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NM DISTRICT



F-TROOP

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

Hey...did you see this month's Wing World (WW)? Chapter "F" is in there with a multi-page article submitted by our very own Russell!!! Way to go Russell!!! Thanks Russell!!! OK, OK, I've spelled Russell enough times. Seriously, without Russell's persistence and dedication to the Chapter, the event to the 150th ANG and the Wing World article would have never happen. As a matter of fact, we saw the e-mail sent to the editor of WW and Russell told her here's your next cover page. She should have listened...)))



NEXT MTG: Mar. 6, 8:30 AM (Breakfast: 7:30)
Golden Corral, Coors & I-40
2701 Coors Blvd NW, Abq 87120

CHAPTER F's MILLION MILE GOAL TOTAL

7,354

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



CHAPTER DIRECTORS

Jimm & Pam White



I've said it before and I'll say it again, the only thing that NEVER changes is that EVERYTHING changes. And so it seems with our staff. For reasons beyond our control Russ and Val have found it necessary to step down from their respective positions as Rider Education Coordinator and Newsletter Editor. While we will miss them and their valued input on staff and in their positions in the Chapter, we are very happy that they will still be with us as Chapter Members, in meetings and on rides. We will also welcome their articles in the newsletter, one of which you will see here later in this edition. Russ tells us that he will continue to do some training for us in areas he has recently been certified in. Look for more information in his article also in this newsletter.

As most of you know, because you are faithfully keeping up with what's going on thru the Chapter website, our after Chapter ride this month will take us to Santa Fe and the new New Mexico History Museum. This will be a very interesting ride with our last stop at Horseman's Haven on the south end of Santa Fe. I can tell you from having lived in Santa Fe for most of my life that the green chili there is some of the hottest you will ever experience. Just ask Al Kane!!!

Riding season is starting. Is your Wing ready for all those miles you're gonna put on with Mike's rides this summer? This is the time to do some of those seasonal checks to get ready for the summer.

Look for Mike's Chapter visitation ride to Las Cruces on the 20th of March. We're gonna go down and see our friends at Chapter T.

Also, start making plans for West Wing 2, this year in Costa Mesa, CA. over Memorial Day weekend. There's a flyer in this newsletter. Our very own Chapter, now District, Couple of The Year Keith and Teresa Morrison will be competing for Region F Couple of The Year there, so come and cheer them on to certain victory.

We will also be putting together at least 3 different rides for you all to do to get to AZ, one pretty much direct at warp speed, another a little longer with more stops and easier riding, and another a day earlier for those of us who need to be there for some additional training.

Figure this is at least a 2 day ride there and 2 days back, more if you want to see more stuff along the way. We'll look forward to seeing you all there. If last year's West Wing 1 is any indicator, this year's West Wing 2 will be a great time.

Our Goodie Store just received a new shipment of our famous F-Troop hats. I know this for a fact cuz Keith and I, followed by Eric in a chase truck, went to Springerville, AZ. on Friday February 19th to meet the guy who makes them for us halfway and pick them up.

We traveled over some of the same roads Mike took us down when he took us to the first, and hopefully only, "Gold Wing Mud Boggs". I just knew Keith was going down, but he didn't. Something you simply had to be there to see for yourselves, but I'm sure Mike will make a valiant attempt to tell you about it in this newsletter also.

Mike kept saying on the way down there, "sure is a lot of snow out here", and I kept saying "yep, that usually happens after a snowstorm". And then he took a dirt road.....well, it was a dirt road before it snowed. He'll just have to tell you the rest.

Mike's rides are *never* dull ;-)))

Chapter F will be holding a raffle over the next 3 gatherings for Ride for Kids. Bill Lindquist has procured for us Microsoft Office 2007 Ultimate package, (with legitimate licensing and everything!) valued at nearly \$700.00 for the full product version. Mike's wife, Anne, has also put together a gift basket from Victoria's Secret valued at over \$400.00 for this raffle. Tickets are a dollar each, you can buy as many tickets as you want and put them in which ever prize box you want. Drawing will be at the May gathering so the raffle money can go to the Ride for Kids Albuquerque ride, which we're leading this year, later in May. You do not have to be present to win, but you do need to make sure you have put your name and ph # on each ticket you put in the box's and make sure someone else can read it!

We're still interested in finding a Couple of The Year for NM-F for 2010-2011. This is the Chapter's way of saying thank you for being an exceptional couple, something that in my considered opinion, every couple in this Chapter is. Think of someone you'd like to see represent us as a Chapter and let us know who they are. We'll snag'em before they know what happened !!!

There ya have it, lotsa good riding coming up pretty soon. It'll be good to get the winter blues outa our systems. Let's go riding.....

And the beat goes on.....Jimm



ASSISTANT CHAPTER DIRECTORS/COY

Keith & Teresa Morrison

There are months that go by and we say we haven't done much. This was definitely not one of those months! We believe all the rides are covered later in the newsletter with the exception of the ride to Laguna for green chili cheeseburgers, so we'll cover that one. On February 20th, two groups left the Golden Corral headed for lunch. Russell was leading group one and Mike was leading the second group. Everett and Al were the group tail gunners.

We had an appointment at noon, so we just met everyone there. As it turned out, the groups were using Route 66 and we used I-25 so we got there first. It is a good thing we got there early; there was no parking left after the Chapter descended on the place.



There was no parking left!!!

Once everyone got their food ordered, the eating in shifts started. We all decided to eat outside on the nice warm picnic tables.



A full house – this is the second shift of eaters

As you can see in the below picture, Mike is still trying to bribe everyone with chocolate mint patties so they will stop talking about the First Annual Chapter F “mud ride” (see page 17)



Russell, Julian, Monte, Mike



Julian & Marissa enjoying a nice, quiet, romantic lunch

A blast was had by all, no pun intended!!! Hopefully we'll be seeing you all at our next event.

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

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

2009 MILEAGE WINNERS

At our last gathering Joe gave out certificates to our 2009 Million Mile winners.

Following below are pictures of the men's category for the contest.



Mike receiving 1st place certificate (Gary and Joe)



Bud receiving 2nd place certificate (Cheryle and Teresa)



Gary receiving 3rd place certificate (Joe)

Below are pictures of the woman's category for the contest.



Cheryle receiving 1st place certificate (Bud and Teresa)



Teresa receiving 2nd place certificate (Gary and Joe)

Julie Hammer won 3rd place in the woman's category, but didn't make the gathering. Joe made sure she received her certificate.



Bud & Cheryle, Mike, Teresa, Gary, Joe

RIDER EDUCATION

2 X 4 X 18 Side by Side or “Hey Good Buddy”

By Charlie Brown, CA-1F

Having ridden a motorcycle for 5 years and driven an 18-wheeled behemoth for 3 yrs, I would like to mention a few things that I have observed from the interaction of 2-wheelers and 18-wheelers. First of all, there is a good possibility that the driver of the big rig is also a motorcycle enthusiast. I don't have actual statistics but my own informal surveys link about 30% of the truck drivers to motorcycles. What does this mean to me? Most of them do not ride Gold Wings. They do not know that you can or want to communicate with them. There may be times when you don't, but that is another subject. The ability to communicate with them is a big plus. If you let them, they can guide you through a variety of tough spots. Understand that the truck takes a lot longer to get up to speed and also to stop. It is not a big thing for a motorcycle to slow and let the truck pass a slower vehicle you can roll it on and be back up to speed in no time. They can't so let them know on the CB that you are back there and that they can “bring it on over” to get around that slower vehicle. Most truckers use Channel 19. Stay out of the “NO ZONE” blind spots where they can't see you. Truckers are trained to continually scan both right and left mirrors.

As in other traffic interactions, the key is to be visible. If the trucker cannot see you, he or she will have a tough time being your friend. When approaching from behind or being passed by a truck, position the bike so that you can always see the eyes of the driver in their mirrors. If you can't see the driver's eyes, they can't see you. On a straight road, being in the left track will make you the most visible. In a right turn or curve, it will be necessary to swing to the right track for the driver to continue to keep you in sight. It is extremely disconcerting for the driver of an eighteen-wheeler to lose track of someone coming up behind them. They do not know what that person is doing. When you pass them or they pass you, their scan/vision level is above you so avoid being too close in front of them. If you are in close, the driver will likely lose sight of you. When it is obvious that the driver is going to change lanes in front of you, let them know on the CB or by flashing your bright headlamps that it is safe for them to bring it on over. Generally when you approach the rear of a big rig the wind will tend to keep you away from the trailer. Conversely when you approach the front of the tractor the wind flow will tend to pull you in toward the cab. Be prepared for the differential wind currents and maintain your track by counter-steering.

Keep in mind that at 65 mph, a fully loaded, 80,000 lb big rig will take two football fields to stop. That is 200 yards or 600 ft. At the same speed, it will take a motorcycle about 120 ft to stop. If you pull into the truck's path after passing less than 480 ft ahead of them and have to make an emergency stop, guess where you will be when the truck finally comes to a stop... Not a pleasant thought. The visibility from the cab of the truck is good, but be careful when passing on the right. Cancel that just don't pass a big truck on the right. I know there are times in traffic and in town when you find yourself on the right side of a big truck. **More than likely they will not be able to see you.** Minimize the time you spend in that position. Here is a good time to communicate with the driver if you can that you are there. Between the tandem wheels of the tractor and several feet ahead of the front wheel is an area that the driver will not be able to see you. Stay out of that situation when you can. Watch for the truck for lane changes or a right turn while you are next to them. Always leave yourself an escape route.

I have had some very good experiences with truckers on the road and a couple of not so good ones. In general, the good experiences far outnumber the bad ones. One early morning, we left Tucson for El Paso and just west of Benson we ran into a fog bank so thick that we couldn't see the fog line. We would have gotten off the road if we could have found an exit. We got on the CB and told the trucker ahead of us that we were behind him and to please alert us of any hazards that he could see. He came back with the length of time that we would be in the fog and stayed with us all the way through it. Helpful? Very. We have also contacted truckers for information on traffic and routing when we wanted to avoid heavy traffic due to an accident or were looking for a twisty back road vice the super-slab. Some people are hesitant to contact truckers on the radio. Let's face it, they can be intimidating. However, I would advise you not to be intimidated. If you treat them with respect they are usually more than happy to be of help. It sometimes helps get their attention if you let your female co-rider communicate with them. For some reason, they tend to be a lot quicker to respond to females than males. This is not a sexist statement on my part, simply an observation. I hope this helps if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask, as there are several of us in the group that have experience driving 18-wheelers.

Ride Safe, Be Visible, and Communicate.

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

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



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

Date of Application / /

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

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Please enroll Rider in Level I. <input type="checkbox"/> Rider Patch and Pin request <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider Patch and Pin request	<input type="checkbox"/> Please enroll Co-Rider in Level I. <input type="checkbox"/> Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider: Safe Miles pin needed: _____
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LEVEL II - SAFETY BY EDUCATION – TOUR RIDER/CO-RIDER EDUCATION

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

TOUR RIDER

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

TOUR CO-RIDER

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

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

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

CERTIFIED TOUR RIDER

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

CERTIFIED TOUR CO-RIDER

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

HIGH MILEAGE PROGRAM

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

<input type="checkbox"/> First High Mileage Application <input type="checkbox"/> Rider _____ Miles <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Rider _____ Miles	MILEAGE VERIFICATION <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:60%;">Bike</th> <th style="width:20%;">Year</th> <th style="width:20%;">Mileage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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



MEMBER MATTERS

Joe & Nancy Opuszanski

March Birthdays



Bill Lindquist	Mar 4 th	Len Strawderman	Mar 5 th
Jerene Smithson	Mar 11 th	Karen Humphrey	Mar 14 th
Mike Van Horn	Mar 17 th	Donna Black	Mar 19 th
Joe Opuszanski	Mar 29 th	Kathy Bates	Mar 31 st

March Anniversaries



Gene & Jeanie Wagner	Mar 14 th
Calvin & Jo-Ann Edwards	Mar 19 th
Julian & Marisa Smith	Mar 21 st

GWRRA Member March Anniversaries

Calvin Edwards	Mar 1, 1987	23 years	Larry & Donna Hardman	Mar 1, 1997	13 years
Gene Wagner	Mar 1, 1986	24 years	Steve Edwards	Mar 3, 2008	2 years
Larry & Joan Robinette	Mar 4, 2002	8 years	Gary Strawderman	Mar 4, 1999	11 years
Diana Salinas	Mar 8, 2007	3 years	Alva Geuss	Mar 9, 2006	3 years
Theo Stephens	Mar 9, 2004	6 years	Beth Cherry	Mar 10, 2007	3 years
Eric Shockey	Mar 10, 2009,	1 year	John Cherry	Mar 14, 2007	3 years
Dennis Lee	Mar 16, 2008	2 years	Linda Kinney	Mar 17, 2004	6 years
Sharon Mikkelson	Mar 17, 1999	11 years	John & Judy Perez	Mar 19, 2008	2 years
Rod Hammer	Mar 20, 2007	3 years	Phil & Jean Kelly	Mar 20, 2007	3 years
Rod Karcher	Mar 23, 2009	1 year	Avery & Carolyn Wood	Mar 30, 2006	4 years
Fred Salinas	Mar 31, 2004	6 years			



NEW March Chapter F Members

None

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



THE GOODIE STORE

John & Linda Kinney

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

NEWEST ITEM!!!

Half Cover \$97.00 (includes taxes)

Only available through your Goodie Store

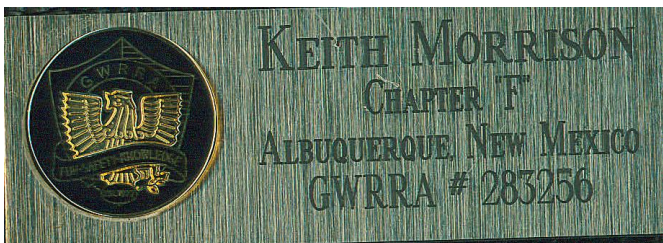
Will be displayed at the meeting



Polo shirts \$25

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

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



Name tags \$10



One side has the GWRRRA 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



Ride Coordinator

Mike Van Horn



Ride Coordinator's Corner!



Chapter "F" Rides: March

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

Updated: 02/24/10

March:

6th - Chapter gathering at 7:30 AM for Breakfast at the Golden Corral Restaurant (DQ Points Ride) **After the gathering ride** – We will spend the "Day at the Museum" in Santa Fe. They have recently opened up a new museum, near the downtown plaza called: **The New Mexico History Museum** and it's pretty neat! There is underground parking available for \$3.00, and since the **Palace of the Governor's Museum** is connected in the same building, we will get to see both museums for the price of one! Admission is \$6.00 Check out this web link:

<http://www.palaceofthegovernors.org/index.php>



After our visit to there, we will ride the **Green Chili Trail** once again to the **Horseman's Haven Café for lunch!** Located at 4354 Cerrillos Rd. They are known for Mexican style Steaks & Barbecue, and the owner grows his own chili's there in Santa Fe. Jimm says they have one of the hottest Green Chili Cheese burgers he has ever tasted! <http://www.yelp.com/biz/horsemans-haven-cafe-santa-fe>

10th (Wed) Ice Cream Social! This month we will visit the **Cold Stone Creamery** Located at 3703 Ellison Road, NW - on the east side of the shopping center near Toys R Us.



19th– 20th Chapter Visitation to Chapter "T" Las Cruces, NM (Overnight Ride)

Leave Friday afternoon (19th). We will stay at Motel 6 Located at 235 La Posida Ln, Las Cruces.

I have called and already arranged for 10 rooms to be blocked off for the 19th, on the bottom floor for our stay. For reservations please call: **(575) 525-1010** Mention "**Gold Wings from Albuquerque**" for our **Special Rate of \$43.99 (plus tax)**. Call the Motel to make your reservation, since we will arrive after 6 PM on Friday, they will need a credit card to hold the room. Check this link for directions from Motel 6 to Furr's:

http://national.citysearch.com/profile/6978140/las_cruces_nm/motel_6_las_cruces.html?publisher=mapquest&reference_id=&placement=results_bub#profileTab-maps

Friday night we have a dinner date with our friends in Chapter T. We will meet them at "Ruby Tuesday's", located at 2611 N Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, (on the frontage road, near I-25 and Main). Chapter T's meeting will be the next morning on Saturday 20th. Where: Furr's (near the old Wal-Mart). 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Las Cruces, NM. Check out this map to pin point the Furr's:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=2340+E.+Griggs+Ave.&city=Las+Cruces&state=NM&zipcode=88001&country=US>

Time: Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Ride Time: 3 hr. 37 min (Stops in Socorro and T or C)

Distance = 230 miles (one way)

An organized ride will leave from the Golden Corral parking lot (at I-40 & Coors) 2:30 PM on Friday (19th)

27th - Social Butterfly Event 6:00pm at Buffalo Wild Wings on Coors

Rides, Rides, and Still More Rides.....

By Mike Van Horn

"Wile E. Coyote" (Our Chapter Mascot), has informed me that March is here, and he is ready to ride! And so we shall! Chapter F's 2010 riding season is about to really kick into gear! What a season we have planned for you! With "Ice Cream Socials", "Visitation Rides" to other Chapters, "The Dairy Queen Challenge", Picnics, National Parks, Ghost Towns, Annual Burger Burn, Carlsbad Caverns, The Grand Canyon, Moon Light Ride, District & Regional Rallies, Wing Ding, camping trips and the list goes on and on! Our year is packed full of fun and adventure around each and every corner! For a quick glance at the rides and activities we have scheduled for this year there is a page in this news letter dedicated to giving you that quick glance. Turn over to that page and you will see a month by month list of fun things we are planning!

Let's all give a warm welcome to Eric Shockey, our newest Member on the staff for stepping up to the Asst Ride Coordinator position! Eric has jumped right in with both feet, and is already providing valuable information for the rides, and has some great ideas for activities we are planning too! Welcome aboard Eric! I also want to thank Lila Cameron for making our reservations at the Grand Canyon! Now that's team work!!!

We have two exciting "Big Trips" this summer! **Carlsbad Caverns**, (May 27 - 30), and the **North Rim of the Grand Canyon**, (July 16 - 18)! As I mentioned, Lila has already reserved 3 camp sites at the North Rim that are literally on the "edge" of the canyon! I'm talking step out of your tent and you better have your parachute attached! For the more squeamish in our group, (and

you know who you are....), there are cabins available that also have breath taking views of the Canyon! The cabins have walls and glass separating you from the 5,000 ft drop off the edge! Well, that a little exaggerated, it's only 4,000 ft off the edge. If you are going on either of these trips please make your reservations soon, to insure that you will be able to get a spot! Trip details and pricing are available for each of these trips at the table (during the gatherings), along with a sign-up list for each trip. Please add your name and contact info on the list if you are planning to go, and I will be sure to call or email you with any updates as they happen. This might be a good time to ask the boss for some time off for these trips... you don't want to miss these!

Each month the "**Ride Coordinators Corner**" provides you with all the details for the rides and activates for the current month. This is the page you want to rip-out of the newsletter and display on your refrigerator door. When your friends come over show them what fun activities your chapter is planning and invite them to come along too! Check it out to see the latest updates and details and then plan on joining us on each and every ride this year!

If you have any questions, comments, have suggestions about our rides, or if you just want let me know about some neat places you have visited send me an email: lazer2by4@aol.com or call me at 505-453-3873 Let's Ride!



CHAPTER EDUCATOR – Guest Commentary Russell Shupe

WHAT ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO?



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7g0RLyxP13o>

I don't consider myself much of a religious person but I can tell you this. Evil exists. I've seen it. The good nature of people tends to hold evil in check, but it occasionally breaks out. Evil is always trying to break out. While you work towards peace and balance in your life, evil is in the gym lifting weights, working out and preparing for its' next run at you.

Sometimes evil breaks out on a macro-scale. Evil is what flew jet airliners full of innocent people into sky scrapers in New York City and it used a disturbed man to do the same thing in Austin, TX the week before last.

Usually though, it breaks out on a smaller scale. Accidents, fires, and crime are only a few examples of how evil is constantly trying to gnaw away at us. How you react to evil when it presents itself to you can make all the difference as to the life you will lead and, in some situations, how long your life will be.

Being prepared for evil to take a run at you is the best way to defend against it. The GWRRA Rider Education Program is how you prepare where riding is concerned.

As most of you know, a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, I was a police officer. One evening on watch 3 (the mid-night shift) I was the first uniformed officer on scene of a robbery call and discovered that an armed robbery was still in progress with multiple armed suspects. As I rolled on scene, hostages were being taken. Back-up was coming Code 3 but was a long way off.

I know many of our members are from the law enforcement community. For those who are not, let me

tell you that this type of call IS the Super Bowl for civilian police officers. It is every officer's greatest dream and worst nightmare all rolled into one. How the situation is handled can literally have life or death consequences.

I will not bore you with the details of what happened but I am proud to say that the incident is still used today in police academy training in Colorado. Several brother officers with whom I still have contact told me that my actions that night may very well have saved the lives of other officers in similar situations since then. I can tell you that it was horrific, terribly fast paced, exciting, exhausting and one big blur all at once. I had to be debriefed in detail afterward and I had to walk through the scene afterward to fully remember everything that I had done. I am firmly convinced that what let me bring the situation to a successful resolution that night was the training that I had received.

Cops 1. Crooks & Evil 0. The 'Chicago Way' works where evil is concerned.

The same can be said about potential situations as we ride. This is a fun activity and I don't mean to sound too morbid about it. I just know that at some point evil will present itself to you. I think you should use GWRRA and the Rider Education Program to be prepared.

The next GWRRA seminar in the series is on CRASH SCENE RESPONSE. Although the time and place has not been announced, I hope you will make plans to attend.



March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6  F – Meeting Ride to Santa Fe R – Meeting
7 C – Meeting	8	9	10 F – Ice Cream Social at Cold Stone Creamery	11 TX-1A – Meeting	12	13 D – Meeting
14 	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19 F – Visiting Chapter T	20 F – Visiting Chapter T T – Meeting 
21 W – Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27 F – Social Butterfly Event Buffalo Wild Wings
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Social Butterfly Coordinators

Bill & Jo Lindquist



Monthly Feature: Buffalo Wild Wings, 10015 Coors Blvd, 6:00 P.M.

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

Valentine's Day dinner was a huge success with 28 people attending. The food was great and the service was exceptional. Everyone was had a great time. New friends made and old acquaintances renewed. Monique did an outstanding job creating the cookies that were used for the place cards, a really unique idea. The table decorations were made up of the little valentine candy hearts, streamers and other candies.



Fred & Diana, John & Linda



Everett & Judy (behind Everett) chatting

Again, this was a really great dinner. The photographer did not meet the rest of the group.

Lone Star Social Butterfly - The Lone Star was the February Social Butterfly Event and it was sensational. 21 people showed up; Keith & Teresa, Julian & Marissa, John & Linda, Jorge and Fran, Dave & Monique, Larry &

Doranda, Joe & Nancy, Gene & Jeanie, Jack Sidler, Bill & Jo, and Art & Ada. The food was great and the service was really quite good. One could not ask for a better evening everyone had fun. Jo & I really enjoyed getting this put together. Don't miss the next one!!



Oh no!!! Joe O get's carded!! Ada & Art, Jack

March Social Butterfly - For March, we are planning to have two events; one March 27 at **Buffalo Wild Wings** on Coors at 6:00 P.M. and one the following week to take advantage of another comedy night at **Harla May's** restaurant in Belen which will be 3 April which is a Saturday night at 6:30 P.M.

Directions Harla May's: The travel time is about one hour at highway speeds from the West side to the first Belen exit. The address is 710 Dalies Avenue which is to the left going down the main street. You need to go past the street and then take the next left as Dalies is a one way street entering Main Street. You can park in the bank or other parking lots. You can go to this link to get information concerning [Harla May's](#) Please let me know if you plan to attend so tickets can be reserved for the comedy show. You don't need to attend the comedy show, but can just come for dinner. Send me an email using butterfly@newmexicochapter.org or call me at 505-897-215

Kept the wings dry and keep fly'n

CHAPTER TX-1A'S POLAR BEAR BBQ

On February 13th, 18 brave and hardy Albuquerque-area souls made their way down to Clint, Texas to participate in Chapter TX-1A's Annual Polar Bear BBQ. Some great steaks and plenty of fixins' were available for all.



Our cooks - Richard, Steve, Al, and Mel

This was a neat event, it is always nice to re-acquaint with old friends from other Chapters. As an added bonus participating in this event earned points in the District visitation program. Some folks earned more points for riding while the rest were alright with driving and earning fewer points.

Participating Chapter F Members included District Directors Ted and Kathy Bates, Calvin and Jo-Ann Edwards, Ken and Dian Fourcher, Keith and Teresa Morrison (who brought along Blake and the rat dog, Colby), Don Mikkelson (from Los Alamos) and Joe and Nancy Opuszenski.



Gail with the "Official" Polar Bear



Lou and Joe

Other Albuquerque Wingers in attendance were Brian and Annette Earle, Ralph and Robyn French and Jerry and Becky Stillwagon.



The crowd



The Horseman's Haven Café (A Pop-Up Ride Adventure 02-24-10)

Mike Van Horn

Joe O, Keith, Everett, Al, Eric, and yours truly, attended a Pop-up ride that was meant to scout out the Horseman's Haven Café in Santa Fe for the ride coming up after the gathering this month.

All was well, conversation was lively, Al was telling us about some stories of the hot Chili's he had at other places. That is until our plates arrived at the table. The Chili was piled high on top of the burgers, and you could smell the distinct flavorless in the air as they were passed around our table. All conversations suddenly stopped as we all gazed into our plates, and contemplated the possible outcomes of eating these hot chilis!



Keith told Al, "Eat some sugar, eat sugar to kill the fire!" Al took the sugar container and was gobbling spoon after spoon down and drinking almost all of his soda; anything to kill the fire! Well, that seemed to work pretty good, but then after a few minutes, Al said that he couldn't feel his lips and they were fiery red! No kidding!



The waitress asked us if there was anything else we needed, and well, I couldn't resist. I said, "Now, Al here likes the kind of chili that burns you twice! She kind'a giggled, and said, "I have just the thing for you; it's our *Level 2* chili and it's pretty hot!" She went over to the kitchen, and returned with a small plastic container, and *carefully*, (like a chemist with a volatile explosive would); set it down on the table right in front of Al. There was this evil grin on her face now, but I don't think Al noticed. She stood next to him and said she wasn't leaving until he tried the chips and dip. Calmly, Al picked up a chip and dipped it lightly into the spicy concoction.

We all watched as he brought it to his lips! At first there was a look of "hey this ain't too bad", but then, he started fanning his face, and asking for the fire extinguisher! By this time, Everett was laughing so hard that there were tears streaming down his face. Wait, were they really tears? He put some of that hot chili in his bowl. Hummmm...



The waitress calmly came back over to our table after seeing that and asked if everything was OK? Now, being the "Manly Men" that we are, we assured her that all was well. Al asked her if there were any cases of people catching on fire from spontaneous combustion. She said that she wasn't aware of any cases, but then she started to grin again and said, "It could happen boys, it could happen!"

We really did have a fun trip and no one caught on fire on the return trip home. So, I guess it was a real successful venture after all!

FEBRUARY'S GATHERING

February's gathering was something else; we had 84 people in attendance! Our primary dining area was filled with another dozen or so in the 2nd room. We had a lot going on but still managed to finish on time.



We were also paid a visit by Paul and JD from R&S Honda. JD described the latest in battery reconditioning technology; methods are now available that will resurrect a highly hydrided battery. JD (whose "real" name is James Day) is

our newest Member.

Here's a guy we haven't seen in ages, Bill Raupfer from Chapter W



How about this pretty lady; she is Holly Johnson, a guest of Richard.



Air Force Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Bill Shuert of the NM Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) delivered DVDs of our December 5th visit to the 150th Fighter Wing. DVDs were provided for all so if you didn't get one check at the next meeting. Hopefully you all saw the three-page spread of this event in the

March issue of Wing World, a first for the Chapter.

How about our "Littlest Winger", Emma (and Amy, "THE MOM")



Can this be? Keith sitting with the "Dark-Siders"

We were also paid a visit by the NM District Rider Educator, Rick Howell. Rick briefed us on the hierarchy of all the Rider Ed badges. He noted that several Chapter Members have their Level IV applications in for approval by GWRRA.



Finally, Diana Salinas cleaned up in the door prize area AND won the 50-50 sum of \$159. Make sure you read the rest of the newsletter for other meeting events.



Froggy and his HOG

NEW FACES IN THE CROWD

Several new faces have appeared in Chapter events the past few months. We would like to acknowledge their presence and extend an invitation to attend future Chapter events and gatherings.



These two guys are (L) Roy Exum and Dave Black. Dave and wife, Donna, are both Chapter Members. Dave and Donna have been GWRRA Members since 2004. Dave lives in Rio Rancho and drags Roy along with him. Roy lives in the South Valley and rides a trike. Both are now regular attendees and both participated in the December 150th Fighter Wing event.

Phillip Heath is also a Chapter Member. Phillip hails from Florida where he was an active Member in a Chapter there. His GWRRA Membership goes back to 1988 and he is a Life Member. He moved to Rio Rancho about a year ago and resides in Rio Rancho with his daughter, Sallie, and her husband. Phillip no longer owns a bike but that doesn't stop him from participating in Chapter activities.



This is Paul and Joyce Giblin who belong to Chapter W. Although Paul has been a GWRRA Member since 2000 this is his and Joyce's first visit to any GWRRA event. Here they are at our Chapter's February Social Butterfly dinner at the County Line Restaurant. Paul is a retired Brooklyn NY policeman.

This is James Day, a new Chapter Member. James has been a GWRRA Member since 1992. He lives in Los Lunas. Kinda looks familiar doesn't he? Maybe you know him as "J-D" from R&S Honda on Wyoming Blvd.



ARCHES AFTER-GATHERING RIDE

Mike Van Horn



February's after-gathering ride was to the Ventana Arch in the El Malpais National Monument south of Grants. No doubt this was a trip all will remember. There was quite a bit of snow on the ground after the recent storm but we 12 hearty souls trudged on; why, well, just because we can! Now, I'm not saying that I dragged them through the mud, but I need to point out, that just like the mice and the Pied Piper, they all followed me! We all got real muddy just before making it to our final destination at the picnic ground. A guy in his truck was really impressed that the Gold Wing actually can double as a dirt bike

I was in the lead and turned into the picnic area when all of a sudden there was about three to four inches of mud on the road. At first I didn't think it was too bad and kept moving forward. I signaled for everyone to stop while I went ahead to see if it was passable but before I made it another 20 feet it was evident that this was not going to happen. A pickup truck was coming towards me, and I could see that he was almost swimming in the mud. The thought of trying to turn around was on my mind, and everyone behind me would have to do the same but there was no place to turn

As we were "muddling" around, Keith's front tire caught a rut and the front end came out from underneath his Wing. Keith just put his feet down and mud skied to a stop just before going into the ditch on the side of the road. When Keith's bike came to a stop, he was sitting on the gas

tank and covered up to his ankles in mud. Now came the hard part, getting turned around and finding dry land again. Keith had the right idea; he turned the wheel hard to the left and then gunned it whipping the back end of his bike around; what a pro! The rest of us put our feet out like skis, and did the forward and backward thing until we all got turned around. Amazingly, no one went down which shows you the kind of skill that each of us has to maintain balance and stabilize our big bikes even in a muddy situation!

After getting out of the mud, we then rode back to the **La Ventana Arch**. We pulled into the parking lot, and looked at the mud on the bikes in wonder! Most were wondering when Mike was going to clean all that mud off their bikes! The mob was gathered, the torches were lit, and I could see that this crowd would need some sort of small animal sacrifice to calm them down! I quickly remembered that I had some chocolate mint patties in my trunk, and that had a real calming effect! We all broke out our sandwiches and drinks, and soon everyone was laughing and talking about our adventure; some even commented that it was the most fun they ever had on the Gold Wing! Ride participants included: Al Kane, Keith Morrison, Jimm White, Bill Lindquist, Don & Suzie Chapman, Monte & Jerene Smithson, Dave Gottheimer, Monique Kourdae, Jack Sidler in the chase vehicle (and photographer) and yours truly, Mike Van Horn.



CHAPTER F MEMBER MILLION MILE – JANUARY `10 STATS

By Joe O

The following individuals have provided mileage figures through the month of **January 2010**. This is in support of Chapter F's goal of riding 1,000,000 motorcycle miles for the year. This activity is open to all Chapter F members. To realize this goal we need the support of each and every chapter member. You do not have to attend our meetings; this is a chance to participate in a chapter activity and be recognized for doing so. We will track your total chapter mileage on a monthly basis. Each Chapter F member will be queried on the last day of the month by an email; all you have to do is reply with your current odometer / tripmeter reading and we will do the rest. Participating individual's mileage will be published in this newsletter along with the chapter total. Obviously, we are going to take your word that what you tell us is true, there will no one verifying your mileage nor will you be considered for the monthly Furthest F'ert Award.

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

RIDER / CO-RIDER	2010	2009 (as of Dec 31)
Adams, Torchy	0	659
Austin, Keith	0	6,197
Branch, Danny	0	2,264
Broadbent, Tom	0	4,319
Cameron, Wylly	0	12,728
Carnes, Ada	0	4,079
Carnes, Art	0	4,079
Chapman, Don	0	3,901
Crawforth, Deane	0	16,880
Dannenberg, Jack	70	16,687
Drake, Dave	288	5,480
Edwards, Steve	645	12,628
Edwards, Pam	0	9,287
Hammer, Rod	60	11,220
Hammer, Julie	60	9,322
Higgins, Monte	0	450
Holder, Bill	0	2,293
Holder, Carmen	0	2,293
Holly, Penny	0	3,684
Holly, Wayne	0	3,684
Howe, Mike	0	1,650

Jeffcoat, Everett	122	0
Jones, Dave	98	1,833
Kane, Al	123	5,766
Lindquist, Bill	50	4,237
Michel, Mike	0	3,160
Morris, Judy	0	1,598
Morrison, Keith	202	17,509
Morrison, Teresa	190	14,655
Nicholson, Shelia	0	5,859
Nicholson, Wendell	17	8,046
Opuszenski, Joe	241	9,290
Opuszenski, Nancy	198	7,628
Rieman, Joe	0	364
Roady, Bill	360	1,160
Salinas, Diana	0	1,799
Salinas, Fred	183	4,890
Shockey, Eric	95	5,858
Shupe, Russell & Val	0	4,204
Smith, Julian	183	3,613
Smith, Marisa	117	1,744
Smithson, Monte	1322	558
Spicher, Debi	0	2,930
Spicher, Jerry	0	3,441
Stewart, Dave	23	3,735
Stewart, Lynn	0	774
Strawderman, Gary	344	22,008
Strawderman, Len	116	6,985
Van Horn, Mike	1688	36,154
Wagner, Gene	122	5,315
Wagner, Jeanie	0	1,170
Walter, Bud	273	22,260

Walter, Cheryle	164	15,816
White, Jimm	0	16,261
White, Pam	0	3,896
Wieseler, Bob	0	8,663
Valdez, Angelina	0	5,961
Valdez, Robert	0	5,961
Vigil, Beverly	0	1,104

Monthly 2010 Miles

January 2010 7,354

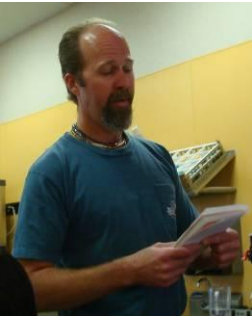
TOTAL MILES FOR YEAR 2010 – 7,354, we have reached .73% of our goal



GOING ROUGH

Darkside Dave (aka Dave Bachman)

Furthest F-ert for Mar.




Greetings all you wonderful Wingers. Well last month there were a few bright spots in an otherwise dismal display of mileage accumulation. There were a grand total of 14 riders that made January's and returned for February's gathering. Of the 14 there were only 5 riders that rode more than 100 miles. 100 miles, I usually ride farther than that to get a gallon of milk, but alas, I was not one of the riders who actually went anywhere, I only had 46 miles, luckily I only needed a pint of milk.


As I stated at the gathering, my game my rules, the only requirement is that your bike must be ridden to the meeting.


What is there really to say this month other than let's see if we can do better. Remember if you haven't been to the gathering with your bike it's not too late. You can join in the fun and excitement at any time. The yearly mileage award could still be within your grasp.

Now on to the big winners and losers.

In the men's division:

 1st place with 1527 miles was Monte Smithson receiving the large coyote pin

 2nd place with 346 miles was Jimm White receiving the green chile pin

 3rd place with 284 miles was Max Stefoin (sorry if I spelled it wrong Max) receiving the red chile pin

In the women's division:

1st place with 48 miles was Cheryl Walter receiving the small coyote pin

2nd place with 17 miles was Lisa Bachman receiving the red chile pin

In the I couldn't get off the couch division:

Receiving her very own Moose-Turd Pie was Lisa Bachman with a shameful 17 miles.

Oh and by the way, if you missed it there was a great article about Chapter F's 150th charity run in the Wingworld Magazine. It was especially wonderful seeing as how they put the Harley riders in the article.

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark

Ride Far, Ride Often

Darkside Dave



On The Darker Side
By D.D.

A little Gold Wing humor.

20 things you won't hear from a Winger.

1. We don't need the trailer, we're only going overnight.
2. Dairy Queen, I couldn't, I'm on a diet.
3. No, No, I couldn't she doesn't even have an AARP card.
4. I don't think we should wear the matching outfits today.
5. You know for \$40 a plate the portions were small but well worth it.
6. Let's not eat at another buffet.
7. Heated gear, I don't need that.
8. I think I'll put some straight pipes on the Wing.
9. Don't worry about where we'll eat lunch, we're still eating breakfast.
10. I think I'll wear my 2-piece to the pool.
11. No, nothing hurts, no new surgeries, no aches no pains.
12. GPS is for sissies, I've got a map.
13. I can't have ice cream, it's only breakfast.
14. Let's throw that thing on the lift and do this oil change ourselves.
15. You know Marge; you really ought to show more skin.
16. It's almost midnight and the party is just getting started.
17. I got a really awesome skull tattoo at the rally.
18. I'll just have a salad.
19. You know there just might be too many lights on your bike.
20. We don't need a destination, let's just ride.

6 Harleys to be raffled off



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Congratulations to Edward Schmidt, winner of the \$500 gift card donated by the Farmington Four Corners Harley-Davidson. Thank you Four Corners Harley-Davidson for donating the gift card and we are sure Mr. Schmidt won't have a difficult time spending that gift card with all of the beautiful items available in the largest Harley store in the Four Corners.

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You can pick up a Raffle ticket locally at The Aztec Boys & Girls Club and Main Street Music, or in Farmington at The Four Corners Harley -Davidson Store, and Rig Equipment Supply.

Don't have time?..... go online at www.aztecbg-club.com or give us a call 1-800-461-1238

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

The Chapter continues to seek volunteers to help out with a myriad of duties that need to be attended to. Positions such as: Rider Education, event photographers, telephone tree are just several that we would like to see filled.

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

Ride Coordinator (Asst) - Again, this position requires a person(s) with imagination to help Russ & Val. Creating interesting rides for the Chapter is a primary duty. The person should have an extensive knowledge of NM and generally the southwest. The rides need to be more than just riding to Socorro and back. The individual needs to understand rider distance capabilities, plan routes, refueling points; those responsibilities generally defined for a Ride Captains.

CHAPTER F'S F-TROOP WEBSITE

If you haven't accessed Chapter F's website you need to do it NOW. The site is administered by Keith Morrison, our ACD and District Webmaster. The site came into being on January 1, 2009 and continues to be a work in progress however; it has come a long way since its beginning. It contains the latest Chapter information and should be the site you turn to for material like member bios, pictures, maps, and current ride/event info. The site has an F-Troop motif and is a fun place to visit with

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

Check it out!

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT WEBSITE & CHAPTER PHOTOS

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

photos then forward them to the Webmaster at web.master@gwrra-nm.org This site is carried under the GWRRA links and, just like our site, is thus easily accessible by any Chapter in the world.

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

Check it out!

NATIONAL LEVEL INFORMATION

GWRRA Wingin' It e-Newsletter



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

Please Help Out.

"We first need all Members who would like to receive communications via email from GWRRA to make sure their current email address is registered with the Home Office. You can do this by contacting Customer Service at (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500, Phoenix area or by logging into your membership account at

www.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



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



THE LIGHTER SIDE

Joe O

Twelve Important Things My Motorcycle Has Taught Me (Submitted by Len Strawderman)

The only good view of a thunderstorm is in your rear view mirror.

Four wheels move the body; two wheels move the soul.

I'd rather be riding my motorcycle and thinking about God, than sitting in church thinking about my bike.

Life may begin at 30, but it doesn't get real interesting until about 75 mph.

Midnight bugs taste just as bad as noon time bugs.

Sometimes it takes a whole tank full of gas before you can think straight.

A bike on the road is worth two in the shed.

Young riders pick a destination and go; old riders pick a direction and go.

When you're riding lead, don't spit.

Catching a yellow jacket in your shirt at 75 mph can double your vocabulary.

If you can't get it going with bungee cords and duct tape, it's serious.

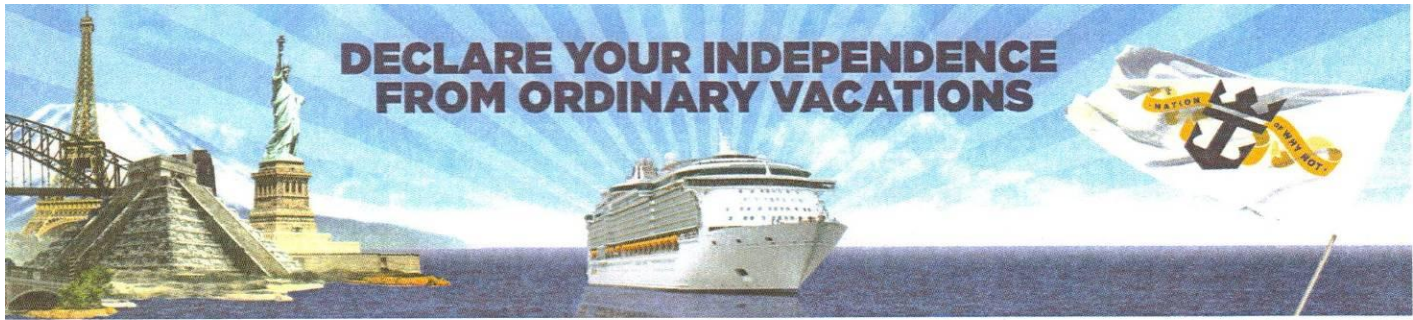
Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.

Ahoy mates!!!

Here's something else that's really exciting, and will absolutely "Peg Our Fun Meters" for 2011! Are you tired of Dean taking all of the trips all over the world and he won't take you with him? Well, all that's about to change, because right now we are looking into taking a Caribbean cruise! I don't think even Dean has done that, yet! The cruise starts in Ft. Lauderdale Florida and the ship visits several of the islands around the Caribbean for 7 wonderful days! The really cool thing is that **we get to take our own motorcycles with us on the ship!**

I think that it counts as a "double occupancy" for those of you that love your motorcycle more than your wife! Just kidding, (please no hate mail). Our bikes are kept in storage below the decks, safe and secure, and when the ship docks at each of the islands, you drive your bike onto the island where they have tour guides waiting to take us on a tour of their island! Is that cool or what!? We are in the process of firming up our travel dates, pricing, and ride schedule to get us all out to Florida. So far, it looks like this is going to happen sometime in May 2011. Here is a web link for you to check it out: www.cruise-eta.com/motorcyclecruise.htm Keep watching your newsletters for updates! Mike Van Horn





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YES, PIGS DO FLY



At the February gathering an announcement was made that absolutely floored everyone in attendance, so much so that the affected individual received a

standing ovation. Mike Van Horn apparently had the inside scoop that Jack Sidler was getting a new Wing, well almost a new Wing. Jack has a 2005 1800 waiting for him at his folk's house in Florida. Jack intends to wait a bit until the weather is settled enough for him to ride it back to Rio Rancho. But have no fear, Jack said he intended to keep his old bike, chains and all, "just in case".
Congratulatio ns Jack!

THOSE CANADIANS

Joe O



The following is the gist of an email that I received from Al Kane; it deserves to be shared.

Joe - I took my first ride the other day out to the Arches with Mike. I met him at the Shell station on I-40 and we went from there. We met this family from Ontario Canada who were touring Route 66. They had started from Chicago and were working their way west. While I was talking to them I felt something warm running down my leg and when I looked down their little boy, must have been 5 or 6 maybe younger, was peeing all over me and laughing about it. Those Canadians LOL! His father chewed him out in French.

AND ANOTHER FROM AL KANE



A cowboy appeared before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates.

'Have you ever done anything of particular merit?' St. Peter asked.

'Well, I can think of one thing,' the cowboy offered. 'On a trip to the Black Hills out in South

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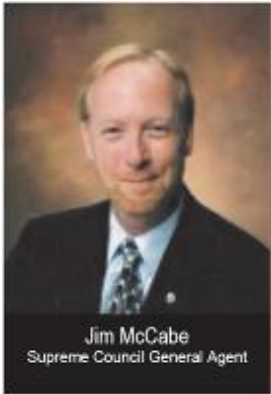
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