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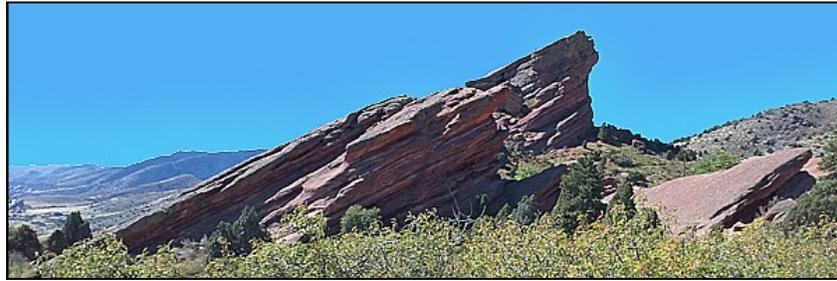


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Greetings from Your Directors

by *Fred and Linda Fisher*
Senior Chapter Directors

As my Chapter email said; "It's Official". Chapter L has earned the honor of **2013 International Chapter of the Year.**

After learning we had been selected as Region F 2013 Chapter of the Year, Linda and I were on pins and needles awaiting the call from **Greg Dempsey**, the International Chapter of the Year coordinator.

Interestingly enough, we actually got the phone call while we were at the dinner ride on April 16th. Greg had called my cell phone because he knew that we were out on a chapter dinner. But we were having such a good time and making noise, I didn't hear the call. When we got home I checked my phone and his name was on my caller ID. I figured he wasn't calling to tell me bad news, but since it was late, I didn't call him back until the next evening. We played phone tag for a bit but finally hooked up where he told Linda and me the great news.

From Linda and I, to all of Chapter L; Congratulations! Everyone worked so hard over the past year and this is shared by everyone. A special thank you goes out to **Carl Williams** for his tremendous work on scheduling, documenting, and keeping this steamroller on track to its end.

Above, I mentioned the Dinner Ride. Linda and I hosted this month in the absence of **Lis and Kenny Simons** due to a family emergency. We had 9 folks go the Bennett's Bar-B-Que. **Judy Williams** got the chance to pull the Red chip, but pulled the wrong color. We are now down to 3 chips in the bag. Pretty good odds for the May 17th (Saturday) dinner ride.

Thanks to those who represented Chapter L at the Wyoming B Birthday, the Chapter A Fundraiser, and the Aurora Honda Open House.

Remember the **Mike and Ronda Hottinger** are hosting a Royal Gorge train ride on May 4th. For information, contact Mike at: mrhottinger@gmail.com. We also have the Region F Convention, May 23-25.

I understand that Mike Ackerman will be giving an interesting safety talk at the next meeting. This should be a good story. You might want to make a special effort to hear this one.

Don't forget too, that Chapter L also has a fundraiser coming up on June 21st. Please keep this highlighted on your calendar.

With that, I'll close for this month.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 5th gathering, if not before.

Until Then, Ride Safe..... Always



Upcoming Events

- May 4 — Royal Gorge Ride*
- May 5 — Chapter L Gathering*
- May 17— Chapter Dinner Ride*
- May 18 — Impromptu Ride*

Chapter L's Chapter of the Year Program

by *Carl Williams*

Chapter of the Year Coordinator

By now, you probably have heard that Colorado Chapter L won the **2013 International Chapter of the Year** award. Chapter L Senior Directors, **Fred and Linda Fisher** were notified by Greg and Renee Dempsey, International Assistant Directors, Chapter of the Year that Chapter L had scored the most points (299 and "1/2" points) of the nearly 700 Chapters in GWRRA.

Fred and Linda immediately emailed everyone in the Chapter and thanked them for all their hard work and effort which paid off. Fred and Linda had stated the 2013 goal for the Chapter — "*I want Chapter L to be the 2013 International Chapter of the Year*". The Chapter of the Year Coordinator, **Carl Williams** presented "What's it take to win" to meet the goal to the Chapter Members on January 7, 2013. All the chapter members agreed that the goal was achievable.

At the Chapter of the Year Kick-Off Meeting on February 1, 2013, a detailed plan was presented how we were going to earn the maximum points. Even with a plan of *who was going to do what by when*, the Chapter members including the CHOY Coordinator did not fully appreciate the amount of effort that was required to meet the goal. Early on, the Chapter philosophy was "If it continues to be fun, we are going to continue earning points".

Everyone quickly realized if we all contributed in some way or another, the seeming overwhelming, monumental effort required was possible without burdening any one Member.

As the year progressed, the Chapter continued to accumulate points as the Chapter modified its plans to meet new challenges that came up. Some of the challenges simply required minimal changes to the original plan while others required new thinking to deal with. The Chapter adopted a toy "Steam Roller" to signify that we were going to roll over any bump in the road and keep on moving forward. We were going to win District, Region and of course, International!



All along, **Fred and Linda** continued to remind the Chapter Members of its goal and asked what do we need to do next and what help was needed. This is a sign of true leadership. Our Members stepped up to manage major tasks. **Andy and Sherry Smith** focused on presenting the training that our Members needed. **Becky Ackerman**, nicknamed the "Enforcer" coordinated which of our Members were going to which training classes and Conventions. **Judy Williams** organized our Recruiting efforts. Even **Larry T. Lion**, Chapter Mascot earned one point for the Chapter!

When it became obvious the Chapter was on a path to earn a maximum of 299 points, everyone zeroed in on that fact that, although we only had two Members go to Wing Ding, we needed four Members to earn the final point. As a result, our Members decided that entitled us to a half point. So "299 and 1/2 point" was a rallying cry for some time. The Members used "299 and 1/2" to ensure that we finished strong. Near the end of the year, when winning became a real possibility, **Tami Bender** rallied the Members with the "See ya in Madison" slogan which was heard and seen everywhere. You could see encouragement and cheerleading coming from all corners of the Chapter.



Still earning 299 points caused a lot of anxiety among the Members. Was it going to be enough to win? The general sentiment shared among our members was if some Chapter scored 300 points, they deserve to win knowing just how hard it was for Chapter L to earn 299 points. In fact, Fred and Linda decided we would write a congratulatory letter, signed by every Chapter L Member to the winning Chapter.

Knowing that GWRRA would announce the 2013 winning Chapter early in April, many of our Members were on "pins and needles" as Fred mentioned in his article. Finally, **Fred** received "THE" call and the celebrations began!

Memories from Chapter L's Quest for the 2013 International Chapter of the Year

by Carl Williams
Newsletter Editor

As Newsletter Editor, I asked our Members to write a few words about their most memorable event or time they had while helping the Chapter meet its goal to become the 2013 International Chapter of the Year. What follows are just some of the things our Members wanted to share.

Fred Fisher

The most memorable moment for me was the beginning. The night at the Williams' when I first propose this challenge. Everyone enthusiastically said yes to my challenge, and we were off like a steamroller.

Linda Fisher

I think my favorite time of all was the night Carl, Judy, Fred and I went to dinner and they handed us this 90 pound, Chapter of the Year Score Sheet notebook, all wrapped up in a beautiful purple gift bag. It contained the blood, sweat, and tears of a large number of our friends and family. This past year was full of trials, tribulations, joys and love.

Ralph Spencer

*My fondest memory was our 2-day, whirlwind trip to Norfolk (We are the girls of Norfolk; we don't drink, we don't smoke, Norfolk!), Nebraska for the Region E Convention. The discussions we had on the way there and back - Go, Carl! Go! Go! Go!. The many great laughs, my arguments with **Judith Crea** (and vice versa), my Swiss cheese sandwiches, the unhealthy snacks, signing in on Friday with about 5 minutes to spare because none of us were aware of the time change until midway through the trip, the questionable talent show, and the list goes on. I won't be forgetting that trip for many, many years. And remember our motto: "What happens in Nebraska, stays in Nebraska!!!"*

**Becky Ackerman**

One of my most memorable moments came from the Utah District Convention in Price, Utah. The convention took place over the same weekend as the city's International Festival which included a Grand Parade down Main Street on Saturday morning. I have no idea how many bikes participated, but there were a lot and we were right up front behind the fire trucks and ahead of the horses. It looked like the entire city came out to enjoy the parade, especially all the children we saw along the route. It had been a long time since I've ridden in a parade and it brought back a lot of fond memories of parades during the Drill Team days.

Mike Hottinger

*My biggest memory; I WILL...."Yes, you know what that means. Because of Chapter L, I proposed to **Rhonda** and because of Chapter L, I married my **Rhonda** at an event that was so special that I really don't have the words for it other than, Thank you Chapter L.*

*To add to that, it was the trips to the other states to enjoy and support their District Conventions. It was the Chapters we visited, the new people we met, the people we already knew, but got to know even better. It was the training and knowledge we gained through 2013 in the many different classes, seminars and activities we attended. Most of all, we defined what it means to be **Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge**. We lived this, we represented this and we shared this.*

Judy Williams

*My best memories of our Chapter of the Year quest are going to conventions out of the state with Chapter Members. Those memories include **Ralph K** trying to watch my caloric intake of snacks, such as Cheetos and chocolate, to **Tami Bender** driving 90 mph to get to a rally before registration closed, to taking a side trip to Mexico with **Steve and Tami Bender** just so we could color it in on our Chapter map. What FUN!*



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Stan Smetana

My involvement was tangential at best.... I only supported my friends when asked, and in exchange I made more friends and gained some new knowledge along the way. It's been a great trip, and you know a lot of the appreciation will correctly be focused in your household, so I won't go on. Thank you Carl (and supporting cast members). I'm just glad that I could get to some of the events and help a little.

Mike Ackerman

Sometimes it is very difficult to define a 'defining moment' in the events of our lives, but with respect to the quest of Chapter L to become the International Chapter of The Year, there was a defining moment that I shall always remember.

We were doing a recruiting event at a local Home Depot store. We had the bikes all lined up, the tables set up containing all the literature we have about GWRRA and had been talking with a couple about the benefits of GWRRA. Things were going very well when two members of the Home Depot staff approached our tables and asked about our organization. That's when it took a slight turn for the worse. They were the store managers and informed us that we could not, under any circumstances, set up a display in their parking lot as that was against company policy.

We thanked them and as quickly as possible disassembled our tables, loaded everything back into the trailers and left the Home Depot.

*As the saying goes, **'Hey, I'm been thrown out of better places than this'** seems to be the only appropriate response. '*



Tami Bender

There are three things that come to mind;

1. "There is a point for that!" which we stole from **Earl Edwards** from Chapter I.
2. Driving to Kansas District Convention at 90 mph because our group forget about the hour time change and we needed to get there by 1:00 pm for a class for another point.
3. While attending the New Mexico District Convention, driving to Mexico with **Carl and Judy** just so we could color it in our Chapter map and once we got into Mexico without passports trying to find the fastest way out!

Steve Bender



*For me, it was the trip to Nebraska with **Ralph Spencer** and his reaction to his first '5 Hour Energy Drink' and **Judy** saying "Go Carl Go" to get him to spend up. And of course, being introduced to the Norfolk Cheerleader song by **Ralph**, "We are the girls of Norfolk, we don't smoke, we don't drink, Norfolk".*

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Sherry Smith

*Presenting a seminar to about 10 people and having **Bob King** on the phone. I ended up using him as an example about something I was saying. He even participated in the group discussions! His state of complete consciousness might be questioned since he had just come home from a knee replacement surgery.*

Andy Smith

*Time spent presenting Motorist Awareness working with the JEFFCO Sheriff's Department. We made and lost a wonderful champion for GWRRA in Sheriff's **Sargent David Baldwin**, his support of our program and the 6 seminar's we had to opportunity to share was a wonderful part of the efforts to compete in chapter of the year.*



Andy and Sherry Smith

I remember a 13 hour day driving round trip from Denver to Albuquerque, NM to attend their District Rally. Sherry & I with 3 dog's in the vehicle, who were not the happiest campers for a long trip (especially when one got car sick). Now that's a memory...

Probably the most memorable part of the competition has been the opportunity to work so closely with each of our Chapter "L" friends and family. Each of you contributed so much, and made a huge impact in Sherry & my life. You have accepted us into the Colorado "L" family (even when we came from that foreign land of Virginia). We thank each of you for your friendship.

Carl Williams

As Chapter of Year Coordinator, one of my fondest memories came early on in our quest of the Chapter goal that Fred and Linda Fisher, Senior Chapter Directors presented to the members. Our Members had enthusiastically accepted the goal and thought it was both something the Chapter wanted to do and really got excited about the prospect of winning.

As I prepared for the Kick-Off meeting, the realization that our Chapter had reached a point in its life that "The stars were in alignment" and there would be no better time for us to earn THE Chapter of the Year award then right now. Let me share with you the two reasons why;

1. Chapter L has Enthusiastic Chapter Members with seasoned Leadership in place;
 - a. Senior Chapter Directors, **Fred and Linda Fisher**, Life Members who are organized, dedicated and enthusiastic.
 - b. Involved, committed Assistant Chapter Director, **Bob King** who was a former Chapter Educator.
 - c. New Chapter Educator, **Andy Smith** with vast Rider Education experience who is also a Certified Trainer.
 - d. Motorist Awareness Coordinator, **Sherry Smith** who would become a certified University Trainer.
 - e. New Treasurer, **Steve and Tami Bender** who were being coached by the past Chapter Treasurer and then current District Treasurer, **Mike Ackerman**, Life member and past Chapter Director
 - f. Ride Coordinator, **Becky Ackerman**, a Life Member and past Chapter Director who is driven to make sure our calendar is full.
 - g. Professional Greeter, **Ralph Spencer** who has taken the position to an art form and was the then Individual of the Year and District Chapter of the Year Coordinator.
 - h. Store Keepers, **Dan and Vicky Kirk** who are excited about GWRRA.

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- i. Couple of the Year, **Steve and Tami Bender** who planned to participate in the Couple of the Year Selection Process.
 - j. Membership Enhancement couple, **Kenny and Lis Simons** who were roaring to get started.
 - k. Newsletter and Ride Book Editor, **Randy and Janet Drake** who were the then Colorado District Director.
 - l. Chapter of the Year Coordinator, **Carl Williams**, a Life Member who is driven to help the Chapter maximize its earned points and who would become a certified University Trainer
 - m. Awards and Recognition, **Judy Williams**, a Life Member who believes in the value of Member recognition, recognition and more recognition.
 - n. Our newest Members, **Mike and Rhonda Hottinger** who would go on to make Chapter history by allowing our Members to be part of their future wedding.
 - o. **Vernon and Deborah Pate, Ron Evers and Laura Hudson and Stan Smetana** offered to help anyway they could when their busy work schedules allowed. Their participation helped earn much needed points.
2. *Chapter Members who get along, enjoy each other's company and more than willing to participate and to help any where needed.*

Some of Chapter L's 2013 Chapter of the Year Program Statistics

Conventions attended: **9 Conventions**

Miles traveled to 9 Conventions: **36,150 miles**

Travel time to 9 Conventions: **803 member-hours**

Events on 2013 Chapter Calendar: **83 events**

Time spent in seminars: **853 member-hours**

Extraordinary events held: **15 Extraordinary events**

Time spent at 15 Extraordinary events: **660 member-hrs**

Chapter L Gatherings: **12 Gatherings**

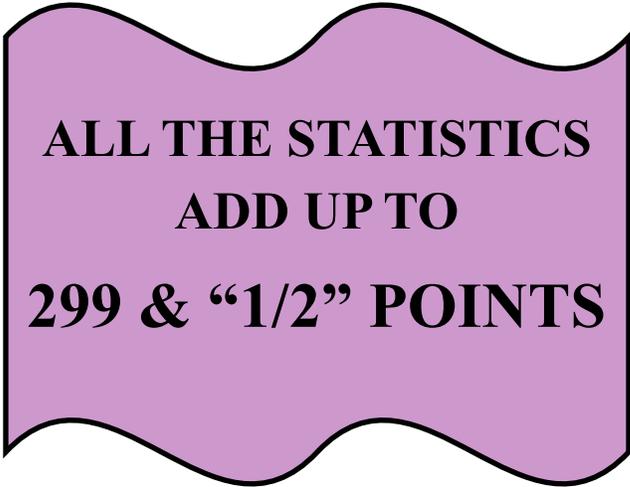
Time spent at 12 Gathering: **522 member-hours**

Dinner Rides: **13 Dinner Rides**

Time spent at 13 Dinner Rides: **443 member-hours**

Percent current in Levels Program: **95% with 73% at Master Level 4**

Time spent creating & filing reports for Rider Ed, Mot Awareness & Member Enhancement: **42member-hrs**



**ALL THE STATISTICS
ADD UP TO
299 & "1/2" POINTS**

Spring Riding Thoughts

by **Bob King**
Assistant Director

Here we are a quarter of the year already gone, but the best time of the year is upon us. The riding season is getting in full swing early this year since we haven't had much rain, I can't wait for the snow to melt so I can ride in one of the most beautiful states in the union. We are blessed to have such a place to ride. For those who have not had the bike out yet, take it slow and get your head in the game.



Congratulations to **CHAPTER L Members** for the "International Chapter of the Year". What a great accomplishment to beat out 800 other Chapters. I remember when we started to have the conversation to do this and we thought we had set our goals high initially, but as we went along we could set the bar even higher, then it was like a drug and we couldn't get enough. With all the positive input and drive from everyone, it was contagious, I wanted to do more and more just to see the new tally of points and knowing that I was a part of this. A lot of time and energy was put in by everyone, but the most was put in by **Carl Williams**. He tracked everything and didn't miss anything.

I want to thank **Fred and Linda** for their vision and leadership to achieve the ultimate in a Chapter working, learning and playing together.

See Ya in Madison



by **Sherry D. Smith**
Motorist Awareness Coordinator, CO-L



International Chapter of the Year! When I first found out, I think I said it out loud at least 10 times loving the way it sounded. We all worked so very hard to do the things needed to reach that Madison goal. Part of that hard work involved Motorist Awareness. Taking the time to educate those individuals about who we are, and to look for us out on the road.

Just like how we all worked to achieve our 299 1/2 points for Chapter Of The Year (Big Smile); Motorist Awareness is a year-round mindset that we should all work on to teach others about us. I end this with a question. In the last 30 days what have you done to make other drivers aware of motorcycles?

Till next time.....



LAKWOOD, COLORADO**What is Your Personal Approach to Motorcycle Safety?***by Stan Smetana**Assistant Chapter Educator, CO-L*

Y'all didn't excommunicate me after my article and presentation on speeding, so I thought we could continue with a little introspection and see if I can provoke each of us to take a larger view of motorcycle safety. There is absolutely nothing wrong with following all the advice, training, and experience that you've collected over your years of riding, but again this month, I will ask you to participate in a little mental exercise, we will be safe, and we will think about how we think about it.



Thoughts on how to stay safe on a motorcycle run the gamut from complete abstinence, to an "I'm bullet-proof" approach. Somewhere in-between these extremes are practical education, and a willingness to play the odds.

Abstinence – There is no denying that not riding a motorcycle is the best-way to avoid motorcycle related injuries and or accidents. If we never sit on a bike, the probabilities of falling-off the bike at the wrong moment or running into something hard with the bike become essentially nil (you can still trip over it in the garage...).

Immunity – On the far end of this discussion is the thought that we are immune to the risks associated with riding. We've all seen internet pictures of the "No Gear; None of The Time" highway wheelie riders and quite likely these riders imagine themselves as fully bullet-proof and immune to the laws of probability and physics that govern motorcycle riding.

Playing the Odds – Somewhere in-between abstinence and bullet-proof is a line of thinking about playing the odds. Understanding that as motorcyclists we're five-times more likely to be injured and 30-times more likely to die in an accident than a car occupant (NHTSA 2011 per-mile data). The odd's players are also aware that older motorcyclists (40 years and up) account for 75% of all motorcyclists' fatalities over the most-recently studied 10-year period with now the average age of a motorcycle rider killed on the U.S. roads in a traffic crash being 42-years-old (NHTSA 2011 fatality by age). It could seem reasonable to anyone that watches poker on TV that the odds of a having a safe ride are better for short trips by riders under 40, and with all things being equal, this may actually be true.

Practical Education – Collectively, we all seem to favor the thought process about training and practicing so that we do not become a statistic. We all listen to discussions in Chapter Gatherings covering different aspects of our personal and collective safety, and several times each year many of us will venture to safe and controlled flat places to work on maneuvers to help us reduce the amount of trouble that comes our way. Practiced training is focused in the thought that risks imposed on motorcyclists can be overcome by the development of "road craft". Other people greater than I champion continual education, training, and practicing as "THE" way to go.

Well... What is your personal approach to motorcycling safety? I imagining that, like me, you can find a little bit of your thinking in each of the thoughts presented so far.

Personally, I'm a firm believer in continually training and gleaning knowledge from those that have more experience and greater expertise that I have... You will find me at PLPs, and the BRC-2 and other proctored and un-proctored safe practice sessions each year. I listen and watch riders that I have faith in and ask questions. In this, I readily accept that there is always someone better than me at everything I do; I just need to find that rider and learn (then practice and implement).

Without pause, I also adopt some of the strategies from "Playing the Odds" thinkers as well. Dusk and dawn riding on city streets are something that I can avoid, helping to avoid those elevated risks. Understating that cross-traffic intersections are one of the most dangerous area for motorcycles, I will try my best to travel through intersections with a car beside me in the right lane. There are many simple ways that we can manipulate our risks. While we can't do much about our age and get back under 40, we can adopt behaviors that help to reduce some of the other less favorable odds.

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LAKEWOOD, COLORADO**What is Your Personal Approach to Motorcycle Safety?** continued from page 9

I believe that most of us are in the same boat on these things, and we will be discussing thoughts at our next gathering, there is one thought process that is too often overlooked, Abstinence. We all should remember that the safest ride is the ride not ridden and further, that the not-ridden ride is an entirely valid way to manage our safety. Each of us have chosen to not ride at least once, sometimes the weather is a determining factor, other times our physical or mental state. I think it's important to accept and embrace not riding as a valid alternative for any given ride (or portion thereof) not just for us, but for those riders and co-riders that we care about.

For me personally, it's important that we all THINK about why we do what we do. In the few minutes you've invested to read this, I hope that your thoughts are more focused on the "Why" behind your personal approach to motorcycling safety; ideally, you've discovered a passion that you've allowed to cool for too long. Make this year the year that you come to your first Parking Lot Practice (or your 50th). Make this the season that you ride behind one of the many great and safe riders we have here in Chapter L and watch how they ride. Make plans to get to a third-party training event (BRC, ERC, TRC, whatever). Make a mental note to think about your personal approach to safety, and continue to think about why we do what we do.

Texas in April

by *Beck Ackerman*
Ride Coordinator



As many of you know, Mike and I have been traveling to Texas in April now since 2008. We don't make it every year, but this last trip was our 4th visit. You are probably asking why? Why go to Texas in April? When you take your bike out for a ride you may not always have a destination, but you always have a purpose, whether it's just to get out and ride or get out for ice cream or to check out something new. We had always heard spring in Texas in the hill country is spectacular with all the bluebonnets in bloom so what better reason to go and enjoy the warmer weather.



Bluebonnets require a certain kind of soil and a certain amount of moisture to thrive. And timing is everything. As many times as we've been to Texas just to see the flowers, we had never seen the fields and fields of flowers we had heard about....until this trip. In the past we were lucky to see a few sprinkled along the edge of the highway where the runoff was enough moisture for them to grow. Then the locals would tell us the rain came at the wrong time or it was too dry. So we were still seeking just one special visit when the stars were aligned just right and everything came together as it should. We finally saw that spectacular display just last week.

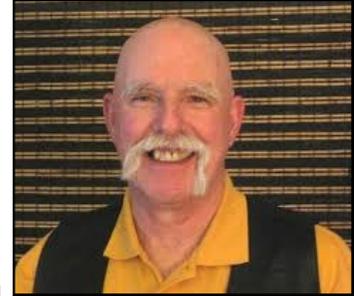
For the best explanation and pictures of the awesome color, just go to www.bluebonnetlove.com and read all about it. Then you will understand why we go to Texas in April.

Greetings

by *Ralph Spencer*

Chapter L Greeter

Greeter: *One who greets with some form of salutation or welcome; one who meets or receives.*



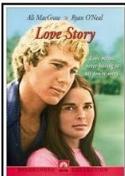
GREETER

I must begin this month’s article by congratulating every single Colorado Chapter L member who had anything at all to do with our Chapter being named the 2013 International Chapter of the Year!!! If you went to a class, participated in an ‘extraordinary event,’ attended a District/Region Convention, or any one of several dozen other activities, you played an instrumental role in bringing this prestigious title to Colorado Chapter L. The bottom line is this: It would not have happened without your involvement! And needless to say, but I must say it anyway, it would not have happened without **Carl Williams and Judith Crea** making it happen! A tip of my Gold Wing hat to both of them. Judy: Thanks for allowing Carl to take a year off from all the Honey Do’s and to Carl, for making every waking moment a Colorado Chapter L moment. Your organizational skills were downright scary and extremely effective. It is very fitting/ironic that the 1994 International Couple of the Year were, just 20 years later, the movers and shakers behind Colorado Chapter L becoming the 2013 International Chapter of the Year!!!!

\$10 Dairy Queen Gift Card — As I stated in last month’s article, my goal this year is to get everyone reading our monthly newsletter!!! For starters, I am going to raffle off a \$10 Dairy Queen Gift Card at our May 5 meeting to someone in Chapter L who sends me an email at spencerks3@gmail.com telling me that they read the May Newsletter. Every person I hear from before 6:00 p.m. on May 5 will have their name put into the drawing for this most appropriate gift card. I am hoping that I hear from many of you by the deadline. We shall see . . . !

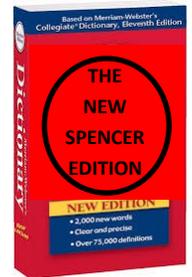


One More April Birthday – Yes, I forgot one in last month’s list that I must include in this article. Believe it or not, Ali MacGraw was 75 on April 1, 2014. I was so glad to hear that she had reached such a noble age, especially when I thought, as Jennifer Cavillieri in the 1970 movie *Love Story*, she had died of leukemia!!! Just remember, “Love means never having to say you’re sorry.”



Expand Your Vocabulary – The Washington Post’s Mensa Invitational routinely invites readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and provide a new definition. Here are some of the recent best:

- Castration:** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- Intoxication:** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
- Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
- Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn’t get it.
- Caterpallor:** The color you turn after finding half a worm in the apple you’re eating.
- Lymph:** To walk with a lisp.
- Coffee:** The person upon whom one coughs.



We’re Getting Older - “So, how old are you?” “I’m ‘it’s 8:30 and you wanna start a movie this late?’ years old!”

And finally, from the annals of what will they think of next, a very handy application for both iOS and Android smart phones: It’s called PaperKarma, and all you have to do is snap photos of unwanted junk mail and this app will have you removed from the mailing list. And it’s FREE!!!

Now that’s what I’m talkin’ about!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO**Show Me the Benefits**by *Mike Hottinger**Assistant Membership Enhancement*

Last month I reviewed Wing World, “our” magazine we get as a benefit of being a member of GWRRA. This month we will follow it up with reviewing the next benefit. Rescue Towing and Roadside Assistance or Rescue Plus, what is the difference and what do I need? Well the answer is up to you, but you may not really understand you already have Rescue Towing and Roadside Assistance as an included perk of your GWRRA membership. There are 5 main benefits and 3 additional benefits. Let’s look at these benefits and see what they can do for you.

The first main benefit is an “of course I knew that.” **Emergency Road Service** will be there when you need it. But why might you need it? Let’s say you are riding down the road one evening and BAM, the alternator fails. No power - No lights - No riding. Kind of puts you out of service and in need of assistance. Now you open your wallet and get your membership card out and locate the Nation Safe Drivers' (NSD) phone number. This 800-745-5791 number can be called 7/24/365 and all you have to give them your membership number and location you are at and they will send help and tow you up to 35 miles for free. Keep in mind this person you are talking to is not from around where you are so road intersections, mile markers and EXACT road you are on with mile marker information is very important. What I mean by this, is a number may be used in County Rd, State Route, US Highway, Interstate Highways or toll roads. I managed a roadside service call center for a few years and the help you get is in direct relationship to the quality of information you also provide. Check the website for all the details.

A second benefit is for **Mechanical First Aid**. Yep, you got it, your bike may need first aid assistance and the 800 number can dispatch a vehicle to you to help with things like tire service, battery service, delivery of oil, fuel, water of up to \$100 per disablement and even locksmith service in the case you lock your keys inside your covered motorcycle. I know you might think, “Run out of gas, who me?” or maybe, “I would never lock my keys in the bike” but it happens when you least expect it.

Now let’s throw **Auto Rental Reimbursement** in as a third benefit. This is nice because some people don’t have rental car coverage on their motorcycle insurance thinking you don’t need it. If you are in an accident and you are further than 100 miles from home you can rent a car and call 800-338-2680 and they will get you a claim form for reimbursement. To file for reimbursement you will need to have a state or local police report and files within 60 days. This is a reimbursement for a max of \$25 per day up to 5 days. This benefit can only be claimed once per year, but come on guys, who wants to be in more than one accident let alone more than one per year!

To follow on the heels of the previous benefit, the forth benefit ties directly to it. If you have an accident your trip is interrupted therefore you have **Emergency Trip Interruption**. Now that you have a rental car and are filing a claim for reimbursement be sure to tell them you will have some hotel and meal expenses you want to claim also. They will reimburse you for up to three days to a maximum of \$100 per day for lodging and meals. For all details you should visit the web site and read all the great info there.

The last of the main benefits is **Accidental Death & Dismemberment Travel Benefit**. If for some reason you are traveling for business or pleasure you are eligible a \$1,000 benefit, \$2,000 per household. This is a benefit I hope none of my friends ever have the opportunity to claim. An accident is bad enough, but this takes it to a whole new level.

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The additional benefits available are things like **Map Service, Rental Car Discounts and Hotel Discounts.** You know if you have an accident away from home and have your trip interrupted then here is your chance to get some further discounts. What is real nice is all these benefits come to you by just being a current, card carrying member of GWRRA, no further effort is required from you. Yep, it's all included.

Now, how about that **Rescue Plus** I have been hearing about? What is that about? This "Plus" will cost you a little extra, \$35 extra for one year to be exact. The Standard plan covers only your motorcycle and the Rescue Plus will cover non-commercial vehicles, motorcycles or motorcycle trailers. If you have a GWRRA Family membership it covers family member too. This is \$35 per year for members and non-members can even get it for \$80 per year.

For this investment you will have all the benefits we just reviewed plus you also get some increases in coverage. You now have towing up to 100 miles and Trip Interruption reimbursement of \$166 days for 3 days for up to \$500 of reimbursement. To fully understand what all is included in these benefits including Rescue International benefits.

<http://www.rescueplus.org>

COMPARE TO AAA PLUS

GWRRA RESCUE PLUS

PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH TOWING & EMERGENCY
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND CAR.
COVERAGE BEGINS THE DAY YOU ENROLL, SO SIGN UP TODAY!

ONLY \$35 A YEAR

*Members of GWRRA must have a Family Membership to cover multiple drivers. Rescue Plus covers all registered family members within the household while driving any non-commercial vehicle or motorcycle. This plan also covers the Member's motorcycle/trailer. Some restrictions apply. Call or visit website for details. **Aaa is a federation of independent motor clubs. Each club establishes its own rates and services. Example shown here from AAA Official website, www.aaa.com

ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE: Total Service Calls for Your Car or Motorcycle	AAA PLUS** 4 Services Calls/Year	RESCUE PLUS 10 Services Calls/Year
FREE TOWING DISTANCE	100 MILES	100 MILES
BATTERY SERVICE	✓ YES!	✓ YES!
LOCKSMITH	✓ YES!	✓ YES!
TIRE SERVICE	✓ YES!	✓ YES!
FUEL DELIVERY	✓ YES!	✓ YES!
MECHANICAL FIRST AID	✓ YES!	✓ YES!

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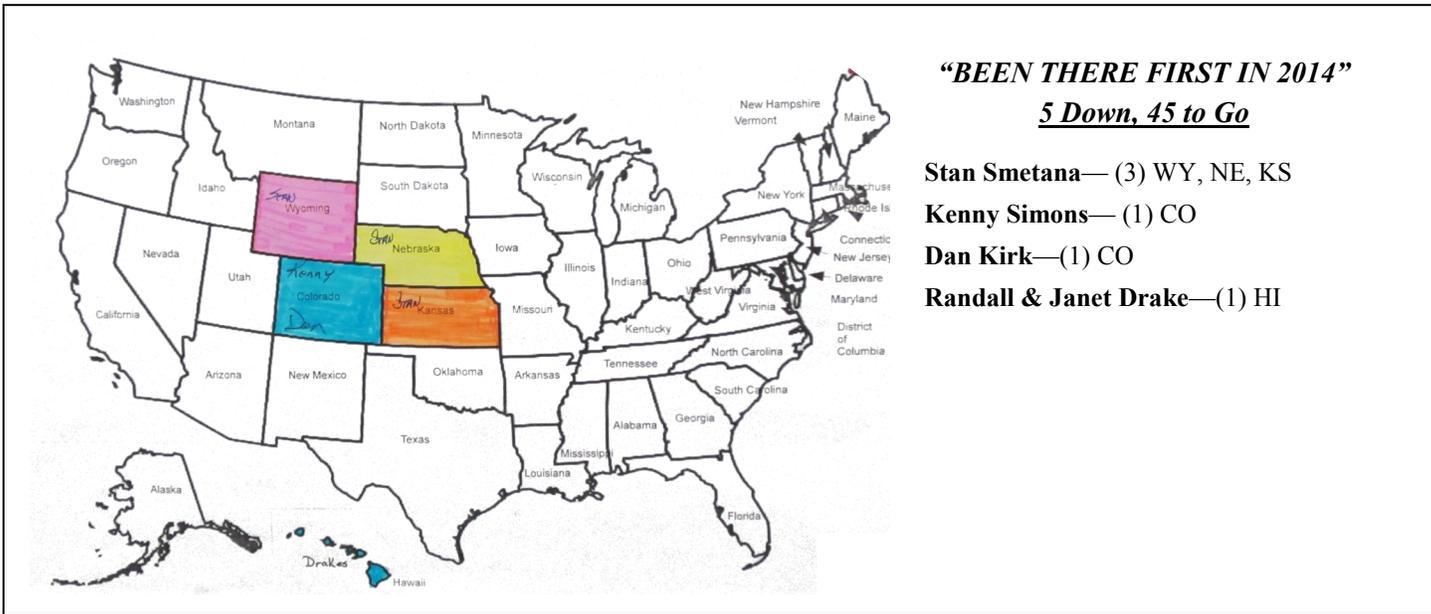
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“BEEN THERE FIRST IN 2014”
5 Down, 45 to Go

- Stan Smetana—(3) WY, NE, KS**
- Kenny Simons—(1) CO**
- Dan Kirk—(1) CO**
- Randall & Janet Drake—(1) HI**

MAY 2014 WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

Created by **Judy Williams**
 Awards & Recognition

2013 International Chapter of the Year

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- PRIDE
- PURPLE
- RECRUITING
- RIDES
- STEAMROLLER
- TRAINING
- WORK

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Chapter L Members Having FUN

May Birthdays

Kenny Simons	4
Jeanine Plumhoff	23

May Anniversaries

None.

**50/50
&
Couple of Year**



April Winners

50/50

- 1st—Judy Williams
- 2nd—Barb Pons
- 3rd—Garry Howland

Couple of the Year Drawing

Judy Williams won the chance, but did not find the RED Chip.

Door Prize Winners

Brain Lape, Andy Smith,
Jim Griffin, Kraig White

Who is this Chapter L Member?



The Chip Bag

April
1 in 4 odds



Judy Williams

Although Judy had the “winning” ticket, she Did NOT find the RED Chip for the second month in a row!

Larry’s on the Move Again

by *Linda Fisher*
Senior Chapter Director

Last month, Chapter A members captured Larry and took him home. We have been very busy picking-up and don't get a chance to steal very often. We need 3-4 people to take back our beloved lion. Chapter A meets the first Thursday, May 1st.

He will be traveling to St. George Utah for the Region F Convention and Madison Wisconsin for Wing Ding to receive all the congratulations from all.

Does anyone remember Larry winning the District Mascot in Granby? If so, tell me what was written on his tee shirt and I will give you an extra 50/50 ticket.

Larry and I will be looking for you in Utah and Wisconsin.



Larry T. Lion

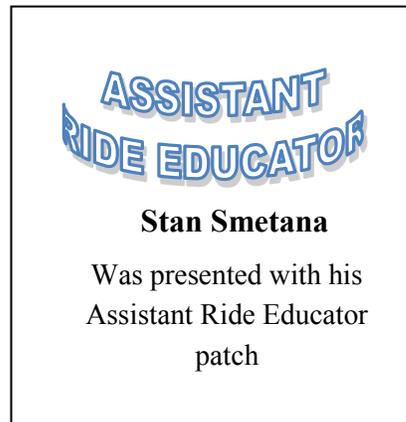
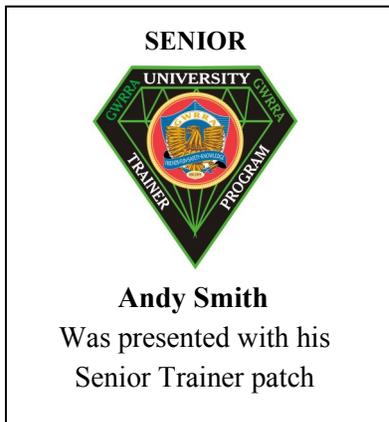
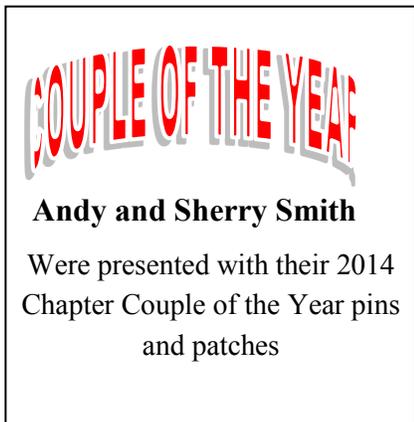
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Awards & Recognition

By **Judy Williams**

Awards & Recognition

The following five awards were present at the April Gathering.



COLORADO DISTRICT 2013 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

CHAPTER L

Was presented the Colorado District 2013 Chapter of the Year award

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

Up Coming Chapter L Events for May

Sunday 4th — Royal Gorge Train
 Lead by **Mike & Rhonda Hottinger**

Monday 5th — Chapter Gathering
 Refreshment by **Bob & Christine King**

Wednesday 17th — Chapter Dinner Ride
 Hosted by **Andy & Sherry Smith**

Sunday 18th — Impromptu Ride
 More Info at the May Gathering

Other Events in Colorado for May

Sunday 18th — ERC at MRTC
 More Info at the May Gathering

Friday 23th -25th — Region F Convention
 St. George, UT

Colorado Chapter Gatherings Dates, Times and Locations

All of this information can be found on the District web site at <http://www.coloradogwrra.com/Chapter/ChapterMeetings.htm>.

Schedule of Nearby District, Region and

May 5 — 8, 2014

Texas District Convention
 Tyler, TX

May 23 — 26, 2014

Region F Convention
 St. George, UT

June 26 — 28, 2014

Wyoming District Convention
 Cheyenne, WY

July 2 – 5, 2014

Wing Ding
 Madison, WI

July 25 — 26, 2014

Utah District Convention
 Logan, UT

August 21 - 23, 2014

Colorado District Convention
 Breckenridge, CO

Sept 12 – 14, 2014

Kansas District Convention
 Abilene, KS

Sept 25 – 27, 2014

New Mexico District Convention
 Carlsbad, NM

Sept 25 – 27, 2014

Oklahoma District Convention
 Shawnee, OK

Chapter L Members at Play



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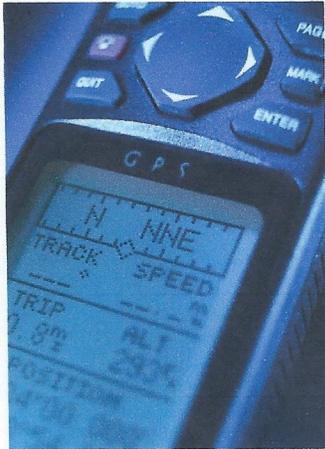
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Thank You All

2013 INTERNATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE YEAR



Wildlife, Frozen in Time

Join us on June 21, 2014 for Chapter L's

GPS FUN raiser.

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\$10 per person includes lunch.
(if you can find us)

