



2014 CA State H.O.G. Rally Rider Update #5

Hello Rally Riders! Welcome to the California State H.O.G. Rally Rider Update #5. It is possible that this will be our last Rider Update, unless something critical comes up between now and the beginning of the Rally. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us. If you did not receive any of the previous updates, please send an email to bill@hog-rally.com and we'll see that one gets sent to you. There is a lot to take in, so please spend a little time to review where we are with the Rally.

Rally Ride Cancellations – ***Important***

If you or anyone in your party plans to cancel your participation in this year's 2014 CA State H.O.G. Rally, we would really appreciate if you would reach out to us now and let us know what your situation is. Dealing with it upfront is a lot easier than dealing with it after the Rally starts. As you would expect, we have our hands full taking care of the over 400 riders who plan to ride.

If you plan to cancel, but would like your merchandise that comes with your registration, or if you have purchased additional merchandise, it is critical that you let us know what your plans are for picking up your "stuff". It is the policy that the Rally will not mail out your "stuff" after the Rally and it is your responsibility to make arrangements to pick up your "stuff". All you need to do is to give a copy of your rider acknowledgement to a friend and they are OK to pick up your "stuff". We will not give out Rider packages without some type of approval from you, the person who is not attending. We hope you understand.

Pre-Registration Done

After September 4th we are no longer accepting mail in registrations. If you have a friend who decides at the last minute to register and it is after September 4th, they must do an on-site registration at one of the check-in points along the Rally route.

Any registrations after the Pre-Registration deadline will not be guaranteed a Rally Tee Shirt or Pin.

Lodging - *Important*

Although Housing has officially closed, Bell Hotel Housing is still able to assist you with hotel reservations, changes and cancellations. Please email michelle@hotelbellhousing.com with your request. For assistance with adding the night of September 13th in South San Francisco, these are being handled based on availability at each hotel.

Extra Merchandise

Each year we try to order enough extra merchandise to satisfy the needs of Rally Riders, but we never seem to have enough. Order too much and the Rally is stuck with it, order too little and not everybody is happy. We are certain that the second will be the case this year. This is why we encourage purchasing extra merchandise in advance as this insures and guarantees you will have what you want. At each Check-In location, we will have a table for the sale of extra merchandise. It will purely be on a first come, first serve basis. Once the extra merchandise runs out, it is out and we are sorry. While we will be able to accept a credit card on-site, there is a \$2.00 service charge for every transaction. Is best to have cash for your purchases.

Rally Week – Some Fun Things to do Along the Route

As most of you know, this Rally is all about finding things to do along the route and of course riding some really great roads. We've mixed it up a little. Here are a few things to consider.

1. Your Rally Guide includes all of the Primary Route suggestions to consider for your ride. As an unescorted ride, you are more than welcome to map out your own route.
2. We have added links to the website for downloading (HD Rider Planner) the various routes we have outlined. Please go to www.hog-rally.com.
3. Local Rides – Lancaster (Sunday September 7th and Monday September 8th). The Antelope Valley H.O.G. Chapter (AVHOG) has selected several great local rides ranging from 1 ½ hours up to 4 hours long. They will have a booth at Antelope Valley Harley-Davidson where AVHOG will be handing out maps and answer any questions you might have regarding the local Lancaster area. All rides will be self-guided.

“THE BIG BEAR RIDE”: Ride from Antelope Valley HD through desert back roads to the mountain town of Big Bear. Then continuing along scenic mountain roads making the way back to the desert on all the roads the locals love. Big Bear Village offers a variety of shopping and restaurants. Be sure to bring your jacket on this ride as elevations reaches more than 7,000 feet. If you want a long scenic ride to explore the desert and the mountains, then this is the ride for you. Round trip distance is 220 miles. (5h)

Click this link to view the ride plan: [big bear/ca state rally](#)

“THE WRIGHTWOOD RIDE”: Ride from Antelope Valley HD into the local mountains with the cool mountain air and the smell of pines. Wrightwood is a mountain community that is home to one of our local ski resorts. After a short ride south on the 14 freeway, the route travels through the mountains to the town of Wrightwood. The route then continues through Wrightwood to Hwy 138 for an easy ride back to the 14 freeway and back to the dealership. This is a great route for breakfast or lunch and a chance for some great riding without taking all day. Suggested restaurant: Grizzly Café – 1455 California 2, Wrightwood, CA 92397. Round trip distance is 141 miles (2h 35m).

Click this link to view the ride plan: [wrightwood/Ca state rally](#)

“RIDE TO TEHACHAPI” (Windmill Ride): This is an easy ride from Antelope Valley HD north on the freeway a bit, then the ride gets really interesting down some great desert roads up into the mountain community of Tehachapi on a road that goes through the wind farm of giant windmills. If you haven’t seen the large windmills up close they are really impressive. All the locals that love good rides know about the Tehachapi Willow Springs Rd. The ride then loops around and takes you back to the dealership via a lonely desert road. This ride can be done on one tank of fuel. Round trip distance is 93 miles (1h 45M). Suggested restaurants: Redhouse BBQ, Apple Shed.

Click this link to view the ride plan: [Windmill/Ca state rally](#)

“RIDE THROUGH LEONA VALLEY TO THE BASE OF ANGELES FOREST”: This is an easy ride from Antelope Valley HD through Leona Valley, then through the base of Angeles Forest. It is a nice easy route which has rolling hills and open desert roads. The route also offers a great view of Lake Palmdale. A nice easy trip with a little city riding on the way back to AVHD. Round trip distance is 63 miles (1h 20m).

Click this link to view the ride plan: [Leona Valley to Angeles Forest](#)

Local Rides - South San Francisco (Saturday morning September 13th). The Golden Gate H.O.G. Chapter (GGHOG) has selected several rides, ranging from 1 ½ hours to 4 hours long. They will have a booth at the back parking lot of the Best Western Hotel just down the street from Dudley Perkins Company Harley-Davidson where GGHOG will be handing out maps and answer any questions you might have regarding the local So San Francisco area.

"THE BAY TO BREAKER RUN": This will take you by AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants. The Park sits on the edge of the bay where the biggest power hitters in baseball try for splash hits. The ride will continue around the Embarcadero, past Pier 39 and Fisherman's Wharf. The ride will continue around the bay through the Golden Gate National Recreation area with a stop at Fort Point. Riders will be treated with a majestic view of the Golden Gate Bridge. The ride will continue along the

Pacific Ocean and back to the dealership. (Est. time: 1 1/2 hours)

Click this link to view the ride plan: [THE BAY TO THE BREAKER RUN](#)

"Hill Ride": This is a more challenging ride. If you are not used to riding up and down steep hills, this ride may not be for you. It starts with a ride across the Bay Bridge to Treasure Island with a view of the San Francisco skyline and its many hills. The ride will return to San Francisco where you'll ride on the crookedest street in the world. (The roadway is made of bricks and will be bumpy.) The ride will continue up to Twin Peaks where you'll view the city from its highest point. The ride down the hill will pass through San Francisco's famous Haight-Ashbury district as you return to the dealership. (Est. time: 2 hours)

Click this link to view the ride plan: [THE HILL RIDE](#)

"Best of Both": This combines the best of the two rides into one. It starts with a ride to Treasure Island to view San Francisco's skyline and its many hills. The ride will then return to San Francisco and ride to Pier 39, then over to crookedest street in the world. (This roadway is made of bricks and will be bumpy.) The ride will continue to the Golden Gate National Recreation area with a stop at Fort Point. The ride will then go up to Twin Peaks where you'll view the city from its highest point. The ride will then continue back to the dealership. (Est. time: 2 hours)

Click this link to view the ride plan: [THE BEST OF BOTH RUN](#)

"Coast and Redwoods Ride": This is a ride for those that aren't interested in seeing San Francisco and have a little extra time on their hands. The ride is quite simple but long. The ride takes you along the Pacific Ocean on State Highway One to the through the coastal town of Half Moon Bay. The ride continues down the coast to the town of Santa Cruz. There you will head back into one of California's redwood forests and up to Skyline Drive, popular for its twisted highway. This is one ride for the bike enthusiast. (Est. time: 4 hours)

Click this link to view the ride plan: [THE COAST AND THE REDWOODS RUN](#)

Feel free to go to the HD Ride Planner and download any or all of the maps and routes and get together with your friends and plan some great rides during the Rally. If one of these do not work, put one together using these routes as a basis. Lots of options, but more of all have fun and ride safe!

4. Thursday, September 11th Oldest Tee Shirt Contest – Chico - Hall's Harley-Davidson – we have something fun planned for our party in Chico. Bring your oldest T-Shirt which has Harley-Davidson or H.O.G. on it. It must have a year noted someplace on the tee in order to determine the age. If it still fits you, great, but you do not have to be wearing it. The winner gets a prize.

5. Friday, September 12th, Calistoga, CA and Sonoma County Harley-Davidson – Calistoga is a beautiful little town between Chico and South San Francisco. The Primary route takes riders through this little old Napa Valley town. As you ride through town, take a good look at some of the older buildings. Don't forget to look left and right while passing through. Sonoma County H-D and Redwood Empire HOG Chapter is hosting a refreshment stop for any and all riders to be on the Primary route. Stop in and see the new dealership and meet all the friendly people at the Dealership.

Commemorative Rally Photos

For those who attended the 2013 State H.O.G. Rally in San Diego, you may remember Rick Parker Photography and the great pictures he took. Rick has agreed to participate in this year's Rally. Below are the descriptions of the photo stops and a sample of a photo with the art in place. There will be at least three legs where Rick will be positioned at to capture your image.

Leg 1 – Wednesday 8-10-14 - Bishop to Carson City. Rick will be positioned in a section of June Lake Loop at the North End of Silver Lake with the Lake and mountains as a background.

Leg 2 - Thursday 8-11-14 Carson to Chico, Rick will be positioned on Highway 28 along Lake Tahoe.

Leg 3 - Friday 8-12-14 - Chico to Sonoma H-D. Rick will be positioned on Lake County Highway. Each location will offer either a mountain, lake or tight curve backdrop.

Saturday, September 13th: For those who take one of the local rides set up by Golden Gate H.O.G., we are working on a location that will have the Golden Gate Bridge in the Background. This will be a stationary photo. See the image below for what an example of an image will look like. Riders will be able to pick up there photos each day. The cost for your image captured for this year's Rally is \$20.00 is paid directly to Rick Parker Photography.

Specific hours where Rick will be positioned for the photographs will be announced as we get closer to the Rally. Photos will be on display and ready to print at the end of each day at the parties. This is an example of what your printed image will look like:



Tuesday September 9th - Bishop Party – Last Chance - *Important*

We have approximately 86 riders who are checking into Lancaster that have not told us they will be participating in the Bishop dinner. If you are one of the 86, you have one day to confirm your interest otherwise we will assume that you have other dinner plans for Bishop. If you change your mind in Lancaster and decide to purchase your ticket we have a limit number of advance \$8.75 tickets. Once our limited number runs out, the dinner ticket purchase is closed. Don't miss out on this great bargain. If you think you will purchase a ticket, please send an email to Bill Davis at bill@hog-rally.com. Please indicate how many tickets you plan to purchase and their names would be helpful so we can check them off the list.

Those that have RSVP'd and told us that they would be purchasing tickets for the dinner in Bishop, you may pick up your tickets when you check-in at Lancaster. For those who have already purchased tickets at one of our previous Rendezvous events, please do not forget your ticket.

Please note - all riders are welcome to attend the party at Paiute Casino, all festivities are free except drinks and the Fried Chicken dinner.

With everything that we have planned for this year's 2014 California Rally, we hope you have a great time. We think it's going to be a blast and hope you enjoy yourself.

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