

President's Report

Fellow Members & Honored Guests.

Here we are in May ... and our Members Only Ride is in the books. What a ride it was!

A huge thank you to Tim Dirkes and Gordon Garewal for a ride to remember. They both put a lot of work into making the ride one for the record book!

Camp opened Thursday afternoon and after all the rigs rolled in and cowboys got themselves and their horses settled in we found our way down to Happy Hour. All attendees were greeted by Tim and Gordon, and were given a ball cap which upon the side of it was embroidered "The Steve Tellam Memorial Ride". What a great tribute to an honorary member and good friend to many of us. After a hearty meal a lot us gathered around the fire that our very own pyro "Bob Wining" started for us.

Friday morning after our bellies were full it was time to saddle up. Mike Tinch led us out to pigeon flats for the first refreshment break. Afterwards we headed to the oak tree above the pond. We were served refreshments by Tim Laff and Larry Tatman, a huge thank you to both of you. Once we arrived back in camp we unsaddled and then had our fill of beef stew for lunch. The afternoon was a time for relaxation, socialization and for a few of us a little trail clearing! Thank you to Mike Tinch and those members that went out and finished

happy hour we were treated to another great dinner. The day was ended by a few members trying their skills in a friendly game of Texas Hold-em while the rest relaxed around the fire. I was told that Johnny Omahen and Steve Vaughn's pockets were a little heavier after the poker game ended.

After breakfast on Saturday, we were back in the saddle. Mike Tinch led us out toward the race track where we encountered a nice little four-foot rattler. With a little coaxing from Mike, Mr. Rattler let us pass. Our first bar stop was at the Moss Hacienda. We were greeted there by Jerry and Margaret Moss, and our bartenders Larry Alameda, Tim Laff and Jim Salvatore. After a couple of refreshments we headed out, heading back up the trail we made a stop for a cool drink at Bud Bakers place. Once we were cooled off we headed back to the Los Senderos Park. Thank you to Jerry and Margaret Moss, and Bud and Carolyn Baker for the hospitality. It was greatly appreciated!

Once lunch settled we headed to the pit for a little trap shooting. When the smoke cleared the winners were Gordon Garewal and DK Nasland. Second place went to Mike Tinch and (with very little help from me) Tom Laff. Congratulations!!! Thank you Larry Alameda and you crew for putting it all together!

We finished the day off with happy hour and then another great meal. As the sun set we had a fire and some great conversation before calling it a day. Rumor has it that there was an uninvited guest member (Don Julio) meandering around the park but I cannot confirm this!! It was great to see some of the long-time members who we don't get see on monthly rides anymore, but stopped by over the weekend for a meal and great conversation.

We closed up camp with breakfast on Sunday morning. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the park before we left. I am not sure about everyone else but I think I gained ten pounds from the meals Billy Butter (Dinner Bell Catering) prepared for us all weekend. Thank you Billy!!

Once again thank you Tim Dirkes and Gordon Garewal for a great ride!!

Special Thanks:

Road Grading – Tim Laff and John Omahen Bathrooms – Johnny Omahen Bar Trailer – Rick White Colors – Bob Wining, DK Nasland, and Johnny Omahen Bartending – Don Horn and James O'Keefe Photos – Tuck Arnold and John Omahen Trap Shoot – Larry Alameda and Gordon Garewal Ice – Timmy Davis (San Diego Ice Co.) Trail Boss – Mike Tinch Park Coordinator – Bill Cuddeback

June Ride:

Our June ride will be June 26th at the Tulloch Ranch in Santa Ysabel. This is always a great ride and you don't want to miss it.

Annual Ride:

It's time to start thinking about our annual ride. Dennis Carlson is busy putting it together. If you can help in any way please reach out to Dennis and let him know.

> Happy Trails Tom Laff





