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REGION F



GWRRA



NM DISTRICT



F-TROOP

From YOUR Chapter F Staff



CONGRATULATIONS CHAPTER F!!!

Not only a 1st place newsletter, but we had 72 people at April's meeting!! Yes you read that right...72 people!!! We are really glad to see so many smiling faces and so many friends we haven't seen in a while. Boy have we come a long way in just four short months! Please keep up your great support and keep the ideas flowing.

**NEXT MTG: May 2, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30)
Golden Corral, Coors & I-40**

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL

47,568

**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



Wow do we have a lot to tell you & show you in this month's newsletter, so let's get started.

After the last meeting, we received some comments & e-mails expressing some concerns. As I have said all along, when you talk to one person on the staff, you talk to us all, and we have all heard you. Seemed we were putting too strong an emphasis on our riding as a group. Some expressed concerns about wanting to ride alone, with one or two other couples that they were most comfortable with, (to be honest, this is not the first time that I've heard this since I joined in '90), and some felt that if they do not ride that we don't consider them in the same light as those who do. Thank you all for your honest feedback.

To those concerns, Mike VH will start adding information to the ride schedule about where & when rides will get to the destinations & meeting points along the way for both day rides & overnights. This will allow those who want to ride alone, or take another route, the opportunity to join us when we get there so the rest of us can enjoy your company. This also works for those who would like to join us but don't want to ride.

The bottom line is this: "Family". I'm starting to hear this from members of this Chapter with greater frequency, and I can't tell you how many times I heard that word used at West Wing 1 when describing GWRRA, at every level.

Pam and I talked about a lot of things on the way home from Region F Rally, but the one thing that kept coming up was this: from the back of this Gold Wing we have met the best friends we have ever known, and you have become our family. The Gold Wing has been the vehicle that has brought us all together as friends, but the quality of people that we all are has made us family.

It doesn't matter how you join us, whether you ride with us as a group, or ride alone, or drive a vehicle with us or alone, it just matters *that* you join us, because when you do, we are all better for it.

If you're reading this then you saw the front page. A picture is worth a thousand words, and the picture of the award for "Best Newsletter Color" for 2009 from Region F speaks volumes. This is the result of some very hard work by some very dedicated folks and I want to take the time to thank them. I want to say thank you Jo and Bill Lindquist, Joe and Nancy O, and Keith and Teresa Morrison for all your dedication to this endeavor. I would also like to thank all the rest of the staff who add their information on a monthly basis, and thank you to all the chapter members who have contributed to our newsletter with articles, member bio's and other information.

We have worked very hard since January to improve how we communicate with you the chapter members. This newsletter combined with our e-mails during the month and of course our website have all been an evolving effort to provide you with the latest fun information available. With this award, we have firmly secured yet another step on our way to Chapter of the Year.

Pam and I are very proud of all of you and very proud to be members of this family. But as good as all this is, we can't help but feel deep in our hearts that the best is yet to come! And the beat goes on.....;-) Jimm



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Our Social Butterfly event for April was to Jason's Deli. We had 11 people and 4 bikes. Those that attended were Mike, Anne, Gene & Jeanie, Jimm & Pam, Bill & Jo, Al, and Teresa & I. Below are some of the pictures, the rest will be posted to our Chapter Website.



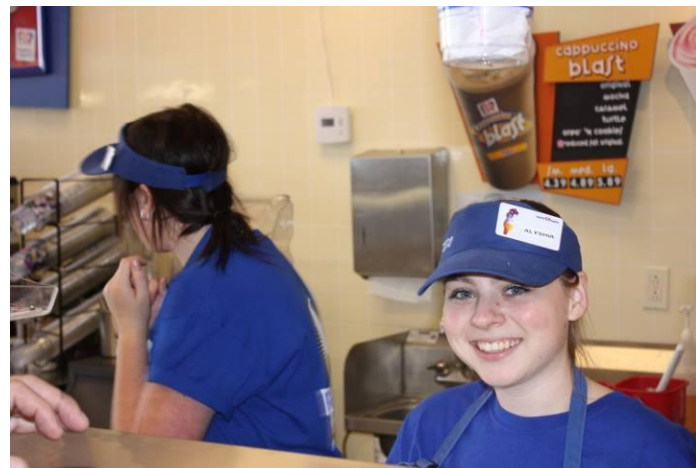
Gene & Jeanie, Al, Ann & Mike, Jimm & Pam



Pam, Bill & Jo, and Gene

After Jason's Deli, it was over to ice cream at Baskin Robbins. All Jimm kept mumbling was something about baseball...haha. You couldn't get him to talk about anything else...haha. We would like to thanks the owner Fritzie and our servers Kelsey and Alyshia for their outstanding service and for putting up with us all. After all the excitement, it was off for nap time...:)))

Hopefully you will join us for the next one. It will be at [Genghis Grill-The Mongolian Stir Fry](http://www.genghisgrill.com). More info to follow.



Kelsey and Alyshia



Fritzie

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

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

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



Keith & Teresa



RIDER EDUCATORS

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

Greetings to all fellow Chapter F members! This month we are going to cover preparing for riding in hot weather.

Riding when the temperature is well in excess of 90 degrees can be dangerous to your health. Unless you take care to keep your body temperature under control. Even rides as short as an hour can result in heat-prostration or even sun-stroke. Many riders know that if you keep your neck cool, you greatly diminish these health risks. This is because the large veins that feed your brain are so close to the surface of the skin of your neck. There are two very popular devices that are simple and effective in this regard.

One is called a "cool collar" and is made from a tube of bandana material. This material contains some water absorbing beads sewn into it. When these beads get wet, they increase over 50 times their size compared to then when they are dry. These collars can be stored very easily and take up very little room on your bike. The one drawback is that getting them wet. This can take a while. You have to take a dry collar and submerge it in water for up to 1 hour before the collar has absorbed all the water it can. As it often happens when traveling on a time schedule, that hour is not available to you when you need it.

The reason the collar works to cool you off is that it takes even longer for the beads to dry out than it did to get the collar wet. The water will evaporate from them over a several hour period. Any evaporation activity cools, but only marginally so from the wearers' point of view. That is, within half an hour of putting one of these collars around your neck, even if it had been in the freezer before you put it on, the collar will be very near the temperature of the area around it.

Far better than these "cool collars", I have found, is the original design of them (sometimes called "Kool Kollars". These collars are actually made of terry-cloth sewn together in such a way that the collar contains a pocket into which a zip-lock bag is placed. These zip-lock bags are filled with ice! This collar REALLY cools your neck as the ice melts and the cool water drips over your body. The dripping leaves the front and back of your shirt sopping wet over time which provides a huge source of evaporation. I found that wearing a wind-breaker with

zippers in the front and the back will also help the dripping moisture act as even a better evaporative cooler. The dripping water from the collar and also wetting down your shirt will make you very comfortable and even so cold you will have to close the zippers. At every pit stop, all you have to do is make sure you can refill the Kollar with ice. Just pour in a glass of ice water, ice and all.

Along with the collars, some riders and passengers wear these kool vests. They work on the same principles as the beaded cool collars. I know some riders that swear by the vests.

There's another way to handle high heat. For those of you that wear skull-caps (helmet liners), you can simply saturate the skull-cap with water before putting it on your head and then put on your helmet. This works very well indeed, but only for about an hour. If your helmet has vents, and you ensure they are open, this also acts as a cooler.

Of course, simply pouring water on your shirt helps a great deal. This is again because it provides a huge area over which evaporation takes place. Let me remind you that your wet shirt is not the only large area that evaporates, but all of your exposed skin has this same evaporative effect. Make sure you wear a shirt that has long sleeves. Remember, if you start feeling dizzy or sick to your stomach, stop and start drinking fluids. Make sure that you carry a lot of water and DRINK IT OFTEN.

Again, RIDE SAFE AND SMART because we want to see you again, again, and again.

Always remember to give yourself space and a place to go, don't drink and drive, and everything out there can kill you.

RIDE SAFE AND HAVE FUN.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

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

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

TOUR CO-RIDER

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

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

CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II
<input type="checkbox"/> Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider: CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years: Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		
	Bike	Year	Mileage

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

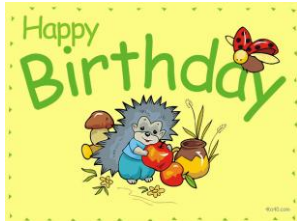
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MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

May Birthdays



Pam White	May 2 nd	Fran Marrero	May 9 th
Cheryle Walter	May 10 th	Allen Van Riper	May 12 th
Barbara Barnes	May 15 th	Diana Salinas	May 18 th
Robin Adams	May 19 th	Ernie Buxa	May 20 th
Linda Kinney	May 23 rd	Turner Brazell	May 27 th
Carl Maier	May 29 th		

May Anniversaries



Wyly & Lil Cameron	May 5 th	Turner & Dawn Brazell	May 7 th
Keith & Teresa Morrison	May 8 th	Amy & Jessie Mcentyre	May 15 th
Ernie & Carla Buxa	May 22 nd	Eddy & Karen Arnold	May 24 th
Larry & Joan Robinette	May 28 th		

GWRRR Member May Anniversaries

Joseph Rieman	May 1, 1991	18 years	Pat Santaniello	May 1, 1994	15 years
Rita Jaramillo	May 1, 1994	15 years	Will Jaramillo	May 1, 1995	14 years
Bobby Clark	May 1, 1996	13 years	Jorge Marrero	May 3, 2000	9 years
Dominick Lovato	May 3, 2001	8 years	Al & Carolina Kane	May 3, 2001	8 years
Marcia & Steve Brown	May 20, 2003	6 years	Everett Jeffcoat	May 25, 2004	5 years
Joe & Nancy Opuszenski	May 26, 2004	5 years	Len Strawderman	May 7, 2006	3 years
George Cornelius	May 21, 2006	3 years	Barbara Cornelius	May 22, 2006	3 years
Dawn & Turner Brazell	May 14, 2007	2 years	Jeff & Jan Bernard	May 20, 2007	2 years
Steven Johnson	May 7, 2008	1 year	Zachery Johnson	May 7, 2008	1 year
Jesse Mcentyre	May 10, 2008	1 year	Amy Mcentyre	May 12, 2008	1 year
Don Chapman	May 22, 2008	1 year			

NEW May Chapter F Members

E Shockey
Ralph & Robynn French



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...))) They can only be purchased through the Goodie Store, so either contact John or I at one of our meetings, or you can send us an e-mail at goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org Please include name you want on the shirt, your size, and what color you would like the bike on the patch. We thank Chapter F members Wayne and Penny Holly for supporting the chapter in this endeavor.



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 Education 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.



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. So we will need your GWRRA 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

As you can tell from the other articles in the newsletter, we have just returned from a great West Wing 1 in Vegas. Not only did we have fun the entire trip, except the snow on the ride out that is, but we met some great folks and watched the Couple of the Year selection.

First to the great folks we met. We met all the Chapter Couples of the Year that were up for the District Couple of the Year. Teresa and I had a great time visiting with them and watching the process unfold. We also met and talked with the International Couple of the Year, Ken and Rita Moffitt. They held a class on Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year. If you haven't met them, you're missing out. They are great people and defiantly explained the entire program to those in attendance.



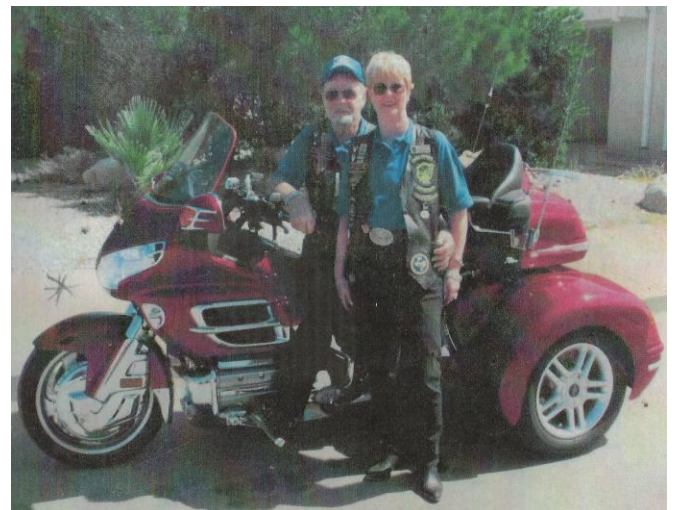
2008 – 2009 Region F Couple of the Year, Randall and Janet Drake (will compete Wing Ding 31)

We congratulate and wish John and Gail Reynolds as our next Region F Couple of the Year. For those that don't know, the Drakes will represent Region F at this Wing Ding. The Reynolds will represent us at Wing Ding 32 next year



Rita and Ken Moffitt

I'm sure I speak for everyone that was there, they made it fun and we thank them for not making it death-by-power point...:))). They also got the crowd going with the chant "Region F Rocks!!" We encourage everyone attending Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa to remember that phrase. We all need to make lots of noise when our current Region Couple of the Year, Randall and Janet Drake, take the stage in Tulsa. Ken said that every time they were introduced and the crowd made a lot of noise, it made standing on the stage so much easier.



2009 - 2010 Region F Couple of the Year, John and Gail Reynolds (will compete Wing Ding 32)

Till next month...keep smilin' and havin' fun!!!
Keith & Teresa Morrison



RIDE COORDINATOR

Mike Van Horn

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES

May:

2nd: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. After our Chapter meeting, ride with us to Bandelier National Park. We should be leaving from the parking lot at about 10 AM. There is a planned stop in Jemez Springs for lunch, (11:30 to 12:30), and then on to Bandelier Park! This National Park and ruins are the previous home to the Anasazi Indians. While in the park, we will hike a very scenic trail that leads to the cliff dwellings, and then climb a latter to a ceremonial cave!

Be sure to bring your cameras, your National Park Stamp Books, and your National Park Passes. The entrance fee is \$6.00 per person if you do not have a pass. If you can team up with someone in the group that has a Park Pass, each pass will let in 2 motorcycles for free. If you will not be able to ride with us as a group, but would still like to meet us at Bandelier Park, we should arrive at the park entrance at about 1 PM. After our visit to the park, we will seek out the Dairy Queen in Pojoaque before returning to home. (195 miles round trip) <http://www.nps.gov/band/>

13th - 17th: Texas District Rally, in Amarillo, Texas. A group of Chapter F members are planning to attend this rally, and you are welcome to come along.

Ride Details:

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

Thursday – Saturday. Rally Events!

Sunday – Ride back to ABQ

If you would like to join this ride, please let Joe O. know.... (588 miles round trip) Please email: joeopus@earthlink.net or call: (505) 892-4223 <http://www.gwrra-tx.org/09Rally/rally.php>

16th & 17th: Ride with us to the Riverbend Hot Springs in Truth or Consequences, NM. The group will meet at 10:45 AM at the Golden Corral parking lot (located at I-40 & Coors). Kick stands up at 11 AM. Please be "gassed-up" prior to the departure time. There is a planned stop in Socorro for lunch at the El Camino Restaurant from 12:15 to 1:15. After lunch, we will ride on into Truth or Consequences, and check into the motel rooms. If you would like to meet us there... we should be arriving in Truth or Consequences at about 2:30 PM. Please make your reservations ASAP, as they do fill up fast! (318 miles round trip). For reservations call: (505) 894-7625 Check-in is at 2 PM.

Here is a link that shows the lodging and hot tubs: <http://www.nmhotsprings.com/info.html>

June:

6th: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to Cuba and see some of Our Nations tallest Douglas Fur Trees. Bring a sack lunch, or you can purchase a sandwich at "Subway" in Cuba before heading out to the picnic grounds. 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 out door movie theaters still playing movies in the United States. They pipe in the sound to your motel room, and you can sit out on your balcony and enjoy the show. For reservations call: (719) 852-5921 Check in time 2 PM (446 miles round trip) <http://www.bestwesterncolorado.com/hotels/best-western-movie-manor-motor-inn/>



May 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					1  <i>Happy May Day</i>	2  F Meeting/Bandelier National Park Accessory Pit Bike, Trike & Light Night	
3 Coffee at Dawn Accessory Pit Bike, Trike & Light Night	4	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6	7 R&S Bike Night	8	9 Accessory Pit Bike, Trike & Light Night	
10  Coffee at Dawn	11	12	13	14 R&S Bike Night	15	16  Armed Forces Day Riverbend Hot Springs	
17 Riverbend Hot Springs  W Meeting Coffee at Dawn	18 	19	20	21 R&S Bike Night	22	23	
24 Coffee at Dawn Ride for Kids Pizza Party	31 Ride for Kids	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28 R&S Bike Night	29	30

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APRIL'S MEETING

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



Dave and Neal



Linda and Deane



Everett



John and George



Glenn



Jack



JD from R&S



Jerry



Larry & Linda



Paul from R&S



Rick



Wayne and Don

WEST WING 1

Submitted by Jimm White

WOW what a show!!! Pam and I rode through 50+ mph cross winds Wednesday afternoon getting into Gallup, and snow, sub-freezing temperatures and rain to get to Henderson on Thursday, but the next 3 days at West Wing 1 made it all more than worthwhile. This was, hands down, the best rally we have been to in a very long time. Pam and I worked as staff, since she is Region F treasurer and we had a better perspective of the overall function. The quality of folks that were responsible for putting this on, the quality of people who worked to make it a success, and the quality of members, and non-members alike, who attended the rally was clearly on display for all the world to see. To be sure, there were some glitches, but when you consider that this was put on in a little more than 3 months, it was a blazing success.



Outside our hotel Thursday morning

It is my considered opinion that in a lot of ways, West Wing 1 got it right. Everything was all at one location, Sunset Station Hotel and Casino in Henderson, (and might I say they treated GWRRA members like royalty). There were a good number of vendors, (our own Accessory Pit being one of the top vendors there, thanks Rick and Lynda) and there was a lot to do, from poker tournaments to bowling tournaments, all the kind of things you would do with family. There were seminars put on by Ken and Rita Moffit, the International Couple of the Year for 2009, Ace Peterson, Ray and Sandy Garris for Rider Education and CPR renewals, escorted tours to

Valley of Fires and Hoover Dam. Word is from those who took the tours that they were great rides. And of course there was the talent show.

The talent show has to be the signature event for this rally. It was done with a little different approach this year in that the talent was local and had gone through auditions three weeks before the show. What that provided was entertainment that was simply far and above anything anybody expected. Where else have you ever seen over 500 wingers give a standing ovation to Opera singers? Well, it happened at West Wing 1.

Yes, I said "over 500 wingers". The Rally Master, Jeffery Goldin from Az-S, was hoping for "*maybe*" 350 registrations for the entire rally. When we started registration Saturday morning, we already had over 520, and still had that day to go. The final numbers aren't available as I write this, but it looks like there were over 600 registrations for the rally. In this economy that simply speaks volumes! West Wing clearly has all the markings of becoming the premier event for GWRRA in the western states.

For us in New Mexico Chapter F this was our time to shine. I heard from several people at region level, and even two from California chapters, that they have been hearing good things about us. They know who we are! We came away with "Region F 2009 Best Newsletter - Color", Keith and Teresa Morrison placed 2nd for 1800 Custom in the bike show, won the grand prize at the rally, and they were introduced as NM-F's Couple of the Year to nearly everybody there, including Rita and Ken Moffit, The International Couple of The Year, (I made sure of that!!!). Phil Kelly placed 3rd for trikes in the bike show. To all you who attended, I say thank you. We in Chapter F made a good showing at West Wing 1.

You all really need to start thinking about West Wing 2. If I know Jeffery Goldin, it will be even better than West Wing 1.

And now here's Keith:

WEST WING 1

Submitted by Keith Morrison

What can I say, we had a blast!!! A blast of snow that is!!! A group of 12 folks and 7 bikes departed the Golden Corral at 7:00 AM and headed for breakfast at the WOW Diner in Grants. The group was led by Mike VH and included Joe & Nancy, Bill & Carmen, Rod & Julie, Donna & Larry, Phil, and Teresa and I as tail gunners. When we got to the diner, Jerry was already there, we all ate breakfast and then it was off to Henderson Nevada and West Wing 1.

Mike had come along to escort us out of town and headed back to Albuquerque. Teresa & I took up lead and Bill & Carmen volunteered to be our tail gunners. We got as far as Williams, AZ before we drove into a whiteout. I slowed the group down and we all decided to keep moving. It was only about 20 miles of snow, but it seemed like 2 hours to get through it...haha.



McD's for hot coffee and hot coco

We hit one more bit of snow later, but we drove through it quickly. We didn't have any more troubles until we hit Hover Dam. What a slow and agonizing stretch that was. Start – Stop, Feet up – Feet Down. Boy were we all wishing we had sidecars or trikes by the time we got to the other side of the dam.

We arrived at the hotel at about 7:00 PM, so it was a long day. We all checked in, ate dinner, and hit the hay. The next day was Opening Ceremonies, but Jimm covered that in his article, so I'll skip all that. The day

was also filled with “visiting” all the venders...:)))

We helped most of them recoup their travel expenses. The biggest one was at the Pit, but you all don't need to track Teresa down to tell her. That's her writing the check below...haha!!!



LOOK – Teresa's buying me more safety chrome!!

Then it was off to home. We went the long way, or as Teresa says, the wrong way. Teresa and I led the group of Joe & Nancy, Rod & Julie, Ted & Kathy, and Bill & Carmen. The Holders did such a great job on the way there as tail gunners, I asked them to do the same on the way home. We traveled to Needles CA for a photo op, oh, and to color in CA on our vests patches...haha.



Ted & Kathy, Rod & Julie, Carmen & Bill, Nancy & Joe, and Teresa & Keith

After leaving 100 degrees in CA, it was off to Flagstaff for the night and then back home. Great weather the whole way. We had such a great time, we can't wait for the next trip...Keith & Teresa

CAMP OUT AT THE VALLEY OF FIRES

Submitted by Mike Van Horn

The morning was a little cool after the snow we had the day before, but was starting to warm up very nicely by our departure time of 9 AM. Jorge & Fran Marrero, Dave Drake, and I headed out to the Valley of Fires. After a short pit stop at the rest area just before Socorro, we rode on into the Valley of Fires! Sounds pretty scary huh! Jorge led the group, and I was the tail gunner. We arrived at about 1130 AM, and since I was the only camper in the group, I selected a nice spot, and set up my pop-up camper on the ridge overlooking Carrizozo. We then rode 5 miles into Carrizozo, and the rest of the group checked into their rooms at the Rainbow Inn.

Before leaving, we took the scenic route around town, to see all of the donkeys that were in front of all the businesses there. They are all made out of ceramic, and were all painted in different styles and colors. One was even painted like an alien with big dark eyes, like something out of Roswell crash! (It's all true!!!). We then decided to go into Capitan for lunch, which was only about 22 miles away. We ate lunch at The Smokey the Bear Cafe ... it was really nice! After that we rode back to Carrizozo, and it started getting a little windy.

When I got back to my camp, Jack Saddler was standing there at my camp site!...waiting on us to return. Jack had a tent, and so we decided to go to the lower "tent area" and share a campsite. We found a large camp site that was big enough to put several tents on, and it only cost \$7.00 for the both of us to stay there. It was still a little windy, but not nearly as windy as it was out on the ridge. I unloaded the fire wood near the fire ring in preparation for the evening. Jack's tent, and my pop-up were looking good!

For dinner, I BBQ'ed a couple of steaks, BBQ beans, and we ended up making steak burgers since I had hamburger buns to go with it! Yum! Just as we finished up with the dishes, the group for the motel rode into camp. The wind was still blowing pretty good and the astronomy club didn't show... So, we decided to go for a little hike up to the hill that is in the middle of the park. There is a lookout there that displays pictures of the surrounding hills and a "telescope," (sort of ... you got to put a quarter in it to make it work), and we all enjoyed a very nice sunset.

While we were there looking out ... we saw a dark blue Gold Wing ride in....and then about 15 or so Harley bikers! The Gold Winger was heading out of the park, and the Harley riders coming in. ... the two groups were getting closer, and closer ... when all of a sudden, all of the Harley riders went to the side of the road and let the Gold Winger pass!!!! A few minutes later the mysterious "Winger" came back! They went down to our camp, and realized we were not there, and rode back out and then stopped at the base of the hill we were on! Who were these mystery "Wingers" that could make those Harley riders bow before them....and what did they want from us! We watched silently as they hiked up to meet us! Surprise! It was Tom & Louise Broadbent from Jemez! They had come out to meet us at the camp ground as well! They were not mean or bad at all.... They told us that the snow the day before had detained them from getting out earlier, but they decided to make the trip anyway. We laughed about it, told stories for a while ... and then headed down to the camp site. The wind had died down by then ... so, I lit the fire! It burned bright... and we all welcomed it's warmth. Then the marshmallows and brownies came out ... and we all had a wonderful time together. The next morning, Jack and I went into town to have breakfast in town, by the time we were finished, the others came over from the motel. We headed back to get everything packed up, and by the time we were almost ready to go, the motel group rolled in. We had lunch in Socorro before returning home ... all in all it was a very pleasant trip. Camping is a great way to meet your fellow riders, and save money. We all had a great time out there; it would be great to see more of you on our next outing.

Until next time... Ride Safe!

Mike Van Horn
Ride Coordinator
Chapter "F"

LOOKING FOR ... A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

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

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 is all about. The photos will be inserted into the chapter website as well as the district website (worldwide access). Knowledge of photo editing (e.g. Photoshop) is a plus. The individual must have an imagination to develop themes and accompanying newsletter presentations. The person(s) should be available to attend all / most events.

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

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 could be focused on just getting members together for a good time. Examples could be attending an Isotopes game, a play, bowling, dining experiences and so forth (i.e., the Social Butterfly event). Six events should be planned for during the year. This requires the individual to be aware of current events happening throughout the year.

WHY GWRRA?

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

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

CHAPTER F’S F-TROOP WEBSITE

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

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

Check it out!

[NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS](#)

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

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

The link to the New Mexico District website is <http://www.gwr-ra-nm.org/> **Check it out!**

[CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL – MARCH STATS](#)

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

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

Adams, Torchy	121	Opuszenski, Nancy	1,563
Boardbent, Tom	6	Salinas, Fred	1,150
Crawforth, Deane	3,114	Smith, Julian	650
Drake, Dave	1,096	Smith, Marisa	300
Edwards, Steve	2,200	Stewart, Dave	702
Kane, Al	1,753	Stewart, Lynn	354
Hammer, Julie	600	Strawderman, Len	384
Hammer, Rod	1,440	Van Horn, Mike	8,495
Monte Higgins	109	Wagner, Gene	559
Kane, Al	3,427	Wagner, Jeanie	544
Lindquist, Bill	857	Walter, Bud	3,642
Morrison, Keith	2,976	Walter, Cheryle	2,250
Morrison, Teresa	1,200	White, Jimm	4,725
Nicholson, Shelia	140	White, Pam	1,989
Nicholson, Wendell	350	Wieseler, Bob	776
Opuszenski, Joe	1,849		

Total Miles for January 09 – 14,648

February 09 – 18,137

March 09 – 14,783

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR = 47,568

“Ride the Wheels off These Wings”

NATIONAL LEVEL INFORMATION



If you are like us you tend to skim through the *Wing World* magazine and read articles that catch your eye. If you did that with the March issue you would have missed some new, significant membership enhancements. Melissa Eason's article *Ways in Which 2009 is Off to a Great Start* detailed what is new for '09. First off, the **Rescue Plus** towing program has had the mileage limit increased from 50 miles to 100 miles, at no increase in cost (\$25 per household). Speaking for someone that had to use this service last year on the road to Wing Ding we know its value. The program is wide-ranging and includes roadside assistance no matter what your vehicles (up to 1 ton), includes lock-out service, running out of gas (this is especially needed for those Harleys with small tanks) and more.

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

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

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

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

NM MEXICO DISTRICT INFORMATION



The latest district newsletter is too voluminous to insert in this newsletter. It may be accessed at the district website <http://www.gwrri-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.

FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTORS/RFK TASK FORCE

4th Annual Albuquerque *Ride for Kids*[®] is Sunday, May 31, 2009

Where: Journal Pavilion, 5601 University Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105

When: Registration is 8 to 9:45 AM. Ride leaves at 10 AM sharp, *Rain or Shine!*



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

Host Hotel: Sandia Courtyard Hotel and Conference Center, 10300 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, 87123.

Phone: 505-296-4852 or Toll-Free: 800-877-4852

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

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

Join us for Bike Days & Nights!

May 2, Saturday - ***Bike, Trike & Light Night*** at Fuddruckers on 1-25 South Frontage Road, S. of Jefferson, 4 – 9 PM
Dinner, Bike Show and Prizes, \$5 to enter bike show. Hosted by the ***Accessory Pit***.

May 3, Sunday - ***Bike Day*** at the Greenside Café, 12165 N. Hwy 14 (in the Triangle Center), Cedar Crest, 3 - 6 PM.
Bike Show, Live Band, Prizes, Raffles, Great Food & Drink. \$5 to enter bike show.

May 9, Saturday - ***Bike, Trike & Light Night*** at the Pizza Barn, 11 Plaza Loop, Edgewood, 4 – 8 PM
Dinner, Bike Show and Prizes, \$5 to enter bike show. Hosted by the ***Accessory Pit***.

PIG ROAST

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

REGION F INFORMATION

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



Region F's rally, "The West Wing" was a blast and planning is already under way for West Wing 2 in 2010.

Wiley is Lost



Has anybody seen me????

Technical Section

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

Joe O

Honda Service Bulletins for the GL1800

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

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

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



GWRRR Membership Application

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