumont Fire Engineer
San Bernardino City Fire Department

Vice President Wind & Fire Chapter #73
San Bernardino Valley Fire
Vice President, Berdoo Bikes & Blues Rendezvous event committee
www.berdoobikesandblues.com

6th Annual Arizona Burn Camp Ride

Monday, June 15, 2009 at 11:00 am
Meet at Prescott Fire Station #1
333 White Spar Road – Prescott, AZ

Attention all Arizona Fire Department members, retiree's and guests! Please join us for a day of fun in the cool pines near Prescott on our 6th Annual Burn Camp Run hosted by the Phoenix Area Wind & Fire MC to benefit the Arizona Burn Camp.

- This ride is limited to fire department members, retirees and their guests
- Registration between 11:00 – 11:45 am at Prescott Fire Station #1, 333 White Spar Road.
- \$30.00 donation for riders, \$15.00 donation for passengers
- Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided by the Prescott Firefighters. Lunch will be served at the Burn Camp.
- Burn Camp Run shirts and pins are available to the first 200 paid participants.
- Proceeds will benefit the Arizona Burn Camp (Make checks payable to the Wind & Fire Motorcycle Club).
- Motorcycle helmets are required for the ride from Prescott to the Burn Camp.
- All riders are encouraged to get at least one corporate or private sponsor. Official sponsorship letters are available on Wind & Fire web site at: www.windandfirephoenixchapter.com or by calling.

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- Phoenix area riders will be leaving from Fire Station 56, 3210 W. Canotia Place (I-17 & Carefree Hwy) at 088 and will ride through Wickenburg and Yarmell. Registration for riders leaving from Phoenix will begin at 0700 hours.

Any questions, call:

Jerry Burghour 623 680-8506 or Steve Kreis 602 495-5848

2009 Fresno CA, Burn Camp Run:

Be sure to attend the 2009 Fresno Area Burn Run.

To kick things off in the best way possible rooms will be available at the Piccadilly on Tuesday, June 16 so everyone can come into town, escape the heat in a nice air conditioned Hospitality suite, or even relax poolside. Fresno Area will provide food and drinks to set the right mood for the kick off.

The run starts Wednesday morning at the Piccadilly in Fresno for a nice foothill ride into Wonder Valley where we drop off the money raised for AARBF, Champ Camp and have some good quality time with friends, kids and burn survivors. Then we are off again keeping the foothills and great scenery in mind and head to Oakhurst Lodge in downtown Oakhurst. Once again we will have some great food and drinks and be able to relax poolside and cool off from our scenic day. After the great BBQ you may spend the night at the lodge or head on your way.

Just like previous years contact The Piccadilly for a room Tuesday night at 559.226.3850. You may contact the Oakhurst Lodge at 800.655.6343 for a room Wednesday night. For both places make sure you mention WFMC for a discount. Rates are the same as last year. Reservations should be made no later than May 1.

Please RSVP to centralcalwnf@hotmail.com. As usual we need a head count for the BBQ in Oakhurst. After a day of riding in the warm Fresno sun I know you want to make sure you eat very well, so please help us by letting us know.

If you have any questions about the rooms, the ride or the BBQ email me at centralcalwnf@hotmail.com

Western National Rally

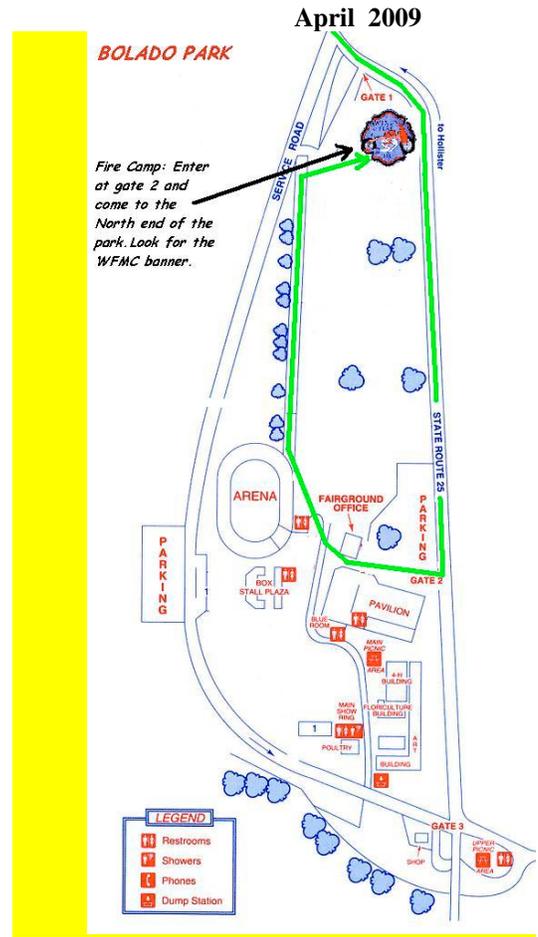
Hollister, California USA
July 2-5, 2009

Wind & Fire MC Chapter #88 will be hosting our Western Rally in Hollister 2009. The past years have provided a lot of memories and fun for the members, families and friends. We continue to host the Western Rally and hope to see all our WFMC members there. We are in the planning stages for this years rally and would like to keep everybody updated and also help you with your plans to make your trip to Hollister. The following information is provided to help you with your plans. If you need further information or help you can call 530-263-6064 for assistance. Also please visit our web page @ www.santacruz88.us to keep updated. You can also email your questions to: ronjsimoni@hughes.net

Western Rally Dates to Remember

- July 2nd ...Fire Camp opens at Bolado Park (Campers and RVs are welcome)
- July 3rd ...Members touring of the area and sight seeing.Bar-B-Q dinner at the park
- July 4th ...WFMC Western Rally.Sign-ins @ Corbins time:9am Luncheon and awards @ the Cutting Horse in San Jaun Batista. Saturday night party @ Bolado Park.
- July 5th ...Sunday pack it up and head for home.

Maps & Directions



See You in Hollister, Ron Simoni
WFMC Chapter 88 President



Another Great Western Rally



2009 European Rally - Spain
Saturday May 30th. – Saturday June 6th.

Brothers, Sisters, See the January NL for more information in regards to the Rally.

CDF- FIRE: Chapter 91

W & F Chapter 91, CDF-FIRE, will be sponsoring our “13th Annual Kids Day Run” to Camp Ronald McDonald in Mountain Center (Riverside County) on Sunday, July 12, 2009. Camp Ronald McDonald is located in the mountains east of Hemet and is a one week camp for kids that have cancer. This will be the thirteenth year Wind & Fire has made this ride.

For those of you that wish to come in on Saturday afternoon we will be staying at the Super 8 Motel in Hemet. The Super 8 is



The 88 Crew welcomes everyone

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located at 3510 W. Florida Avenue in Hemet. (Florida Ave is HWY 74 as it goes through Hemet). This is on the north side of Florida between Warren Road and Sanderson Avenue, next to the Home Depot. The phone number is 951-658-2281. You can also make reservations on line at www.super8.com. Rates are in the \$75 - \$80 range, tax included.

On Saturday evening we usually get together for dinner around 1800 and walk over to a local restaurant. (In the past we have always gone to the "Steer & Stein"). Those of you planning on dinner with us please let me know so I can give the restaurant a head count.

The ride will leave the Super 8 at 0900 on Sunday morning, July 12th, for a two hour leisurely ride thru the countryside to Mountain Center where the Camp is located, arriving around 1130. We will interact with the kids in some really interesting games and will join them for lunch (Be sure you don't rest your elbows on the table). I anticipate departure from the Camp no later than 1400. Please direct any questions to Duane Chamlee at papa.duane@verizon.net or give me a call at 951-313-0895.

Charity Run Pins and Patches will be available for \$10 each or \$15 a set. (Although I usually browbeat you for \$20 as it all goes to the kids and I don't have to make change)

We always have a great time and hope you can join us. Thank you for your support. [PapaDuane]

Mississippi River Road/Bike/Octoberfest Run: Oct.3rd

Leave from Best Western Hotel La Crosse, WI. Kickstands up at 8:00am. This is a slow tour of the Mississippi River Road to New Orleans. Then East to Daytona for Bike/Octoberfest.

Wind & Fire MC Bike/Octoberfest Events:

- 1 Party and BBQ at AM Vets Post #59 in Palm Coast.
- 2 Run and social at Thunder Gulch/Black Cloud Saloon and Camp Ground.
- 3 Run to St. Augustine. Lodging: RV and Tent Sites at AM Vets Post #59. Topaz Hotel in Flagler Beach, ocean views.

Info (West): Don Tompkins 970 623-5070

Info (East): Glen French 386 449-9991

This Is an event **For All Wind & Fire MC Members.**

WIND & FIRE COMPLETED RIDES & RALLY'S

Barbary Coast Chapter: # 57

Should Have Been In January NL

On November 22nd in San Francisco the Barbary Coast Chapter held the 3rd Annual Johnny "V" Toy Run. What a spectacular day to showcase our city and chapter. Over 300+ participated in this year's event. Thirteen toy barrels were filled to help us kick off the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 Toy Program Gift Giving Season. We had many firefighters from surrounding areas as well as other Chapters participating in our

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event. They all came to contribute to the kids of San Francisco and especially to honor our brother Fireman John Voelker (Johnny V).

Before the ride was to begin, several active firefighters have volunteered to pay a tribute to Johnny V. An antique 65' wooden bangor ladder was churched raised where Firefighter Larry McDonald climbed to the top gave a salute went over the top and scaled down the other side. The cheer from the crowd was louder than our bikes.



The parade style procession started at 12:00 noon with a high ranking Santa leading the way. Barbary Coast in front in a missing rider formation with a spot left open for Johnny V, he always rides by our side. We were even honored to have John

Robbins (JR) riding in front with us. The route took us through many of San Francisco's favorite tourist attractions. The tourists went into a frenzy trying to capture a picture of the thunderous parade of American Iron rolling down the street with postcard settings as there backdrop. The ride ended at the Bayview Boat Club where the riders were treated to a tri-tip BBQ with all the fix-ins, music by DJ "Hindsight" and over 150 raffle prizes were awarded. The 50/50 raffle was won by our own member "Mongo" of \$247.00 which was donated back to the Toy Program.

The W&FMC, Barbary Coast Chapter would like to thank all that participated in our toy run. To all the volunteers that helped us put on the event. To the crew that raised the 65' ladder in honor of Johnny "V". To the SFPD for your help in traffic control we could not have done it without you. Also a special thanks to our raffle contributors and sponsors. Your generosity will help insure a good Christmas for the less fortunate children and families of our community. Your good deed has not gone unnoticed. You have earned our respect and gratitude. The toy run is our small way to help the kids and to honor and never forget Johnny "V". Toy King, Fireman, Brother. We hope to see you next year.

The Barbary Coast Chapter would also like to congratulate Chief Patrick Gardner to the position of Deputy Chief of Department (CD2), Operations, S.F.F.D.

PG&E honored Barbary Coast member Gino Rinaldi with the Mielke and Jefferson Award. These grants will contribute

\$10,000 to AARBF in Gino's behalf for his community service with the Burn Foundation.

We are so very proud of both of your accomplishments.

Please check out our new webpage www.barbarycoastwindandfire.com. Our Chapter Secretary Big Bob has done a great job with the new site.

2009 W&FMC Eastern Rally Report

by Lynn E. Kerstetter, Director
Central Florida Chapter #80

The 2009 W&FMC Eastern Rally, hosted by Central Florida Chapter #80 and Space Coast Chapter #71, turned out to be a great event this year. We had our great Florida weather, blue skies, great sunshine and around 80 degrees. Lots of old friends hooking up and sharing old times and good memories.

The following W&FMC Board Members and wives were present this year, **Gary Lovell & Mindy, Bruce Reibly & Erlene, Mark Ritermeyer & Mary Ann and Lynn E. Kerstetter & Brenda**

The New Smyrna Fire Department, as usual, were great host providing us their Station 51. They also made contact with the local Boy Scout Troop who provided us with our lunch. We

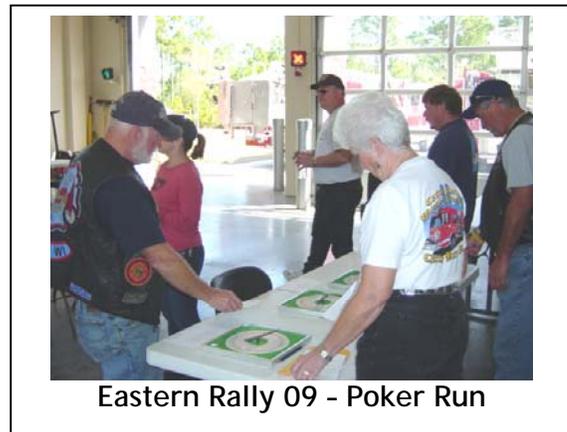
also had a good turn out for our breakfast where we did a lot of socializing.

Our Wind and Fire MC awards this year went to the following members, from Colorado Rocky Mt. Chapter. #3 members Eric Sondeen won Furthest Distance Ridden, Walt Snazar won Best Bike and Mike Schanberger won Long Distance. Bill Delapp from Oswigo N.Y. Lighthouse Chapter #142 won Oldest Ridder.

There were 10 Chapters represented and other Out Riders that didn't belong to any chapter.



Eastern Rally - Breakfast



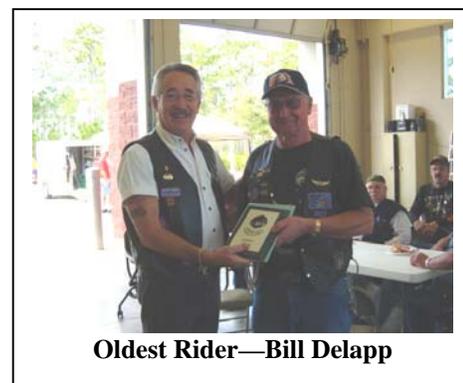
Eastern Rally 09 - Poker Run



Eric Sondeen Long Rider



Eastern Rally 09 - 10 Chapters



Oldest Rider—Bill Delapp



ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

Roadside Assistance, What is it, What can it do for me, how can I help?

Wind & Fire MC is a very large motorcycle club and has grown through the years with members throughout the world. Here in the states you can hit the road and in your travels know help for you might be very close if you are broken down and stranded. The program was put together to take advantage of our members who want to be there if the need arises to help another member stranded out on the road.

This is how it works: We maintain a data base of members with their phone numbers and other information that can be very helpful. Our data base is kept up to date and we encourage members that want to help to get into this data base. Your information of what you can provide is in the data base, the distance you will travel to deliver assistance, do you have a trailer, can you provide temporary bike storage, is there a repair facility in your area and can you give another member a place to crash. We bikers are people who want to help out and this is a great opportunity to be there when a brother or sister could use it.

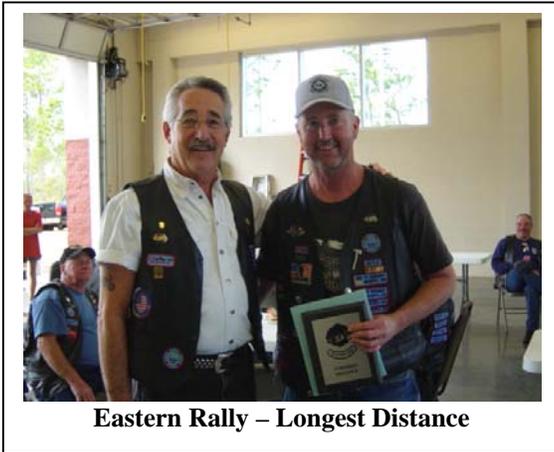
We have 2 phone numbers you should have with you when out on the road. These numbers belong to Ron Simoni of WFMC (530-263-6064) and John Jensen (JJ) (541-659-3479). We both have a data base list and carry it with us. When we get a call we will look up the area your in and get the ball rolling to get you the help you need.

If you are interested to have your information enter into our data bank you can contact Ron Simoni at ronjsimoni@hughes.net or John Jensen at SofJchapter@aol.com and we will get your information. We maintain a coverage map and you can look at it on the Santa Cruz web page @ www.santacruz88.us. Or our WFMC National site. This map will show you the participating members and where they are located. If you note on the map that there is not much coverage in your area we could use your help.

Thanks to our members in the data base. WFMC really appreciates your help

Ron Simoni & John Jensen

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE CORDINATORS



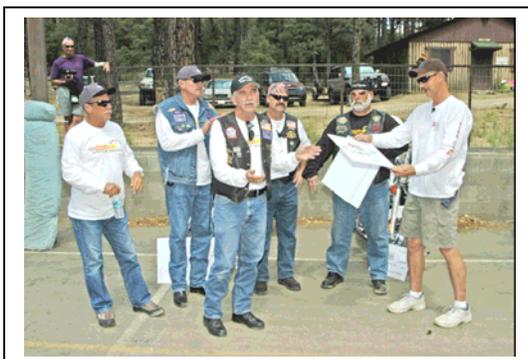
Eastern Rally – Longest Distance

Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club and HOG (Harley Owners Group) Chapter 93

By Mike Merucci

Picture a group of fire fighters whose careers are spent protecting your family and your property. What if they all shared a common interest, riding Harley Davidson motorcycles? Now imagine they put their hearts and minds together and raised a ton of cash to benefit children who have survived severe burn injuries. And what if they joined forces with another group of equally big-hearted Harley fans and together orchestrated the biggest community group fundraiser in the history of the Foundation for Burns and Trauma? No need to imagine, they are real and they did it! I'm talking about the Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club and HOG (Harley Owners Group) Chapter 93. Together, they conducted a year-long fundraising campaign that raised a record setting \$100,000 for our Youth Burn Survivor programs and the Arizona Children's Burn Camp.

The excitement generated by such a generous donation was only matched by the excitement on the faces of our campers as nearly 100 "Harleys" rumbled into Camp Courage. Every year the members of Wind and Fire and HOG #93 hold their Burn Camp Run from Phoenix to Prescott and determine via lottery which members get to ride into camp to present the check. With the support of the members of the Wind and Fire Motorcycle Club and HOG Chapter 93, Arizona's child burn survivors will always have a place for healing and personal growth called Camp Courage.



Wednesday, June 17th. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome to ride along. Drop me a line and I'll give you the info on where we meet and what time.

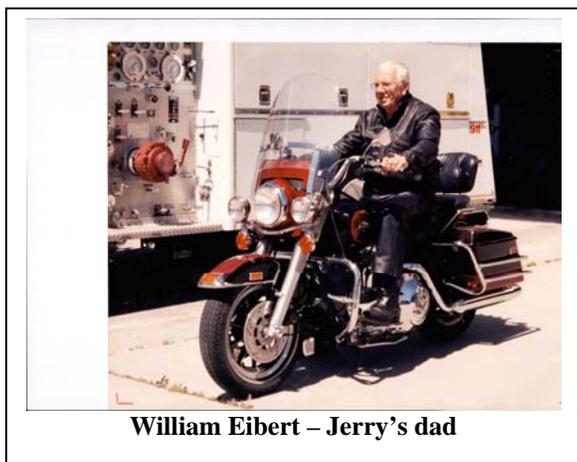
Central-Sierra Chapter Burn Camp Fund Raiser - JR

Mary and Mike Walker did another great job this year. Using a unique concept of inviting non bikers to a party really works. As we all know bikers have fund raiser every weekend. With travel and party expenses they soon run short on money.

Mary came up with the idea of invited all the doctors and non riders in here neborhood to a St Patty's Day party. This is her third year of doing this. The number of those that attend in relation to the amount of work done to raise money is pretty awesome. Mary and Mike seem always to raise between \$2,500 and \$3,500 in a 4 hour period of time.

Now this is time management. I remember when we put on poker runs. It took a day to set up and a day to clean up. Plus a very long day during the event. The high risk of someone having an accident was always present. And the money made was about the same. Do the math, it was worth doing.

With this event, maybe a Taxes-Hold'm **tournament**, and along with some donations from local fire companies 2009 will be another good year for our local burn camp.



William Eibert – Jerry's dad

Hello from Bellwood

It's spring here in the midwest although you wouldn't know it by the weather just yet.

Our chapter is making plans for our Bikers' Ball; that's the casual dinner and dance we put on every year to raise money for Burn Camp. The date this year is Saturday, May 9th, so if any of you are local, we'd love for you to join us. Or even if you're not local; one of our members, "California Bob", is flying in for it from the West Coast! Our burn camp run is on

We are also making plans for Sturgis, as it's never too early to start. We will be in the same campground again this year, Pactola Lake campground north of Hill City on 385, sites #63, 64 & 65 in loop B. If you come to the campground and just cruise back towards Loop B you won't miss us - we're well marked. Again this year, the night before the run, we will be hosting Monday night dinner at our campground. All Wind & Fire members (and friends) are invited to stop for a bite and a chance to meet other W&F members. There's usually a few of the board members there so if you've got a complaint or suggestion, stop by and run it by us. We always have a great camp fire going and enjoy making new friends and meeting up with old ones. Tuesday of course is the Poker run, high noon in Hill City at the Alpine Inn on Main St. We have a lot of bikes and it takes some time to get organized, so a bit earlier is good. Any questions about the Poker Ride or our dinner just contact me and I'll get you an answer redguys2@gmail.com.

One more thing before I go: I did the Ride to Remember this year in Colorado. We scheduled our International Board of Directors meeting for the same weekend and had a great turn out, including Eddy coming in from Europe, and got alot accomplished. I got into Colorado on Thursday afternoon, got settled in and met up with other members who were there. I hadn't been to the R T R in a couple of years and I had forgotten what an incredible weekend it is. First off a couple of the Colorado chapters got together and put on a dinner for us. Thanks guys (and gals), it was nice to just kick back and relax at the hotel and get to visit with everyone. These guys also planned rides for the next day while we had our meeting so anyone in from out of town who didn't need to sit through the meeting would have something to do. The day of the ride started out beautiful, a large group of us started at the hotel and then picked up more bikes as we made our way down to the shopping center that works at the staging area for the ride. This is by far the largest parade of bikes and equipment that I have ever ridden in and it is such a moving experience. Every overpass along the route has FF's and equipment and other people that turn out just to show their support and honor the FF's. You'll pass under an engine with four FF's standing on top of it saluting the parade as it goes by ... the whole thing will just bring tears to your eyes. As the coordinator for the W&F National Rally in Sturgis, of course I'd like to see every member come - the National Rally is a great time with lots of great people and the week has some riding like you can't believe. With that said, if you're making plans for this year/s riding season, make time in September to go to the Ride to Remember. It's an experience you won't soon forget and as a firefighter it's something you really should do for yourself and for all our brothers who can't make the ride because they gave their lives in the line of duty. Go to the picture section of the club web site and you'll see some pictures that JR put in there from last year's run, or ask any one who's been there and I'm sure they will tell you the same thing: DON'T MISS IT.

The club is getting so big there's a lot of stuff going on all over the world and it's a real handful to stay up with all this. It's a full time job for JR, JB, & JD at the top of the pecking order, not to make light of the other Board members like Eddy, for instance, and all the stuff he has to deal with across the pond. And the rest of us on the Board are trying to do our part to make things run smoothly, and keep the club growing. Looking forward to seeing all you regulars in Sturgis and hoping to meet a lot of new people this year as well.

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Elephant Seals – New WFMC Prospects ?



JD's Other Ride