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June 14th RIDE

June 14th ride started off at the post at 0900hrs and K.S.U. at 0915hrs we had 6 bikes that went Brian Hookland, Jeff Fawks, Gregg Robertson, and my self with Kathy as a passenger. Also we had two guess riders from another chapter that join us Ken Simpson with passenger Diana and Randy with Meme which are soon to be married with the weather being nice in the morning. We had breakfast at Rick's Café, the food was very good some had breakfast and some had lunch. When we all were done eating Ken and Randy went off to Wrightwood and the rest of us went back into town. Once we got into town some broke off and went on there own way. But Brian and

I went to the post for Flag Day. At the post they had the JRROTC there to do the ceremony of retiring the US Flag. They did an outstanding job bringing tears to most of the members of the post including me when they performed the ceremony. After the ceremony Brian and I departed and went our separate ways. This was a nice day for a ride just got warmer when we came back into town. Till we ride again just remember this note.

“We ride in HONOR of those who had served...
We ride in HOPE for the safety of those who are serving...
We ride in MEMORY of those we have lost.”



June 29th RIDE

We were invited to join the Riders from Chapter 348 on a ride to Ojai. The ride was GREAT! The weather was incredible. Not a cloud in the sky (until the return to the Antelope Valley where Mojave was on fire), a little warm, maybe, but still very nice. We joined up with the 348 Riders and left just after 0900. Randy and Mimi were in the lead with Ken as Wingman I as Sweep and Diane following in the Support position. We headed down “Historical Route 6” (aka Sierra Highway) turned on Vasquez Canyon to Bouquet Canyon to Copper Hill Rd, we got a little ahead of Diane as we went through Santa Clarita and we picked up another Rider from 348, Jim (Shaw, I think). Anyway, Diane caught up and we headed up/down 126 to Santa Paula and the 150 into Ojai. The view was picture perfect from the Overlook just coming into Ojai, clear as far as the eye could see. We lunched at the local Carrows restaurant and spent a little time walking around the town. They have a Farmers Market there every Sunday; it’s really a quaint little town. Finished up with some Ice Cream from the Ojai Ice Cream Shop and headed for home. Jim and his family stayed a while longer in Ojai to play in the park and the rest of us headed back to the Antelope Valley. We topped off the tanks in Fillmore on the way home. And as we neared the crest on the Sierra Hwy, the heat made its appearance along with some wind coming back to the Valley, although it was pretty hot in Santa Clarita, there’s still no heat like the Valley heat. We stopped at Post 348 for

some refreshment and to wind down/cool down from the ride a bit. Overall, it was a fantastic ride. There were a couple of instances with some impatient drivers, but nothing out of the ordinary for those that do any amount of riding, it just kind of goes with the territory.

I think that it's nice that both Chapters invite each other along on rides. Like Ken had mentioned, "sometimes it takes both Chapters to get enough of a turn out for a ride". That's a little sad in a way, but Riders ARE Riders no matter where their Chapter is located.

It was a memorable ride, even though it has taken me 8 years to finally make to Ojai!

Brian Hookland
ALR Chapter 311
Vice President



A.L.R. Rider on the road

Hi All,

Just to let you all know I made it back to Michigan, I saw a few houses under water in Iowa, including my sisters. I will be attending an ALR poker run and rally in July, so I'll let you all know how that was.

Take care

J.R. (Jim Haga)



OFFICER'S REPORT:



**President;
Larry Miller**

I want to say welcome to our new officers. We have lots to do before this year is over and I can't wait to see how things will be doing. On board we have Brian Hookland as our new Vice President, Debbie Lovrich as Treasury, Jeff Fawks as Sgt-at-Arms and Bill Engel as Road Coordinator welcome your new officers next time your at the meeting or on a ride.

Our annual Rally is coming near and we would like see more of you come out and join us at this event its lots of fun and you don't want to be just setting on the side line looking in and wishing that you went so come on sign up and let's go and have fun. Let's meet up with all the other chapters in our state and have some fun. This is not a convention and we don't talk about business this is a place to just have fun with other chapters in our state.

Don't forget our chapter meeting as been change to the second Thursday night at 7p.m. this way we can have more time riding instead of having a meeting then a ride. So come on out to the meetings see what is going on in your chapter and then get ready for a ride during the weekend. Cause sometimes our plans for a ride changes right at the meeting and you don't want to be left behind.

**RIDE WITH PRIDE
STAY ALERT / STAY ALIVE**

P.O.W. / M.I.A. WE WILL NEVER FORGET ~ BRING THEM HOME

A.L.R. President Larry Miller "Army"



**Vice President;
Brian Hookland**

As I see Things.....

The ride to Ricks Café was a lot of fun.... good company....good food. Afterwards when riders went off in different directions, Larry and I headed back to the Post to observe the Flag Burning Ceremony held by our R.O.T.C. (from Littlerock I believe). They did a grand job. It was already pretty hot out and the flames from all those flags was intense. The reading of the “Old Glory” poem was moving, as always. I don’t know if the information for these kinds of things gets out enough for everyone to find out about, but it’s well worth the little effort to attend. Local community events such as this and ceremonies such as Memorial Day services should be attended by more of us. It doesn’t have to be an “Official” ride or anything, just go. The community knows we’re around, but it seems we are seldom seen.

Remember:

‘Young’ Riders pick a destination and go.....‘Old’ Riders pick a direction and go.

Just as I see things.....

Brian Hookland
ALR Chapter 311
Vice President





**Secretary;
Kathy Miller**

Secretary Comments;

Last months meeting I handed out membership cards. When you show up at the meetings your card will be waiting for you come up to me either before or after the meeting and I'll hand you your card...

Chapter Minutes;

ALR May Meeting 2008

5/8/08

Prayer

POW/MIA moment of silence

Pledge of allegiance

Sec Kathy; There has been a mix up with my dues payment for the auxiliary, so I am not a member until I talk to Veronica.

We have no minutes from our April meeting, not enough people present.

We have 23 members and one associate member

Diane asked to make a motion was made to make our associate members dues \$10 because they do not pay \$5 to state, motion was approved and we will give \$5 back to Brittany Roberts.

We have 10 members and one guest present

Diane asked if we could keep a hard copy of the minutes at the post. I will get as many as I can from the past and start leaving one each month

Chaplin John; nothing to report

Larry; went to the state convention, he is still ALR Dept Sgt-at-arms and assistant to the area rep to help new chapters along with Ken Simpson from 348.

Our by laws were approved

Nominations for officers;

Sgt at arms; Dennis McWilliams -declined, Jeff Fawks accepted

Treasurer; Diane McWilliams-Declined, Debbie Lovrich was nominated but not present

Secretary; Kathy Miller declined due to membership mix up but will accept.

Vice president; Brian Hookland accepted

President; Larry Miller- accepted

We will meet again for elections on 5/15/08 at 7pm

Diane made a motion to move the meeting to the second Thurs night at 7pm,
Motion was approved the June meeting will be on 6/12/08

Treasurer Diane; \$436.81 in the vets fund

\$973.21 in the general fund

\$50 in chaplain fund

Total \$1460.02

Bills to present; Kathy \$135 paid for state dues and \$16.40 for next day postage

\$135 was approved

Diane \$5.38 for postage and it was approved

After looking into the issue of becoming tax exempt, it is not recommended

Larry; we will have a board meeting next Thurs following elections

Run coordinator Jim; meeting on Thurs and riding on Sunday will be much better, more time to ride. He will be leaving soon for the summer.

Larry; will be sending out an email about rides

Sgt at arms hand signals passed back are very important; and they were reviewed

Tire pressure gauges can vary if they are not calibrated

Membership chairman Kathy; membership card will be coming soon.

Historian; none

Editor Larry Miller; no news letter due to lap top going down.

Open discussion

Diane; there are 2 VFW poker runs one for the Bakersfield cemetery and one for the wall

Larry; we have post challenge coins for sale \$10 each.

Jim; the Sals are now the Sons

JR there was an ALR booth at the AZ state hog rally, the California state hog rally will be in Victorville in Sept. and Jeff will look into it.

Diane; The Christmas party will be 12/19 6:30 to 7:30 happy hour and dinner at 7:30, it will be at the post, Becky will cater it.

ALR Meeting 5/15/08

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Prayer

POW/MIA moment of silence

Pledge of allegiance

13 members present

Larry; this is a special meeting to have elections of officers.

Kathy; Membership is ok

Open nominations; none

Elected officers are;

Sgt at arms; Jeff Fawks

Treasurer; Debbie Lovrich

Secretary; Kathy Miller

Vice President; Brian Hookland

President; Larry Miller

Meeting adjourned at 7:15

American Legion Riders
June 12, 2008 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7pm

Chaplin John Lee led us in Prayer

Moment of silence for our MIA's and POW's

Sgt at Arms Jeff Fawks led the pledge of allegiance

Secretary Kathy Miller read the minutes for Mays meeting and they were approved as read.

Chaplin John Lee mentioned that he would like to step down this term

President Larry Miller; is there anyone interested in taking the office of chaplain?

We have no tops on our flags and I'd like to purchase tops.

\$18.95 for eagle, \$39.95 for spear and tassels are \$13.95 each.

Motion by Dan Larry to purchases flag tops ad tassels, second by Greg Roberts and motion was approved

The American flag was donated by Larry, it is too small. We can purchase an indoor flag with fringe for \$33.95. Motion made by Larry Miller to purchase a new flag and was second by Greg Roberts, motion was approved.

Jim said the post may have a flag.

Saturdays ride to vote on is Thunder on the Lot from 4pm to 10pm, in the evening.

In the morning meet at the post at 9am to ride out to Rick's Café.

Ride was approved.

Ken Simpson; Post 348 has a booth at Thunder on the Lot; he asked if we would like to hang out to represent post 311. He has flyers to hand out with information about the riders. They will be there 8am on until close on Sunday. If you come out where your ALR T-shirt.

American Legion Convention is June 18 – 22. Larry will be in Sacramento for a

DVD cover photo shooting.

The fair parade is coming up in August. We will go together with the post. Kathy will check on the information.

ALR News is coming back soon now. We (Kathy and I) have had personal problems. That has delayed the news.

State By-laws and our by-laws will be in the news in July.

ALR Rally will be at post 28 in Marina, September 12 – 14. They will have a chapter challenge; I will try to make it by percentage of attendance.

We may have the ALR Rally and convention here in the future.

The post will be extending out the pavilion and moving the kitchen out there. The downstairs will be offices and storage.

Vice President Brian Hookland; Nothing to report.

Road coordinator Bill Engel's; nothing to report.

Sgt at arms Jeff Fawks; The rally is all about having fun. Larry; Go to DOCALR.com for more info there is lots of info on the web site. Great rides and the poker run is escorted.

Secretary Kathy Miller; membership cards are ready. Our membership is 23 members and one associate member.

Larry; send articles, comments, for sale, ect. to me for our next newsletter I July and then ever other month.

Jeff Fawks; can we have our meeting outside in the shade?

Ken Simpson; Chapter 348 will have a ride to Ojai on June 29th, meet at post 348 at 9am

We will also be organizing dinner rides to other local veteran's organizations, VFW, Legion posts, on weeknights.

John; post 311 will have a flag burning ceremony on Flag Day, organize at 11:30 and begin at noon. The Valley Press will be here.

Chaplin John Lee said the closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:45



**Treasury Report;
Debbie Lovrich**

Hey there Riders,

Post 311 is planning a Motorcycle Show for August 16th. We need participation from all the groups as all the groups will benefit from the proceeds. This is a fundraiser for our Building Expansion fund. Our kitchen facilities have to be brought in line with the new fire codes, and it's a good opportunity to bring our Post facility up to date and renovate the building according to the needs of our organizations. We need to raise \$225,000 all together and this is our kickoff!

We will need on the order of 20 volunteers for various things, mostly on the event day. If you are interested, please see Becky or myself and express your interest. We will be able to give you some choices in a few days.

Also, if you know anyone who would like a vendor booth, they are available for \$20 (see Becky for more info)

Entry of bikes into judging is \$20 (additional categories \$10) and spectator admission is \$5 per person.

Also if anyone has a question about the A.L.R. checking account, please contact me. I'll try to answer your question about the A.L.R. account.



**Sgt-At-Arms;
Jeff Fawks**

It was a nice warm day for a ride. We met at the post for a cup of coffee then headed out at about 9:15, Larry and Kathy in the lead, myself, Greg and Brian keeping us safe as tail gunner. Along for the ride were Ken and Diana, Randy and Mimi from the 348 chapter. We went out Ave. J. All the way to 240th St. East, turned on El mirage road to sheep creek road to the 138 and stopped at Ricks cafe for breakfast. Along the way Larry kept pointing out the dead animals. (don't know what that was about. That boy just an't right). We got great service from the cafe staff, but Greg couldn't get his ice tea refilled. We had plenty of time to tell lies and bad jokes. Larry told us about his trip to the wall. Ken and Diana, Randy and Mimi took off to Wrightwood. The rest of us headed back to Lancaster. It wasn't a long hard ride. But it doesn't have to be to be a lot of fun. I'm not sure where we will be going next but I am sure it will be a great ride. Join us.

"I JUST WANT'A RIDE"
SGT AT ARMS
JEFF FAWKS

PS. Thanks to the 348 for coming out!



**Road Coordinator;
Bill Engel**

Come to the meeting and give us more input on some rides you would like to see us do. Remember this is your chapter and the rides are what you would like to do. More input on rides to do, the more time we can ride. We don't have to do just one ride a month. We can ride as much as you like a month. Example dinner rides on a Friday night more breakfast rides or even lunch rides during the weekend can be done. We also have the A.V. fair parade coming up soon so get ready to do a parade and let's have some fun together.



**Editor;
Larry Miller**

Send your news to me. I would like to include your news, rides, stories, articles, items for sale, ect in our newsletter. Our next newsletter will be in September. Please get all of your information to me by the end of August. This gives me time to put all things in the **A.L.R. NEWS**.

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