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## CA STATE DIRECTORS MESSAGE:

CA Director Loner Abbott says: Well here we go again. I hope things are going well with everyone. Not much to talk about this time, so it will be short.

It seems that most all chapters are running kind of smooth. I say that because my phone is not ringing off the wall, and that's a good thing.

Leatha and I have been doing a little riding, a car show and a poker run in memory of a downed rider. It was sad but well put together and fun.

I know that it is almost 3 months away, but it is never too early to start making plans for a really good get together at the BTW California State Fall Trike-In. Start spreading the news and let's see what kind of turnout we can get.

There will be emails of the flyers sent out to all directors, so they can make copies and pass them out. Also, there is already a copy on the California BTW website – btw-california.org – If you haven't already done so, stop by to check it out and sign our guestbook.

That's about all for now, so hope to see you on the road somewhere.

P.S. Just a reminder for all you artists. We are looking for artwork for a California State patch. Please bring your ideas to the California State Fall Trike-In.

Ride Safe, Ride Free, and God Bless

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## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAPTERS

Bakersfield JAMMIN' 3 WHEELERS - Jim Schwenk

**Meetings:** the first Saturday of each month, at LORENE'S Restaurant 1531 23 rd Street in Bakersfield @ 9:00 AM. Call Director Jim Schwenk (661) 331-6013 or Co-Director Jim long (661) 809-6657 for info.

**News:** Ann Long reports: Well our fearsome five made there trip to Branson. Leaving on May 30, and

returning on June 11. The weather was, let's just say very active. They had rain, a dust storm and more rain before getting out of California. Across Arizona with wind, rain, and hail. They were really having a good time. New Mexico, Texas and into Oklahoma they had a little of the all above.

In Oklahoma, Gary broke down and had to towed into Branson.. Richard rode down from Wichita, and rode with them for while. He wanted to check out the trikes, said he had a Harley he would loan them that was running. They pulled into Branson Monday afternoon. Missouri was just as nice to them; more rain and wind. Dave at Bart's Parts express shipped Gary his parts and, he got up and running again. Our Fearsome Five learned that they were the first Chapter from California in attendance at Trike Week.

They had some nice rides and seen a lot of trikes. Food was really great. They pulled out of Branson Friday morning and headed to Wichita, KS. They stayed until Sunday at the home of Richard and Sandy. They left Sunday morning just ahead of a storm and headed out across western Kansas, More wind across Oklahoma and Texas into New Mexico for the night. Monday morning saw then crossing New Mexico and into Arizona for the night. Tuesday across Arizona into Nevada stopping in Pahrump at Bill & Birdie's for a day or two. They left Pahrump Thursday and arrived back in Bakersfield that day. They made their ride, the fearsome five; Gary, Ted, Jim, Shawn and Bob traveled 3700 miles.

Some of you may not have known this but Ted was losing a fight as he battled with cancer. Ted lost that battle on June 15, 2009 at 1:20 a.m. It took all he had to make that trip. That and four very good friends to help get him there and back. As he said when he got back "I made my ride." Ted is with his beloved wife Bonnie now where he can ride free of pain and pop wheelies all day long. Ted you will be deeply missed by all, but will forever be in our hearts. "We Love You!" Thank you John Mullins & the Christian Bikers Chaplains, family, friends, co-workers, and trikers that attended the memorial services.

Up coming event is High Desert Anniversary. If you want to go get a hold of Jim S.

. Ride safe and free on three.

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BAY AREA – Clyde Ortiz

**Meetings:** No place set as of this date.

**News:** NONE THIS MONTH  
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CENTRAL VALLEY - Fresno - Gary Winebrenner

**Meetings:** Our meeting place is at the Dam Diner on Friant Road the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm.

**News:** We had a group ride up to Healdsburg for the fourth of July "Mini Trike-in." Had a blast with all the breakdowns. August is our first month not to have anything special to do. We will meet the first Sunday of the month at Dam Diner at 9am. Always need to call ahead about our meetings since we travel around frequently. Working on a Veteran's Day Flag Parade in November.

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DELTA AREA – Larry (Doc) Cooperider, Contact

**News:** Looking for a Director  
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HIGH DESERT - Palmdale/Lancaster – Michelle & Brooks Cornell. Assistant Director: Ed Mathis

**Meetings:** Every third Saturday of the month at 9:00 A.M at Billy Boy's Café - 12746 Pearblossom Hwy, Pearblossom, CA (@CA Hwy 138). Call or email Michelle @ mluv2b@yahoo.com. Tel; 661.944.3021.

**News:** Michelle reports; Summer has definitely arrived in the High Desert, but the heat has not kept us from enjoying the many activities we have on tap in the upcoming months.....

12 of our members made the 260 mile trip up to McGee Creek on July 10<sup>th</sup> for some fishing and relaxing. The weather was beautiful as was the scenery.....

August 8<sup>th</sup> we will be one of the host clubs for Moldy Marvin's Doin' It In The Dirt Camp & Cruise.....This is a free event with a car/bike show, rockabilly bands and much more!!

August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> is our big 10 year Anniversary Celebration. We will be camping at Silverwood Lake and we have tons of fun stuff planned for the weekend....

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are participating in the Antelope Valley Fair Parade & I am anxious to see how creative our members are with their decorations.... September 12<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Phelan Days parade. This is a new event for us this year & we are excited to be a part of it.....

October 11<sup>th</sup>, is the Winfield & Watson's Custom car & Hot Rod show out in Mojave....the guys that attended this last year tell us it's a blast!!  
And of course we will

be seeing everyone October 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> at the CA State Fall Trike-In...We have added a new game that we hope everyone will enjoy...

Turning to some sad news, our dear friend Bob Druery has passed away. Our thoughts are with his family during this very difficult time....also; Eugene from the Long Beach Chapter has informed us that their member, Dennis Baudoin, is in very bad health. We are keeping him in our prayers too.

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Hanford/Lemoore - KINGS TRIKES – Steve Lemos

**Meetings:** Call Steve @ 559.582.4087 or cell; 559.707.7811, Email; Gr8leez@sbcglobal.net for info.

**News:** DUDES and DUETTES, IT'S HOT OVER HERE!!! Uh...we've been on a few ice cream runs. Just hangin' out. uhhhh...and having fun.

We all got invited to a bike show in Lindsay on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. They want some trikes. It will be cool!  
Um, well I guess that's it for July.

See ya!  
p.s. Gene did another wheelie!!  
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LONG BEACH AREA – Bear Hoffstatter

**Meetings:** First Sunday of each month @ 9:00 AM.. Contact Bear E-mail: bear2327@adelphia.net or phone: 562-906-1943 for location information.

**News:** Bear reports: Hi from the Long Beach Chapter We have done some riding last month. Went to Cooks Corner a few times. Also the beach and some were just test runs after fixing them who were broke.

Tiny is backing up and running after 9 months. Piglet has his new Springer front end and is looking good. Chipmunk is always in need of fixing new electronic ignition, carburetor Linkage and complete rewiring.

We have some bad news too; Dennis Baudoin long time Long Beach BTW member is on Hospice care In Arizona  
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LOS ANGELES AREA – No contact

**NEWS:** Looking for a Director  
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MODESTO AREA – Linda Jordan

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. For info Email: kittymom04@aol.com.

**News:** Hope everyone is having a good summer and staying cool. Our Chapter has a new member Wayne. Also, our Sergeant – at - Arms Coyote had surgery in May. He is still in Rehab. Hope he gets to come home soon..

Hoping to go to Street Vibrations over in Reno, NV this September. We are planning to camp out at the

Washoe State Park. If any of the other Chapters would like to join us let me know. Street Vibrations is Sept 23-27. I am going on the 25.

Everyone take care and stay cool.

ORANGE COUNTY TRIKERS – Bob Thompson

**Meetings:** The first Saturday of each month, usually at Cook's Corner. Contact Bob Thompson 714.637.0041 or [rjthom38@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjthom38@sbcglobal.net) for exact location info.

**News:** Bob reports; July has been a very hot month for riding. Most everyone is getting their trikes ready for cooler weather. The chapter has plans for the upcoming months to ride to Malibu, Angeles Crest Highway, to Wrightwood, and from San Juan Capistrano we are taking the Ortega Highway to Palm Springs.

I hope you're all having a great summer, and looking forward to some cooler weather.

PORTERVILLE FREEDOM RIDERS – Porterville Chapter – Robert "Spacecowboy" Coy

**Meetings:** On the 2nd Saturday on every month unless there is a Show or Ride that weekend. Call Robert Coy at 559-784-4027 or cell at 559-361-4343 for location info.

**News:** There's not really a lot to report this month.

Three of us attended the 2009 Madera Valley Rendezvous in Madera at the fairgrounds in May and two of us took the 1st & 2nd place trophies. We had 3 at the Woodlake Car & Bike Show on July 18th but one got sick due to the heat wave we got here and went home early. Still two of us toughed it out and I managed to get the 3rd place trophy. On July 25th 3 of us did a Memorial Run out of Porterville and had a great time.

On the 15th of August we will be participating in a custom Bike Show in Lindsay, Ca by special invitation at the McDermont Field House. We would like to extend this invitation to all the other chapters in our area. The McDermont Field House is a Place created to get Kids off the street and give them a safe place to have fun. They have basketball courts, an arcade, a weight room, indoor skate park, a wave machine and a swimming pool. If you would like more info please call me.

This is a chance to shine and show off our Trikes. I would like to see all of our local chapters like Bakersfield, Hanford, Fresno and, of course, Porterville put some of their trikes in this show.

RED BLUFF AREA – No contact

**News:** Looking for a Director

REDWOOD EMPIRE TRIKERS - John/Edna Palomino

**Meeting:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Call John Palomino 707-528-7169 or Edna Kelly 707-695-5514. Chapter Dinner is held every 3rd Sunday of the month.

**News:** Marsha reports; The July 4th Trike Run at Wally World was another success. 27 people came and celebrated our nation's independence together. We rode out to lunch at a deli/store overlooking vineyards that is over 100 years old. Some attended the local fireworks downtown. We ate well from John's grill - John's burgers and dogs and Wendy's pancakes, etc.

Winners of our games were:

Potato Toss; 1. Keith, 2. Jeff and Jim and 3. Edna and Jonathan.

Drive-by Shooting – basketball; 1. Edna and Keith, 2. John, and 3. Wally and Scott.

Drive-by Shooting – paintball; 1. Edna and Kellson, 2. Anita and Reggie and 3. Edna and Jonathan.

The weather went from cool to beautiful each day. Thanks to all who attended. We are glad you came. We hope even more people can come to join us next year.

(Maybe not on July 4th, though.)

GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA - David Powell. Email: [dlp2300@aol.com](mailto:dlp2300@aol.com), telephone: (916) 208-0666.

**News:** David reports; The initial information meeting for the Chapter is set for Saturday August 8, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. at Ernie's of Lake Tahoe located at 707 E Birdwell Street in Folsom, CA. Telephone 916.983.3960.

We are hoping to have many former and current BTW members as well as new interested individuals in attendance.

Please call me if you plan to attend so I can ensure space for everyone.

Thank you.

SACRAMENTO CAPITOL TRIKERS – No contact

**News:** Looking for a Director

SAN DIEGO AREA - David/Scottie Sisemore

**Meetings:** Second Sunday of the Month. Times: 9:30 AM May thru October & 11:30 AM November thru April. Place: Subject to change....check out the Website for latest details:

[btw-trikers.org/sandiego\\_btw](http://btw-trikers.org/sandiego_btw)

**News:** Well...Our prodigal members have returned from their perambulation thru the Midwest. They ran

into some weather...a good soaking, so good it took a month to completely dry out Art's trike and get it back on the road. Poor thing nearly drowned; there was water in places that had never seen it before! There were a few flat tires on Lou and Virginia's rig, but that was the worst of it. They all reported having quite a bit of fun visiting the BTW members back there.

We've had a few local runs thru the hills after the monthly meetings, it's gotten nice and hot now...so no more inland runs for a bit. We took a run to find a local landmark eatery after our last meeting and somehow we got separated, some going one way and some another. That's So Cal traffic for ya! The run up the Silver Strand was nice though as we were crossing the Coronado Bridge, Cool and refreshing!

We decided we were enjoying the dinner gatherings so much that we'd start doing them every month instead of every other month.

We're doing a charity Poker Run with the local HOG Owners Chapter next month in lieu of our usual meeting. Details for that can be found on the CA State Website (<http://btw-california.org/>) or the San Diego Website ([http://btw-trikers.org/sandiego\\_btw/](http://btw-trikers.org/sandiego_btw/)) if anyone wants to head this way and join us.

We hope you are having a safe and fun summer...and getting out on those trikes while the getting's good!

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SAN GABRIEL VALLEY - Rodger/Georgia Clark

**News:** NONE THIS MONTH  
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SANTA CLARA VALLEY – Lucky Ramsey

**Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9 AM Jimmy's Restaurant  
222 W Capitol Expy (corner of Snell and Capitol Expy)  
San Jose, Ca., the 2nd Saturday @ 9 am

**News:** Carmen Roués reports; Quiet out here in Santa Clara Valley. Some members no longer have trikes, some are on vacation and others have moved away. 2009 appears to be a transitional year for us. Bill and Carmen will be at the CA. Trike-In the last weekend of Oct. Hope to see you all there.

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SONORA CHAPTER - Jerry & Jackie Palmer  
209.532.3235 or blueiron86@hughes.net

**News:** NONE THIS MONTH.

WIND RIDER TRIKERS – Northeast – Roger Mason

**Meetings:** First Saturday of the month, 9 AM at Carl's Jr., located at Hwy 99 and Bridge Street in Yuba City, CA.

**News:** Well, we had a couple of good runs, the first was a trip from Yuba City to Clearlake, CA., on our meeting day. We left about 9:30 A.M. from the

restaurant we had 10 trikes and one chase vehicle. Not actually a chase vehicle, just Burt Drake and his wife in their pickup. We made it to Clearlake just before lunch time. Everyone wanted to stop at the Hog Pen, a local Clearlake area motorcycle shop. Everyone poked around the shop for about 30 minutes. After the shopping expedition we stopped at a park along the shore of the lake and had lunch. Some had their lunch with them, while others took advantage of the local Dairy Queen. After lunch we continued around the lake to the west and then all rode back to Yuba City where we split up and headed home. The run was around 120 miles and took us from 9:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. A great ride and good time was had by all, no major break downs.

The second run of the month we are going to call the "**Northeast California, Are We There Yet? Picnic.**"

The chapter had been planning to visit with Bob and Arlea Johnson, who moved from Southern California a couple of years ago. They live in the Auburn area, about 60 miles from Yuba City. We met at a service station on Highway 20, about 12 miles east of Marysville at 10:30 A.M., 10 trikes and 2 vehicles showed up. We started out for the Johnson's place at 11:00 A.M. Well everything went well until we got to the Grass Valley area, about 20 miles. We left Highway 20 and headed south on Highway 49 toward our destination. Me being in the lead, I tried to watch behind to see that everyone made the turn. I pulled off the side of the road after about a mile, and thought everyone was there. Well, I guess I can't count, we were missing 3 trikes and one vehicle, The vehicle was a VW Thing. I pulled over again on a long stretch of the highway about 5 miles down the road and waited, we finally got a call and were told that one of the trikes had quit running and was now fixed and was on the way to our location. Something wrong with the fuel pump.

We finally got all the chicks rounded up and started off again. The traffic was getting heavy and it was hard to keep everyone in a group. When we arrived at our final turn off Highway 49, I decided to pull into a service station and count heads again. Well low and behold we were missing 4 trikes and the VW thing again. So we got on the cell phones again and located them, they were on there way, a front flat tire on Wayne McMillans trike had stopped them. Thankfully they fixed it and finally got there.

We took off for our final leg of our journey, you must remember we had never been where we were going, I followed the directions I had from the Google map. I made it there, but again had lost 3 trikes and the other vehicle, belonging to Ben Hart, whose trike had a major gear oil leak so he had to leave it home. The excuse I was given, by the lost and missing was that the traffic got in the way. Why can't we keep the cages off the highway when we want to go somewhere

in a group? Oh well, everyone finally arrived after many cell phone calls and missed turns. When I arrived at the home of Bob and Arlea, I told Arlea the trouble I had keeping everyone together, she told me it was kind of like herding kittens, I had to agree.

The picnic was outstanding; most had prepared side dishes to go with the Smoked Turkey and Beans being provided by our hosts Bob and Arlea. We had all kinds of salads, chips and dip, plus some great desserts. We spent the day after filling our stomachs with the good food prepared by al (ever though some bought the stuff), it was still good.

Bob showed us a trike he was building for Arlea, it looks outstanding. It uses a Subaru engine and VW auto transmission. She wanted it Hot Rod black with wide whites and she got what she wanted. It will be one great looking trike when it is done. Bob does some real fine fabrication work, using what he has on hand. Like the dash made out of an aluminum roasting pot.

Along with our chapter, four trikes from Sacramento showed up. Some met Bob and Donna Bennett, Reggie and Beckie for the first time while others renewed their acquaintances. We all talked and shared stories and looked over everyone's trike. We got some good ideas for future projects.

Stacy Gross, got attacked by a very small Silky dog that had come with a neighbor to visit, the critter just didn't seem to like him. Kind of funny to watch. We hope to do this picnic again next year.

For the next few months there is a Bike Night being held in Oroville, CA on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. I hope to have some of our trikes attend this event. If you are around, it is going to be at the Grande Burger on the Olive Highway east of Oroville.

If you happen to be in our area during our meeting times, come by and ride with us.

Well, till next time, keep it on three.

YUCAIPA/INLAND EMPIRE – Randy Dewar, Contact  
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**News:** Looking for a Director

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**CALIFORNIA STATE FALL TRIKE-IN**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Madera Fairgrounds  
1850 W Cleveland Ave., Madera, CA 93637**

**For more info: Loner Abbott  
559-781-8129 or lonerbtw@yahoo.com**

**EDITOR'S CORNER:** Irv Creger here. I wanted everyone to know that I will be on an extended vacation through mid November up in Northern Minnesota. Hope to bag many food items like squirrel, rabbit, Northern Pike (fish) and some venison during deer season, (just to name a few.)

I will be doing your BTW Newsletter input and mailing from there so please be on schedule for me so I can get it done between all the pleasurable things I will be doing...LOL

I *HATE* to miss Trike-In but someone has to take a vacation trip!

Thank you in advance and have a great fall season riding those trikes.