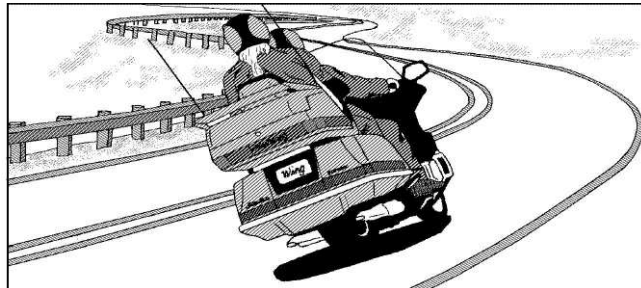


GOLD WING TOURING ASSOCIATION  
REGION B, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Channel Islands Wings meets the second Saturday  
of the month at the Main Street Restaurant, 3159 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA  
Breakfast at 8:00 am with a ride to follow breakfast

MAY 2010

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FROM THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Hello everyone and Happy May.

After the April breakfast meeting on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, Doug Galloway, Darrell & Lee Ann Davidson, guest Richard Sweet, and I checked out the route instructions for next month's Straw-O-Berry Ride. Some clarifications were made to the route instructions and there are now ready for the event.

On Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, the monthly dinner ride went to Two Guys from Italy in Moorpark. Only Doug and I made the ride by motorcycle. Bruce & Signe Smale picked up Leigh in their car and Bruce & Karla Olander went in their car.

On Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> through Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rex Laird & I went on one of our "boy's rides". This time we wanted to travel US 50, the Loneliest Highway in America eastbound. See an article elsewhere in this newsletter.

On Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, Doug and I went to Chapter Q's Poker Run in San Luis Obispo. See an article elsewhere in this newsletter.

This newsletter will be coming early because our business meeting is the day before our breakfast meeting. Remember: it is less than 2 weeks until our Straw-O-Berry Ride. Let's get those door prizes!

So until next time, Ride Safe!

Chuck & Leigh



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## 2010 CHAPTER O RIDE CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
May	1 - 2	Silver Wings' Hobo Reunion, Bishop, CA
	7	Chapter O Business Meeting, 6 PM, Carrow's, Ventura (Telegraph @ Ashwood)
	8	Chapter O Breakfast Meeting, 8 AM. Main Street Restaurant, 3159 E. Main St., Ventura Straw-O-Berry Ride Final Preparations, then ride to Camp Scheideck
	14	Strawberry Cut-Up Party @ Burton's 6 PM
	<b>15</b>	<b>Straw-O-Berry Ride</b>
June	4	Chapter O Business Meeting, 6 PM, Carrow's, Ventura (Telegraph @ Ashwood)
	6	Chapter J's Watermelon Run
	12	Chapter L's Fun Run (in lieu of our regular breakfast meeting) Leave Ventura Community Park (Kimball Rd. @ Telephone Rd.) at 7:00 AM
	19	Birthday/Anniversary Ride Place The Palms, Carpinteria Leave Ventura Community Park (Kimball Rd. @ Telephone Rd.) at 4 PM
July	2	Chapter O Business Meeting, 6 PM, Carrow's, Ventura (Telegraph @ Ashwood)
	10	Chapter O Breakfast Meeting, 8 AM. Main Street Restaurant, 3159 E. Main St., Ventura Ride Harley Rock Inn (Lake Elizabeth)
	19-22	Gold Rush XXIII Billings, Montana
	17	Birthday/Anniversary Ride Place Delgado's in Carpinteria Leave Ventura Community Park (Kimball Rd. @ Telephone Rd.) at 4 PM
	12	Chapter L's Fun Run (in lieu of our regular breakfast meeting) Leave Ventura Community Park (Kimball Rd. @ Telephone Rd.) at 7:00 AM
	19	Birthday/Anniversary Ride Place The Palms, Carpinteria Leave Ventura Community Park (Kimball Rd. @ Telephone Rd.) at 4 PM

## CELEBRATIONS

NAME	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
<b>MAY</b>		
Olander, Bruce	5/26	
<b>JUNE</b>		
Throneberry, Marshall	6/1	
Brown, Jim	6/7	
Baughman, Dan	6/14	
<b>JULY</b>		
Olander, Karla	7/20	
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## CHAPTER Q's 2010 POKER RUN Chuck Burton

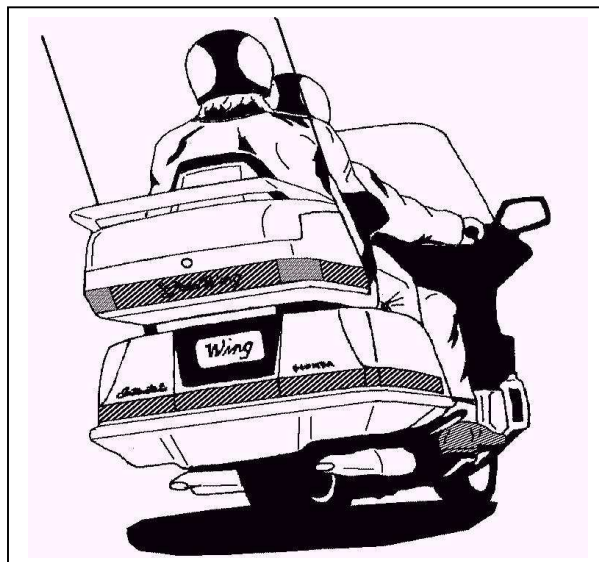
On Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, Doug Galloway and I rode up to San Luis Obispo for Chapter Q's Poker Run. It took about 2 hours to make the approx. 120 miles up to the Start. There we met the "Q Crew" all set up with registration tables, 50/50 sales, and hot coffee with donuts and bagels.

Once Doug & I finished our coffee & donut, we set off on the route. Leg 1 took us through the Los Osos Valley and Morro Bay State Park. At the last minute, Chapter Q had to change the route instructions to avoid road closures in the City of Morro Bay to get us to Check Point #2, in front of the Leather Shop in Morro Bay.

Leg 2 took us from Morro Bay across the mountains to Atascadero and Templeton. Check Point #3 was located at a Chevron station near US 101 in Templeton.

From Templeton, we cruised through the foothills west of town that are full of wineries. The roads were lined with oak trees covered in Spanish Moss. Check Point #4 was located in the parking lot for the Norman Vineyards winery.

Through more oak tree lined lanes in the foothills, we headed to Lake Nacimiento and the Bee Rock Store for the finish and Check Point #5. Doug & I were amazed the number of wineries located in this area along with the fantastic motorcycle riding roads. Thanks Chapter Q for a great outing.



OLD FARTS ON BIKES  
OR  
4 DAYS LOOKING FOR A GOOD SANDWICH!

Yep, it's that time again! My neighbor Rex & I are off on another bike ride. This time our goal is to ride across Nevada on US 50, the Loneliest Road in America.

After months of route planning and gear selection, we blast off on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>. We start off with a leisurely route out of town taking SR 126, then across Santa Clarita on Newhall Ranch Rd. and Copper Hill Rd., then Bouquet Canyon, Vasquez Cyn., Sierra Hwy., and finally a breakfast stop at Crazy Otto's in Acton. After breakfast, we are ready to face the freeway and SR 14. It was an "easy putt" across the Mojave Desert. No real wind to speak of and we enjoyed the wild flowers in the adjacent desert. We made our first night's stop at the Best Western Creekside Inn in Bishop, CA.



Ah, the life of leisure in Bishop, CA at the end of the first day's ride.

Tuesday morning we got up and had breakfast at the motel. To avoid the cold and snow in Mammoth, we took US 6 into Nevada. Once across Montgomery Pass, we took the NV 360 cutoff to US 95. Now the weather changed – it got windy as we approached Hawthorne, NV. The changeable message boards along the highway warned “Not advised for Trucks, RV's, or High Profile Vehicles”. Did we take this advice? No, not with our POR (Press On Regardless) mindset. As we approached Fallon, NV the sky got dark and rain started falling. We pulled in to a gas station with a canopy as the lightning began. Of course, we got drenched as we donned our Frogg Toggs. We went next door to a Dairy Queen for lunch

and let the squall line pass. After lunch, we continued and made our destination, US 50. Now we headed east and back in to the squall. We rode through more rain and wind. As we approached the leading edge of the storm, we got into the hail. Still the was not the worst of it. We entered the leading edge of the storm front – the high wind and dust. This was the worst cross wind I have ever encountered. We enjoyed a 100 mile of it until we reach our evening’s destination, the Best Western in Eureka, NV. That night while watching the Weather Channel, we learned that the storm we rode through had produced side wind gusts of 70 mph.

After a good night’s sleep, we awoke on Wednesday morning to 2-3 inches of snow on the car roofs outside of our room’s window. Luckily, the parking lot and streets were clear of snow. This time we put our Frogg Toggs on inside the motel room where it was warm and dry. While the US 50 to the east was clear of snow, the surrounding countryside was a solid white. We encountered several snow flurries on our travel to Ely, NV where we had lunch. Ely is where we left US 50 and we headed south so we could pick up NV 375, the Extraterrestrial Highway and stop at the Little A’Le Inn in Rachel, NV. The town of Rachel is not much more than a wide spot in the road and the Little A’Le Inn is a little bar with a “little green man” looking out the window. So, after a quick soda, we were off heading towards our night’s lodging in Tonopah, NV. However, 10-20 miles after leaving Rachel, we rode in to a snowstorm. No little flurries this time, but an honest to goodness snow storm. Luckily, it the snow didn’t stick as the pavement was still warm. The storm lasted about 20 miles on a state highway in Open Range country. We not only had the snow to contend with but twice we had to stop so cows, calves, and steers would get out of our way. When we got into Tonopah, NV, it was 30 degrees and while the roads were clear, the yards, parked cars, and trees were covered in 6-12 inches of snow. The motel was a welcome site.



Our bikes in Tonopah, NV tucked away for the night!

To take US 6 over Montgomery Pass again route home. Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) said US 6 was open to traffic, but California Highway Patrol (CHP) said US 6 required chains between the Nevada State Line and SR 120. So as Rex and I had breakfast, we poured over the maps. Since the NHP said

all routes were open in Nevada, we chose to head south on US 95 to Beatty, NV, go through Death Valley to Stovepipe Wells, then to Panamint Valley, Trona, Garlock, Red Rock Canyon, and home. As we head out of Tonopah, we encountered another snow storm before we got to Goldfield, NV. We lucked out the snow wasn't sticking to the road surface and we kept going. When we pulled into Beatty, NV it was time for fuel and food. Finally, our luck improved. After finding a gas station for the bikes, we happened to stop at KC's Outpost for lunch. Our hostess, Carol, explained that they bake the French rolls fresh every morning for the sandwiches. The special on Thursday was the roast turkey sandwich, which was roasted on-site that very morning, and it came with a side of homemade potato salad. (As I said, our luck was improving.) So if you're ever in Beatty, be sure to stop into KC's Outpost – it sure beats Casino food!

After lunch, everything looked brighter, no more snow, rain, or hail. Rex and I were even treated to an air show provide by FA-18's in Panamint Valley. We arrived home by 5:30 pm, in time to take Leigh and Susan to supper.

