## **Colorado Springs**

March 2007

## Chapter I



#### Harder Happenings

Even though it may be a temporary reprieve, it looks like the weather is finally cooperating. Even though March is usually one of our snowy months, it appears to be giving us a break so we can stretch our legs, leathers and wiggle into those helmets.

The weather was so nice this past weekend and as a result the streets and highways were flooded with motorcycles of all shapes and sizes. As we observed people on their twowheelers, we would comment to each other about their dress and in most cases, their lack of dress.

Many wore no helmets, short sleeves, tank tops, short pants and tennis shoes without socks. Some were even wearing sandals. Even though some of these items seem interesting and as much as we all want to shed those cold weather clothes... please remember to wear the appropriate gear while riding.

A major emphasis for GWRRA is rider education which includes the appropriate attire. Please remember to wear your helmet, a long sleeve shirt, long pants and shoes that cover the ankles. All of these items are for you protection if and when you have to lay the bike down. There are only two types of riders, those that have gone down and those that will go down.

One more thing to be careful around are the vehicles out there on the roads. They are so used to driving where ever they want without motorcycles in their way that they might not see you or give you enough room to maneuver. Do not ride in the blind spot. Make yourself visible!!!

We would like to thank Bruce and Mel for filling in for us at March's meeting. We heard that there were many in attendance again. It is so refreshing for us, as new leaders, to see so many people attending the chapter meetings for information, rider education and camaraderie with fellow wing riders. We also heard that Darrel received the "goofy" award. Congrats!!! Be careful what you wish for Darrel...

This month will be a busy social month for the chapter. On Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm we will be having a dinner at the Ultimate Buffet to thank Ron and Marsha for their years of service to the organization. Then on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> game night will be hosted by Dick and DiDi Reisler. Then something new for this chapter, Date Night on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> which will include dinner and a movie, *Wild Hogs*. Watch for more info on all upcoming events.

We sure hope to see everyone in the next couple of weeks.

Tom & Monica Harder Chapter I Directors

Riding faster than everyone else only guarantees you'll ride alone.

People are like Motorcycles: each is customized a bit differently.

If you want to get somewhere before sundown, you can't stop at every ice cream shop.

A good long ride can clear your mind, restore your faith, and use up a lot of fuel.

You can forget what you do for a living when your knees are in the breeze.

#### GAME NIGHT UPDATE & INFORMATION

Hi, guys,

We have changed the date for the Game Night. It's now on the 24th of March, starting with the FUN eating Pot Luck at 6:30. After that we're not sure what we'll do??? You know who you are, please bring that "Sex Game" over.... Just kidding!

Address: 15776 Agate Creek Dr., Monument (Jackson Creek Area, close to Tom & Monica)

Directions: I-25 North to Exit 158 (Baptist Rd), turn Right to Jackson Creek PKWY (first light), turn Left, continue short distance to Lyons Gate and turn right, up the hill to Leather Chaps & turn Left, (you're experiencing our "fun" D-tour), turn Right on Toriva (next street) and then immediate Left on Old Creek Rd, go up the hill to the stop sign, Agate Creek Dr. (our St.) and turn Left. You're almost there. The house is on the left and has a parking meter on the top of the driveway, and it works! Since we're retired now, we need all the \$\$ we can get, HA!

Until we see you again, have fun and enjoy our sunny days, YEAH!

SEE YA, LEHITRAOT, CHAO, SIONARA, ARVIDERZEN, SALAM, CHERRIO,

Dick & Didi

## Taos in May

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din. Five reserved 15 rooms at the Best Western Kachina for our group in May. The dates are May 11th to é. • May 13th. The room rate is \$59.00 per night and I believe that includes a hot breakfast on Saturday -and Sunday (but I forgot to ask). . . -• I can't really make plans on when to leave as it's unsure if we'll even be making the trip, but last year é. • the main group left on Friday - around 9 am. - and took the VERY scenic back roads all the way down. 4 It's a full days ride on the back roads and plenty of stops were allowed for stretching and . . . Coming **.** an. home, most of us took the interstate all the way -it's quick but certainly not scenic. . -4 \* Dinner plans for Friday are ON YOUR OWN. The Kachina is sending me a menu of buffet selections é. to be offered on Saturday night (for those who would be interested) and I'll forward them on to the é. Chapter once I get the information. -. . 10 To Day plans for Saturday could include taking a ride through the many beautiful back roads of the area, • visiting the Annual Spring Arts display in Kit Carson Park - just a short walk from the hotel, checking --• out the many art galleries, or just reading a book by the pool! It's your day. -an. -• If you are interested, please call the hotel at 1-800-KACHINA (522-4462) and tell them you are with . • the GWRRA group - or it's under my name - one or the other. You need to make your own reservations and I would suggest you make them fairly soon. -. -. • If you have any questions, Chris should be at the meeting in April. Or, just call me. Thanks --Sandie Erskine serskine01@comcast.net <u>e</u> \* 265-5962 -02 <u>(</u> -02 

#### **Crane Festival Pictures**





#### On the Bus to the Crane Festival



## FOR SALE and Wanted





We want to sell the trailer and bike as a unit, and are asking \$15,000 for the set. There are too many upgrades and accessories to list here and there are lots of items installed on the bike that you cannot see, such as headlight modulator, 4x4 firefly brakelight flasher (both on the bike and on the trailer), Progressive springs (front forks, fork brace, and Progressive magnumatic shocks on the rear), startron trailer wiring harness and lots of other items. Lots of items that are not stock items. Bike has just over 75,000 miles as well as the trailer. Trailer has new tires. Shocks have been rebuilt on trailer, brushes have been changed out on alternator, always garaged, never been involved in an accident, perfect condition, tires are in excellent condition. There is also a brand new 12 disk CD player installed in the trunk.

Call Rich at 633-0345 or email rdnoah@pcisys.net

#### Wanted 2001-2004 1800 Goldwing Contact Fred Dodd, 439-8609

Corbin seat. Black/yellow trim, back rest, passenger arm rests, heated. Used less than 3,000 miles. NEW condition. New \$1,200 Sale price \$800 or best offer.

Kuryakyn Driver floorboard. Kit Item # 4038 Includes heel/toe shifter New condition. New \$389.99. Sales price \$250 or best offer.

1999 Breeze trailer, 23 Cu Ft. Black with luggage rack and rails, carpeted, swivel hitch, and an external mounted cooler with cover. New \$2,500 Sale price \$1,400 or best offer.

#### Ralph Clayton

E-mail <u>wingrider@mesanetworks.net</u> Home 531-5054 Cell 229-2050 Note..All prices include FREE gift wrapping, shipping and free coffee at my office for 12 months!!!!



#### FROM THE COY ON VACATION IN ARIZONA

We decided to escape the white fluffy stuff and head for Cactus Country. On Saturday, 2/17/07, we attended GWRRA's Chapter "A" in Tucson Arizona meeting. They meet for breakfast at a Golden Coral restaurant. It was well attended with about 50 people. We wore our COY white shirts with our new official name tag. Right away we were contacted by Dave and Dee Gormley, who upon reading our Chapter "I" shirts, told us to give their regards to Rich and Donna Noah. They have fond memories of them.

Members of Phoenix, Chapter "D", were there to take back their mascot "the Road Runner" and steal "Alphi the Ape" from Chapter "A".

The meeting started with introducing the guests with a nice welcome greetings to us and a 'put down' to the Phoenix chapter for not coming so long of a distance to the meeting. The meeting was in the same format as ours. Rider education officer, Dave, talked about "being seen while riding". The family that the chapter hosted for X-mas was also present. The woman, a soldier's wife stationed in Iraq, thanked the chapter for the five hundred dollars the chapter had given them for gifts for her children. After hearing of that family financial hardship, it felt good be part of an organization that is so giving.

Roger, a mechanic from C&R Cycles, told the group that in the parking lot he had a 50 cc Honda Café Racer that was modified. He intends to take it to the Bonneville Salt Flats in an attempt to break the land speed record in that class. By the way, that record is 84 MPH, and he intends to set a record of 95 MPH for a 50 cc bike. I spent some time looking at that machine. 50 cc's going 95 MPH is pretty good!

The 50/50 tickets were used for four items as gifts and only one winner for the cash collected. We weren't winners of any of them.

Chapter "A" advised that they bought stickers for the helmet that say "Do not remove" which unfolds to reveal a medical history for downed rider-sounds like a good idea; we should all have that on our helmets.

While in Arizona we visited Arizona Honda, the largest dealership in the USA.

**Ride?** Did we ride? You ask, well of course we did. It was a not so chilly 71, and we went with some friends to Globe, AZ. A big copper mine can be seen as you circle the globe (pun intended). We had a great lunch at a local bar with a Harley in the window. They featured sweet pota`toes French fries, which we never had before but now I recommend them. They were good. Didi stayed with the traditional French fries, but ate most of mine after tasting them.

The ride to Globe was about 300 miles of interesting scenic areas. The cacti would change form, and some areas looked like Colorado with green trees and then back to a variety of Cactus. Saguaro cactus is the tall (fifteen feet and higher) cactus that takes 75 years to grow an arm on its side. Some have quite a few arms. The fields were full of them. From a distance it looks like an army of people standing in the wilderness. Hey, maybe that's how those people cross the border; they put on a Saguaro suit.

We also biked to Tombstone to see the OK Coral and quaint shops. Along the way we saw a regiment of US border patrol cars and the "minutemen" watching our borders. This is tough country and it makes you wonder how people get across, let alone get across so often.

We also visited Mussleman Honda, the oldest dealership in AZ, established in 1948 as an Indian dealership.

Woops what's that we see outside? It's the sun! Gotta go for a ride, see ya when we get back.

Dick and Didi Reisler

#### **Medical Emergency Data System**

The Motorcycle Helmet System is designed to be used by all types of motor sports enthusiasts.

The motorcycle helmet Medical Information Carrier System was developed to meet the needs of all motor-sports enthusiasts utilizing protective headgear. The carrier is located universally on the left rear of the motorcycle helmet. It is protected, yet quite visible, and readily available. Directions on the carrier inform non-medical bystanders NOT to remove the helmets!

Inside the carrier is the location of the medical data form. Use a PENCIL to print info on the medical data form. This completed form is waterproof and difficult to tear, ideal for high energy activities.

Chapter A in Arizona has started using this system and we agree with Dick and Didi that it's an excellent idea for our chapter as well.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these packets, please contact Butch or Linda Shelley. The cost will be \$1.90 per Data System. We will have some at the next meeting and, if needed, we will order more. Instructions for using the system:

1. Use a PENCIL to print the medical/contact information on the form.



Fold Data Form in

half, then in thirds. Make sure all

necessary information

is completed on the

form.



 Slide the Data Form into the black MICS carrier. Fold the tab inside the carrier to secure the Data Form.





4. Clean helmet surface, then peel off the backing from the carrier and attach it to the left rear side of your helmet.

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#### Grammar Lesson — But Not One You Can Use In Class

Harry is getting along in years, and finds that he is unable to perform sexually. He finally goes to his doctor who tries a few things, but nothing seems to work. So the doctor refers him to an American Indian medicine man.

The medicine man says, "I can cure this." With that said, he throws a white powder into a flame, and there's a flash with billowing blue smoke.

Then he says, "This is powerful medicine. You can only use it once a year. All you have to do is say '123,' and it shall rise for as long as you wish!"

The guy then asks, "What happens when it's over, and I don't want to continue?"

The medicine man replies: "All you or your partner has to say is 1234, and it will go down. But be forewarned - it will not work again for another year."

Harry rushes home, eager to try out his new powers and prowess. That night he is ready to surprise Joyce. He showers, shaves, puts on his most exotic shaving lotion, gets into bed, and, lying next to her, says, "123."

He suddenly becomes more aroused than anytime in his life - just as the medicine man had promised.

Joyce, who had been facing away, rolls over and asks, "What did you say 123 for?"

And now you know why you shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition.

#### And you thought you had bad days !!!!

My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story, my first response was, "Where did this buy live?"

Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share.

The way my friend told it, this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio door with him still clinging to the handlebars.

His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him . crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911 and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room.

So far, the story is humorous—in a "that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house" kind of way.

But here is where I really split a gut.

Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room and dumped the b owl of gasoline in the toilet.

Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tossed the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because his wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door.

The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and call for an ambulance.

The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher and broke the guy's collarbone.

Talk about instant karma.



# COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

Utah District, Gateway to the Southwest and Region "F" invite you to join GWRRA's 30th birthday celebration!

## Cedar City, Utah May 25 - 27, 2007



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Other lodging and camping information, as well as rally information is available at: regionfrally@msn.com or visit the Region "F" website at gwrra-regionf.org

For more information, contact: Bill Agnew: regionfdirector@msn.com • 1-719-275-4860 Bruce Hauser: bruha26@msn.com • 1-435-752-0551 (Vendors, please contact Bruce Hauser at the above e-mail or phone number)



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Pre-Registrations MUST be postmarked no later than May 1, 2007.GWRRA Members\$30.00\$Non-Members\$35.00\$

Day Passes: Members \$15, Non-Members \$18.00 - 15 years and under Free (includes armbands only) **Must show GWRRA membership card at registration.** On-site and late registrations will be \$5.00 more (except day passes). \$5.00 charge on all refunds through May 1, 2007. No refunds after May 2, 2007.

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50/25/25 (strips of 10)	\$ 5.00		\$	
50/25/25 (strips of 50)	\$20.00		\$	
(Rally price: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00)				
Classes (no refunds)		Quantity	Total	
CPR/MFA	\$20.00		\$ 	
CPR/MFA Re-Certification	\$15.00		\$ 	
ERC (1-Up)	\$20.00		\$ 	
ERC (2-Up) - price is per-couple	\$40.00		\$	
Trike Course	\$20.00		\$	
Trailering Course	\$20.00		\$	
Misc.		Quantity	Total	
Masters Luncheon - Master #,	\$13.00		\$ 	
T-Shirts - SM Med Large XL	\$16.00		\$ 	
T-Shirts - XXL XXXL	\$22.00		\$	
Polo Shirts - SM Med Large XL	\$22.00		\$	
Polo Shirts - XXL XXXL	\$28.00		\$	
TOTAL ENCLOSED			\$	

Make Checks Payable to: GWRRA Region F

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(719) 275-4860 - regionfdirector@msn.com

On-Line Registration at www. gwrra-regionf.org

For Further Information Contact: Bill Agnew at regionfrally@msn.com or Bruce and Virginia Hauser at bruha26@msn.com

## Region "F", Utah District, & GWRRA 30<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Celebration Rally May 25-27, 2007 Cedar City, Utah

Several people have been working very hard the past few months setting up for what will be a great rally in Cedar City, Utah on May 25-27, 2007.

Here are some of the reasons you will want to be there and join in all the fun:

1) Scenic area rides—Cedar City is literally on the edge of Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks which are some the most scenic rides in this area. Zion is only a short ride away, too.

2) Meet many of your friends—We are expecting a great turn-out of approximately 1,000 Members for this rally, so most of your friends will be there looking for you. Don't disappoint them.

3) Safety Courses—For those who wish to take the Experienced Rider Course, Trike Course, Trailering Course on the bike or Medic First Aid and CPR Course off the bike, they all will be offered.

4) Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration—The National Office has some special events

planned to celebrate GWRRA's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. This will include a special commemorative pin that you can get only by attending this celebration.

5) Delightful weather—The average temperature in Cedar City for Memorial Day weekend is 81 degrees. That is much more comfortable than the average temperature in St. George which is 97 degrees.

6) It won't be a great rally without you !! To make this a great rally you have to be there. You won't experience things that will be in your memory forever. You will never forget the people you meet and the rides through the scenic area that Cedar City offers.

See you there.

Bruce and Virginia Hauser Utah District Director 2007 Rally Coordinator

#### **Campground Information**

#### **COUNTRY AIRE RV PARK**

Contact Denise 1-435-586-2550 (mention GWRRA) (10% Discount for Good Sam members) All sites full hookup \$32.00 + tax 40 Foot pull through sites (11) 30 Foot pull through sites (13) 28 to 33 Foot back in sites (8) Small sites, good for pop-up trailers (9)

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KOA will offer a 20% discount to those attending the rally. Identify yourself as a Gold Wing rider to receive the discount.

#### Additional Lodging not listed on the Rally Flyer

Hampton Inn 1145 S. Bentley Rd., 435-586-5000 \$89.00 + tax, 47 rooms + 5 suites

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Chapter I meeting information:

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