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Next Chapter Gathering

Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 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: **Steve & Tami Bender**

Coffee: **Kenny & Lis Simons**

Words for Gold Wings!

by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors

Greetings from your Directors,

Busy, busy, busy; that’s all I can say. Between riding (the most important), going to conventions, dinner rides, training, and that other 4 letter word (work), it’s been nonstop this month.



I think since our last newsletter, we have been to the Utah and Colorado Conventions, a couple dinners rides, a Chapter ride over Trail Ridge Road, and even had time to sneak in a couple training classes towards the Chapter of the Year scoring.

The Colorado Convention was very nice. Linda and I had the honor of serving as judges for the Couple and Individual of the Year selection. All of the couples and individuals did a great job, including our very own Steve and Tami Bender. Steve and Tami were not selected as the District Couple, but

we are very proud to have them as our Chapter Couple.

Chapter L was in charge of the door prize room again at the convention. Linda and I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all that helped with manning the room, selling tickets and doing all the other tasks involved. Great Job !!!

Also at the convention, some very funny people from Chapter L performed at the talent show. The Hottingers, Kirks, and Simons did a “Date Night with Friends” skit. The act was hysterical. I laughed so hard I wet myself (you had to be there). We should be very proud that their act got them a second place award in the talent show.

Linda and I will not be at the September gathering as we will be traveling to the east coast. Please come by and support Bob King as he will be running things this month. I’m sure all will step up and provide him any assistance he might need.

Also on the calendar for September is a dinner ride, a multi-chapter ride to Keenesburg, and the chapter color ride. Dates and details in the ride book or the chapter web calendar.

With that, I will close for now. Hope you can attend the September 9th chapter gathering. We will see you in October, if not before.

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

Glove Facts...(Or Look Ma! No Fingerprints!)

by Andrew C. Smith, Rider Educator



Many of our rider education seminars discuss the importance of wearing safety gear. And we have all heard the adage "Cover what you want to keep..." So this article is about that part of our body that we use every day and enables us to do great and wondrous things-Our Hands!

We often take our hands for granted. It sometimes takes breaking a finger or even getting a really annoying paper cut to remind us of how much we actually use our hands and how much hurting them can be a pain in the- wrist. So while we all instantly think "helmet" when thinking motorcycle safety, our hands can get overlooked. And for any motorcycle rider that has taken a spill, we are all very thankful for our helmet, but you will be even more thankful for the right pair of gloves if you go down, unless you don't want the FBI to identify you by your fingerprints. We instinctively put our hands out to protect us when we fall, so the chance we will injure our hands is very probable.

Wearing the right type of glove is probably one of the easiest and cheapest pieces of safety gear we can own. With that said, some gloves are better than others. And, depending on the type of riding you're doing, the type of glove you will want to have will be different. Some riders will find that they need several different types of gloves for the different riding conditions they will find themselves in or the time of year they ride. If you're a street rider, you'll find that there are two basic types of gloves: leather and textile.

Street Gloves (a version that most of us wear)



Most variety that you will find with gloves will be in the on-road motorcycle genre. Leather gloves, such as this pair of *Tour Master Summer Elite 2 Motorcycle Gloves*, have seemingly been around since the earliest motorcycle days. Luckily, they've also changed a lot since then as well. Still made from cow hide and sometimes deerskin (sorry PETA) leather gloves offer great protection while still being soft and flexible. Since these gloves are the most popular type for street riders, this material makes it easier for riders to have a good handle on the controls such as cruise control or communication systems. Thicker gloves will be better for keeping your hands warm in winter and will protect your hands better while thinner gloves are great for warmer weather. Leather gloves are also typically warmer than textile gloves as well as have a better resistance to wind. Their material makes it easy to patch up holes so they last longer. Because there isn't a lot of technology that goes into their ability to protect, there are

more inexpensive leather gloves even though they protect well. However, you'll find that some leather gloves can really get up there in price especially with leather racing gloves which do need a lot more protection.

Unfortunately, leather gloves aren't very water proof and become uncomfortable when wet. For this reason, you should keep a pair of rain gloves with you just in case you get stuck in a wet situation. If your gloves have never gotten wet before, there may be an excess of the dye used to color the leather which may have a tendency to bleed onto the rider's hands when wet, much like washing a new pair of blue jeans for the first time. While this does not affect the glove's ability to protect, having oddly colored hands isn't all that attractive. These gloves also have a high resistance to abrasion but are poor when it comes to puncture resistance.

Fingerless (not really recommended)

If you want to keep those fingerprints...these gloves are particularly popular with people who ride cruisers. Their biggest perk (other than their really hardcore appearance) is the amount of control they allow you to have with your hands. Cruisers tend to have more buttons and controls and it's nice to be able to access them without bulky fingers in the way. Fingerless gloves are also much more breathable than their full finger counterparts and tend to not get as hot. However, these gloves don't really protect much of your hands. If you find yourself hurtling towards the asphalt, you're going to really wish that your gloves covered your fingers. These gloves also don't protect against the conditions such as sun, wind or rain.



Textile



These gloves are any type that isn't made of leather. Such material includes Kevlar or Ballistic Nylon. These gloves have been around for a lot less time but are constantly evolving to become better and better. Textile gloves used to be less effective than leather gloves but have recently become just as good of an option (if not better). Their biggest upside is that the material they are made of allows for protective armor to be sewn into the glove. While this has also become common with modern leather sport gloves, many leather gloves still do not incorporate armor. Hard plastic, metal, or carbon fiber plates built into the glove allow for extra protection and make them extremely resistant to puncture and abrasion. Many textile gloves like this pair of Tour Master Intake Air Gloves are mostly textile but add a dash of leather for extra protection. However, the type of material that they are primarily made of also allows them to be more breathable than leather gloves.

Unfortunately, many textile gloves still lack the innate ability to be rain resistant.

Other Details...

Once you know what kind of glove suits your riding best, there are a few other things to keep in mind when buying a pair. You'll want to have a pair of gloves that fit properly. A pair of gloves that is too small can keep you from getting the movement your hands need while riding as well as cut off circulation and cause that super annoying tingling that comes after an appendage has fallen asleep. On the other hand (no pun intended) you don't want your hands to be swimming in your gloves. If your gloves are too big, you'll find that you have less control of your hands which control the bike. Finding the right size will not only give you protection but allow you to control your bike to the best of your ability. The stitching of your glove can have a big impact on how well your gloves are going to protect your hands. Even if you don't ever need them to give you an extra layer between your hands and the ground, the stitching that keeps your gloves together also has a part in keeping your hands protected from the elements such as wind and rain. If the stitching on your gloves is shoddy, your gloves will be about as useful as a pair of tennis shoes with no laces. If you do come in contact with the crust of the earth, you'll want the stitching that keeps the padding secured onto your gloves to hold.

And don't forget the **Electrics**...(one of our winter favorites)

Keeping our hands toasty during cold weather can mean the difference between a good ride and one that is completely miserable. Using a set of heated gloves will help us to be at the top of our game and riding in comfort.

So no matter how you choose to ride, keep the hands protected and if you ever have to go down with your bike, you will be able to hold your own spoon and feed yourself the next day.



Ride Safe - Have Fun! - No Skid-marks...

Can You See Me Now?

by Sherry Smith, MAD Chapter Coordinator



I've been thinking a lot about conspicuity. At the district convention, a.k.a. Rally, a member told me that when they, her husband and her, pass a semi she waves one of her arms to get the truckers attention. At first I chuckled some, but the more I thought about it the more I realized that she may be on to something. Sheriff Baldwin, from the JeffCO Sheriff's office, talked about even when you think a motorist see's you... do they REALLY see you? So...maybe waving your arms isn't such a bad idea after all. **CONSPICUITY!**



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy September Birthday to:

- Richard Stoops (2nd)
- Bill Douglas (4th)
- Barb Talbott (7th)
- Bob Smith (9th)
- Marsha Jensen (13th)
- Norita Berger (17th)
- Fred Fisher (19th)
- Greg Tubac (22nd)
- Randy Berger (27th)
- Stan Smetana (28th)



Happy September Anniversary to:

- Phil & Barb Talbott (16th)
- Greg & Pamela Green (29th)

Future Events

Sep 2013

Mon, 9th (DATE CHANGE) Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center
Refreshments – Steve & Tami Bender

Wed, 18th Chapter L Dinner Ride, Time TBD – **Kenny & Lis Simons**
 Sat, 21st Multi-Chapter ride to Keenesburg Wildlife Refuge-Sponsored by Chap J
 Fri-Sun, 19th-21st Multi-Chapter Western Slope Ride sponsored by Chapter I
 Thu-Sat, 26th-28th New Mexico District Convention, Albuquerque, NM
 Various Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2013 Ride Guide

Oct 2013

Mon, 7th Chapter L Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Clements Community Center
Refreshments – Dan & Vicki Kirk
 Sat, 24th Chapter L Dinner Ride, Time TBD – **Mike & Rhonda Hottinger**
 Sun, 25th Multi-Chapter Chili Cookoff & Games, Chapters I & A
 Time and Location TBA
 Fri-Sun, 25th-27th Arizona District Convention, Tucson, AZ
 Various Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2013 Ride Guide

1975 Classic Gold Wing For Sale!

My name is Shane Buckles and I am selling a 1975 Goldwing. I've owned the bike for 23 years and it's in great shape but I simply don't ride enough to keep it. I was a GWRRA member a number of years ago and thought I would touch base with the local chapters to see if anyone was interested in a classic wing. I hate to just sell it to someone looking for cheap transportation; I would prefer to find someone that appreciates Gold Wings. I've attached a couple of photos and would be happy to answer any questions concerning the history.

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Shane has advised he would like to get about \$2,000 for this Gold Wing.





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