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Next Chapter Gathering

**Monday, Jan 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.
Folks start showing up at 6:45 p.m.**

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

Gathering Refreshments & Coffee

Refreshments: **Dan & Vicki Kirk**
Coffee: Steve & Tami Bender

Words for Gold Wingers!

by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors

Greetings from your Directors!

Here we are, ready to kick off a New Year. We already have a few things on our schedule for 2012. We start of course with our first Chapter gathering of the year on January 9th.



On Saturday, January 28th, we have the annual District Officer Conference being held at the Clements Center. All members are invited but please RSVP to me if you are planning to attend. I think this is always an interesting event. First, it's a chance to meet up with some old friends from around the state, but more importantly, a chance to share information between the Chapters.

May 25-27 brings us the Region F Convention in St. George Utah. June 10th is the Colorado Ride for Kids event, and a couple weeks later, on June 29th, Mike and Becky Ackerman will be leading a Chapter ride to Wing Ding in Fort Wayne, Indiana. And finally, we have the Colorado District Convention in Grand Junction on August 16-18. This is only a partial list of some of the bigger events and we will add many more items, I'm sure.

Please come to the January gathering with some ideas for rides that you might like to schedule for this coming year. We need to start putting a master list together so Randall and Janet can proceed with the Ride Book for 2012.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend the gatherings of some of the other Chapters in the District, as well. Visiting the other Chapters encourages them to also visit us. It is also nice to

see how the other Chapters operate. You might even do what we do... steal (I mean borrow) some of their ideas. This even includes some of their ride ideas. Hearing them talk about a ride that they might have taken, might spark an idea for a ride or event for Chapter L.

So, off we go into a New Year. A year that we hope is safe, successful, and enjoyable for all of you.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the January 9th gathering!

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

Time to Check Your Motorcycle Equipment!

by Bob King, Rider Educator



Here we are moving into the third month of motorcycle hibernation for most of us. This is a good time to give the little things some attention before motorcycle season starts to get into full swing and all you think about is riding and searching for a Dairy Queen. I can bet that most of you have the right equipment on your bikes but have not checked it in over a year.

The first important item is your first aid kit. You would be surprised how time flies since you bought your first aid kit and it has just been sitting in your trunk cooking in the hot sun. First aid kits have adhesive bandages and ointments that have a shelf life and do not have the ability to stand up to extreme temperatures, so I recommend that you open up your first aid kit check and see what you have and make a determination on what you should replace. Since you can't check the bandages until they're used, spend a little money for fresh bandages and ointments so that your kit is in good shape for the riding season.



The next piece of equipment is your motorcycles the tool kit. Your tool kit is just as important as your first aid kit. It may save you from being stranded or injured and it also requires periodic checks to make sure you still have all the proper tools and supplies on hand. It is also a good time to make sure that everything works and it is not corroded. If you have a tire repair kit some of them have adhesive glue in a tube that is sealed. You would be surprised to know that that glue in the tube may seem good because it is sealed tube, but it also is affected by time and temperature. For about 5 bucks get a new tube of glue and replace that old one. For those of us who ride 1800's check your portable air compressor to make sure it still works.

The final piece of equipment to check is your riding gear. Check your jackets to make sure all the seams are still sewn, your zippers zip, your gloves are still in good condition, you still have tread on your boot soles, and your helmets are in perfect working condition. If you are in the market to purchase a jacket, check out the article on page 53 of the December 2011 Wing World, "Get Safe! Buyer Beware—or at least be Informed—When Buying a Riding Jacket."



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy January Birthday to:

Ron Evers (Jan 3)
 Robert King (Jan 21)
 Randall Drake (Jan 26)
 Phil Talbott (Jan 29)



Happy January Anniversary to:

Ralph & Janet Spencer (Jan 16)

D'Evelyn Disguise (say it real slow, folks!)

by Ralph K. Spencer

A group of 15 Chapter L laughter aficionados took advantage of D'Evelyn High School's Dec 9, 2011, improvisational comedy show performed by the high school troupe known as the D'Evelyn Disguise, a double entendre if I ever heard one! Fred and Linda, Randall and Janet, Steve and Teresa (no h in Teresa!), Bob and Joyce, Dennis and Anne, Dan and Vicky, and Kenny and Lis (an s, not a z!) paid \$3 each for the distinct privilege of watching these youngsters think faster on their feet than Gold Wingers racing to the nearest Dairy Queen!!!

The host of the show took a few minutes at the outset to explain the three fouls that are sometimes called against the

performers, namely, the Groaner Foul, the Turtle Foul, and the Brown Bag Foul. While no flags were thrown during this show, we found ourselves (and about 200 others in attendance that night) laughing from the beginning skit, Slide Show, all the way through Social Commentary, 60-30-15-5, Survivor, Chain Murder, The Spelling Computer, What's My Line, Idle American, and the Poet's Corner. The troupe finished up with a few renditions of 501, for example, 501 ducks come into a bar and the bartender says, "I'm sorry, but I can't serve your kind here." One of the ducks responded, "Come on, can't you just put the tab on our bill?"

All the money raised at these improv shows is put back into the performing arts at D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School, my daughter's alma mater (2008). I sincerely appreciated the support from Chapter L members in this, our second annual trip to see this talented group of performers. Perhaps next year we could see if some of the other Chapters would like to participate in this rather unique venue to witness first hand an incredible group of fast thinking teens. They put on quite a show, and the inexpensive admission price certainly goes to a good cause. If you like to laugh, the D'Evelyn Disguise will be glad to accommodate you!!!

Is YOUR Membership Up-to-Date?

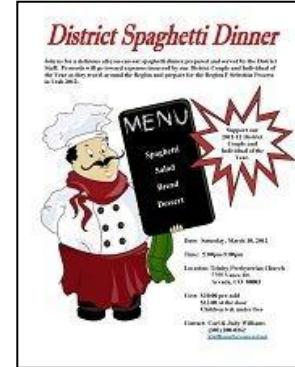
Keeping your membership current is an important part of being in the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. With a current membership, you don't miss any issues of the Wing World Magazine, you are properly recorded as an active member in your local Chapter, and the Membership Enhancement Coordinators don't bug you about paying your dues!

Other benefits include being able to register for all GWRRA Conventions at a reduced cost, and getting to attend special functions at a Convention. Perhaps the greatest benefit you derive is associating with a GREAT group of people with common interests and YOUR safety in mind.

So, please take a moment and look at your membership card. If it is due to expire in 2012, take a few minutes now and call GWRRA to renew your membership. Their number is 800-843-9460. Do it now so you aren't caught off-guard at the last minute!

Supporting the Couple and Individual of the Year!

Come one! Come all! Enjoy some good food and great company! Mark Saturday, March 10, 2012, on your calendar. The Colorado District is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to support our District Couple and Individual of the Year. The dinner will be from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 7755 Vance Drive, Arvada. Tickets are \$10 each if pre-purchased, and \$12 at the door (children 6 & under eat free). Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks, and dessert. For tickets, see your Chapter Couple or Individual, or Carl & Judy Williams.



The Dog Ate My Homework!

by Ralph K. Spencer

I know you have all heard this really lame excuse for not turning in your homework during grade/high school. Heck, some of you may have even used it!!! Dennis Williamson got a flavor of unusual excuses as the time neared for Chapter L's annual Jan 1 ride of the New Year. "The phone was ringing off the hook," said Dennis when I met up with him at the Loaf n Jug, along with Anne and Stan Smetana. "I never heard so many excuses," he insisted. The rest of us could not figure it out since the temperature was a balmy 30 degrees, sunshine, and nary a breeze in sight. During the ride brief, Dennis outlined two plans.

Plan A called for us to head to Fort Collins for some fried pickles at Sanford's Grub and Pub while Plan B included a quick trip to Wyoming following Sanford's in order to be the first to get our names on the Chapter L map of "States Visited in 2012." Wyoming sounded good to everyone but Dennis suggested we wait until we picked up our long lost friend, Bones, at Wadsworth and I-76, Mike and Becky Ackerman at I-25's Exit 229, and Joyce Elmore at the first Loveland exit and discuss our options during a coffee break at Exit 254, Johnson's Corner. Everything went according to plan except

Mike's electrics were not functioning and he and Becky opted to head back home following the Johnson's Corner confab.

Joyce proceeded to tell us a bizarre story about mice in the trunk of her 1800 when she went into the garage to fire up Big Blue! It seems that a mommy mouse and several babies had taken up residence in Joyce's trunk since the Elmore's last ride. Rick, bad back and all, proceeded to put two baby mice in a small box in the hope that Mommy would find them and take them to a new home. She then met up with the (now) gang of seven at the Loveland exit. Following a delightful repast during which Joyce tasted fried pickles and peanut butter for the first time in her life, we returned to the parking lot to discuss the next stage of the ride.

Joyce proceeded to wake up the dead with an ear piercing scream as she opened her trunk to find two deceased baby mice that had not fared well on the ride to Fort Collins from Loveland! Anne came to the rescue and disposed of the babies while Bones chronicled the event digitally with his brand new Canon that will do everything but wash your bike at the end of the trip. Joyce's bad luck continued

when she discovered that the connector for her electrics was broken and she opted to head back to Loveland, with Bones as her escort.

The original four, now nicknamed the Iceberg Butts (as opposed to the Iron Butts), did not hesitate to go for the quick jaunt to Wyoming, about 40+ miles from Sanford's, and claim a first-ever achievement in Chapter L - a visit to a neighboring state on Jan 1!!! Parnelli Williamson took the lead and we rode fast and furious (but always within posted speed limits) to Cheyenne and selected Highway 85 for the ride back to Colorado. Stan memorialized the crossing



of the Wyoming border with his onboard camera. We rolled into the Drake's driveway about 4:15 and thoroughly enjoyed the annual New Year's Day feast prepared by Randall and Janet and the camaraderie of our Chapter L family. I must admit that there was also a bit of hero worshipping going on as we told everyone of our Chapter L "First".

For those of you whose dog ate your homework, you missed a good one!!! Hope to see more of you on Jan 1, 2013!

District Convention in Grand Junction!



Planning ahead can always be fun, especially if it includes planning to attend your Colorado District Convention. The 2012 Colorado District Convention will be in Grand Junction on Aug 16-18, at the Clarion Hotel, 755 Horizon Dr. Call 970-243-6790 for hotel reservations. Be sure to ask for the GWRRA rate of \$89.

Our theme this year is the "Two Rivers Rendezvous." Grand Junction gets its name because it sets at the confluence of the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers. In the 1800s, trappers, frontiersmen, and Indians would "rendezvous" in this area to trade their furs and goods.

Outside Grand Junction is the beautiful Grand Mesa area. At 10,000', Grand Mesa, the largest flat-top mountain in the world, rises more than a mile above the valley floor. On a day ride, you can discover aspen and spruce groves, flowered meadows and over 200 cool clear lakes. We plan to have a guided ride to this mesa during our convention.



Don't delay! Those who register for the Convention AND reserve a room at the Clarion BEFORE Memorial Day 2012 will be put into a drawing and you could win one night's lodging! Submit your registration to Mike Ackerman and make your hotel reservation soon!

2012 Convention and Other Activities

by Judy Williams

If you enjoyed our 2011 District Convention in Breckenridge, you will be in for more FUN and excitement at our 2012 District Convention in Grand Junction. We are planning a new event called the "**Chapter Water Competition**" in which all Chapters will compete directly against each other. Of course, the challenge will include "water" in some fashion. We will publish more information mid-2012 so your Chapter can plan to take on all the rest of the Chapters and win the coveted title of *Colorado Water Champion of 2012*. Also, the District has a couple more surprise events that will be revealed at the District Officer's Meeting on January 28, 2012.

The District Staff heard such positive comments about the past **Talent Show** that the 2012 Convention will feature another one. The Talent Show will be even better than last year. A number of folks have told the District Staff that they will provide some real "entertainment" in 2012 and a number of 2011 entertainers have vowed to come back with even bigger acts. And, of course, the District Staff has already started working on their skit. You can be sure that Carl and Judy will be extremely weary if Chapter Q asks them to be part of their skit again. I don't think their "Riding Gear" will ever be the same.

The **2012 Convention Logo** contest deadline is January 31, 2012. The Logo must include caricatures of Chapter Mascots and the theme of the 2012 Convention, "Two Rivers Rendezvous" and "23rd Wingin' the Rockies" in some way. We have a lot of creative members who will take on this challenge and the chance to win two free District Convention registrations. We ask that all the entries be hand drawn so everyone has an equal chance. In the interest of keeping the logo low-cost to produce, please use a maximum of 4 colors. For your reference, the Chapter Mascots are:

A – Armadillo

B – Bear

C – Cow

E – Elephant

G – Grizzly Bear

J – Jester

L – Lion
Q – Pig

I – Bald Eagle
District – Surprise!

Don't miss this opportunity to see your idea on clothing that 2012 Conventioneers will be wearing for years to come.

The Convention will feature the "**Crazy Hat**" competition where contestants will sport their creations and strut their stuff. Judging will be based on creativity of the hat and the presentation. This competition is wide open on theme and limited only by your imagination. Plan on being in this zany event and you won't regret it.

You won't want to miss the **Region F Convention** in St. George, UT on May 25 -27, 2012 particularly to support our District Couple of the Year, Ralph and Debbi Strauss and our District Individual of the Year, Stan Smetana. These folks were selected by Colorado Chapter Directors to represent Colorado. So, it will be your turn to show your support when they participate in the Region "F" Selection Process. They have told us that seeing all you members in the audience will help them calm their nerves and better represent Colorado during the Selection Process. Mark your Chapter calendars and plan on being there with your Chapter members.

This year, instead of the Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year Basket Program, the District will publish a **Colorado District Cookbook** using recipes submitted by Colorado GWRRA members. The proceeds from the Cookbooks will go towards your Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year program for such things as vest rockers, nametags, medallions, belt buckles and some traveling expenses. Please submit your recipes to your Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year. They will pass them along to Janet Drake (jdrake111@aol.com) or Judy Williams (jcwilliams5@comcast.net) who will compile and publish the Cookbook. The deadline for the recipe submittals is April 15, 2012.

Starting in May 2012, the Chapter Couples and Individuals will start selling (price to be determined) the Cookbooks. The more your Chapter Couple and Individual sells, the more money they will be raising for your Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year Program.

Another FUN event for 2012 is the **Colorado All Chapter Camp-Out** planned for June 15-16 at the Buena Vista KOA. You will have the chance to visit with Chapter members from all around Colorado and to participate in Friday night's

Progressive Appetizer Party and Saturday's Chili Cook-Off at 4:00 pm. For camping rates, go to the KOA website at buenavistakoa.com. If you interested, please email Judy Williams at jcwilliams5@comast.net and send her a \$15.00 deposit by December 31, 21011 to make your reservation plus receive a 10% discount on the camp site.

For all these activities, please refer to the attached flyers.

Future Events

January 2012

Mon, 9th

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center

Refreshments – Dan & Vicky Kirk

Wed, 18th

Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. – **Fred & Linda Fisher**

Sat, 28th

Colorado District Officer Conference, Clements Community Center, Main Floor

(Regular Gathering Location for Chapter L)

8:00a.m.-Light Breakfast Refreshments

9:00a.m.-1:30ish p.m. –Conference

RSVP to Chapter Director if you are attending!

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2011 Ride Guide

February 2011

Mon, 6th

Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center

Refreshments – Ralph Spencer

Wed, 15th

Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. – **Dennis & Anne Williamson**

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2011 Ride Guide

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