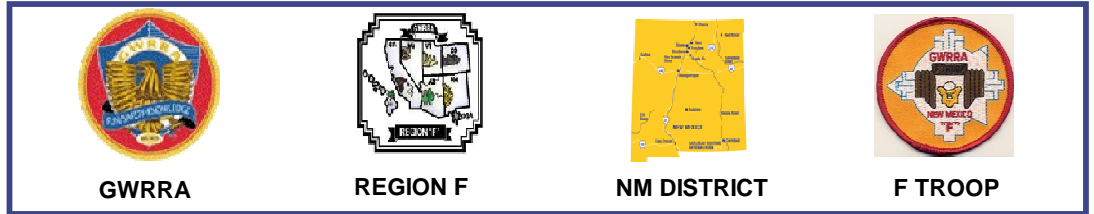


# The Bugler



## Chapter F - Albuquerque, New Mexico



## The Pizza Barn Run

by Mike Van Horn



Everyone was so excited about getting out and riding and it really was evident, judging by the turnout of 16 cycles, and 23 very happy riders that made it to the Pizza Barn in Edgewood, NM.

Here's who was there: David & DeeDee Zimpelman, Wyly & Lila Cameron, Len & Gary Strawderman, Joe Rieman, George Greer, Mark Davis, Ralph & Robyn French, Ernie Buxa, Jimm White, Julian and Marissa Smith, Joe and Nancy Opuszenski, Dave Drake, Jack Sidler, Keith & Teresa Morrison, Eric Shockey, and yours truly.

It was so much fun seeing everyone, and catching up on all the winter events that happened. Everyone really enjoyed the pizza, especially Dave Drake! He had some left over and didn't want any of that going to waste, so the pizza was put into a take home box and then when he discovered that it wouldn't fit properly in the trunk, he used the trunk lid to compact it into a steaming lump of pizza ready to make the road trip home! At least that's the way I remember it.... Hehehe!

Thanks to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing everyone out there on the road! Until next time.

Be safe, and watch your inbox for more fun rides and adventures from Chapter F!

### Special points of interest:

- Next **Chapter** Meeting **March. 6, 2010**
- Feb.. Calendar of Events
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## And the winner is....



This is all you need to do and 1 lucky current GWRRA member will have their breakfast paid for by Chapter F. Present your Golden Corral receipt to the designated staff person and you will be given a ticket. We will be checking receipts as you enter the dining area, so please hold onto your receipts until you have receive your ticket. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting and the winner will be awarded \$10, enough to pay for your breakfast.

### REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR WAIT STAFF!



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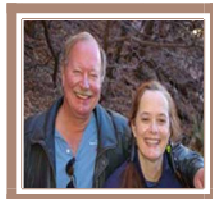
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# CHAPTER DIRECTORS

*Jimm & Pam White*



I've got writers block and Val sent me an e-mail earlier telling me I needed to get with it and send her my article. Well, I've got writers block and there's just nothing in there, (much to my embarrassment a pretty common condition). So let's

see where this leads us.

I wanted to talk about the Jimmy Strickland ride. A great time with you and over 65 of motorcycle enthusiast were there; more on that later in this newsletter. And some new faces. Can you imagine my surprise when one of my old bosses, from the last company I worked for, walked up and said "Hi," Small World!

I wanted to talk about our chapter meeting; great presentation about the USS New Mexico, the latest in Nuclear Attack submarines in the United States Navy. I thought it was interesting the boat's chefs had made trips to El Pinto in Albuquerque and La Posta in Old Mesilla to brush up on their New Mexico culinary skills. Boy, La Posta sure brings back some memories.

I wanted to talk about what a great time the last chapter meeting was for Pam and I, we sure have fun with you all.

I wanted to talk about the mid-month ride to the Pizza Barn in Edgewood. It was a great ride with some great weather. To not ride that day would have been a great sin. I'm pretty sure I'm already in trouble on that count and I saw no benefit in tempting fate, so I rode, and it was great. We had a pretty good turnout too. And did I mention the weather was great?

I wanted to tell you that Russ has already done a GWRRA class this month. It was a co-rider seminar which is good for your **Level 2 GWRRA Rider Ed** levels. I also wanted to tell you that there will be more to come.

I thought I would tell you that Mike Van Horn is back at full strength. That means that there will be a very active ride schedule this year. As well as his running the ride schedule and he has taken the reins of the new District Chapter Visitation Program, (sounds like a custody battle ☺), Ted and Kathy Bates will explain at our next chapter meeting.

I also wanted to talk about some upcoming Rider Education courses. This is in direct connection

with Mike Van Horn's ride schedule. It seems that the continued success and the continued increase in attendance at our rides have created a new problem for us, and one that is welcomed, indeed. We need more Road Captains! Large groups of riders should be broken up into 5 to 7 bikes and each group of 5 to 7 bikes should have two Road Captains, one lead and one tail gunner. Let's say for example, we have 20 bikes on a after the meeting ride that would be three groups of motorcycles with six Road Captains.

So, Russ will be putting on more Road Captain courses. Geez, every chapter should have our problems!

I wanted to talk about some of the chapter staff positions still open and invite your participation in them, the one that with the most immediate need is the Door Prize Coordinator. This position is responsible for collecting door prizes from participating shops

about a week before the monthly meeting. Imagine, a valid excuse to go look at new Goldwings or safety chrome, and maybe even buy some. How good does that get!!! "Honey, it is part of the job description!"



I also wanted to talk a little about another staff position that is very important to us. As you remember, Keith and I both talked at the last meeting about Couple of The Year. Keith and Teresa have finished their year as Chapter F Couple of the Year (COY) and they have been selected as District COY and will compete this May at Region F's Rally, West Wing II, in Costa Mesa, Ca. When they win at Region they will go on to Wing Ding in New Orleans, (well, I was right about Des Moines!), in 2011. That means that our COY for F is now open.

This is a position that should be chosen by the members. If you have a couple in mind, let us know who they are and why you think they should be chosen, however, sooner is better than later !

Ya know, I wanted to talk about all these things and more, but I've got writers block and I just can't think of anything to say.....

And the beat goes on.....Jimm

# ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS

*Keith & Teresa Morrison*

## What Does It Mean to Be Part Of The GWRRA Team?



To become a part of a team is a privilege. Few people ever get the wonderful opportunity to experience the support of teammates and friends in the crucible of the competitive arena. A team lifts and elevates the

performance of an individual to heights never before achieved. Each individual must also recognize their responsibility to the team. A team is a collection of individuals who have chosen to pursue one or more common goals. One of these goals, by tacit agreement of all concerned, is the improvement of each individual, which can result in improvement of the team performance. We work individually, but preparation is best accomplished in a team environment. No individual can create this environment for excellence on their own. It takes a team. There is no such thing as a free lunch. If an individual wishes to benefit from the team, they must give to the team. Successful teams nurture individually, and expect the individual to respond by also nurturing the team. Individual sacrifices on behalf of the team are just as much a part of the team environment as team accommodation of the individual.

### The most successful teams have some characteristics in common in terms of accommodating the needs of individuals;

1) They demand adherence to the core values of the team. Outside these core values, they allow freedom of individual expression. But the core values of GWRRA are absolute, and not to be modified or bent for the individual.

2) They recognize that not every individual's every needs can be met, but they bend over backwards to accommodate the **MOST IMPORTANT** needs of each GWRRA member.

3) They react positively to the idea in action that each individual first takes care of their own responsibilities, then assists others in their needs.

Individuals on successful teams also have some common characteristics;

1) They give back. If they want to be cheered for, they cheer for teammates. If they need special attention, they provide special attention to others.

2) They recognize that the more experienced rider and the beginner rider on any team have unique responsibilities. The team will go no higher than the fastest, and will be limited by the efforts of the slowest. These individuals put special effort into assisting each to maximize their GWRRA membership potential.

3) They know that Rules do not make teams, but GWRRA traditions based on what it takes to achieve group goals do make a team. The individual recognizes the power of peer pressure when the objective is right behavior.

4) Individuals recognize that a rising tide lifts all boats, and that it is better to make the pie bigger than to fight for their small piece of the pie.

**TEAM** has been described as "Together Everyone Achieves More". Anyone who has been on a good team will agree with this acronym.

"The Team Takes Care of Me, and I Take Care of The Team"

Why TEAM – because it takes a team to ensure that all of our members ride for "Fun, Safety, and Knowledge"

***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*



# Couple of the Year

*by: Keith & Teresa Morrison*



GWRRA's Couple of the Year Program was instituted in 1988 as a successor to our nine-year tradition of selecting a Wing Ding Queen to serve as ambassador for our association. A program which began as a way to honor couples at the local level, and to select enthusiastic duos to serve as ambassadors and spokespersons for GWRRA, has evolved into a useful tool for identifying and helping prepare couples for leadership positions within the organization.

## Chapter Couple of the Year

### REQUIREMENTS

- Couple must consist of one male and one female
- Both male and female must hold Individual, Family, Associate Individual, or Associate Family membership in GWRRA. (Note: Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program at the Chapter level only.)
- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year).
- The Couple must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA prior to being named Chapter Couple of the Year.
- In order to provide an opportunity for other deserving couples, the same Couple shall not be named as Chapter Couple of the Year for more than two consecutive years.

Being named Chapter Couple of the Year is an honor – an award for a job well-done – and as such, nothing really is expected in return. However, many Chapter Couples of the Year want to repay their fellow chapter participants by taking on extra responsibilities or by

participating in the District selection process. This is a decision left to the couple, and they will examine their time, talents and resources to determine what level of responsibility is right for them. Since the Couple of the Year, beyond the Chapter level, utilizes the couple as ambassadors and spokespersons, it is logical for the Chapter Couple of the Year to become more involved in Chapter public relation kinds of activities, particularly if they are considering moving to the next level. Some areas of involvement may be:

- Assist Chapter membership Enhancement or Public Relations Coordinator with contacting media, community leaders, Honda dealers, etc., and speaking at non-GWRRA events/clubs about GWRRA.
- Serve as greeters
- Sit with and introduce first-time guest
- Serve as membership coordinators contacting inactive or expired GWRRA members to renew interest in GWRRA
- Conduct 50/50 sales
- Assist at registration desks or “goodie” tables at events
- Assist at Mall Shows
- Submit articles for the Chapter newsletter
- Maintain the history of the Chapter and the Chapter Couples of the Year
- Visit neighboring Chapters and take other members along

Although there are many things that the Chapter Couple of the Year can be involved with, remember the position is a Thank You for all that you have already done for the Chapter.

For more information on the COY program and to fill out a resume` please visit:

<http://med.gwrra.org/coupleoftheyear.htm>

# The Meeting's Presentation

by: Don Chapman

## The USS New Mexico

Greetings fellow Goldwingers,



For those of us that braved the cold temps of the morning of Jan. 2, 2010 to attend the Chapter F meeting, it was a special meeting, I hope for all.

On hand to make a presentation on the newest Virginia Class (nuclear powered) submarine to join the US Naval fleet, were, Damon Runyan, and Joe Loisel, retired U.S. Navy. These fine men are responsible for the fundraising for the upcoming commissioning of the USS New Mexico.

Here are just some awesome facts that was presented

- It took 14 million manhours to assemble the USS New Mexico'
- One million parts and
- 140 shipboard systems, all encased in one of the strongest hulls ever built.
- The speed of the USS New Mexico is classified as is it's propulsion system.
- It is crewed by 134 sailors & with the following armaments: 12 Tubes for Vertical Launch of Tomahawk Missiles, 4 Tubes for Mark 48 Torpedoes, and this ship is ready to take on any enemy to the free world.
- The primary missions of the USS New Mexico are: Search & Destroy Enemy Ships and Submarines; Special Forces Delivery and Recovery; Intelligence-Surveillance-Reconnaissance.
- The ship's motto is "Defendemos Nuestra Tierra", translation: "We defend our land". (This is the only US Navy ship which carries a motto in Spanish.)

The USS New Mexico is the most technologically advanced submarine on the planet. She will carry our name wherever she sails, and will play a vital role in protecting our nation and preserving our freedom, to that I say.....suuuuuuhweeeeeetttt!!!!!!

Don Chapman



**Defendemos Nuestra Tierra**  
**The USS New Mexico**

Emilee Sena, who is a Senior at St. Pius X High School, submitted her winning design as an oil painting.



The winning design!



The USS New Mexico during one of Sea Trials

# The USS New Mexico



Does that look like the New Mexico state flag?



She floats!!!! The New Mexico afloat for the first time.



Our state's namesake out of the water, look at those curves, baby!



The USS New Mexico at sea at dusk.

### A little more history:

A commissioning is a time-honored naval tradition and marks the official entry of a ship or submarine into the fleet. While the Commanding Officer recommends the location and date for his ship's commissioning, it is the Secretary of the Navy who has the final say and makes the selection official. The USS NEW MEXICO (SSN 779) will be commissioned at the Norfolk Naval Station in March 2010.

As the host state, New Mexico has many responsibilities in making sure the commissioning is a world-class event. While the Navy supplies the submarine, crew and pier, the rest is up to the Commissioning Committee.

# RIDER EDUCATOR COORDINATORS

Russell & Valerie Shupe

## FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION (When Things Go ‘Clunk’)



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wV7MGTsbSxc>



At the January Chapter F meeting, Brian Leist of Chapter W related an incident where he encountered a strange noise - a ‘clunk’, if you will, every time he applied his front brake.

Brian and Michele were on a group ride to Carrizozo, NM and they were just outside of Mountainair when the noise became obvious. Brian did not want to hinder their group and he *almost* surrender to a few riders who held the philosophy, “If it’s rolling, ride it.” Brian Earle, to his credit, insisted they stop, get out the tool kits and check it out. The result was that the mounting bolt for the right front brake caliber had backed out and the caliber was floating free on the rotor as it turned.

According to J.D., R&S Honda:

“The seriousness of this situation cannot be under estimated; they were right on the edge of a major crash. A free floating caliper only needs to twist a degree or two to cause the rotor and wheel to lock up and at highway speed that would have meant an immediate flip. Anyone involved would at least go to the hospital or it could have been deadly.” ~J.D.

In telling the story, Brian Leist said it best, “If you listen to your machine it will talk & tell you things.”

Some months back my company attended a conference where the guest speaker was Gene Kranz.

For those of you who don’t recognize that name, Gene Kranz was the NASA flight director responsible for bringing home the Apollo 13 astronauts after their service module suffered a catastrophic electrical short and explosion while en route to the moon.

I am always fascinated by people who find themselves in situations for which they never expected and how they reacted to solve the problem at hand. It is of even deeper interest to me when someone, like Gene Kranz for example, not only encounters a situation that they didn’t anticipate but no one before them has ever encountered it either.

As a result of the Apollo 13 experience, Mr. Kranz has developed a series of points for crisis resolution and they are as follows:



# RIDER EDUCATOR COORDINATORS

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## Foundations of Mission Control

To instill within ourselves these qualities essential for professional excellence:

**Discipline:** Being able to follow as well as lead, knowing that we must master ourselves before we can master our task.

**Competence:** There being no substitute for total preparation and complete dedication, for space will not tolerate the careless or indifferent.

**Confidence:** Believing in ourselves as well as others, knowing that we must master fear and hesitation before we can succeed.

**Responsibility:** Realizing that it cannot be shifted to others, for it belongs to each of us; we must answer for what we do, or fail to do.

**Toughness:** Taking a stand when we must; to try again, and again, even if it means following a more difficult path.

**Teamwork:** Respecting and utilizing the ability of others, realizing that we work toward a common goal, for success depends on the efforts of all.

**To always be aware that suddenly and unexpectedly we may find ourselves in a role where our performance has ultimate consequences.**

**To recognize that the greatest error is not to have tried and failed, but that in trying, we did not give it our best effort.**

Speaking for myself, Gene Kranz can play on my team any time.

I will not try to equate a trip to the moon with a trip to Carrizozo (although there are some who would argue just that!) but there are some parallels in terms of riding and rider education.

There are issues and potential crisis situations that can affect all of us who ride motorcycles. They can arise at any time and can come from within (the bike and/or riders) or from without (other motorists, weather, road debris, and etc.) How we react to these situations can have an extreme effect on the ultimate outcome of the situation at hand.

In reading what Gene Kranz has written above can you appreciate how it can apply to our passions for motorcycles and riding?

There are things we can do to lessen the odds of such things and how they might effect our day. Proper riding gear, pre and post trip inspections of our bike (T-Clocks), proper mental attitude, not have ingested alcohol or drugs (RX or otherwise), and etc.

Rider education, training and being prepared are a big part of this equation. The mental toughness & teamwork points noted above cannot be understated.

Brian Leist's decision to take the time and to look at his motorcycle with Brian Earle may not have been the most popular decision with their group that day, but, it may very well have saved Brian and Michelle from serious injury or even death. Both of them are to be commended.

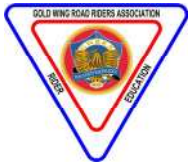
On January 12th the first of a number of training seminars was held at the Accessory Pit, THANK YOU Rick & Linda Howell! We had 9 attendees, things were learned for the first time, previously learned things were refreshed and I think everyone found it to be an evening well spent. For those who were not able to attend, we hope to see you at the next one!

Until next month, Russell & Valerie



# 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.

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| <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

##### TOUR CO-RIDER

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

##### CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Level 1 and current in Level II | <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:                        |
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| Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider Patch request                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carries First Aid Kit on the Bike           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rider _____ Miles<br><input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider _____ Miles | MILEAGE VERIFICATION |      |         |
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|  | Bike                 | Year | Mileage |
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#### SUMMARY

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

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

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

Revised April 2008

# Rider Education Coordinator

## GWRRA C0-Rider Seminar

January 12, 2010

by Russell Shupe



The first official GWRRA seminar for Chapter F of 2010 was held Tuesday evening January 12 at the Accessory Pit. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Rick & Linda Howell for allowing us to use their showroom area and audio-visual equipment to conduct the seminar.

There were 9 attendees who came to look, listen, learn and participate. The group consisted of seasoned rider and co-riders looking for a “refresher” as well as 1<sup>st</sup> timers who hadn’t taken the seminar before. A number of ideas were exchanged on several points and even your humble presenter learned a thing or two about kick stand stress and how not to load (overload) your Goldwing.

Everyone had input during the seminar and all responded that it was an evening well spent. The attendees were: Rick & Linda Howe, Russell & Valerie Shupe, Jerry & Debra Spicher, John & Linda Kinney, Wayne and Penny Holly, and Dave Drake.

Thanks for participating!!!!



Russell learning as well as instructing the Co-Rider seminar.

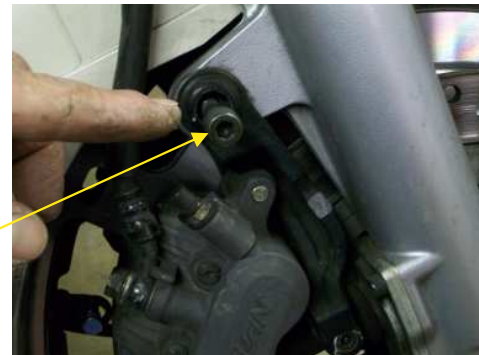


Pictured from left to right: Penny Holly, Deb Spicher, Wayne Holly, Jerry Spicher, Rick Howe, John Kinney, Linda Howe , Linda Kinney and the mighty leg of Dave Drake



Penny and Wayne Holly at the beginning of class.

A real Safety Issue to talk about!






Brian Leist’s front brake assembly, see the bolt, this was the klunking noise that Brian heard every time he used his front brake.

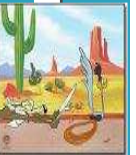


# Chapter F February 2010



## Reflections of February Past

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|  | 1  | 2   | 3                      | 4<br>Tx—1A | 5   | 6<br>Chapter F Meeting.<br>Golden Corral Ride: Grants—               |
| 7<br>Chapter C Meeting   | 8  | 9   | 10<br>Ice Cream Social | 11         | 12  | 13<br>Chapters F and W Happy Valentine's Dinner<br>Chapter D Meeting |
| 14<br>VALENTINE'S DAY<br>   | 15<br>President's Day<br> | 16  | 17                     | 18         | 19  | 20<br>Event— Chapter F Laguna Green Chile Cheese-                    |
| 21<br><br>Chapter W Meeting | 22   | 23  | 24                     | 25         | 26  | 27<br>Chapter F<br>Social Butterfly Event—Lone Star                  |
| 28   |  |     |                        |            |     |  |



# 2010 CHAPTER "F" QUICK GLANCE CALENDAR OF RIDES & EVENTS

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|--------------|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| <b>JAN</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , Jimmy Strickland Ride                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Isleta Bowling   | 13 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 16 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter-F Scavenger Hunt   | 30 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>FEB</b>   | 6 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 6 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Grants, The Arches  | 10 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 13 <sup>th</sup> , Valentine's Dinner, Trombino's  | 20 <sup>th</sup> , Laguna, Green Chile Cheeseburger Run                                     | 27 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>MAR</b>   | 6 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 6 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, El Rancho de Las Golondrinas, Santa Fe  |  | 10 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 20 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter-F Rodeo Challenge  | 27 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>APRIL</b> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event Socorro – VLA Tour   |  | 14 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 17 <sup>th</sup> , 500/1000 Challenge   | 24 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>MAY</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 1 <sup>st</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event Rancho de Chimayo, Chimayo, NM   | 15 <sup>th</sup> , Santa Rosa, Blue Hole, Picnic & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Cookie Contest   | 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Ride for Kids   | 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , Memorial Day Weekend Ride, West Wing 2, Costa Mesa, CA | 27 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Weekend Ride, Carlsbad Caverns                               | 30 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event         |
| <b>JUN</b>   | 5 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 5 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event Grants, Cuba, Bernalillo Loop Ride   | 9 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social   | 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> District Rally   | 19 <sup>th</sup> Chapter-F Staff Breakfast  | 26 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event, Route 66, Johnny Rocket's – 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Moonlight Ride | 6-30 <sup>to</sup> 7-3, Wing Ding, Des Moines, IA |
| <b>JUL</b>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Eagle Nest Volunteer Fireman's BBQ (Time – 11 to 5), Veterans War Memorial – Angel Fire |  | 14 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> , Grand Canyon, North Rim, Monument Valley             | 31 <sup>st</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>AUG</b>   | 7 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 7 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Quarai Ruins & Shaffer Hotel Run (Ranger Bob)   | 11 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> , Colorado District Rally                                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Wolf Creek to Pagosa Springs to Moab, 3 day trip      | 28 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>SEPT</b>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> California District Rally | 4 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral   | 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Silver City, Cat Walk, Mogollion Ghost Town Walk & Gila Nat. Monument | 8 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social   | 11 <sup>th</sup> , Jemez Burger Burn  | 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> , Cimarron, Trinidad Raton Loop Ride & Sugarite Canyon Campout           | 25 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event         |
| <b>OCT</b>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event Santa Fe Ski Basin Chair Lift  | 13 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 16 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> , Roswell, Alien Museum, Bottomless Lakes State Park Campout | 29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Arizona District Rally                                  | 30 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>NOV</b>   | 6 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 6 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event, Chapter F Birthday party at R&S Honda   | 10 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social  | 13 <sup>th</sup> , Manzano – Buckhorn loop ride and Green Chile Burger run                       |   | 20 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |
| <b>DEC</b>   | 4 <sup>th</sup> , Chapter Meeting – Golden Corral           | 4 <sup>th</sup> , After Chapter Meeting Ride/Event Charity Run.   | 8 <sup>th</sup> , Ice Cream Social   | 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Charity Run.  |   | 18 <sup>th</sup> , Social Butterfly Event  |   |



# Rider Coordinator

## Mike Van Horn



### Ride Coordinator's Corner!

## Chapter "F" Rides: February

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

Updated: 02/01/10

**6<sup>th</sup> - Chapter gathering at 7:30 AM for Breakfast at the Golden Corral Restaurant (DQ Points Ride)**  
**After our gathering... we will be heading out to the Arches for a picnic lunch!**



La Ventana Arch



Looking out from the Narrows Rim Trail

We will form up in the parking lot following the meeting, (Departure time @10:30), and off we go! Be sure to bring a sack lunch and drinks with you for the picnic, (No water available at the picnic site). We'll be heading out on West I-40 to the NM 177 cut off. I'm planning a stop at the Shell Gas Station (at cutoff to NM 177), and there is a "Subway" sandwich shop if you would like to purchase a sandwich to go, before we ride into the Arches area.

The picnic area at the Narrows is nestled up under the base of the cliffs and should be the perfect place to chow down for lunch. (Round trip is @185 miles). If you would like to meet us at the NM177 cut off, we should be there at @11:20 AM, and we will arrive at the Arches at @12:15 PM

**10<sup>th</sup> (Wed) Ice Cream Social** – This month we are headed to the "Dairy Queen/Brazier" located at 2116 Southern BLVD SE in Rio Rancho Near the intersection of Unser and Southern. There will not be a formal ride to this location, instead plan on meeting all of us there at 6 PM.

**13<sup>th</sup> – 2010 GWRRA Valentine's Day Party** - This is a combined Chapter Event for F & W. Reservations have been made for 5:00 P.M. There will not be a formal ride to this location, instead plan on meeting all of us there at 4:45 PM. Click on this link to see the menu-> <http://www.bistroitaliano.com/> Trombino's is located at the north corner of Seagull Street and Academy, just east of San Mateo.



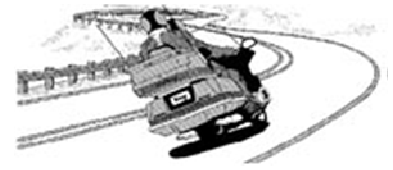
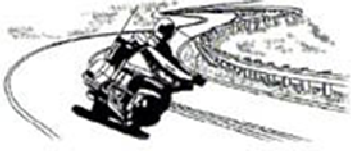
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**20<sup>th</sup> - Laguna** – **For the Best Green Chili Cheeseburger in NM Run** – We will be meeting at the Golden Corral parking lot (Same location as the monthly meetings...Coors & I-40), at 11:45 AM. Departure time is at 12 Noon. Hope you're hungry!



# Rider Coordinator

## Mike Van Horn



### Ride Coordinator's Corner

February is here, and I know that everyone is itching to get out and ride again after a couple of months of cold temps. I know I am. Take a look at the "**Ride Coordinator's Corner**" in this month's news letter... It still has all the information you need for your ride, but you will notice some big changes! I have taken several suggestions from you, (the members), and created a slightly different format for the "Ride Coordinator's Corner" that not only has all the details for the rides, but also includes photos of the places we will visit, and even Google Maps to give you a bird's eye view of the places we will explore together! The photos say a lot about where we are going, and you know what they say about photos.... and a thousand words!

Another suggestion from one of our members is to print out the page that has the motorcycles in the upper corners, and then tape that page to your refrigerator or on your mirror in the bedroom so you will see it often! This will help you to plan for the rides, and keep you up to date on Chapter F's activities too!

A lot of planning goes into every ride that has made it to this listing. I try to create a safe and organized way to conduct our rides, and find new ways to explore the open road together! We all love our motorcycles, and it's very cool that we can all come together and share that passion with others in our group that feel the same way as you do!

Here's another fun activity we will be starting this month, starting with the ride after the February's meeting.... We are calling it "**The Dairy Queen Challenge**". Take another look at the "Ride

Coordinators Corner" in your news letter. You will notice that next to some of the rides, there's something there called: "(DQ Points Ride)". Whenever you see that, we are going to do something special! Each time you participate on one of these "Points Rides", you are one step closer to collecting your free Ice Cream that the Chapter will buy for you! Here's how it works:

Before the ride starts the Road Capitan will have you sign-in on a riders list, and use that sign-in list to keep track of your points.

Even your co-riders will get will get points!

So, each time you come along with us on a "Points Ride", you will receive a point. OK, now you have a bunch of points...what can you do with those points? Well I'm glad you asked.....Once you have accumulated 5 points, the chapter will either buy you a small ice cream Sundae, or we will hand you \$2.50, to buy whatever you like.....

Or... if you want to wait till you collect 10 points... turn them in, and the chapter will buy you a large Ice Cream Sunday with all the fixins' just the way you like it... OR.... you can take the \$5.00 in cold hard cash!

No gimmicks, nothing to put up front... Chapter "F" will be flippin' the bill for your ice cream at Dairy Queen! Can you dig it!

So, check out the new "Ride Coordinators Corner" Ride Schedule, and make your plans to ride out with us on each and every adventure!



Let's Ride!  
Mike



# More adventure in store by the pictures that were taken....join the crowd and make your own fun with your friends of Chapter F!

I can't believe I ate the whole thing.....Yikes!

## Fun at the Pizza Barn



Marissa contemplating the first bite..mmmm good!

JAN 16 2010



Good Job George, just Smile!



I think Gary is wondering, "Who is watching the planes while I am having fun with my Chapter F buddies?"



Mike and his team, Dot and Dave Drake limbering up for the DQ Treat Eat-a thon.

## The Ice Cream Social at the Dairy Queen, Cottonwood Mall.



Satisfied Dairy Queen customers, Jewel and Dave.

I don't know Ralph, I think I am going to go with the cherry on top.





# The Goodie Store



John & Linda Kinney



New F Troop Hats

Show your Chapter F pride! We have long and short sleeve polos, long and short sleeved t-shirt, badges, name tags, new t-shirts (as shown in the picture) and new F Troop logo hats. All GWRRA Chapter F brand items can only be purchased through the Goodie Store.



**GWRRA Chapter F  
Two Rocker Set  
\$30.50**



**GWRRA Chapter F  
Three Rocker Set  
\$39.00**



**Customized half cover for GL1100 through GL1800 Goldwings**

Price \$97.00



**GWRRA, Chapter F Name Badge**

Price \$10.00



The official store of Geniuses!



GL1100

GL1500

GL1800



## Shirt Order Information

Here are some basic information that we will need to place your order for the Long and Short Sleeved Polo Shirts.

Size of shirt, they come in S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL. What Name do you want to embroidered on the front of the shirt (s). And what Color of bike in the middle of the patch for your long or short sleeved polo shirt.

Please see the prices below.

### Short Sleeve Polo Prices

- S-XL \$20
- 2XL \$22
- 3XL \$23
- 4XL \$24

### Long Sleeve Polo Prices

- S-XL \$25
- 2XL \$27
- 3XL \$28
- 4XL \$29

A beautiful example of Chapter F's Polo Shirt



Hey, I'm buying my shirt from Vanna!



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

[goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org](mailto:goodie.store@newmexicochapterf.org)



# MEMBER MATTERS

*Joe & Nancy Opuszenski*

## February Birthdays



Do I smell birthday cake?

|              |                      |              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Marcia Brown | Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Judy Perez   | Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Ken Fourcher | Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>  | John Kinney  | Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Penny Holly  | Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Bill Hubbell | Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| John Perez   | Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> | Pete Hippauf | Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> |

## February Anniversaries



|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Bill & Carmen Holder   | Feb 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Fred & Diana Salinas   | Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mike & Anne Van Horn   | Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Dave & Lisa Ross       | Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bob & Marilyn Wieseler | Feb 25 <sup>th</sup> |

## GWRRA Member February Anniversaries

|                |              |          |              |              |          |
|----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Larry Brown    | Feb 1, 1999  | 11 years | Linda Brown  | Feb 1, 1999  | 11 years |
| Jo-Ann Edwards | Feb 1, 1990  | 10 years | Neil Zack    | Feb 1, 1986  | 24 years |
| Gerald Harrell | Feb 6, 2008  | 2 years  | Robin Adams  | Feb 9, 2008  | 2 years  |
| Torchy Adams   | Feb 9, 2008  | 2 years  | Julie Hammer | Feb 11, 2008 | 2 years  |
| KC Rivers      | Feb 26, 2009 | 1 year   |              |              |          |

## NEW January / February Chapter F Members

(January) Barry Lausman (Santa Fe), Monte & Jerene Smithson (Los Lunas)  
 (February) Bobby & Ellen Baca (Milan), James Day (Los Lunas) & Jim Lovell (Rio Rancho)

## WE WELCOME BACK.....

We welcome back former members Pauline Baker & Tony Nelson  
 Beverly & Dennis Elliott's chapter override finally went through as well as George Greer's, Mark & Alva Geuss, Nancy & Joe Opuszenski & Bob Schuler

### Please help us keep your anniversaries and birthdays properly dated

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

# The Lighter Side

By JoeO

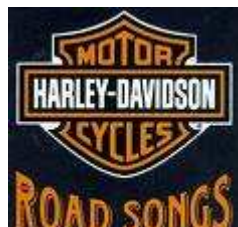
We haven't poked fun at our H-D brothers and sisters (the Dark-Siders) in quite some time. Here is something to let them know that they are still near and dear to us.

## THE TOP 24 THINGS THAT YOU WILL NEVER HEAR A HARLEY RIDER SAY

24. Oh I just couldn't, she's only sixteen.
23. I'll take Shakespeare for a thousand, Alex.
22. Duct tape won't fix that.
21. Hey Peaches? I think we should sell the pickup and buy a minivan.
20. Come to think of it, I'll have a martini.
19. We don't keep no firearms in this house.
18. I thought Graceland was tacky.
17. Hey Peaches? Did you mail that donation to Greenpeace?
16. We're vegetarians,
15. Do you think my gut is too big?
14. I'll have grapefruit and whole wheat toast instead of biscuits and gravy.
13. Listen, Peaches, I love animals too, but we just don't need another dog.
12. Who gives a dam about NASCAR? Let's watch soccer.
11. I wonder if I can get some quieter pipes.
10. The tires on that truck are too big.
9. Light beer just taste better.
8. Sturgis is too far to ride to.
7. Hand me that metric wrench there.
6. Hustler? No, I subscribe to National Geographic.
5. Checkmate.
4. She's too young to be wearing a bikini.
3. Do these chaps make my ass look too big?
2. Those shorts really ought to be a little longer there, Peaches. Hell, you ass is showing when you ride behind me.
1. No more for me, I'm ridin'.



The man, the myth, the legend! Mr. JoeO!



# CHAPTER-F MEMBER MILLION MILE

## December 2009 STATS

BY Joe O

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

| <b>RIDER / CO-RIDER</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2009 (as of Dec 31)</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Adams, Torchy           |             | 659                        |
| Austin, Keith           |             | 6,197                      |
| Branch, Danny           |             | 2,264                      |
| Broadbent, Tom          |             | 4,319                      |
| Cameron, Wyly           |             | 12,728                     |
| Carnes, Ada             |             | 4,079                      |
| Carnes, Art             |             | 4,079                      |
| Chapman, Don            |             | 3,901                      |
| Crawforth, Deane        |             | 16,880                     |
| Dannenberg, Jack        |             | 16,687                     |
| Drake, Dave             |             | 5,480                      |
| Edwards, Steve          |             | 12,628                     |
| Edwards, Pam            |             | 9,287                      |
| Hammer, Rod             |             | 11,220                     |
| Hammer, Julie           |             | 9,322                      |
| Higgins, Monte          |             | 450                        |
| Holder, Bill            |             | 2,293                      |
| Holder, Carmen          |             | 2,293                      |
| Holly, Penny            |             | 3,684                      |
| Holly, Wayne            |             | 3,684                      |
| Howe, Mike              |             | 1,650                      |
| Jeffcoat, Everett       |             | 16500                      |
| Jones, Dave             |             | 1,833                      |
| Jones, Sandi            |             | 1,833                      |
| Kane, Al                |             | 5,766                      |
| Lindquist, Bill         |             | 4,237                      |
| Michel, Mike            |             | 3,160                      |
| Morris, Judy            |             | 1,598                      |
| Morrison, Keith         |             | 17,509                     |
| Morrison, Teresa        |             | 14,655                     |
| Nicholson, Shelia       |             | 5,859                      |
| Nicholson, Wendell      |             | 8,046                      |
| Opuszanski, Joe         |             | 9,290                      |
| Opuszanski, Nancy       |             | 7,628                      |
| Rieman, Joe             |             | 364                        |
| Roady, Harv             |             | 1,160                      |
| Salinas, Diana          |             | 1,799                      |
| Salinas, Fred           |             | 4,890                      |
| Shockey, Eric           |             | 5,858                      |
| Shupe, Russell & Val    |             | 4,204                      |
| Smith, Julian           |             | 3,613                      |
| Smith, Marisa           |             | 1,744                      |
| Smithson, Monte         |             | 558                        |

# CHAPTER-F MEMBER MILLION MILE

## DECEMBER 2009 STATS—continued

BY Joe O

|                   |  |        |
|-------------------|--|--------|
| Spicher, Debi     |  | 2,930  |
| Spicher, Jerry    |  | 3,441  |
| Stewart, Dave     |  | 3,735  |
| Stewart, Lynn     |  | 774    |
| Strawderman, Gary |  | 22,008 |
| Strawderman, Len  |  | 6,985  |
| Van Horn, Mike    |  | 36,154 |
| Wagner, Gene      |  | 5,315  |
| Wagner, Jeanie    |  | 1,170  |
| Walter, Bud       |  | 22,260 |
| Walter, Cheryle   |  | 15,816 |
| White, Jimm       |  | 16,261 |
| White, Pam        |  | 3,896  |
| Wieseler, Bob     |  | 8,663  |
| Valdez, Angelina  |  | 5,961  |
| Valdez, Robert    |  | 5,961  |
| Vigil, Beverly    |  | 1,104  |

### Monthly 2009 Miles

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| January 09   | 14,648 |
| February 09  | 18,137 |
| March 09     | 14,783 |
| April 09     | 39,467 |
| May 09       | 40,533 |
| June 09      | 61,016 |
| July 09      | 68,332 |
| August 09    | 51,466 |
| September 09 | 39,236 |
| October 09   | 47,277 |
| November 09  | 16,898 |
| December 09  | 9,667  |

**TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR 2009 - 421,870, we have reached 42.2% of our goal**



# Social Butterfly January Social



January 30<sup>th</sup>

County Line Social Butterfly Event

## Wow was this an awesome turnout?

We had about 30 people show up. It was really neat to see everyone talking and having fun, not to mention eating. We all got together a little bit before the table was ready so that helped everyone get socializing.



We all got seated the table and continue talking and having fun. The waitress was extraordinary in getting every one's drink and order. When the food came it was well worth the wait.



Everyone kept congratulating Jo and me on the great job. Actually, it is everyone else that makes these events so much fun. This is a great group and they enjoy getting together which makes our job pretty easy. I really like enjoy seeing people having fun and that makes everything so much easier. You guys are great!!



# The Social Butterfly Society Corner



## Valentine's Day Dinner, 13 February 5:00 P.M. Trombino's

**W**e have two evenings slated for February. One is a special evening for your Amore; it is a Valentine's Day dinner with Chapter W at Trombino's Bistro. [Trombinos](#) is on Academy and San Mateo and there will be a select menu for this evening. We need a headcount, so please R.S.V.P. to Bill & Jo Lindquist. There will be additional announcements with more details to follow. Show your Valentine's your love by taking them to Trombino's on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>. This should be a fun evening with our friends of Chapter W.

February 13, 2010



Trombino's is located at the north corner of Seagull Street and Academy, just east of San Mateo.

5415 Academy Rd., NE  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109  
(505) 821-5974



## Chapter F's Social Butterfly Event for February

**T**he Chapter F Social Butterfly Event for this month is set for the Lone Star Steakhouse [Lone Star](#) on Coors Blvd by Cottonwood Mall. The date is **27 February at 6:00 P.M.** This should be fun as the peanuts are free. Please contact me at 505-897-2156 if you plan to or send email to [SBE](#) or [Bill\\_jo\\_lind@msn.com](mailto:Bill_jo_lind@msn.com)

February 27, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Just east of the Cottonwood Mall  
10019 Coors Boulevard Northwest  
Albuquerque, NM 87114-4019  
(505) 899-7827



GWRRR Chapter-F



Albuquerque, New Mexico

# GOING ROGUE

## THE F-F-A

by *Darkside Dave*



Greetings all.

Well, seeing as how last month was the start of a new year, it was also the start of a new Furthest F-ert Contest. If you didn't get your mileage read last month at the meeting you either didn't ride or you just didn't show up. Lucky you, it's not too late to get involved. So get your lazy keister in gear and saddle up that ride and get on down to the meeting. You know you want to be involved, hey who wouldn't? Just imagine all the praise and glory that will be lavished upon you by the poor bums you just crushed with your scorching high mileage. You will be able to walk proud as you strut your bad self around with the hottest bling in the state. So be sure to get to the meeting and get your mileage read. See you bright and early, I'll be the one with the dark aura surrounding him.



**Don't Be Afraid Of the Dark**

Darkside Dave



# DEANE'S SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE

By JoeO



On January 19<sup>th</sup> chapter member Deane Crawforth gave a presentation on his recent South Africa motorcycle trip. The slide presentation was given at the Accessory Pit and covered his entire 17-day 2,600-mile adventure. Of interest is why lions, which were out in the open, did not attack the open vehicle that the motorcyclists were in at the time. You can read about the Deane's trip and view his photos of the trip on his website <http://deanemototrip.com/>





# Chapter—F Business Journal & Important Information

## 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. The position such as event photographers,(currently being done by Keith), are just several that we would like to see filled.

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

Ride Coordinator (Asst) - Again, this position requires a person(s) with imagination to help Mike Van Horn. 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<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 <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 the current Chapter newsletter as well as all New Mexico district Chapter newsletters. Additionally, this website contains a photo galleria that contains photos from each district Chapter. The Chapter F portion of the site is pretty much up to date and there are almost 600 photos of past events. JoeO pretty much keeps this site up-to-date but the site could still use some more ride photos. If you have chapter-related photos that you deem worthy then forward them to

JoeO. This site is carried under the GWRRA links and, just like our site, is thus easily accessible by any chapter in the world.

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

**Check it out!**

# Chapter—F Business Journal & Important Information

## GWRRA *Wingin' It* e-Newsletter



If you aren't receiving GWRRA's "*Wingin' It*" "e-Newsletter" then you should sign up today. Follow these instructions. This is an excerpt from an article in the November 2008 Wing World Magazine by Abel Gallardo, entitled *Change is Constant, So Please Help Out.*

"We first need all Members who would like to receive communications via email from GWRRA to make sure their current email address is registered with the Home Office. You can do this by contacting Customer Service at (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500, Phoenix area or by logging into your membership account at [www.gwrro.org/members](http://www.gwrro.org/members). In addition, any member who does not wish to receive email from GWRRA should also contact Customer Service, via those same methods, and ask "not to be contacted via email"."

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

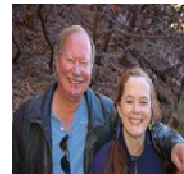
As a side note, it is important to keep GWRRA up-to date as to your email address and phone number. I currently have 37 member email addresses that are different than what GWRRA has for you. I also have six phone numbers that are different than what GWRRA has for some of you. JoeO

## NM MEXICO DISTRICT INFORMATION



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



## REGION F INFORMATION



Hopefully, all you folks with email capability received the January, 2010 Region F newsletter via email from JoeO. There is now a link to the newsletter at <http://gwrro-regionf.org/>

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**GWRRA NEW MEXICO DISTRICT  
Ted & Kathy Bates  
District Directors**

## MEMBER VISITATION CONTEST 2010

One of the focuses for 2010 by our new Region Directors, Anita and JR Alkire, is to promote crossover visitation from Chapter to Chapter to encourage friendship and fun as stated in the GWRRA motto. This is easy and is designed to reward those who visit Chapters and really get into the spirit of GWRRA friendship. Visit other Chapters to make new friends, encourage them to visit your Chapter and plan activities together.

The New Mexico District is promoting this thru a visitation contest. Show your support for the New Mexico District and the GWRRA organization.

Those members wishing to participate will pay an entry fee of \$10.00 per member if individual or \$15.00 per couple if rider / co-rider. A member can enter at any time. Each participant will receive a Visitation Pin and a score sheet. For each Chapter Meeting a participant attends, they will receive a Hanger Bar with the Chapter designation. (Only one Hanger Bar per Chapter visited, even if visited multiple times.) Each participant will receive a Score Sheet.

The prizes will be, at a minimum:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize = \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$75.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize = \$50.00, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize = \$25.00**

(Depending on the number of participants, this could increase once costs are covered.)

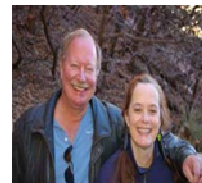
This is a Point based contest. See attached matrix for points per Chapter visit. There will be bonus points awarded as indicated. Chapter Special Functions will be announced to the members by the District. These are functions such as, but not limited to, Chapter F's Burger Burn, Chapter R's Queen Cook Out, Chapter TX1A's Polar Bear Cook Out.

Contact Ted or Kathy Bates for entries or get with your Chapter Director and they will forward your information to us.

### RULES

1. Go visit a Chapter and have fun
2. Points are only awarded for visiting a Chapter twice
3. Visitation can either be by 2, 3 or 4 wheel vehicle. (2 or 3 wheel receives extra credit if a tie breaker is needed)
4. Score Sheet must be signed by CD, ACD or COY (for Rallies, must submit wrist band for credit)
5. Contest runs from January 2, 2010 to October 31, 2010
6. We would encourage you to contact the CD of the Chapter to advise them you are coming.

Happy travels and be safe. Hope to see you there.....Ted & Kathy Bates



Albuquerque, New Mexico

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## GWRRR Membership Application

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renew Member No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Co-Rider Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Member Type (Select One)

- Individual Membership**  
 3 yrs \$120 USD  2 yrs \$85 USD  1 yr \$45 USD  
**Family Membership** (2 or more people in household)  
 3 yrs \$150 USD  2 yrs \$105 USD  1 yr \$55 USD  
**Associate Individual \***  
 3 yrs \$135 USD  2 yrs \$95 USD  1 yr \$50 USD  
**Associate Family \***  
 3 yrs \$165 USD  2 yrs \$115 USD  1 yr \$60 USD  
**Subscription Only (*Wing World™* Magazine)**  1 yr \$40  
 \*The Associate Membership is for those who wish to take advantage of GWRRR and its benefits and do not own a Gold Wing or Valkyrie.

**Yes! I want Rescue Plus for just \$25 per year. (Non-Members \$50)**

*Rescue Plus* offers enhanced benefits and covers all registered drivers in your household while driving or riding in any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle. *Rescue Plus* also covers your motorcycle trailer. Certain limitations and exclusions apply to coverage. All individuals must be registered with GWRRR to receive a membership card and coverage. Members of GWRRR must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers.

How did you hear about us? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Information

Make checks payable in US Funds to GWRRR. GWRRR dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes.

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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](http://www.gwrRA-RegionF.org) & look for 2010 Region Rally & follow the link, Or call 714-540-7000, "GWRRA "**



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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](http://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        |                  |       |                 |
| <b>Dinner on Saturday Night</b>                  | <b>\$25</b>      | _____ | <b>\$ _____</b> |
| First Aid/CPR _____ Full _____ ReCert            | \$20             | _____ | \$ _____        |
| <b>Pre-Registration Tickets</b>                  |                  |       |                 |
| <b>\$1000 Grand Prize (\$1.00 each at rally)</b> | <b>2 for \$1</b> | _____ | <b>\$ _____</b> |
| 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:  
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619-741-8893  
Or  
Jeffrey or Denise Goldin  
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602-481-0894

**\$15.00 fee on all refunds.  
No refunds after May 8th  
MORE INFO AT  
[WWW.GWRRA-RegionF.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AND FINALLY.....

### The Good Ride

A late February afternoon,  
We point the Gold Wing out of town  
It's only 45 degrees  
We have our helmets pulled down

We head north to Santa Fe  
Rolling north at a leisurely pace  
The chill in the air intensifies  
As the wind tingles across my face

We turn north on US 285  
And give the throttle a twist  
No traffic, we ride past farms and kids  
All riding should be like this.

At Espanola we pull in at the truck-stop  
Two bikers from Las Vegas are there  
We talk of our rides, of rides to come  
Of the clean and crisp early spring air

They take off and we go inside  
Come back out with a cup of joe  
We sit there soaking up afternoon sun  
Beneath mountains still dusted with snow

Two more motorcycles rumble in  
A sport bike and a new black Fat Boy  
The new owner grinning from ear to ear  
Just a hundred miles on his brand new toy

We turn left and they turn right  
We wave; we're all heading for home  
Another good ride, another good day  
For me, my first bike poem.

Cold weather will come, it's in the air  
Snow and Ice may keep us inside  
But know that there will always be  
Another day, another great ride

**Saying thank you may be the two hardest words that friends share. We like to see ourselves as independent and not needing anyone's help. When a friend does something for us, it is difficult to humble ourselves by thanking them. Believe it or not, as strong as your need is to believe yourself independent, your friend may have an even stronger need to hear the words "thank you". Your friend will appreciate that he is also a contributor to the friendship.**

Here's to good friends, good times  
and Goldwings!



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