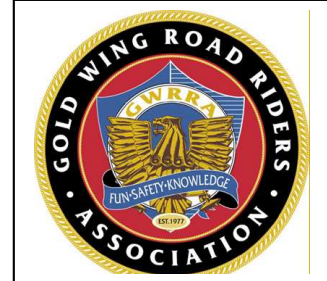


GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS

Colorado Chapter B



December 2009



Chapter B Adopts 2 Christmas Families

We are all so blessed and what a joy to be able to give to 2 Christmas families.

As in years past, Chapter B will provide a trimmed tree and food and as members, we buy gifts for the kids and if you wish, for the parents.

Our first family is a single mom who is in the Army Reserves and will be deploying to Kuwait in January. We want to make Christmas special for her and her two little girls:

- **Kyra, 4 years old, size 4**
- **Kaleigh, 18 months old, size 24mo**

Both girls like anything "baby doll", princess stuff, and favorite colors are pink and purple.

Note: since this mom does not need a tree or food for Christmas, Chapter B will give her a gift card to a beauty salon. Because she is in the military and will be in Kuwait, she does not need other items.

Our second family has 3 girls. Yes, we are buying for "all girls" this year.

- **Ashlyn, 5 years old, size 6**
- **Maddisyn, 4 years old, size 4**
- **Kaitlyn, 2 years old, size 2T**

If you wish to buy for mom and dad:
Mom, size XL
Dad, size 3XL

This family need came to us through the school district as did our family last year. We do not know their individual preferences.

If you wish to coordinate the tree and trimmings, contact: Karen Sutton at 242 5382. You will be reimbursed by Chapter B.

If you wish to donate non perishable food items, bring them along with your gifts. Chapter B will provide meat and fresh items for Christmas dinner.

You may bring gifts to the December meeting, to the Christmas party on Dec. 17th or contact Karen Sutton prior to Friday, December 18th.

Please tag your gifts with names. We have 5 girls and 2 different families.

Back 2 Havasau, A Rally Report

We left on Thursday, Oct 29 just after a snow storm. We feared the roads would be horrible and therefore left the trike at home. The route included Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, and Arizona. There was more snow around the border of Nevada and Arizona so we were glad we had left on Thursday rather than going on Wednesday.

The ride was long and we arrived at Lake Havasau in the dark. What a surprise the next morning to see sunshine, blue skies and the lake! A walk around London Bridge was in order. The air was cool and nice and when the vendors opened, we were there buying safety chrome. We enjoyed a well deserved nap after lunch and then took off to do more shopping and to explore the city.

The next day we met the "Cows". The Cow Chapter Group is from California. They looked for something unique to distinguish themselves and so choose the cow. All members have white hats with black circles and cow pins. They also have matching jackets and windshield covers. When one cow wants to find another in a large group, they just Moooooo. They have their ring tones set on their cell phones so they know when another Cow member is trying to call them. They named their cow mascot . . . well, here is the story. While out riding they stopped for a break. In the distance their wise road captain told them that a cow was running to greet their group. They could see the dust cloud. The cloud got closer and bigger. When it finally caught up to the group, they found that it was an old,

beat up Toyota truck. So their cow mascot is called Toyota.

We attended the evening meeting and entertainment. This consisted of couples being chosen for a version of the Newly Wed game. One of the questions given to the men was to provide the color of underwear that their respective wives were wearing for the evening. Half actually did get it right. The women had to describe their men's underwear as a. swiss cheese, b. chocolate surprise, or c. lucky charms. As you can imagine that was a laugh a minute. After the entertainment, we all enjoyed an excellent ice cream social.

Saturday morning we attended opening ceremonies and then headed south to see Parker Dam. From there we proceeded to Oatman, a 100 year old mining town in the hills of Arizona bordering California. We drove down historic Route 66. Once in Oatman, we had lunch and decided to drive over the pass and continue on the Route. When leaving Oatman, one of the too friendly mules decided to make lunch out of one of the tourist's purses. We wish we had gotten a picture! The ride on was rather interesting and it's plain to see that most of the towns in that part of the country are built on an old lake bed.

In the evening we had dinner and entertainment along with 160 other Gold Wingers. The entertainment was an Elvis impersonator who was good. However, after a full day, food and an hour and a half of entertainment, we were ready to call it a night!

The rally was a lot of fun. The scenery was outstanding and you couldn't ask for better weather.

David and Sandra Geer

How Old Are Your Tires?

We all know the importance of maintaining proper inflation and frequent inspection of the tires on our bikes. If the pressure is low, you air up before mounting up. If the tread is worn or badly cupped, you begin checking the old wallet in preparation for ordering new tires. If a tire is visibly damaged, you don't go. However, one thing most of us don't think much about is the age of our tires. If the tread looks good, the tire must be good to go. Well, maybe yes and maybe no.

If you ride a 1500 Wing you can generally expect to get 18,000 to 20,000 miles out of a set of well maintained tires. If you ride an 1800, you can expect perhaps 10,000 or a bit more depending on how aggressively you ride and if you replace both the front and rear tire at the same time - a good idea!

Tire ageing is not a problem for those of us who ride quite a bit each season. We will be wearing out tires before they become geriatric. For those who ride only a few thousand miles a year, ageing may become a problem.

An older tire with good tread may *appear* to be sound with lots of miles left. As tires age they become less flexible, less "sticky" and they don't grab the road surface as well. And, they become susceptible to catastrophic failure, blowouts, and tread separation.

Although tires do not have established shelf life or useful life standards, safety experts recommend that four wheeler tires be replaced when they are six years old regardless of remaining tread.

I have not found any recommendation on replacement of ageing motorcycle tires but in view of the extreme danger in a catastrophic tire failure with only two tires on the roadway, I'd be a bit conservative and think about replacing tires after no more than five years, especially if I am riding interstate speeds and stressing tires by pushing them through the twisties and curves of Colorado mountain roads.

Replacing a set of tires with a quarter to a third remaining tread life isn't all that wasteful in view of the risks and consequences of sudden and catastrophic tire failure.

Mike Murphy
Colorado Chapter B
Rider Education Program

Reminder: Chapter B Christmas Party

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009
Cash bar: 6:00pm
Dinner 7:00pm
Cost: \$26.00 per person
Location: Pinon Grill, Tiara Rado

If you have not already made your reservations, call Joe Weyer, 970 257 0203.

Payment is due no later than Dec. 7. Reservation forms will be available at the meeting on December 5.

This is our Christmas gift exchange. Gals bring "gal gifts" and guys bring "guy gifts." Carol Curtiss is in charge of the gift exchange. Rules will be explained after a glass of wine and before the exchange.

Thanksgiving dinners for 3 veterans and their families were provided by Chapter B.

Thank you Chapter B members for your faithful support that enables us to assist veterans on Thanksgiving. Thank you Mike Murphy for coordinating this for us.

Habitat Report and Presentation

Tina Felt with Habitat for Humanity attended the November Chapter B meeting. Tina gave a report on Habitat houses and presented Dean Talbot with a "Hammer" trophy. Tina also made Dean an honorary Task Force Member.

It is truly because of Dean and Chris Talbot that Chapter B is able to make significant donations to Habitat each year. Congratulations on the Hammer!

Chapter B December Meeting

Saturday, December 5

Golden Corral

8:00 to Eat, 8:45 to Meet

- Wear your GWRRA vest for an extra 50/50 ticket.

Newcomer's Breakfast

Golden Corral and Chapter B Breakfast Coupon

Be our guest at the Golden Corral for our monthly Chapter B Breakfast meeting the first Saturday of every month. This coupon is compliments of the Golden Corral and entitles the bearer to a free breakfast. (Two free breakfasts for a couple.) 8:00AM to eat, 8:45AM to meet.

This coupon is not valid for current GWRRA members.



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