



# Wing Words

*the rest of Colorado follows COL*



**FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE**

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- Carl Williams, Rider Educator
- Judy Williams
- Randall & Janet Drake

**Next Chapter Gathering**  
**Monday, May 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Gathering at 6:45 p.m.**

Columbine Room, Clements Community Ctr  
 1580 Yarrow Street, Lakewood, Colorado

**Gathering Refreshments & Coffee**

- Refreshments: Dennis & Anne Williamson
- Coffee: Linda & Fred Fisher

**Words for Gold Wingers**

*by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors*

It looks like the riding weather will continue to get a little better each week. We have had a few good riding days, and have enjoyed some group riding. It won't be long and we will be complaining about it being too hot.

I sent out two group emails this past weekend. The first was to remind everyone about the upcoming ERC class and the importance of the class to everyone (now tentatively rescheduled for May 23). The second was to tell everyone about a Chapter A group ride over Memorial Day Weekend that we have been invited to join. Eva Yekel will be attending our meeting next week to provide us with more details. Sounds like a good event and I hope some take advantage of this offer.



We continue to look for ride suggestions for this year. We have done a few day-rides when the weather has allowed, but still don't have many set up for

the long term. I appeal to some of the newer members of our Chapter to get involved in this process. Most of the long time members have done many things together in the area. The newer members might know of a place to visit that we don't know about. If you think of an idea and feel you don't want to lead the ride, tell us about the idea and some of the more experienced ride leaders would be happy to lead you through the process. It's not a bit difficult. These rides can be as simple as doing a lunch ride to a favorite restaurant. It's the ride getting there that is fun.

## Words...

Besides, when did this group (*the Gold Wing Restaurant Reviewers Association*) refuse to eat?

We are setting up a ride on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to do tours of Invesco Field and Coors Field. We will have the sign-up sheet and more details at the meeting.

We have the Chapter garage sale coming up starting on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have things to sell at the sale, be sure to contact Dennis and Anne

Williamson to set up a time to deliver your things to the Williamson's house. Also ask them how you can help out with the sale days.

Next meeting is on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see everyone there.

*Until later.....Ride Safe.....Always.*

## Famous Quotes and Sayings

*by Carl Williams, Rider Educator*

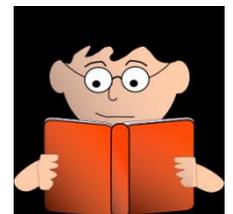


I ran across an article that I would like to share with you. The quotes and sayings were “created” by Ed Brennan, former National Rider Education Director. Ed calls them “Rules for Proper Motorcycle Operation”. Some of these are funny, some are serious, but all are worth repeating.

1. The more you know (about motorcycle safety), the better it gets.
2. It's a shame to have an accident because of something unexpected; however, it is a tragedy to have one out of ignorance. We all need to continue the learning process.
3. If your Co-Rider is not happy, you are not going to be happy.
4. You can travel for years without a trailer and have enough room for what you carry. The day you get a trailer is the last day that you will ever have enough room again.
5. If a Co-Rider gets on a motorcycle with questionable tires, it's their own fault. If the Co-Rider does not get on, the Rider will buy new tires!
6. Tires for a Gold Wing cost about \$7.00 per tank full of gas depending on your riding habits. Plan for it and be ready.



7. Located in every helmet is protective padding and your brain. Don't ride without either.
8. Cover any part of your body that you might want to use later in life.
9. If you are ready for anything when riding, the only surprises you will get are pleasant ones.
10. Don't push yourself when riding. Take your time and enjoy it. If in doubt, don't. If you are tired, stop. If you are hungry, eat. If you need to get a drink, stop and drink (non-alcoholic, of course).
11. Read the Owner's manual. It tells you some interesting things about your bike.



- 12. A group of bikes should never travel faster than the weakest rider.
- 13. Keep the weakest rider in a group in the number two spot.
- 14. Because your bike goes where you look, you need to look where you want to go.

I hope you enjoyed Ed Brennan’s famous quotes and sayings. There is a lot of truth in many of these.

Remember, *Safety First!*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Happy May Birthday to:

Jeanine Plumhoff (May 23)  
Carol Giampaolo (May 24)



### Happy May Anniversary to:

Dennis & Anne Williamson (May 15)

## Chapter L Basket for the District Rally

by Judy Williams



The Couples of the Year and Individuals of the Year from each Colorado Chapter have been asked to provide a basket full of goodies for the August "Wingin' the Rockies" Rally in Salida. ***WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!***

Please bring whatever you can to support this effort. Chapter L's basket raised the most money at last year's rally and we want to keep our position in that contest.

Most of the money earned by the baskets is returned to the Chapter to support the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Programs. We do such things as buy patches for the selectees which commemorates their selection as Couple or Individual.

**We will gladly accept your cash as well toward the purchase of a really nice item. If we can raise enough cash, we are going to include a GPS in our basket.**

Your contribution will help Chapter L shine at this year's rally. So, please consider a donation to help us. The Patriotic Theme can be introduced either by the nature of the item donated or simply by the color of the item. ***Thanks again!***

### Chapter Patriotic Themed Basket

Sponsored by your Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year.

Just a reminder that we need goodies for our basket for the the Colorado "Wingin' the Rockies" Rally on Aug. 27-28.

Items in the basket to date:

1. American flag & chrome holder for Gold Wing
2. Quick change screwdriver
3. \$20 Dairy Queen gift certificate
4. Ceramic coffee mug
5. I love America wall plaque
6. 12 Volt air compressor
7. POW-MIA Coin
8. Fleece blanket
9. Wind twister

Please bring items for the basket to our meetings and give to Ralph Spencer or Carl & Judy Williams. Cash will work also and we will buy items for the basket.  
Thanks for your support!

## Starr Kempf Wind Sculptures

by Fred Fisher



On April 11<sup>th</sup>, a group of 6 bikes and 10 people took a very nice ride to Colorado Springs to view the wind sculptures of artist Starr Kempf. We rode Route 285 to Pine Junction, then Co Rd 126 through Deckers to Woodland Park. State Road 24 took us into Colorado Springs to the sculptures.

After viewing the artistry, we rode to the Broadmoor Hotel complex where we enjoyed lunch at the Golden Bee Pub. What a

wonderful meal in a beautiful place with great atmosphere. After lunch we made our way through the northeast side of town where we got on Route 83 and rode into Franktown, through Castle Rock then home. We had great weather and a wonderful ride.



## Nebraska Chapter W Birthday Party

by Fred Fisher



Wow, what a ride! A small group of us went to Gering Nebraska on April 18<sup>th</sup> for Chapter W's Birthday party. Five bikes and six people from Chapter L and Ed & Eva Yekel from Chapter A

grouped up at 120<sup>th</sup> and I-25 to ride together.

The ride started off with a hair raising ride through some very thick fog. We hit the fog just after 120<sup>th</sup> and rode in it until north of Fort Collins. The closer we got to the Wyoming border, the less fog we had. I think the wind blowing in Wyoming just wouldn't

let the fog settle in. Imagine the wind blowing in Wyoming.

We stopped in Cheyenne for fuel and a break. While taking a break, in rode Del and Annette Hawkins from Chapter E. They joined our group and rode on to Gering.

The folks from NE-W were very hospitable and showed us a good time with some great food.

After the party we rode south to I-76 and headed home. The weather in the afternoon was wonderful and sunny. All in all, a good 400 plus mile ride.

## THE Ride of Our Short GW Career

by Randall & Janet Drake



Once, and if you are lucky, two or three times in your life, you get to do something that stands out as just downright awesome! Just 6 years ago, Randall was only dreaming of owning a Gold Wing and Janet had never even driven a stick shift car! Now, we are both riding our own Gold Wings. "Who woulda thunk it?" And,



## THE Ride...

one of OUR awesome events occurred in April. On Apr 5, we departed on "THE ride of our short GW career" traveling through 21 states in 22 days, and logging 5,650 miles. We saw country we had never seen before, and visited friends and relatives we had not seen in 15-20 years. What a great treat it was for both of us!

In Louisiana, we attended the District Mardi Gras Madness Rally! Now, THOSE folks REALLY know how to party. Never a dull moment! We even won a COY/IOY basket valued at \$552--which included \$152 cash, plus about \$50 in gift cards.



In North Carolina, we toured the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, and rode the "Tail of the Dragon" into Tennessee. The Biltmore was constructed from 1890-1896. George van der Bilt was WAY ahead of his time by including 43 bathrooms with indoor plumbing and electricity throughout the house. Other mechanics of the mansion were equally impressive.

Though the last northern 3 miles of the 14 miles of Hwy 129 from North Carolina to Tennessee were closed, the 11 miles with 318 curves, known as Tail of the Dragon, were still open. We entered it from the south at Deals Gap, rode up and back so we got two views of the tail. That said, the ride from Asheville to Deals Gap was probably even more impressive considering the scenery and sweeping curves.

We returned home on Apr 26. We only had two days requiring our rain gear and that was the last two days of our trip. We wish EVERYONE the opportunity to experience such a wonderful trip in your lifetime.

## Future Events

### May

Mon, 3rd

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center  
**Refreshments by Anne & Dennis Williamson**

**Sun, 9th**

**Mother's Day**

**Fri-Sun, 14-16**

**Chapter L Garage Sale hosted by Dennis & Anne Williamson! Sign up to help!**

Wed, 19th

Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. Hosts are Dennis & Anne Williamson

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2010 Ride Guide

### June

Mon, 7th

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center  
**Refreshments by Bill Douglas**

**Sun, 13th**

**Colorado Ride for Kids, Register 8:00 a.m., Ride 10:00 a.m.**

Wed, 16th

Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. Host is Ralph Spencer

**Wed, 30th**

**First Day of Wing Ding in Des Moines, Iowa**

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2010 Ride Guide

## GL1800 Trike For Sale

2007 Silver GL 1800 Gold Wing Trike. DFT Conversion Kit, independent suspension, easy-steering, factory Comfort and Navigation Packages, some pin striping, "just enough" chrome, and more. About 12,500 miles. Asking \$31,950. Call Tom at 303-972-2773 (leave message) or email at [roadwing@gmail.com](mailto:roadwing@gmail.com).





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