

# DIABLO VALLEY WINGS

**MAY 2023**

**Volume 26 Issue 5**



**NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY, May 16, 2023**

**Denny's, 2006 Somersville Rd, Antioch**

**Lunch 11:30 am**

**Meeting 12:15 pm**

**Chapter Director - Harry Davis**

**Assistant CD – Richard McMillan**

**Photographer – Leonard Nerenberg**

**Secretary - Elouise Brice**

**Road Captain – George Brice**

**Treasurer – Mel Teigen**

**Special Fundraisers – Mel Teigen**

**Newsletter - Karen Davis**

**Safety – Cesar Higuera**

## **MAY 2023**

**2 Lunch Ride, Olive Garden, Pittsburg - Chapter P**

**16 General Meeting – Chapter P**

**26-29 Spring Fling, CA State Rally, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth**

## **JUNE 2023**

**6 Lunch Ride – Chapter P**

**20 General Meeting – Chapter P**

## **JULY 2023**

**4 Fourth of July Parade in Concord and lunch following the Parade**

**17-20 GOLD RUSH XXXV, Onalaska, Wisconsin**

**18 General Meeting – Chapter P**

## **AUGUST 2023**

**1 Lunch Ride - Chapter P**

**15 General Meeting – Chapter P**

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

**5 Lunch Ride - Chapter P**

**19 General Meeting - Chapter P**

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**General Meetings are held on third TUESDAYS**

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Cell Phone – **Harry – 925-768-4903** Available when not driving

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**UPCOMING RIDES and Events/Campouts**

**May 2 - Lunch Ride - Olive Garden, Pittsburg - Chapter P**

**May 26-29 - Spring Fling, Amador County Fairgrounds, Plymouth**

**July 4 - July Fourth Parade in Concord and lunch following - Chapter P**

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**Event Name - Thunder Beach Motorcycle Rally - Panama City Beach, Florida**

**Event Date/Time - Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - Sunday, May 7, 2023**

**Event Description - This is the 25th Annual Thunder Beach Fall Motorcycle Rally.**

**The Thunder Beach Rally is the Most Biker-Friendly FREE Motorcycle Rally in the USA as you ride the “World’s Most Beautiful Beaches”. “Enjoy True Southern Hospitality” at a 5-day motorcycle rally in Panama City Beach, Florida.**

**Multiple venues, with hundreds of vendors, including many of the MC industry’s biggest names! Enjoy the Thunder Beach FREE Concert Series, with National Entertainment!**

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**Event Name - Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally 2023**

**Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidosa NM**

**Event Date/Time - Thursday, May 18, 2023 - Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Host - Golden Aspen Rally**

**Event Description - There is something for everyone at the Aspen Cash Motorcycle Rally including live music and something for every motorcycle enthusiast.**

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**Event Name - Street Vibrations Spring Motorcycle Rally 2023**

**Downtown Reno NV and the Surrounding Area**

**Event Date/Time - Friday, June 2, 2023 - Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**Host - Roadshows**

**Event Description - Street Vibrations Spring Motorcycle Rally is a festival of music, metal and motorcycles. There is something for everyone with poker runs, entertainment, motorcycle shows, stunt shows, vendors and more. Over 50,000 riding enthusiasts roll in to the region where major events are planned in downtown Reno, historic Virginia City and the local Harley-Davidson dealerships. Local and regional bands on 7 outdoor stages. Over 250 vendors and many factory rigs selling everything for your motorcycle and more.**

**Event URL [www.roadshowsreno.com/](http://www.roadshowsreno.com/)**

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**April 18, 2023 - MEETING REPORT**

- \* There were 7 members (Harry, Karen, Richard, George, Elouise, Mel, and Tammy) at Denny’s in Antioch.
- \* Chapter P's first Tuesday May 2 lunch ride will be to Olive Garden, 4196 Century Blvd, Pittsburg. Meet at Olive Garden at 11:30 am.
- \* Chapter P’s next meeting will be May 16 at Denny’s in Antioch.
- \* Chapter T's Friendship Campout will be April 28-29 (Richard plans to attend).
- \* California's Spring Fling will be in Plymouth on May 26-29. Flyers are available at this meeting and on the website. Richard and Mel plan to attend. Chapter P members need to donate prizes for the Saran ball wrap and also dirty bingo prizes wrapped in newspaper; bring all prizes to the May meeting. Mel will purchase an appropriate door prize to be from Chapter P. Theme is Hillbillys Unite!
- \* The June 6 first Tuesday lunch ride destination will be decided at the May mtg.
- \* Chapter R will have a July 2 Pot Luck and BBQ in Boulder Creek. Mel and Richard and Joan plan to attend and will send an RSVP.
- \* Chapter P is registered to participate in Concord's Fourth of July Parade. The space accommodates four motorcycles. Flyers and info are available at this mtg.
- \* The flyer for Gold Rush July 17-20, 2023 in Onalaska, Wisconsin is available at Chapter P meetings or at GWTA website [www.gwta.org](http://www.gwta.org). Michael and Mary Lindberg plan to attend.
- \* Fall Fiesta State Campout and Fall State Staff Meeting (and the Torilla Toss championship) will be Sept 29-Oct 1, 2023 at Sycamore Ranch Campground, Browns Valley CA.
- \* Report from Richard, ACD – nothing new at this time.
- \* Secretary - Ella read the March meeting minutes.
- \* A written Treasurer’s report was prepared by Mel for March. The bank balance as of 2/28/2023 was \$1,639.29. After income (donations) and no expense in February, the balance is \$1654.29 as of 3/31/23.
- \* Old Business - Ella has checked Smiths Landing - now mostly fish dishes, a no for some of our members. Secondly, Ella has already donated the tape recorder to a friend.
- \* New Business - Mel showed everyone the new Fastrak for Flex lanes with 3 choices - choose 3 if you are riding a motorcycle (and if you have an electric car). Call to exchange your old Fastrak.
- \* Raffle donation winner – Harry Davis

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# UPCOMING GWTA EVENTS

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**May 26-29, 2023**

**Spring Fling**

Spring Fling - Come join us in Beautiful Plymouth, California for our annual Spring Fling five-day event. Fun, games, family, food, rides, ICE CREAM. Theme: Hillbillys Unite!

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**July 2, 2023**

**BBQ in the Park**

Pot luck and Barbecue (We'll provide the meat) 11:00 - 3:00 pm  
\$5.00 per person and something good to eat. Ride the Santa Cruz mountain roads.  
211 Double Bogey Dr, Boulder Creek CA

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**September 29-Oct 1, 2023**

**Fall Fiesta**

State staff meeting 10:00 am, Pot luck dinner and camp fire. Location Sycamore Ranch Park & Campground, 5320 Hwy 20, Browns Valley. Tortilla Toss Championship.

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**TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023**

**Fourth of July Parade in Concord**

**Location - Mt Diablo High School, North Entrance  
2450 Grant St, Concord**

**CHAPTER P members meet at High School about 9:15 am**

**PARADE starts at 10:00 am, with or without you.** Parade participants should use the North Entrance of Mount Diablo High School, near the intersection of Grant Street and Gill Drive.  
**LIMITED SHADE** – Bring water, snacks, hats, sunscreen, and umbrellas for waiting. There is NO WATER available in the Parade area.

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# Gold Rush XXXV July 17-20, 2023 in Onalaska, Wisconsin

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## Host Hotel - Stoney Creek Hotel La Crosse - Onalaska

3060 S. Kinney Coulee Rd, Onalaska, WI 54650 (608) 781-3060

**Room Rates** - \$110 for Single, King, and Double Queen

Group Code: 2307GWTA - **Reservation Deadline for Rally Rate June 16, 2023**

### Cut-Off Date:

The Hotel will hold the above block of rooms until Friday, June 16, 2023. This date will be known as your “Cut-Off Date.” After the Cut-Off Date, the Hotel will continue to hold any rooms in your Room Block not assigned to a specific attendee for your Group if you guarantee payment of such rooms to the Master Account.

### Check-In/Out Time:

Our check-in time is 3:00 PM, check-out time is 11:00 AM. All guests arriving before 3:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available. Front Desk Staff can arrange to check baggage for those arriving early when rooms are unavailable and for guests attending functions on departure day.

Reservations will be made by using the following method:

### Online Reservations:

1. Go to <https://reservations.travelclick.com/109238#/guestsandrooms>
2. Ensure that the top of the website says “La Crosse”
3. Select “Add Code” and from the drop down, select “Group Attendee”
4. Enter the correlating block code: 2307GWTA

\*Guests who would like to book before the contract date outside of the board members will be honored the block rate of \$110 for single kings and double queen bedrooms\*

**Individual Call-ins:** Reservations will be made by calling the Hotel at 608-781-3060 and pressing 3 to reach our front desk. Attendees can notify us of the block name or block code in order to make a reservation. Your unique group code: 2307GWTA

**Guest Payment Arrangements:** All individuals who attend your Event will be responsible for their own room, tax, and incidental charges upon checkout.

**Local Camping - Bluebird Campgrounds,** Full hook ups, water & electric sites, tent sites, swimming area, playground, and a full bar and grill on site. Free WiFi. [bluebirdcampground.com](http://bluebirdcampground.com) (608) 781-2267

## **SCAMS that You should watch for and avoid losing your money or having your identify stolen**

**Emails** - An email from a friend may not be from your friend - hover your mouse and check the email address. If the email is from your friend and asks for money or doesn't really sound like your friend, check by phone to see if your friend needs money, etc. Be aware that anyone can steal and use your email address to send messages to those in your address book. Don't reply to an email that may not be real because your reply can be diverted to a different email address.

### **FROM AARP**

1. Cryptocurrency-romance scam - Crooks combine crypto scams with old-fashioned romance scams, posing as internet love interests so they can cajole their targets into downloading an app and investing in fake crypto accounts.
2. Payday loan scam - Criminals exploit the inflation squeezing workers by offering fake payday loans that they claim will help people settle their bills, according to Nofziger. Loan applicants are told they'll need to prepay a fee.
3. One-time password (OTP) bot scam - Credit reporting company Experian warns that scammers utilize bots — automated programs — to deceive people into sharing the two-factor authentication codes sent to them via text or email.
4. Student loan forgiveness scam - The Biden administration's plan to forgive student loans faces an uncertain future after being tied up in the courts, but that hasn't stopped scammers from trying to take advantage of people who may not have heard it's on hold.
5. Puppy purchase scam - Scammers offer cute puppies for sale on the web. After paid travel insurance, a new crate, etc, one buyer lost \$2,200 and never got the dog.
6. Check washing scam - Though other payment modes are replacing them, checks are still used often enough for scammers to exploit. One trick is "check washing," in which crooks steal checks from mailboxes and bathe them in household chemicals to erase the original name and dollar amount, leaving blank spaces they can fill in.
7. Free-gift QR code scam - This is a variation on a basic QR code scam that the FBI warned about: Scammers put fake codes over real ones to exploit the convenience of the barcodes people scan into their phones to see restaurant menus or make payments. Experian's Bruemmer says scammers may call and say they're going to send a QR code to your phone, so you can receive a free \$100 gift card. In reality, the codes are being directed elsewhere.

## **MORE INFO FROM AARP REGARDING ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE**

### **1. Stop scams at the mailbox**

Informed Delivery is a free service from the U.S. Postal Service. The agency emails photos of letter-size mail expected to be delivered to you that day or shortly after. This is a great way to be sure that nothing is stolen from your mailbox by ID thieves. Sign up at [InformedDelivery.usps.com](https://InformedDelivery.usps.com).

### **2. Halt scammers at your front door**

Consider installing a video camera; they are increasingly less expensive, and they're easy to install. If you don't recognize a visitor, don't answer.

### **3. Prevent garbage theft**

Shred any papers that contain private information (financial statements, bills, shipping receipts) before putting them out for pickup to avoid identity theft.

### **4. Watch for credit card skimming**

Card skimming, in which the criminal affixes a credit card reader on top of a legitimate card reader at a store or gas station, is estimated to cause up to \$1 billion in losses annually. When you are paying at a gas station or other point-of-sale location, inspect the device for loose/broken/scratched machinery to make sure someone hasn't tampered with it. If you are unsure, notify the cashier and pay using an alternative method.

### **5. Monitor your credit report**

Routinely check yours (many credit card companies provide it for free; if not, go to [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228). Then freeze your credit report. This prevents scammers from opening new credit cards or making big purchases in your name. You can "unfreeze" it as needed for legitimate transactions. Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) for more information.

### **6. Safeguard your wallet**

Remove cards and information you don't need to carry (such as your Social Security or Medicare card). Make copies of the remaining cards (front and back) and store in a safe place. Mens' new wallets have a "security block" built into the wallet so a passerby cannot skim and get your credit card number.

### **7. Protect your financial accounts**

Create online accounts with each of your financial institutions. Come up with a unique password for each.

### **8. Safeguard your smartphone**

If you have a newer model, turn on biometric identification (finger-print or facial recognition); this will help prevent a thief from logging in to your phone.

Send calls from unknown numbers to voicemail (you can enable this in the phone's settings). Make sure your voicemail is set up and not full, so you can receive legitimate messages.

Scammers are sending far more bogus texts, often posing as companies you routinely deal with. Never respond to an unsolicited business text; if you think it might be valid, call the organization or go online.

### **9. Secure your computer**

Turn on two-factor authentication for all secure websites you frequent, such as financial institutions or utility companies (find out how via each site's online security center).

### **10. Protect your email accounts**

Actively designate unsolicited and unwanted email that shows up in your inbox as spam, so future emails from that site get blocked. Do not open file attachments in emails from businesses or people you don't trust completely. Malware is often planted via email attachments.

### **11. Set limits on social media**

Set your profile so that only your friends can see your Facebook page. To do that, click the downward arrow button in the upper-right corner of your Facebook page, then click on Settings & Privacy and Privacy Checkup. This easy-to-use wizard will guide you through the settings. And never accept friend requests from people you don't know or respond to random messages from strangers. But also note that imposter scams, where someone pretends to be your friend, are rampant on social media.

### **12. Verify online stores**

To avoid shopping scams, when typing in a URL, double- and triple-check the spelling to ensure you are on the correct page. Scammers create a URL with one letter off from the authentic one in hopes you won't catch it.

### **13. Change the way you think**

Learn how to not engage. You are under no obligation in these modern times to respond to calls, emails or texts from strangers — especially given that so many of them are fraudulent. **LEARN TO SAY NO**

## Chapter P's meeting - April 18, 2023



Tammy joined Mel, Richard, Elouise, George, Karen, and Harry at the meeting. Harry and Karen were photographed in another place in February. Tammy shared Chapter P's historical photo albums.





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

**May 9 - Joan McMillan**

**May 21 - Leonard Nerenberg**

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**May 2023**





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