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#### From YOUR Chapter F Staff

Hey...who is that in the top right-hand corner with the pretty new yellow 2009 Wing? Answer on page 21.

#### **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. From now on one lucky current GWRRA 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: Sep 5th, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30) Golden Corral, Coors & I-40 2701 Coors Blvd NW, Abq 87120

**CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL** 

256,916

For the latest news see Chapter F's own Web Site http://www.newmexicochapterf.org

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### The Bugler



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## CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jimm & Pam White

Remember back in the early part of this year I was talking about Chapter of the Year? Well, we've been hard at work towards that goal, but let me go back to the start of this.

Back then, JoeO asked me a question: "what's your vision for this Chapter?" Well, that got me to thinking. I wanted everyone to have fun, I wanted a good means of communicating with everyone, I wanted new members in the Chapter and to keep all the ones we started with also. I wanted to ride more, and to socialize more also. I wanted more exposure for the chapter to the outside world, and did I mention, I wanted everyone to have fun.

I had just run across the Chapter of the Year program in the GWRRA website just a week earlier and I quickly realized that everything I wanted for the Chapter was covered in this program, so that became my vision. GWRRA Chapter Of The Year. There is a score sheet for this program and you can find it at: <u>http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect/pdf/CHOY\_Score\_Sheet\_2009.pdf</u>

As you see, it pretty much describes everything we need to do. If you're looking at the score sheet on the web you'll see that we get points for having a full staff, we do. We get points for having a newsletter, we have an award winning newsletter, and an award winning web site also. We get points for monthly gatherings and increase in membership. We have monthly meetings and this last one had over 70 of you in attendance, some of you were new faces, which seems to be happening on a more regular basis.

It requires that our Chapter finances be in order. Well, we have one of the best Chapter Treasurers in the history of GWRRA, Deane Crawforth, so we get those points also.

The Chapter Director and Assistant Chapter Director have to have classes in Life Skills, and leadership training. Well, this past weekend we just finished a two day Horizon course with three extra modules that more than meets the requirements, so we've got that done also.

The score sheet also looks for Chapter activities such as membership drives and Chapter rides. We did our first annual "Spring Clean" with R&S Honda a couple of months ago and will do another on October 31<sup>st</sup> to celebrate our Chapter birthday, and Russ is always thinking of some new place to ride to.

Rider Education is also a very important requirement. We have a Rider Education Coordinator who is doing a good job at getting you all in the safety levels, but the more of you who get in the program, the more points we get.

So, how are we doing? Pretty well, I think, but it's a long road ahead. If you have any suggestions, get with us, we always appreciate new ideas and fresh thinking.

Well, there you have it so far, let's keep up the momentum and FUN! See you at the meeting.

And the beat goes on.....Jimm and Pam

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## ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Keith & Teresa Morrison

We have been having a lot of folks asking us what the Medic Alert on our left faring pocket is all about. We have dedicated this article space and the Couple of the Year page to cover two very important life saving documents. The first is the Emergency Information Form that GWRRA created and you can see the original size by going to the bottom of our webpage located at <u>www.newmexicochapterf.org</u>. The link is simply a click on the "Print GWRRA Emergency Information Form" button. You can't type on the form; you'll have to print it. We will try and have some printed up for the meeting.

GWRRA has been briefing Law Enforcement agencies and First Responders to open our left hand fairing pocket and look for this form. That is why we put the Medic Alert on our pocket. It is just one more reminder for first responders to look inside. Below is the Medic Alert we have and if there is interest, I'm sure we can start carrying them in the Goodie Store.

There is great information on the form. We did not, and do not recommend, putting your complete social security number on the form. We only listed the last 4 digits. Teresa and I both have a form and we put it in a plastic baggy so it would last a while. Please think seriously about using the form. In the event you cannot talk, the form could save your life by letting medical personnel know what medications you are on and allergic to. It even lists a Chapter member to contact so we are able to check up on you.

#### 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

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## **RIDER EDUCATORS**

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

#### HELMETS & HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF ON THE ROAD

Before I get started on helmets, I want to discuss something else. The other day, a few of us riders were discussing incidents that happened to us while riding like (rain storms, hail and dust storms) which can happen in New Mexico and Arizona, especially dust storms. Normally you will have a little time to react before you get hit. Something you can use that we so often forget and that is your cover for the bike. You hopefully will have time to park the bike and get your cover out and cover up. Even a half cover will help. I have used my cover in one hell of hail storm I got caught in PA in 1990 and a dust storm outside of Shiprock in 1973. Since that time I forgot about it until we were talking about it. Remember your cover.

Now about Helmets.

Wearing a helmet is essential for the safety of your head and can make a difference in staying on earth or crossing over into the great beyond.

There are mainly 3 types of helmets, full-face, open-face and half helmet. There are lots of reasons to wear a fullface. It gives you more protection that the other 2 helmets don't offer. That is protection of the face. Believe me when I tell you that no two brands of helmets will fit quite the same, despite being marked the same sizes. (It is also important to note that no two heads are shaped the same despite being able to wear similarly sized helmets. That should tell you that expecting to wear a helmet gifted to you or that happened to come with a bike you buy is a long shot, at best. Oh, you may find it wearable for a few hundred miles, but if you take a serious trip on your bike and that helmet was not selected for proper fit, you can plan on not being comfortable for long or a desire to end that trip long before you had planned it. This happened to a couple of us on the way to Wing Ding. That night I got my trusty knife out and did some modifications. Great coming back.

There are three issues involved in proper fit: Snugness - Your helmet must not be able to twist or lift because of wind (or do an about face and the helmet does not move. Forehead - Your helmet must not leave a red mark/indentation on your forehead.

Ear holes - Your helmet must not be able to fold or even press constantly on your ears.

Proper snugness of a NEW helmet is found when the liner presses firmly (but not tight or uncomfortably) against your cheeks. There should be no gap between cheeks and liner on a new helmet. After a few weeks the liner will form fit (because of compression) to the point that you will not notice any tightness against your cheeks, though the liner will remain in gentle contact with both. Once the snugness issue is dealt with you can deal with the forehead fit. Invariably you will notice an area of redness on a part of your forehead after wearing a new full-face helmet or open face helmet for several minutes. You can cure that with the use of a large spoon. Use the back side of that spoon and compress the Styrofoam in the part of the helmet causing the marks. You will not be able to remove the helmet liner to do this. After you assure that the cheeks and forehead are fit properly you need to assure that your ears are not contacted in any way while wearing the helmet. Whether you have had earphones installed or not it is imperative that your ears are free from contact. To cure any problems you will have to pull away the liner and use a knife and cut away part of the Styrofoam around the ear wells within the helmet. A little too much is far preferable than not enough. (After an hour of wearing a helmet that binds your ears in any way you will be in simply awful pain - Honest! Trust me)

Now that your helmet is properly fitted consider buying and using a skull cap with it. Two reasons: You can wash the skull cap but you cannot wash the helmet liner. You can soak the skull cap in water before putting it on and it will keep you nice and cool on very hot weather. Ride safe and without head pain.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner Ride Educators

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**MEMBER MATTERS** 

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

#### September Birthdays



Rita Galdony Gerald Harrell Mary CdeBaca John Tenison Sep 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 9<sup>th</sup> Sep 15<sup>th</sup> Sep 29<sup>th</sup>

Dave Jones Suzie Chapman Steve Brown Sep 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 20<sup>th</sup>

September Anniversaries



Neal & Pauline Baker Avery & Carolyn Wood Ted & Kathy Bates Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **GWRRA Member September Anniversaries**

James Davis Allen & Bernice Meddles Michael Howe Dave Black Gustavo Garcia Robert Ortega Wayne & Penny Holly 
 Sep 1, 1995
 14 years

 Sep 1, 1992
 17 years

 Sep 7, 2004
 5 years

 Sep 14, 2004
 5 years

 Sep 13, 2008
 1 year

 Sep 21, 2008
 1 year

 Sep 23, 2008
 1 year

Bill & Jo LindquistSep 1, 199514 yearsWendell & Shelia Nicholson Sep 1, 199811 yearsJudy MorrisSep 8, 20072 yearsDanny BranchSep 14, 20045 yearsLori GiffordSep 16, 20081 yearKeith & Teresa MorrisonSep 23, 20072 yearsRobert & Angelina ValdezSep 23, 20081 year

#### NEW September 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.

#### CHEAP DINING – JERRY RECOMMENDS

For those of you who are always on the lookout for dining bargains here is a favorite of Jerry Spicher's. If you want a good ride and want to take advantage of a great meal on the cheap try the Cities of Gold Casino just north of Santa Fe.

Before 11 am - Sausage or bacon Breakfast Burrito (egg, cheese, potato, green or red) 99 cents. Limit 2 per customer. If you eat two, you won't need to eat until evening.

After 11 am - Strawberry shortcake or shrimp cocktail, 99 cents, also, a chili cheese dog for \$1.49.

If you know of a great dining bargain and would like to share it with us send JoeO an email and we will post it in this newsletter.

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## 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 <u>goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org</u> Please include the name you want on the shirt, your size, and what color you would like the bike on the patch to be. We thank Chapter F members Wayne and Penny Holly for supporting the chapter in this endeavor.



#### Polo shirts \$25

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

As always, you can see us at the meetings, or e-mail us at <u>goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org</u> 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

#### 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.

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

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## **COUPLE OF THE YEAR** Keith & Teresa Morrison

This is the second part of the emergency information forms we talked about in our other article on page 3. For this article we are going to talk about a free Emergency Medical ID Wallet Card which also includes in case of emergency (ICE) information. The card is below and is a condensed version of the GWRRA form. Can't very well shrink that whole sheet of paper's information down to this size, no one would be able to read it...;)))

EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION Courtesy of MedIDs.com	Conditions/History: Diabetes High Blood Pressure Back Pain
John D Doe DOB: 01/29/2007 115 Main St. Any City, Louisiana 71000 318- 555-0000 E-mail: jdoe@aol.com	Medications: Altace 5 MG 1 × Day Zoloft 50 MG 1 × Day Loritab 25 MG As Needed Amaryl 1 Tab With Meal
Emergency Contacts: Mary Smith-Wife 318-555-1212 Jane Biggs- <i>Daughter</i> 318-555-3333 318-555-0011 Cell	Allergies/Other: Sulfa Meds Cillin Drugs
Physicians: Frank Smith, M.D. 318-555-5555	-Card Printed: 9/3/2009 Courtesy of MedIDs.com

We carry both this card and the GWRRA form. The Emergency Information Form that GWRRA has is great if you are on your bike, but not much help if you aren't. This card is recommended to be placed behind your license because Law Enforcement and ER personnel look for your license if you are unable to speak or are unconscious. When they remove your license they will hopefully notice the card and have some medical and drug information on you.

You can obtain this card by going to the bottom of our webpage located at <u>www.newmexicochapterf.org</u>. The link is simply a click on the "Print Emergency Travel Medical ID Card" button. Unlike the GWRRA form, you can type on the form. After you print the page, all information is deleted and not stored anywhere. If you want a second card, you have to input it all again. It is a pain, but done to protect your personal information.

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

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



Keith & Teresa



## **RIDE COORDINATOR**

Russ & Val Shupe

### SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & RIDES

#### September:

5<sup>th</sup>: Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to the <u>Sandia Crest</u>, <u>lunch at "Ribs"</u> in Cedar Crest!



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



A ride itinerary will be e-mailed to everyone about a week before the ride and hard copies will be available at the September meeting

#### PLEASE NOTE THAT - LIKE THE STAFF BREAKFAST - WE NEED AN R.S.V.P!

THE CHAPTER WILL BE PURCHASING THE FOOD AND TAKING IT TO A REMOTE LOCATION. WE WANT TO HAVE ENOUGH BUT DON'T WANT TO WASTE FUNDS BY BUYING TOO MUCH!

REMEMBER! WASTED FUNDS ON FOOD WE DON'T USE MEANS WE DON'T HAVE AS MUCH \$\$\$ TO DO THIS IN THE FUTURE.

#### PLEASE R.S.V.P. AND IF YOU DO PLEASE SHOW UP!

PLEASE R.S.V.P TO RUSSELL & VALERIE SHUPE RIGHT AWAY. ride.coordinator@newmexicochapterf.org

**Burger Burn Rally and Departure Note!** Rally point for the Burger Burn will be the Home Depot on Highway 550 just west of Highway 528. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. with departure at 10:00 a.m. Please be gassed and ready to go at 10:00. We'll stop at Soda Dam for a break and then on to Jemez Falls. We will arrive at Jemez Falls approximately 11:30. Chow down at noon!

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As this is about ½ way to Los Alamos I'd like to extend a special invitation to our northern Chapter family in the Los Alamos, Espanola, Santa Fe area to come southbound on Highway 4 and join us!

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: Golden Aspen Rally in Ruidoso:

Always a good time and always a lot of action!

See the link below for a schedule of events each day during the rally. <u>http://www.motorcyclerally.com/page16.htm</u> See the link below for lodging choices in Ruidoso during the rally. <u>http://www.motorcyclerally.com/lodging.html</u>

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

25<sup>th</sup> – 26th: <u>NM District Rally in Grants</u>: A GWRRA F-Troop must! It is in F Troop's back yard this year and we need all F-Troop members to show up! Please see the pre-registration form with in the September newsletter. Pre-registration for the Rally ends on September 4. Sign up now! A number of directed and self-direct rides will be forth coming for those who wish to ride in addition to the Rally events in Grants on Friday and Saturday. A schedule of those rides will be coming shortly.



Our District Directors Ted & Kathy Bates

Right now, (subject to Pre-Registrations) the general schedule is: <u>VENDORS OPEN</u>: 8 am, Friday, September 25, 2009 Accessory Pit (chrome, chrome, lights, lights, and more chrome). Trai

Accessory Pit (chrome, chrome, lights, lights and more chrome), Trailer Vendor (take home prizes OR lots of shopping), Pinstriper (make it look pretty), Dash Mat / Iron works (great way to display), Bike Cleaner Supplier (keep it shining), T-Shirts, clothing items (hats, shirts, etc), Native American Jewelry (nice shiny items), Local Vendors, Others

OPENING CEREMONIES: NOON, Friday, Sept 25, 2009 District provides lunch for Pre-Registrants (Guest Speaker)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: 7 pm, Friday, Sept 25, 2009

Live music, local band (can even dance, if you wish)

<u>CLOSING CEREMONIES</u>: 8 pm, Saturday, September 26, 2009 After <u>Pre-Registrant</u> Dinner (Guest Speaker) Great Grand Prizes to take home: Neosho Trailer, Gerbings Heated Gear, Tires, More.....

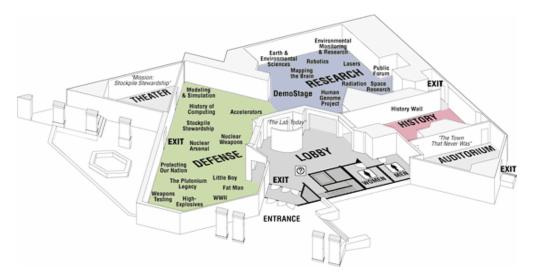
Planned rides, seminars, bike show, parade, games and others items in between...... Get your Pre-Registrations in NOW. Form attached and available at R&S Motorsports (on Wyoming) and Accessory Pit.

<u>CHAPTER F</u>GWRRA ABQ, NM

#### October:

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Chapter "F" meeting at Golden Corral 7:30 AM. Ride with us to <u>Los Alamos – Via- Jemez Springs</u>. See the leaves turning their colors during this great!

We'll 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!



**16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>:** Friday: Ride with us to see "F" Troop's very own... <u>Fort Courage</u>. Stay at Canyon De "Chelly", (Pronounced "shay").



The campground is free! There is water on the grounds and flushing toilets, no showers.

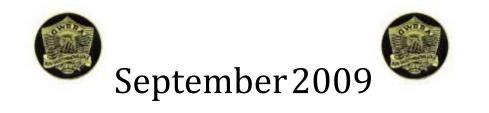
The Host Hotel is the Thunderbird Inn. Information on room rates and reservations coming soon.

Saturday:

Option A: Take the ½ day tour into 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 you own bike.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <u>R&amp;S Bike</u> <u>Night</u>	4	5 5 5 F Meeting Crest Ride Lunch at Ribs
6 <u>Coffee at</u> <u>Dawn</u>	7 ★☆★★☆★	8	9	10 <u>R&amp;S Bike</u> <u>Night</u>	SEPTEMBER 11 2001 REMIEMBER	12 F Burger Bun W Dinner Ride to Pete's
13 Grandparents Day <u>Coffee at</u> <u>Dawn</u>	14	15	16	17 R&S Bike Night	18	Rosh Rashanah
20 20 W Meeting T-Clock & Ride to Bandelier Coffee at Dawn	21	22	23	24 R&S Bike Night	25 ***NM District	26 Rally - Grants***
27 <u>Coffee at</u> Dawn	28	29	30			

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#### GOTTA BE CAREFUL OUT THERE....

JoeO

Russ Shupe sent me the below photo of a San Antonio police motorcycle.





Russ then went on to relate a recent experience he had with a couple of Florida Wingers on I-25. Here is his story.

"As you know, I drive a white Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptor that still has an "official" look about it. Last week while driving back from business in Santa Fe I came across two southbound Wings between Algodones and Bernalillo. Both were trikes towing trailers, with rider and co-rider, bearing FL plates.

As I carry a CB in addition to my ham radio rig I dropped to channel 1 and called for the trike leader. He immediately answered and asked who was calling. I told him it was the police cruiser in the fast lane at his 8 o'clock (not worth confusing them to say that it is a *retired* police cruiser). All heads swiveled left.

I told them I was with GWRRA Chapter F NM and welcomed them to NM. They told me they were from the Tampa area, heading home from a touring vacation and were turning e/b on I-40, planning to spend the night in Santa Rosa. I explained that I was the F-Troop Ride Coordinator, and to call any one of us if there was anything we could do for them while they were in NM. They thanked me and, with that, we all waved and I hit the gas on the cruiser and ramped back up to mach 3.

The humor (to me anyway) was that I left the CB on channel 1. After a couple of minutes #2 said to #1- "That was real friendly, GWRRA must be pretty strong out here". #1 said to #2- I'll say – that's the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter to send out a police escort".

Gave me a chuckle.

-Russ



The Shupe's 1999 Ford Crown Victoria P71 Police Interceptor, known as "Elwood" to Valerie.

The moral to the story; if you are told to pull over just keep going, it's probably Russ just screwin' with you!

#### <u>CHAPTER F</u>GWRRAABQ, NM

#### **AUGUST MEETING**







Richard...and wait...is that Mr. Incognito?



Gary worried what Dave had

Guess the vest



I know who it is...hehe



Newcomers Smitty and Mike...and the girls saying...oh Keeeeeeeith...get over here!!!...haha

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#### **F-TROOP ICE CAVE & BANDERA VOLCANO RUN**

Russell Shupe

\*\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\*\*

We received two articles about the ride. Since both took at different view, we included both articles.

After a great August Chapter meeting 17 bikes and 28 people from Chapter F, Chapter W, and guests departed Albuquerque for the Ice Cave and Bandera Volcano south of Grants, NM. If you have never visited this site, you must put it on your list!



The group enjoyed sunshine throughout the day on a route that took us west bound on I-40 to the Mesita exit where we transferred over to Old Route 66. Two lane roads are always more fun than dodging semi-trucks and a pleasant ride with one gas stop saw us into Grants and then southbound on Highway 53 to our destination.



Even if you are not into geology, this is one site that really gives you an appreciation for what our planet has been through, and what it continues to go through.

Really amazing stuff!

The pictures that accompany this article really don't do the sites and scenery justice.



Don & Susy at the top

After our tour we retraced our route back into Grants and west to Milan where a late lunch was enjoyed at the Kiva Restaurant. Hats off to everyone at the Kiva as they really hustled to accommodate such a large group and even had our tables lined up and waiting for us upon our arrival!

After lunch it was time for our good-byes as the group divided up. Some went down I-40 and some went home the way we came on Route 66.

A very pleasant day with good weather, good friendship & good riding.

#### CHAPTER F GWRRA ABQ, NM

#### AUGUST AFTER MEETING RIDE Joe O

The August after-meeting ride found a whopping 29 folks on 20 bikes riding to the Ice Cave / Bandera Crater south of Grants. This had to be one of the Chapter's largest ride turn-outs in recent history. We were joined by Joe Rieman's daughter, Cindy, who had ridden down from her home in Wyoming and Wendell Nicholson, our Chapter member from Gallup, who was waiting for us when we arrived at our destination. The weather was great although it got up to 95 degrees on the return trip and it sure was hot climbing to the volcano. This was



Joe Rieman & daughter Cindy



(L-R)

Wendell & Dennis Russ & Val's first foray at Ride Coordinators and they did a splendid job planning this event.

Ride participants included: Glenn Watts, Dave Drake, Jimm White, Keith & Teresa Morrison, Joe & Nancy O, John & Linda Kinney, Jerry & Debi Spicher, Dennis Elliott, Deane Crawforth, Mark Davis, Joe Rieman & daughter Cindy, Brian & Michele Leist, Don & Suzie Chapman, Everett Jeffcoat, Keith Austin, Wendell Nicholson, Russ & Val Shupe, Dave Gottheimer, Monique Kourdae and Larry & Linda Brown.



Sometimes a co-rider has to do a little extra. Here is Linda dressing Larry prior to departure. Note Linda's matching pink shoes & blouse





Joe & Nancy O at the rim of the crater. The crater is 1400 ft across the rim and roughly 800 feet deep

#### <u>CHAPTER F</u>GWRRA ABQ, NM

#### F-TROOP RED RIVER RUN

**Russell Shupe** 

Under clear blue skies members of Chapters F & W took off for Red River, NM on the 15<sup>th</sup> for an overnight stay and some northern New Mexico touring. We began with yours truly (Russ) in the lead, Everett and his beautiful trike as tail gunner, and 4 Wings in between.

Our first stop put us into the travel center at Buffalo Thunder where we had the pleasure of being joined by Don, Michael & Susan, and Wyly & Lila from the Los Alamos area! These are experienced GWRRA Riders and Co-riders who are rarely able to join in our functions since they live so far north. It was great to meet some of our family that a lot of us have never had a chance to meet!



Gathering at the Casino

With the arrival of our new riders the group voted to take a slight detour from the original planned route. Rather than drive Highway 68 straight to Taos the group went northwest up Highway 285 to Tierra Amarilla where we turned east onto Highway 64 and made our next stop at the Taos Gorge Bridge. It just doesn't matter how many times you've visited, it is always a thrilling destination.



Taos Gorge Bridge

After a period of sightseeing and photo opportunities, it was onto Taos and lunch at Michael's kitchen. At Michael's kitchen our group grew again when we were joined by Rod & Julie on their Wing with trailer in tow. We humbly apologize to them for being late...;)))



Our buddy at Michael's

A full lunch then saw us onto our destination for the day – Red River, NM.



The Belly Buster

Simply, a beautiful town that has a lot happening for such a small place. The balance of the day was spent exploring, shopping, dining and visiting with each other.



Our Hotel in Red River

Sunday morning saw a cool sunrise with another cloudless sky. We departed Red River over Bobcat Pass and into Eagle Nest. A right turn at Eagle Nest and within 20 minutes we were at the Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire. The Visitors Center was unfortunately closed for renovation and expansion but it is always a great place to visit and reflect on the sacrifices made by our armed forces on our behalf. For those of you who have visited there you will recall that there is an actual UH-1 Huey helicopter on display.



Everett giving us a tour of an old friend

As I mentioned, I was privileged to have Everett riding his trike as my tail gunner for this ride and, although I knew he was a Vietnam Veteran, I did not know that he is a decorated Army Aviator who served extensively on the UH-1 as a Crew Chief and Door Gunner in Vietnam. I consider Everett to be a humble man who would not be happy about me discussing his experiences. I will tell you however that he is a man you can count on. One whom we should all be grateful is part of our family, and one whom I am personally proud to call my friend. Everett did a great job of walking us around the Huey and explaining just how these things fly, a real eye opening education.

From Angel Fire we traveled down Highways 434 to Mora, NM and Highway 518 to Las Vegas. Some in our group had taken this route before and some had not. It's the kind of drive that is always welcome. A true touring route!

We then stopped in Las Vegas for lunch (I'll skip the part about Donna's GPS, what she said on the CB radio, and the speed bump that I didn't see which almost reenacted the James Bond 007 Aston Martin ejection-seat-trick on my Co-rider and wife, Valerie. Did I mention that Valerie has a great sense of humor?).

From Las Vegas, it was on to Romeroville for gas and the final push into Albuquerque down I-25. We'll do that ride again soon!

#### F-TROOP MOONLIGHT RIDE Russell Shupe

"Truly superior riders are those who use their superior judgment to avoid those situations where they might have to use their superior skills."

-Unknown

"At night, never let a Gold Wing take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier."

-Anonymous

"Life's a journey, not a destination."

-Aerosmith "Amazing"

And so the quotations go.

First we all gathered at *Johnny Rockets* at the Route 66 Casino for a nice relaxing dinner. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual F-Troop Moonlight Ride consisted of 7 bikes and 11 folks who rode I-40 from the casino out to the old Route 66 at the Mesita exit. It was then on to Milan, NM via Route 66 and the Iron Skillet Restaurant for dessert. The group departed the casino parking lot at 9:00 p.m. and arrived at the Iron Skillet around 10:15 p.m..



Dessert anyone?

This was one truly interesting ride! The previous week F-Troop had ridden the same route on our visit to the Bandera Volcano & the Ice Caves at Grants, NM.

Many folks have taken this run in during the day. Taking the same run twice in as many weeks might sound boring. Not so! Taking it in the night is a *really* different experience! Do your neighbors wonder why you've hung so many lights on your Wing? Take this run at night and you'll start thinking of ways to hang more!



Let's ponder that for a moment......

A night run is truly one of the true pleasures of motorcycle touring. On a beautiful summer night, the stars brightly twinkle; the winds and temperatures moderate, and you become surrounded in a cocoon of darkness supplemented only by the warm glow of the dash lights, the forward looking headlights and driving lights. Once outside of the lights of the city, away from the interstate, and into the country side, it is truly a feeling like flying an airplane. Visual cues, such as the yellow corner-ahead 20 mph speed limit approach signs, take on a whole new meaning that they don't during the day. Pilots who fly know what IFR means. To Wing drivers it means, "I follow roads!"



Night driving is not for everyone, but if you take a night run with F-Troop, it will be a run you will always think upon as memorable. We really hope to see you all at next year's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Moonlight Ride.

#### <u>CHAPTER F</u> GWRRA ABQ, NM

#### **MEMBER SUBMISSION**

The following was submitted by **Jim McMahan**. This is an awesome paint job of a tribute to Vietnam Veterans. The bike is a Boss Hog, and the company that makes them uses Chevy 350 engines.





<u>CHAPTER F</u> GWRRA ABQ, NM

#### CHAPTER FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

By JoeO

The Chapter had two first-time attendees at the August meeting:

One was Anthony "Smitty" Smith (below). Smitty was so enthused with our Chapter meeting that he joined GWRRA on-the-spot. He also provided a short bio so we would know what he is all about. "I'm born and raised a "Tarheel" from Charlotte, North Carolina! Riding Gold Wings since 1984. Retired from the Air Force in 1991 after 21 years of active service. Just love to ride when the opportunity is available to me. Currently employed at Intel for over 14 years. I get my serenity from the scripture and riding my 06 Gold Wing!

Smitty said he doesn't answer to Anthony so make sure you call him Smitty. A Tarheel, now I (JoeO) had heard the term but had no idea what it pertained to. Check out <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tar\_Heel</u> to see what "tarheel" is all about.



We had another first-time Chapter attendee, Mike Michelle pictured below.



#### HOUSEKEEPING HINT

By JoeO

In last month's newsletter we mentioned that Cheryle Walter had received a motorcycle endorsement to her license. Well, Cheryle continues to improve her riding skills by taking short rides on GORT (Bud & Cheryle's GW trike). Apparently riding agrees with her as she sent in this housekeeping hint which I'm sure all of you can use at some time.



#### Good Housekeeping Tip

Always keep several get well cards on the mantle so if unexpected guests arrive they will think you've been sick and unable to clean

..... more time to ride

PS - make sure you sign the cards with relative's or friends names from out of town

#### **ON THE COVER PAGE**

The photo on this newsletter's cover page is none other than Al Kane and his 2009 GL1800. Al previously rode a



mint 2000 1500 (which he still has) prior to purchasing the 1800. His new 1800 is the Audio. Comfort. Navigation, and ΧМ Radio Model. without

anti-lock brakes and airbag. Al blames his close friend Mike Van Horn for his decision to buy the 1800 and says that he had been thinking about it for some time, but fought the urge each time, until Mike forced Al to swap bikes and try out Mike's new '08 1800. Well, two miles down the road the decision was made and Al had to have an 1800. He got with about 30 dealers in 7 different states before deciding on an out-of-state dealer who offered him a deal which he couldn't pass up, and no one in any of the other states could even come close to or would match. Al says research and homework does pay off. His purchasing dealer is also 5-star rated and is one of the biggest volume sellers in the US. Al loves the bike and recommends that if you can afford it become an owner of the best made touring Motorcycle in the world.

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#### YOUR F-TROOP STAFF JoeO

Each month **your** Chapter staff gets together to discuss a variety of issues of interest to you, the member. As you can see we have a decent size staff. Currently we meet in an IHOP restaurant where of course, we eat first and then plan out upcoming events, finances, membership, lessons learned and more. Member business is scheduled for an hour's time but you know how it is when a bunch of us get together; we move from inside to outside and continue discussions there. If you are interested in being on the staff make sure you check the newsletter for current positions that are open.



#### **YOUR STAFF AT WORK**

So what does YOUR staff do to better your Chapter experience? One such activity is to assure rides / events go off as planned. An example is this month's Burger Burn. The Jemez Falls campground site was reserved last year. To assure everything was still on track on Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Keith Morrison and Joe & NancyO rode up to Jemez Springs and checked in at the ranger station to make sure we still had the gazebo pavilion. We were assured the pavilion was still ours and then we decided to ride up to the site and check it out for ourselves. It was a good thing we did as we noted a potential problem that could have an adverse effect on the Burger Burn.

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#### **YOUR STAFF AT WORK**



Keith and NancyO walking the Burger Burn area

#### **GWRRA HORIZON LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

To better serve **you**, the member, several Chapter officers and staff attended the 1-½day GWRRA Horizon Leadership Course the last week in August. Jimm & Pam, Keith & Teresa, Joe & NancyO, Ted & Kathy, and LisaB (the District Treasurer) all attended. This was an informative and fun event and was attended by ALL New Mexico District Chapter directors. The program content included teambuilding, communications skills, leadership concepts planning and conducting meetings. We had an interesting exercise where we determined our "personal style", the traits that we possess and how they influence our actions. Kudos to Ted & Kathy for putting on a very well organized, informative event.



We all had to take part in short team skits. Here is Teresa doing her bit



Lisa B participating in team deliberations

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### **GWRRA HORIZON LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (Cont.)**



Keith, Kathy, & Lisa listening to Jimm. Chapter R's mascot, "ET", is putting his spell on the group



Kathy & Lisa cheering on their fellow team members



Keith doing his part



NancyO getting her diploma from Ted; Instructor John Simonick is in center

Meanwhile, while all this was going on JoeO was busy making the acquaintance of the other Chapter's ladies. Here he is with Jean from Chapter C (Jean is Keith Austin's (an F-Troop member) sister (so it's all in the family).



CHAPTER F GWRRA ABQ, NM

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

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

<u>Chapter Photographer(s)</u> – the individual(s) needs to be available for meetings, events, rides, etc and should have a good knowledge of photo composition, not just point and shoot. The photos need to reflect what Chapter F and GWRRA are all about. The photos will be inserted into the chapter website as well as the district website. Knowledge of photo editing (e.g. Photoshop) is a plus. The person(s) should be available to attend all / most events.

<u>Ride Coordinator (Asst)</u> - Again, this position requires a person(s) with imagination to help Russ & Val. Creating interesting rides for the Chapter is a primary duty. The person should have an extensive knowledge of NM and

generally the southwest. The rides need to be more than just riding to Socorro and back. The individual needs to understand rider distance capabilities, plan routes, refueling points; those responsibilities generally defined for a Ride Captains.

<u>Event/Social Coordinator(s)</u> – The individual should have a feel for interesting places and events that Chapter members would be interested in. Events do not necessarily have to be tied in with riding activities but should be focused on just getting members together for a good time. Examples could be attending an Isotopes game, bowling, dining experiences and so forth (i.e., the Social Butterfly event). Monthly events should be planned for each month of the year. This requires the individual to be aware of current events happening in the area, unique dining establishments, etc.

#### **CHAPTER F'S F-TROOP WEBSITE**

If you haven't accessed Chapter F's website you need to do it NOW. The site is administered by Keith Morrison, our ACD and District Webmaster. The site came into being on January 1<sup>st</sup> and continues to be a work in progress however; it has come a long way since January 1<sup>st</sup>. It contains the latest chapter information and should be the site you turn to for material like member bios, pictures, maps, and current ride/event info. The site has an F-Troop motif and is a fun place to visit with movies and songs embedded within the site. You need to look at this and let Keith know what you think, what doesn't work; and what you would like to see. Keith has provided many links to provide feedback. The site URL is <u>http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/</u>. This is the type of quality product YOUR staff is trying to give you. **Check it out!** 

#### **NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS**

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

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

The link to the New Mexico District website is <a href="http://www.gwrra-nm.org/">http://www.gwrra-nm.org/</a>

Check it out!

#### CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL – JULY STATS

Jones, Dave

1,487

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of July. 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 You do not have to attend our chapter member. 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.

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Adams, Torchy	121
Austin, Keith	4,511
Branch, Danny	735
Broadbent, Tom	2,393
Carnes, Ada	2,997
Carnes, Art	2,997
Chapman, Don	3,901
Crawforth, Deane	9,679
Dannenberg, Jack	5,778
Drake, Dave	3,149
Edwards, Steve	8,082
Edwards, Pam	6,270
Hammer, Julie	6,523
Hammer, Rod	7,583
Higgins, Monte	300
Holder, Bill	2,040
Holder, Carmen	2,040
Holly, Penny	3,684
Holly, Wayne	3,684

**Monthly Miles** 

Jan 09 Feb 09

Mar 09

14,648

18,137

14,783

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1,258
5,766
2,131
14,056
11,407
5,859
6,432
7,599
5,969
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Apr 09	39,467
May 09	40,533
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Valdez, Robert

#### TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR 256,916 We have reached 25.6%

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#### 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 <u>Change is Constant, So</u>

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

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

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

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**NM MEXICO DISTRICT INFORMATION** 

The latest district newsletter is too voluminous to insert in this newsletter. It may be accessed at the district website <a href="http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/District/NewsLetter.html">http://www.gwrra-nm.org/District/District/District/NewsLetter.html</a>

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

#### **REGION F INFORMATION**



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

#### **NATIONAL PARKS & BIKES**

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

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