



The Bugler Cover Extra

Chapter F - Albuquerque, New Mexico



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December 5, 2009

150th Fighter Wing and our Wings



What a day!





Ride the wheels off these wings!

Happy New Year!

The Bugler



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GWRR	REGION F	NM DISTRICT	F TROOP



Operation Afghans

by Russell Shupe

Special points of interest:

- Next **Chapter Meeting Feb. 6, 2010**
- Jan. Calendar of Events
- Rider Education/Safety
- 2010 Ride & Events Quick Glance Calendar



Dot Drake , the Afghan Angel at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit, VA Hospital, Albuquerque, NM December 12, 2009

On Saturday December 12, 2009 members of Chapter F had the high honor of visiting injured veterans at the Spinal Cord Injury Unit at the Albuquerque VA Hospital. The purpose of our visit was to support Dave & Dot Drake of Chapter F in distributing some 24 Afghan blankets and wheel chair "lap-gans" to patients in the ward.

The Afghans were ALL made by Dot Drake and they were magnificent!!! Such a variety of patterns & colors! Not being aware of what it takes to make such things, this author can only tell you that I have never seen such a beautiful display of work man (woman) ship!

The Ward supervisor, Ms. Janet Escobedo, was also was stunned by the quality of the work and commented that each patient would love to have their own blanket. She also commented that hospitals being institutional animals, such as they are, it is always nice for each patient to have some color and to have something

that is truly their own.

Dot Drake is to be commended for all her hard work and efforts on behalf of our injured veterans! Thank you Dot!

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Breakfast is still on us!

We have had overwhelming positive feedback from this program! Please remember to show your receipt to participate. Here is the program overview again. From now on one lucky current



GWRR member will have their breakfast paid for by Chapter F. You will be given a ticket, upon presentation of your Golden Corral receipt. We will be checking receipts as you enter the dining area so please hold onto your receipts until you receive your ticket. A drawing will be held at the end of the meeting and the winner will be awarded \$10, enough to pay for your breakfast.

We would like to thank Tyler, the Manager, for all that he has done to make our meetings a special place to have fun, exchange knowledge and to eat a delicious breakfast. Without Tyler and his staff of Angels our meetings would not run as smoothly as they do.



REMEMBER TO TIP YOUR WAIT STAFF!

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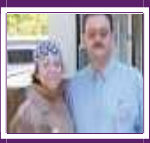


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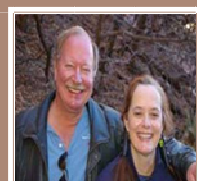


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Jimm & Pam White



As I write this the year is finally winding down and it looks like we finished the year with a bang. We just had our staff meeting to prepare for the January Chapter F meeting, but for all intents and purposes it was our end of the year work session.

We looked closely at what went wrong and what went right and what we want to do this year. Overall it was a very good and productive meeting. But more on that a little later, I'm going somewhere with all this - bear with me.....

For December we went to the New Mexico Air National Guard 150th Fighter Wing here at Kirtland AFB for a visit with them and to show our support of the families of deployed Guardsmen and Guardswomen. We handed them a gift wrapped shoe box with Wal-Mart gift cards for their Family Services folks to distribute to their families, and they gave us a grand tour of their facilities and a plain English, in-depth explanation of what they do. As we were handing over the box chapter members from F and W were still putting gift cards in so we had no idea of how much was in the box when it was finally in the hands of the Family Services. We now know that the box contained over \$1,000 in cards.

To be honest, I was stunned at the response of the 150th towards us. Maybe because of my background in Law Enforcement, (and quite possibly because there is still a little callousness left in me from that), I really expected a colder reception from them. These are combat hardened fighter pilots and their support crews who have seen some of the worst that combat has to offer. But I soon connected the dots, and realized that these folks are us. They are the people we see every day, some at work, some in our daily travels from place to place, some our neighbors, some our friends, but all are "us" – and to a person every one of them were genuinely happy to see us.

This is a relationship, a "Kinship" in the words of one Lt., I would like very much to see grow as GWRRA members and members of our community here in Albuquerque.

The following weekend some of the staff and chapter members took some time to go to the V.A. hospital and visit some of the patients in the spinal cord injury unit. Dave Drake's wife Dot has been making Afghans for a year, over 30 blankets, and asked us if we would like to join her and Dave when they went to deliver and distribute them to the patients.

This visit made our front page but, just let me say that this is something I will do again.

Now, back to the staff meeting. At the end of the meeting JoeO again asked the question, (the same one

he asked this time last year), "Where's the chapter going this year, what's our vision?" Here's my answer:

We understand clearly that the **primary** purpose of GWRRA New Mexico Chapter F has been, and will always be, to ride with friends. GWRRA's motto says it all, "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge".

We understand clearly that Rider Education is paramount in what we do, to provide the best, safest environment possible to enjoy our common interest, riding our GoldWings.

We understand clearly that the chapter has told us, through your increased participation, that you want more riding, and more fun events.

We understand clearly that the operative word here is "fun", more laughing, more smiles. **We get it.....**

The December meeting attendance was 94; to the best of my knowledge that's the largest number ever in the history of this Chapter F. **We get it.....**

So, in part, our vision for this coming year will be to continue and improve on what has made us so successful this past year. While we can't compete in CHOY again for 2010, (we can again in 2011), we can act like we can.

But here's where we're going to add some to the vision for 2010. GWRRA has moved into "Motorist Awareness" as a group, and so are we. As part of that program we will start doing Mall Shows where we will have an opportunity to make others aware of us, our presence on the streets with our Wings, getting them to see us, and making them aware of who we are as a group. It is to our obvious individual benefit that they actually see us on the road. But it is also to our collective benefit that they see us as a group, a part of the community we live in.

To that end we would like to become a "clearing house" of sorts to provide the chapter information about what some of our members are doing in their other community evolvment interests. If you're interested in doing something we'll tell you who's doing that also and who you can contact to get involved, if you want to. This idea is still in its infancy, and with your input we'll work on the details as we go. But just know that we *clearly understand* what our primary purpose is.....we get it.

And the beat goes



on.....Jimm

ASSOCIATE CHAPTER DIRECTORS & COUPLE OF THE YEAR *Keith & Teresa Morrison*



Well, everyone liked the combined ACD and COY articles last month; we are going to keep it that way. Some of this article will be a repeat of last month, but there is information we want to make sure everyone has. Speaking of last month, what a December meeting!!! **94 people!!!** WOW!!!

As we talked about last month, the Chapter Directory/In Case of Emergency (ICE) Book and webpage Member Listing have already begun. Your staff has already filled out the paperwork and got things rolling (no pun intended...haha). I am going to try to explain why these programs are so important to us. The form that we will use is on the next 2 pages and is totally voluntary (you're going to get tired of hearing that). We understand the concerns that folks will have about too much information being in one place, but it's not anything that can't already be found in the phonebook or the internet already.

We currently duplicate some of our processes and our new Chapter Form to consolidate the information we collect. Currently, Joe O collects your birthday, anniversary, e-mail, phone number and other information to keep track of your special days. The new form will include all that information and some new choices. You do not need to take advantage of any of these new choices, but hopefully you will.

The new form will have places for you to elect to be in our new Chapter Directory that will be published quarterly and everyone will be asked to carry it on their bikes/cars. That way if you need to contact someone, or God forbid that we are on a ride and something happens, anyone will be able to look up your information and make the necessary notification that you have listed for us to use. This Directory is totally voluntary and is currently being utilized in numerous Chapters across the country. We will print up these forms and have them available at our gathering from now on. Since there are only staff members listed right now, we will not publish a Chapter Directory yet. If at the meeting enough people fill and turn in the form, we will have on for February's gathering. The normal procedure will be to publish a new one each quarter, if there are changes. With this being a new program, we will probably publish a monthly one until everyone that wants to participate turns in their signed form. We hope to never have to use the information you provide, but as was shown at the District Rally, accidents happen.

We even came up with a form if you have children or pets at home. We will start with the easy one and the other one will make sense too. We have a dog and a cat at home. When we leave town we use a sitter who has access to our home and our pets know them. If something were to happen to us, this information will be used to contact our pet sitters or someone that has access to our house. We all have folks that could take care of our pets if needed, providing this information to the Chapter will speed up the process of getting someone to your house and give you one less thing to have to worry about in an emergency, not to mention piece of mind.

The Directory Form will also have a place for you to elect to be listed on our webpage Member Listing. Please do not confuse this with the Chapter Directory. The Chapter Directory is a book listing member's information and ICE contact. The webpage Member Listing will list you as a member of Chapter F. The only information that is listed will be what, if any, you want listed. Again, this is totally voluntary. It is a great tool for finding someone's contact information. You can choose to have just your name listed, or with your telephone, your e-mail address, or any combination of information that you want listed. You can even choose not to be listed at all. The listing is already up and running and you can see it at <http://www.newmexicochapterf.org/Members%20Listing/index.html>

We have had a few Chapter members in the hospital this year, and I for one would have loved to have contact information on them.

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





GWRRA Chapter NM-F



Directory Information and Data Release Authorization

Please complete the following (*please print clearly*):

Name _____

Home Delivery/Postal Address

Street or P.O.Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

ICE Information Name: _____ HP: _____ CP: _____

(*Date & Month only*) Birthday _____ / _____ Anniversary _____ / _____
Day Month Day Month

Please select one of the following (*place an X next to your ONE choice*)

____ I authorize release of the following information (please initial the ones you what listed on member listing webpage - Name___ Phone___ E-mail___) to be listed on our NM-F Chapter webpage and the above information to current NM-F Chapter members in a Directory, printed quarterly and distributed to NM-F membership.

____ I authorize release of the above information to current NM-F Chapter members in a Directory, printed quarterly and distributed to NM-F membership.

____ I authorize release of the above information ONLY to officers of NM-F for any necessary Chapter business, mail, email and/or phone announcements. I do NOT wish my data to be included in a printed Chapter Directory.

____ I authorize release of the above information for the Chapter Directory, with the EXCEPTION OF _____ (i.e. phone, birthdate, etc.).

In addition, by signing this form, I agree that I will not distribute, share, sell, or otherwise make available, any NM-F member data to which I have access, including via the Chapter Directory, to any third party(s) for any reason. This does not pertain to information you authorized for release on the NM-F member listing website.

Print Name Signature Date

Please return this form to NM-F's Chapter Directors: Jimm & Pam White at 4505 Bay Ct. N.E. Rio Rancho, NM 87144. Please advise them if any of this data changes in the future. Form date: 12.2009



GWRRA Chapter NM CHAPTER-F

Children and Pet Information and Data Release Authorization



Please complete the following (*please print clearly*)

In the event of an emergency, if a need to contact our children or someone to take care of our pets, please use the information provided below.

Please do not contact my children directly, please contact this person to notify my children.

Name _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Cell _____

Children's names and ages: _____

Children's contact information: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Please contact this person to care for my pets; they have access to my home

Name _____

Phone Number(s) Home _____ Cell _____

Pets: _____

Special Instructions: _____

In addition, by signing this form, I agree that I will not distribute, share, sell, or otherwise make available, any NM-F member data to which I have access, including via the Chapter Directory, to any third party(s) for any reason.

Print Name Signature Date

Please return this form to NM-F's Chapter Directors: Jimm & Pam White at 4505 Bay Ct. N.E. Rio Rancho, NM 87144. Please advise them if any of this data changes in the future. Form Date: 12.2009

RIDER EDUCATOR COORDINATORS

Russell & Valerie Shupe



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jT6h2CUWLzQ>



I don't like going to the dentist. It's uncomfortable, sometimes it hurts and, frankly, it sucks. What I really don't like is how they always point out what I am doing incorrectly that needs correction. Despite all that, I go on a regular basis. That is because I recognize it to be an important component of my over all health and well being.

Rider Education is a lot like going to the dentist. The main difference is that if the "hurts" part comes, it usually involves things like sirens, flashing lights, paramedics and emergency rooms. A ride in a helicopter can be a lot of fun, but not under those conditions. Call it a personal philosophy, but I try to avoid things like that.

On September 10, 2001 I was on a commercial airline flight coming back to Albuquerque from business meetings on the east coast. At that time I was in my mid-forty's and my career in the industry I worked in was being measured in decades. Valerie and I had raised our 2 sons and they were out of the house. I figured that I was in control and had just about seen it all. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt. Yup, nothing out there could surprise me!

On September 11, 2001 I received, like many of you, an education as to just wrong I could be. I watched in horror like the rest of you and winced when I thought of where I had been just 24 hours earlier.

As we get older we tend to think that we've been there, we've seen it all and we don't need to practice or continue our education. Look at any major endeavor or activity and you'll see the good ones & the champions out practicing and trying to improve them selves. Sports, racing, business, any field you care to name. The good ones are always at it.

Chapter F Rider Education is going to embark upon some new things in 2010 and I hope you'll join us. There will be a number of topics and approaches. We will be actively doing things.

We will hold evening seminars designed to interest you and to actively engage you. These are GWRRA approved seminars that you can apply towards Rider Education Level advancement if you so choose. These will be for Ride & Co-Rider alike.

We will conduct Parking Lot Practice sessions. If you have taken the MSF BRC or ERC courses then you'll know what I'm talking about. If you don't, then please ask me or any of the F Troop Staff members about it. And if your have taken a BRC or ERC – don't think you shouldn't practice those skills!

We'll cover things like bike maintenance, pre-ride inspection, tire traction, how to be a Road Captain, how to respond to an emergency and things like that.

Fun is going to be the name of the game but it will always have an angle of serious training to it. We want this to be fun but also informative and we want you to come away thinking, "That was fun and I'm glad I did that".

As I said in last month's article our passion is, by definition, hazardous. We can lessen the hazards by educating ourselves. More fun & less hazard through education.

Valerie and I hope to see you there!!!



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"/> 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	

TOUR CO-RIDER

<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Safe Co-Rider Program (Level I)	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Safe Rider Program (Level I)
<input type="checkbox"/> I have 5000 Safe Miles!	<input type="checkbox"/> I have 5000 Safe Miles!
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Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /	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 I and current in Level II	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Level I and current in Level II
<input type="checkbox"/> M/C License or Endorsement (if required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:
<input type="checkbox"/> Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:	CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /	First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Rider Course within 3 years:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years:
Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /	Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> Carries First Aid Kit on the Bike	<input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider Patch request
<input type="checkbox"/> Rider Patch request	

CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Level I and current in Level II	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled in Level I and current in Level II
<input type="checkbox"/> Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:	<input type="checkbox"/> Current CPR or FIRST AID Provider:
CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /	CPR Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /	First Aid Provider: _____ Exp. Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved Rider Course or Co-Rider Seminar within 3 years:
Type of Course Taken: _____ Exp. Date: / /	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 \$6.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT to your Chapter or District Educator. You will receive the HIGH MILEAGE PIN and the MILEAGE BAR. As you accumulate additional miles, in 50,000-mile increments, you can receive additional hanger bars for \$2.00 each by submitting the update form to your Chapter or District Educator.

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

SUMMARY

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

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

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

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January 2010



Chapter-F

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 1 Jimmy Stricklin Annual Memorial Ride – Whole Hog	2 Chapter F meet- ing./Bowling Santa Ana Star
3 Chapter-C meeting	4	5	6	7 Chapter TX-1A meeting	8	9 Chapter D meeting
10	11	12	13 Chapter F Ice Cream Social	14	15	16 Chapter F Scavenger Hunt Chapter-T meeting
17 Chapter W meeting Ride to ???	18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Chapter F Social Butter Event at Countyline BBQ.
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2010 CHAPTER "F" QUICK GLANCE CALENDAR OF RIDES & EVENTS

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

RIDER EDUCATOR JANUARY CLASSES

Russell Shupe

GWRRA CO-RIDER TRAINING SEMINAR.

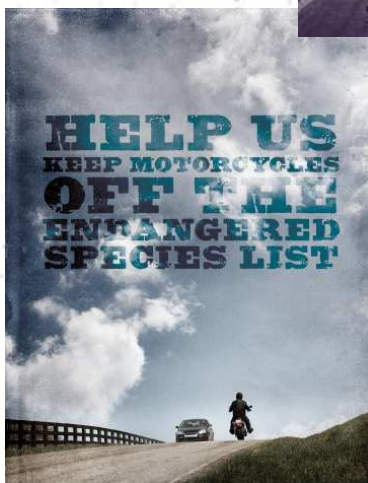
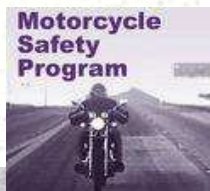
FOR RIDERS AND CO-RIDERS ALIKE!!!
THIS IS A **GWRRA APPROVED** EVENT AND MAY BE USED TOWARDS EDUCATION LEVEL ADVANCEMENT!

WHEN: TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2010
TIME: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

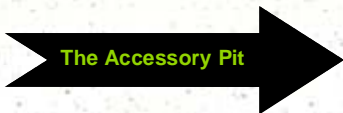
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The surest way to earn a Darwin Award for an after Chapter Ride! Ride safely, attend the GWRRA approved course on Jan. 12th.

FULL GEAR FOOL'S GEAR

HELMET. Most important piece of protective gear a rider can use. Protects against head injury, concussion, skull and spine trauma. Full-faced helmet recommended.

FACE SHIELD. "Save a face." Any rider who's been hit in the head by debris, insects, or debris can tell you the benefit.

GLASSES. Keep harmful ultraviolet, dirt, moisture and wind out. Come in various varieties for all seasons.

JACKET AND PANTS. Long sleeves and trousers resist abrasion and protect against burns, windcut, exhaustion, or hypothermia. Light colors are reflective. Improve a rider's visibility.

BOOTS. Provide protection against hot and sharp rocks and give you a good grip on footpegs or heel spurs.

BOTTOM LINE. Proper riding gear prevents in the event of an accident and serious injuries, when allowing you to enjoy the sport in comfort.

HEAD. Considered precious by knowledgeable riders is never exposed by the wind. When fully in view, allows immediate identification of untrained person not using his. Hands out rider education into his eyes.

EYES, EARS, AND FACE. Known to experienced riders as "bug and garbage collectors." Common "bug buster" systems include windshield deflashing and deflashing, raincoat, visors, etc.

HANDS. All valves that are not fully closed. Known to become into curled position when exposed to cold. Not generally evolved to withstand abrasion.

BARE LIMBS. A phenomenon that only on riders observed regardless of any unimpaired accident or motorcycle accident. Subject to reduce in riding injuries.

FLIP FLOPS. Technology for what sandals, boots and feet do upon contact with road surfaces, with wear, loose pedal, footpegs, or wheelstands.

BOTTOM LINE. Foot gear identifies an untrained rider. Learn how to avoid embarrassment, ridicule, and injury, while gaining skills and knowledge by contacting the Rider Course nearest you.

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MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski



January Birthdays

Jean Kelley
Keith Austin
Russ Shupe
Dennis Elliott

Jan 10th
Jan 19th
Jan 27th
Jan 31st

Larry Hardman
Jo Lindquist
Donna Hardman

Jan 14th
Jan 19th
Jan 28th



January Anniversaries



Jimm & Pam White
Mike & Susan Howe
Dave & Lynn Stewart
Boyd & Mary Lou Sherwood
Dave & Dot Drake

Jan 8th
Jan 10th
Jan 11th
Jan 15th
Jan 21st



GWRRA Member January Anniversaries



John Kinney	Jan 1, 1996	14 years
Carl Maier	Jan 1, 1986	24 years
Barbara Savage	Jan 1, 1981	29 years
Jack Sidler	Jan 8, 2008	2 years
Mike Van Horn	Jan 9, 2007	3 years
Wayne & Rita Galdony	Jan 17, 2008	2 years
Allen Van Riper	Jan 21, 2003	7 years
Ken & Dian Fourcher	Jan 22, 2002	8 years
Jerry Halladay	Jan 22, 2009	1 year
Barb Barnes	Jan 23, 2002	8 years
Jimm & Pam White	Jan 25, 2006	4 years
Dave Drake	Jan 26, 2008	2 years



New January Chapter-F Members

Unknown



If, over the past year, you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed it means we don't have your information. If it's wrong, please let us (JoeO and/or NancyO) know. You can e-mail updates to JoeO at joeopus@earthlink.net or contact me directly at (505) 892-4223.



OUR NEWEST.....



Welcome Monte!

Monte Smithson. Next time you see Monte walk up to him and give him one of our worldly famous Chapter-F greetings. Make him feel like one of the family, show him the Chapter-F spirit!

Monte was a first-time meeting attendee. Additionally, he is a new GWRRA member to Chapter F. Monte lives in Los Lunas and works for the BIA at To' Hajiilee., he rides his bike daily from Los Lunas to his work place so he will be one of our hi-mileage riders.

FUN TIMES THROUGH 2009 AT CHAPTER-F

Introduction of our Couple of the Year, Teresa & Keith Morrison! What a team! Good job, Jimm.



Jimm thanking Tom, Jo Ann and Calvin for their dedi-



Some of our beautiful Chapter -F women .
I-r Penny, Valerie, Alva, Pam, & Susie



I-r, Keith & Teresa, Linda & John, Nancy & Joe, and Gene



And the crowd roared! How much better can it get?

The Goodie Store

John and Linda Kinney



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

NEWEST ITEM!!!

Half Cover \$97.00 (includes taxes)

Only available through your Goodie Store



One side has the GWRRR logo laser etched on it.



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

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

We have long and short sleeve polos, long and short sleeved t-shirt, badges, name tags, new t-shirts (as soon in the above picture) and new F Troop logo hats.

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



Name tags \$10

Bugs sez get them while they are hot! Support your Chapter-F Store.



AFTER THE MEETING RIDE

JANUARY 2, 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Gutter ball Challenge, 2010



JANUARY 2, 2010

AFTER MEETING RIDE/EVENT.

COME TO THE TROOP "GUTTER BALL CHALLENGE" !!!

AS WEATHER MIGHT BE QUESTIONABLE IN JANUARY WE HAVE RESERVED 4 LANES AT THE **SANTA ANA STAR CASINO BOWLING ALLEY**

OUR LANES ARE RESERVED FROM 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOWL:

BOWLING WILL COST \$10.50 / BOWLER AND THAT INCLUDES SHOE RENTAL.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLAN ON BOWLING COME ON OUT AND CHEER FOR YOUR FELLOW WING RIDERS!!!

WHO WILL THROW THE MOST GUTTER BALLS????

In addition, experience the following at the Bowling Center:

- 1000 square foot Family Arcade
- Full Service Pro Shop
- Cosmic Bar & Grill
- 4 10-foot video screens with DVD/VCR capability
- 2 flat screen TV's
- 40+ Cosmic Lights
- Cosmic Bowling with fog machines
- Finger touch lower monitors allows for easy use
- 36 automatic bumper system



CHAPTER-F MEMBER MILLION MILE

NOVEMBER 2009 STATS

BY Joe O

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of **November**. 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 Nov 30)
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		14,287
Dannenberg, Jack		16,571
Drake, Dave		5,300
Edwards, Pam		11,843
Edwards, Steve		9,287
Hammer, Julie		11,148
Hammer, Rod		9,287
Higgins, Monte		450
Holder, Bill		2,293
Holder, Carmen		2,293
Holly, Penny		3,684
Holly, Wayne		3,684
Howe, Mike		1,650
Jones, Dave		1,833
Jones, Sandi		1,833
Kane, Al		5,766
Lindquist, Bill		4,237
Morris, Judy		1,598
Morrison, Keith		17,509
Morrison, Teresa		14,655
Nicholson, Shelia		5,859
Nicholson, Wendell		8,046
Opuszenski, Joe		9,224
Opuszenski, Nancy		7,628
Roady, Harv		840
Salinas, Diana		1,799
Salinas, Fred		4,870
Shockey, Eric		5,767
Shupe, Russell & Val		3,747
Smith, Julian		3,290
Smith, Marisa		1,590
Spicher, Debi		2,930

CHAPTER-F MEMBER MILLION MILE

NOVEMBER 2009 STATS—continued

BY Joe O

Spicher, Jerry		3,441
Stewart, Dave		3,735
Stewart, Lynn		774
Strawderman, Gary		21,830
Strawderman, Len		6,977
Van Horn, Mike		36,154
Wagner, Gene		5,128
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	

TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR - 412,203, we have reached 41.2% of our goal



AFTER THE CHAPTER MEETING RIDE/EVENT

By Russell Shupe

NEW MEXICO CHAPTER F's

FIRST ANNUAL "WING TO WING" RUN

Valerie and I had joined GWRRA in April of 2009. It seemed that we had gotten into the staff of Chapter F pretty quickly (Region F – NM – F). Jimm White, our Chapter Director, had called on us early when the previous Ride Coordinator was called away to a new job in California. Jimm wanted a Rider/Co-Rider team for Ride Coordinator so that a Co-Rider's perspective could be represented in our planned rides and events.

I wasn't sure if we were called upon because of our charming personalities or because we were just too naive to refuse the position! Jimm knew I was in sales and noted that I traveled the State of New Mexico in my work. What better a person to have as a Ride Coordinator? I tried to explain that I traveled the interstate system and that time equaled money in my work. I was not nearly as experienced in the side roads where the really great touring was. Jimm was persistent, however, so Valerie and I settled into our new position in the Chapter.

As I was driving back from El Paso, TX in September I was just south of Albuquerque and I was wrangling with a problem. We had an open ride date on our schedule in December. I wanted to do something in the way of a charity run and I wanted to do something different. Something that GWRRA in NM had not done before, but what?

As if by divine intervention the answer came from above. It came in the form of two F-16 Fighters from the New Mexico Air National Guard's 150th Fighter Wing at Kirtland Air Force Base here in Albuquerque. They flew over me low, fast and at full throttle. They are known locally as the "Flying Tacos." And that is how they are known to fly to us local New Mexicans. Low, fast and at full throttle!

Of course! The National Guard! Our county's citizen soldiers had needs, didn't they?!

Guard members were deploying all the time from various units all over the state; citizen soldiers who went from being a civilian like me to being called up and often sent to an active combat theater. Intact families that suddenly found themselves torn apart, and are now on Guard pay, which most often is considerably less than their civilian pay, and they are finding it hard to make ends meet. And just like the rest of today's US Military, all are volunteers. That's what we would do.

At our next staff meeting I discussed the idea with everyone and it was decided that if I could make the arrangements it would be a great cause to pursue.

Not knowing who to call at the NM National Guard my first call was to the office of our 1st Congressional District Representative, Congressman Martin Heinrich. A discussion with his office about GWRRA, our Chapter, and our intentions brought return phone calls and e-mails from the Vice-Wing Commander, the Special Operations Officer and the Public Information Officer of the 150th Fighter Wing.

A date of Saturday December 5th was set for us to visit the 150th at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque. Chapter F was in business.

Here is a little information on the group that we had in our sites:

The New Mexico Air National Guard was federally recognized on 7 July 1947 as the 188th Fighter Bomber Squadron. The unit was composed of a utility flight equipped with Douglas B-26 light bombers, a fighter squadron composed of 100 officers and airmen flying 25 P-51 Mustangs and three T-6 Texan trainers, plus a small weather detachment. The 188th's mission was changed from fighter bomber to fighter-interceptor in 1948.

The 150th Fighter Wing provides air interdiction support to the Twelfth Air Force and Air Combat Command with worldwide deployment capability. In addition the wing maintains a Defense Systems Evaluation tasking and conducts testing of different domestic and foreign surface-to-air missile systems and air defense artillery.

The 150th Fighter Wing nicknames

The Flying Tacos

The Enchilada Air force



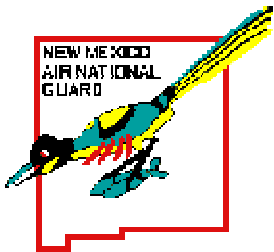
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In October 1995, the unit was renamed the 150th Fighter Wing.

The New Mexico Air National Guard has undergone several aircraft conversions throughout its history, including the F-80, F-100, A-7D and F-16C/D. Major accomplishments of the unit include: First ANG unit to receive the F-100 and A-7D fighter aircraft, first ANG unit to receive the Low Altitude Night Targeting Infra Red Navigational system (LANTIRN) equipped F-16C fighter aircraft, first ANG to be assigned to the prestigious Rapid Deployment Force, first ANG unit to participate in Bright Star joint service exercises in Southwest Asia, first ANG unit to receive the Low Altitude Night Attack modification to the A-7, and first ANG unit to participate in a deployed base operational readiness inspection. In addition, the 150th Fighter Group set an A-7 endurance record of 11 and 1/2 hours non-stop from Pease AFB, New Hampshire, to Cairo West Air Base, Egypt. The group has received the following awards: Spaatz Trophy in 1956, Winston P. Wilson Trophy in 1980, Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards in 1989 and February 1996, Top A-7 Team at Gunsmoke in 1989 and 1991, Distinguished Flying Unit Award in 1991, and Outstanding ANG-Unit in 1991. In 1995, unit pilots with specialized LANTIRN experience flew combat missions in Bosnia, leading to the current cease fire situation in that area.

On September 11, 2001, the 150th Fighter Wing was one of the first units to scramble aircraft after the World Trade Center attacks. In October 2001, the unit deployed to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to assume 24-hour patrols in the sky over New York City.



In August 2004 the New Mexico Air National Guard Deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Unit deployed with components of the Colorado ANG and the Montana ANG. All three units were assigned to the 332nd AEW.

In May 2006 the New Mexico ANG deployed to Kunsan Air Base, South Korea for a contingency deployment with the "Rocky Mountain Coalition" composed again of the New Mexico ANG, Colorado ANG, and Montana ANG, under the designation of the 186 EFS.

The unit deployed to Iraq again in October 2007 and returned in February 2008. Of note, the unit had 100% valid weapons employed during the deployment. That means they shot (and hit) with

everything they had folks! 100% is an unprecedented number for any Air National Guard or USAF unit deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The New Mexico National Air Guard currently flies the "Block 30" variation of the

F-16C Fighting Falcon. Their primary mission is air-to-ground support but they have conducted, and continue to train for, air-to-air combat. In fact, the F-16C which we were allowed to inspect was tail number 87-306. This particular aircraft had engaged and sank an Iraqi gun boat with its cannon during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 150th joke is that THIS is the aircraft that sank the Iraqi Navy!

The day finally came, and it was a very cold one. Most riders left their homes to go to the Chapter F meeting before the run with the temperature in the low to mid teen's, 14 to 16 degrees F in most areas of Albuquerque. Despite that, we had 34 bikes, most two up, on the ride to the base. (We also had our largest Chapter F meeting attendance to date, 94!).

Members from Chapter F and W found that the ground crew was not only there to educate us but to have fun as well. For example, we learned that what is commonly called the "after burner" is really called the "augmenter". One of our members asked the crew chief conducting the aircraft tour if an F-16 needed its' augmenter to take off. The answer was no.

"Then why do you always see F-16s taking off with their augmenter on?"

"Because it's so cool" was the answer which got a huge laugh from the assembled crowd. Well, as I always say – it ain't braggin' if you can do it!

Our tour began with a briefing in the pilot mission briefing room and it was our pleasure to make a large chapter donation to Kirtland AFB Family Services. Family Services is the part of the New Mexico National Guard that assists guard members and their families with financial and psychological support in all the Guard units throughout New Mexico, so it was great to know that our efforts would have wide ranging effects. Chapter F also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Vice-Wing Commander (Colonel Andy Salas), the Special Operations Officer (Lt. Colonel Bill Shuert) and the Public Information Officer (1st Lt. Brian Raphael) for the Wing.

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It is important to note here that because the New Mexico National Guard, and by extension the Guard's Family Services, are a Federal agency, they cannot solicit outside support. By law, we had to reach out to them. If your chapter is interested in doing something like this in your area, you have to make the first contact.

After our briefing, we toured the 150th facility at Kirtland AFB. This included a detailed look at an F-16C, the engine shop, avionics, weapons and a visit to the "hush shed". This unique building allows the Wing to test aircraft and engines by tying them down and running them up to full throttle. This is a requirement after maintenance to insure that each aircraft is combat certified and ready to go. Quite an impressive display of horsepower!!!

Our tour finished just as an F-16D (two-seater) took off and, as it passed our position, with full augmenter, (the crew chief was right, it was way cool), it pulled vertical from just above the runway and was out of sight in a matter of moments! The power these machines can develop is totally unbelievable!!!

Then it was time to depart our hosts but not before the 150th took individual photos of each Rider and their bike in front of an F-16 as well as a group photo.

This was an outstanding ride that brought a new understanding and appreciation of our National Guard and all they do to protect our freedoms. It was humbling when we came to the sudden realization that these people are not "weekend warriors" who come out one weekend a month and two weeks a year to "play Army". These folks, as evidenced by their long and proud deployment record, are the real deal. Like all National Guard units across the country, this is a front-line combat unit, who has seen their share of action. They train with active USAF wings, and in some cases, actually fly more hours than their active duty counterparts.

There has been considerable e-mail traffic between NM Chapter F and the 150th since that day, all of it very positive. But one stands out from Lt Raphael:

"Thank you and the GWRRA for a Fantastic tour, as well as support of Family Services and the New Mexico Air National Guard. The generosity and good will of the GWRRA reflect the highest standards of Service Before Self and Excellence, two of the Air Force's core value's. This truly reflects kinship between the New Mexico National Guard and GWRRA."

Well, my friends that pretty much says it all. We are very proud to support them and stand behind them as they go about their business of protecting us and we look forward to a long and positive "kinship" with the NMANG 150th Fighter Wing and the New Mexico National Guard as a whole in the days, months, and years to come.

This is our Nation's finest at their very best; this is GWRRA at our very best.



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In pictures 12.05.09



Brian Leist hands the W mascot to his security force while the real "Force" watches.



One of our proud "wing" warrior poises in front of a real Warrior Wing. (Pictured Tony Nelson)



Jimm and Pam wait their turn up the ladder. JoeO is preparing to climb the ladder for a tour of the F-16's cockpit.



Our group listening to the crew chief talk about some of the ordinance that the F-16 can carry. It was awesome!



Roy is ready to ride his wing along the 150th flight line. Easy big guy!



Our knight in shining leather, Darkside Dave.

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In pictures 12.05.09



Dave and Donna wave as they ride by the official photographer. Smile you are on Air Force Camera.



Wayne, Penny, Suzie and Don standing in front of one of those real Wings and having a blast!

Jimm, our fearless leader leading our contingent of Wings with Gary as back-up!



Darkside Dave looking to hitch his motorcycle to the trailer he and Lisa are standing in front of.



I can do it! Darkside Dave asks, "Hey, who would notice a Harley rider packing a personal weapon, for protection I ask you?" "I can pull this off Lisa, just distract the young guys with the guns."

Our gift cards totaled \$1,065.00 for the 150th, what a generous group!



Our group of proud Wingers and our National Guard host calling this a day to remember. See you all next year.

What a way to say Thank you!

By Valerie Shupe, Co-rider

It was the last meeting for 2009, there was a lot going on this day. We awoke to a cloudy and very crisp morning and I hoped that it would warm up for the ride in to Golden Corral. But, this is December and where is my spirit for the Christmas season and it is suppose to be cold.

Okay so here is how I should start this article:

We woke early and found that this December day was going to be crisp, cold and cloudy and there was only one reason not to crawl back into bed, the ride after the meeting. Yeah, the ride to Kirtland Air Force Base and the 150th Fighter Wing, so getting into a few extra layers of long johns would have to keep me warm until we reached the Golden Corral.

I had a cup of strong tea with an extra splash of Half and Half, at least, to fortify me through the 6 mile trip in 27 degrees with a wind chill of, I wonder, maybe 55 to 60 miles an hour, okay I will be a co-rider popsicle at the end of this short early morning ride. The thought of seeing an F-16 up close was the motivating thought, no pain no gain, what our military men and women do for us is above a few minutes of cold.

So, at 6:55 a.m. we warmed our trusty Goldwing and Russell pulled it out of the garage and parked it in the street. We finished pulling on our helmets and I was ready to jump on the back. Now, you have to understand that getting on the back of our Goldwing is normally an easy action. Today it was going to prove to be a little more than jumping. So I patted Russell on the shoulder to let him know, "Brace yourself; stand tough, your co-rider and her additional 50 pounds of warming layers is getting on." (Poor Russell if I fell off trying to get on, it would be a while to get his lovely Turtle Woman off her back, upright to attempt another jump onto the back of our motorcycle. I think he would have left me he was so excited about the ride.) I placed my left foot on the co-rider platform and swung my right leg up and over, yeah, up and over, okay, try that one more time, up and over. Well I dragged my right foot across my seat and shoved it to the right found the platform and sat down. Okay I am on, I plugged in my mic and acknowledged to Russell I was good and let's get rolling.

Chapter F's free breakfast was a hit; there were a gob of season merry people, our happy chapter group was in the chute for some fun today. Thank you Jimm and Keith! The meeting was quick, thank you Uncle Kris Kringle for the short meeting. And you won't find anymore about the meeting in this article.

Russell ran the group, that was participating in the ride to the 150th Fighter Wing, one last time on what was needed to get on base. He pointed the gift box out asking all that had brought a gift cards to please place it in the gift box. He was so excited about this ride, this was his Christmas morning. What a guy!

Russell and I walked out and remounted our motorcycle and led quite a few motorcycles to Kirtland Air Force Base. As we turned into the Truman Gate, Russell

became jubilant and starting yelling over the mic, "Way to go guys, way to go!" I looked over and saw 22 more motorcycles and was grateful for this day. We are supporting the men and women of the 150th Fighter Wing and we will make Lt. Colonel Shuert proud this day.

We were escorted in by two of Kirtland's finest MPs with lights flashing. Wow and wow. Then our escort, Sgt. Hernandez, stopped at the 150th Fighter Wing gate by the Pumpkin Palace/Maintenance. Russell and I turned back and saw a great line of our fellow Goldwing riders, you all make me tear up when I think of this day. There were white bikes, red bikes, blue trikes and even JoeO and his famous motorcycle and sidecar. JoeO's wonderful and beautiful wife, Nancy, offered to be the chase car for us that day. Thank you Nancy!

We were led in and around a small maintenance building and back to where we were first came in. Russell and I sat on our "Wing" and waited for the last one to be let in through the locked double gate. We were speechless at the number that showed up on this cold and dreary December day! We started again turning south and then west and then turned north and saw in front of us a beautiful F-16 sitting, wonderfully majestic waiting for a bunch of motorcycle riding cynical hard ass adults who would turn into a bunch of kids at this sight. Our F-16 was not glinting in the sun, there was no sun this day, but she was shining none the less, waiting for us. Proud to show us who our men and women are who serve her and our nation at any time day or night, in war time, in peace keeping mission or just helping those who are in need. (Think Katrina and New Orleans.)

Oh, I almost forgot, as we were escorted in by our own security force, there were photographers taking our pictures and they never stopped. I now know what it feels like to be famous. You could not wipe the smile from Russell's face; it was clean ear to ear. His chest stood out and he walked like a man with a mission, he brought a good group of people with gifts to help our 150th help our "Citizen Soldiers" out for the holidays.

We parked and dismounted our trusty steeds, sounds better than motorcycles, near the Pumpkin Palace and we were led to the official Ops Main Briefing room for our "Mission Briefing" which included the Welcome Message, Safety Briefing and Acceptance of our gifts to our Citizen Soldiers. We were introduced to Lt. Brian



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Raphael, Lt. Colonel William Shuert, and Colonel Andrew Salas.

Colonel Salas spoke of the importance of his mission, the need to recognize all those who serve in our military be it active duty or citizen soldiers. No matter the status they all serve with distinction and honor and he was filled with pride at this meeting of Wings next to Wings.

SMSgt King was introduced next and he talked about our safety and why. The one item of his briefing struck me was crossing the RED Line, there are soldiers armed and will not hesitate to take us down in protection of their area, even if we are wearing a Santa hat. (Okay, note to self watch where you walk.) In his outstanding safety talk he asked that we place our hats, gloves and scarves in a safe place so that they will not blow away and get caught in a jet engine. He handed out ear plugs for the "Hush Shack." Man, this is getting good, earplugs and jet engines in a Hush Shack.

Our "Mission" briefing continued with Major McGuire, a knight in Jet Shining Armor. He told us about how one of our New Mexico F16 had sunk the Iraqi Navy. He got a huge laugh with his description. He talked about the importance of active duty personnel working alongside Citizen Soldiers. He described what it takes to become a pilot with the Air Force. You could of drop a needle in this carpeted briefing room and hear it bounce when Major McGuire was speaking. Our group of warriors knew this was a real warrior and deserved our respect, fully!

Lt. Col. Shuert took center stage and thanked us, THANKED us for coming and for our donation. He talked about how our National Guard did more than go to war. He described some of the actions the New Mexico National Guard took during the aftermath of Katrina. He talked about the pride that our state shows by joining The Guard. Here is what Lt. Col. Shuert is responsible for in the State of New Mexico:



Donna is speechless and can only wave, she is ready to go! Let's get this Event started! Yeah, Donna you go girl!

Mission and Strategic Goals

Mission: We will gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflict through mediation.

Vision: Develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

Customers: Employers and National Guard and Reserve members

Stakeholders: Office of the Secretary of Defense, Uniformed Services and ESGR Volunteer Committees

Strategic Goals: Gain and maintain support from employers of Guard and Reserve members

1. Educate customers and stakeholders
2. Advocate for RC employers within DoD
3. Continue to refine the ESGR organizational structure to be relevant, effective, and efficient

So folks let us support the National Guard and the Reserves anyway we can.

Next, Lt. Col. Shuert introduced Theresa Sanchez, State Family Program Director. Ms. Sanchez talked about the hardships our military members have when they are deployed. It is especially hard for our Citizen Soldiers and their families. We are very grateful to have someone like Ms. Sanchez and her group to help.

But our Chapter F Goldwing group wanted to help the 150th Fighter Wing help Family Services. With Ms. Sanchez and Lt. Colonel Shuert standing in front, Jimm White, Director, Chapter F and Russell Shupe, Ride Educator, Chapter F handed a gift wrapped box containing **\$1,065.00** in gift cards from Wal Mart to Lt Colonel Shuert who handed it over to Ms. Sanchez.

Now folks, here is where I get a little choked up, Lt. Colonel Shuert's **Thank You** to our group was to give us a tour of the 150th. The 150th Fighter Wing, our fighter (Gold)wings could not hold a candle to theirs. Letting our Wings get up close and personal with an F-16, a walkthrough of their engine shop, and finally watching a jet engine fire up and show us what an "After Burn" looks like in the Hush Shack. All I have to say is wow!, their way of thanking us!

We were led by our nation's finest to the proud bird standing and waiting for this group to take a close look at it. The canopy was opened, and for reasons of security we could not photograph the interior of one, Crew Chiefs, 1 Weapons Loader and 1 Avionics personnel were on hand to answer any and all questions. We climbed ladders that were on both sides of the craft, and was warmly welcomed and educated.

I could go on and on about this cold and dreary day with the temperature topping out at 37 degrees at 1:20 p.m. But, I won't because I want to do this again next year

What a way to say Thank you!

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and to tell you all what we experienced this day would be a disservice to this honorable group of men and women.

As our group of Wings left Kirtland Air Force Base, I was still cold, frozen to be truthful but I was warmed by our tour and it was worth every single shiver. You just have to go next year. Our GWRRA motto is Safety, Fun and Knowledge and this After the Meeting Ride covered all of it, especially fun. Maybe we should add "Honor" to our motto?

In closing, I have never been with a group of people who have shown their pride by honoring a group that would lay down their lives for us. Get it? Without their Wings, would we have the freedom to ride our wings and complain about the weather and the cost of maintaining our wings? You know I can't answer any of these questions, I just know that I just got a big THANK YOU from our State and Nation's best, who could ask for more from Santa. See you next year!

I would like to thank the following for this Outstanding Day, dubbed "Park our Wings next to their Wings 2009."

Colonel Andrew Salas, Lt. Colonel William Shuert, Lt. Brian Raphael, Senior Master Sgt. King, Major McGuire, Ms. Theresa Sanchez Master Sgt. Rick Carbajal, Senior Master Sgt. Theresa Abbondanza, Senior Master Sgt. Greg Mitchell, Master Sgt. David Delfrate, Senior Master Sgt. Todd Trombley, Staff Sgt. Katherine Mullins, Master Sgt. Paula Aragon, Sgt. Hernandez and to the rest of the Air Force personnel that I have failed to name, thank you, thank you! Job well done!



Thank you Lt. Colonel Shuert and Lt. Raphael!

This group rocks! They donated \$1,065.00 to the 150th!

Chapter-F last meeting for 2009 was a bang. This meeting was the biggest and the best for the year. We had **94 GWRRA members** attend the “We buy you Breakfast” meeting. Congratulations to us, we are a fun group!

Jimm White and Keith Morrison received, on behalf of Chapter-F, the “Ride for Kids” Distinguish Chapter award for the state of New Mexico. Chapter-F won this award because of our outstanding giving hearts to the Ride for Kids foundation.

Starting in 2006, Chapter-F contributed \$6,071.00, 2007 \$9,650.00, 2008 \$16,393.00 and for 2009 Chapter-F contributed A whopping \$27,378 to Rides for Kids. (Who sez bikers have no heart!)

We were also reminded of the Jimmy Strickland ride on January 1, 2010.

I would like to thank Keith and Teresa Morrison and Brian and Michelle Leist, Chapter Directors of W, they delivered a large donation of nonperishable food and toys to Joy Junction. Way to go team!

Our members also donated a total of \$1,065.00 to the 150th to aid Kirtland Family Services. You are Angels without wings....stick around this group long enough and you will feel the air move because of the senior angels flapping their wings. I want a pair.

Okay, now for the down and fun! Neil Baker won the 1st prize of the meeting, a Motor Awareness t-shirt. The second prize of a SW Elegance gift card was won by Carmen Holder. The 3rd prize of the morning was won by Calvin Edwards and he won a Holiday Runner gift card. The 4th prize was a leather document holder donated by Gene Wagoner, it was beautiful, the winner of this fine gift was Max Stephan.



Now I know you are holding your breath for the 50/50 split winner and that was George Greer. Way to go George, you are buying breakfast at the next chapter meeting.

Darkside Dave handed out trophies for the most travelled miles, and they are as follows;

1st Place Men

Mike Van Horn 31,792 miles

1st Place Women

Lisa Bachman 10,588 miles

That is how you ride the wheels off these wings. Got it, and will try harder this year to increase our mileage.

Jimm talked about how good this year has been for Chapter-F and he thanked his staff, each and every one of us. He talked about how he and Keith decided they were going to “Have fun damn it.” And how at times he was a little perplexed on how to herd cats around the state and the Southwest region to ride the wheels off these wings.

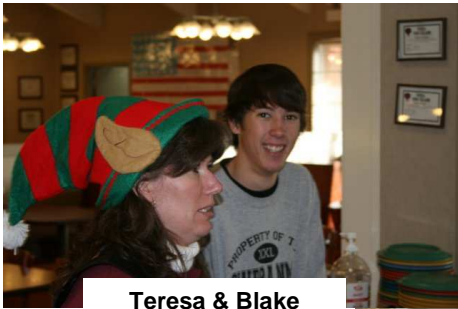
I am proud to be part of this wonderful staff, and humbled that Jimm asked me to be the Newsletter Editor. The responsibilities are great this newsletter has to communicate what the chapter is doing and why. Fun is the key word here, Safety and Knowledge follow hand in hand.

Well folks, I think that is all that we need to read about I think it is much more fun to see crazy pictures of our last meeting for 2009. Take care and until next month, as Keith sez, “Here is to Good friends, good times and Goldwings. Cheers!

Our group donated \$1,065.00 in Walmart gift cards to the 150th so that they could donate to Kirtland Family Services!



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Teresa & Blake



Gene & John



Cindy & Kathy



Neil and Jimm watch as Keith give the famous JoeO his t-shirt.



I can't see anything the reindeer antlers are in the way.

Jimm and Keith receiving the Ride for Kids Achievement Award. Way to go Chapter-F!



I still can't see anything with these reindeer antlers.





Does Grace know she has the Cookie Monster on her head.



Hey and Ernie just ate Richard's face!



WE will work on Dave's and his black Santa's hat for next year!



RANSOM METH, JR.

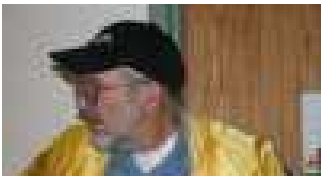
I think Santa's reindeer came to our breakfast too.

Look at those antlers!

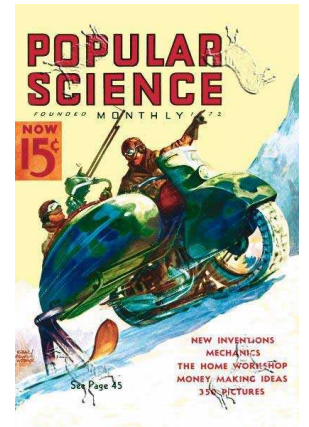
Run Everett.



Linda describing the Leather document folder as the 4th prize for the morning. Nice job Vanna!



Mr. Dot Drake aka Dave. The man behind the Angel of Afghans.



Dot, Janet and Blake handing out the Afghans at the Spinal Cord unit. Thanks Dot!!

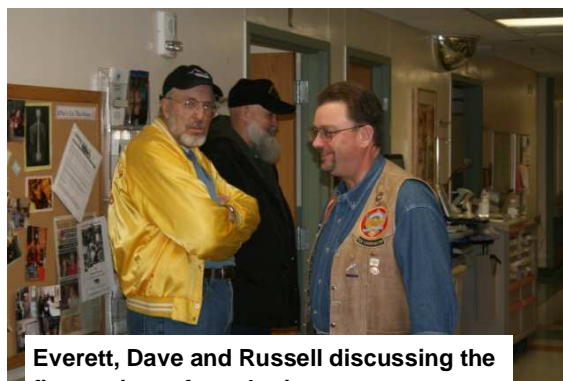


The troops standing at attention as General Dot passes out her Afghans!

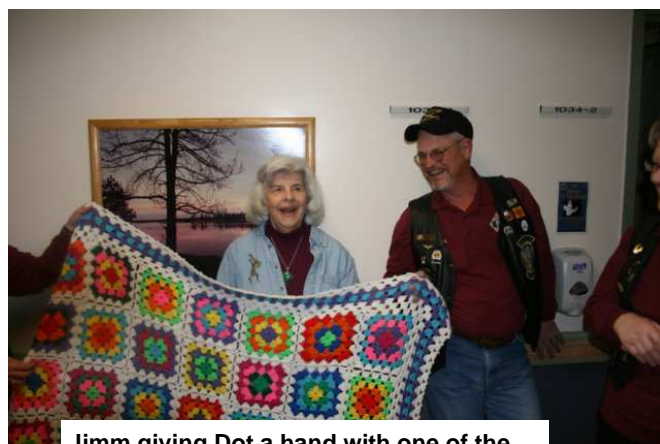
December Chapter-F Meeting & Events in Pictures



Valerie and Anthony Ortiz, at The VA Hospital, Anthony received his favorite team's color afghan, a beautiful green for the Philadelphia Eagles. Anthony got to go home on Christmas day! Go Anthony.



Everett, Dave and Russell discussing the finer points of crocheting.



Jimm giving Dot a hand with one of the Afghans.



Janet Escobedo, the Angel on the Spinal Cord Injury unit. She is the Recreation Therapist, what a gal!



Our friend, Lance all decked out in his Christmas Afghan. Thank you Dot.



And finally, Valerie and Teresa are up to no good. One wearing a Santa Hat and the other an Elf Hat!



Brian & Michelle pose by Santa's sleigh ready to deliver all the donations to Joy-Junction. What a day it was, the best!

GOING ROGUE

THE F-F-A

by *Darkside Dave*



Okay, here's the short and skinny on it. You **WANT** to be part of the most exciting event, you **WANT** the respect, and you **WANT** the glory. You **WANT** to know what the hell I'm talking about. I'm talking about **Chapter F's Furthest F-ert Award**. It works by having you show up to the monthly meeting **ON** your bike, trike, scooter, hell if it's got an odometer ride your lawnmower, then once there I will record your mileage. Next step, now pay attention here, after the meeting get back on your ride and actually **GO AND RIDE**. Now all you need to do is repeat the previous step, the showing up at the meeting part, I will again record your mileage, tabulate the totals, and then I **Bring the Bling** for the **Monthly High Mileage Award** to the riders in each division who rode the most. There are two divisions, Men's and Women's. Oh yeah, I almost forgot there is one more division, This auspicious award goes to the rider who couldn't seem to get any farther than in and out of their driveway, that's right the low mileage division. Really there's no shame in winning this category, well maybe a little. Now if you can't make consecutive meetings do not fret, you are still in the running for the grand title of **Yearly High Mileage**.

Now this is not to be confused with the **Million Mile Challenge** put on by the infamous JOE O. For that you are on your honor and answer only to your conscious and Joe O himself. The mileage I take does not get relayed to Joe O.



The **FIRST** reading of your mileage will take place at the January meeting. If you miss it be sure to come to the next meeting, it's never too late to get involved. I try to be available from around 7:20 until 8:15 to take the mileage. If you arrive after that time you are pretty well SOL. I can be bought and even sweet talked, but you will need to decide which one will work best for you if you want me to consider recording your mileage.

Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark

D.D.



Social Butterfly



Monthly Feature: Harla May's

January 30: County Line BBQ

By Bill & Jo Lindquist

Wow!! That is about all I can say. We had 18 people show up and we had a great time. Harla May's is a unique restaurant. It has memorabilia that decorates the entire restaurant.



The crew socializing

The food was excellent. They have a Fat boy burger that is about 11lb of hamburger. While Mike Van Horn could not make it Jorge did and he ate the whole thing. The wait staff was exceptional as the restaurant was almost full for the comedy show, but they made sure that you were attended to promptly.



Fatboy Burger - Jorge's Delight



Jorge Happy and Full

I don't believe there was a person there that did not like the food and the .



Social Butterfly

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Man did my face hurt after the comedy show from grinning and laughing so much. The three comedians were superb. Bill Resnik the MC did a great job and the skit he did was priceless. Mary Mack was great. She has a dry sense of humor that is really great

His routine is a little more robust as he does impressions and changes of costume.



Mary Mack



Freddie Charles

Next Month the Social Butterfly event will be at the County Line BBQ 9600 Tramway Blvd on Saturday, January 20, 2010. <http://www.countyline.com> will definitely show the quality of the BBQ at this restaurant.



The other performer was Freddie Charles from Albuquerque. He has done comedy in Las Vegas, LA and on TV. He was great.

Kept the wings dry and keep fly'n



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

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

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 1st and continues to be a work in progress however; it has come a long way since January 1st. 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

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

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

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

Check it out!

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GWRRA Wingin' It e-Newsletter



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



REGION F INFORMATION



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

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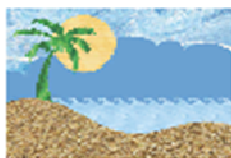
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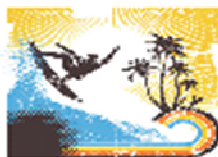
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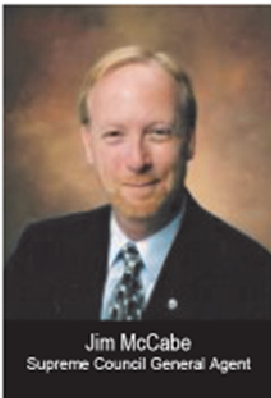
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Keep our Wings rolling just because
we can!

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



The evolution of the Wing!

