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CHAPTER F's

"The Bugler"-Oct '09



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



REGION F

GWRRR

NM DISTRICT

F-TROOP

From YOUR Chapter F Staff

Hey...who is that in the top right-hand corner with the pretty orange 2002 Wing? Answer on page 13.

BREAKFAST IS STILL ON US

We have had overwhelming positive feedback from this program! Please remember to show your receipt to participate. Here is the program overview again. One lucky current GWRRR member will have their 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.

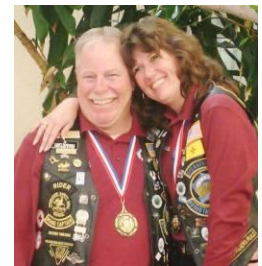


**NEXT MTG: Oct 3rd, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30)
Golden Corral, Coors & I-40
2701 Coors Blvd NW, Abq 87120**

**HOT NEWS: COY Selection, Ride Chase Vehicle,
NM District Rally, Social Butterfly Event, Wile E.**

**CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL
308,792**

**Congratulations
to the 2010 NM
District Couple
of the Year**



**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



Ya know, we've had good months, and then we've had great months. This has been one of those great months.

As most of you experienced, our annual Burger Burn this month was, by all accounts, a big success. The numbers of you who had fun there was very near that of the last chapter meeting. That meeting had one of the highest attendances in recent Chapter F history. You can be sure we'll do that again. We've already reserved that site at Jemez Falls for the second weekend of September of 2010.

Our ride after the last meeting was also one of the best attended in a long time and everyone who rode and ate with us had a great time as well.

And just when we thought it couldn't get any better, along comes New Mexico District Rally in Grants.

Ted and his staff put on a really good rally. There were vendors, a pin striper, good food, Rider Education classes for those who needed to upgrade their levels and those who are now facilitators who will go back to their chapters and put on classes and seminars. Keith, Teresa, Russ and I are now facilitators. The huge emphasis on Rider Education in the last year in the New Mexico District was evident at this rally. Good job Ted and staff!

We were introduced to the new Region F Director and her husband, Anita and JR Alkire, the now former District Directors for California. Look for some big changes in the Region soon. Anita spoke at the opening ceremonies but her comments can be simply summed up as FUN. Her ideas for the Region mirror ours for this chapter almost exactly, getting back to the basics and having fun with our GWRRA family. Pam and I were very impressed with her, JR, and all the rest of the Region staff that was at this rally. As you know, Pam is also Region F staff, as the Treasurer and Anita asked Pam to stay on and Pam agreed.

As good as all that was, I saved the best for last. I am happy to announce that we need to find a new Chapter F Couple of the Year for 2010. Technically speaking, we need to do that anyway as Keith and Teresa are COY for 2009, but the rules actually say that they could stay on as Chapter F COY for another year – except for one little thing. Our Chapter F COY for 2009, Keith and Teresa Morrison, were selected at this District Rally as the District Couple of the Year. To be honest,

Pam and I never had any doubts. Not a lot of space here but let me say that everyone in Chapter F has good reason to be very proud of Keith and Teresa; they have, and will continue, to represent us very well.

Congratulations Keith and Teresa --- now on to Costa Mesa, CA.....

Good job everyone!

And the beat goes on.....Jimm



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Recently, on some of our rides, I have had occasions to ask folks to cut the chatter on the CB radio. The lead and tail gunner were trying to talk to each other and folks were talking at the same time and this was causing an unsafe environment. On the most recent occasion, the lead was trying to notify the group about debris in the middle of the road; no one in the group heard the alert, because a lot of people were trying to talk on the CB at the same time and the leader's warning was nothing but static. Knowing someone could have been hurt by hitting the debris was frustrating to me.

Well, me being me, I came over the CB and asked everyone to hush. I regretted my tone the moment the words came out of my mouth. When the ride was over, a friend came over and we talked about what happened. He told me he could hear the frustration in my voice and nicely reminded we are here for fun. He was also sure somebody, somewhere in the group, was saying to themselves, "I didn't join GWRRA to have Keith tell me to shut up". I, like most folks, like the occasional chatter on the CB; listening keeps me alert and you learn new things. We just need to remember that when we are in heavy traffic, that we need to let the lead and tail gunner do their job of keeping us safe.

After the talk I was immediately reminded of what I thought was a funny Wing World article I had read some time back. Of course I could not remember when I read it, so off to the house to look through every magazine I had; it took me until all the way back to the August 2008 edition to find the story.

The article was submitted by Jim Tadlock from Kansas. He was talking about a "Big Dog Group Ride" that he and some friends were taking. If you still have the August 2008 Wing World I hope you read the article and see if it makes you chuckle as much it did me. Here is the part of the article I was reminded of.

Jim's Philosophy (For what it's worth)

Now here are my thoughts on group riding:

1. Group Etiquette:
 - a. The group is here to have a good time. Be considerate of others and go along with what is

happening. If you don't like how things are done, then feel free to complain AFTER you have organized a ride.

- b. Be on time. Don't punish those who are on time and reward those who are late.
- c. It's okay to be late on occasion, but call to let others know so they make plans for you. If you don't have the courtesy to call, then plan on being left behind.

2. Arrive at the agreed upon place with:

- a. A full tank of gas.
- b. A full tummy.
- c. An empty bladder.

3. Group rides are democracies, go with what the majority wishes. (If you disagree, then see Rule 1.a above)

These all sound like reasonable requests for our rides, except #3 of course. We do not "Wing" our rides (sorry...couldn't help it). Our Ride Coordinators, Russ & Val, go to great lengths to make sure our rides are well planned out and widely publicized; they even do a dry run of the trips to make sure there aren't any problems on the routes for us. Our Chapter covers a lot of miles so we can't deviate much, or we risk missing our meet time with other members.

Now I know everyone isn't going to like Jim's philosophy, or think it was funny, but I hope everyone sees that we are here to have fun, things don't always go as planned, and if they don't, please don't shoot our volunteers. I have thanked the Chapter member numerous times that helped me with seeing my short comings. It was nice to know that they felt comfortable enough to approach me about the subject. I hope you all feel the same way.

If you ain't havin' fun, you're doing something wrong, and you're not hanging out with Chapter F!!!Till next month...keep smilin' and havin' fun!!!



Keith & Teresa



RIDER EDUCATORS

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

PASSENGERS ARE NOT HELPLESS

Should something happen to the rider the general immersion amongst motorcyclists is that a passenger would be totally helpless when it comes to controlling the motorcycle should something happen to the rider. NONSENSE!

When we owned MTS, we had this incident happen twice in 19 years. One happened in Florida and one in PA. A deer attempted to jump over their motorcycle from the side and hit the rider, knocking him completely off the bike. Both men's wives were able to manage to take control of the bike and get it slowed down and to a stop and the bike simply fell over, one in grass and one on the side of the road. We also had three incidents where the riders suffered from heart attacks. Two were riding trikes and one on two wheels. The deer incidents, both bikes were two wheels. The one thing these five passengers had in common was they had some training on what to do if something like this did happen.

Well, you argue, since there was no rider in front of the deer incidents, she was able to reach the controls. True, but even if the rider was still there, they were able to reach the controls. Two controls that the passenger usually cannot reach are the gear shift lever and the rear brake, but the three that he/she CAN reach are the clutch lever, the throttle, the front brake and the engine cutoff switch. Thus the passenger can steer the bike as well as control its speed. Even with a rider backrest, a

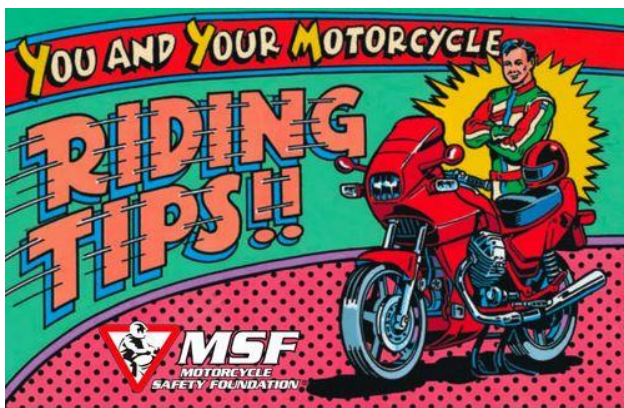
passenger can stand on the pegs and lean over the rider to gain control of the bike. Jeanie and I have practiced this maneuver several times.

It does not take a rider (or anyone at all on the bike) to balance a motorcycle moving at any reasonable speed. Because of trail there is an automatic attempt by all motorcycles to get vertical and steer in a straight line. In other words, though there will likely be some wild gyrations of the bike as it finds its way to a stable posture, there is time available to the passenger it get control of the bike/trike. First order of business is to slow it down, second order of business is to steer it to as safe a place as possible before it falls over, because fall over it will. Before it falls over that engine cutoff switch should be turned off.

After you get both hands on the handlebars and the bike/trike is going straight, pull the clutch lever in. Let the bike/trike start slowing down by its self and you can very gently apply the front brake to bring the bike/trike to a stop. You can also turn off the kill switch but remember to keep the clutch lever pulled in at all times.

The November meeting, I will be showing a film about what and how co-riders can do and then we will have a demo in the parking lot as to what you can do. See you at the November meeting.

RIDE SAFE AND ALERT AT ALL TIMES



http://www.msf-usa.org/index_new.cfm?spl=2&action=display&page=library

THE SEE SYSTEM

Here is a good reminder for riding safely in traffic.

- S** • SEARCH AROUND YOU FOR POTENTIAL HAZARDS.
- E** • EVALUATE ANY POSSIBLE HAZARDS, SUCH AS TURNING CARS, RAILROAD TRACKS, ETC.
- E** • EXECUTE THE PROPER ACTION TO AVOID THE HAZARD.

This SEESM strategy is a mental system for safe motorcycling. Use it effectively and you'll cover many safer, happy miles on your motorcycle.

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.

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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

October Birthdays



Monte Higgins	Oct 6th	Art Carnes	Oct 8 th
Keith Morrison	Oct 8 th	Teresa Morrison	Oct 19 th
Dave Ross	Oct 20 th	Jim Larrabee	Oct 22 th
Dee Hubbell	Oct 29 th	Dave Stewart	Oct 29 th
Neal Baker	Oct 31 st	Carmen Holder	Oct 31 st

October Anniversaries



John & Judy Perez	Oct 10 th
Art & Ada Carnes	Oct 11 th
Steve & Marcia Brown	Oct 25 th

GWRRA Member October Anniversaries

Phillip Heath	Oct 1, 1988	21 years	Deane Crawforth	Oct 1, 1989	20 years
Trina McMahan	Oct 1, 1992	17 years	Rick Seidel	Oct 24, 2002	7 years
Mike Suttle	Oct 27, 2003	6 years	Paula Sears	Oct 27, 2003	6 years
Robert Hudson	Oct 8, 2007	2 years	Bill Sturgill	Oct 24, 2007	2 years
Frederick Hammett	Oct 13, 2008	1 year	Patti Tyler	Oct 13, 2008	1 year
Dave & Sandi Jones	Oct 29, 2008	1 year			

NEW October Chapter F Members

Unknown

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.

FIRST TIME ATTENDEES



Although not GWRRA members Loren and Pat Condit attended this month's Burger Burn as guest of mine (JoeO). I met both a couple of years ago at a Rio Rancho VFW

monthly breakfast and have maintained contact with them since. The Condit's recently purchased the Howell's green trike and are slowly working their way

into the local motorcycle scene. Loren has been riding for almost 50 years and Pat for the last three. They have been married for 28 years and lived in Denver prior to our area. Both expressed their gratitude for having a great time at the burger burn and meeting so many wonderful, warm, and friendly people. They also like to thank Kathy for making them feel so at home at the Accessory Pit. Both are retired and living the good life.



MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

AWHFY & BFF*

Those of you who have never attended a chapter meeting or event may have a host of excuses for not doing so. You may be wondering: what is expected of me, will I fit in, but I don't know anybody, I really don't know what GWRRA and the chapter is all about. Well, it's about INTERACTION (def.- a kind of action that occurs as two or more objects have an effect upon one another), in other words, the making of new friends, keeping up with the happenings of these new (and old) friends, and most of all, having fun with these friends. Look at these photos from this month's Burger Burn and all the "interacting" that is going on, friends with friends.





* OK folks, those of you familiar with text messaging know that "AWHFY" stands for "Are We Having Fun Yet?" (a favorite expression of Keith's). "BFF", as you know from the TV commercial stands for "Best Friends Forever" what Chapter F is all about. (There will be a test on this at a later date – JoeO)



THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney

Show your pride...:))) The shirts can only be purchased through the Goodie Store, so either contact John or me (Linda) at one of our meetings, or you can send us an 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.

NEWEST ITEM!!!

Half Cover \$97.00 (includes taxes)

Only available through your Goodie Store

Will be displayed at the meeting



One side has the GWRRA logo laser etched on it.

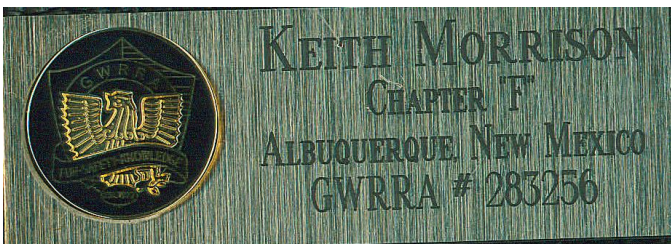


The other side can have up to 3 lines of text, the Chapter patch, or the F-Troop logo laser etched on it.

Polo shirts \$25

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

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



Name tags \$10

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



COUPLE OF THE YEAR *Keith & Teresa Morrison*

Well, we really don't know what to say...except...THANKS!!! Thanks for the honor of bestowing Chapter F Couple of the Year on us.

We just were awarded New Mexico District Couple of the Year at the District Rally in Grants. We still can't believe it. We were at the Ice Cream Social and Ted called up John & Gail Reynolds, Jimm & Pam White. Well, Teresa and I thought he was calling up the District staff, so we weren't thinking anything when he called us up next.

When we got on stage Ted didn't call up the rest of the staff, he started to talk about the Couple of the Year and before Teresa and I knew it, John & Gail were putting medallions around our necks!!!

We did not reach this level alone, each one of you that support us is the reason we are where we are at. Without your support none of this would be possible. Thanks Chapter F...ya'll are awesome!!!

We truly hope you can make it to Costa Mesa, California for West Wing 2 where we will complete for Region F Couple of the Year.

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

Here's to good friends, good times, & Gold Wings!!!



Keith & Teresa



COYs - Outgoing (John & Gail Reynolds) and Incoming (Teresa & Keith Morrison)



RIDE COORDINATOR

Russ & Val Shupe

RIDE CHASE CAR

F-Troop is adding a “Chase Car” to all our after-chapter meeting rides. This comes up as we have learned that, at any given time, we have riders and co-riders who would like to participate in rides and events but haven’t been able to due to injury, their bike is in the shop, physical limitations, or just don’t feel up to the ride that day, etc. This way the few members who would like to participate, but haven’t been able to, can!

This also adds a measure of safety to the ride; the ride tail gunner doesn’t have to worry quite so much about that high performance car with the low

performance driver bouncing them into the ditch! This will be a round-robin affair with volunteers signing up for a given ride to drive their own car (and taking a couple of passengers as needed) as a chase car. The chapter would loan the chase car a portable CB “Walkie-Talkie” so the chase car can monitor the group on channel 1 (or whatever the designated channel happens to be).

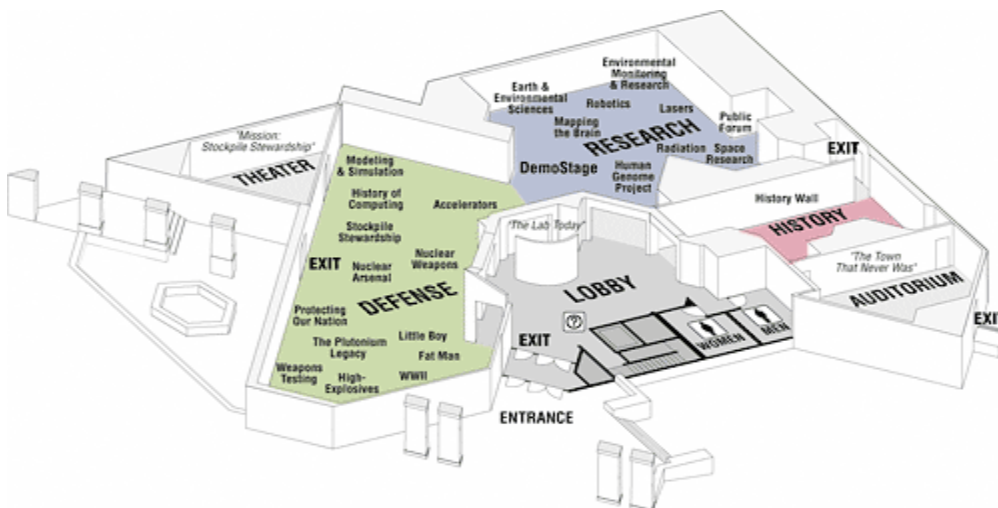
Please contact Russell or Valerie (ride.coordinator@newmexicochapterf.org) if you’d like to volunteer to drive ‘Chase’ for one of our upcoming rides.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES

October:

3rd: Chapter “F” meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to Los Alamos via Jemez Springs. See the leaves turning their colors during this great!

We will visit the Bradbury Museum. The Bradbury Science Museum displays exhibits about the history of Los Alamos National Laboratory and its research. Many of the exhibits are interactive and feature videos, computers, and science demonstrations. Admission is free! Approximate one-way ride distance (Abq to Los Alamos is 100 miles)



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(Cont. from previous page) After we visit the museum it will be on to lunch at the Hill Diner in Los Alamos (<http://www.thehildiner.com/>) We will leave our bikes at the museum and walk to the Hill Diner, about one block distant. The Hill Diner is setting aside a room for us; their specialty desert is BANANA CREAM PIE! Naps after lunch, and before the ride home, are *strongly* encouraged! Riders will be welcome to ride back to ABQ the way we came or on into Santa Fe and down Hwy 599 / I-25 with the rest of us Banana-Cream-Pie-Lard-Butts on GL Wing Cruise Control! **CHASE CAR FOR THIS RIDE - VALERIE SHUPE, CAN TAKE 3 PASSENGERS.**

16th 17th & 18th: Friday: Ride with us to see “F” Troop’s very own Fort Courage. Stay at Canyon De “Chelly”, (Pronounced “da-shay”). Approximate one-way ride distance is 227 miles



The campground is free! There is water on the grounds and flushing toilets, no showers. The Host Hotel is the Thunderbird Inn. Information on room rates Info. On room rates and reservations can be found at: <http://www.tbirdlodge.com/accommodations.htm>.

Saturday: Option A: Take the ½-day tour into the Canyon on the on the back of an old half-track from WWII, which has been converted to a touring vehicle which is very capable to navigate the canyon waterways. Very Cool! Option B: Ride the Monument Valley loop ride, very scenic too, from the comfort of your own bike.



November:

November 7th: Chapter “F” meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to Madrid and lunch at the Mine Shaft Tavern (<http://www.themineshafttavern.com/>) Approximate one-way ride distance is 50 miles. **CHASE CAR OPEN at this time.**



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November 21st: (Saturday) Ride with us to Laguna for a Green-Chili-Cheese-Burger at the Superette! This will be great training for that Thanksgiving dinner next week! Rally & departure point information to follow. Approximate ride distance is 45 miles. **CHASE CAR OPEN at this time.**



F-TROOP ASSISTANT RIDE COORDINATORS

We would like to thank the current crew of F-Troop Assistant Ride Coordinators! Although they have not formally asked for the position all have assisted with pre-ride route checks, mapping, ride suggestions and in helping make arrangements for F-Troop when we arrive at our destinations. Your help is very much appreciated!!!

Our current crew is: Wyly & Lila Cameron – North, Don & Suzie Chapman – North, Keith Austin – South & West. Everett Jeffcoat - South & East, Eric Shockley - South & North

Thank you all for your assistance, suggestions and help! Remember – there are no limit to the number of Assistant Ride Coordinators in F Troop, if we can get 75 Assistants – we'll take them!

Russ's Words of Wisdom - When I die I want to go in my sleep like my father, not screaming like my co-rider.

ON THE COVER PAGE



This month's cover page bike and rider are none other than **Keith Austin and his orange 2002 Wing**. Keith is one of our members from Grants. He started riding bikes when he was 12 and his first bike was a Yamaha 50, then a Honda 100. In 1974, he bought a Honda 175 and rode it to Capitan with his dad for the Fourth of July. After that he sold his bikes and rode around on his dad's Honda 500. He even got a Yamaha 100 dirt bike and tried motorcross. Since then he has ridden on and off here and there. In April 2009 he bought his first Goldwing, an orange 2002 1800. Keith's sister, Jean, is a member of Chapter C and he has ridden with her and her husband on two rides with Chapter C, he then decided that he liked the rides and wanted to join GWRRA. In May 2009 he joined GWRRA, was assigned to Chapter F, and has played an active part in chapter activities.



October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	 3 F – Meeting Ride to Los Alamos
4 Coffee at Dawn	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Coffee at Dawn	 12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 F – Canyon De Chelly	17 F – Canyon De Chelly
18 F – Canyon De Chelly  W – Meeting Ride to VLA, Socorro Coffee at Dawn	19	20	21	22	23	24 F – Social Butterfly Event Dinner at Casa De Benavidez 7PM
25 W - First Aid Class, Location TBD Coffee at Dawn	26	27	28	29	30 W - Halloween Party, Potluck	31 F – Birthday Party at R&S



SOCIAL BUTTERFLY EVENTS

Bill & Jo Lindquist



Hi, we are Jo and Bill Lindquist and have volunteered to be the Social Activities coordinators.

Now you may ask "What the heck are social activities coordinators and what do they do?" This is a new staff position with the responsibilities of organizing activities that are not directly related with meetings, rides, or other "formal" events. The idea is to get together once a month and just have fun and talk with your old friends, make new friends, and in general just have a good time. Riding to the activity on a bike is not necessary as this time of year the weather conditions may not be to everyone's liking.

One may ask "What type of activities are these going to be?" One thing Goldwingers know how to do is eat, so most of the activities will be going to restaurants, some old standards, some new, some with different styles, and of course establishments suggested by the members.

Other activities may include Putt-Putt golf, bowling, go-carts, or activities suggested by the members. In the winter months the activities will be indoors and as the weather grows warmer, more outside activities will be suggested.

The activity will be the last Saturday of the month. This, of course, may change depending on other activities that are going on and special occasions. **OK, the first change is this month since the last Saturday is Halloween we will be having an activity on October 24th. The restaurant will be Casa De Benavidez 8032 N 4th at 7:00 PM. Please let us know by Thursday October 22nd if you plan to attend by emailing [Joe O.](#)** This will let us know how many to make reservations for.

We will have the monthly event in the newsletter and we hope to put together a more complete schedule which hopefully will be posted on the web site.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND RIDE

JoeO

Wow, we had a whopping 74 folks attend our September meeting; any larger and we will have to rent Popejoy Hall to have a chapter meeting! Alan Ringshall, from Chapter W, entertained us all with a hilarious account of his recent marriage to Rita. We were fortunate to have Mike Van Horn back for the 3-day weekend. Mike currently lives in California and is acclimating himself to the California lifestyle which he considers to be "weird". Mike will soon be off to Iraq and we wish him well. Tom Brewer was the lucky winner of the \$135 50-50. Worst of all, Chapter W was able to abscond with Wile E. Coyote, our mascot. Other meeting highlights will be covered in other sections of the newsletters.

The after-meeting ride was to Sandia Crest with lunch at RIBs in Cedar Crest. We had 20 bikes and 26 folks go on the ride. The sun was bright n shiny when we left the Golden Corral but turned threatening as we approached the crest road. We had light showers and even a little hail on the way up, the temperature had dropped to 52

degrees. When we reached the crest thunderstorms had moved into the general area and Keith Morrison even got a slight electrical shock when there was a nearby lightning strike. Neal Baker brought along his lovely granddaughter Chelsea.



Gene educating us

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Ride participants included: Don & Suzie Chapman, John & Linda Kinney, Keith & Teresa Morrison, Joe & Nancy Opuszanski, Neil Zach, Dave Drake, Larry & Donna Hardeman, Russ Shupe, Joe Rieman, Neal Baker &

granddaughter Chelsea, Keith Austin, Everett Jeffcoat, Judy Morris, Dennis Elliot, Jessie McEntyre, Will Jaramillo & Monica, Jimm & Pam White and Deane Crawford.



Faces in the crowd



20 Bikes & 26 riders / co-riders made the trek to Sandia Crest.



Alan relating his wedding experience



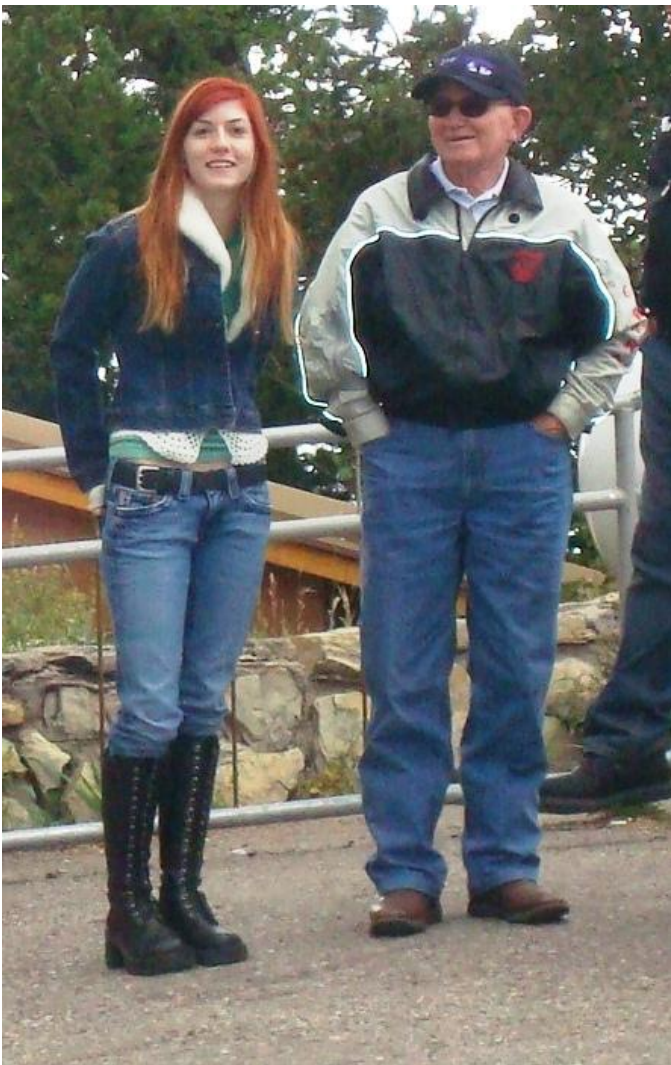
Larry



Ada



Max



Neal & granddaughter Chelsea at Sandia Crest



74 folks attended this meeting



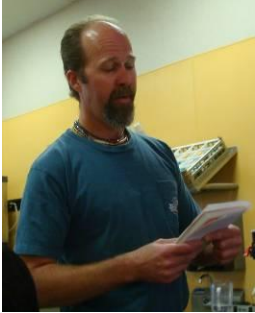
The weather turned nasty; here the ranger is having people come off the observation deck. This is just after Keith M had his hair stand on end from a nearby lightning strike



At the Crest

WHO RODE AND WHO DIDN'T IN AUGUST

Darkside Dave (aka Dave Bachman)



Greetings to all you “F-in” members. It is time to see who really spent some serious saddle time and who spent their time riding the couch. First a little refresher course for all you that don't pay attention to the happenings at the meeting. What I am talking about is the “**Furthest F-ert**” monthly

contest. How this works is you RIDE your bike to the meeting, yes that's right I said RIDE, once you arrive at the meeting you will be greeted by my warm, cheerful and gleaming smile. I will take your mileage and then use my abacus, while you are inside enjoying the meal and camaraderie, to calculate the enormous number of miles you put on your bike over the last month. Later during the meeting you will see a tall dark rather spectacular hunk of man-meat rise from the dark side and lavish praise on those who rode the most and shame those who couldn't find the wherewithal to pull their stupendously shiny road machines out of the garage. There are two categories in this contest, the men's and the women's. This doesn't cost anything and who doesn't like to be the center of attention if even for a few moments.

Now, let's get down to business. In the Men's Division the top three riders were:



First with **2591** miles was **Jerry Stillwagon** who received the Large Coyote Pin



Second with **1964** miles was **Gary Strawderman** who received a Green Chile Pin.



Third with **1926** miles was **Joe Pool** who received a Red Chile Pin.

In the Ladies Division the top three riders were:



First with **1273** miles was **Judy Morris** who received the Small Coyote Pin.



Second with **1261** miles was **Lisa Bachman** who received a Green Chile Pin.



Third with **457** miles was **Donna Hardman** who received a Red Chile Pin.

Now the moment we all wait for, the rider who rode the couch the best:

With a scorching **91** miles was **Jesse McEntyre** who received the story “Ralph Goes to School”; the story tells the tale of a mouse and his motorcycle, and yes, Ralph may actually have put on more miles than Jesse did last month.

Ride Far, Ride Often

Darkside Dave

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 is updated as new information flows into Keith. **If you scroll down you can see the date of the last update.** The site 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. Keith is always looking for ways to enhance the site so if you have any thoughts please let him know. Keith has provided many links to provide feedback. The site URL is <http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/>. This is the type of quality product YOUR staff is trying to give you. **Check it out!**

WILE E. COYOTE's ADVENTURES

JoeO

If you were at Chapter F's September meeting you would have seen Chapter W abscond with our very own F-Troop mascot, Wile E. Coyote. Well, Wile E. was able to get several emails through to me thru surreptitious means and apparently he is none the worse for wear, at least physically but looking at these photos we don't know where Wile E. is mentally. Hopefully he'll want to come home to us after all this adventure. We don't know who the W-person(s) is that put Wile E. through all this

but thank them for not abusing him. It appears that Wile E. went from Albuquerque to Denver, Virginia, North Carolina and possibly Florida. He got to see some real forest, dip his feet in the ocean, got frisked by the airport TSA, sampled some brews, visited the Abq Country Club, rode on a bus, a mule (ATV), got to go down the Primrose Path, address the Billy Graham Training Center and a whole lot more.

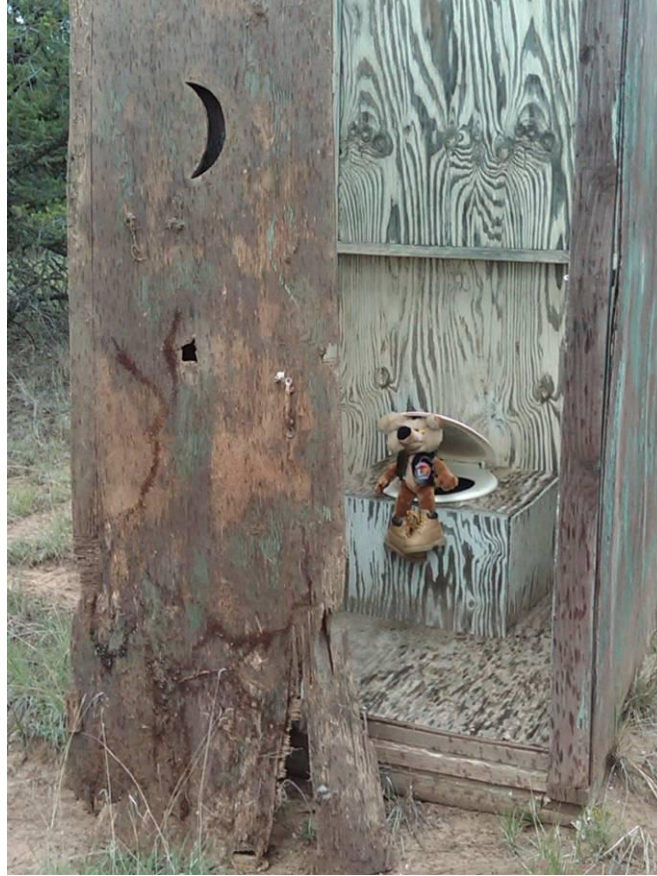
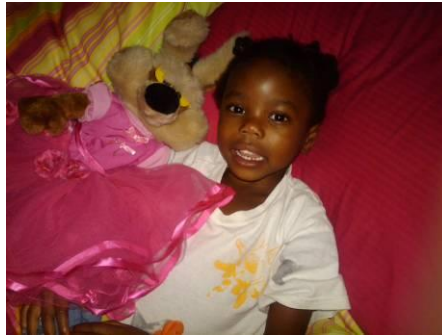


Wile E. making it with the lovely ladies (ahh, does life get any better than this?)



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WILE E. COYOTE's ADVENTURES (Cont.)



TSA frisking Wile E.



CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL – AUGUST STATS

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of **August**. 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	Morrison, Teresa	12,955
Austin, Keith	5,588	Nicholson, Shelia	5,859
Branch, Danny	1,008	Nicholson, Wendell	7,575
Broadbent, Tom	3,319	Opuszanski, Joe	8,134
Carnes, Ada	4,079	Opuszanski, Nancy	6,504
Carnes, Art	4,079	Salinas, Diana	1,386
Chapman, Don	3,901	Salinas, Fred	3,515
Crawforth, Deane	11,271	Shockey, Eric	4,503
Dannenberg, Jack	11,906	Shupe, Russ & Val	3,060
Drake, Dave	3,689	Smith, Julian	2,282
Edwards, Steve	9,657	Smith, Marisa	1,180
Edwards, Pam	7,420	Spicher, Debi	2,360
Hammer, Julie	7,398	Spicher, Jerry	2,240
Hammer, Rod	8,458	Stewart, Dave	2,657
Higgins, Monte	450	Stewart, Lynn	354
Holder, Bill	2,040	Strawderman, Gary	16,472
Holder, Carmen	2,040	Strawderman, Len	6,250
Holly, Penny	3,684	Van Horn, Mike	26,889
Holly, Wayne	3,684	Wagner, Gene	4,613
Jones, Dave	1,599	Wagner, Jeanie	1,170
Jones, Sandi	1,370	Walter, Bud	17,510
Kane, Al	5,766	Walter, Cheryle	11,823
Lindquist, Bill	2,953	White, Jimm	16,261
Morris, Judy	1,140	White, Pam	3,896
Morrison, Keith	15,704	Wieseler, Bob	7,870
		Valdez, Angelina	4,067
		Valdez, Robert	4,067
		Vigil, Beverly	606

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR - 308,792
We have reached 30.8% of our goal

Monthly Totals

Jan 09	14,648
Feb 09	18,137
Mar 09	14,783
Apr 09	39,467
May 09	40,533
Jun 09	61,016
Jul 09	68,332
Aug 09	51,466

CHAPTER F'S 2009 BURGER BURN

JoeO

Despite weather forecasts that promised widespread and frequent thunderstorms this year's "Burger Burn" went off without a hitch. An impressive 56 folks attended this event and all had the opportunity to savor the crispy burgers and hot dogs cooked by none other than Jimm, our chapter director. Jim / Pam Gene / Jeanie and Keith / Teresa were on site long before the first riders departed Rio Rancho and had an impressive array of food items ready for us when we arrived. Most of us braved the threat of rain and rode our bikes to the Jemez Falls campsite. The first group, led by Russ, our very capable Ride Coordinator, left RR exactly at 10 AM. The second group, led by Dave Gottheimer, arrived at the campsite at 11:30 AM and were met with hot hamburgers and hot dogs; no waiting for us. We had members from as far north as Los Alamos and as far south as Los Lunas. We were fortunate to have several first-time attendees to chapter activities, Loren and Pat Condit from Rio Rancho and Holly, a guest of Richard Mummey. A lot of staff planning not to mention actual work both before and after the event made this function a fun time. Pam White in particular put a lot of effort into making this an enjoyable event for our members and deserves a pat on the back (give her a hug at the next meeting). Oh, and the predicted thunderstorms, they never happened.

Attendees:

Dave Bachman
Lisa Bachman
Neal & Pauline Baker
Ted & Kathy Bates
Tom Brewer & Grace
Wyly & Lila Cameron
Art & Ada Carnes
Don & Suzie Chapman
Loren & Pat Condit
Calvin & Jo-Ann Edwards (& CoCo the dog)
Dennis Elliot
Dave Gottheimer & Monique Kourdae
George Greer & Cindy
Rod & Julie Hammer
Wayne & Penny Holly
Al Kane
Mike Michel
Judy Morris
Keith & Teresa Morrison

Richard Mummey & Holly
Joe & Nancy Opuszanski
Joe & Peggy Pool
Fred & Diana Salinas
Julian Smith
"Smitty"
Jerry Spicher
Dave & Lynn Stewart
Gary Strawderman
Len Strawderman
Gene & Jeanie Wagner
Bud & Cheryle Walter
Bob & Marilyn Wieseler
Jimm & Pam White
Neil Zack



What a GREAT setting!



Hmm-Hmm, crispy burgers

(Cont.)



We had a great crowd



Val, another friendly volunteer ☺



Hey, I'm having FUN!



Look who is riding bitch now



Help, I can't close my eyes!



Happy Feet



Live Long n Prosper Well almost



The Goodies



Clean-up



Cindy was the winner of the baked goods contest



"Wild Child" Monique



CoCo the dog

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

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

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

The link to the New Mexico District website is <http://www.gwrro-nm.org/>

Check it out!

[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/DistrictNew sLetter.html> . The last issue of the newsletter is from June 09 but no doubt, now that the district rally is over, Ted and Kathy will update it. If you have a question about district operations contact Ted or Kathy Bates (twbat@comcast.net).

REGION F and SPUNK



While at the NM District Rally we were fortunate enough to meet the new Region F directors, Anita and JR Alkire (below). Anita and JR have been long-time GWRRA members and remember the region from times past. Anita enlightened us as to her vision for the region. Her thoughts were that Region F used to be a fun region but has fallen on hard times in the last few years; they intend to put the "SPUNK" back into the region. They are members of chapter CA1F (San Diego, California, Chapter F) and their chapter's mascot is a coyote (but one certainly not as cool as our Wile E.). If you check out CA1F's website (<http://gwrca1f.org/index.html>) you will see a remarkable similarity between CA1F and us. We do many of the same things and have the same spirit. No doubt Anita and JR will feel at home with us.



Anita updated us on next year's West Wing 2, the Region F Rally. It will be held in Costa Mesa, CA and will be held over the 2010 Memorial Day weekend plus an Early Bird Thursday evening. There will be plenty of fun which includes a beach party at the pool. For those of you who want to swim the Pacific Ocean is only five miles away from the rally site. Of course, we all need to attend to cheer on Keith and Teresa Morrison in their quest for Region F Couple of the Year.

The link to the region newsletter at is <http://gwrca-regionf.org/> although it hasn't been updated yet.

THE NEW MEXICO DISTRICT RALLY

JoeO

September 25-26 was the New Mexico District Rally in Grants. Chapter F had a pretty decent turnout with me counting 33 members that I recognized. One of the things I like about these events is that I can always be

assured of meeting a member who I haven't see in quite awhile and this was no exception. At the opening ceremony I ran into Bradley Jensen who just happens to live in Grants. Bradley mentioned that he had a new bride, Jenny, and I did meet her but the two managed to elude me and my camera (pretty hard to do).



Opening Ceremony & Luncheon



Brad Jensen

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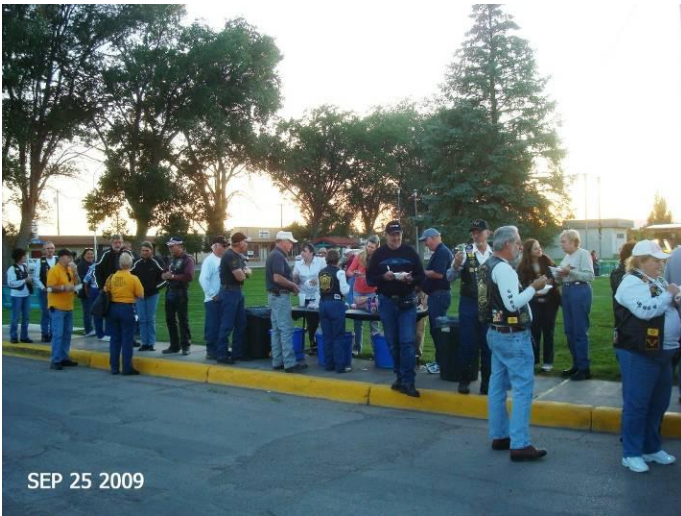
Everyone knows that the Badlands Restaurant won the “Best Chili Cheeseburger” in the State of New Mexico at the State Fair. This was a favorite eating place of us Wingers and one would always see a Goldwing in the parking lot as one drove by. This was no exception for Nancy and me. The ice cream social and light show was held on Friday evening and there was a nice crowd at that also.



Nancy O & the best chili cheeseburger in NM



Mike & Kathy (Chap W) in the bike line-up (ice cream social)



Ice Cream Line



Can you believe these photos? Such audacity, that's our Wile E. stuffed in that bag! Mike & Paula have no shame.





The lead vehicle in the light show parade



Another one of our lost Chapter F souls. This is Jim & Sally Nielson from Grants, both retired, living the good life, RV'ers.



Light show trike

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Here is another great F-Troop couple that we see occasionally but not often enough, Shelia & Wendell Nicholson from the far reaches of Gallup. Shelia is clutching the latest edition to the family, "Kitty" (yes "Kitty" is a dog).



Is that Teresa cleaning underneath the bike? Oh wait, that's Kerry (should have known better. ☺)



Fred



The WOW Diner in Grants, one of the rally supporters



Wendell & Shelia at the registration desk



Sidecar rigs – chick magnets!



Bike Show (HD?, Lisa's?)



Bike Parade



The hi-light of evening activities was the closing ceremony. This included the District Couple of the Year (COY) Presentation, cash prizes, grand prizes and events winners. OUR chapter did very well. Teresa and Keith Morrison are the new District Couple of the Year. They were afforded the opportunity to give their COY presentation to the crowd and it was a good one. Their next opportunity to shine will be at the Region F Rally in Costa Mesa, CA in 2010.

Our members did quite well overall. Brad Jensen and Jim Neilson won two of the three 50-50 Saturday evening draws. Bill Holder won the \$146 50-50 on Saturday. Calvin was proud to win a great foo-foo door prize. In the bike show competition Keith Morrison won 1st Place in the 1800 Custom category, Russ Shupe won 1st Place in the 1500 Custom category. Lisa Bachman won 2nd Place in the Open Category and, keeping it in the darkside family (HD), Dave Bachman won 1st Place

in the Open Category. Our Chapter W friends Brian Earle was voted at the best bike in the light show and Pinky (belonging to the French's) came in 1st in the trike competition.



There was more to the rally then what is detailed here, there were classes and rides that I didn't participate in but went off without a hitch.

This was a very good rally and Ted and Kathy along with all the NM district chapters that supported the event deserve a pat on the back. It was well organized and everything seemed to go off as scheduled.

Chapter F was responsible for setting up the rally rides and this was a coordinated effort as Russ will tell you next.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT RALLY - ACOMA SKY CITY RUN

Russell Shupe

Since this year's rally was in Grants, NM (and in Chapter F's back yard) Chapter F had the honor of conducting the Ride Coordinator led ride for the rally. The destination of the Acoma Sky City Pueblo was picked as it afforded a unique destination where rally attendees could ride to, take the tour, and then be back in time to participate in the afternoon rally events.



Frankly, I don't think I've ever seen a more perfect day for motorcycle touring! Clear blue sky, calm winds and a daytime temperature of 70 degrees! We departed the host hotel with 10 bikes and 18 people. Our group was a mixture of NM chapter members as well as out of state chapter guests. Only I and F member Keith Austin had taken the tour before so the rest of the group was in for a treat!

A great ride, beautiful scenery and a stop photos put us into the visitor's center right on time. As our group was large we were given a 50% discount on tour admission!



After our tour we drove out to the Dancing Eagle Casino for lunch. Unfortunately at that point riders from Chapter L in Lakewood, CO learned that two of their members went down in a collision on a self-directed ride near Ramah, NM.

Rather than return down Rte 66 the decision was made to dead-head back down I-40 to the host hotel so our friends from Colorado could attend to the needs of their fellow riders. Despite having to cut the ride a little short the overall comments were, "The Pueblo is beautiful, the scenery is gorgeous, and I learned so much!" High praise indeed!



THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe O

The following was sent in by **Bud Walter**. But first, **WORDS OF WISDOM** from Bud: When out riding and enjoying the great sport of motorcycling, **DO NOT** have your finger in your nose when you hit rail road tracks.





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