

Thank You Letter Received From TARA

The ride was operating as "Usual" until around noon when we experienced the onset of thunderstorms.

High Winds, heavy down pours and cool temperatures began to take its toll on the riders

as these WX cells developed into more severe conditions.

The Half Ebbetts, Ebbetts, Hermit Valley, Sandy Meadows and Pacific grade sites had numerous riders with early on symptoms of hypothermia

and some later experiencing more severe symptoms as the storms continued.

Once again, our ham radio operators said to heck with the recommendations

and took the worst cases in to their vehicles, and RV's to warm up.

I have NO DOUBT that some
VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCIES

were averted because of these actions.

This event involving Amateur Radio radio volunteers not only includes radio communications,

but show cases "Real World" examples of the compassion and responsibility

that provides the Reputaion we are all proud to be a part of!

I'm always proud to be associated with you in the communication center for the Death Ride.

Your quick and calm responses allow the NCS ops in the TARA communication van to relay your traffic

in an accurate and professional manner.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

to the crew from the

Calaveras Amateur Radio Society, Inc.