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FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY, AND KNOWLEDGE

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Next Chapter Gathering

Monday, November 4, 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: **Mike & Becky Ackerman**

Coffee: **Kenny & Lis Simons**

Words for Gold Wings!

by Fred & Linda Fisher, Directors

Greetings from your Directors,

From looking out my office window, it seems as though fall has arrived. Either that or someone has stolen all the leaves off the tree outside.



However, we who live in Colorado know that this is a wonderful time of year to do some riding. Sunny but cool days let us enjoy riding in some of the areas that might be very hot in the summer.

We will also start to plan and attend some "inside" events. The first is coming up on November 2nd, when Chapter E will have their annual Turkey Dinner fundraiser. We have a second fundraiser this month when Chapter G has its annual Turkey Bingo on November 16th.

Our past events included the Adams Mystery Dinner Theater. It was a fun night that included a scavenger hunt and an interactive murder mystery. Several of the chapter members got involved in the show with playing characters in the show. Our own Mike Hottinger was called up on stage where "Trixie" sang a lovely but sexy song to him. She finished with a big red lipstick kiss to his forehead.

On October 12th, I attended the Multi-Chapter planning meeting. Many events were discussed, and lists of both riding and non-riding events were compiled. Schedules for these events will be announced later.

The following day was the Multi-Chapter Chili and Games day. Linda and I were unable to attend, but I understand there was a good turnout.

Upcoming, along with the two fundraisers, we have a dinner ride on November 20th. December brings our annual Cookie Exchange at our gathering on the 2nd. Most important is our Multi-Chapter Christmas

party on December 7th. We will have signup sheets and more details at the next gathering.

With that, I'll close for this month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November 4th gathering, if not before.

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

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas all around our town"

We have put on the finishing touches for our 4th annual Multi-Chapter Christmas Party.

**River Point Center (aka Red and Jerry's)
December 7, 2013
5 till 11 p.m.**

Good food, great fun, and more.

More details and updates at your local gatherings.

Counter Intuitive Steering...Or Countersteering

Submitted by Andrew C. Smith, Rider Educator



The phenomena that we all use to operate our bikes when traveling at speeds over 8 mph (or so). We all realize that it is something we must get our head around as riders to have the bike respond quickly, especially in those emergency situations. By using good

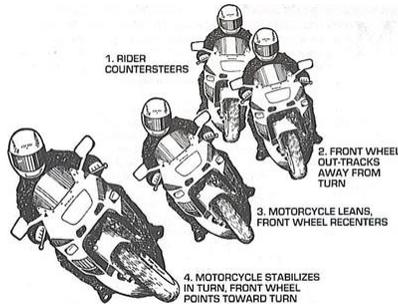
counter steering techniques we make the bike 'snap' into the direction we need to move, it is really all about some very complex physics that most of us don't ever want to figure out.



First, you NEED to know that when your bike is moving at faster than about 6-8 MPH you can ONLY countersteer. It is not optional. It is not a decision you get to make. Physics determines what happens when you push on one grip or the other, not you.

So, most of you do know that above that speed threshold should you press on the right grip, for example, your bike will turn to the RIGHT. That's counter-steering.

But what not one in ten of you has intellectualized and understand in a way that allows you to use that knowledge is that at steering speeds (slow), if you are in a turn and use your brakes your scoot will fall DOWN but at counter-steering speeds and in that curve when you use your brakes your bike will 'fall' UP!!!!



Further, at steering speeds (slow), if you use your brakes when in a curve you will SHORTEN the curve and at counter-steering speeds if you use your brakes in that curve you will WIDEN the turn.

Get your head around the idea that at faster speeds YOU DO NOT LEAN YOUR BIKE, IT LEANS ITSELF! Your bike 'dials in' the lean angle, not you. At faster speeds when you use your throttle your bike dials in a STEEPER lean angle while at slower (steering) speeds, using your throttle will make your bike stand taller - it is how you 'save' a bike that is about to fall down in a slow-speed turn, no? If you want to lean farther into a fast turn you increase throttle and maintain the same radius. That is exactly the opposite of what you do at slow speed.

The dynamics of your motorcycle reverse at about 6 MPH. Counter-steering is an important part of that, but that's not the whole story. And now you know 'the rest of the story.' For the Physics nuts check this out: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~fajans/pub/pdffiles/SteerBikeAJP.PDF>

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A Great Beginning!

by Sherry Smith, MAD Chapter Coordinator



As the riding season slows down and the colder weather settles in, I find myself thinking of how we, as a chapter, did this year for motorist awareness.



- ❖ A very successful partnership with Jefferson County Sheriff's office to get the word out about motorcycle safety - ✓
- ❖ Multiple car shows in which flyers were handed out regarding the Motor Awareness Program - ✓
- ❖ Motorist Awareness Seminars to multiple chapters - ✓
- ❖ Visits to high schools to get the word out of who we are, and what MAD does - ✓

....That was just this year.....I am just getting warmed up 😊

October Dinner Ride, but It Was so Much More!*by Mike Hottinger*

October was the month Rhonda and Joyce decided to do a dinner ride to celebrate their October birthdays. Well Joyce ended up with a special trip to California to spend her birthday with old friends, so we chose to keep the ride alive and try something new.

Rhonda decided instead of having the ride on the Saturday it was planned that it should be moved to Sunday for something different. Well Sunday did not work for some but then worked for others and we had no idea at the time how something different was going to turn out. The Dinner Ride participants were to be Kenny, Lis, Dan, Vicky, Bob, Christine, Rhonda and myself. I was working to get us into the Black Bear Diner in Colorado Springs but that was not working out the way we had planned. We made the change 3 days before the event and with the colder weather we decided to stay local and go to Cinzzetti's in Northglenn.

Cinzzetti's is on 104th and I-25 and since it was close for all Rhonda and I sent the emails out for the plans and it was decided that we would all meet there at 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Rhonda and I decided to ride the GW to the Chapter G meeting. Fred sent out an email recruiting others to help rescue Larry the Lion from the clutches of this northern chapter and when all the Chapter L travelers were noted we discovered that the dinner ride folks were all going to the Chapter G meeting also. Well let's modify this a little more now.

I was talking to Kenny and we decided to meet and ride to the Chapter G meeting together. Rhonda and I got up early, dressed for cold weather and at 6:30 headed for the Simons to meet up with them. Now the four of us head out to Hwy 7 & and I-25 to meet Dan and Vicky (Dan on the GW, Vicky in the quadricycle). We all hit the interstate with Dan

leading the way to Johnson's Corner. We got there at 8:00 a.m. and Chapter G already had a great turnout and more tables getting set up for all the people. We were joined there by Bob and Christine. Breakfast was great, the meeting was good and as the meeting wrapped up, Larry the Lion was free to come home and we decided since we had all this extra time we would make some more changes and make this "Dinner Ride" so much more. Exactly how do you do that?



Well, we do what every red blooded American wants to do, we headed to Cabela's first. Yep, that is how we started. Of course Vicky had to twist some arms but she got Rhonda and Lis in the quadricycle with her. Bob and Christine headed out in their Dodge pickup, me on our GW, and Kenny and Dan on theirs. Cabela's was great, Rhonda found her "new gun" and I picked up some ammo. With shopping wrapped up, we did some brainstorming and once again found us deciding we liked this free-styling day. It has now gone from a Dinner Ride to a "Date with Friends". Yep that is what we called it. Date with Friends, what's next you might ask? Well, with the phone out I Googled movies and we decided to hit the theater on the west side of the interstate and see a movie before dinner and Cinzzetti's. We found the movie "Gravity" on IMAX 3D was going to start in 45 minutes so tickets were bought. The movie was great and a couple of us even experienced a 3D movie for the first time. We came out of the theater talking about the movie and deciding we had finally digested enough breakfast



from Johnsons Corner that lunch/dinner was a go, but then we were still not done modifying our day. Why should we head down the road to eat when there is a GREAT place to eat, Red Robin... YUMMMMM!!!!

We walked across the parking lot to enjoy Red Robin food. We all got our orders in and the chip bag came out to buy our chances at winning some money. Christine's ticket was pulled out and she got her chance to pull the red chip. With the white chip count dwindling her odds were getting good. She reached in, felt around and finally pulled out the chip. OK, not "THE" chip but one like it, only white. The odds just keep getting better and there is a great opportunity to make a little extra cash for Christmas at the November Dinner Ride so make sure to be there. We all enjoyed our meals and

decided we needed to do a Date with Friends again. Leaving the restaurant we were welcomed back out in the cool, bordering on cold, winter day and there is wet liquid falling from the sky, but this still did not dampen our spirit. We said our goodbye's and all headed home. It was a light drizzle so we never got wet and were glad we rode the GW.

So what happened? Well we flew by the seat of our pants and the ride truly became a Mystery Ride because NOBODY knew the next stop until after we finished the current stop. It worked and as a group we thought we might need to try something like this again. Rhonda and I decided that instead of forcing something to happen, we should bend, flow and change as the situation changes around us and as a team we can all have an enjoyable time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy November Birthday to:

Brenna Nichols (9th)
 Laura Hudson (14th)
 Dennis Williamson (14th)
 Karen Tubac (15th)
 Lis Simons (25th)



Happy November Anniversary to:

Randy & Marsha Jensen (1st)
 Bob & Christine King (21st)

Future Events

Nov 2013

Sat, 2nd

Mon, 4th

Sat, 16th

Wed, 20th

Various

Chapter E Turkey Dinner Fundraiser, 5:00 p.m.

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

Refreshments – Mike & Becky Ackerman

Chapter G Turkey Bingo, 5:00 p.m.

Chapter L Dinner Ride, – **Steve & Tami Bender**

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2013 Ride Guide

Dec 2013

Mon, 2nd

Sat, 7th

Wed, 18th

Various

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

COOKIE EXCHANGE!!!!

Multi-Chapter Christmas Party

Chapter L Dinner Ride, – **Open for volunteer!**

Other GWRRA Gatherings. Please refer to your 2013 Ride Guide



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