

# CHAPTER F's Happenings-Feb '09

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



REGION F

GWRA PATCH

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

- **Feb 7**, After Meeting ride ~ [Dairy Queen at Route 66 Casino](#) ~ South 314 to 6 then from Los Lunas on 40 to 66 to Paseo del Vulcan past Double Eagle II Airport. Trip is 90 miles and we should be back by 1:00. *See ya there!*
- **Feb 8**, Chapter W is having a Valentine's Dinner at [Chama River Brewing Company](#). RSVP to Brian or Michele 291-1757, or the Accessory Pit 292-2700
- **Feb 15**, Chapter W meeting at 7:30 a.m. at [Golden Corral, Eubank and Central](#)
- **Feb 21**, Ride to Owl Café, San Antonio, NM. Depart 7:30 a.m.,
  - Golden Corral
- **Feb 28**, Social Butterfly event at the [Tucanos Restaurant](#), 110 Central SW & Broadway, 5:00 pm. Please RSVP to Keith & Teresa, 922-9250
- **March 7**, chapter Meeting
- Starting **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, R&S Honda bike nights every Thursday night [Garduño's on the Green, 9401 Balloon Museum Dr.](#) off Alameda Rd. 7:00 p.m.
- **April 17-19**, [Region F Rally, Las Vegas, Nevada](#). One day ride from Albuquerque
- **July 2-5**, [Wing Ding 31](#), Tulsa, Oklahoma
- **Sept 25-26**, [New Mexico District Rally in Grants](#)

### CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL

JANUARY 2009 - 10,894

For the latest news see Chapter F's own Web Site

<http://www.newmexicochapterf.org>

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## Chapter Directors– JIMM & PAM WHITE

From the White's House

If you didn't get any riding in this month then we have to ask the question "why not?". The weather has been pretty good for the middle of the winter with no shortage of good riding days. The Jimmy Stricklin ride went off very well. I think I remember hearing we had 45 folks in attendance. It was a great way to start off the year. If you haven't been to a Jimmy Stricklin ride you should really plan on doing it this coming year.

The first meeting of the year was pretty good as well. I want to thank all your chapter staff for all their hard work so far. With change comes confusion and this first month has been no exception, but we will get the bugs worked out and what results will be something I think we will all like very much.

There are a couple of things I want to emphasize:

First, it is *very* important to your chapter staff that you know that whatever you say to any of the staff about your ideas, suggestions, complaints, or kudos will reach the entire staff and will be discussed at the next staff meeting. Your input matters.....

Second, there seems to be some confusion about our meeting place. It seems that there is some thought that we are looking for a new location. We are not looking for a new location, we have found a good place with a manager that likes us and is very willing to work with us. The only question is which room in this location do we want to use. I have had some conversations with some of you this past month and what I seem to be getting the most is a feeling that we should move back into the open area we used for the December Christmas meeting. With that in mind we will hold the February meeting in this open room. Your comments will be

greatly appreciated in this matter. Let us know what you think of all this.

We have also had some input about the meeting time. We thought that eating starting at 7:30 and meeting at 8:30 would give you all more time to visit with each other and some of the comments have been positive, but you're also concerned that this will make the meeting longer. So we will do the eat and meet at the same times and just talk less. How's that?

As you all remember, Jack Sidler has stepped down as your Rider Education Coordinator. He has given 4 years to this and we very much appreciate his valuable time and effort. However, that leaves this staff position open and we are on the hunt for a Rider Education Coordinator. With the new District and Region Rider Education Coordinators now in place we are seeing a renewed, and much needed, focus on Rider Ed. I will discuss this in greater detail later in this newsletter, but for now let me make this point:

It is my considered opinion that the *Chapter Rider Education Coordinator* is the single most important position in GWRRA. In the entire GWRRA organization the *Chapter Rider Education Coordinator* is where "the rubber meets the road". It is this position that, in the end, justifies the existence of the rest of us as officers and staff and as a chapter. Because we feel this is of such importance, we will also create an assistant position for Rider-Ed.

Think about it. Am I talking about you?

We'll see you at the meeting.

Jimm & Pamm



## ACDs – KEITH & TERESA MORRISON

From the West Side

### Volunteerism

Lots of new fun stuff that we are going to try and get off the ground this year. The first of which is the "Social Butterfly Event". Now that you're all sitting back saying what's that, it is just as the name says. We are going to plan outings so we can gather as friends and have a good time. Think about it, how well do you know the people that come to our meetings every month? You probably recognize their faces, but what do you really know about them? Do you know if they have a spouse, kids, pets, what they do for a living? That is what we have in mind for the Social Butterfly Events, just getting together and getting to know one another. They won't be formal, they won't be fancy, but we'll have a good time!

The first "event" will be Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm, downtown at Tucanos Brazilian Grill, 110 Central Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Phone: (505) 246-9900. (<http://www.tucanos.com/>). It is a great place with great food and we will be amongst great friends. All we ask is that if you know you're going to attend that you contact us to RSVP. We will always have to set things up with the places we go and they need a close number of how many folks there will be. These events will be "meet at the place". If anyone going wants to plan a meeting and ride, you can. We just realize that folks work and can't always go home, get ready, then get the bike out. This way, they can just come from work if they want. We

hope to see you there and remember, if you ain't havin' fun, you're doin' something wrong!

The reason the article is named volunteerism is because that is what we are looking for. Teresa and I have set up the first Social Butterfly Event and the Chapter is looking for someone to step up and volunteer to run the program. If you would like to volunteer, please either talk to us at the meeting, or e-mail us ([tmorrison56@comcast.net](mailto:tmorrison56@comcast.net)).

There are other positions needing to be filled. We are still looking for Rider Education Rep and assistant, Motor Awareness Division & assistant, Joys & Concerns & assistant, Public Relations & assistant, and Phone Tree & assistant. Don't be shy, even if you want to be an assistant to something, contact us and we will start a listing.

As most of you know by now, our Chapter now has a new webpage. We post lots of stuff on there, so please make sure you check the site frequently ([www.newmexicochapterf.org](http://www.newmexicochapterf.org)). We just added a "suggest a ride" link for those that either know of a great place to go, or just have always wanted to go to. We are also posting lots of pictures on the site. If anyone have pictures, please either e-mail to the address above or bring a CD to the meetings and I'll get them posted.

Till next time. Smile...it makes folks wonder what you're up to...;)))



Keith & Teresa Morrison

## Some Thoughts on Practical Stuff:

### Rider Education

Or

The Newhall Incident & what it means to us.

You're thinking, "now what's he talking about"? Well, the Newhall Incident involved four California Highway Patrol Officers and two "untrained" suspects in 1970 just outside of Newhall, Ca. In just under 4 ½ minutes all four officers were dead and the two suspects were gone. You can read several accounts if this on the internet, but long story short, every account points back to poor training, and it sent shockwaves thru the entire law enforcement training community all across the nation. By the time I became a firearms instructor for my dept. in 1980 this incident had firmly implanted itself in every aspect of police training, especially firearms. Every discussion of firearms training in any training environment I was involved with *always* went back to The Newhall Incident.

So what's that got to do with GWRRA Rider Education? It's safe to say that every endeavor that has experience with anything dangerous, whatever the level, have *all* learned the same lesson. Training.

GWRRA Rider Education, and all the associated training from MSF and other fine training folks seek to teach us two things. The first we hear a lot about, the second we have occasion to practice.

The first: This training will teach you how to identify hazardous situations and avoid them. It is most often called "Defensive Driving" and these are the things we know to look for and anticipate down the road, thus giving us enough time to do what's needed to avoid them.

The second: This training is intended to provide you with hands-on opportunity to improve your riding skills. Slow speed turns, weaving,

stops, clutch, throttle and brake control are just a few of the things you will learn to improve on the driving range.

But all these things seek to get you to one place. One of the officers in the Newhall Incident was thought to have attempted to return fire with a shotgun, however all the rounds in the shotgun were found on the ground, unfired. He had managed to eject all the rounds while trying to get the shotgun to work. Seems he had been issued that shotgun for the first time, with no training, that morning. The analogy is getting on a Wing and riding off with no proper riding instruction. Under any other situation the officer probably would have been able to properly operate the shotgun, just like anyone can get on a motorcycle and ride off. But under the stress of life-or-death, he failed. Same with the rider.

Every endeavor who has learned the lesson knows that lesson is this: the better the training the better your chances are of surviving a confrontation, whether a bad guy or a bad driver. It is common knowledge among police trainers, and MSF instructors as well, that when you're faced with a stress situation, you will revert, without thinking, to your training. Bad, (or no), training - bad response. Good training and you'll likely survive. Experience repeatedly proves this to be true.

The quality and quantity of rider education you get *will* directly impact your chances of surviving a situation. That's the plain and simple reason for Rider Education in GWRRA.....

And now you understand why I believe the *Chapter* Rider Education Coordinator is the most important position in all of GWRRA.

## New Year's Day Jimmy Stricklin Memorial Ride

Wow, what an event! Chapter F had a great turn-out, one that would have made Jimmy proud. Forty-three chapter members and friends enjoyed the fun and camaraderie, not to mention a great BBQ meal. The turn-out far exceeded last year's 33 participants but the warm weather may have played a part in that. Nineteen bikes formed up at the west side Golden Corral and made the 30 minute ride to the Whole Hog Restaurant in the heights. In total, 24 bikes showed up at the restaurant.

The following individuals took part in our first riding event of the year:

Torchy & Robin Adams

Neil Baker

Tom Brewer

Mike Carmer

Alberta Chase

Deane Crawforth

Dave & Sandi Davis

Dennis Elliot

Monte & Sadie Higgins

Dominick Jaramillo

Jim Jeffress

Al Kane

John & Linda Kinney

Bill Lindquist

Judy Morris

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Richard Mummey

Joe & Nancy Opuszanski

Dave, Sharon & Gert Perotti

Dick & Ruth Porter

Dave Ross

Jack Sidler

Bill & Louann Slough

Julian & Marisa Smith

Dave & Lynn Stewart

Bud & Cheryl Walter

Mike Van Horn

Jimm & Pam White

Neil Zach



Some of the 24 bikes ridden to the event



Gert Perotti all buttoned-up and ready to hit the road



# WING DING 31 NEWS

*Cruising to the Pow-Wow...*

## What is a Pow-Wow?

Pow-Wow time is Aboriginal Peoples getting together to join in dancing, visiting, renewing, sleeping-over, renewing old friendships and making new ones. This is a time to renew thoughts of the old ways and to preserve a rich heritage.

Eventually, songs and dances evolved around the imitation of animals and the natural forces that were held sacred. Many of these sacred dances, because of their religious significance and spirituality, are not performed in public. The Sun, Eagle, Buffalo, and Medicine dances are just a few of the many sacred dances that are still practiced. Any sacred object of ceremony of power should not be brought into the public or even discussed in open conversation. War, medicine and protection can also be included here, with the consequences being grave if respect is not kept.

Historically, each Nation maintained a uniqueness and power geographically, which resulted in conflicts over hunting territories. Indian wars were controlled by medicine people and spiritual leaders. One simply could not go out and fight his enemy on his terms. There were ceremonies of preparation to protect and guide the warrior. Inspiring songs, warrior speeches, and war dances were preformed.

When going into war, the leaders were distinguished by the paint they wore, and the numbers and color markings on their feathers. There was mutual honor and respect even for the enemy in battle.

It is said that in taking the life of the enemy, one captures his spirit. It is still believed that this spirit belongs to the victor along with his power. In the "Physical

World" the victor gives and feeds the spirit of the victim until he enters the "Spirit World." Then the victor guides the victim into the "Spirit World" of our ancestors. That is why, even today, Elders warn against arguing or fighting with a distinguished warrior.

Upon the return of the warriors, feasts for the captured and mourned spirits were held, and victory dances were performed. In the dance, re-enactments of brave deeds during battle were performed in a stately manner reminiscent (recall to memory) of the tracking of the enemy.

From this early interpretation came the origin of the war dance in its spiritual form of expression, demonstrated through footwork, smoothness, and agility. There are many beliefs and customs that are still practiced today that were and are still an integral part of the Pow-Wow.

Many of the old war dance songs are still being sung, but are considered honor songs. In some traditional communities, new songs honoring the veterans and their deeds of valor are still being composed. Through these songs, and the spirit of the drum, are communicated ancestral values, cultural integrity, solidarity, and personal relationships for future generations. Our youth is our future, and our elders are our guide.

With this, GWRRA members, young and old alike will gather together in Tulsa, Oklahoma for what will be our 31st Pow-Wow of sorts - Wing Ding. A chance to visit, renew old friendships and make new ones. A time to, dance and renew our heritage! A time to honor our veterans and celebrate our independence and freedom!

*We hope to see you there!*

### This Issue:

**What is a Pow-Wow?**

**Dr. Don White**

**BBQ Buffet**

**Ronald McDonald House**

**Tulsa: A City of Pride**

**Officers/EMG Section**

**WD Sponsors**

# Chapter F



## February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7 F Meeting <a href="#">Dairy Queen</a> @ Rt 66 Casino
8 W - Valentine's Dinner <a href="#">Coffee at</a>	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Valentine's Day
15 W Meeting <a href="#">Coffee at</a> <a href="#">Dawn</a>	16 Presidents' Day	17	18	19	20	21 F Ride ~ Owl Cafe San Antonio
22 <a href="#">Coffee at</a> <a href="#">Dawn</a> Washington's	23	24	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28 F - Social Butterfly Event ~ <a href="#">Tocanos</a>

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**FEBRUARY MEMBER MATTERS**

**February Birthdays**

**February Anniversaries**



Marcia Brown Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Judy Perez Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Ken Fourcher Feb 5<sup>th</sup>  
 John Kinney Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Penny Holly Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bill Hubbell Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
 John Perez Feb 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Sadie Higgins Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

Bill & Carmen Holder Feb 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Mike & Ann Van Horn Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Fred & Diana Salinas Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Dave & Lisa Ross Feb 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob & Marilyn Wieseler Feb 25<sup>th</sup>



**GWRRA Member February Anniversaries**

Tom Brewer	Feb 1, 1986	23 years	Torchy & Robin Adams	Feb 9, 2008	1 year
Larry & Linda Brown	Feb 1, 1999	10 years	Julie Hammer	Feb 11, 2008	1 year
Jo Ann Edwards	Feb 1, 1990	19 years	Barry Lausman	Feb 11, 2005	4 years
Neil Zach	Feb 1, 1986	23 years	Jerome Weger	Feb 28, 2005	4 years
Gerald Harrell	Feb 6, 2008	1 year			

**NEW February Chapter F Members**

Dennis Elliott



# GWRRR Membership Application

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew Member No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Co-Rider Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  USA  Canada  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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F)  Tour Guide  Exclude me from the Gold Book  
 Exclude me from email offers  Exclude me from mailings

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## Member Type (Select One)

### Individual Membership

3 yrs \$120 USD  2 yrs \$85 USD  1 yr \$45 USD

### Family Membership (2 or more people in household)

3 yrs \$150 USD  2 yrs \$105 USD  1 yr \$55 USD

### Associate Individual \*

3 yrs \$135 USD  2 yrs \$95 USD  1 yr \$50 USD

### Associate Family \*

3 yrs \$165 USD  2 yrs \$115 USD  1 yr \$60 USD

### Subscription Only (*Wing World™* Magazine) 1 yr \$40

\*The Associate Membership is for those who wish to take advantage of GWRRR and its benefits and do not own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie.

**Yes! I want Rescue Plus for just \$25 per year. (Non-Members \$50)**

**Rescue Plus** offers enhanced benefits and covers all registered drivers in your household while driving or riding in any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle. **Rescue Plus** also covers your motorcycle trailer. Certain limitations and exclusions apply to coverage. All individuals must be registered with GWRRR to receive a membership card and coverage. Members of GWRRR must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers.

How did you hear about us? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information

Make checks payable in US Funds to GWRRR. GWRRR dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **THE LIGHTER SIDE**

By Joe O

There is a wealth of Gold Wing-related material on You Tube. Here are a few that I thought were worthy (it is best if you mouse click on the link while it is on your computer screen, it doesn't work from the hard copy. ☺)

Gold Wing Park n Move (this is neat!) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHeglNS6Ze4&feature=related>

1800 Gold Wing (note the young girl is barefoot, but hey, they're wearing helmets)

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J13L1EMB\\_8Y&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J13L1EMB_8Y&feature=related)

Gold Wing commercial <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orRG9mO2CFM&NR=1>

Gold Wing Trailer <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ-SMPX3WM0&feature=related>

Gold Wing in snow [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7X4Q\\_Ss-eQ&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7X4Q_Ss-eQ&NR=1)

Gold Wing on training course [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_ROs8RfPkA&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_ROs8RfPkA&feature=related)

Gold Wing Air Bag System <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QzOurNnpzg&feature=related>

How They Build Gold Wigs <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUWQe42nr3o&feature=related>

Honda Gold Wing vs Harley Tour Classic vs Victory Vision

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XB1gtpKS2Wc&feature=related>

GW Trike Tow <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ywZz5qnvCw&NR=1>

Men's Trike (nicely done video) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbssg0a7ddl&feature=related>

Gold Wing <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46HolCe-700&feature=related>

CA District Rally <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLPmVLMrk-s&feature=related>

Pete Sings "Goldwing Prettiest Motorcycle I've Ever Seen"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGApIb31m4A>

Car Tire on a Goldwing.. rightside up! (interesting video)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xalj1XrmvLM&feature=related>

The Tail of the Dragon (non-bike specific) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74RQqdUly5U&feature=related>

Deal's Gap on a Goldwing/GL1800 (two outstanding riders in this video)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nrMQ3QwyPo&feature=related>

And, for our Harley Friends

An Average Harley Rider at Deal's Gap <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whVXD3ex9DA&feature=related>

## February

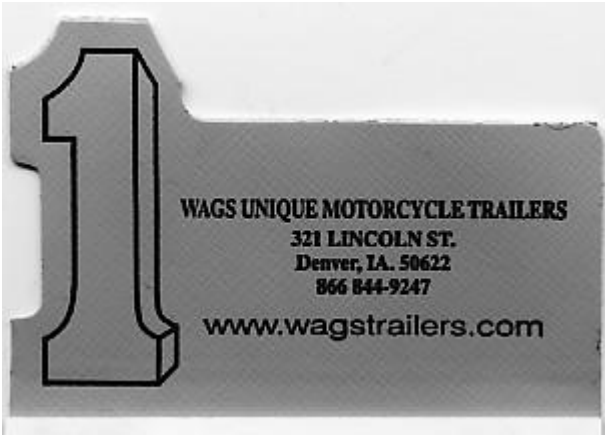
Date	Day	Event	Location	Time	Total (RT) or one-way miles	Contact	Phone #
2/7	Sat	F - Meeting	WS Golden Corral	7:30AM	N/A	Jimm & Pam	505-896-3879
2/7	Sat	F - Ride	<a href="#">Dairy Queen</a> @ Rt 66 Casino	10AM	110 mi – about 2:52 RT without stop	Jimm & Pam	505-896-3879
2/8	Sun	W - ERC	Accessory Pit		N/A	Mike Suttle	505-315-6456
2/8	Sun	W – V-Day	Chama River Brewing Company	6PM	N/A	Monique	
2/15	Sun	W - Meeting	ES Golden Corral	7:30AM	N/A	Brian & Michelle	505-291-1757
2/21	Sat	F – Ride	Owl Cafe San Antonio	9:30AM	125 mi – about 2:06 one-way	Jimm & Pam	505-896-3879
2/22	Sun	Coffee	<a href="#">Coffee at Dawn</a>	7AM	N/A	N/A	N/A
2/28	Sat	F - Social	<a href="#">Tocanos</a> (Central)	5PM	N/A	Keith & Teresa	505-922-9250

### CHAPTER F'S MILLION MILE GOAL

In last month's newsletter it was mentioned that Chapter F, as a whole, will attempt to ride one million miles for the year. We want ALL members to be a part of this; you do not have to attend a meeting to get your mileage recorded. On February 1<sup>st</sup> JoeO will send out a mass Chapter F email asking for your mileage for January 09. All you have to do is send a reply email with your mileage. We will post all names in the next newsletter with your total mileage and the chapter's total mileage will be notated in the front page of the newsletter. Remember, if you and the co-rider rode then let Joe know.

Our First Meeting & Ride of 2009 – The Ladies ... & Brian





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