

Thunder Valley Run, March 27, 2010

The Thunder Valley Run will start in Vacaville, California and end at the beautiful and exciting Thunder Valley Casino in Lincoln, California. Besides offering traditional gaming this casino has a wonderful buffet with a food selection that should please everyone after diverse drive. We will start out with some twisties in the foothills and pass through farm areas with happy cows on green grass pastures. The meeting time will be 9:00 AM at a Chevron Station located at 901 Mason Street, Vacaville, California (phone 1-707-449-9473). If approaching from the east on Highway 80 the exit will be Peabody/Elmira. If arriving from the west, the exit is Mason Street to the Chevron Station on the right. Coming the backroads from Concord, go north to Elmira, then Mason. We will depart on the run at approximately 9:15 AM so that we can arrive at the Thunder Valley Casino around 2:30 PM for lunch and free time. The lunch period at the casino ends at 3:00 PM and dinner starts at 4:00 PM. Vacaville, the starting point, was named after Manuel Vaca in 1851 as a township named Vacaville. In 1892 Vacaville was incorporated as a city.

Vacaville is located in Solano County between San Francisco and Sacramento. It has a rich past tracing its roots to those early days of pioneers and adventurers. Early ranchers eventually gave way to agriculture production. At one time Vacaville was known as the fresh fruit capital of California. From Vacaville we will head through the foothills to Winters. Winters is a city located



in Yolo County near Lake Berryessa. From Winters the back roads lead us across an interesting bridge that should be referred to as the graffiti bridge. The next major stopping point is Woodland for a snack and pit stop at Jack In The Box located near the end of town. Woodland is the county seat of Yolo County, located approximately 15 miles northwest of Sacramento. The next town along the Sacramento River is Knights Landing. It is a small community in Yolo County. Off in the distance can be seen Sutter Buttes

the world's smallest mountain range just outside of Yuba City in the Sacramento Valley. The range is about 10 miles with the highest peak 2,300 feet. It was formed by volcanic action about 1.5 million years ago. A park in Wheatland, another city in Yuba County about 12.5 miles southeast of Marysville, will be our next stop. This will be an opportunity to stretch, get a snack and take advantage of restrooms in two different locations, a fast food restaurant and a local bar. Leaving Wheatland please pay attention to the art work on the road. Lincoln located in Placer County



was in 2007 according to Forbes.com the nations fastest growing city from 2000 to 2006 with an increase in population of 238.6%. It is also the site of our final destination Thunder Valley Casino. Hope an appetite remains for a buffet to remember. We should be able to get seating together. A note is that parking at the casino will be as you can find a slot. We should all meet inside the casino close to the buffet entrance. Hope you all have a safe trip.

Please RSVP by 3/25 to Dennis & Mary Bartling dmtravel2005@yahoo.com or phone 925-686-5229.