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CHAPTER F's



"The Bugler"-Aug '09

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









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F-TROOP

From YOUR Chapter F Staff

Back from Wing Ding!

Lots of articles and pictures about our trip to Wing Ding. We had a good turnout from Albuquerque. Jeanie did an outstanding job running the meeting while we were gone! Thanks Jeanie!!!

BREAKFAST ON US

We have had overwhelming positive feedback from this program! Jack Sidler won a free



breakfast on the Chapter last month. Please remember to show your receipt to participate. Here is the program overview again. From now on one lucky individual will have his breakfast paid for by the Chapter. You will be given a ticket upon presentation of your Golden Corral receipt. We will be checking receipts as you enter the dining area so please hold onto your receipts until you

receive your ticket. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting and the winner will be awarded \$10.

NEXT MTG: Aug 1st, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30) Golden Corral, Coors & I-40 2701 Coors Blvd NW. Abg 87120

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL
188,584

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

Well, another month has come and gone. Most everyone who went to Wing Ding is back and talking about a good event, but hot! As you all have most likely heard by now, the next Wing Ding will be in Des Moines, Iowa, same time next year. Make your plans for next year; information is already starting to show up on the GWRRA website.

Don't forget the New Mexico District Rally coming up this September in Grants. That's starting to look like a fun event also. Look further in this letter for the registration form with dates and times. See you there!

As most of you know, either because you were gone, or were at the July chapter meeting and saw that you were still here, the July meeting was pretty thin. Most all the staff was in Tulsa, and Pam and I found us in Phoenix for that weekend, and then the rest of the week. That left only one chapter staff officer in town to run the meeting, and from what I hear, she did a terrific job. I want to thank Jeannie Wagner for stepping up and doing what needed to be done by running what by all accounts was a very fun meeting. She tells me she had help from Calvin, Tom and Russ and I want to thank them also.

I have lost count of how many time I've said this: I don't consider myself to be the best Chapter Director to come down the road on a Goldwing, but I do consider your Chapter F Staff to be the very best there is. And this was proven again when the only staff officer left in town had no trouble running a meeting.

Speaking of staff, the Staff Secret Breakfast on Saturday, July 18, went very well. It was an opportunity for the staff to say thank you to the chapter for all your support. We had a great time as you will read later in the newsletter. If you missed it, be sure to make the Chapter F Burger Burn coming up in September. Check the Chapter F website for more details.

As I said earlier, Pam and I were in Phoenix the 4th of July weekend and all the rest of that week. As most of you know, my dad passed away on the 6th and obviously we got very busy with all that. Pam and I want to thank everyone who sent cards, expressed their regrets, or just in some way helped. All that has come from this chapter has meant a great deal to both of us. Thank you all.

We also learned that John Kinney's mother has passed away this month in Maine.

John and Linda, please know that our hearts and prayers are with you and your family, and I can speak from experience when I say that if there is anything we as a chapter can do, just let us know.

It's times like this when you really come to appreciate just how much Chapter F really is a family.

And the beat goes on.....see you all August 1st

Jimm and Pam



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Lots of miles this month and lots of webpage things going on.

First the miles. We traveled to Wing Ding in Tulsa, rode to Jemez Dam and served you breakfast, and went for a ride with Chapter W to Benny's in Las Lunas for dinner.

There are other articles on just about everything we did this month, so we will not bore you with the same stories other Chapter members have already submitted that are later in the newsletter. Though we do have pictures. Below are a sampling of the pictures on our webpage located at www.newmexicochapterf.org



I-r, Keith & Teresa, Linda & John, Nancy & Joe, and Gene



Hey...are these Ted's?

Next are the webpage happenings. Chapter F has started a Military Veterans Appreciation page at

http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/veterans/Veterans.ht ml. If you are serving or have served, please visit the site and submit a photo of you in uniform. Hopefully a photo of just you: official or otherwise. Teresa and I are now the Webmasters for not only the Chapter, but have stepped up and are running the District webpage. Part of us agreeing to run the District webpage was that the webpage would have to be moved. It is still located at the same address: www.gwrra-nm.org. but it is hosted by a different company. This move will save the District over \$1,500 a year. The bad news is that moving all the files and rebuilding all the pages takes time. Most of the links have been restored and we think the only two things not working are the photos and some of the other Chapter's newsletters. As soon as the photo links are corrected and we received current newsletters, we will be sending all a notification through JoeO.



Who else see something wrong with this picture? (Hint – electricity and water don't mix well)

As we always say, if you ain't havin' fun, you're doing something wrong. I think we might just change a line to that saying....

If you ain't havin' fun, you're doing something wrong, and you're not hanging out with Chapter

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





RIDER EDUCATORS

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

WHEN TWO SECONDS ARE NOT ENOUGH

The two-second rule is the minimum following distance, adopted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and other regulatory and advisory agencies. Now the shortest quoted stopping distance from 30 mph is 75 feet, but how many of us can accurately judge 75 feet while riding a motorcycle and at different speeds. I know I can't. That's where the two-second rule comes into play; it automatically adjusts one's following distance for differentials in speed.

Let's take a look at the two-second rule to see if it is sufficient for motorcyclists. First of all, it is helpful to remember that the "rule" is not really a rule at all. Rather, it is a guideline based on:

- 1. An attentive driver/rider
- 2. Good road conditions
- 3. A properly operating vehicle and the rider knowing that motorcycle.

Guidelines often require several conditions, and the twosecond "rule" is no exception. If any of the preceding conditions are missing, then two seconds is NOT enough for adequate stopping distance. For instance, if the road service is wet, traction is reduced and stopping distance becomes greater. If the rider is daydreaming and/or otherwise distracted, then the first conditions as not been met, reaction time is increased, and two seconds are again not enough.

In regard to this, I found the following calculations interesting. They are based on the following assumptions: The average driver has a reaction time of .5 seconds, and a properly operating motorcycle can attain a .9g braking force.

Therefore, in 15 mph variables at constant speed:

At 30 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 88 feet.
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 55.4 feet
- Your margin for error will be 32.6 feet
- Your impact speed will be N/A

At 45 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 132 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 108 feet

- Your margin for error will be 23.8 feet
- Your impact speed will be N/A

At 60 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 176 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 178 feet
- Your margin for error will be -2 feet
- Your impact speed will be 0.6 mph

At 75 mph:

- In 2 seconds you will travel 220 feet
- Your stopping and reaction distance will be 264 feet
- Your margin for error will be -43.9 feet
- Your impact speed will be 12.5 mph

Average reaction time for a typical driving/rider is actually slightly longer than .5 seconds (about .7 - .8 seconds) and considerably longer for someone who is tired, bored or distracted by looking at the scenery (as we all do). The two-second rule must already be stretched at 60 mph. (REFER TO LAST MONTHS ARTICLE. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM TO STOP AND ALSO ABLE TO SEE WHAT IS IN FRONT OF THAT VEHICLE AND ANY OBSTACLES IN THE ROAD)

In conclusion: Two seconds is the minimum following distance that we should be behind vehicles in the same track but should be increased when necessary. Also, always ride your own ride based on your abilities and not simply on published guidelines. Practice obstacle avoidance and emergency braking on a regular basis; maintain your concentration and alertness at all times; scan ahead for possible obstacles while maintaining your focus on the vehicle in front; and in the rear and make sure your motorcycle is in good operating condition at all times. Last, but not least, don't forget that you are likely most at risk on roadways that you drive repetitively.

Stay alert and stay away from hospitals and morgues.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner Ride Educators

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) (B/G Patches Issued R/W 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

August Birthdays



Valerie Shupe	Aug 3 rd	Angelina Valdez	Aug 5 th
Al Kane	Aug 12 th	Dave Drake	Aug
13 th Wayne Galdony	Aug 15 th	Joan Robinette	Aug 17 th
Jim McMahan Ted CdeBaca	Aug 19 th Aug 31 st	Dawn Brazell	Aug 26 th

August Anniversaries



Jorge & Fran Marrero Bob & Mercedes Ortega Joe & Pamela Rieman Dave & Sandi Jones	Aug 14 th Aug 22 nd Aug 23 rd Aug 24 th
Bud & Cheryle Walter	Aug 29 th
	Bob & Mercedes Ortega Joe & Pamela Rieman Dave & Sandi Jones

GWRRA Member August Anniversaries

Donna Black	Aug 1, 2006	3 years	Fran Marrero	Aug 2, 2004	5 years
Ken Martin	Aug 11, 2003	6 years	Carmen Holder	Aug 12, 2005	4 years
Jerry & Debi Spicer Bob Wieseler	Aug 28, 2001 Aug 30, 2005	8 years 4 years	Ted & Mary CdeBaca	Aug 30, 2001	,

NEW August Chapter F Members

Beth Cherry (Jarales), Jack Dannenberg (Abq), Gonzalo Gaitan (SF), Phillip Heath (RR), Ronald Karcher (Santa Cruz), Judy Morris (Abq), Jim & Sandee Robinson (Abq), Robert & Angelina Valdez (Santa Cruz)

If, over the past year, you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed it means we don't have your information. If it's wrong, please let us (JoeO and / or NancyO) know. You can e-mail updates to JoeO at <u>joeopus@earthlink.net</u> or contact him at (505) 892-4223.



THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney

Show your pride...;))) The shirts can only be purchased through the Goodie Store, so either contact John or me (Linda) at one of our meetings, or you can send us an email at goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org Please include the name you want on the shirt, your size, and what color you would like the bike on the patch to be. We thank Chapter F members Wayne and Penny Holly for supporting the chapter in this endeavor.



Polo shirts \$25

We also now have short sleeve polos!! Long and short sleeved t-shirt on the way soon.

As always, you can see us at the meetings, or e-mail us at goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org with your Name, and what you want below it. The standard is the image below. We will need your GWRRA membership number also.



Name tags \$10









Hats \$20



Visors \$20

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



COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Keith & Teresa Morrison

This month flew by! Wing Ding will do that to ya! Not much to report this month except.....

Congratulations to GWRRA's International Couple of the Year for 2009-2010!



Our 2009-2010 International Couple of the Year Alan & Carolyn Little from Region N

While at Wing Ding, Teresa got tired of shopping and went looking for somewhere to sit....



Teresa's next ride – the color even matches our bike!!!

Everyone has heard about the traveling Nome, I'm starting to think we have a traveling Lil' Devil Red Haired

Hat. It keeps showing up everywhere. It's been seen in restaurants, RFK events, and even below...



That hat looks familiar – just never know where it will turn – isn't that right Melissa?



Maybe this is where that red hair came from?

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

Keith & Teresa





RIDE COORDINATOR

Russ & Val Shupe

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES

Rides August:





7th: <u>3rd Annual Moonlight Ride:</u> We will be riding to Grants again this year, and taking the Rt. 66 through the canyons, and our destination will be the Iron Skillet at the Petro Truck Stop in Milan. There will be some fantastic deserts! It's a beautiful sight to see all of the lights of the bikes, snaking their way through the canyons, and the moon glistening above the rock formations.

15th & 16th: Ride with us to <u>Taos and the Enchanted Circle Loop</u>. Stay overnight in <u>Red River</u>, NM. Stay at the motel, or camp at the "Road Runner" Campground. Day 2: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Sept:

5th: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to the Sandia Crest, lunch at "Ribs"

12th: Chapter "F" 3rd Annual <u>Burger Burn at Jemez Falls:</u> (Keith has already made paid for the reservations for the pavilion)

16th - 20th: Golden Aspen Rally in Ruidoso:

18th - 20th: 7th Annual Jackass Run in Primm Nevada. Host Hotel: Buffalo Bills Resort Hotel and Casino. Call for reservations at: 1-800-386-7867 www.vegaswings.org for more information. Included with each registration is: 10 Raffle prize tickets, Jackass Pin & bar for the first 125 entries, 1 free buffet coupon and 1 Grand Prize ticket for: 1st grand Prize - \$200: 2nd = \$100 Register prior to August 7, 2009 and be entered into a drawing for \$100.00!! 2 for 1-concert tickets to see Rick Springfield concert tickets are \$46.95 and \$56.95 Buy tickets: 1-800386-7867 (use code **GWRRA**) for this special pricing.

24th: District Rally in Grants – From Ted & Kathy Bates – All, the time for the NEW MEXICO District Rally is fast approaching...... cut-off for Pre-Registrations is Sept 4, 2009

Get the Pre-Registrations in as soon as possible, so we can finalize plans (and hopefully add some activities)...

Right now, (subject to Pre-Registrations) the general schedule is:

VENDORS OPEN: 8 am, Friday, September 25, 2009

Accessory Pit (chrome, chrome, lights, lights and more chrome)

Trailer Vendor (take home prizes OR lots of shopping)

Pinstriper (make it look pretty)

Dash Mat / Iron works (great way to display)

Bike Cleaner Supplier (keep it shining)

T-Shirts, clothing items (hats, shirts, etc)

Native American Jewelry (nice shiny items)

Local Vendors

Others

OPENING CEREMONIES:

NOON, Friday, September 25, 2009

District provides lunch for Pre-Registrants

(Guest Speaker)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

7 pm, Friday, September 25, 2009

Live music, local band (can even dance,

if you wish)

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

8 pm, Saturday, September 26, 2009

After Pre-Registrant Dinner (Guest

Speaker)

Great Grand Prizes to take home:

Neosho Trailer

Gerbings Heated Gear

Tires

More

Planned rides, seminars, bike show, parade, games and others items in between.....

Get your Pre-Registrations in NOW. Form attached and available at R&S Motorsports (on Wyoming) and Accessory Pit.

More coming

YOU PAID HOW MUCH?

F-TROOP RIDE COORDINATOR AUGUST 2009

A GWRRA member said to me, "Some folks don't really care to participate that much. Some folks just love their Wings and join GWRRA only to get WINGWORLD Magazine." Huh?

I mean, come on, I love my GL1500 as much as anybody else but a GWRRA membership is A LOT of \$\$\$ money just to get a magazine! I just renewed my subscription to another magazine I enjoy FOR 5 YEARS and it was only about 1/4 the cost of a one year GWRRA membership.

As new GWRRA members, Valerie and I are spending a lot of time reading up on all the benefits that come with GWRRA membership. There are a lot of benefits and we are really enjoying the magazine.

To be honest, however, the rides and feeling of camaraderie with our fellow wing riders & co-riders is what makes it all worthwhile for us. The GWRRA benefits are just the icing on the cake.

As I noted in last month's newsletter, I am new to GWRRA and I am the new Ride Coordinator for F-Troop. Valerie has been asked to be the 'Co-rider Coordinator' to make sure that a co-rider's perspective is represented in all our rides.

We realize that some driver's prefer to ride alone or in small groups. We're good with that. We fully understand as we rode as a solo bike for the first 25 years of our Gold Wing driving career.

So, in the interest of a very unscientific poll, please let us know:

Are you a rider or a co-rider?

Do you prefer riding solo or as a group?

Do you prefer day trips (like after Chapter gatherings) or do you want to see more overnight runs?

Do you prefer destinations with scheduled/planned events or ones that let you set your own course and pace once you arrive?

What are 'too many' bikes in a group for you? If you do not ride regularly with F-Troop, why not? Is there something we can do in ride planning to make you more interested in riding with F-Troop on our rides and events?

We are always looking for ideas, routes, destinations and feedback.

One F-Trooper gave me a great idea for a day run to the Santa Fe Ski Area.

Look for it to make it into the next schedule.

Call us, e-mail us, or tackle us after a Chapter gathering! You can e-mail Valerie and myself at either:

<u>GL1100A@aol.com</u> or ride.coordinator@newmexicochapterf.org

So what say you?
What makes a good ride?

Ever wonder why a favorite destination never comes up? Why didn't F-Troop ever go back to that one place where everyone had such a great time?

Let us know as we want everyone to have that "can't wait!" attitude for our rides and functions.

Until next month – Ride the Wheels off These Wings! -Russ & Val

F-TROOP ICE CAVE & BANDERA VOLCANO RIDE

Saturday, August 1st

We will depart the Golden Corral after our Chapter gathering – approximately 10:00 am.

We'll run west on I-40 to exit 108 (approximately 47 miles - the Dancing Eagle Casino exit) & stop for fuel, food and drinks as needed. This travel center has a Dairy Queen!

At exit 108 we will transfer over to old Route 66 (Highway 124) to get away from the 18 wheelers and continue west to Grants.

At Grants we will turn south on Highway 53 and travel on down to the Ice Cave & Bandera site. From the Dancing Eagle Travel Center to our destination it is approximately 50 miles.

Note! For those of you with National Park "Passports".

If you don't have the stamp for the El Malpais Monument – there is a visitor's center about 3 miles north of the Ice Cave entrance and you can get your National Park Monument stamp there on the way in or on the way out!

We should arrive at our destination between 11:30 – 12:00 noon, depending on just when we leave the Golden Corral.

The Ice Cave & Bandera site is a self-directed tour that takes about hour. Admission is \$10.00 per person but I have arranged for a **25% discount if F-Troop shows up with 20 or more people**. Let's have a big turn out and take advantage of this discount!

You can read more about this great destination at:

www.icecaves.com

After we are finished exploring we will retrace the 25 miles back up highway 53 and into Grants for a late lunch (1:00-1:30?) at the Kiva Cafe. The Kiva Café is at the Chaco Trading Post (Chevron) just off of exit 79 in Milan. This restaurant has great home cooking and a variety of American and Mexican dishes.

Afterwards, riders are welcome to retrace our route back down old Route 66 with me & Valerie or take the speed route and jump on I-40. We should be done with lunch around 2:00-2:30 and arrive back in ABQ between 3:30-4:00 pm, depending on which route you take home. We will stop back at the Dancing Eagle Travel Center on the way back for fuel.

Total mileage will be approximately 194 round trip.

Please plan on joining us! See you then!

F-TROOP MOONLIGHT RIDE Friday, August 7th

7:30 pm

We will meet at the Route 66 Casino and eat dinner at the 50s Diner inside – Johnny Rockets.

8:30 - 8:45 pm

A safety meeting and we will be on our way via I-40W to exit 79 at Milan.

At Exit 122 (Mesita) we will transfer to old Route 66 (Highway 124) for the rest of our run into the Grants area.

Our destination is the Iron Skillet restaurant at the Petro truck stop just south of exit 79. The Iron Skillet has some fabulous deserts!!! We have contacted management there are they are putting us in our own private dining room!

We should arrive at the Iron skillet around 9:45 – 10:00 p.m.

11:30 pm

After we secure a complete sugar-fix it'll be time to head home.

As it will be late, the group can vote on how we want to go home.

Old Route 66 back to the Laguna Pueblo or straight on home via I-40 or split into 2 groups and do both.

See you at the Route 66 Casino ready to ride!

F-TROOP RED RIVER RIDE Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16

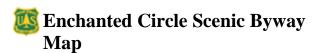
See the travel itinerary below the map!

PLEASE NOTE!!!

If you are going and have not made reservations for a hotel, camp ground, or whatever, you need to do it NOW. A lot is happening that weekend in Red River and it will be sold out!

RALLY AND DEPARTURE POINT FOR THIS RIDE WILL BE THE VALERO / SHAMROCK GAS STATION AT I-25 & TRAMWAY. EAST OF I-25 ON TRAMWAY AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SANDIA CASINO RESORT.

Scenic Byway:



Red River 522 Questa 38 Bobcat Pass 9820' 522 Elizabethtown Ghost Town Baldy O San Christobal Valdez OArroyo Seco Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway Arroyo Hondo 522 64 Angel Fire Ski Resort • El Prado Taos Rancho De Taos 64 Shady Brook 68 0518 2.5 mi 5 m City 0 Point of Interest Water 镠 Ca vit al Roads Campground U.S. Highway Scenic Byway Mountain All-American Road or National Scenic Interstate) [Pass Unpaved Road State Highway

Some regions of this map can be clicked on to view further information.

Note: Highlighted byway routes shown on maps of All-American Roads and National Scenic Byways correspond to designations made by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. State designations may differ.

Saturday August 15

MILE 0

Rally at the Valero / Diamond Shamrock across from the Sandia Casino @ I-25 & Tramway between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Depart at 8:00 a.m.

Our route will take us up I-25 and around Santa Fe on the 599 By-Pass.

MILE 68

Buffalo Thunder Travel Center. Stop for coffee, Krispy Kreme donut holes, a stretch of the legs, and gas.

NOTE: For our Santa Fe / Los Alamos friends who might want to join up. We should be there from approximately 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

I have been told that Mike & Susan Howe from Los Alamos plan to lead several bikes down to meet us at Buffalo Thunder and ride up to Red River. This is great as they are members of our group but hardly ever make it to meetings or rides since they live so far north. It will be great to have them along!

From Buffalo Thunder we will continue northbound through Espanola, Velarde and on towards Taos.

MILE 115

One of the most beautiful over-look sites of the Taos Gorge as you approach Taos. We will stop for photos, weather permitting.

MILE 128

Taos, NM.

We will stop for lunch at Michael's Kitchen. Arrangements have been for us to park in a level paved private parking lot about ½ block away.

NOTE: For our Taos Riders and Co-riders who might want to join us we should be at Michael's Kitchen from approximately 11: 30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



If you feel brave, try their Belly Buster Cheeseburger!!!

Belly Buster

Definitely a FILLER w/ double meat, double cheese, double bacon, dice green chile, avocado& all the fixins! Bet your buddy they can't finish it

MILE 152

Questa, NM.

We will stop for gas and a stretch of the legs before our final push into Red River.

MILE 165

Red River, NM.

Valerie and I have made reservations for ourselves at the Black Mountain Lodge. We reserved a block of rooms at this motel and, hopefully, some of you have taken advantage of that. Everyone is free, however, to make reservations where you wish and/or camp. We should arrive in Red River approximately 2:00 p.m.

The rest of the day is yours to explore Red River.

NOTE: August 13 -15 is the Hot Chili Days / Cool Mountain Nights Chili & BBQ Cook off at the Red River Park about 3 blocks from the Black Mountain Lodge in the center of town. Buy a ticket and chow down! There are also lots of shops, restaurants and saloons as well.

Sunday August 16

We will depart Red River at approximately 10:00 a.m. The rally point will just south of town. We will travel south bound to Angel Fire

MILE 195

Angel Fire and the Vietnam Memorial. If you've never been, this stop makes the whole trip worthwhile. Regardless of your politics, there are not enough words to express the appreciation we all should have for our fellow Americans who have sacrificed so much so that we can exercise our freedoms! We should arrive at the Memorial about 10:30 a.m. and we'll spend about an hour there.

From the Memorial we will travel into Angel Fire where everyone will need to gas up!

At this point, *weather permitting*, we are going to depart the Enchanted Circle Byway and travel south from Angel Fire for some stunning scenery through Mora and on into Las Vegas, NM. Valerie & I recently drove this and "stunning" is the word.

We will truly be "winding" our way back home!

(If weather does not permit we will stay on the trail more traveled and continue on the Enchanted Circle back to Taos and on back to ABQ the way we came.)

MILE 267

Las Vegas, NM

We will stop on the north side of Las Vegas for gas at the Shell Travel Center and lunch, drinks & sweets as desired at the **Dairy Queen** next door.

From this point we will hit I-25 for the southbound ride to Albuquerque. Home is 118 miles way at this point.

MILE 334

I-25 & St. Francis Dr

Santa Fe, NM

We'll stop at the Giant (tends to be packed) or Conoco Travel Centers for a stretch of the legs and gas as needed.

At this point we'll say our good-byes as we begin the final push to home.

MILE 386

Back home in Albuquerque. Arrival should be around 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Thanks!

-Russell & Valerie

F-Troop Ride Coordinators

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August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 F Meeting/Ice Caves Ride
2 Coffee at Dawn	3	4	5	6 R&S Bike Night	7 F Moonlight Ride	8
9 Coffee at Dawn	10	11	12	13 R&S Bike Night	14	15 F Red River Ride (Overnighter)
16 W Meeting F Red River Ride (Overnighter) Coffee at Dawn	17	18	19	20 R&S Bike Night	21	22
23 Coffee at Dawn 30	24 31	25	26	27 R&S Bike Night	28	29 F Social Butterfly Event

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F-TROOP STAFF BREAKFAST

Russell Shupe

July 18, 2009

"Hey Ride Coordinators! NO fancy stuff! Head for the food! We're hungry!"

So Russ & Valerie announced the Jemez Canyon Dam on the Santa Ana Pueblo as the destination and away went 11 Wings, 2 Trikes and 17 people towards breakfast.



The crowd at Golden Corral

The F-Troop Staff Appreciation Breakfast (them appreciating us, by the way) was a great success at a beautiful spot. Jimm trucked out his grill and the rest of the staff had a great site set up for us upon our arrival after a 30 minute ride. A buffet to make your own breakfast burritos, with donuts, coffee, juice, water, etc. were on hand and conversation seemed at a minimum until everyone had enough to eat.





Big showing at the breakfast

Afterwards Russ held a drawing for a Rider Participation Award (a \$10 Lowe's gift card) and Valerie held a drawing for a Co-Rider Participation Award (a \$10 Target gift card). Both were won by the same bike (Wayne & Penny Holly)!!! Wayne is going to Lowe's to get that Razorback Reciprocal Hobart Drill he's always wanted and Penny is going to Target to get Wayne the underwear that she is very aware he needs since she sits behind him!



Jimm with possible new members?

A good time was had by all and many thanks to all of the F-Troop Staff for such a wonderful breakfast!!! See ya at next year's breakfast and please bring a Chapter member with you who didn't attend this year. With luck, we can double this year's crowd!!!

JULY MEETING





Out in the parking lot





The crowd





Eric getting his Level – stop and ask him which one Jeanie giving away \$\$ to Gary AKA Mr. Lucky

WING DING - CHAPTER F's FACES IN THE CROWD

The Chapter had a pretty good showing at Wing Ding with 24 members in attendance and several more corider non-members. Our main group departed Abq on July 1st and consisted of John & Linda Kinney, Gene Wagner, Joe & Nancy Opuszenski, and Keith & Teresa

Morrison. The below two photos were taken at our lunch break in Amarillo, TX. The location is one of Keith's favorite dives, the Coyote Bluff Café (and it does stand up to its reputation).





Around the table from the left: Linda K, Gene W, Joe O, Keith M, Teresa M, Nancy O, and John K



Art & Ada



Dawn & Turner



Dog Mom (Joann)



The Bates, Ted & Kathy

(Continued)

WING DING - CHAPTER F's FACES IN THE CROWD (Continued)



(L-R) Joe & Nancy O, Marsha, Will J, Deane C and a couple of Chapter F wannabees, Sharon & Bob J from Chapter W



A group of our Chapter F Santa Fe members (Standing L-R) Tarmo Sutt, Bob Ortega & John Roybal (and of course, Joe & Nancy O) (Sitting L-R) Kay Sutt, Mercedes Ortega & Rose Roybal



And, of course, Calvin (L)

Chapter F assigned members Ted & Mary CdeBaca were also in the crowd but proved to elusive to get a photo of them.

WING DING 31 PHOTOS

















LOOKING FOR ... A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS (STILL)

The Chapter continues to seek volunteers to help out with a myriad of duties that need to be attended to. Positions such as: event photographers, social event coordinator (currently done by Keith), are just several that we would like to see filled.

<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 are all about. The photos will be inserted into the chapter website as well as the district website. Knowledge of photo editing (e.g. Photoshop) is a plus. 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 Russ & Val. Creating interesting rides for the Chapter is a primary duty. 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.

Event/Social Coordinator(s) – 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 should be focused on just getting members together for a good time. Examples could be attending an Isotopes game, bowling, dining experiences and so forth (i.e., the Social Butterfly event). Monthly events should be planned for each month of the year. This requires the individual to be aware of current events happening in the area, unique dining establishments, etc.

CHAPTER F'S F-TROOP WEBSITE

If you haven't accessed Chapter F's website you need to do it NOW. The site is administered by Keith Morrison, our ACD and District Webmaster. The site came into being on January 1st and continues to be a work in progress however; it has come a long way since January 1st. It contains 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. The site URL is http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/. This is the type of quality product YOUR staff is trying to give you. Check it out!

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS

NEWSFLASH!!! The District website is under construction. At the New Mexico District website, you can access the current Chapter newsletter as well as all New Mexico district Chapter 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 http://www.gwrra-nm.org/

Check it out!

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL – JUNE STATS

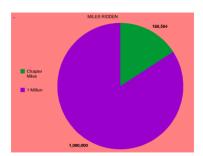
The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of June. This is in support of Chapter F's goal of riding 1,000,000 motorcycle miles for the year. This activity is open to all Chapter F members. To realize this goal we need the support of each and every chapter member. You do not have to attend our meetings; this is 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/tripmeter 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 F'ert Award.

Adams, Torchy	121
Branch, Danny	525
Broadbent, Tom	1,407
Carnes, Ada	2,997
Carnes, Art	2,997
Chapman, Don	3,901
Crawforth, Deane	8,724
Drake, Dave	2,804
Edwards, Steve	5,726
Edwards, Pam	3,914
Hammer, Julie	5,430
Hammer, Rod	6,490
Higgins, Monte	300
Holder, Bill	2,040
Holder, Carmen	2,040
Holly, Penny	3,684

Holly, Wayne	3,684
Jones, Dave	1,487
Jones, Sandi	1,258
Kane, Al	5,566
Lindquist, Bill	1,753
Morrison, Keith	12,282
Morrison, Teresa	9,700
Nicholson, Shelia	3,080
Nicholson, Wendell	3,653
Opuszenski, Joe	5,583
Opuszenski, Nancy	3,953
Salinas, Diana	175
Salinas, Fred	2,156
Shockey, Eric	1,628
Smith, Julian	930
Smith, Marisa	490
Stewart, Dave	1,548
Stewart, Lynn	354
Strawderman, Gary	8,939
Strawderman, Len	5,572
Van Horn, Mike	20,599
Wagner, Gene	1,842
Wagner, Jeanie	754
Walter, Bud	11,715
Walter, Cheryle	8,624
White, Jimm	9,429
White, Pam	3,396
Wieseler, Bob	5,334

We have reached 18.9% of our goal. We set a new monthly high for the month of June. Good riding weather

helps a lot. If you are not on the above list and are a chapter member please help us reach our goal.



Total Miles

January 09 – 14,648 February 09 – 18,137 March 09 – 14,783 April 09 – 39,467 May 09 – 40,533

June 09 – 61,016

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR = 188,584

"Ride the Wheels off These Wings"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIKE ERC CLASS

Tentative Dates for the TRIKE ERC CLASS have been set for August 28, 29, 30, 2009. This class will have a classroom session on Friday evening (Aug. 28) 6 – 10 PM at the Accessory Pit and riding sessions on Saturday and Sunday (Aug. 29 & 30), either morning or afternoon hours, at the MSF Range on the south bound service road of I-25 at Candelaria. The cost of the class is \$45 per person.

We will continue to update you as the details of this first Trike ERC Class in Albuquerque may change. To put your name on the list for this class, please call or come by the Accessory Pit 292-2700.

Thanks,
Rick Howell
GWRRA NM District Rider Educator

Arizona is partying

The Arizona District Welcomes You to our "Splash Party!" from August 28th through the 30th, 2009 in Fort McDowell. We are inviting our friends from Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Colorado to come join us in Fountain Hills, AZ at our host hotel, the Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel/Casino. Special GWRRA rate of \$69 plus tax.



For Reservations, call 480-789-5300. Enjoy the Weekend, Stay Friday and/or Saturday, it's a beautiful resort and our rate is lower than half price. Please Join Us for a Great Weekend of Fun & Relaxation at a World Class Resort Destination. Saturday Pool Party Noon–4:00pm, Entertainment, Great Prizes, Big 50/50, \$15 Spaghetti Buffet Dinner on Saturday Night. We are planning some exciting games and prizes. Most members will NOT be riding their bikes, so drive and join us. This is not a motorcycle rally, but it will be fun. Email or call me for more info.

Jeffrey & Denise Goldin

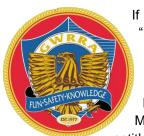
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NATIONAL LEVEL INFORMATION

GWRRA Wingin' It e-Newsletter



If you aren't receiving GWRRA's "Wingin It" "e-Newsletter" then you should sign up today. Follow these instructions. This is an excerpt from an article in the November 2008 Wing World Magazine by Abel Gallardo, entitled Change is Constant, So

Please Help Out.

"We first need all Members who would like to receive communications via email from GWRRA to make sure their current email address is registered with the Home Office. You can do this by contacting Customer Service at (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500, Phoenix area or by logging into your membership account at

www.gwrra.org/members. In addition, any member who does not wish to receive email from GWRRA should also contact Customer Service, via those same methods, and ask "not to be contacted via email"."

There is some good info in these e-Newsletters emails. Currently I (JoeO) am forwarding the emails to you all via my mass distribution emails but it would probably be better it you have them sent directly to you.

As a side note, it is important to keep GWRRA up-to date as to your email address and phone number. I currently have 37 member email addresses that are different than what GWRRA has for you. I also have six phone numbers that are different than what GWRRA has for some of you. JoeO

NM MEXICO DISTRICT INFORMATION



The latest district newsletter is too voluminous to insert in this newsletter. It may be accessed at the district website http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.html

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

REGION F INFORMATION



Hopefully, all you folks with email capability received the June 2009 Region F newsletter via email from JoeO. There is now a link to the newsletter at http://gwrra-regionf.org/.

NATIONAL PARKS & BIKES

Here is an interesting tidbit submitted by Art Carnes concerning the National Park System and Federal Recreational lands. Check out this USGS website http://store.usgs.gov/pass/general.html and note paragraph 9, line 4; two bikes are allowed entry under one pass. If one is a senior one really makes out.



THE LIGHTER SIDE

JoeO

Never leave your Bike at your Grandma's (Submitted by Len Strawderman)











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