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CHAPTER F's

"The Bugler"-June '09



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



REGION F

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F-TROOP

From YOUR Chapter F Staff

#1, AGAIN...TWICE!



YOUR Chapter continues to shine. This time we have moved to the forefront in chapter donations to Ride for Kids (RFK) and will lead next year's ride. We had tremendous chapter member support at the RFK events and it was inspiring to hear our Chapter named as number 1 in New Mexico. Make sure you read the rest of the story on page 15.



We also were announced as the chapter with the most member participation at the Texas District Rally! Please keep up YOUR great support and keep the ideas flowing.

BREAKFAST ON US

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: July 4th, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30)

**Golden Corral, Coors & I-40
2701 Coors Blvd NW, Aba 87120**

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL

87,035

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



Just after I sat down to write this I received an email that I had hoped we wouldn't ever get. Mike Van Horn has just announced his resignation as our Chapter Ride Coordinator. He has found work in California. Mike will be back from time to time but he finds it necessary to pass his position on to someone else. We're certainly going to miss his bright smiling face, his energy, and his dedication to the Ride Coordinator position and to the chapter. Mike is a perfect example of the quality of people who make up GWRRA and NM-F. Mike, thank you for all you have done and all you are. The chapter will miss you, but you know that you're always welcome whenever you are back in town.

As you all know, Pam and I are also ham radio operators. One of the things I do as part of that hobby is climb towers, (ironically I have a severe fear of heights...go figure ha-ha), and do the antenna work for some of the folks that build and maintain the repeater systems we use. I was on the way to one of the sites with a friend when he was asked me about GWRRA as a group. It gave me the opportunity to put into words some of my long-time held feelings about you all.

One of the things that I really like about hams is that they are a good group of folks. You don't find them at bars or in jail the next morning needing to get bailed out, or racing on the streets of anybody's town. You find them working together as a group to improve their common interests and goals. At one level or another they're all geeks...and I find I'm very comfortable with them.

We talked about that first because that's how I related to him the quality of folks Pam and I "hang out" with here in GWRRA, different interests and motivators, but the same high-quality of people involved. At some level we're all bikers, and Pam and I are very comfortable here. If one of the measures of a successful life is the people one *chooses* to associate with, then our life is a success.

We are very comfortable here because we know that you appreciate, as we do, the price others have paid for the freedoms we enjoy in this nation.

This is a time to remember all who have ever put themselves in harm's way to protect us. Remember all our brave service men and women who have answered our nations call, remember all the brave men and women who put on a uniform and badge everyday in American communities everywhere and give their all to protect us from evil, remember the everyday ordinary American who, when the

moment calls, performs extraordinary acts of bravery, and especially remember all those who have given their lives in this pursuit.

"No greater love hath a man than he should lay down his life for another" (John15:13)

That we believe and honor this is a measure of who we are as Americans, as individuals, as family, as GWRRA.

Pam and I are proud to be counted in your numbers...Jimm



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Chapter F Says Good-bye to its Ride Coordinator Extraordinaire



Mike Van Horn, Chapter F's Ride Coordinator, is moving on to greener pastures; Mike has a new job in central California and will be heading that way in a matter of days.



Keith & Teresa

Most members are not aware of the effort Mike put into planning a ride, but those on the staff were well aware that Mike took his position very seriously. Mike planned rides down to the smallest of details and one could be assured that glitches were just not going to occur on one of his rides. Mike was also the inspiration behind many of the new ride initiatives. Mike was the driver behind reinvigorating "camping" within the chapter and he was able to persuade many others to give it a try. Mike was also genesis of the mascot program and fretted over the whereabouts of "Wiley" like he was one of his own.

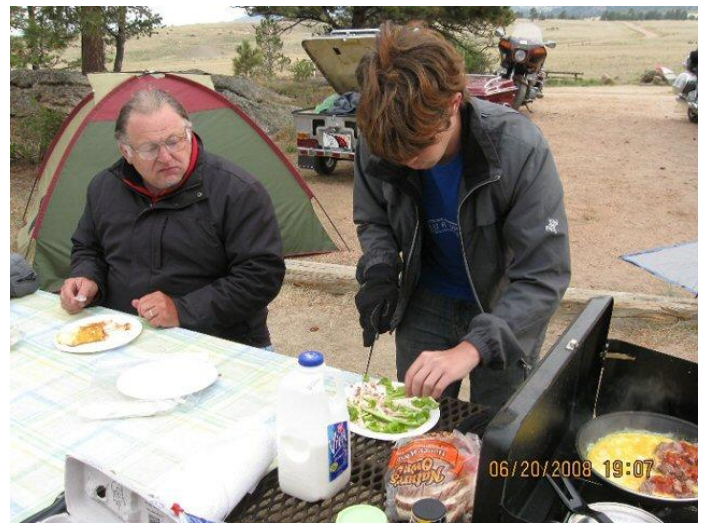
His wife Anne will be staying in the area until Mike is settled so perhaps we will not be without updates on his trials and tribulations. Please keep in touch with her and let her know we have not forgotten about her. Hopefully she will still join us for our Social Butterfly Events and ice cream socials.

Mike has planned out an extensive year long ride schedule so we will not be hurtin' for awhile. Mike will be keeping his e-mail address and cell phone number, so if you are ever in SoCal, he says you have a place to ~~crash, lay your head, lay down~~ Oh who are we kiddin'...Mike can't make it sound like you are going to get hurt, so we will say it for him. If you ever need a place to stay, you all know Mike will let you sleep on his couch and give you the shirt off his back. We are proud to know you Mike and Chapter F thanks you for all you have done to not only make a better Chapter, but better people. Sniffle, sniffle...we gotta stop...Teresa's tearin' up.

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



Mike campin' out



Al and Mike's son, Travis

(photos continued on next page)



Mike & Anne



Our ride coordinator getting sauced!



(L-R) Mike, Mark, Alva, & Jimm...and DQ of course



Mike and his companion, Pepper



Does this lie in Mike's future?



Wiley and Baby CC



We're gonna miss ya friend!



RIDER EDUCATORS

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

HOW TO RIDE OVER THAT THING IN THE ROAD (and survive the encounter)

Sooner or later you will find something just ahead of you on the road and you know you are going to hit it. Maybe a small animal or something that fell off a vehicle. Do you recall the purpose of shock absorbers and springs? It was learned that bumps are first absorbed by your springs and that your front-end rises and falls as allowed by how the shock absorber / spring set are designed and setup. If you are traveling at a steady speed your front-end is extended about as far as it will normally be extended and your ability to "lift" it further is a function of how much weight you can remove from it, not how strong you are. That "for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" tells you



that if able to exert 200 pounds of lift on your grips you will put the same amount of new "weight" on the seat and pegs while you do it. So, even if you try to snap lift the front while throwing as much of your body towards the rear of the bike as possible, the result will be a trivial difference in the extension of your front forks, i.e., virtually a waste of your time and energy.

Still, the idea is RIGHT! But instead of you doing the lifting, you want the bike to lift itself by transferring its weight from the front to the rear wheel. You already know that this happens naturally as a result of acceleration so the way you lift the front-end without suffering a hernia is to twist your wrist and open the throttle. But remember, your front-end is already almost fully extended to start with. Wouldn't it be nice if you could get a whole lot more extension just before you hit that object? The only way to do that is if the front-end was more heavily loaded (compressed) before you start to accelerate. And how do you get the front-end to be more loaded; why you hit the brakes, of course.

In other words, in the real world if you see that you are going to hit something you will naturally apply your brakes in an effort to slow down before you do so. Isn't that fortunate? In order to maintain as much control of your bike as possible WHEN you hit the object all you have to do is roll-on the throttle at the very last moment (about a 1/2 second will do very nicely). This will result in a weight shift from front to rear, and allows the springs in your shock absorber system to extend. Thus, as you

hit the object you have maximum shock absorbing capacity, just when you need it (don't forget to shift your weight to your pegs and get that butt off the seat when you do this since when the rear tire hits the obstacle it will receive a severe vertical bounce). Since you are going to experience a vertical jarring of the bike and you are going to be lifting your butt off your seat just before that happens, you will want to have all of your fingers wrapped around your grips at the time - not covering any levers.

But why not just stay on the brakes all the way, you ask? At the very least this will insure that you hit the object with the minimum of speed possible. What's wrong with that? The shock absorber system is compressed almost as far as it will go during hard braking. That means there is essentially no more travel left to absorb the bump. That, in turn, means that you will FEEL and be affected by that bump - just as if you didn't have any shock absorber at all. You will remember that this means that the entire bike will rise and fall at least as much as the height of what you hit because it is no longer "sprung weight". It is just such bike motion which usually translates into loss of control.

Another, but equally important reason you do not want to have your brakes maximally applied at the time you hit the object is that you are then at, or past, the point of a skid. When you hit you will certainly pass that point and end up in a skid. It takes only a fraction of a second of front tire skid to totally lose control of your motorcycle. If you happened to be going in a straight line when you start a skid your chance of recovering and not going down is actually pretty good. If the skid is the result of your front-end being lifted off the ground because of hitting something the odds that it will come down with the front wheel pointing straight ahead is not very good at all.

The third reason you do not want to be braking when you hit is that the object may well be alive and your tires will act like erasers as they go over it. Indeed, the "object" you hit might even have been human (before you erased it).

(Continued on next page)

Five things you must do if you are going to run over something:

1. Use maximum braking in an effort to stop before you hit it.
2. Wrap all of your fingers around your grips - do not "cover" any levers.
3. Roll-on your throttle starting about ½-second before the impact and shift your weight onto your feet.
4. Roll-off your throttle right after the front tire surmounts the obstacle (shifts weight to front and lengthens the rear shocks).

5. Control stop (if you want to) after BOTH tires return to the ground.

Ride Safe

Gene & Jeanie Wagner
Rider Education

SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ARTICLE

By JoeO

T-CLOCK (T-Tires, C-Controls, L-Lights, O-Oil, C-Chassis, K-Kickstand), we are all familiar with the term but how many of us do this pre-ride inspection? Certainly not me, at least not on a regular basis, well,

but Rick Howell, doing another quick parking lot inspection did note that my rear tire was badly cupped and should be replaced; this was hard for me to believe as the tire only had 7,000 miles on it. Note that at no



time was the tire completely rotated for a full inspection. When the tire was removed the cause of the wobble was readily apparent. There was a badly worn section of the tire, so bad that four of six layers of rubber were exposed. I had cause for reflection as the last time I rode the bike was on the return from the Region Rally in Henderson, NV...at sustained speeds of 75-80 MPH on I-40. How far was I from a blowout and possibly a fatal accident? It really gives one something to think about and that was the first thought that crossed my mind when I saw the damaged tire; I am lucky to be alive. To this day I am

maybe not on any kind of basis, after all this is a Gold Wing and we don't have any problems. I recently had an experience that caused me to stop and reflect back on my ride discipline and how lucky I may have been to do just such a reflection. I recently experienced a wobble in my bike. A quick, cursory inspection turned up nothing

haunted by a past event (years ago) where a couple went down on I-25, it is terrifying moment when you hear on you CB that so-and-so are down in the middle of a highway. **BE CAREFUL OUT THERE, YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!**

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: _____	Membership #: _____	District: _____ Chapter: _____
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Validation Officer Name: _____	Title: _____	Date / /

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.

<input type="checkbox"/> Please enroll Rider in Level I. <input type="checkbox"/> Rider Patch and Pin request <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider Patch and Pin request	<input type="checkbox"/> Please enroll Co-Rider in Level I. <input type="checkbox"/> Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: _____
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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

 Enrolled in Safe Rider Program (Level I)
 I have 5000 Safe Miles!
 M/C License or Endorsement (if required)
 Approved Rider Course within 3 years:
 Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 Rider Patch request

TOUR CO-RIDER

 Enrolled in Safe Co-Rider Program (Level I)
 I have 5000 Safe Miles!
 Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years:
 Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 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

 Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II
 M/C License or Endorsement (if required)
 Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:
 CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 Approved Rider Course within 3 years:
 Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 Carries First Aid Kit on the Bike
 Rider Patch request

CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

 Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II
 Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:
 CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years:
 Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
 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.

<input type="checkbox"/> First High Mileage Application <input type="checkbox"/> Rider _____ Miles <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider _____ Miles	MILEAGE VERIFICATION <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:60%;">Bike</th> <th style="width:20%;">Year</th> <th style="width:20%;">Mileage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bike	Year	Mileage						
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SUMMARY

Fees are only applicable if patches are requested or applying for the High Mileage Program

Total Fees: _____ Date: / / Pins/Patches Issued By: _____
 Patches Issued R/W (B/G add \$1.00) (Only sign if pins or patches were issued)

Mail form to: Rick & Linda Howe NM District Educators, 8509 Constitution Ave NE. Albuquerque, NM 87112

E-mail Address: apit@qwestoffice.net

Revised April 2008



MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

June Birthdays



Dian Fourcher	June 5 th	Art Carnes	June 7 th
Armando Lucero	June 8 th	Larry Robinette	June 9 th
Nancy Opuszenski	June 11 th	Wayne Holly	June 14 th
Danny Branch	June 15 th	Avery Wood	June 18 th
Roscoe Barnes	June 21 st	Susan Howe	June 15 th
Calvin Edwards	June 22 nd	Bob Ortega	June 29 th
Lynn Stewart	June 29 th		

June Anniversaries



Ros & Barb Barnes	June 1 st	Don & Suzie Chapman	June 1 st
Dennis & Beverly Elliot	June 3 rd	Joe & Nancy Opuszenski	June 6 th
Deane & Diane Crawforth	June 22 nd	Al & Carolina Kane	June 27 th

GWRRA Member June Anniversaries

Art & Ada Carnes	June 1, 1989	20 years	William Roady	June 1, 1998	11 years
Bud & Cheryle Walter	June 5, 2008	1 year	Ernie Buxa	June 9, 2008	1 year
Sam Bertram	June 9, 2005	4 years	James & Diane Jennings	June 12, 2008	1 year
Ros Barnes	June 21, 2000	9 years	John Roybal	June 21, 2007	2 years
Bob & Eleanor Strout	June 26, 2003	6 years			

NEW June Chapter F Members

Joseph Brown (Rio Rancho), Kimberly Hunt-Brown (Rio Rancho), Ethan Adler (Abq), Karen Humphrey (Los Alamos), Jerry Holladay (Los Alamos), Armando Lucero (Española)

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 joeopus@earthlink.net or contact him at (505) 892-4223.

87123 ZIP Code Change - GWRRA has moved zip code 87123 from Chapter F to Chapter W (87123 is in the general vicinity of SE Abq. so this is a change that makes sense). Nine members have been re-assigned to Chapter W. I assume those on a Chapter Override to F will remain so but we shall see when the next GWRRA spreadsheet is released. Member data (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) that I maintained on the nine individuals was transferred to Chapter W. - JoeO



THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney

The new chapter t-shirts have the Chapter F F-Troop logo with a 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...))) 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 e-mail 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.



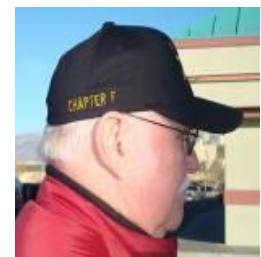
We are very well organized and have a plethora of neat stuff just waiting for you to purchase; if you want to know what is available just skim through the Goodie Store book; there is something there for every Winger. If you don't see what you want just tell us and we will see what we can do to get it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

Gene Wagner, our Chapter Rider Educator and Chapter Historian, took the initiative and had a quality chapter hat made up for us. We sold out of the hats in a very short time. Gene has picked up another order and also got us some visors. Please contact Gene if you are interested in purchasing one.



Patch on our t-shirt

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 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.



We will have pictures of the visors soon. They will be posted in the next newsletter and the webpage as soon as we get them.

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



COUPLE OF THE YEAR

Keith & Teresa Morrison

We just got back from the Texas District Rally in Amarillo. We were not intending to go, but headed out at the last minute on Thursday, May 14th. While we were there, we met most, if not all, of the Texas Couples of the Year. We met up with a lot of folks from Albuquerque as well as the New Mexico District.

We also attended four leadership seminars taught by Lynn Heene, the Texas District Trainer. The courses for the most part are common sense. We all probably know or learned most of this stuff before, but the classes make you remember and think about the things you have taken for granted over the years. If you ever get a chance to attend any of these classes, they are eye-opening.



Now that's a burger with some heat!!!



Havin' fun at Leadership training



Teresa & I with Annette & Brian (After the burgers)

We teamed up with Brian and Annette Earle for the ride back on Saturday, May 16th. One the way out of Amarillo we stopped at a place named [Coyote Bluff Café](#)



for what is called the "Burger from Hell", double toothpicks and some chili cheese fries. The burger had jalapenos, habaneras, Tabasco sauce, onions and I don't remember what else. Let me tell ya, the

burger lived up to its name and believe it or not, the fries came out on pizza pans!

First I'll say we are OK. Shortly after the above picture was taken, Teresa and I were stopped at a red light and a truck hit our trailer while we sat there. Go figure, the lady took off. The cops ran the tag and it isn't registered to anyone. Ironically it had NM tags. As I said, we are fine and so is the trailer. We can't say the same for her truck though...hahahah

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



Keith & Teresa Morrison



RIDE COORDINATOR

Mike Van Horn

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES

June:



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



20th & 21st: Ride with us to the Best Western Movie Manor 2830 US Highway 160 W Monte Vista, Colorado. This is a one of the last remaining big screen outdoor movie theaters still playing movies in the United States. The movie sound track is piped into your motel room and you can sit out on your balcony and enjoy the show. For reservations call: (719) 852-5921. Check-in time is 2 PM (446 miles round trip). Meet us at the Golden Corral parking lot at 7:45 AM. Please be fueled up prior to departure at 8 AM.

<http://www.bestwesterncolorado.com/hotels/best-western-movie-manor-motor-inn/>

July:

June 30th–July 6th: Chapter "F" rides to Wing Ding in Tulsa, OK (1,325 miles round-trip). The chapter has been invited to ride along with the chapters from Arizona to the rally. The name of their ride "Beat-the-Heat" and is exactly what we plan on doing too. Departures each day enroute to and from Tulsa will be early in the morning (before, or right at dawn), and we plan on arriving at that day's destination around noon, hence Beat-the-Heat. We have planned an overnight stop in Shamrock, TX and hotels have been identified. How much fun would it be to ride with a large number of other Gold Wings from all over the southwest, then spend the afternoon relaxing at poolside socializing? Personally, I think it would be fantastic!



There is a web page link posted that is dedicated solely for the ride <http://www.gwrraaz.com/azk/bthr2009.html>. The web site has each day planned out, the route we will be taking, and a list of hotels for each day's stops. Every attempt has been made to identify hotels that provide the best value and have a Jacuzzi and pool. All of the hotels listed do meet that requirement.

Make reservations at Shamrock TX, (30th June) – Best Western 1802 N. Main Street. \$79.00 - \$89.00 (806) 256-1001

For the return trip, make reservations at the Hampton Inn located in Lubbock, TX – (5th July) 4003 S. Loop Hwy 289. \$70.00 (806) 795-1080

Here is the contact information for the organized ride: "Smitty" & Elizabeth, Chapter Directors, Chapter K, Tucson, Arizona: (520) 310-5058 or 5059



4th - 5th: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. After meeting ride to Alien Days in Roswell, NM

(Rides continued on following page)

18th: Chapter "F" Breakfast Ride. We will begin our ride at 8 AM and meet the Chapter officers and staff at a secret location. Your officers and staff will be set up, and cook breakfast for you. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we will know how much food to bring.

GOING TO WING DING?

Mike Van Horn



Ok folks, this year Wing Ding is closer than it has ever been to Albuquerque (well, without it being here that is).

So it all boils down to "how" are we getting there? Well, I glad you asked, because this year we do

have options!

Option 1:

Tulsa, OK is 652 miles from Albuquerque if you travel east on I-40 to Oklahoma City and then take I-44 straight into Tulsa. Keith Morrison, JoeO, and Gene Wagner will be taking this direct route and making the trip to Tulsa in one day.

If this is the way you would like to travel to the Wing Ding, please email Keith at: tmorrison56@comcast.net to let him know you will be riding with the group.

Here are the ride details: Meet at 5:45 AM July 1st, (Wednesday) at the Golden Coral parking lot located at Coors and I-40. Kick stands up at 6 AM.

Gas stops are at Santa Rosa (122 miles), Tucumcari, (56 miles), Amarillo, (106 miles), Shamrock, (97 miles), Clinton, (80 miles), Oklahoma City, (86 miles), and then Tulsa, (106 miles). You will be in Shamrock Texas at 12 noon, and this would be a nice stop for lunch. I have allowed for 15 min. at each gas stop, and 1 hour for lunch in Shamrock, Texas.

That will put you in to Tulsa at about 6 PM Wednesday evening.

Option 2:

If you have an extra day off and want to ride during the cool part of the mornings, then this might be best option for you. Please contact John & Linda Kinney at: jonlinabq@comcast.net if you are planning to join them for this ride.

The Arizona Chapters have planned this ride out and have dubbed this ride: The "Beat-the-Heat" ride. We

have been invited to ride along with all the chapters from AZ and NM to the rally as a mass group. So, how do "we" Beat-the-Heat? By riding in the cool morning hours of course and then stopping at 12 noon, to get out of the hot part of the day! This means getting up early in the morning, about 4, and getting on the road by 5 AM.

Here is what the plan is: The Arizona chapters will be arriving in Shamrock, Texas at 12 noon on Tuesday, 30 June, and then departing for Tulsa on the morning of Wednesday, 1 July, at 5 AM. They have planned an overnight stop in Shamrock and that's where we will meet up with them. The hotels in Shamrock have been identified, contacted, and they have agreed to let us check in before their normal check in time of 2 PM. Here is the web link dedicated solely for the ride: <http://www.gwrraaz.com/azk/bthr2009.html>. Please

make your reservations at Shamrock, TX, (30 June) – Best Western 1802 N. Main Street. \$79. - \$89. For reservations call: (806) 256-1001. If you would like to ride back with them and take two days to return back to Albuquerque, please make reservations at Lubbock, TX – Hampton Inn (5 July) 4003 S. Loop Hwy 289. \$70 Reservations: (806) 795-1080

Here is the contact information for the folks coordinating this ride in Arizona: "**Smitty**" & **Elizabeth, C D, Chapter K, Tucson, Arizona: (520) 310-5058 or 5059**

Ride details: meet at 5:45 AM, June 30th, Tuesday, at the Golden Coral parking lot located at Coors and I-40. Kick stands up at 6 AM.

Gas stops are at Santa Rosa (122 miles), Amarillo, (163 miles), and Shamrock, (97 miles), You will be in Shamrock, Texas at 12 noon, meet up with the Arizona chapters at the motel, and then you can hang out by the pool or relax and enjoy your air conditioned room for the afternoon!

Wednesday morning: meet in the parking lot of the motel at 4:45... kickstands up at 5 AM. You will stop along the way for breakfast about 8 AM (to be determined by the road captain). Gas stops at Oklahoma City, (166 miles), and Tulsa, (106 miles). This will put you into Tulsa at 10:30 AM. The plan is for everyone to arrive at the rally in Tulsa as one large group of bikes!



June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 R&S Bike Night	5	6  F Meeting / Cuba Ride
7 Coffee at Dawn	8	9	10	11 R&S Bike Night	12	13
14  Coffee at Dawn	15	16	17	18 R&S Bike Night	19	20 Porter's Pig Roast F trip to Movie Manor 20-21
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28 Coffee at Dawn	29	30 Group 1 departs For Wing Ding				

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JULIE'S JOURNEY

By Julie Hammer



Hello fellow Gold Wing travelers on this Highway called Life! Let me introduce myself, I am Julie Hammer fellow Gold Wing Highway Traveler.

Oh, where to begin to tell you of my "Highway Travels" on a motorcycle? I think back to my first experience on a long

highway travel. As I recall, my husband, Rod, and I were riding a Yamaha 400 Enduro, an off-road motorcycle. This would have been on or about the year 1987. We had been married about three years by this time. We both grew up in a very rural farming community in northern Minnesota and were not very wise in the ways of the motorcycle world. Well, we decided to go on a motorcycle trip; our "highway travel" destination was to be the Black Hills of South Dakota! So off we go to the strains of Steppenwolf's *Born to be Wild*, you know "Get your motor runnin', Head out on the highway, Lookin' for adventure, In whatever comes our way!" I'm riding on the back of this 400 Yamaha Enduro; we are all packed with our tent, sleeping bags and any space we had left for clothes! As we travel down the freeway I am amazed at how many other motorcycles are on the road, all traveling in the same direction as us, and all of them Harley Davidsons. I knew we were one of a kind; we were the only 400 Enduro on that highway! As we neared Rapid City, SD we found out the now famous "Sturgis Rally" was going on. So here we are on our "humble" Yamaha 400 Enduro, an off-road bike, but hey, that deserves some respect, don't you think? We traveled some 1,500 miles round-trip on that motorcycle!

Fast forward almost 30 years later, our four children are pretty much grown and now on their own. So we buy a new "2006" HONDA GOLD WING! WOW! How things

Rod & Julie's Gold Wing are on the front page of this newsletter.

have change! The first Gold Wing trip we made for our "highway travel" was to the Great Smokey Mountains! We had planned for a week's stay up in the mountains; this gave us lots of time to explore the area. On our way to the Smokies we would stop at picnic areas for a stretch and snacks, (at this point in our Gold Wing experience we did not know about the DQ stops!) Anyway, we stopped at a park in Arkansas for a stretch, while at the park a guy on a "Yamaha" (remember my Yamaha tale?) drives up, notices our motorcycle, and sees us sitting at the picnic table. He walks over and starts chatting with us and asks where we are headed. We tell him the Smokey Mountains and he says then you must be headed to the "Honda Hoot Rally". We were surprised, we had no idea there was a Gold Wing Rally! Needless to say we went to the Honda Hoot. It turned out our cabin was only a few miles away from the rally. I found my terrific leather fringed jacket at that "Honda Hoot Rally"!

What a difference 30 years can make, from a Yamaha 400 Enduro to a 2006 GOLD WING"! It's been a ride on this "Highway of Life's Travels". Oh, by the way, did I mention the guy on the Yamaha we talked to in the park in Arkansas was Stu Oltman, the editorial mechanical troubleshooter for Wing World! How ironic, we started our "Highway Travels" on a Yamaha; we get our dream bike, a Gold Wing, and meet a fellow "Highway Traveler" on a Yamaha where it all began for us some 30 years ago!

I have a million stories I could tell of my adventures on the motorcycle like the time we came across a safe by a river...oh, but not enough room to share them all!

Happy Trails to you all! Julie



MAY'S MEETING

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.



Bud, Marilyn & Bob, Bob, and Cheryle



Tony



Neil modeling new visor



Jimm with #1 Newsletter award



Dave handing out awards



Phil getting his mileage pin



Dave with his new book



Jewel



Lisa and Daddy Dennis



Suzie & Don



Deane with Goodie Can



Jim & Trina

CHAPTER PARTICIPATION IN MAY 09 RIDE FOR KIDS

The chapter had great participation in this year's Albuquerque Ride for Kids (RFK) event. A fundraising dinner was held on the evening of the 30th and the actual ride itself was on the 31st at the Journal Pavilion. Doing a quick count the chapter had at least 34 members support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation in this worthy endeavor. **What came as a surprise to all of us was that Chapter F came out as the top generator of funds for the year, a spot previously held by**

Chapter W. Chapter F members will lead the ride in next year's event. The chapter generated over \$27,000, great going Chapter F! Some event photos are below but make sure you check out the NM District website photo galleria (May album) <http://www.gwrra-nm.org/GalleryServerPro/default.aspx?aid=6> and our chapter website <http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/> for many more photos.



NancyO & Monique doing registration



Lisa, Carmen & Bill and Keith



John & Linda, Gene & Jeanie



Angel in JoeO's sidecar



Angel giving the "thumbs-up"



Gene & passenger

CHAPTER F'S MAY SOCIAL BUTTERFLY EVENT

This month's May 30th social butterfly event took place at the Genghis Grill, a Mongolian stir fry establishment in Albuquerque. The social butterfly event provides an opportunity for chapter members to just get together, socialize, make new acquaintances, and have a leisurely meal together in a relaxed atmosphere without the pressure of being tied to a ride schedule. Guests build their own bowls by choosing their own meats, spices, vegetables and sauces from a food bar featuring an array of ingredients, and then march over to a massive hot circular grill- Genghis Grill! There, the grill masters (cooks) stir up the food with long wooden sticks,

churning and turning the ingredients until they're cooked to perfection. Guests enjoy the scene as their food is being prepared and if they are lucky, the grill masters perform nifty tricks to entertain the guests. This is a neat place, unique, and if you haven't been here you need to give it a try. We had 12 individuals participate, maybe a little low but we had the Ride for Kids dinner to attend a couple of hours later. Note in the photos below that while eating plays a part, socialization is just, if not more, important. We appreciate Lila and Wyly Cameron for joining us; they are a couple of our Los Alamos members.



For more photos of this event make sure you check out both the NM District website (Photo Galleria section) <http://www.gwrra-nm.org/GalleryServerPro/> and Chapter F's own website <http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/>

SOME THOUGHTS ON PRACTICAL STUFF

CB radios on Wings-Or-"How to be heard when you speak"

By Jimm White

While it's true that I've written about this before it has come to my attention that this is still a subject that presents a bit of a mystery to some. I was talking to Deane on this subject and we hit on several areas we have both noticed that "leave room for improvement", as JoeO would say.

There are a great many things that will make a difference in your ability to hear and be heard on the CB radio, and I'll discuss some of them here. I'll talk about antennas, radios specifically on a Gold Wing, and how to make more effective use of the radio controls and understand some of their quirks, boom microphones (mic/mics) and how all this relates to your ability to use your CB system within its reasonably expected capabilities.

But let me talk first about "reasonably expected capabilities". For a lot of reasons firmly based in the laws of physics, (which I will be happy to discuss with anyone somewhere else besides here), the CB radio system, especially on today's Gold Wings, is not now, nor was it ever, intended to be a worldwide communications system. That means that the reliably usable range of a CB on a Gold Wing is a mile or two. While everyone here, including me, has talked further than that on occasion, the *reliable* communications range is within a group of Wings. That is all this CB system was ever intended to do, provide reliable communications within a group of Gold Wings. Sorry, it is what it is.

Antenna:

Here is something to consider: a well-tuned antenna will transmit more available power, however it *will not* improve its capability to better receive another signal. In other words, if an antenna is reasonably somewhere within the frequency range of its intended use, then tuning it will not make it a better receiving antenna, only a better transmitting antenna.

What will improve your ability to receive? That follows next.

The CB on a Gold Wing:

As you have already noticed, all the controls for a Honda factory CB radio are within reach of the rider, already

integrated into the overall Gold Wing platform. Among these is the squelch control. It does just what it implies; it squelches out noise and makes the radio quiet until it receives a desired signal. Just remember, the noises it squelches out are also radio signals, just not the ones we want to hear.

In layman's terms, the squelch controls the sensitivity of the receiver in a CB radio. While that is not exactly true, it is the end result. In other words, the higher you have your squelch set, the less sensitive your radio is and the harder it is to receive someone else's signal. So, in effect, you have a great deal to do with how another rider "*gets out*".

Your squelch should be set to just quiet the radio, and you should check it often. It's not uncommon for me to "fix" a radio problem by simply moving the squelch off its highest setting!

One of the other controls is the Push to Talk (PTT), button on the left handlebar. And with it comes the quirk I was talking about.

If you have a Honda CB on your 1800 I want you to go out, (yeh, right now), and turn the key to ACC. After the wing "boots up" turn on your CB. Push the PTT and watch how long it takes for the "TX" indicator to come on. Do it again, same thing right? The pause is about 1 second. Go try it and we'll discuss what that means when you get back.

OK, you're back now.

So what's the big deal about that pause for the "TX" indicator to come on? Well, the radio is *not* transmitting any of your audio until that indicator comes on. In other words, if you're one of the gazillion people who start talking when you key the radio, the rest of us are missing the first one or two of your words. And if you're one of those folks that transmit a one-word response as you key the PTT, then we didn't get any of it.

Ever wonder why folks close to you in a formation are constantly asking you to repeat what your one word response was?

Get in the habit of pushing the PTT, waiting one second, *then* start talking. *Verrrry important* - especially if you consider what you have to say important enough for the rest of the group to hear, like maybe the group leader or tail gunner. (Continued on next page)

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Headset Mics

Let's start by saying that, regardless of manufacture, all headset mics are to some degree noise canceling. They are designed and manufactured to cancel background noise and allow audio ranges to be better heard. If nobody's ever talked to you about noise canceling mics then I'm willing to bet you're using them wrong.

Simply put, noise canceling mics work by drastically reducing their sensitivity to background noise, *any* background noise. The mic considers your voice to be background noise if it's not *significantly* louder than all the other background noise the mic hears. This means that the mic has to be very close to your mouth. In fact, you should be able to just form the beginning of a kiss and touch the windsock on the mic with your lips. If the mic is as much as ½ inch from your lips, then it's getting too far away and the mic quits responding to your voice in a different manner than the background noise, which means your voice is now becoming background noise.

Get that mic right up to your lips, that's where a noise-canceling mic is designed to work best.

Last tip: Slow down when you talk. Talk like you do when you're face to face with another person..

Avoid the common CB slang and funny voice habits usually found on channel 19. Plain English works just fine.

Don't yell into the mic, the radio will "talk off" the highs and simply quit transmitting. Speak in your normal house voice but just slightly more forceful. Some of us are hard of hearing to start with, and trying to hear other "stuff" in an already noisy environment can be very difficult.

Remember the importance of speaking clearly, especially if you have a co-rider who also has a hot mic. In the normal default configuration of a headset system with the current Gold Wing intercom, all headset mics are hot, or in the "on" position all the time. That means that the wind noise coming from your co-riders mic is also being transmitted with your voice. If you voice is not fairly loud, and clear, then the rest of us can't always understand you.

Well, there you have it. Hope this helps some. All I've said here comes from experience, and I hope I was able to pass on just a little of it.

By the way, for those of you who don't have a CB on your wing I just want to go on record as saying that I firmly believe in them. The more people in a group ride who can provide and receive information the better and safer the group is. I completely understand that Mother Honda charges more for this CB than I paid for half of my Amateur radios, but I really do see the benefit here.

If you have any questions I'll be happy to answer.

73 de Jimm, K5RWS

LOOKING FOR ... A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

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, ride coordinators (gotta replace Mike VH), social event coordinator (currently done by Keith), are just several that we would like to see filled.

Chapter Photographer(s) – 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 take over from Mike VH.

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/>. **The web hosting company judged this site against 10,000 other sites and the site was picked as NUMBER 1.** This is the type of quality product YOUR staff is trying to give you. **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 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!

MOTORCYCLE TRAVEL NETWORK

By JoeO



Here is something that some of you will really be interested in. Nancy and I attended a Region F seminar put on by Christi and Scott Reynolds, the two individuals who run the Motorcycle Travel Network (MTN). This is a neat way to travel and all it cost you is \$20 a night (if you

are the traveler) or providing a sleeping area AND breakfast if you are the host. In these lean times when we have to watch our pennies this is a very economical and fun way to travel. Of course you have to do your part and open your home to fellow motorcyclists and make breakfast in the morning (this is a requirement). There are many similar type organizations devoted to specific professional / hobby areas; examples are organizations devoted strictly to librarians and another to teachers. MTN focuses only on motorcyclists.

Check out the website, http://www.motorcycle-travel.net/home/mt1/index_main.html to see what this is all about. Read the reviews and kudos.

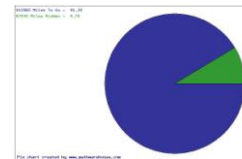
CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL – APRIL STATS

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of **April**. 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
Broadbent, Tom	442
Crawforth, Deane	4,200
Drake, Dave	1,800
Edwards, Steve	3,624
Edwards, Pam	1,812
Hammer, Julie	2,574
Hammer, Rod	3,564
Higgins, Monte	172
Holder, Bill	1350
Holder, Carmen	1350

Jones, Dave	885
Jones, Sandi	785
Kane, Al	4,566
Lindquist, Bill	1,403
Morrison, Keith	5,048
Morrison, Teresa	3,200
Nicholson, Shelia	140
Nicholson, Wendell	573
Opuszenski, Joe	4,459
Opuszenski, Nancy	2,868
Salinas, Diana	175
Salinas, Fred	1,457
Smith, Julian	930
Smith, Marisa	490
Stewart, Dave	722
Stewart, Lynn	354
Strawderman, Gary	2,394
Strawderman, Len	531
Van Horn, Mike	11,205
Wagner, Gene	772
Wagner, Jeanie	544
Walter, Bud	5,852
Walter, Cheryle	3,751
White, Jimm	7,844
White, Pam	3,196
Wieseler, Bob	1,882

We have reached 8.7% of our goal. For the month of April we traveled more miles than the previous three months combined; 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 for January 09 – 14,648

February 09 – 18,137

March 09 – 14,783

April 09 – 39,467

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR = 087035

“Ride the Wheels off These Wings”

A LESSON LEARNED

A funny incident happened on the way to and from the Region F Rally. While riding along several members noted that Rod and Julie Hammer's brake lights would repeatedly go on, even when going uphill. From the back one could see that Rod had his feet on the highway pegs so perhaps his hand was mistakenly pulling on the brake lever. Bill Holder rode up beside Rod, looked, and mentioned that the brake lights were coming on but the cause was not apparent as Rod was NOT engaging the hand brake; the mystery



remained unsolved. On the return trip the same thing was noted but this time a little more thought went into solving the problem. Rod's bike had a handgrip fringe (you know, similar to a cat-of-nine tails) attached to the brake lever. The fringe was removed, the ride continued, and voila, the brake lights no longer came on; the mystery was solved. Apparently the wind would cause the fringe to extend rearward and in turn it would gently pull on the brake lever, enough to engage the brake switch and cause the lights to illuminate. The fringe now resides in the couple's bedroom where another kind of fun is had with it. ☺

Rod and Julie's Gold Wing is on the front page of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTPONED Monique is having a Birthday party and we are all invited!!! POSTPONED

All of you are welcome to help me celebrate my birthday on June 6th, 1 to 6 PM. PLEASE no gifts or cards. All I ask is you sign the Guest Book and write a comment or two. No RSVP needed. Share some munchies and a beverage or tea.

10517 Malaguena PI NE Albuquerque, NM 87111

From the corners of Juan Tabo and Eubank (Mountain Run Shopping center). Head out east on Juan Tabo for

2 Blocks. Turn North on Malaguena Pl. and go about 1 1/2 blocks over 1 speed bump and it is the first Townhome on your left. The backyard gate will be open, just come in.

Chapter F folks, I know some of you may be on a ride, please feel free to drop by after you get back.

Thanks.....Monique

Arizona is partying

We are inviting our friends from Las Vegas, New Mexico, and Colorado to come join us in Fountain Hills, AZ at the Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel/Casino. It's a beautiful resort and our rate is lower than half price. 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.

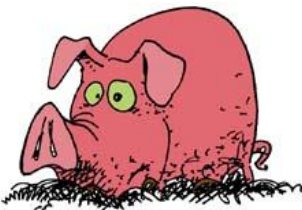
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Denise phone: 602 451-5441

PORTER PIG ROAST



This is pretty much an annual event and is always a fun,

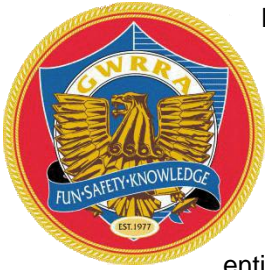
Dick and Ruth Porter are again hosting a pig roast at their farm in the East Mountains. Proceeds from the roast will be donated to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation / Ride for Kids.

social event. The Porters farm is located at 38 Berta Drive, Edgewood, NM. If you plan to attend it is requested that you RSVP the Porters at 281-1909 by June 18th. Their email address is r2t2farm@juno.com. BRING A CHAIR TO SIT ON!!

There is a suggested donation of \$10 per adult in advance, \$13.00 at the door. You can purchase the \$10 tickets at the Accessory Pit.

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.gwrro.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 if 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.gwrro-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.cfm>

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 March 2009 Region F newsletter via email from JoeO. This is the 2nd region newsletter for this year. There is now a link to the newsletter at <http://gwrro-regionf.org/>.



THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe O

THE WAY IT IS. A man was riding his Harley along a California beach when suddenly the sky cleared above his head and, in a booming voice, the Lord said, 'Because you have tried to be faithful to me in all ways, I will grant you one wish.'



The biker pulled over and said, 'Build a bridge to Hawaii so I can ride over anytime I want.'

The Lord said, 'Your request is materialistic, think of the enormous challenges for that kind of undertaking; the supports required reaching the bottom of the Pacific and the concrete and steel it would take! It will nearly exhaust several natural resources. I can do it, but it is hard for me to justify your desire for worldly things. Take a little more time and think of something that could possibly help mankind.'

The biker thought about it for a long time. Finally, he said, 'Lord, I wish that I and all men could understand women; I want to know how she feels inside, what she's thinking when she gives me the silent treatment, why she cries, what she means

when she says nothing's wrong, why she snaps and complains when I try to help, and how I can make a woman truly happy.'

The Lord replied, 'You want two lanes or four lanes on that bridge?'



The ad said "Panda For Sale",

I thought it said "Honda For Sale"

(photo & caption submitted by Russ Shupe)

You Tube Video - Harley Davidson - Next Generation <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zsl0hPCs5qE>

"BORN TO BE WILD" VIDEOS

Biker Baby: Born to be Wild! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aku1XE5wHMY>

Born to Be Wild and Easy Rider <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJS8j9YYB9w>

Two guys were roaring down the road on a motorcycle when the driver slowed up and pulled over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his friend, "I can't drive anymore with the air hitting me in the chest like that." "Just put the jacket on backwards." His friend advised. They continued down the road but around the next bend, they lost control and wiped out. A nearby farmer came upon the accident and ran to call the police. They asked him, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," the farmer explained, "the driver was until I turned his head around the right way!"



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