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# CHAPTER F's



## "The Bugler"- April '09

Gold Wing Road Riders Association - Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge









**REGION F** 

**GWRRA** 

**NM DISTRICT** 

F-TROOP

#### From YOUR Chapter F Staff

The Chapter had a GREAT meeting last month! As Jimm will tell you in his article, 67 folks at the meeting!! We are really glad to see so many smiling face and so many friends we haven't seen in a while.

As you look through this month's newsletter, you will notice some things are repeats from the last newsletter. This is being done on purpose. There are so many new items for 2009, some of the new items for 2009 will be left in the newsletter to ensure everyone knows about then, or reminded. One example is the Goodie Store article. We want to make sure everyone sees the new shirts and is aware that your Goodie Store will get you your name tags. Another is the new Chapter hats that Gene is selling for the Goodie Store. Word is Gene only has two left and then the Goodie Store will be carrying them.

There are rallies coming up that will be listed until the event has past. The three most visible for us are the New Mexico District Rally in Grants New Mexico, West Wing 1 ~ The Region F Rally in Henderson Nevada, and Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa Oklahoma. Mike Van Horn, Chapter Ride Coordinator will be setting up Chapter group rides for all the upcoming events. Be on the lookout for Mike's newsletter articles and e-mails forwarded out by JoeO.

So, look at this newsletter, is it interesting, more personal; is "fun" reflected in its pages? Drop one of us officers or staff members a line and give us your thoughts.

NEXT MTG: April 4, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30) Golden Corral, Coors & I-40

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL
33,485

For the latest news see Chapter F's own Web Site http://www.newmexicochapterf.org

## The Bugler



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#### CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jimm & Pam White

67 folks, that's the number of members and guests we had at the March meeting. This was, by any standard, simply phenomenal in terms of attendance. Seems the word is getting out, we're having fun.

Check out the ride articles later in this newsletter for the after meeting ride and the ride on the 21st.

We have heard some comments about the length of the meetings, (too long), and we want to assure you that we're listening. We have been debating how to address this but Brian's Chapter W guidelines have provided us with a good starting place. Especially this month, we will be limiting folks to 3 to 5 minutes to talk.

I say especially this meeting because the after meeting ride for this month will be the Trinity Blast Site. This site is open to the public only twice a year, the first Saturday of April and the first Saturday of October. Most all of you know what this is, but for those of you new to the area, this is the site where the scientist from the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos during WWII tested the first nuclear device on July 16, 1945 at 5:30 a.m. Mountain War Time. This day has been called "the day the sun rose twice", because for folks in the surrounding area who saw the predawn blast, it lit the sky like the sunrise, and then faded. A few short minutes later was the official sunrise for the Trinity Site.

This day changed the course of world history like no other day before or since, and this piece of world history is unique to New Mexico. We hope you will all join us for this meeting and ride.

Know what a "pop-up" ride is? Well, what it has come to mean to us is that a chapter member wakes up some morning, says "wow, what a great day to ride" and sends an e-mail to all his chapter buddies to go with him. They're not real well organized or planned, which is why they're their own kind of fun. If you get a "pop-up" ride e-mail and you can go on the ride you won't regret it.

When I joined GWRRA in 1990 someone told me at the first meeting "we're trying to ride the wheels off these things!" I think that should be our motto now, so join us for more riding and fun. Go to the website www.newmexicochapterf.org for more ride information and fun events.

Lastly, as many of you know Pam is currently the Region F Treasurer. While there has been no decision made regarding a new Region F Director, in a recent meeting Melissa asked Pam to stay on the staff and Pam accepted. That now means Melissa has at least one Region F staff member in almost every District in the Region, in effect making these people the Region F representative for that district. Pam is always available to talk to you about questions, concerns or suggestions at the region level. If she doesn't have the information, she'll get it and get back to you.

See you at the April meeting!

Remember, life is what happens when you're busy making other plans!

Jimm & Pam



#### ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Our Social Butterfly event for March was to the Pizza Barn in Edgewood. We had 11 people and 4 bikes. This is the second year that we have gone to the Pizza Barn and the food there is really good. Those that attended were Mike, Anne, & Kyle, Julian & Marisa, Gene & Jeanie, Everett, Al, and Teresa & I. Below are some of the pictures, the rest will be posted to our Chapter Website.



Our mascot Wiley in trouble and sent to the corner



Wiley hanging with the owners Morgan & Gino

Hopefully you will join us for the next one. It will be Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Jason's Deli & Basin Robins.



I-r Mike, Marisa, Julian, and Everett

We are still looking for member bios and pictures for our web site (see last month's newsletter article). To get the latest information and to see what's happening check out our site at <a href="http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/">http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/</a>

Mike Van Horn, our very own ride coordinator, is putting together a group to go to West Wing 1, the Region F Rally in Nevada. As of right now, the Chapter will be departing from our Golden Corral meeting/ride departure area located at I-40 & Coors. We will gather on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 am so we can collect rider information and receive our ride briefing and depart at 7 am. Please see page 9 where you will find a detailed schedule by Mike VH.

For those that want information on the Albuquerque Kid for Kids, please see page . If you require more information, please contact the Accessory Pit.

till next month...keep smilin' and havin' fun!!!



Keith & Teresa



#### RIDER EDUCATORS

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

Greetings to all fellow Chapter F members! This is my first article (of many) that I will be writing about to help keep everybody informed about safety. I will try to use my knowledge (while I remember it) to pass on you. I start riding when I was 13 years old.

That is about 55 years ago. I started on a Cushman Eagle, and then went to an old Harley, 2 Triumphs, 3 Kawasaki's, 2 Harley's. 3 BMW's, 1 Moto Guzzi, 7 Honda's. Having spent 20+ years in the Army I was able to ride in most countries around the world to include North America and South America.

I can honestly say that I have never had an accident. I am going to attribute that to the words of wisdom that a WWII vet (who was also a rider) passed on to me. He said, "Son, when you ride one of these machines there are three things to remember, 1) Always give yourself a cushion of air so you have somewhere to go 2) Never drink when you are riding one of these 3) Always remember that everything out there can kill you". I found out years later when I took my first MSF course, that basically they also teach these 3 pieces of advice.

If you are on a road you have never ridden on before, lots of curves, etc., maintain extreme caution as you never know what is ahead of you. This month I am writing about where your toes belong.

If your feet are on your pegs you are probably doing this anyway, but a couple of incidents occurred that reminded me to write about this to at least it gives you something to think about.

About 5 years a rider was heading towards Laughlin, NV for the River Run. He had his feet dangling off his pegs when he hit a piece of tail pipe on the road that had fallen off a car. He hit it at about 80 mph and it severed his left foot at the ankle. You never know what can happen. I met him a year later in his wheel chair and we talked for awhile. As he said, a lesson learned, too late.

Here is another incident that happened, but thank God it was not more serious. The rider was making a sweeping right-handed turn when the tip of his pointed-toe boot struck the ground. This caused a massive torque to his foot and dragged it off the peg, severely

injuring the ankle in the process. Fortunately the rider was not more seriously injured and he did not lose control of his bike, but both of these incidents happened in a split second. When your feet are on the pegs: KEEP THEM ON TOP OF THE PEGS.

Keep your feet above the shift lever and the brake lever. Of course, if you have floor boards, this does not necessary refer to you, but keep your feet on the boards and also the cruiser pegs. DON'T LET YOUR FEET DANGLE BELOW THE PEGS.

I have ridden for long distances and you get stiff and want to stretch your legs. You stretch your legs straight out or down where your feet are just a couple of inches off the road. Just think if your feet are stretched out like that, how dangerous it could be if you hit something. I will leave the rest to your imagination. If you need to stretch, stop, get off and then stretch. A couple of minutes will not make any difference in your time but a lot safer.

I guess it doesn't really have to be said, but if you are in a turn it doesn't make sense to have your toes positioned like outriggers - pointing away from the bike. Keep those toes on the break lever and over the shifter, and you will be able to walk after you finish the ride.

RIDE SAFE AND HAVE FUN.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner







Notice the feet are on the peg, not hanging below

# N.7 Rider Education Program Levels Application (Level I – III) GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



#### RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM LEVELS PROGRAM APPLICATION (LEVEL I-III)



Date of Application Rider: Membership #: Region: Co-Rider: District: Chapter: Membership #: Address: Validation Officer Name: Date Title: Participants are STRONGLY URGED to wear proper riding gear while riding! LEVEL I - SAFETY BY COMMITMENT - SAFE RIDER/CO-RIDER This program is a commitment to safe riding. Submit the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at \$6.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. With your purchase you will receive ONE SAFE MILES PATCH, either a RIDER or CO-RIDER ROCKER and a Safe Miles pin if applicable. Please enroll Rider in Level I. Please enroll Co-Rider in Level I. Rider Patch and Pin request Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: Co-Rider Patch and Pin request Co-Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: LEVEL II - SAFETY BY EDUCATION - TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER EDUCATION Any GWRRA Officer can validate the following requirements. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at \$5.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT With your purchase you will receive either a Rider or Co-Rider triangle patch. TOUR RIDER TOUR CO-RIDER ☐ Enrolled in Safe Rider Program (Level I) Tenrolled in Safe Co-Rider Program (Level I) ☐ I have 5000 Safe Miles! ☐ I have 5000 Safe Miles! M/C License or Endorsement (if required) ☐ Approved Rider Course within 3 years: ☐ Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years: Type of Course Taken: Exp. Date: Type of Course Taken: Exp. Date: ☐ Rider Patch request □ Co-Rider Patch request LEVEL III - SAFETY BY PREPAREDNESS - CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER Any GWRRA Officer can validate the following requirements. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at \$4.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT With your purchase you will receive either a TOUR RIDER or CO-RIDER patch. **CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER** ☐ Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II ☐ Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II ☐ Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider: ☐ Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider: CPR Provider: CPR Provider: Exp. Date: First Aid Provider: First Aid Provider: Exp. Date: Exp. Date: ☐ Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years: Approved Rider Course within 3 years: Type of Course Taken: Type of Course Taken: Exp. Date: Exp. Date: ☐ Carries First Aid Kit on the Bike ☐ Rider Patch request Co-Rider Patch request **HIGH MILEAGE PROGRAM** To be eligible you must have accumulated 50,000 miles. Have your TOTAL mileage validated by any GWRRA Officer. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form along with \$5.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT to your Chapter or District Educator. You will receive the HIGH MILEAGE PIN and the MILEAGE BAR. As you accumulate additional miles, in 50,000-mile increments, you can receive additional hanger bars for \$2.00 each by submitting the update form to your Chapter or District Educator. MILEAGE VERIFICATION ☐ First High Mileage Application Mileage ☐ Rider Miles ☐ Co-Rider Miles SUMMARY Fees are only applicable if patches are requested or applying for the High Mileage Program Total Fees: Date: Pins/Patches Issued By: (Only sign if pins or patches were issued) Patches Issued R/W (B/G add \$1.00) Mail form to: Rick & Linda Howe NM District Educators, 8509 Constitution Ave NE. Albuquerque, NM 87112 E-mail Address: apit@qwestoffice.net



#### **MEMBER MATTERS**

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

#### **April Birthdays**

#### **April Anniversaries**



Karen Arnold	Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Trina McMahan	Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jorge Marrero	Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>
Gene Wagner	Apr 8 <sup>th</sup>
Will Jaramillo	Apr 9 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Holder	Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>
Mike Howe	Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>
John Cherry	Apr 15 <sup>th</sup>
Jeanie Wagner	Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Tom & Carol Johnson Apr 12<sup>th</sup>
John & Linda Kinney Apr 17<sup>th</sup>
Jim & Trina McMahan Apr 21<sup>st</sup>
Danny & Valerie Branch Apr 28<sup>th</sup>



#### **GWRRA Member April Anniversaries**

Louis Acanfrio	Apr 1, 2004	5 years	Richard & Lisa Johnson	Apr 18, 2007	2 years
Gene Hoskinson	Apr 1, 1981	28 years	Dave Crettol	Apr 20, 2007	2 years
Don Mikkelson	Apr 1, 1989	20 years	Walter DeQuack	Apr 21, 2006	3 years
Tarmo Sutt	Apr 1, 1986	23 years	George Greer	Apr 23, 2003	6 years
Gary & Becky Boyce	Apr 3, 2002	7 years	Dave Ross	Apr 27, 2007	2 years
Antonette Tenison	Apr 3, 2004	5 years	Tom Broadbent	Apr 28, 2008	1 year
Eddy & Karen Arnold	Apr 13, 1999	10 years			

#### **NEW March Chapter F Members**

#### Unknown

#### **WHY GWRRA?**

Are you a member of the VFW, American Legion, the Shriners, the Masons, BPOE, Lion's Club or another of the many organizations out there? Do you know what these organizations and GWRRA have in common? They are all fraternities, a <u>brotherhood</u> if you may, an organization that the members freely associate as equals for a mutually beneficial purpose, be it military, community service or religious. Of course the impetus that brings us together is our Wings. While the Wing is central to GWRRA one doesn't have to own one to join, so GWRRA is more than just a motorcycle club, it is a family. A good many of us, in addition to riding, really

enjoy the camaraderie that goes along with GWRRA membership and chapter participation.

If you ever attended another chapter's meetings you know the feeling of being part of a brotherhood (and sisterhood) and immediately fitting in. There is something to be said for the feeling of family that develops when enjoying the company of your fellow chapter members. Chapter F strives to be a member of your family and wants you to be a member of ours. If you are not a member of GWRRA consider joining and experience what a worldwide family is all about.



#### THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney

The Goodie Store has some great NEW stuff just waiting for you to come by and make a purchase. First and foremost, **new for 2009**, has to be the great new chapter shirts as you see me (Linda) modeling it below.



The shirts have the Chapter F F-Troop logo with an GL1800 in the center. You can even get the bike embroidered in the color of your choice and your name monogrammed on the left (or is it the right) side. The Shirts are \$25 each and well worth it. Show your pride...;))) They can only be purchased through the Goodie Store, so either contact John or I at one of our meetings, or you can send us an e-mail at <a href="mailto:goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org">goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org</a> Please include name you want on the shirt, your size, and what color you would like the bike on the patch. We thank Chapter F members Wayne and Penny Holly for supporting the chapter in this endeavor.



Another new item is an updated name tag. This will take two to three weeks to get in, so make sure you talk to John or me and get your order in. Once again, you can see us at the meetings, or e-mail us at <a href="mailto:goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org">goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org</a> with your Name, and what you want below it. The standard is the image below. So we will need your GWRRA number also.



We are very well organized and have a plethora of neat stuff just waiting for you to purchase; if you want to know what is available just skim through the Goodie Store book; there is something there for every winger. If you don't see want you want just tell us and we will see what we can do to get it for you.

See you soon...Linda aka "Vanna" & John

#### COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Keith & Teresa Morrison

WOW!!! What a difference a year makes. It seems like yesterday that Joe O called (several times ~ thanks Joe!) and invited us to our first Chapter F meeting. It's been non-stop since we joined Chapter F. Shortly after that first meeting, we became involved with the staff by taking over the Goodie Store. We would like to thanks not only all of our Chapter Family, but a special thanks to Ted & Kathy Bates and Jimm & Pam White. Ted & Kathy made us feel like we had been friends and Chapter members for years. Jimm & Pam also took us in as family and when Ted & Kathy became the District Directors, Jimm & Pam asked us to step up and be their Assistant Chapter Directors.

Rewind to September 2007; I'd been telling Teresa that I wanted another bike since I met her. She was very reluctant because not only had she seen a family member get hurt badly in an accident, Teresa had never even been on a bike. Teresa and I looked at a bunch of different bikes and she decided on the comfort of the Gold Wing. We picked out a 2008 GL1800AB. It was a special order and was delivered on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2007. While we waited for it to come in, I attended the MSF safety course and it was the first bike I had been on in 26 years. It all came back faster than I thought it would and it was a good thing with a 900 pound bike on the way.

When we picked it up, Teresa took pictures and believe you me, I took great satisfaction in sending the pictures to my two brothers that had picked on me for years. You see, they both stopped riding a couple of years back and you know what they say about payback. Now I was the only brother with a bike and not just any bike. I had the Cadillac, the Gold Wing! They both refer to it as a car on two wheels.

I rode the bike for about 1000 miles by myself to get used to it. Then day finally came that I got Teresa to get on the back of the bike to ride with me. I knew she was very nervous, so I behaved that first day. I'm sure if you ask her know, she'd say she wished I was always riding that slow. We've been riding every chance we get since (just don't ask her about going to 4 Corners in February).

We joined the GWRRA even before the bike arrived and started getting calls and e-mails from this guy who went by the name JoeO. He was inviting us to a breakfast and meeting. We're glad he kept after us to attend, because we have had a blast with everyone from Chapter F since that first meeting in January 2008.

<u>Originally from</u>: Keith – New Jersey, Teresa – Tennessee

Married: May 8, 2001

Place: Montgomery, Alabama

<u>Children</u>: Blake lives with us. Matt (1 granddaughter), Kevin (1 grandson), Mary (1 granddaughter), and Keith Jr all live in New Jersey. Elizabeth (1 granddaughter) lives in Florida.

<u>Career</u>: Keith – 28 years in the Air Force, Teresa – 14 years with Civil Service

<u>Places Lived</u>: NJ, TX, CO, NY, MS, Turkey, Japan, TN, NC, CA, KS, IL, KY, LA, NM

<u>Furthest MC Trip</u>: Wing Ding 30, 19 States, 4,200 miles, 7 days

<u>The Future</u>: Keith – keep the house up for Teresa, and have dinner ready every night, Teresa – become a GS-12 at AFOTEC, together – ride every chance we get.

We will be visiting all the NM District Chapters at least once during the coming year and invite all of you to join us if you can. We have found that the more the merrier really applies to enjoying not only the rides, but all the good times once you get there.

We will do our best to represent the Chapter while being <u>safe</u>, having <u>fun</u> with <u>friends</u>, and riding the wheels off our 2008 with 22,000 miles on it already.

Thanks for the confidence you have bestowed in us...

Keith & Teresa



#### RIDE COORDINATOR

Mike Van Horn

#### **SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES**

#### April:

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. After the meeting ride with us to the <u>Trinity Site!</u> This is the site where the first Atom bomb was exploded back in 1945! Joe O. has been to the site several times, and has a wealth of knowledge to share with us. We will leave from the parking lot after the meeting. <u>Please bring water and snacks with you;</u> -or- you will also have an opportunity to purchase snacks and drinks at the gas station in Socorro. We will be at the Trinity Site for approx 2 hrs. On the return trip we will stop over in Socorro for dinner before returning to Albuquerque. (253 miles round trip). <a href="http://www.wsmr.army.mil/">http://www.wsmr.army.mil/</a>

**16th - 20th:** Region F Rally in Henderson, Nevada. Click on the link below and make your motel reservations soon. "West Wing 1" will be the name of this year's rally. Check out page 14 in the March addition of Wing World Magazine for more details. The GWRRA Region F Rally will be held on the 17th, 18th, & 19th: (Friday, Saturday & Sunday). A group of Chapter F members are planning to attend and you are welcome to ride along with us.

Ride Details: Thursday: Meet us at the Golden Corral, (Coors & I-40), parking lot at 6:45 AM, departure time is 7 AM. Our 1st stop will be in Grants at the "WOW" Diner for breakfast. Lunch will be in Flagstaff, and we should arrive in Henderson by 7 PM.

Friday - Sunday: Rally Events!

Monday: We will depart Henderson the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup>. We will form up at the Sunset Station (host hotel) at 6:45 AM; breakfast is from 7 to 8. Kickstands up and departure back to Albuquerque at 8:00 AM. We should be back home by 8:00 PM. (1118 miles round trip). For more information on the rally see page 18 of the Wing World April issue. The Rally Registration Forms are available at: <a href="http://gwrra-regionf.org/Rally09/RallyInformation.html">http://gwrra-regionf.org/Rally09/RallyInformation.html</a>

The Sunset Station is the Host Hotel and you can get a reservation for 4 nights for an <u>average</u> of \$73.00 a night (total cost for 4 nights is approx \$295), For reservations please call: 1-(888)-786-7389.

If you would like to join this ride, please let Joe O. know ASAP!

Please email: joeopus@earthlink.net or call: (505) 892-4223

As many of you know there is a lot to see and do in the Las Vegas area, not to mention the untold riches we will all be coming back with. Please join us! Click here for more information: <a href="http://gwrra-regionf.org/Rally09/RallyInformation.html">http://gwrra-regionf.org/Rally09/RallyInformation.html</a>

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: Valley of the Fires campout. Here's a local over-night trip for those that love astronomy, and sleeping under the stars. Pack your sleeping bags and tents and flashlights. We will be leaving from the Golden Corral parking lot, (I-40 and Coors), at 9 AM. Please be early, and you can even "gas up" at the stations located adjacent to the Golden Corral. The Valley of the Fires is a fun place to camp! This camp has hot showers, and real flushing toilets! Tent sites are available for \$12.00. Electric sites are \$16.00. Carrizozo is only 5 miles from the camp, where we can pick up food supplies, ice, gas, and other camping items. If you are just not into camping, then perhaps a motel room will do... The host motel will be the Sands Motel located at 1400 Central Ave. (3/4 mile from Hwy 380/54 Intersection),

#### Rooms start at:

- \$27.50 + tax Single Queen
- \$35.80 + tax Single King
- \$41.70 + tax Double Queen

For reservations please call:1-800-817-2637

#### http://www.townofcarrizozo.org/local\_pages/Sands\_Motel.htm

There will be a local astronomy club at the campsite that evening, and will have several of their telescopes set up after dark, and the public is invited to come enjoy "The Stars and Planets" (317 miles round trip). If you would like to join this ride, please contact Mike V. by email: <a href="mailto:lazer2by4@aol.com">lazer2by4@aol.com</a> or call: (505) 453-3873 <a href="http://www.americansouthwest.net/new\_mexico/valley\_of\_fires/recreation\_area.html">http://www.americansouthwest.net/new\_mexico/valley\_of\_fires/recreation\_area.html</a>

#### May:

**2**<sup>nd</sup>:Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to <u>Bandelier National Park</u>. Bandelier was the home to the Anasazi Indians. A scenic trail leads to the cliff dwellings, and a ceremonial cave!

(195 miles round trip) http://www.nps.gov/band/

13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>: Texas District Rally, in Amarillo, Texas. A group of Chapter F members are planning to attend the rally, and you are welcome to ride along with us.

Ride Details:

Wednesday: We will depart ABQ. Meet us at the Golden Corral, (Coors & I-40), parking lot at 6:45 AM, departure time is 7 AM.

Thursday - Saturday. Rally Events!

Sunday - Ride back to ABQ

If you would like to join this ride, please let Joe O. know... (588 miles round trip)

Please email: <u>joeopus@earthlink.net</u> or call: (505) 892-4223

http://www.gwrra-tx.org/09Rally/rally.php

**16**<sup>th</sup> & **17**<sup>th</sup>: Ride with us to the <u>Riverbed Hot Springs</u> in Truth or Consequences, NM. For reservations call: (505) 894-7625 check-in at 2 PM. (318 miles round trip) <a href="http://www.nmhotsprings.com/info.htm">http://www.nmhotsprings.com/info.htm</a>|

#### June:

**6**th: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to <u>Cuba</u> and see some of Our Nations tallest Douglas Fur Trees. Bring a sack lunch, or you can purchase a sandwich at "Subway" in Cuba before heading out to the picnic grounds. <u>Bring a covered plate of your favorite cookies</u>. We will all sample them and vote for our favorite! There will be a prize for the best cookies! (186 miles round trip)

**20**<sup>th</sup> & **21**<sup>st</sup>: Ride with us to the <u>Best Western Movie Manor</u> 2830 US Highway 160 W Monte Vista, Colorado. This is a one of the last remaining Big Screen out door movie theaters still playing movies in the United States. They pipe in the sound to your motel room, and you can sit out on your balcony and enjoy the show. For reservations call: (719) 852-5921 (446 miles round trip) <a href="http://www.bestwesterncolorado.com/hotels/best-western-movie-manor-motor-inn/">http://www.bestwesterncolorado.com/hotels/best-western-movie-manor-motor-inn/</a>



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			April Fool	2 R&S Bike Night	3	F Meeting Trinity Site
Palm Sunday Coffee at Dawn	6	7	8	Passover begins Team R&S Bike Night	10 Good Friday Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday Coffee at Dawn	13	14	15	16 Team R&S Bike Night Region F Rally in Henderson, Nevada	17 Region F Rally	18 Region F Rally
Region F Rally W Meeting Coffee at Dawn	20 Region F Rally	21	22 Earth Day	23 Team R&S Bike Night	24 Arbor Day	25 Accessory Pit Bike, Trike & Light Night
26 Coffee at Dawn	27	28	29	30 Team R&S Bike Night		

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#### **MARCH'S MEETING**

We had a great fun March meeting with a lot of substantive events and information put out. The meeting was followed by a great ride; it all follows in this newsletter. We can only capture snapshots of the happenings, you need to be there to be part of it (and maybe get your photo in the newsletter). Make it a point to put one of our meetings on your calendar.





Cindy & George

Jeanie, Gene, & Rick

Jimm, Joe & Nancy







Meredith & Kathy

Amy, Will, & Emma

Art, Keith, & Teresa







Gene & Gene

Calvin & Joe

John & Linda







Jim, Ann, & Mike

Trina, Tom & friend, Jimm & Pam

Kathy's lil Harley girl

#### **CHAPTER AFTER-MEETING RIDE / PHOTOS**

#### **Ride to Los Lunas**

Our after meeting ride was changed at the last moment, as we opted for the warmer weather to our south. So, after forming up in the parking lot, Dave Drake, Everett Jeffcoat, Neal Baker, John Kenney, with Mike Van Horn leading, and Keith & Teresa Morrison taking up the Tail Gunner position...all headed out for their adventure!

We proceeded west on I-40. The wind was coming at us head on, but the bikes didn't seem to mind that too much. Once we reached Hwy 6, and turned to the south, the wind was really starting to make us do funny things! Now the wind was coming at us from our right side at about 35+ mph, and most of us had to lean into it, to stay on the road! Neal and Everett were both on Trikes, and they didn't seem to lean at all! I was kind'a wishing I had a Trike about then. Teresa told me later that her helmet was trying to come off! Well, after about a mile of that, the road turned back to the east, and then we had a very pleasant tail wind. The kind of wind that you can stick your hand out above the Plexiglas and not have any air movement pushing your hand back! As we headed east, we were treated to the sights of the distant rouged mountains, and plateaus. There were only a few cars out there on the road, and the ride was very enjoyable with the wind to our backs. I never get tired of seeing this vast area, and all of its beauty.

We pulled into Los Lunas, and made our way over to the Los Chilitos Restaurant. We dismounted and headed in



Dave & John



Teresa & Mike

waitress was the owner and manager, "Carol Morena". She knew some of us from our pervious visits, and made us feel very welcome. We ate some delicious meals, told stories, and laughed together for about an hour and a half, before we decided we probably should be getting back home. It was a pretty good ride considering the weather changed, and the destination change at the last moment. Thanks everyone for going today....



Mike & Everett

Until next time... Ride Safe!

Mike Van Horn Ride Coordinator Chapter "F"

#### **CHAPTER MONZANO LOOP RIDE / PHOTOS**

By Jimm White

Don't ever let anybody tell you that Mike VH can't set up a great ride. Just another great example of that was the Monzano Loop Ride on the 21st of March. He even got his reservations in early enough to get a great weather day for the ride!



Dave & Mike

We started from our regular starting point at the Golden Corral at Coors and I-40 about 9 that Saturday morning with 8 Gold Wings and 13 smiling folks.



Our preferred mood of transportation!

Mike very adeptly maneuvered us thru the South Valley and on to Hwy 47 thru Isleta, Bosque Farms, Peralta and Los Lunas and on to Hwy 60 to the first stop of the day, the Abo Ruins and Ranger Bob, as Mike calls him!



Al & Ranger Bob



I-r Penny, Valerie, Alva, Pam, & Susie



I-r Mark, Dave, Alva, Mike, Ranger Bob, Valerie, Russ, Penny, Wayne, Pam, Jimm, Susie, & Don

These ruins are from the mid-1600's and was the trade center for early Spaniards and some 40,000 Indians in the area. Ranger Bob was very informative and we all had a very good visit, especially the ladies.

From there we went to lunch at Ancient City Cafe in Mountainair. Mike had made reservation there also, so they knew we were coming, they just didn't know what to expect! They still don't know !!! This place has one of the best green chili cheeseburger around, (we're on a serious quest to find the best green chili cheeseburger available in riding distance, and this one rates high on our list so far!), and servers a mean plate of chicken wings. Good food, good ride so far and good friends. I'm tell'n ya, it just doesn't get much better than that....



Our ride coordinator getting sauced!



Will someone please wipe me?

Then it was on to Gran Quivera, another set of mid-1600's Spanish/Indian ruins along the same trade route as Abo. This is a very interesting place and deserves some time to explore and enjoy the history there. From there it was back to Mountainair for gas then on to Edgewood and, of course, a Dairy Queen.



Jimm & Al



I-r Russ, Mike, Jimm, & Dave



I-r Mike, Mark, Alva, & Jimm at DQ ~ Life is Good!!!

Pam and I ended the day about 7:15 pm back in our garage. Garage to garage miles for that ride for us was 273.5.

At the end of the day, it was a great day, great ride, great food, and great friends. It just doesn't get better than that. Join us for the next great ride.

#### **LOOKING FOR ... A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS**

The chapter is always in the need for volunteers to help out with a myriad of duties that need to be attended to. Positions such as: Event photographers, ride coordinators, social event coordinator, are just several that we would like to see filled. They all require some expertise to be effective.

<u>Chapter photographer(s)</u> – the individual(s) needs to be available for meetings, events, rides, etc and should have a good knowledge of photo composition, not just point and shoot. The photos need to reflect what Chapter F and GWRRA is all about. The photos will be inserted into the chapter website as well as the district website (worldwide access). Knowledge of photo editing (e.g. Photoshop) is a plus. The individual must have an imagination to develop themes and accompanying newsletter presentations. The person(s) should be available to attend all / most events.

Ride Coordinator (Asst) - Again, this position requires a person(s) with imagination to help Mike Van Horn, "the" Ride Coordinator, develop interesting rides for the chapter. The person should have an extensive knowledge of NM and generally the southwest. The rides need to be more than just riding to Socorro and back. The individual needs to understand rider distance capabilities, plan routes, refueling points; those responsibilities generally defined for a Ride Captains. This could require an extensive effort on the part of the individual if done correctly. Additionally, the individual is responsible for the Furthest F'ert Award and must be able to record participant mileage figures prior to the chapter meeting (the chapter may have filled this position).

<u>Event/Social Coordinator(s)</u> – The individual should have a feel for interesting places and events that chapter members would be interested in. Events do not necessarily have to be tied in with riding activities but could be focused on just getting members together for a good time. Examples could be attending an Isotopes game, a play, bowling, dining experiences and so forth (i.e., the Social Butterfly event). Six events should be planned for during the year. This requires the individual to be aware of current events happening throughout the year.

#### **CHAPTER F'S F-TROOP WEBSITE**

<u>New for '09</u> is Chapter F's very own webpage, administered by Keith Morrison. The site came into being on January 1<sup>st</sup> and is a work in progress. It will contain the latest chapter information and should be the site you turn to for material like member bios, pictures, maps, and current ride/event info. The site has an F-Troop motif and is a fun place to visit with movies and

songs embedded within the site. You need to look at this and let Keith know what you think, what doesn't work; and what you would like to see. Keith has provided many links to provide feedback. <a href="http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/">http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/</a>

Check it out!

#### **NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS**

At the New Mexico District website, you can access the current chapter newsletter as well as all district newsletters. Additionally, this website contains a photo galleria that contains photos from each district chapter. The Chapter F portion of the site is pretty much up to date and there are almost 600 photos of past events. JoeO pretty much keeps this site up-to-date but the site could still use some more ride photos. If you have

chapter-related photos that you deem worthy then forward them to JoeO. This site is carried under the GWRRA links and, just like our site, is thus easily accessible by any chapter in the world.

The link to the New Mexico District website is <a href="http://www.gwrra-nm.org/">http://www.gwrra-nm.org/</a> Check it out!

#### **CHAPTER F'S MILLION MILE GOAL – JANUARY STATS**

New for '09, the following individuals provided mileage figures for the month of February. This is in support of Chapter F's goal of riding 1,000,000 motorcycle miles for the year. This goal is open to all Chapter F members. To realize this goal we need the support of each and every chapter member. You do not have to attend our meetings a chance to participate in a chapter activity and be recognized for doing so. We will track your total chapter mileage on a monthly basis. Each Chapter F

member will be queried on the last day of the month by an email; all you have to do is reply with your current odometer reading and we will do the rest. Participating individual's mileage will be published in this newsletter along with the chapter total. Obviously, we are going to take your word that what you tell us is true, there will no one verifying your mileage nor will you be considered for the monthly Furthest Award

Adams, Torchy	121	Opuszenski, Joe	1017
Boardbent, Tom	6	Opuszenski, Nancy	1017
Crawforth, Deane	2,321	Salinas, Fred	1,046
Drake, Dave	523	Smith, Julian	1,000
Edwards, Steve	2,200	Stewart, Dave	702
Kane, Al	1,753	Stewart, Lynn	354
Hammer, Julie	300	Strawderman, Len	191
Hammer, Rod	867	Van Horn, Mike	5,472
Monte Higgins	109	Wagner, Gene	424
Kane, Al	2,673	Wagner, Jeanie	424
Lindquist, Bill	857	Walter, Bud	2,537
Morrison, Keith	1,332	Walter, Cheryle	1570
Morrison, Teresa	600	White, Jimm	3,464
Nicholson, Shelia	140	White, Pam	1,664
Nicholson, Wendell	140	Wieseler, Bob	535

**Total Miles for January 09 – 14,648 February 09 – 18,837** 

**TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR = 33,485** 

# "Ride the Wheels off These Wings"

#### **FOR THE LADIES**

Then ....



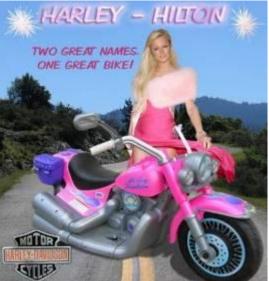


And now ....



Do you know who this very famous lady is?





Can you believe it? Michelle Obama was seen on the South Lawn of the White House wearing motorcycle boots.



#### **MEMBER BIO – SHELIA NICHOLSON**



I was born in Illinois (yep, I'm a transplanted Yankee!), but raised in Texas. Wendell and I met in Lubbock, Texas while attending college there.

In 1972 we moved to Gallup, N.M. so Wendell could see if he wanted to work with his Dad in the propane business, or teach school. The propane business won out, and we have had a wonderful life here in the Southwest. Our children were both born here, are now both married, and have blessed us with four beautiful grandchildren. Joe didn't ask for pictures of them - soyou'll have to wait!

My hobbies are lengthy! I love to cook, sew, do art work, read and write about history and I have even published a book. It is a historical novel of the journey of a group of people that travel

west at the end of the Civil War. Wendell and I traveled almost every mile of the journey on the Gold Wing. It's a great bike ride and historically correct. It took me seven years to research and write the book.

Church has always been a very important part of our lives, so we have enjoyed visiting different congregations on our many trips. But I'm getting way ahead of myself!

After the "surprise" of Wendell buying a motorcycle in 1997 in the first place, we had a difficult time finding one that was comfortable enough to But, another problem arose, and that was his ride long distances. driving the thing nearly scared me to death! After a few "drops" in parking lots and a couple of minor injuries I again swore off riding.

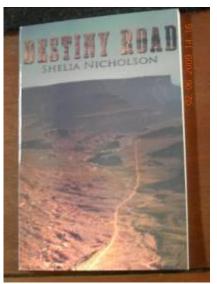
To make a long story short, he took some motorcycle safety courses,



and Wendell encouraged me to take some also. We have now traveled in every state in the lower 48, three Canadian provinces (including Nova Scotia!), and Hawaii. The only state left is Alaska, and it is our hopes and plans to go there this summer! Our longest trip was over 8,000 miles, and took over 30 days!

Our daughter thinks we're crazy, but our son thinks it's great that we have found something to do together.

Shelia



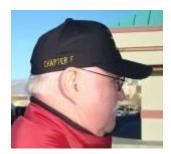
#### **CHAPTER F HAT**

(**New for '09**) Gene Wagner, our Chapter Historian, took the initiative and had a quality Chapter hat made up for us. Contact Gene if you are interested in purchasing one.









#### NATIONAL LEVEL INFORMATION



If you are like us you tend to skim through the *Wing World* magazine and read articles that catch your eye. If you did that with the March issue you would have missed some new, significant membership enhancements. Melissa Eason's

article Ways in Which 2009 is Off to a Great Start detailed what is new for '09. First off, the Rescue Plus towing program has had the mileage limit increased from 50 miles to 100 miles, at no increase in cost (\$25 per household). Speaking for someone that had to use this service last year on the road to Wing Ding we know its value. The program is wide-ranging and includes roadside assistance no matter what your vehicles (up to 1 ton), includes lock-out service, running out of gas (this is especially needed for those Harleys with small tanks) and more.

A second enhancement is that you can purchase AFLAC (you know, the duck) Personal Accident and Personal Cancer Policy insurance through GWRRA. You need to call 800-220-9610 for details.

Another new enhancement is the addition of computer training classes (wow, do we need that!). GWRRA is now partnered with **Metrotek Learning** to bring on-line computer training to you at a discount price. Classes offered include the complete Microsoft Office Suite so this member benefit has applications at home as well as work. Email them at <a href="mailto:gwrra@metroteklearning.com">gwrra@metroteklearning.com</a> or call 704-523-2272 and make sure you mention GWRRA.

Did you know that you can get discounts at all **Office Max** locations? Call Customer Service 800-843-9460 and ask for your Office Max Discount Card as a GWRRA Member.

Of course, Wing Ding 31 is approaching with Tulsa, OK being the host city this year. National has put out several enticements to get us all there. Note that J&M is sponsoring a master hypnotist for an evening of fun. J&M is also providing an All-You-Can-Eat BBQ for \$10.50 but you will have to be there early due to limited seating and don't forget the visit to the Blue Bell ice cream factory.

#### NM MEXICO DISTRICT INFORMATION



The latest district newsletter is too voluminous to insert in this newsletter. It may be accessed at the district website <a href="http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.cfm">http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.cfm</a>

If you have a question about district operations contact Ted or Kathy Bates whose contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

#### FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTORS/RFK TASK FORCE

## 4th Annual Albuquerque Ride for Kids® is Sunday, May 31, 2009

**Where:** Journal Pavilion, 5601 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105 **When:** Registration is 8 to 9:45 AM. Ride leaves at 10 AM sharp, *Rain or Shine!* 

Enjoy free coffee and breakfast foods, a light lunch, and the Celebration of Life program.

**Host Hotel:** Sandia Courtyard Hotel and Conference Center, 10300 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, 87123. Phone: 505-296-4852 or Toll-Free: 800-877-4852

Come to the **Pizza Party**, Saturday May 30th, at 6 PM at the Sandia Courtyard Hotel. \$10 per person for pizza, dessert and a soft drink. There will be raffle drawings, live and silent auction items. All proceeds will be donated at the Albuquerque Ride for Kids<sup>®</sup> the next day!

We invite all of you to come be a part of this very special event. Anyone wishing to volunteer on the day of the event should come to the volunteer meeting on Thursday May 28 at 6:30 PM at the Sandia Courtyard Hotel.

#### Join us for Bike Days & Nights!

- April 25, Saturday *Bike, Trike & Light Night* at the Village Inn at 6300 San Mateo NE 5-9 PM Dinner, Bike Show and Prizes, \$5 to enter bike show. Hosted by the *Accessory Pit.*
- May 2, Saturday *Bike, Trike & Light Night* at Fuddruckers on 1-25 South Frontage Road, S. of Jefferson, 4 9 PM Dinner, Bike Show and Prizes, \$5 to enter bike show. Hosted by the *Accessory Pit*.
- **May 3,** Sunday *Bike Day* at the Greenside Café, 12165 N. Hwy 14 (in the Triangle Center), Cedar Crest, 3 6 PM. Bike Show, Live Band, Prizes, Raffles, Great Food & Drink. \$5 to enter bike show.
- **May 9**, Saturday *Bike, Trike & Light Night* at the Pizza Barn, 11 Plaza Loop, Edgewood, 4 8 PM Dinner, Bike Show and Prizes, \$5 to enter bike show. Hosted by the *Accessory Pit*.

#### PIG ROAST

**June 20**, Saturday – *Pig Roast*, Dick & Ruth Porter's Farm, 38 Berta Dr., Edgewood, (281-1909) 4 PM, eat at 5 PM. Pig and all the fixins, Door Prizes, Silent auction. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door.

#### **REGION F INFORMATION**

Hopefully, all you folks with email capability received the January 2009 Region F newsletter via email from JoeO. This is the first region newsletter in a long time and there is now a link to the newsletter at <a href="http://gwrra-regionf.org/">http://gwrra-regionf.org/</a>



Region F's rally, "The West Wing" is scheduled for April 17-19 in Las Vegas, NV. The host hotel is the Sunset Station in Henderson, NV. This is the first close-in rally of the year for Chapter F and is 570 miles from Rio Rancho to the hotel; while a bit long for some of us it is still within a day's ride for many of us. Several chapter members have indicated they will attend so if you are interested keep an ear out for further chapter information. Also, a heads-up for you folks that are computer literate, if you book your reservation on-line you can get the internet rates for \$35.99 for Thursday and \$59.99 for Fri and Sat. This is a substantial savings over the GWRRA Group Rate.





# GWRRA – Region F Presents West Wing 1

April 17-19, 2009

Las Vegas, NV



#### Special Guests!

GWRRA Executive Director Melissa Eason

#### Stu Oltman,

Senior Technical Editor, <u>Wing World</u>, presents Garage Day seminars

Shirley Stephens-Garcia, co-Founder GWRRA, Benny Garcia, & Nick Hoppner, former Editor, <u>Wing World</u>, will host a very special Rhythms of the Road Seminar

Join us on Friday for Region <u>"F". COY selection</u>



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#### **Great Activities!**

#### Rally Vendors

Escorted Group Rides to Valley of Fire, Red Rock State Park, and more.

Tour Hoover Dam

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Friday Bowling Tournament

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50/25/15/10 Fri, Sat, & Sun

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Goldin at 602-481-0894 or e-mail arizonagoldin@cox.net

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Make Check Payable to: Mail Registration to:	GWRRA – Region F Barb Jefferies 9957 Wyatt Ranch Way Rd Sacramento, CA 95829	Hotel deadline for special low rates is 3-31-09

#### **PROGRAM OF EVENTS FOR WEST WING 1**

#### **Pacific Daylight Time**

#### Thursday, April 16

8:00 AM: Early arrivals, vendor set up. Staff to stuff registration packets. Staff members to plug in for their assignments and need to get familiar with the Hotel/Casino layout.

11:00 AM: Ticket sales for "Door Prizes" and 50/50's; Sign up for guided rides and casino & bowling tournaments.

2:00-5:00 PM: Early registration, Main floor hallway to elevators

#### Friday, April 17

8:00 AM: Registration, Main floor hallway to elevators

8:00 AM: Vendors may open for business, Parking lot and Amphitheater

8:00 AM: Ticket sales for Friday night 50/50, Various locations, look for staff

9:00 AM: Guided morning Motorcycle Tours begin, Front of hotel, valet parking area

9:00 AM: Rider education Seminar, Q & A, with Ace Peterson, Nina CR, 2nd floor

10:00 AM: Casino Tournaments begin, Main Casino and Bowling Alley

10:00 AM: Talent Show auditions & rehearsals begin in Club Madrid (professional, Las Vegas performers).

10:30 AM: Co-rider Seminar, with Harley Funk, Nina room 2nd floor

12:00 PM: The Bed and Breakfast Alternative, with Christy & Scott, Nina room 2 fl.

1:00 PM: Guided afternoon Motorcycle Tours begin, Front of hotel, valet parking

1:00 PM: Casino tournaments continue, Main Casino

1:00 PM: Group ride seminar, the whys and whynots, with Ace, Nina room 2nd fl.

2:30 PM: Trikes, Q&A, discussion about 3 wheels, with Diane Lumpkin, Nina 2 fl.

3:00 PM: IOY and COY interviews begin, Headquarters suite 3rd floor

4:00 PM: The Mature Rider, what does it mean, with Ace Peterson, Nina room 2 fl.

5:00 PM: Guided rides and tournaments end

5:00 PM: Registration closes

6:00 PM: Opening ceremonies begin in Club Madrid with MC, Jeffrey Goldin, the National Anthem, sung by "Wildfire" with the Nellis AFB Honor Guard. Special musical guest will "fiddle around" Melissa Eason makes the introductions of visiting VIP's for their opening welcome. Sponsors will be recognized for their contributions.

6:30 PM: IOY and COY selection begins with introduction of the International COY.

Explanation of IOY and COY and how selection is made (judging will be completed immediately after the participants are finished). Some door prizes will be drawn after IOY and before COY.

7:30 PM: Announcement of Region IOY and COY

7:45 PM: Introduction of Carter Power Sports and their "pie in the face" fund raiser for "Ride for Kids"

8:30 PM: Door prizes, "Ice Cream Social", 50/50 drawings

#### Saturday, April 18

8:00 AM: Registration opens, Main floor hallway to elevators

8:00 AM: Vendor area opens, Parking lot and Amphitheater

8:00 AM: Ticket sales for Saturday night 50/50 opens, various locations

9:00 AM: Morning guided Motorcycle Tours begin, Front of hotel, valet parking area

9:00-11:00 AM: Renewal CPR class begins, with Ray & Sandi, San Pedro 2nd fl.

9:00 AM: "Garage Day" Part I with Stu Oltman, Amphitheater behind stage

9:00 AM: How to get your monies worth from GWRRA, with John & Sharon Simonick, San Anton room 2nd floor

9:00 AM-Noon: Bike Show and Judging, parking lot area

9:00-11:00 AM: Morning PLP for trikes in PLP lot

10:00-11:30 AM: "Rhythm of the Road" with Benny & Shirley and Nick Hoppner, San Anton room 2nd floor

12:00 PM: The Bed and Breakfast Alternative", with Christy & Scott, San Anton 2 fl

12:00 PM: California Drill Team entertains in PLP lot

1:00 PM: "Garage Day" Part II, with Stu Oltman, Amphitheater behind stage

1:00 PM: Afternoon guided Motorcycle Tours, Front of hotel, valet parking area

1:00 PM: Fred Rau speaks on touring New Zealand, San Anton 2nd floor

1:00-3:00 PM: Renewal CPR resumes, San Pedro room 2nd floor

1:00 PM: On bike games in PLP lot

2:00 PM: COY and IOY seminar, with Ken & Rita Moffitt, San Anton 2nd floor

2:30-4:30 PM: Motorcycle PLP in PLP lot

3:00 PM: How to get your monies worth out of GWRRA, with John & Sharon, San Anton room 2nd floor

3:30 PM: Master Rider meeting, Q & A, with Ray & Sandi Garris, San Pedro 2 fl

4:00 PM: How to pack for the long trip, with Bob & Gail Johnson, San Anton 2 fl

5:00 PM: Registration closes

6:00-8:00 PM: "Las Vegas' Hidden Talent" in Club Madrid, Special Event, must have ticket to enter, event open to general public. \$1,000.00 for talent show 1st prize, guest judges, audience votes for the winner (special evening of entertainment, there will be a charge for the general public attendance, all proceeds and donations will go for "The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation" ("Ride for Kids")

8:30 PM Second free dessert night and door prizes, Saturday 50/50 drawings

#### Sunday, April 19

8:00 AM Vendors open for final day, Parking lot and Amphitheater

11:00 AM Closing Ceremonies and Awards, weekend 50/50 drawings, Club Madrid

#### **Technical Section**

During our Chapter meeting, someone came up to me and asked for a tech section in the newsletter. I think that is beyond our capabilities but I did make up a generic article that may be of use.

Joe O

#### Honda Service Bulletins for the GL1800

The following is a list of GL1800 service bulletins. If you want to know the details you can go to <a href="http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.cfm">http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.cfm</a> for a pdf file of the bulletin.

- SB01 2001 GL1800 Coolant Temperature Gauge Improvement
- SB02 2001 GL1800A Engine Stop Switch Safety Recall
- SB03 2001 GL1800 Crankshaft Pulse Rotor Safety Recall
- SB04 2001 GL1800 Radio Muting Improvement
- SB05 2002 GL1800 Reverse Cable Adjustment
- SB06 2001 GL1800 Rear Tire Inspection
- SB07 2001 GL1800 Oxygen Sensor Replacement
- SB08 2001 GL1800 Speedometer Repair
- SB09 2001 2002 GL1800A ABS Speed Sensor Wire Clamp
- SB10 2001 2002 GL1800 CB Radio Replacement
- SB11 2001 2002 GL1800 CD Changer Replacement
- SB12 2002 2003 GL1800 Bank Angle Sensor Mounting Screws
- SB13 2001 2003 GL1800 ECM Replacement-Cooling Improvement Program
- SB14 2002 2003 GL1800 Frame Weld Recall
- SB15 2001 2008 GL1800 Trunk Opener Unit Improvement Revised October 2007
- SB16 Linked Braking System, Proportional Control Valve Recall
- SB17 2001 2002 GL1800 Frame Weld Recall
- SB18 2003 2004 GL1800 Frame Weld Recall
- SB19 2006 GL1800 Airbag CB Radio Squeal

If you have any information that you would like to see in the newsletter, please let one of your staff members know. We will do what we can to make it happen for you.



## THE LIGHTER SIDE

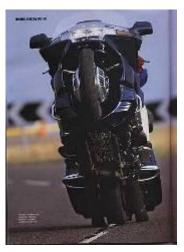
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#### G W R R A Membership Application

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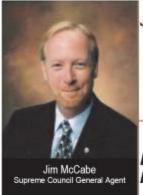
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