



# Wing Words

*the rest of Colorado follows COL*



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

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**Next Chapter Gathering  
Monday, Sep 13, 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: Janet & Randall Drake
- Coffee: Linda & Fred Fisher

**Words for Gold Wings**

*by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors*

Greetings from the Chapter L Directors!

If you didn't go to the District Rally in Salida this past weekend, you missed a good one. I'm not sure what the final count was for attendance, but it looked like a pretty large crowd. Chapter L was well represented with 20 attendees. We even won a few items in the raffles and 50/50 drawings. The only disappointment for me was I didn't win the quilt that Janet Drake made that was raffled off. I'm not sure how many tickets I bought for the drawing, but I probably could have bought one for what I spent. Oh well, maybe next time.

Some Chapter L members did a patriotic show for the closing ceremonies. It went very well and I think we represented our Chapter well. A big thank you to all involved and a special thanks to Judy Williams for putting this all together. It was a very



moving show and left very few dry eyes in the crowd.

The past month was a pretty good riding month. We did rides to Montrose for the Porker Run, to Deer Trail for a rodeo, to Fort Collins for our annual "Pickle Ride", and of course the District Rally.

This month we have the Chapter L birthday party on September 12<sup>th</sup>, our monthly meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> (not the 6<sup>th</sup>), a dinner ride on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and a color ride on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget also to mark your calendar for the chapter Christmas party on the December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have more details on this at the next meeting.

As I mentioned last month, it is time to start looking at events and rides for this winter and for next year. I would really like to see some ideas from some of our newer members. Even if you don't feel you can lead the ride, bring the idea up and we will attempt to put a ride together or help you put it together.

Over the winter on these pages I am going to put together an outline on how to plan and put together a group ride. These will include articles on a day ride, an overnigher, and a weeklong trip.

## **911 Cell Phone Calls & A New Acronym**

*by Carl Williams, Rider Educator*



I read a couple of interesting articles in a previous National Rider Education Newsletter that I thought would be good to pass on. Bill English wrote both articles. I will add my

input on the 911 cell phone article based a recent 911 call I made and the new "H-A-L-T acronym article will be passed along in its entirety.

### **911 Cell Phone Calls**

I had to make a 911 phone call in Vandalia, Ohio where we previous lived when my neighbor's wife was screaming for help. Her husband had been stung on the forearm by a bee, however he thought that he was not allergic. After going back in the house to tell his wife about the pesky bee sting, he walked back out of house and promptly passed out. His wife found him on the sidewalk and thought he had cracked his head, hence the screams for help.

One thing I remembered from all of my First Aid and CPR training was to call 911 first. The call was picked up after about 8 rings, which alarmed me. As soon as the operator answered, I relayed what the problem was and the street address and city location. At that point the operator verified the city and transferred the call to a local (Vandalia, Ohio) 911 Operator. I am not sure what would have happened if this event had happened on some back

I think we have some excellent ride leaders and planners in our chapter and I will be drawing on their experiences to help me with these articles. Stay tuned.

Hope to see everyone at the September 12 birthday party and the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

county road while motorcycling. I am not sure how I would have been able to tell the cell phone 911 Operator where I was. Since I am 'directionally challenged', my GPS unit would be my only hope.

So the point of this story is to try to have an idea where you are at all times when you are motorcycling. Knowing this information will save time, which could mean the difference for an injured person.

### **H-A-L-T, An Acronym for Trailer Safety**

The following is Bill English's new acronym for riders who pull trailers. The acronym follows the format of the T-CLOCK checklist.

#### **H – Hitch**

Hook the trailer to the ball, trailer empty. Try to pull the socket up from the ball when hitched. If there is excess movement then you may need a new hitch or ball, or your hitch may be adjustable and can be tightened. Proper chains are part of the hitch. I have read the laws for most states; the law states to hook the chains in an 'X' pattern. They must cross under the trailer tongue. Chains must also be strong enough to hold the trailer to the bike if the hitch should become unattached from the bike.

The wiring on the hitch should also be inspected. Look for corrosion in the plugs and loose or frayed wiring. Never unplug the connector by pulling on

the wires. Pull the connector apart while holding both ends of the connectors. Make sure the wires are long enough to make a tight turn left or right. Keep the wiring away from the chains. Dragging chains or wires can be worn while traveling.

**A – Air Pressure/Axles**

Check tires and on some trailers the air shocks. Check the axles and wheels bearings. We have been in a lot of rain this year. Did some grease sneak out?

**L – Lights/Loads**

Are all the lights working? Clean the lenses. You can get replacement bulbs at rallies with more wattage than standard. You can also check your local auto supply for higher wattage bulbs. Some replacements are LED (Light Emitting Diodes). If you use higher wattage bulbs, make sure you have space for the heat to disperse. Heat from the extra wattage can melt your plastic lenses.

**T – Tongue/Tires**

Check your tires for uneven wear. There can be wear inside on one tire and outside on the other.

*Ride Safe!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY Chapter L!!!**

*by Fred Fisher*

Chapter CO-L of GWRRRA is 20 years old this year!! On Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, we are having a birthday party to celebrate!!

WHERE: Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
Picnic Pavilion  
From 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and Indiana St. in Lakewood, **follow the arrows!**

TIME: 11am-Noon, Meet and Greet!!  
Noon-2pm, Food and Fun!!

The Chapter will provide burgers, brats, hotdogs, drinks (non-alcoholic), and of course, birthday cake.

If you plan to join us, we ask that you bring a side dish to share. Electric outlets are available on site for heated dishes. Ample shade trees are also on site, so bring your lawn chairs if you like.

Contact Fred or Linda Fisher at 720-922-0789 or [silverone@comcast.net](mailto:silverone@comcast.net) or [silvertwo@comcast.net](mailto:silvertwo@comcast.net) for more information. We would love to see you all there to help us celebrate.



**Chapter L Basket for the District Rally**

*by Judy Williams*

Yes! WE MADE IT! We had a GREAT basket for the District Rally valued at \$705. Thanks to all of you that contributed and made this possible. Our basket was one of the top "ticket getters" at the rally. All the baskets were great and raised quite a bit of money toward furthering the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Programs at the Chapter as well as the District Level. Thanks again for all your help!

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Happy September Birthday to:**

- Richard Stoops (Sep 2)
- Bill Douglas (Sep 4)
- Barb Talbott (Sep 7)
- Fred Fisher (Sep 19)
- Greg Tubac (Sep 22)
- Stan Smetana (Sep 28)



**Happy September Anniversary to:**

- Jack & Peggy Willey (Sep 6)
- Phil & Barb Talbott (Sep 16)
- The Knittel's (Sep 25)

**Future Events**

**September**

- Mon, 13th Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center  
**Refreshments by Janet & Randall Drake**
- Wed, 15th Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. Fred & Linda Fisher
- Various Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2010 Ride Guide

**October**

- Mon, 4th Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center  
**Refreshments by Judy & Carl Williams**
- Wed, 20th Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. **WE NEED A VOLUNTEER!!!**
- Various Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2010 Ride Guide

**Items for Sale**

**Chrome Center Stands for Sale!!**

Have you ever wanted that little special item of chrome that few others have? Well, now is your chance! I have a chromed center stand with a chromed spring for a GL1800 (pictured) AND for a GL1500. Each set is only \$65 INSTALLED plus your old center stand and spring after removal. All you have to do is bring your bike and your cash to my house (SW Littleton) for installation. Call Randall Drake at your convenience at 303-933-6073 for more information or to set an appointment.



**Trailer for Sale!!**

Need that special lightweight trailer to haul your Gold Wing?? Hey! There MIGHT be a time you really want to get through the plains to a far destination without a sore rear! This is your chance to own a "like new" trailer!



- Bed Size: 63" X 120" **ASKING ONLY \$1,800**
- Overall Width: 84.5"
- Overall Length: 170"
- Weight: 385 lbs
- OPTIONS:
  - 24" Front & Side Racks
  - 3' Motorcycle Brackets (2 ea)
  - Recessed Tie Rings (6 ea)

More Specs at: [http://www.alumaklm.com/6310\\_utility\\_trailer.html](http://www.alumaklm.com/6310_utility_trailer.html)  
Call Randy Berger at 303-287-1214 for more information.

## **Two Rallies (Conventions) for Colorado in 2011!**

Colorado will host two, count'em, ONE, TWO conventions in 2011!!

### **Region Convention**

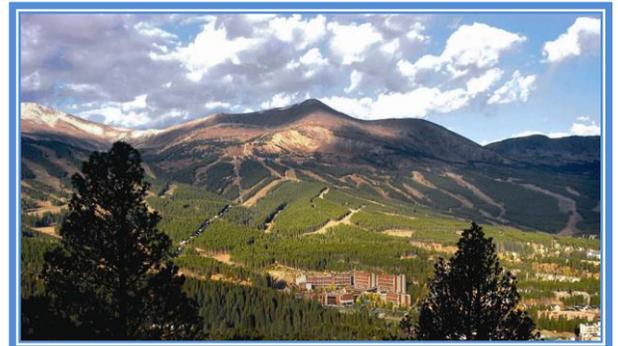
On Memorial Day Weekend, Region "F"un is bringing the Region Convention to Pueblo, Colorado. Why Pueblo? Make a quick visit to beautiful downtown Pueblo and you will see that it offers a lot for us to enjoy. The Marriott will be the host hotel for this event. Additional rooms will be available, however, at the Cambria Suites Hotel just across the street from the Marriott.



Some "non-motorcycle" things to do in downtown Pueblo include floating the new Riverwalk, WALKING along the new Riverwalk, and what most Gold Wingers enjoy--eating at one of the many great restaurants downtown? The Chamber of Commerce is touting the slogan, "Pueblo! Experience the Flavor!" Ever eat a "SLOPPER"? **Watch the Food Channel Wednesday Evening, Sept 1 (that would be today) for quite a showdown!**

### **District Convention**

In 2009, many of our District Members commented that we needed to go to somewhere besides Salida for a "rally." Well, the District Leaders have REALLY stepped things up a notch for us! Our 2011 Convention will be held at Beaver Run Resort in Breckenridge, Colorado. Mark August 25-27 on your calendar for this convention. Yes, this 2½ day convention promises to be a great time!



Beaver Run Resort is offering several beautiful room types at a greatly discounted price! There is a room to fit every budget.

You can even reserve a suite with multiple bedrooms and baths and split the cost with others. Plus, we will have covered parking, a bike wash area, a swimming pool that is both indoors and outdoors, and many fun activities!



The current 2-day format will be expanded to 2½ days to fit everything in. A registration form is available from Sherry Burgener and will also be online at [www.ColoradoGWRRA.org](http://www.ColoradoGWRRA.org) in the near future. **Rumor has it that if you register before Memorial Day next year, you will be placed in a drawing and could get ONE of your**



**night's lodging at Beaver Run FREE! So, start getting ready for one of the BEST conventions ever in Colorado!**



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