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CHAPTER F's

"The Bugler"-April 2010



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



GWRR



REGION F



NM DISTRICT



F-TROOP

From YOUR Chapter F Staff **PLEASE REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR WAIT STAFF!**

Chapter "F" participated in the First Annual FORTY to PHOENIX. We had a blast and hope that many more Chapter Members join us next year! There are a couple of articles by the four Members that attended.



NEXT MTG: Apr. 3, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30)

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

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL

18,978

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

<http://www.newmexicochapterf.org>



CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jimm & Pam White



Ya know, the older I get the faster time seems to go. It's already time for our next Chapter gathering, which is not a bad thing considering how much fun we had at our last meeting. This just seems to get funner and funner, (that's an official GWRRA word; trust me), at our gathering. If you haven't been to one of our Chapter gathering lately you're missing out on some "funner" stuff and we'd love to see you there to have fun with us.

Mike Van Horn, our Chapter Ride Coordinator, has done some great stuff for us this year. Watch for his write-up a little later in this newsletter for where we're going after this month's gathering. And remember, we always have a mid-month ride also, so watch for that as well.

Mike usually has these things planned out pretty well, down to the last 1/10th of a mile and the last ounce of gas. He has this computer program that works all this stuff out for him and it's pretty accurate, it just can't spell too well. Then he goes out and rides the ride and so by the time we get to it he's got things pretty much worked out. Thanks Mike for all the hard work.

As I mentioned last month, we have a raffle going the next few months for Ride for Kids. We're raffling the whole enchilada Microsoft Office 2007 Ultimate software package. Depending on where you go to buy the software it's still a lot more expensive than a few raffle tickets!!!

We're also raffling a Victoria's Secret Basket full of cool stuff, (I can only go by what Pam tells me here since I'm more a software kinda guy), that is also worth lots more than a few raffle tickets.

The Office 2007 Ultimate package is courtesy of Bill Lindquist and the Victoria's Secret Basket is courtesy of Ann Van Horn, Mike's better half by far. Thank you both for your contributions and help with this worth-while cause.

This raffle is open to everyone. Tickets will be sold at the Accessory Pit until the Friday before our May gathering. Tickets will be available for sale at other Chapter functions, both ours and any other Chapter that'll let us in the door. Tickets are \$1.00 each, so buy lotsa tickets.

A winning ticket for both prizes will be drawn at our May gathering with the proceeds going to Ride for Kids ride later in May on behalf of Chapter F.

You need not be present to win, however you do need to write your name and phone number so someone else can read it. That's pretty important!

Keep in mind also that the GWRRA Region F Rally, also known as West Wing 2 is coming up over Memorial Day. It'll be held in Costa Mesa, California this year and promises to be a lot of fun. Pam and I are going as well as Keith and Teresa and hope that lots of you will join us there.

This promises to be a great rally, but of special interest to us in New Mexico Chapter F is that is where Keith and Teresa, as New Mexico District Couple of the Year will compete for GWRRA Region F Couple of the Year. So come to Costa Mesa with us and show your support for them. After they win there it'll be on to Wing Ding 2011 for International Couple of the Year. I'm brushing up on my French for that and Pam and I will be there to cheer on Keith and Teresa.

Don't forget the District Chapter Visitation Program. Again, Mike VH has set up some good rides for us to visit other Chapters, have fun, eat their food, and steal their mascot! Twelve of us from Chapter F went to Las Cruces the weekend of March 20th, and we did just that. We now have Senior T, their mascot, with us and he's learning all sorts of new tricks from Wiley, hehehe, (I'm starting to sound like Mike.....well, there's drugs for that). We had a fun time and a warm welcome from Lou and Deb Sarabia and the rest of Chapter T that joined us at the meeting. We look forward to them coming up and seeing us at F.

While we were there Lou was talking about the concept of "group" riding as opposed to "team" riding in GWRRA. That's something we'll talk about in the months to come because it's something I hadn't given much thought to in the perspective in which Lou presented it. Good concept and we'll cover it in greater depth soon.

New Mexico Chapter F was also well represented both on the 40 to Phoenix ride that went through our area this month and at National Headquarters where the ride ended. Keith and some others will tell you about that later in this newsletter, but let me say that I'm sorry I couldn't make it. It sounded like fun.

More going on this month, but I'll let others tell you about that.....

And the beat goes on.....Jimm



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS/COY

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Boy did this month fly by! In the last month we have visited every Chapter in the District, and the Home Office! Let's just say there are a lot of stories floating around that I'm sure you'll hear all about...hahaha



Vera & Woody, MaryLou from Chapter C
"I'm gonna sneeze!!"

During our travels, we ran into fellow Chapter Members Jimm & Pam, Eric & Bev, Bud & Cheryle, Ted & Kathy, Dennis, and Mike VH. We also saw Gordon & Paz, our former District Directors. I sure was nice to see their smiling faces again!



Roy & Lil from Chapter D
"Now let me tell ya about K-Bobs!"

As you can tell by the photos, we all laughed our butt's off and had a great time. Thanks to all the Chapters for the hospitality!

If you ain't havin' fun, you're doing something wrong, and you're not hanging out with Chapter F!!!



Jim and the Aliens from Chapter R
"This right here is the paper I'm talking about"



Lou & Deb from Chapter T
"Lou, I can't believe you're giving away your MSS briefs!"



Me, Al, Melissa, Joe, and Mike (kneeling)

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

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

RIDER EDUCATION

Jimm White

Some Thoughts on Practical Stuff: Rider Education

or

The Newhall Incident and what it means to us

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

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

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

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

The second: This training is intended to provide you with hands-on opportunity to improve your riding skills. Slow speed turns, weaving, stops, clutch, throttle and brake control are just a few of the things you will learn to improve on while on the driving range.

But all these things seek to get you to one place. One of the officers in the Newhall Incident was thought to have attempted to return fire with a shotgun, however all the rounds in the shotgun were found on the ground, unfired. He had managed to eject all the rounds while trying to get the shotgun to work. Seems he had been issued

that shotgun for the first time, with no training, that morning. The analogy is getting on a Wing and riding off with no proper riding instruction. Under any other situation the officer probably would have been able to properly operate the shotgun, just like anyone can get on a motorcycle and ride off. But under the stress of life-or-death, he failed. Same with the untrained rider.

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

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

(CD note: I wrote this for our newsletter about this time last year. In light of Russ's article last month I thought it would be good idea to get this out again. The idea being "TRAINING".

Since then there has been significant improvement in our rider education environment in the District. Ted Bates, our District Director, is now a certified MSF instructor, a Rider Edge instructor, and a GWRRA Rider Ed instructor. Rick Howell and Gene Wagner have also been certified in Trike courses. We now have riding instructors who can get us the courses we need and want more readily.

Russ, Keith, Teresa and I are certified GWRRA Seminar course facilitators for Road Captain, Co-rider and other courses provided by GWRRA. The District has made huge progress in improving our Rider Education. Let's take full advantage of these new resources.

Jimm

DO YOU KNOW YOUR LEVEL?

Keith & Teresa Morrison

F-Troop Level IVs

Neal Baker
 Ted Bates
 Kathy Bates
 Walter Billings
 Debra Billings
 Deane Crawforth
 Rod Klock
 Dawn Klock
 Bob Schuler
 Dave Stewart
 Lynn Stewart
 Neil Zack



F-Troop Level IIIs

Pauline Baker
 Dennis Elliott
 Donna Hardman
 Jim McMahan
 Trina McMahan
 Keith Morrison
 Teresa Morrison
 Elana Olivas
 Judy Perez
 Pam White



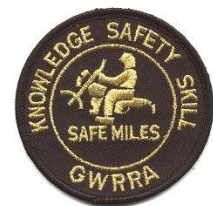
F-Troop Level IIs

Dawn Brazell
 Turner Brazell
 John Kinney
 Linda Kinney
 Julian Smith
 Gene Wagner
 Jeanie Wagner
 Jimm White
 B. Whygles



F-Troop Level Is

Bev Elliott
 Monte Higgins
 Sadie Higgins
 M. Hobson
 M. Hobson
 Al Kane
 Carolina Kane
 Ben Miller
 Mark Olivas
 Jack Sidler
 Jerry Spicher
 Debi Spicher
 F. Whygles



N.10 REP Levels Data Update Form



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM LEVELS DATA UPDATE FORM

Date of Update / /

Submitted by: _____

Membership #: _____

Region: _____

District: _____

Chapter: _____

Please Update the REP Database Records as Follows:

(Check the appropriate field you want to change and enter the information)

<input type="checkbox"/> Update Rider Information Rider: _____ Current/New Membership #: _____ Old #: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Update Co-Rider Information Co-Rider: _____ Current/New Membership #: _____ Old #: _____
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Change of Address
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State or Province: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____

Change of Chapter/District/Region Designation
 Region: _____ District: _____ Chapter: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Update Rider Level Starting Date Date current level was achieved / /	<input type="checkbox"/> Update Co-Rider Level Starting Date Date current level was achieved / /
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<input type="checkbox"/> Update Rider Safe Miles Safe Miles: _____ (5K mile increments) <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Miles Pin/Rocker(s) needed (\$2.00 US per Pin/Rocker)	<input type="checkbox"/> Update Co-Rider Safe Miles Safe Miles: _____ (5K mile increments) <input type="checkbox"/> Total Pin/Rocker Cost \$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Update Rider High Mileage (miles or km) High Miles: _____ (50K increments) <input type="checkbox"/> High Mileage Pin/Rocker(s) needed (\$2.00 US per Pin/Rocker)	<input type="checkbox"/> Update Co-Rider High Mileage (miles or km) High Miles: _____ (50K increments) <input type="checkbox"/> Total Pin/Rocker Cost \$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Update of Rider Level Requirements Indicate Level You Are Updating Your Requirements For <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 <u>Approved Rider Course:</u> Type: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ <u>CPR or First Aid Provider:</u> CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 or 3 Year Pin/Hanger Bar needed <input type="checkbox"/> Master Renewal Bar/Year Pin needed (\$2.00 US per Year Pin/Hanger for all Pins and Hangers Listed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Update of Co-Rider Level Requirements Indicate Level You Are Updating Your Requirements For <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 <u>Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar</u> Type: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ <u>CPR or First Aid Provider:</u> CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____/____ <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 or 3 Year Pin/Hanger Bar needed <input type="checkbox"/> Master Renewal Bar/ Year Pin needed Total Pin/Hanger Cost \$
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Other (list): _____

Mail form to: Rick & Lynda Howe NM District Educators, 8509 Constitution Ave NE Albuquerque, NM 87112
 E-mail address: apit@qwestoffice.net

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N.7 Rider Education Program Levels Application (Level I – III)

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM LEVELS PROGRAM APPLICATION (LEVEL I-III)

Date of Application / /

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

Participants are STRONGLY URGED to wear proper riding gear while riding!

LEVEL I - SAFETY BY COMMITMENT - SAFE RIDER/CO-RIDER

This program is a commitment to safe riding. Submit the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at **\$6.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT**. With your purchase you will receive ONE SAFE MILES PATCH, either a RIDER or CO-RIDER ROCKER and a Safe Miles pin if applicable.

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

LEVEL II - SAFETY BY EDUCATION – TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER EDUCATION

Any GWRRA Officer can validate the following requirements. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at **\$5.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT** With your purchase you will receive either a Rider or Co-Rider triangle patch.

TOUR RIDER

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

TOUR CO-RIDER

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

LEVEL III - SAFETY BY PREPAREDNESS - CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER

Any GWRRA Officer can validate the following requirements. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form to your Chapter or District Educator. Patches are available at **\$4.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT** With your purchase you will receive either a TOUR RIDER or CO-RIDER patch.

CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER

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

CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

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

HIGH MILEAGE PROGRAM

To be eligible you must have accumulated 50,000 miles. Have your TOTAL mileage validated by any GWRRA Officer. Submit the completed form to a validating officer. Then forward the completed form along with **\$5.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT** to your Chapter or District Educator. You will receive the HIGH MILEAGE PIN and the MILEAGE BAR. As you accumulate additional miles, in 50,000-mile increments, you can receive additional hanger bars for \$2.00 each by submitting the update form to your Chapter or District Educator.

<input type="checkbox"/> First High Mileage Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Rider _____ Miles
<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider _____ Miles

MILEAGE VERIFICATION

Bike	Year	Mileage

SUMMARY

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

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

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MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

April Birthdays



Do I smell birthday cake?

Karen Arnold	Apr 3 rd	Trina McMahan	Apr 3 rd
Lila. Cameron	Apr 5 th	Jorge Marrero	Apr 7 th
Gene Wagner	Apr 8 th	Will Jaramillo	Apr 9 th
Bill Holder	Apr 13 th	John Cherry	Apr 15 th
Jim Nielson	Apr 15 th	Eric Shockey	Apr 17 th
Mike Howe	Apr 19 th	Bill Roady	Apr 20 th
Jeanie Wagner	Apr 22 nd	Neil Zach	Apr 26 th
Gary Strawderman	Apr 28 th	Julie Hammer	Apr 29 th

April Anniversaries

John & Linda Kinney Apr 17th
 Jim & Trina McMahan Apr 21st
 Danny & Valerie Branch Apr 28th



GWRRA Member April Anniversaries

Louis Acanfrio	Apr 1, 2004	6 years	Joe Brown	Apr 1, 2009	1 year
James (JD) Day	Apr 1, 1992	18 years	Don Mikkelson	Apr 1, 1989	21 years
Bob Schuler	Apr 1, 1998	12 years	Tarmo Sutt	Apr 1, 1986	24 years
Kimberly Hunt-Brown	Apr 2, 2009	1 year	Gary Boyce	Apr 3, 2002	8 years
Antonette Tenison	Apr 3, 2004	6 years	Gonzalo Gaitan	Apr 8, 2007	3 years
Russ & Val Shupe	Apr 9, 2009	1 year	Eddy & Karen Arnold	Apr 13, 1999	11 years
Ethan Adler	Apr 18, 2009	1 year	George Greer	Apr 23, 2003	7 years
Dave Ross	Apr 27, 2007	3 years	Tom Broadbent	Apr 28, 2008	2 years
Karen Humphrey	Apr 28, 2009	1 year	Armando Lucero	Apr 30, 2009	1 year

NEW March Chapter F Members

Pam Edwards (Los Lunas)
 John Gaherty (Santa Fe)
 Allen Van Riper (Corrales)



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.



THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney



John and Linda Kinney, proprietors of the Goodie Store, have a whole lot of GWRRA items just waiting for you to stop by and purchase. See them if you are in need of monogrammed Chapter shirts and F-Troop ball caps. Don't see something you want, well, them and they will see what they can do. How about name tags. Don't forget, the Goodie Store is a major generator of Chapter funds so your support comes back to you in some Chapter activity and is greatly appreciated.

As always, you can see us at the meetings, or e-mail us at goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org with your orders and request. We have order forms, photos, and prices available on our Chapter webpage at http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/Goodie_Store/index.html

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



Ride Coordinator

Mike Van Horn AKA Radar

Ride Coordinator's Corner!



Chapter "F" Rides: April

For more information call Mike @ (505) 453-3873

Updated: 03/24/10

April:

3rd - Chapter gathering at 7:30 AM for Breakfast at the Golden Corral Restaurant (DQ Points Ride) After the gathering we will ride to the VLA for a Tour around the Radio Telescopes and tour the visitor's center. Check out this Link for the VLA → <http://www.vla.nrao.edu/genpub/tours/guided/>

Afterwards we will ride back through Socorro, and eat lunch at the El Camino Restaurant Located at 707 N California Street



8th – 9th Chapter Visitation to TX-1A in El Paso, TX

Leave Thursday morning (8th) TX-1A will have their meeting on Thursday evening at **7 PM**, at "The Lunch Box" cafe. It is located at 667 N. Carolina Drive 79915 on the East side. Go east on I-10 to McRae Drive and turn right and go down McRae to the second stop light. Turn right at the light and go about three or four blocks and it is on the right side. Return Friday 9th

14th (Wed) Ice Cream Social: This month we will meet at the **new Dairy Queen Brazier** (just renovated), and now open at the Route 66 Casino just behind the gas station. (The Route 66 Casino is located just west of Albuquerque on I-40) There will not be a formal ride to this location, so plan to meet us out there at 6:30 PM

17th – R & S Spring Safety Clinic - 10 AM to 4 PM Bring your motorcycles because R & S will have a certified mechanic dedicated to checking out your bike with you. Ride on in, and meet the nice folks at R & S and have lunch!

24th - Social Butterfly Event: Casa De Benavidez, 8032 4th Street NW, 6:00 P.M

May:

1st - Chapter Gathering at 7:30 AM for Breakfast at the Golden Corral Restaurant (DQ Points Ride) After the Gathering Rancho De Chimayo Santa Fe

8th - 500/1000 Challenge – Gene Wagner

12th - (Wed) Ice Cream Social

15th - Santa Rosa - Blue Hole - Picnic and 3 annual cookie contests (DQ Points Ride)

22nd - Ride for Kids

27th – 30th – West Wing 2 - Costa Mesa CA

29th – 31st Memorial Day Weekend Ride - Carlsbad Caverns_(DQ Points Ride)

29th - Social Butterfly Event



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

On A Positive Note

GWRRA's Officers' E-Newsletter March, 2010 - Vol 1, Issue 3

Dear Members,

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

We sure have had our share of controversy and challenge with the implementation of the OCP! As with most implementations of new policies, there are rumors spreading untruths, misinformation is circulated, and there are even outright refusals to accept the new policy. I'm sure, as Officers, you all have dealt with one or more of these situations regarding the OCP. We, at the Home Office, have heard the rumors and misinformation, as well as the cry from a few Members who have absolutely refused to accept the training. As we, and the LTD Trainers and Officers, heard the rumors and misinformation that was being circulated via emails, Facebook, the Message Boards or by letters, we have addressed them and provided the correct information. It appeared that once people were made aware of the facts, they became more understanding and willing to accept the program. To date, we have received very positive feedback from those who have taken the class, and many have been surprised at how much knowledge they have gained and how it will actually make their service as Officers easier.

We applaud all of you for your assistance in helping to relay the facts and details about the OCP. We know, in some cases, it hasn't been easy. The benefits of the OCP are numerous and, in time, the effect of the OCP will become evident in the betterment of the Association.

There is one new item that needs your immediate attention.

Due to a recent infringement on the copyrighted GWRRA logo, the GWRRA logo and all GWRRA materials that contain the logo, must display the copyright symbol, ®. Please update your websites and all literature with the logos containing the copyright symbol. These logos are available for download on the Home Page at www.gwrra.org. From the Home Page, click on "Quick Links" and then highlight "Downloads". This will bring up the page with the downloadable logos. We appreciate your attention and assistance with this.



RIDE COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Mike Van Horn

Riding Season is here! I told you it was coming! We kicked off March with a blast by visiting Chapter "T" in Las Cruces and bringing home their mascot, Senior "T". Wile E Coyote and Senior "T" are now busy checking out the Ride Schedule and planning their activities together.

When we got home from our trip from Las Cruces, Wile E Coyote was showing off his stylish Chapter Vest to Senior "T" and now T's is getting his own Chapter Vest. I guess it's better than getting drunk and going down to get a tattoo! Kathy Bates will make him his own vest! Thanks Kathy! Oh, by the way, Senior "T" will be "performing" at the next Chapter "F" gathering on April 3rd, and has promised to dance for us! You don't want to miss this!

Be sure to check out the **Ride Coordinator's Corner** in this newsletter for the rides and actives that are coming up for April. Tear that section out of the newsletter and stick it up on your refrigerator. That way, every time you go to the fridge, you'll be reminded of the fun things that are coming up in April! Also, be watching your emails for those **Pop-Up Rides** too! These rides are usually "Scouting Trips" to various places around the state, I go and check out the roads and restaurants for a scheduled ride that is coming up, or maybe someone has suggested a new ride, or maybe it will just be a fun ride to go out to get a Green Chili Cheese Burger somewhere for lunch, just because we can! Wherever we go, you are always welcome to tag along and help us find new and unexplored places! If you have a suggestion for a ride and you think that it would be a neat adventure for the whole Chapter to try out, let me know your suggestions! We are always looking for new and exciting places to visit and neat things to see!

Here's what's coming up in April: We will be heading down to El Paso this month to visit TX-1A on the 8th & 9th. Now I need to let you know that their meeting is on a Thursday night, so if you are working, and really, really want to go, you might need to let you boss know that you're going to be sick that day, or just tell him that you're going on a really cool Gold Wing adventure and invite him to come along too! Remember to make your Motel reservations soon. Check out the Ride Coordinator's Corner for more details and watch your email for more additional details as they come in.

El Paso's TX-1A's mascot is "Wing Nut" and he's a Duck! I was not able to find a photo of Wing Nut, but I did find a dirty picture of his girl friend.



"Wing Nut" is one lucky duck!

If you are not signed up yet for the Chapter Visitation Program, or have not received your District Pin, there is a onetime fee of \$10.00 to get you started. Be sure to see Ted Bates or Jimm White at our April Meeting to get your District Pin and your Special Card for recording all the NM Chapters you visit. Each time we ride to the other Chapters, you will receive a unique Chapter Bar that hangs from your District Pin.

Wile E Coyote has asked me if we could bring all of his little buddies here to Albuquerque so he can show them a good time! I have already scheduled our rides to each of the Chapters around the state, So plan to ride with us and soon you will have all of the Chapter Bars proudly displayed on you vest! Its fun and you can start your collection at any time!



.....Let's Ride!

Mike



April 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  April Fools' Day	2  Good Friday	3  F – Meeting Ride to VLA in Socorro R – Meeting
4 C – Meeting  Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8 Chapter F Visiting Chapter TX-1A – Meeting	9 Chapter F Visiting Chapter TX-1A	10 D – Meeting
11	12	13	14 F – Ice Cream Social at Dairy Queen Rt 66 Casino	15	16	17
18 W – Meeting	19	20	21	22  Earth Day	23	24 F – Social Butterfly Event Casa de Benavidez
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Social Butterfly Coordinators

Bill & Jo Lindquist



Monthly Feature: Casa De Benavidez, 8032 4th Street NW, 6:00 P.M.

Extra Added Event: Harla Mays Restaurant & Comedy Review , 3 April at 6:30 P.M. 710 Dalies, Belen NM

Wow did I messed this dinner up. I could not get us into the Buffalo Wild Wings. Like the GWRRA spirit Gene Wagner went over to his favorite restaurant the Lone Star and talked with Manager. He got us into the Lone Star with only about 30 minute wait for table of 14. WAY TO GO GENE & JEANIE!!



Gene and Lone Star Manager Mark Pesta



Art and Gene talked it over and decided that I wasn't fired, Jo may have other ideas☺

The list of happy people were: Jack Sidler, Jerry & Debi Spicher, Everett Jeffcoat and Judy Morris, Russ & Val Shupe, John & Lynda Kinney, Art & Ada Carnes, Gene & Jeanie Wagner, Bill & Jo Lindquist.



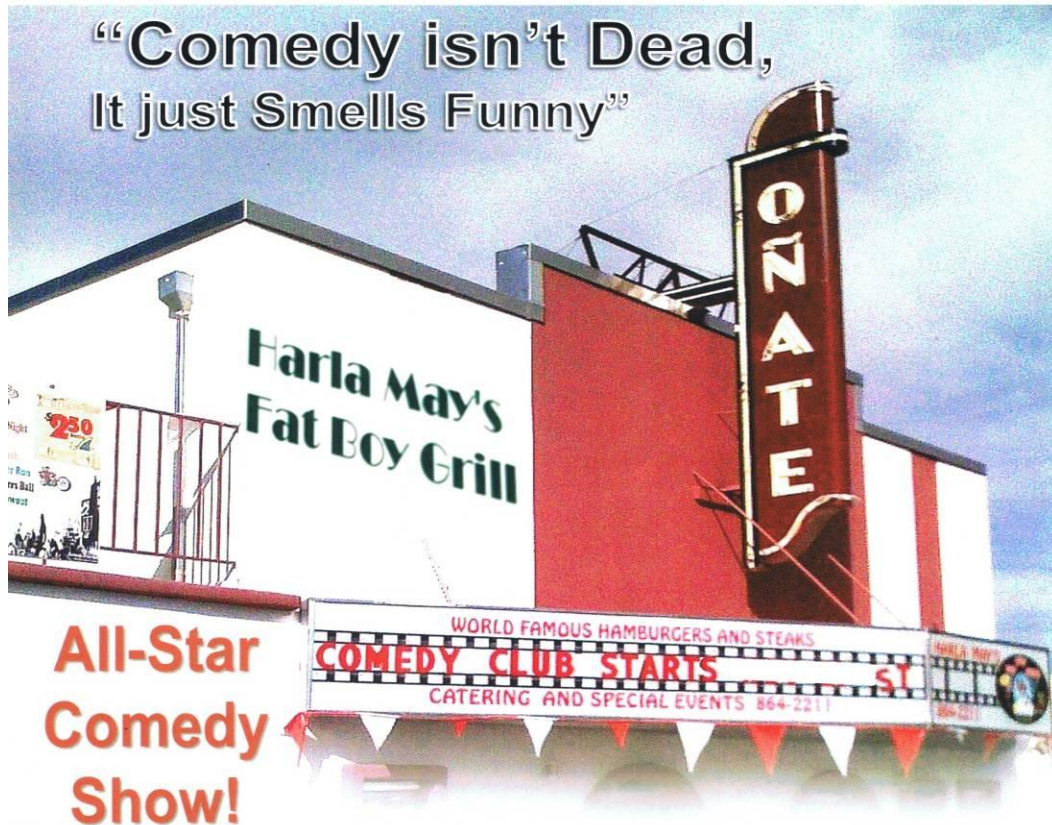
The food as usual was excellent and so was the service. Under the circumstances the service was excellent. Please patronize the Lone Star as they went out of their way on an exceptionally busy night to accommodate us.

This month we are having two events. This Saturday, April 3, Harla May's Grill in Belen is again having a comedy night. The last time we went our face hurt from smiling and laughing so much. The food is excellent, just ask Jorge Moreno who had the Fat Boy Burger and ate the whole thing.

Directions to Harla May's: The travel time is about one hour at highway speeds from the West side to the first Belen exit. The address is 710 Dalies Avenue which is to the left going down the main street. You need to go past the street and then take the next left as Dalies is a one way street entering Main Street. You can park in the bank or other parking lots. You can go to this link to get information concerning Harla Mays

The usual Social Butterfly Event is set to occur on April 24th. Since it is near Cinco De Mayo we are going to do Mexican food at Casa De Benavidez. The link [Casa de Benavidez](#) will get you information for the menu and location.

Please let Gene & Jeanie know if you are attending. They can be reached at 205-2591 or email wildone2@mac.com so we can get the proper setting arrangements.



April 2 & 3, 2010 at **Harla May's Fat-Boy Grill** at the Historic Oñate Theater in Belen
- Featuring 2 Headline Comedians for the price of 1! -
From Texas, Comic Ventriloquist – **Mark Doyle**
National Touring Amazing Comic Hypnotist – **Rusty Z**
Also featuring your emcee – and author of the new book: "The Legacy of the Wisecrack:
Stand-up Comedy as the Great American Literary Form," **Eddie Tafoya**

Two Shows: Friday, April 2 at 8:00 and Saturday April 3 at 8:00

Tickets just \$10 (or \$12 at the door) – On Sale NOW at:

Harla Mays Box Office

710 Dalies Ave., Belen NM
505-864-2211

Great Outdoors Nursery

10408 2nd St., NE, Albuquerque
505-890-5311

For Info call
505-453-1263



Kept the wings dry and keep fly'n

CHICKENS GO ON FULL-ALERT STATUS

JoeO

(AP) Early in the month it was reported that Chicken Little, spokeschicken for the foul community, issued a warning to all chickens. Chicken intell sources reported seeing Keith Morrison devouring 30 hot wings, yes, that's correct, 30 hot wings, at the Ancient Cities Café in Mountainair, NM. Chicken Little speculated that at that

rate of consumption the chicken population could soon be decimated. Chicken Little provided the below photo of Mr Morrison gloating as he finishes off both wings of 15 of our brethren. This individual is ruthless and must be avoided if at all possible.



A fiendish Keith Morrison gloats as the bones of our brothers pile up in front of him. Kyle Van Horn looks on in amazement (he himself took part in this dastardly event although in a much smaller part).

This event occurred during a chapter pop-up ride to Mountainair. Ride participants included: Calvin & Jo Ann Edwards, Len Strawderman, Nancy & Joe Opuszanski, Mike & Kyle Van Horn, Art Carnes, Gene Wagner,

"Smitty", Neal Baker, Dave Stewart, Al Kane, Jack Dannenberg, and the guilty party himself, Keith Morrison

WEST BOUND AND DOWN

Al Kane

On March 14 - 16, Mike Van Horn, Keith Morrison, Joe O, and I set out on a trip west to Phoenix, Arizona. We were representing our very own New Mexico Chapter F in the First Annual Forty to Phoenix ride, but not without a few obstacles along the way.

First of all, Mike and everyone else's plans took a big dump on the big day of welcoming the riders coming in from the East Coast to Albuquerque. Mike, Eric, Keith, and I were suppose to meet Greg and Tina McKinney, the master mind behind the whole idea, at Tramway and then with an escort from the New Mexico State Police and the Channel 4 News Van, lead them on to the Route 66 Casino where we all would stage the bikes, take a short break, eat and then with further escort from the Laguna tribal police take I-40 to Budville, where our own Tony Nelson from the Navajo nation would be waiting to greet us and give a quick historical run down of Route 66, Budville, and surrounding areas. As an additional offering Tony had arranged for a fellow Navajo Medicine Man to bless all the bikes for the remaining trip to GWRRA's Corporate Office in Phoenix and then on to the West Coast.

We were expecting 300+ Motorcycles in all. Well as luck would have it, on the evening prior Mike received a call from the New Mexico State Police Department that a huge storm front was due to hit right in the middle of our path on I -40 near Gallop. He was told that I -40 would probably be shut down until the storm passed and it could be re-opened. Mike was told that there was no way Motorcycles could get through. It never fails, make all those plans, get everything set up and at the last minute Mother Nature decides to hit us with a big "Whammy". Well now Mike is faced with making a lot of major decisions, in a very short amount of time. He had to contact all the agencies, all personnel who were helping along the route, and give them the bad news that all plans had been canceled due to the weather. The most important folks he had to contact were Greg and Tina to let all the riders coming from the East Coast know what had happened. Mike called and warned them to find alternate routes due to the weather conditions and road closure.

Well most would have said, to heck with it and stayed home. Most of the East Coast riders did do this and turned back for home, but the F - Troop foursome came up with an alternate plan. With strong determination we headed our Wing's south on I -25 and made the trip to Deming that afternoon, leaving a totally black sky behind us. We checked into Motel 6 where we had to get a new room (long story). We then went to eat dinner and came back for a good night's sleep.

The following morning we departed for Tucson. We encountered some cool temperatures and light rain shortly after leaving Deming, which seemed to hang over us like a dark grey blanket until we were a short distance over the Arizona State line. The sky eventually turned blue and gave us warmer riding temperatures. Upon reaching Tucson, we visited a large Honda Dealership and spent most of the time there trying on new helmets of various brand names and designs. The weather was awesome! Up in the 70's and what more could we of asked for after what we had just ridden in.

After leaving the Honda Dealership, we wanted to visit J&M's factory so we headed out to find it. We had a little bit of trouble locating it, but were rescued by one of the J&M employee's who heard us talking over our CB's like lost children and broke in and told us where they were located. We were right on top of them, but they were hidden around the corner of the building we were sitting in front of. Oh well great trackers huh! We entered the office of J&M and greeted by Pete, one of the employees and customer representatives. He showed us various helmets and equipment that were on display and explained their lineup. I really wanted a new worry free helmet with the best headset they made. Just happens they had an Arai full face which matched my bike exactly in color. I tried it on, Wha-La, it fit perfectly. Pete took me outside where we hooked it up to the bike and I almost blew out my ear drums with the settings I had set for my other helmet. I was amazed at the difference. I then asked that dreadful question. How much was it? Now the price blew me away! He told me that the helmet sold for over \$600.00 and with the headset installed it would be almost \$700.00 with the tax. This was way out of my range, but I was about to become a negotiator. After what seemed a lifetime of negotiating (sympathetic pleas) I got a deal I couldn't resist, so now I own that new Arai helmet. (Can You Hear Me Know?). After Pete finished with me, it was Keith's turn. He had also taken a liking to a matching Arai also that was saying to him, buy me, buy me. I won't say how much Keith spent; I don't want to get him in trouble. Well the J&M story ends with both of us purchasing new Arai helmets, which in my opinion is the best helmet I have ever owned and worn.

Well it's now time to head it on into Phoenix, so we say goodbye to the J&M folks and head our way. We had gone about 30 miles when we stopped to fuel up and that was when Keith found out his credit card was missing. Not a good scenario! After searching through everything on his bike and his clothing, he decided he must have left it back a J&M. A phone call was made back to Pete and after a few minutes on hold Pete came back on and told Keith yes he had his credit card and

that he had forgotten to give it back to Keith. OK, we are already 30+ miles away from Tucson and Keith asked Pete if he could bring it to him. Well after some more negotiating they agreed to meet halfway to get his credit card back.

Joe O and I remained at the Dairy Queen and Shell station and got into a conversation with a man and his children who pulled up with two big Swine's (Pigs) on board, who were destined for the slaughter house. Joe and I gave them last rights and said our good-byes as they were driven away. All this took place while Keith and Mike were on their way to meet Pete. About 40 minutes later they returned and with Keith smiling again, we got on our way to Phoenix.

It was already dark by the time we arrived into Phoenix, but we had the HOV lane, which is used by buses, emergency vehicles, and motorcycles all to ourselves. We didn't encounter any buses or emergency vehicles, so we had free sailing. We cruised through Phoenix smooth as cutting butter. Once we arrived at the Motel 6, we checked in, changed rooms again (another long story). Went to eat, came back and bedded down again for the night.

Day 3 found us up early. We took a short drive a few miles up the road to Denny's where we finally met Greg and Tina McKinney and most of the other folks from the East Coast. There were also folks from the West Coast, to include Mexico Chapters. We exchanged tons of greetings ate breakfast, listened to some very interesting people and then walked next door to the hotel where they all were staying. Here we all formed up for the big parade to GWRRA's Headquarters. With our own Mike Van Horn and Keith Morrison leading Greg and the rest of us, we all proceeded to the GWRRA Headquarters without any incidents along the way. Mike was displaying three different parade flags (the big ones) the New Mexico State, American, and GWRRA flags on the rear of his bike, and Keith was displaying our very own Chapter F flag and that all looked awesome. (Below)



As we pulled into the Headquarters parking lot, we were greeted by the folks of GWRRA who were taking photos and videoing us as we entered. After parking our bikes and dismounting, we were all individually greeted by the home office Members one by one. Wow what an adventure and privilege to have met all the GWRRA home office Members! We were led inside where we signed in given our "I visited home office pins" and then led around to meet the other personnel.



We were led to a big room where food and beverages awaited us. All the key personnel gave short speeches and then we were led around the facility and shown the operations of the GWRRA establishment. After spending a few hours there we said our goodbyes to the home office employees, other Chapter Members from all over, and headed out for home.

In all, the total number of bikes wasn't what we had expected due to weather conditions and the time of year the event took place. So the expected 300 bikes turned out to be 33 with 37 riders as tallied by Keith. But this was only the first time and plans for future years to come are already in the making. There were riders from as far away as New Hampshire, Michigan, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, California, New Mexico, and even Mexico. Over-all we had a great time, met lots of folks, and were glad to be a part of the pioneering party on the Forty to Phoenix adventure. We look forward to next year and would like to thank all who participated and shared this ride and historical road to adventure. "Wings In The Sun"



Paul and Melissa (and THAT hat)

CHAPTER T VISITATION

Mike Van Horn

Senior "T" is in the House!



What a weekend of the bad weather! This month, Chapter "F" Visited Chapter "T" in Las Cruces. Some left early Friday morning ahead of the storm, some left after the breakfast just barley ahead of the storm, some left during the storm in their cars. By the time the original 2:30 Departure time was here, the rain was really coming down in Albuquerque! I was watching the weather all day on TV trying to decide if I was crazy enough to drive through that! Well, low and behold, at about 5 PM the back side of that "wave of water" was passing over Albuquerque! There was a clearing, and it was now our never! To my surprise the ride to Las Cruces was very pleasant! No wind or rain all the way down there! It was truly the window of opportunity, between the storms!

Friday... Arrival at Motel 6: When I arrived at the Motel 6 at 8:40 PM, there were two Cowboys, (evident by the spurs and mud on their boots) there in the lobby ahead of me trying to get a couple of rooms. The first cowboy gave the nice lady his credit card to pay for his room, but it was refused. The second cowboy gave her his credit card, but it was refused too. So the first cowboy called his ex-wife and explained to her that they needed to get two rooms and wanted her to pay for them and a big fight erupted there in the lobby on the cell phone! After about 5 min of that he handed the lady the phone and said, "You talk to her and see if she will give you her card number". Well, I had been standing there for 35 min by this time, and several other folks were standing in the lobby by this time and the nice lady behind the counter informed everyone that "unless they had a reservation, there were no more rooms" and everyone left except for me. Well, the cowboy's ex-wife did

provide her card number, but with one change, they had to get one room and share the room! Well, these guys looked at each other and obviously were not real happy about this new arrangement and I know his Ex was probably snickering and thinking about pay backs and probably that movie "Broke Back Mountain" I think the cowboys were too! Well, they finally left and went to their room! A few moments later when I was paying for my room, she was typing something on the computer she kinda snickered, shook her head a little, and softly said, "cowboys". Then she looked up at me and just smiled. :-)

Saturday Morning: The flags were unfurled as we rode parade style from the Motel to the Furr's parking lot. Wile E Coyote climbed out of the trunk and proceeded into the restaurant. The food at the buffet was really good and we met all the nice folks from Chapter T there. The meeting was started, and Lou let us know that their Dancing Chili now has a name, Senior "T". Chapter F was recognized for visiting and we all received Chapter "T" rocker bars for our visitation. Pretty cool stuff! Then, after a quick count to see if we had enough people to take the Dancing Chili home, we did have 12! Even after all the bad weather and people leaving at different times to get to Las Cruces, we still had 12! WOW! Now that's support! Thanks everyone!

Saturday after the meeting: Senior "T" climbed up into the trunk of the bike and Wile hopped into the saddle bag and off we went with Gordon leading us out of Las Cruces. I could hear Wile E. Coyote and Senior "T" talking quietly in the back when we were about to come to the Border Patrol check point! Wile was telling Senior "T" to stay down and keep quiet! Senior T said "Shut-up Fool. Well, I guess the Border Agents didn't hear them after all and we did make it across the check point without any of us showing our green cards; this time. Gordon led us out on the old road to Hillsborough through the pecan trees and the winding rolling hills and it was sort'a like riding a roller coaster out there! Ted and Kathy were in front of me and I could hear Kathy squealing with glee, with her hands in the air as they drop out of sight into the dips and turns! It was a lot of fun! Once we reached Hatch, Gordon headed back to the south and we made our turn north to come home. What a great trip!

April Visitation: Next month, (8-9 April), we are Headed to visit TX-1A in El Paso, Texas! Watch your emails for details coming soon!

CON THE TRAIL...OF THE PERFECT GREEN CHILI CHEESEBURGER

On March 25th a small group of us continued the search for the "PERFECT" green chili cheeseburger. This time we were off to sample the fare at "Realburger" on the Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe. The weather is taking a turn for the better and Mike (aka Radar) and Kyle Van Horn, Gene Wagner, Joe Opuszanski (aka Joe O), Dave Stewart and Eric Shockey all made the trek from Albuquerque. A surprise walk-in was one of our Los Alamos members, Karen Humphrey (see Karen's bike

and short write-up elsewhere in this newsletter). For all but Gene this was the first time we had met Karen and she filled us in on her past riding experiences and so forth. A couple of us sampled the green chili cheeseburger and an informal vote was taken to compare it against our current top runner, THE LUGUNA BURGER. Unfortunately, the Realburger didn't measure up and THE LUGUNA BURGER still reigns supreme.



(L-R) Keith M, Gene W, Mike VH, Kyle VH, Karen H, Dave S & Eric S. Photo by JoeO



Karen Humphrey (had the green chili cheeseburger)



Our group minus Karen & JoeO)

MARCH GATHERING



We had a great March gathering with 64 people in attendance. We had four guest visitors: Former GWRRA member Barbara Lemmon paid us a visit. Barbara used to live in the area but moved to Colorado several years ago. Barbara sold her Wing a year or so ago and bought a travel trailer and now rides around the US. Even though Barbara no longer belongs to us she continues to track New Mexico GWRRA happenings through JoeO's emails. Chapter member Donna Black also visited us for the first time; her husband Dave is one of our regulars; see Donna's photo elsewhere in the newsletter. Ed Shoaf, his friend Kathy Johannson, and Ed's brother, Ben (from Silver City), also visited us. Ed is a Chapter W member but has never attended a meeting, hopefully we made a good impression on him and we will see Ed and Kathy again. Kathy's photo is also elsewhere in this newsletter.

Keith and Teresa, Assistant Chapter Directors, were out doing Couple of the Year activities by visiting Chapter C (Clovis) and Chapter R (Roswell) so we missed them as well as Pam White who was studying for exams. We had the usual chapter updates by Mike VH, Nancy O, Bill L, Dave B, and John and Linda from the Goodie Store, all of which is addressed elsewhere in the newsletter.

After the meeting 24 of us departed on the ride to the New Mexico History Museum on the Plaza in Santa Fe. The weather was pretty decent so we had a good

turnout and split into two groups. Thanks go to Eric Shockey who arranged for FREE parking for all of us, just around the corner from the museum. When we got to the museum Wyly and Lila Cameron were there waiting for us. If you have never been to this museum it is worth a visit. The museum is very new and certainly a tribute to New Mexico. Entrance to the museum is \$6 and is good for entry to three other Santa Fe museums and the Palace of the Governors which is right next door.

After the museum we rode to Horseman's Haven Café for a late lunch. We had heard about the chili that they make there (4-levels: hot, ouch, blazing and unbearable). We almost lost two of our riders to the ouch and unbearable chili!! The "hot" was OK with chips and on a burger. We had a great time-good company, good service, and good food!

Thanks go to Mike & Eric for this great after-gathering ride.

Ride participants included: Mike Van Horn, Al Kane, Joe and Nancy Opuszinski, Monique Kourdae, Monte and Jerene Smithson, "Smitty", Don and Suzie Chapman, Wayne and Penny Holly, Everette Jeffcoat, Judy Morris, John and Linda Kinney, Larry and Donna Hardeman, and Bill and Carman Holder, Dave and Dot Drake and Wyly and Lila Cameron.

MARCH GATHERING (Cont.)



The docent explains the museum layout



Monique and Nancy mugging for the camera



Lunch in Santa Fe



Don, Suzie, Penny and Wayne



We had a large group of Wingers



CHAPTER F'S LADIES...(and a few others)

These are the ladies who attended our March gathering; most belong to Chapter F, some belong to Chapter W, some are non-GWRRRA regulars, a couple are guests. All are welcome to our family.



Peggy P



Marsha D



Diana S



Donna B



Ada C



Dot D



Jerene S



Cyndi C



Grace A

CHAPTER F'S LADIES...(and a few others) (Cont.)



Kathy J



Carmen H



Donna H



Linda K



Alberta C



Jeanie W



Penny H



Jo Ann E



Suzie C

CHAPTER F'S LADIES...(and a few others) (Cont.)



Nancy O



Judy M



Bev V



Monique K

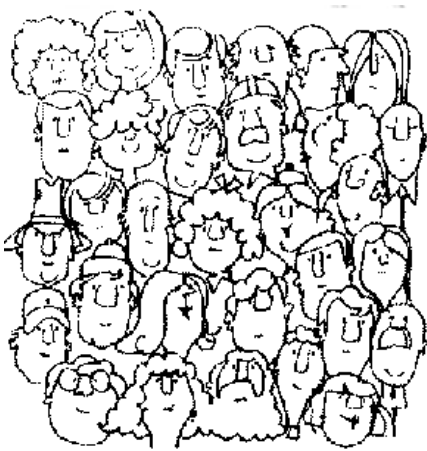


Lila C



Lisa B

Former member Barbara Lemmon also paid us a visit but her photo didn't come out. Noticeable by their absence are Pam White, Co-Chapter Director and Teresa Morrison, Co-Assistant Chapter Director. Of course, we have a lot more ladies in the chapter and these pages reflect just this one meeting.



OUR MEMBER FAMILY

DOT DRAKE

Dot & Dave Drake

At February's gathering Dorothy ("Dot" to us) Drake was presented a chapter certificate of appreciation for all her efforts in supporting the veterans in the spinal cord injury section of the Albuquerque VA hospital. The following is Dave and Dot's story of how all this came about. One thing that can be said is that we never cease to be amazed by the remarkable capabilities of our members.



Jimm awarding the certificate

And from Dot and Dave ... "Dot has been a professional crochet designer for nearly 30 years. She started making toys when our kids were young and participated in craft shows around Albuquerque. One of the local TV stations even interviewed her regarding her stuffed critters, called "Gonks". She submitted her original designs to magazines and was so successful she soon branched into books for Leisure Arts, Annie's Attic, Needlecraft Shop and other publishers.

ON THE COVER

Our cover rider is Karen Humphrey; one of our distant Los Alamos Members. Karen rides a Illusion Blue 2004 GL1800. She has been riding for years and before her Wing she owned a Suzuki and a Yamaha. Karen is a former employee of Los Alamos Labs and now being in a retired status she enjoys the good life. Last year Karen attended the Wing Ding in Tulsa.



Some years ago she donated the model afghans for those books to the elderly residents of a local nursing home. After that she founded the New Mexico Crochet Guild which now supplies blankets for premature babies at a local hospital and lapghans for cancer patients at Univ. of NM Hospital. A few years ago members of the Guild also made lapghans for the spinal cord unit of the Veterans' Hospital. Because the Guild was involved in different projects this past year, such as making caps for breast cancer patients, the Guild could not take on the Vets project again, so Dot decided to do it on her own, gathering up lapghans she had already made and crocheting at home and in the car everywhere we went, to make more.

We are proud and happy to participate in such a worthy project and would love to have other knitters and crocheters join us to keep the veterans supplied with warm and colorful afghans.

Hopefully, this may be the beginning of an ongoing project for the vets that the members of our group will want to encourage, and hopefully more knitters and crocheters will join the effort."

Editors note: We are honored that Dot and Dave chose to bring us this very worthy opportunity to be a part of giving back to those who have given so much for all of us. Thank you Dot and Dave and we look forward to doing this again with you.

MARCH ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Nancy O



"It was a cold and dreary night," but the smiles inside were bright and cheery! We had just finished our ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery. Outside there had been a storm and another on its way. The hearty folks (l to r) were Anne Van Horn, Dave Drake, Mike Van Horn, Nancy Opuszenski, Kyle Van Horn and Joe O, taking the picture.

R & S HONDA'S NEW PICTURE BOARD

Created by Gene & Jeanie Wagner



MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Russell & Valerie Shupe



“He who hesitates is lost” or so the saying goes. Loosely translated that means, when your co-rider gives you the ‘thumbs-up’ to buy something for touring, run - don’t walk - before she changes her mind!

That’s what I started doing around the first of the year when Valerie suggested that it was time to buy a trailer if we were going to do more long distance touring like region & district rallies and Wing Ding. We looked locally, we looked on EBay. We looked at new and we looked at used. Nothing really grabbed us.

Then one afternoon I was surfing the GWRRA website and I started cruising through the classified section. A small photo did reach out and it did grab me. Now that looked different!

Several phone calls later I found myself speaking to Pete Wright of GWRRA Region E, Missouri District, Chapter O. Pete is a former Chapter Director of Chapter O and I learned that he was selling the trailer for the family of a GWRRA member who had unfortunately passed away late last year.

There had been a matching GL1800 & trailer. The GL1800 sold all most immediately but the trailer had gotten no interest. The trailer had been purchased early last year but had never actually been used. It was brand new and at a great price!

In January, more photos were e-mailed, a price was struck, and the trailer was sold! We couldn’t be more delighted and Pete said he’s store the trailer indoors until riding weather in the spring when we could go get it.

We decided it would be a 5 day trip. 2 days outbound, 1 day to rest up & re-outfit and then 2 days to come home. A departure date of Saturday March 13 was set. We watched the weather rather nervously and prepared our GL1500 with new tires, a tune-up, an advanced co-rider audio system and a trailer hitch with electrical connections.

I also made calls to GWRRA members in Oklahoma City & Tulsa for local tips on road conditions & construction

(and how to by-pass it). Boy was I glad I did! Those GWRRA members saved us a lot of time and frustration! Each emphasized that we should not hesitate to call if we encountered any issues while traveling through their area.

Saturday March 13 saw us to Tulsa, OK and Sunday the 14th saw us to the beautiful home of Pete & Cathey Wright just northwest of St. Louis. They would hear nothing of a motel and, even though we had never met them before, insisted that we stay with them.

On Monday, Valerie and I spent the day touring around the St. Louis area with the trailer in tow so I could get a feel for having it back there. Valerie had never been to St. Louis so the Arch was a natural place to go! I’ve been to the Arch 3 times since childhood but it is always a treat.

Monday evening was another special treat as it was the monthly meeting for Chapter O! We answered many questions about the NM Chapter F run that was in last month’s *WING WORLD*. Chapter O is now looking to do their own National Guard run. It seems that Chapter F has really started something that is catching on nationwide!



The Chapter O meeting.

Chapter O could not have been more accommodating and receptive to us! It is always interesting to see how other Chapters do their meetings but it was really quite similar to how Chapter F operates. Chapter O has 76 bikes registered and generally gets about 30-40 people at a meeting. They always meet on a Monday evening at the same restaurant and conduct 2-3 Chapter rides per month. It is one of the four GWRRA Chapters in the St. Louis area. They also said they were jealous that we could conduct a ride in December like we did for the *WING WORLD* article. Their bikes are pretty much done and garaged in November!



The trailer that started it all!



Pete and Cathey Wright

Tuesday morning saw us departing our guest's home at sunrise, on a foggy mid-western morning. Our route had us southbound on a series of county and state roads to intersect Interstate 44. It is always great to ride an area of the country that you normally don't see and Missouri sure fit the bill! Rolling hills on a foggy morning can be a just beautiful! Out on top of the valleys in the sun and then back down into the rolling mist. Just like flying through the clouds!



We depart for New Mexico at sunrise!



Hooked up and ready to roll

The trailer pulled like a dream and was extremely well behaved. I am now a believer in not loading up the bike! On Tuesday we drove back through Tulsa and Oklahoma City to spend the night in Weatherford, OK. Wednesday then saw us onto Albuquerque and home. When it was all over I found that my GL1500SE got 39MPG fully loaded out bound and 32 MPG with the trailer on the way home. It was right in line with what I had been told to expect. In those 5 days we ran 2,213 miles round trip.

I will also say this. As much as our roads in New Mexico could stand improvement – we've got it much better than our counterparts in Oklahoma and Missouri! Pot hole city!!! Even the interstate highways had tank traps that could really hurt a wing!

In summary, a nice new trailer was secured to help us enjoy touring. New friends were made and the fellowship of GWRRA all along the way proved to us that – even though we took the run solo – we were never really alone.

RIDE FOR RIDES RAFFLE

The Chapter is raffling off two great items in support of Ride for Kids. All monies generated by the raffle will be part of a Chapter donation for the upcoming Ride for Kids event on Sunday, May 23rd. We can thank Bill Lindquist for obtaining a Microsoft Office 2007 Ultimate version. This version of Office retails for \$679.



Considering that you could obtain this version for a \$1 donation is a great deal. MS Office is the industry standard for PCs. It contains MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and a ton of other applications that you will find very useful.

Our other item is a Victoria Secrets gift basket, compliments of Mike and Anne Van Horn (and Victoria Secrets). This is a great item for the ladies OR a great gift for the lady in a man's life. This gift pack is worth \$340 and is also a great deal for a \$1 donation. Obviously, the more tickets you purchase the greater your chances of winning.

To be in the running just purchase your tickets at the next Chapter gathering. They are \$1 each and drop your tickets into the appropriate gift box. Your name **MUST** be on the back of the ticket; you don't have to be present for the drawing. (May 1st Chapter gathering).



CHAPTER F MEMBER MILLION MILE – FEBRUARY `10 STATS

Joe O

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of **February 2010**. 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.

If you missed participating in 2009 and would like to participate in 2010 NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN up, let Joe O know.

RIDER / CO-RIDER	2010	2009 (as of Dec 31)
Adams, Torchy	0	659
Austin, Keith	0	6,197
Branch, Danny	36	2,264
Broadbent, Tom	0	4,319
Cameron, Wyly	0	12,728
Carnes, Ada	0	4,079
Carnes, Art	0	4,079
Chapman, Don	0	3,901
Crawforth, Deane	0	16,880
Dannenberg, Jack	204	16,687
Drake, Dave	515	5,480
Edwards, Steve	902	12,628
Edwards, Pam	0	9,287
Hammer, Rod	60	11,220
Hammer, Julie	60	9,322
Higgins, Monte	0	450
Holder, Bill	0	2,293
Holder, Carmen	0	2,293
Holly, Penny	0	3,684
Holly, Wayne	0	3,684
Howe, Mike	0	1,650
Jeffcoat, Everett	890	0
Jones, Dave	98	1,833
Kane, Al	733	5,766
Lindquist, Bill	50	4,237
Michel, Mike	1729	3,160
Morris, Judy	0	1,598
Morrison, Keith	2014	17,509
Morrison, Teresa	690	14,655
Nelson, Tony	0	
Nicholson, Shelia	0	5,859
Nicholson, Wendell	17	8,046
Opuszenski, Joe	458	9,290
Opuszenski, Nancy	319	7,628
Rieman, Joe	0	364
Roady, Bill	805	1,160
Salinas, Diana	0	1,799
Salinas, Fred	329	4,890
Shockey, Eric	300	5,858

Shupe, Russell & Val	157	4,204
Smith, Julian	367	3,613
Smith, Marisa	251	1,744
Smithson, Monte	2664	558
Smithson, Jerene	325	
Spicher, Debi	0	2,930
Spicher, Jerry	0	3,441
Stewart, Dave	23	3,735
Stewart, Lynn	0	774
Strawderman, Gary	618	22,008
Strawderman, Len	215	6,985
Van Horn, Mike	2979	36,154
Wagner, Gene	122	5,315
Wagner, Jeanie	0	1,170
Walter, Bud	698	22,260
Walter, Cheryle	237	15,816
White, Jimm	0	16,261
White, Pam	0	3,896
Wieseler, Bob	113	8,663
Valdez, Angelina	0	5,961
Valdez, Robert	0	5,961
Vigil, Beverly	0	1,104

Monthly 2010 Miles

January 2010 7,354
February 2010 11,624

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR 2010 – 18,978, we have reached 1.9% of our goal



DID YOU KNOW?

JoeO

That the home of the WORLD'S LARGEST GREEN CHILI CHEESEBURGER resides in New Mexico? The burger is built on a special yeast roll bun, baked locally, toasted with garlic-infused mayonnaise and topped by a seasoned and grilled one and a quarter pound patty of hand-ground beef from the only dedicated Beef Ageing Room in the state. Roasted Mesilla Valley green chilies and a half pound of white New Mexico Queso Ranchero cheese drape the huge 12 inch burger. A sprinkling of the restaurant's Pico De Gallo (chopped onion, tomato and jalapenos) over the cheese will add color and sharpness to the flavors. Crisp Iceberg lettuce, slices of local tomato and New Mex Sweet onion plus a dill pickle slice will join the large platter.

If you have had one of these monster burgers how about letting me, JoeO, know where you had it; if you have a photo of you devouring the burger that would be great. All chapters are welcome to submit.

BUNCHES OF F-TROOPS - there are bunches of Chapter F's in GWRRA besides us? In fact, there are 32 other Chapter F's in the GWRRA family; of those 32, eight (8) also use the "**F-Troop**" designation. Check them out.

Alabama, Montgomery

Website - <http://al-f.mygwrra.org/>

Newsletter - <http://al-f.mygwrra.org/newsletters.htm>

Illinois, Mt Vernon

Website - <http://www.gwrra-il-f.50megs.com/>

Iowa, Cedar Rapids

Newsletter - <https://secure.serverd.net/~iaftroop/newsletter/newsletter.htm>

Kansas, El Dorado

Website - <http://kschapftroop.homestead.com/>

Newsletter - http://gwks.homestead.com/Winger/Winger_March_10r.pdf

Louisiana, Slidell

Website - <http://www.gwrralachapterf.com/>

New Jersey, Freehold -**This chapter is also the NJs 2010 Chapter of the Year**

Website - <http://www.gwrranj.org/NJChapters/ChapterF/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

Newsletter - http://www.ftroop-nj.com/sites/all/themes/newswire/news/2010/bugler_201003.pdf

Ohio, Fairborn

Website - <http://www.ohiochapterf.com/>

Newsletter http://www.ohiochapterf.com/index_files/March2010News.pdf

South Carolina, Easley

Website - <http://www.scftroop.webs.com/>

GOING ROGUE

Darkside Dave (aka Dave Bachman)



Greetings “F-in” members. As you know Spring has sprung. Couldn't you tell what with all the snow and whatnot. Besides those minor setbacks the Flowers are bloomin, the Bees are buzzin, Bunnies are humpin, and a young lads Fancy turns to the ladies. I mean his Fancy turns to Riding, Lots and Lots of Riding.

So I say drag your Fancy off the couch and park it on the Road Sofa. Open your mind and shut out the rest of your mundane world. Hit the open road with little more than dreams of DQ. You know you want ice cream. I know, you're thinking its only breakfast, but when did that ever stop you before.

So anyways like I was saying, The weather is turning so get those wheels turning and show up at the meeting so I can read your mileage and you can participate in the greatest event of its kind. Imagine your name in lights, Imagine people stopping you in faraway places because they've heard of you, Imagine the President himself calling to congratulate you on your achievement. Yeah, well like I said Imagine it, cause none of that is gonna happen. What will happen is your peers will praise your achievement or ridicule you for being the one who couldn't drag their Fancy off the couch and muster a ride. So in summary, you need to participate, dammit, otherwise I got nothing to do and you won't get to read my stellar words of wit.

Now the only reason you actually read the drivel I write, Who won and who's done.

Men's Division



1st place with 1604 miles receiving the large coyote was Mike Van Horn



2nd place with 1546 miles receiving the green chile pin was Monte Smithson



3rd place with 724 miles receiving the red chile pin was Everett Jeffcoat

Lady's Division



1st place with 442 miles receiving the small coyote was Lisa Bachman



2nd place with 143 miles receiving the green chile pin was Peggy Pool

Okay we just recounted who was HOT now let's see who's NOT.

With a tire burning 28 miles and receiving the Harley-Davidson Valentines so he can get a head start on next year was Jesse McEntyre.

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark

DD

Editor's note...do you ever wonder where DD comes from? And it had nothing to do with what you're thinking



Dave and Lisa in the dark



Then Tom showed them the light

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: Rider Education, event photographers, telephone tree are just several that we would like to see filled.

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

a plus. The person(s) should be available to attend all / most events.

Ride Coordinator (Asst) - Again, this position requires a person(s) with imagination to help Mike. 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.

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, 2009 and continues to be a work in progress however; it has come a long way since its beginning. It contains the latest Chapter information and should be the site you turn to for material like member bios, pictures, maps, and current ride/event info. The site has an F-Troop motif and is a fun place to visit with

movies and songs embedded within the site. You need to look at this and let Keith know what you think, what doesn't work; and what you would like to see. Keith has provided many links to provide feedback. The site URL is <http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/>. This is the type of quality product YOUR staff is trying to give you. Check it out!

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS

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

photos then forward them to the Webmaster at web.master@gwrra-nm.org This site is carried under the GWRRA links and, just like our site, is thus easily accessible by any Chapter in the world. The link to the New Mexico District website is <http://www.gwrra-nm.org/>

Check it out!

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.gwrra.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.gwrra-nm.org/District/DistrictNewsLetter.html>
If you have a question about District operations contact Ted or Kathy Bates whose contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

Please Help Us Fight Childhood Brain Tumors at the 5th Annual Albuquerque Ride for Kids®, May 23, 2010

This motorcycle event raises funds for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF). Riders on all makes and models of motorcycles are welcome. There are free beverages, breakfast pastries, a police-escorted road ride, a light lunch, and the Celebration of Life Program.

WHEN: Sunday, May 23, 2010

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

Registration opens at 8:00 AM and closes at 9:45. The scenic, escorted ride starts at 10 AM sharp, rain or shine!

The minimum donation to participate in a Ride for Kids® event is \$35 per bike. We accept cash, checks and credit cards at the event. Your \$35 donation includes an event pin. *The more money you donate, the more premiums you earn!*

We hope to see you there! Your support can lead to great strides in the fight against pediatric brain tumors, both here and around the world. Contributions to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will fund research, raise awareness and bring comfort to children afflicted with this disease.

Could YOU Be a Day of Event Volunteer?

If you would like to be a day of event volunteer please call or email Kathy Bates at 328-2219 or kajbat@comcast.net. All volunteers must attend the **Volunteer Training Meeting, Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM at the MCM Elegante' Hotel, 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.**

Ride for Kids Party, Saturday, May 22

Everyone is invited to attend the pre-ride party on Saturday, May 22 at 6 PM in the Ballroom of the **MCM Elegante' Hotel, 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.**

Food provided by Garcia's Kitchen, Dee's Cheesecakes

Silent and Live Auction Items

\$10 per person at the door

Host Hotel is the **MCM Elegante' Hotel** 2020 Menaul NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107. To make a reservation call toll free 1-866-650-4900 and ask for the Ride for Kids rate of \$79. www.mcmelegante.com

For more information about the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation or the Ride for Kids® program call **800-253-6530** or go to rideforkids.org.

REGION F INFORMATION



All the Region Rallies have been posted. Start planning that vacation time now...))) There are lots of changes on the page, it doesn't even look the same. Check it out at <http://gwrri-regionf.org/>.

News Bulletin-The Convention Approaches
From your Region Directors
Anita and JR Alkire



The time is coming and your attendance is requested at your Region Fun Convention and West Wing 2. We are putting some finishing touches on the rally and we promise you a great time!!! The convention will be full of fun, education, vendors and food!! Yes, the registration fee of \$20.00 will be eaten up by you with the Free Pizza on Thursday; Free ice cream on Friday and the Free In-N-Out burgers, chips and drink on Sunday night! You'll bring that burger into the Closing Ceremonies that will conclude with *Let's Make a Deal*, GWRRA style! Then for an additional \$25, you can guarantee yourself a great seat for the Outstanding Talent Show featuring our own Jeffrey Goldin as MC and he has incredible surprises planned for you, and eat at the pasta bar extraordinaire. There will be several sauces to choose from, salad, bread, tea, coffee and dessert. So we are planning that you'll get your money's worth just in food and entertainment!

We value your time and want to also offer you many education offerings from Rider Education and Leadership Training (LTD). Go to the Region Fun website, www.gwrri-regionf.org and download the draft schedule to see all the offerings. We are even offering the new OCP, Officer Certification Program on Thursday and Friday and on Friday we'll offer the Rider Education Seminar Presenter course so you can be certified to teach the Co-Rider; Group Riding; Road Captain and more courses. This way we can give you value for your time. For all you Master Tour Rider's and Master Co-Rider's we will have the Master's Breakfast on Saturday. The hotel's incredible Saturday buffet breakfast will be available to you at a drastically discounted price, real food, not sweets!

At the Opening Night Party, we'll be judging those individuals, couples and chapters that dress with the theme of the Beach Party, just be G rated please!

Our host hotel is the Hilton Orange County. It's an exquisite facility and you can stay there for only \$89/night!! To stay 5 miles from the beautiful Pacific Ocean on Memorial Day weekend at this facility is an incredible deal!! Although it is sited a few places on the hotel info site, THERE IS NO PARKING FEE!!! Please spread the word, stay in style, right at the host hotel and enjoy all the hotel and the convention have to offer!

Our major sponsor for the event is WingStuff. They have taken one entire ballroom and are bringing those vendors that you all want to talk with about their gear and loads of gear and chrome as well. So save your pennies so you'll have them to spend on all those items that you've been wanting to own. Great deals will abound!

In addition to WingStuff, there will be many other vendors to supply you with anything that you could want for your Wing or other motorcycle. We are very excited to have Sue from Signs and Wonders coming to paint her gorgeous murals and more on your prized possession, no not your spouse, your bike ☺ In addition to Sue we'll have another pinstriper as well. So we should have vendors to meet all of your desires and needs!

We want to also announce that the Grand Prize of \$1000 has just gotten better!!! How you say? WingStuff will match our \$1000 with a \$1000 gift certificate to WingStuff!! That's right, you got it, we're giving away \$1000 in cash and \$1000 gift certificate to WingStuff!!! Buy those tickets through pre-registration, you get 2 for 1, on site it will be 1 for 1. Don't be left out, this is an awesome opportunity!!!

Pre-registrations are due by May 8th and we'd sure appreciate getting them sooner as it helps us to make plans. Also room reservations need to be made before May 1st or that incredible price of \$89 will be gone and their regular price is \$199/night! So don't delay, act now....download that registration form, fill it out and send it in and while you're on the website, follow the link and make your hotel reservation.

So come and join us on May 27-30 at the beautiful Hilton Orange County in Costa Mesa, CA, we're looking forward to welcoming you!!



THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe O

Top Ten Reasons Why Harley Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Afraid it will invalidate warranty.
9. Leather and studs make it too heavy to raise arm.
8. Refuse to wave to anyone whose bike is already paid for.
7. Afraid to let go of handlebars because they might vibrate off.
6. Rushing wind would blow scabs off the new tattoos.
5. Angry because just took out second mortgage to pay luxury tax on new Harley.
4. Just discovered the fine print in owner's manual and realized H-D is partially owned by Honda.
3. Can't tell if other riders are waving or just reaching to cover their ears like everyone else.
2. Remembers the last time a Harley rider waved back, he impaled his hand on spiked helmet.
1. They're too tired from spending hours polishing all that chrome to lift their arms.

Top Ten Reasons Why Gold Wing Riders Don't Wave Back

10. Wasn't sure whether other rider was waving or making an obscene gesture.
9. Afraid might get frostbite if hand is removed from heated grip.
8. Has arthritis and the past 400 miles have made it difficult to raise arm.
7. Reflection from etched windshield momentarily blinded him.
6. The espresso machine just finished.
5. Was actually asleep when other rider waved.
4. Was in a three-way conference call with stockbroker and accessories dealer.
3. Was distracted by odd shaped blip on radar screen.
2. Was simultaneously adjusting the air suspension, seat height, programmable CD player, seat temperature, and satellite navigation system.
1. Couldn't find the "auto wave back" button on dashboard.



RATTENTION ALL CRUISERS...AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Mark your 2011 calendars for **May 7-14, 2011**. Chapter F will be taking a Motorcycle Cruise out in the Caribbean to 5 different islands! You will be riding your own motorcycle off the gang plank, and touring each of the islands with local tour guides and chase crews, so no one is left behind... WOW! They tell me that can only take the first 35 motorcycles! Sorry... no trikes.



Make your reservations soon to make sure you don't miss the boat! Call the number listed above, and start writing down your excuses to give your boss as to why you will not be coming into work on those those days!

At the time that you make your reservation you will need a \$300.00 deposit. This will ensure that there's a spot for you and your bike on the boat! They even have a layaway plan to pay it off monthly (Call the number listed above for more details).

The ship leaves from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. and I will be planning a road trip for us to arrive there in time to board the ship. I will also find local hotel accommodations for us. That way you can send your extra "Boat Clothes" and other items to the hotel ahead of time. and you won't have to carry all those items on the bike on the road trip. After our "Wings" are loaded on board the ship... off we go...for 7 fun filled days, packed with food, Island adventure, and excitement!

If this looks like something that you and your significant other, (wife, girlfriend, or Victoria's Secret Super model...etc....), would really love to do, then check out the Cruise Line flyers that Mike has for you during our April Chapter F meeting! There will be a sign-up sheet on the front table... If you are even thinking about going, please write your name on the list, and I will do my best to get you the updates... as they happen!

Let's Cruise.....

Mike



From Al Kane

**R&S Honda / Polaris
1425 Wyoming NE
Albuquerque. NM 87112
505-293-1860**

Spring is the time to get your ride ready for the season and we at R&S Honda want to help. Here are our spring and summer tire specials.

GL1800	Dunlop E3	Front	was \$237.99	Now <u>\$118.99</u>
GL1800	Dunlop E3	Rear	was \$321.99	Now <u>\$160.99</u>
GL1800	Bridgestone	Front	was \$247.99	Now <u>\$123.99</u>
GL1800	Bridgestone	Rear	was \$325.99	Now <u>\$162.99</u>
GL1800	Dunlop D250	Front	was \$247.99	Now <u>\$123.99</u>
GL1800	Dunlop D250	Rear	was \$325.99	Now <u>\$162.99</u>
GL1500	Dunlop E3	Rear	was \$283.99	Now <u>\$141.99</u>
GL1500	Dunlop E3	Front	was \$221.99	Now <u>\$110.99</u>
GL1200	Dunlop E3	Rear	was \$225.98	Now <u>\$112.99</u>
GL1200	Dunlop E3	Front	was \$183.99	Now <u>\$91.99</u>

**Mounting and balance
\$46.00 Per wheel on the bike
Taxes and disposal fees not included**

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

ASK FOR JD

Free Full
Breakfast
Included

Indoor
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2 Complimentary
Cocktails
per Night

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Host Hotel for the
2010 Albuquerque Ride for Kids
Special Room Rate of \$79.00

**CALL TOLL FREE 1-866-650-4900 TO MAKE A RESERVATION BY PHONE
AND ASK FOR THE *Ride for Kids* RATE**



Ride for Kids Events held at the Host Hotel are:

- Patient Family Training, Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM
- Volunteer Training, Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM
- Pre-Ride Party, Saturday, May 22, 6 PM - ? in the Ballroom
 - Food provided by Garcia's Kitchen, Dee's Cheesecakes
 - Silent and Live Auction Items
 - \$10 per person at the door

MCM Elegante' Hotel
2020 Menaul Blvd. NE Tel: (505) 884-2511
Albuquerque, NM 87107 Fax: (505) 881-4806
www.mcmelegante.com



Winger Family Beach Party

West Wing 2 Region F Rally

May 27-30, 2010

Orange County Hilton Hotel



Cruise on in to the 2010 GWRRA Region F Rally in Costa Mesa, CA over Memorial Day weekend!
Bed down at The Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol St. in Costa Mesa, CA. 92626 Room rate is \$89/night.
Reservations: www.gwrra-RegionF.org & look for 2010 Region Rally & follow the link, Or call 714-540-7000, "GWRRA "



Plan for FUN!!!
Daily 50/25/25
Eike Skills Games
Rally Pin & Door Prizes
Rider Education Courses
Eike Show



First Aid/CPR Class & Recert Class
Couple & Individual of the Year Selection
Vendors, including Eline & Chrome

\$1,000 Cash GRAND PRIZE
Tires, Special Gifts and more

4 Nights of FUN, FUN, FUN!!!!
Thursday Night Eino & Free Pizza
Join us at the poolside Beach Party
on Friday Night including ice cream!

"Don the Apron" on Saturday Night
for Pasta Palooza & Talent Show
Sunday night w/ "In & Out Burger"
dinner with Closing Ceremonies &
Entertainment

* **Master's Breakfast (you'll pay on site, \$12 + tax & tip) ***
For up to Date Schedule & more info,
go to www.GWRRA-RegionF.org

Registration Fees (onsite \$10 more)	Cost	Qty	Total
GWRRA Members	\$20	_____	\$ _____
GWRRA Members -Couples	\$35	_____	\$ _____
Non Members	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Non Members-Couples	\$45	_____	\$ _____
Day Passes-available for purchase on site			
Dinner on Saturday Night	\$25	_____	\$ _____
First Aid/CPR ___ Full ___ ReCert	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Pre-Registration Tickets	Cost	Qty	Total
\$1000 Grand Prize (\$1.00 each at rally)	2 for \$1	_____	\$ _____
50/25/25- Strips of 10	\$5 X	_____	\$ _____
50/25/25 - Strips of 100	\$30 X	_____	\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Master's Breakfast # of attendees _____ (pay on site, see above*)
Master # _____ # _____
Date of Arrival at Rally _____ (so we have enough pizza on Thurs.)

All pre-registrations must be received by May 8th, 2010

[Make Checks payable to GWRRA-Region F](#)

Mail completed forms to:
Barbara Jefferies
9957 Wyatt Ranch Way
Sacramento, CA 95829
E-Mail: jeffer293@aol.com

For further information
contact Anita or JR Alkire
E-Mail: jralkire@cox.net
619-741-8893

Or
Jeffrey or Denise Goldin
E-Mail: arizonagoldin@cox.net
602-481-0894

**\$15.00 fee on all refunds.
No refunds after May 8th**

**MORE INFO AT
WWW.GWRRA-RegionF.org**

Rider: _____ GWRRA #: _____

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA #: _____

Address: _____ Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____



GWRRR

Membership Application

PLEASE PRINT YOUR ADDRESS AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON A MAILING LABEL.

MEMBER NAME: _____ NEW RENEWING: _____
Last First Membership#

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 USA CANADA OTHER: _____

TELEPHONE: Home: () _____ Work: () _____ E-MAIL: _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS: Include the names of all family members living in your household who desire membership. Members of GWRRR must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers under Rescue or the Rescue Plus Plan for towing and emergency roadside assistance.

GOLD BOOK™ DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Must check one of the following: Please check the items you will offer traveling members.

- A. Truck/Trailer B. Phone Calls Only C. Tent Space D. Lodging E. Tools F. Tour Guide
 DO NOT LIST ME IN THE GOLD BOOK Exclude me from email offers Exclude me from mailings

GOLD WING/VALKYRIE OWNERS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

NON-GOLD WING OWNERS

ASSOCIATE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

ASSOCIATE FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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