

Tri-County Travelers Monthly Tribune



MARCH 2018

Coming Events

March 2018

- 03 T Breakfast Meeting
- 11 Daylight Savings Time
- 17 Chapter T Dinner Ride
- 24 Midwinter Gathering

April 2018

- 07 T Breakfast Meeting
- 21 T Dinner Ride

May 2018

- 3-6 Friendship Campout
- 06 Mother's Day
- 19 T Dinner Ride
Ronnie Lee King
Memorial Ride
[Armed Forces Day]
- 24-28 Spring Fling



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CD NOTES BY SKIP TRAUTMAN, CD

Hi, all... hope all are well.

What great weather we are having! Casey, Val, Teri and I all went cruising on the 17th just before dinner at Cool Hand Luke's. What a beautiful day! All the almonds were in full bloom. I just hope it does not rain on them and ruin the crops this year.

We had good company for dinner: Richard, Jan, Jenny G, Val, Casey, Teri, and yours truly. Not too many...not too few. Yes, we did miss you if you were not there!

Not too much happening till Midwinter Gathering on March 24, and it's not an expensive event - one potluck dish and \$5 each for a really good time.

- Friendship Campout and Spring Fling are both in May. **Register early:**
 - ◇ Register early for **Friendship Campout** if you want ribs, *otherwise you get polish dogs!!!!!!!!!!*
 - ◇ Register early (**before April 14**) for **Spring Fling** and **save \$5!** After that it goes to \$30 for members.
- Fireworks booth in June and July. Set-up date: June 16.
- Gold Rush will be July 9-12 in Bowling Green, KY. Theme is **Get Your Motor Running.**
- Tahoe campout this year is July 26-30. Plan to register by July 1 to be sure there are enough campsites. Dave said maybe we'll be somewhere else next year for this one.
- Fall Fiesta in September.

As always, all this information and more is available on the websites.

In case you missed the state Staff Meeting in February, the people at National are working hard to get all the membership cards and information (your number, registration and expiration information) up to date. Hopefully will be able to get your membership card to you fairly soon.

Now get out there and ride. . . but do so carefully!

Till next time, TTFN

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Celebrate!

March Birthdays

07 Skip Paquette

March Anniversaries

16 Carl & Connie Ditmars

17 Ed & Clara Drummond



April Birthdays

06 Stu Stewart

April Anniversaries

04 Richard & Jan Ageson

Rider Education, Injuries, and Fatalities

From Honda GoldWing Owners.com

Jeff Cobb, June 21, 2013

Whether you have decades of experience or are a newbie, it pays to realistically size up this activity called “**riding a motorcycle**,” and to look at yourself as a lifelong learner.

There are approximately 2,500 skills required to ride a motorcycle. If you have not been riding for a while, it’s important to ease into it – reacquainting yourself with your bike, the road, traffic, and how they all work together.

And even if you have been riding lately, no one is ever so good that they can never make a mistake, especially with conditions as they are today.

You need to be aware of a 360 degree area and continually size up other vehicles, other risks, stay focused, be smart – and then you can learn to relax some too, and have fun on your bike without becoming a statistic.

American motorcycle and scooter riders must now mix it up with more drivers on the road than ever. And too often these motorists are busy, distracted, and typically driving bigger, heavier cars.

And do you know what? To the average driver, you on your motorcycle or scooter may be “invisible.” Forty to 75 percent of all motorcycle crashes involve a motorist turning left in front of the rider. They may tell the police afterward, “I never saw him.”

According to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation’s director of special projects, Ken Glaser, you should wear light-colored clothes made for safety, a light-colored helmet, and even then, pretend they still don’t see you.

“Drivers only see what they expect to see, Glaser said. “If they expect to see only a car, or an SUV or a truck, they will literally look right past the motorcycle.”

While you deserve to be respected, and you have rights, never take them for granted. It’s not personal; unfortunately, it’s a reality of the road for riders.

Accepting these and other facts is part of the game. Good riders who avoid trouble never forget that ultimately the one most responsible for keeping you upright and on your way is you!

Be proactive: When you ride you should use your mirrors and even then visually check before changing lanes.

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Since a low point in 1997, for the last 10 years, the American motorcycle safety record has been getting worse even when factored for increased registrations.

Per vehicle miles traveled in 2006, motorcyclists were about 35 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash, and eight times more likely to be injured.

Do you have a valid motorcycle license?

In 2007, one out of four (26 percent) of riders in fatal crashes were riding with an invalid license.

Do you ever ride to the bar?

Forty-one percent of riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2007 had blood alcohol levels of .08 grams/deciliter or higher (they were legally drunk).

How well do you know your bike? If it is new, it takes time and miles to get really comfortable with it. Do you regularly inspect your tires and your bike’s condition? Do you know how?

Realize that you only have two tires with tiny contact patches, and the skills needed to safely operate a motorcycle are not automatically inherited from any automobile experience you may have.

In fact, the MSF says any experience you might have from riding a bicycle or dirt bike is more valuable than automotive experience when it comes to handling a road motorcycle or scooter.

“What we tell people is a motorcycle is more a skill of the eyes and minds than the hands and the feet,” Glaser said.

Whether your bike is lightweight, or big and powerful, how well can you handle it? How well can you corner? How well would you do if you got caught in the rain? How good are you with the brakes? What would you do in a panic situation?

While everyone knows how to make a bike go, it is more important to be an expert at making the bike stop.

At least 70 percent of your braking is done with the front brake. Under severe conditions, this can be over 90 percent. Using the front and [rear brakes](#) together to near the point of lock-up is a skill every rider needs to know.

No matter how experienced you are, the best riders take time out to practice skills as needed – preferably in a secluded area like a parking lot.

Learning to corner and brake on different pavement types separates the shaky rider from the smoother, safer rider.

2018 Events Schedule, Chapter T & State

Events may be added or deleted as changes may occur.

Coming Events



March 2018

- 04 T Breakfast Meeting
- 17 T Dinner Ride
- 24 MidWinter Gathering

April 2018

- 07 T Breakfast Meeting
- 21 T Dinner Ride

May 2018

- 5-7 Friendship Campout,
Sycamore Ranch
- 11 Save the date (State)
- 19 T Dinner Ride
- 19 Ronnie Lee King Memorial
Ride: Red Bluff
- 24-28 Spring Fling Plymouth, CA

June 2018

- 02 T Breakfast Meeting
- 16 Set up Fireworks Stand
- 16 T Dinner Ride

Coming Events

July 2018

- 1 - 4 Fireworks Sale
- 07 T Breakfast Meeting
- 07 Tear Down Stand
- 09-12 Gold Rush, Bowling Green KY
- 21 T Dinner Ride
- 26-30 Tahoe Campout

August 2018

- 04 T Breakfast Meeting
- 18 T Dinner Ride

September 2018

- 01 T Breakfast Meeting
- 7-9 Chapter Appreciation Camp
Sycamore Ranch
- 20-23 Oregon State Rally
- 28 - 30 Fall Fiesta, Sycamore Ranch
State Staff

October 2018

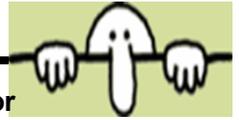
- 06 T Breakfast Meeting
- 20 Sock Hop

November 2018

- 03 T Breakfast Meeting
- 11 Veterans Parade
- 17 T Dinner Ride

December 2018

- 02 T Breakfast Meeting
- 15 T Christmas Dinner Party



An Irish Blonde at the Casino

An attractive blonde from Cork, Ireland, arrived at the casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet twenty-thousand Euros on a single roll of the dice. She said, *"I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely naked."*

With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, *"Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"*

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed: *"YES! YES! I WON, I WON!"*

She grabbed the dice and blew a kiss at them, hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings (and her clothes) and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, *"What did she roll?"* The other answered, *"I don't know - I thought you were watching the dice."*

MORAL OF THE STORY:

*Not all Irish are drunks.
Not all blondes are dumb.
But all men are... well... men!*



Irish Confession

He went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

Inside he found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses. On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, he said to him, *"Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."*

The priest replied, *"You moron, you're on my side."*



New Father

Slaney phoned the maternity ward at the hospital. *"Quick!"* he said. *"Send an ambulance, my wife is goin' to have a baby!"*

"Tell me, is this her first baby?" the intern asked.

"No, this is her husband, Kevin, speakin'."

A Little Irish Humor

Finnegan: *"My wife has a terrible habit of staying up 'til two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it."*

Mulligan: *"What on earth is she doin' at that time?"*

Finnegan: *"Waitin' for me to come home."*

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Paddy & Mick find three grenades, so they decide to take them to a police station.

Mick: *"What if one explodes before we get there?"*

Paddy: *"We'll lie and say we only found two."*

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Mick goes to the vet with his goldfish. *"I think it's got epilepsy"* he tells the vet. Vet takes a look and says, *"It seems calm enough to me"*.

Mick says, *"I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet"*.

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Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope: *"DO NOT BEND"*.

He spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick the bloody thing up.

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Paddy is driving home, drunk as a skunk, suddenly he swerves to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over as he veers about all over the road. Paddy tells the cop about all the trees in the road.

Cop says *"For Pete's sake Paddy, that's your air freshener swinging about!"*

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Reilly went to trial for armed robbery. The jury foreman came out and announced, *'Not guilty.'*

'That's grand!' shouted Reilly. *'Does that mean I can keep the money?'*

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An old Irish farmer's dog goes missing and he's inconsolable.

His wife says: *"Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"*

The farmer does. Two weeks later the dog is still missing.

"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.

"Here boy" he replies.

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Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink.

Quinn thinks he's very lucky, because his own wife makes him walk.

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Next General Meeting

**Next Meeting
Breakfast
Meeting**

**March 3, 2018
8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.**

Next Ride

Dinner Run

March 17, 2018

All meetings at:

**Peach Tree Restaurant
1080 No. Beale Road
Marysville, CA 95901**