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Next Chapter Gathering

Monday, Jun 4, 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: **Fred & Linda Fisher**

Coffee: Steve & Tami Bender

Words for Gold Wingers!

by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors

Greetings from your Directors!

As I am writing this article, Linda and I just got home from the Region "F"un Convention held this past weekend in St. George, Utah. Although it was a bit windy, I believe a good time was had by all. In my opinion, one of the nicest venues I've been to, also.



Ralph and Debbi Strauss represented the Colorado District and Chapter L very well at the convention. They looked very sharp in their matching outfits and did a fine job in their public presentation. We were not privy to the one-on-one interview and all of the other point issues, but I'm sure the scoring was very close. Mike & Ruth Burke, California, were selected as the Region Couple of the Year, while JP Rocco, also from California, was selected as the new Region Individual of the Year.

Chapter L came up short in the Chapter of the Year selection. The award this year went to Chapter CA-1A. Congratulations to them on their selection and a HUGE THANK YOU to Anne Williamson for all of her hard work on this project.

The Colorado District was in charge of the door prize room, and as usual, the members of Chapter L stepped up to help out. Linda and I were joined by Dennis and Anne Williamson, Kenny Simons, Bob and Christine King, and District/Chapter L staff; Randall and Janet Drake, and Carl and Judy Williams. Thanks to all.

Okay, now on to rides: Our past events included the Vintage Moto Museum and the Multi-Chapter Bowling Party, along with the above mentioned Region Convention. I didn't get to attend the museum trip due to a family commitment, but did attend the bowling event where I think everyone had a great time. Probably some sore muscles the next day, I'm sure.

We also had a dinner ride hosted by Mike and Becky Ackerman.

Linda's Ride for Kids Spirit Night is on May 31st and I have a ride to Manitou Springs on June 3rd before the gathering.

As summer gets into full swing, we have more and more rides coming up. Events this month include the Ride for Kids Colorado, a Camp-Out, a Strawberry Festival, a dinner ride, a DQ Ride, and a ride to Wing Ding. Now that's a good schedule.

Details of these events will be discussed at the monthly gatherings, as well as posted on the web calendar, and supplemented with email notices.

With that, I'll bid you good riding to all, and hope to see everyone at the June 4th gathering, if not before.

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

How to Ride a Motorcycle Through a Curve

by Bob King, Rider Educator

Riding a motorcycle makes you feel carefree. You have more chances to enjoy the scenery that spreads before you as you traverse the road. Driving a motorcycle makes you one with the machine and connects you with the road underneath. Riding a motorcycle is a cheaper and faster way to reach your destination. But the line from point A to point B is not always straight. In most cases you will meet turns and curves on the road so you need to learn how to ride your motorcycle through a curve. Here's how.



There are things you need to remember first. One is that with increased motorcycle speed it will be harder for you to change directions. When you ride a bicycle, you just turn the handlebar towards the direction you want to go. It becomes the opposite when you ride a motorcycle. The second thing you must remember is that turning a motorcycle is done by counter steering, meaning you need to shift the handlebars in the opposite direction of where you actually want to go. If you are going right, you have to push forward slightly against the handlebar grip on the right. This will actually turn the handlebar to the left.

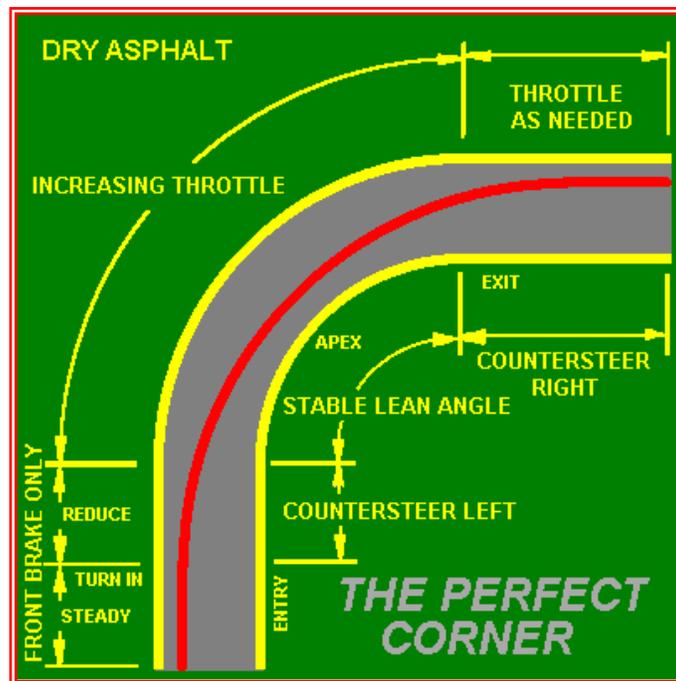
As the handlebar turns to the left, the motorcycle will lean to the right, which is direction you wanted to travel.

As you approach a curve, slow down to a good entry speed that will allow you to roll on the throttle as you prepare to navigate the curve and speed up later. You can use the rear brake gently for this. Position your motorbike outside for the turn, which means if you are turning left, your bike should be about three feet from the right side of the lane and when you want to turn right, the motorcycle should be about three feet from the centerline of the road.

Look at where you are headed as this is where you want your motorcycle to go. If possible, identify the

exit point of the curve to where the road gets straight again. You are not yet negotiating the curve at this point. You are still preparing to enter the curve.

Remember the counter steering technique. This is where you apply it – at the start of your entry into the curve. Keep your throttle open and roll to the curve, keeping a good distance away from the inside of the curve initially. As the angle of the curve tightens, you should be leaning closer to the curve. Point your eyes in the direction you want the motorcycle to go. At the same time you should be aware of oncoming traffic from the opposite direction.



When you can see the exit point of the curve, position your bike to aim for a much straighter line instead of following the angle of the curve all the way through as you might end up bumping the rock face, a road barrier or the ditch. The weave pattern is more like outside, inside then outside again. Do not use your breaks as you negotiate the curve as your motorcycle will bobble and you will lose traction. You turn the throttle on here without pulling on the clutch to keep your motorcycle stable.

Accelerate after you have negotiated the tightest angle of the curve and you can already see where the road becomes straight again. You should be moving away from the inside of the curve and more towards the inner lane as you accelerate. Acceleration will push your motorcycle up straight again as you prepare to ride on a straight lane.

Your body should lean slightly with the bike as you negotiate the curve. Your first instinct would be to keep your body on a straight line when making a turn but you need to practice until you gain confidence as you have to be one with your bike when riding a motorcycle. Learn to lean with it whether it is making a right or a left turn and you will soon have a far more enjoyable ride. Keep on practicing until you have mastered the art of riding through a curve.

Birthdays and Anniversaries**Happy June Birthday to:**

Gary Warner (Jun 16)
 Vicky Kirk (Jun 23)
 Mike Ackerman (Jun 23)
 Randy Jensen (Jun 25)

**Happy June Anniversary to:**

Carl & Judy Williams (Jun 6)
 Dan & Vicky Kirk (Jun 19)
 Fred & Linda Fisher (Jun 22)
 Gary & Alice Warner (Jun 30)

Vintage Moto Museum and More...

by Becky Ackerman

On May 12th Mike and I hosted 10 people for the Vintage Moto Museum tour on Walnut Street. It was a bit of a struggle to get it started but once it did, everyone was in awe of the bikes on display from all over the world. We learned the owner, who we met personally a year ago, passed away unexpectedly a few months ago, so the family was trying to figure out how to keep the museum up and running.

After spending time at the museum we headed to the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Denver, located at 1900 California Street. This was not a planned stop but once we learned very few had seen this beautiful church we decided to take everyone there. I don't have enough room to tell you all about this magnificent building so if you Google it you can learn all about the history and how it became what it is today.

Should you take the time to see it in person, hopefully you'll get to see the inside as well. One of the things that drew our eye to it was the fact that high rise office buildings dwarf the church. We learned that years ago the church sold the property right next to it to a developer who designed an office building to wrap around the church and not infringe on the air space above the building. Once you've walked around it you will be able to pick out from a distance which office building sits right behind the church.

Following the church stop we headed to lunch at Pint's Pub, 221 W. 13th Avenue, a traditional British brew pub. They are known to have the largest selection of single malt whiskey this side of Edinburgh, Scotland. Everyone had a chance to walk through the building and take in all the British pictures and décor. Seeing the ceiling above the bar completely covered with all the whiskey available was a sight in itself! The menu even boasts one particular whiskey at \$800 a shot! Needless to say, our group enjoyed soup, salad and sandwiches, and stories were plentiful. Sorry you missed a truly enjoyable outing.

May Dinner Ride

by Becky Ackerman

On May 16th, 17 people joined Mike and I at LoDo's Bar and Grill for dinner. This particular LoDo's is located in Westminster at 104th and Federal, not downtown Denver. It has a real cool open air seating area on the roof and would be a great place to watch the sun set. However, that

didn't work out for our group. That evening was threatening rain and cool so we opted for indoor seating. I believe we had six bikes brave the weather, including our newest couple from Virginia, Andrew and Sherry Smith. This is a typical sports bar place so there were lots of TVs and the menu was

what you would expect. The service was outstanding, everyone was pleased with their meal and we had a great time visiting with one another. If you were unable to join us, you'll have to check this place out for something new and different.

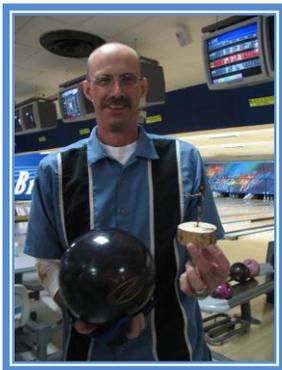
Words from OUR Special Couple*by Lis & Kenny Simons*

We are very honored and humbled to have been chosen for Chapter L's Couple of the Year for 2012. It is especially gratifying knowing how many other couples in our Chapter are just as deserving of this honor.

After some reflective thought, we decided it would be a fun experience to participate in the District Couple of the Year selection in Grand Junction this August. As time permits we have been visiting different chapters, making new friends, and learning more about GWRRA. We are looking forward to learning more about the processes of GWRRA including the District Couple Selection.

Soon the Multi-Chapter Cookbook will be available for purchase. Thank you all for the wonderful recipes that are part of this cook book. We understand it will soon be at the printers. The cookbook was created to support the Couple of the Year and Individual of the Year Programs in Colorado.

We are so glad to be part of this great organization and looking forward of seeing everyone at our District Convention.

AND THE RESULTS ARE IN!*by Lisa Capano*

Mike Werner from Chapter A is the WINNER! He bowled a 203! Bob King from Chapter L was a close contender!

We all had a great time this afternoon at the Brunswick Lanes. Twenty-two GW members (2 newbies from Yuma, Colorado!) had fun bowling, eating, laughing and cheering each other on.

Kraig White, aka, Mr. MAD (Motorcycle Awareness Division), set up a MAD Table to educate folks! This was a wonderful tool for GWRRA, and



for all other motorcyclists who stopped by to take a look at the handouts, etc. that Kraig had set up.

Many thanks to all the Chapter A, L, and E members who participated in today's Multi-Chapter Activity. This is what it is all about, folks: having fun with each other and sharing lots of good times and laughter. Many, many thanks go to Steve Burns who MADE a trophy for our Bowling Event! If we decide to do this every year, maybe Steve can be convinced to continue his creative contributions!



Finally, a HEARTY welcome to Mike and Rhonda who rode their 1500 in the rain from Akron, CO. You guys are great and we all hope to see you lots during the summer.

2012 District Convention in Grand Junction!

Don't forget! 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.

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!

**Future Events****Jun 2012**Sun, 3rdMon, 4thStarr Kempf Windmills, Manitou Springs--**Fisher**

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

Refreshments – Fred & Linda FisherSun, 10th

Ride-for-Kids

Fri-Sun, 15-17thMulti-Chapter Campout, Buena Vista-**Williams**Wed, 20thChapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. – **Ralph & Janet Spencer**Sat, 23rdDQ Ride- **Simons**

Various

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2012 Ride Guide

Jul 2012Sun 1stSome heading out to Wing Ding!—**Mike & Becky Ackerman**Sat 7thCripple Creek Ride—**Bob King**Mon 9thChapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center---NOT THE 2nd!**Refreshments – Kenny & Lis Simons**Sat, 14thBalogna / Baloney! Ride—**Dan & Vicky Kirk**Wed, 18thChapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m. – **UP FOR GRABS!**Sat, 21st

Chap J Hummer of a Summer Picnic in Estes Park @ 11:00a.m.

Sat, 28thBreakfast Ride –**Ralph & Debbi Strauss**Sun, 29thFairplay Burro Days! Ride—**Stan Smetana**

Various

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GL1500 & Trailer For Sale!

Ride your dream! Beautiful 1998 Honda Goldwing SE and 2000 Bushtec Trailer, both black without pin-striping or murals (an open canvas, if you like). Only 47K miles, very well maintained, and always garaged. Usual SE upgrades plus many extras. \$10,000 Contact Bill at (303) 748-2671.





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