



Another Death Ride and again, all of you involved provided excellent communication and then some!

The nature of the Death Ride makes for a very long, interesting and demanding day.

Additionally, all communicators stood by stoically until Net Control would release you, usually after the ride support personal had been long gone! This indeed proves your volunteer spirit and exemplary attitude in our world of Amateur Radio!

A number of you have commented about the many thank you's from the riders. We even had some stop into the communication van to commend the hams on the course.

Some side notes:

On Thursday when Don and I set up the van, we had two "visitors", Calash (4 years old) and her brother Stetson (8 years old). Both enjoyed a third party QSO with Brad, WT6B on the 33 machine and were tickled pink with talking on a radio!

The next day, Friday, I was honored to have a visit with the boy scouts arranged through Tom, N7AC who was in charge of their group supporting the Death Ride.

We discussed Amateur Radio and even tried some CQ's on 20 meters. Again, more smiling faces when they left the van.

The event was all the usual activity and drama we've come to expect.

Not the least of which was Kevin's, (KM6CHS), emergency priority traffic.

He was in the right spot at the right time, very much in part from his standing by on site until released well after the road had opened!

So again, I'm very proud to be associated with all of you for the Death Ride. Your quick responses and positive attitudes always impress the directors and other agencies monitoring in the TARA communication van.

Some of you have provided your critiques and suggestions. Please send me any other information and comments so I may present them to Alpine County at their "after the ride" discussion in the near future.

Thank you and congratulations on your performance during the Death Ride, 2017

Now, if I could only locate the "Chicken Man" !!

73

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