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Greetings from Your Directors

Fred and Linda Fisher

Senior Directors



Fall is in the air. As I write this article, it is only 68 degrees in the house with the windows open and the cool fresh air blowing in. I love the cool weather.

I'm sure some of us will experience some of the coolness when we travel to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta the first weekend of October. Early mornings are usually cool, then the sun pops up and in the high desert, it can get a little warm during the day. This is the time of year when it is really important to dress in layers.

We have had only one event on the Chapter schedule this month. A dinner ride hosted by the Pate's where we enjoyed some good Bar-B-Que.

We only have a couple events on the October schedule. The Balloon Fiesta the first weekend, and the dinner ride on the 18th. (This date is a change from the original scheduled date.) For those not going to the Balloon Fiesta, there is a Multi-Chapter Game Day scheduled for Saturday October 4th up at the REA building in Windsor. You can find more information on this event later in the newsletter.

It would be nice to add a few events during the month. It doesn't have to be a ride event. Could be a tour or museum, or even just a dinner or lunch. Let me know if you want to schedule something that you think the group might enjoy.

We have two Chapter Fundraisers on the Calendar in November. Chapter E has their annual Turkey Dinner on November 1st, and Chapter G has their Turkey Bingo event on November 15th. Linda and I are hosting a Movie Day on November 8th. More details on that coming later.

Again, don't forget the Multi-Chapter Christmas Party on December 20th. More information on this event later in this newsletter.

As I mentioned here last month, be thinking of some things we might add to the calendar for next year. More info on next year's schedule to come from Assistant Director Bob King

With that, I'll close for this month. Looking forward to seeing you at the October 6th gathering, if not before.

Until Then, Ride Safe..... Always!

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Fall is in the Air!

Bob King

Assistant Chapter Director

September is one of the prettiest months of the year. The colors are just spectacular as the trees change. I spent some time during September living in the wild enjoying the change. This is also the time of year to hop on the motorcycle to see the Great Rocky Mountains prepare for winter.



Now that you are on the bike, it also is the time to pay attention like never before. It is hard not to look around while you are riding, but everyone on the road is looking around and not paying attention to their driving. You are on the bike and very vulnerable so watch the cars while riding and pull over to look at the views.

Since fall is here, the weather is going to throw a lot of challenges at us. The weather man will say that lows will be in the fifties, but don't trust it. It was thirty eight degrees at my house this morning and it must have been a little colder since I had frost on my roof. That means ice can form in low areas and that spells danger for a motorcycle. You don't want to be on YouTube.

Now is the time to get out the cold weather gear and check it out and see if it is functional and still fits. Remember snow is just around the corner, last year it snowed on October 5th.

Safe riding and see you at the next gathering.

Motorist Awareness

Sherry Smith

Motorist Awareness Coordinator

I took some time to look at some other chapters and region's websites to see what other areas are doing for Motorist Awareness.

What I found got my wheels a going.....

- Missouri (Region E), has dedicated a web page (Hmmm.....) with GWRRA's "Share the Road" campaign spelled out for anyone (like me) to view.
- Florida (Region A) has multiple chapters with M.A. web pages featuring "Look Twice, Save a Life" or just helpful information for anyone who might be looking.
- Great Lakes (Region D) is looking for a MAD Coordinator (Sorry D....I am staying with the "F"UN Region)
- Georgia's Chapter S listed the purpose behind the program.



So all of this information got me a thinking (I hate it when that happens ☺) "Where is ours?" What do you think Chapter L (International Chapter of the Year)? **If I kept it simple, but informative, should Chapter L have a page dedicated to Motorist Awareness?**

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Bad Road Conditions and When Construction Makes Them Worse!

Andrew Smith

Chapter Educator



Well, it is about that time when we are going to see a lot more last minute road repair in Colorado before the weather gets too bad to fix stuff. We need to be ready for all the horrid things that the State is going to throw at us. Most of us have also experienced those times when the road just seemed to disappear, these situations can be trying for even the most experienced rider.



Sooner or later you are going to find yourself riding on a road where the pavement has ended and stretched before you is crushed rock. You tighten those pucker muscles and slow down, and you decide if you want to keep going. It may mean you have to wash the bike when you finish.

Sometimes there may only be a pair of tire tracks where the rocks are more densely packed and more uniform than the rest of the roadway. Each driver will need to try to ride along one of those tracks. Scan the road ahead, you may have to make a choice on whether to stay in the track you were riding in or pick a better track. You will need to do this as early as possible; because once you are on the "unimproved" road, it may be more hazardous to change tracks. You may be stuck if you choose poorly.

Thank goodness for gyroscopic force! Though you constantly find your tires riding up and over large rocks, most of the time you can try glancing blows with the rocks and find that the rocks would squirt out to one side while the tire shifted laterally to the other. You will find that so long as our speed remains above about 20 MPH you can keep going, but if you travel any slower the bike can become so unstable that it would be only a matter of time before you end up dumping it. Clearly gyroscopic forces make the difference.

On the other hand, going too much faster than that would be unthinkable. The bikes may not be able to be kept on a straight line no matter how much effort you use, and there may be two-way traffic on the road, so keep alert. In the event that one of the bikes finds itself in the path of an oncoming car there is nothing for it to do but stop - and the odds can be high that a bike may fall if you use ANY front brake to try to slow down. So drive at a speed where front brake is NEVER NEEDED.



I have heard, as I'm sure you have, that if you drive a bike with integrated braking (like the Gold Wing) you cannot apply the rear brake without applying the front one. This is not completely true!

I already pointed out that trying to slow down by using the front brake on such treacherous footing would probably have resulted in a dumped bike. How do you use the rear brake without using the front one? By using the engine for most of your braking. You drive in a low enough gear so that you can roll off the throttle to slow down and you can use your clutch friction-zone to moderate speed precisely.

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As to picking which tire track to ride on, if you have a choice, I suggest that you select the right one. Despite trying to stay in those tracks there were times when large loose rocks forced our front tires out of them. When your tire is forced out of a relatively well packed tire track and onto the more loosely packed roadbed nearby you will feel greater drag and your bike will slow down.



That may happen more than a couple of times during a rough ride, and some of those times may be a white knuckler. Your front tire can be forced to the left out of the track and expect the bike to slow down. Giving it a little gas will make the front-end a little lighter.

Once you return to a paved road, the tension snaps back to normal levels and riding once again becomes fun. When you get your next chance to stop, do so and compare notes.

Following are some points that may be helpful:

- If you have a passenger who is either inexperienced or who has not developed a profound trust in your abilities, do not voluntarily attempt to ride on unpaved roads.
- Drive in either 1st or 2nd gear so that you can use engine braking as necessary and so that you can use your clutch friction-zone to precisely control speed.
- Do not drive slower than about 20 MPH to allow your wheel gyroscopic tendencies to help you.
- Do not drive much faster than 20 MPH so that you can totally avoid using your front brake to slow down.
- Do not 'white knuckle' your grips - you need to ride with a firm grip on the bars, but you must be loose enough to prevent transmitting all the instability of the front-end to the rest of the bike.
- EVERYTHING you do must be done SMOOTHLY.
- Given a choice, ride in the right-most tire track to keep you away from any oncoming traffic.

Stay Safe out there... Have Fun!

Larry is Just Hangin' Out

Larry T. Lion

Chapter Mascot

This past 2 months Larry has just been hanging out at home. But, he is always ready to visit some of his friends. He was very happy to see Griz has come to visit. And, is looking forward to seeing everyone in October.



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Colors and Membership Enhancement!!

Mike & Rhonda Hottinger

Membership Enhancement Coordinators



Recently, I went on a “Color Ride” with a bunch of GWRRA friends and on the way back home I started thinking. Yep, that’s right, I was thinking. I never ride solo and on Sunday, without my lovely Rhonda, there was plenty of time to contemplate things that just came to mind. I began to compare the clusters of Aspen trees to the GWRRA Chapters and the brilliant colors in these clusters to that of chapter members. You might be wondering, “Where is he going with this?” Well let’s see where my mind wanders.

In general terms, people refer to visiting the mountains this time of the year as “going to see the colors.” When you spend a moment looking at the mountainside you notice how many shades there are mixed together. This is like our membership, varied levels of participation, skills and levels. Without these shades it is not as beautiful or attractive to the people looking. Think of it as this is how we appear to prospective, new, inactive or even active members. Every chapter has members at different stages of participation or skills. In these stages we find people of different shades of OOOO’s and AAAHHH’s.



What attracts people to membership? It is being around people that make them feel comfortable and welcome; a warm fuzzy is what I like to call it. We need these new members to ensure the strength and endurance of our chapters. Once a member, we need to enhance each other and make our colors bright. We need our bright golden yellows, the brilliant oranges and changing greens, as it takes the entire spectrum to grow and enhance others. Use your bursts of brilliant color to make each day special for someone and

then they will be driven to come back for more, maybe even a little anxious for the next opportunity to be together and share their colors.

Now that we are all being brilliant, are we working as a family to help the others look brilliant too? Let me refer back to the clusters of trees I mentioned in the beginning. Did you know the Aspen tree shares a root system with the others around them? You can say that each cluster is a family. The clusters are all different sizes with different intensities of different colors within them. It is our responsibility to enhance our family and chapter, prospective members and community. But it is essential that it goes so much further.

We need to be there for the other chapters, also. By supporting the other chapters we help their colors explode and then you and your own chapter will cultivate new shades as well. I personally feel this in my life. I look forward to going everywhere we can and meeting others as we grow and mature in GWRRA and feel a little down when we are unable to make it to things we would like to attend. There are always certain people that can be relied on to be present at gatherings, rides, and fundraisers. With the efforts of these people, new friendships are made and new shades of colors added. A healthy group of Chapters makes for a healthy District and a group of healthy Districts make a healthy Region and so on.

To close, I would like to say, “Thank you to all the different people Rhonda and I have met through our time with GWRRA. Everyone is his or her own tree, with a unique color that has enhanced Rhonda and me in his or her own special and unique way. This provides us with a broader exposure to the GWRRA world enhancing our membership for the years to come. Share your brilliant colors today.”

Share the passion and hug someone!

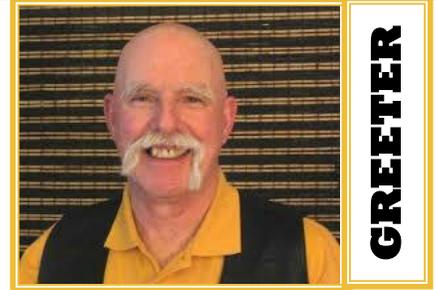
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Greetings!

Ralph Spencer

Chapter L Greeter

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



I just took a look at Chapter L's September Newsletter and realized that I may have been just a tad verbose in that issue. This fact makes me feel bad since I am fully aware that hardly anyone reads the Chapter L Newsletters, or any other newsletters for that matter. I am concerned that my verbosity may result in folks feeling extra bad about the fact that they did not read the newsletter, i.e., if the newsletter is short, not reading it is no big deal. If the newsletter is lengthy, the non-readers may feel worse than usual since they failed to read a long newsletter compared to not reading a short one.

Oh well, I guess I can't worry about the non-readers (and the very few readers) since there is little I can do about either group. I think I will just continue writing whatever comes to mind and not worry about whom, if anyone, is reading my words. Jim Griffin, share my pain!!!

Classic T-Shirts

As some of you know, I volunteer as a Denver International Airport (DIA) Ambassador for 8 to 12 hours a month. It didn't take long for me to realize that I had to start taking note of the various t-shirts I saw on the multitude of men, women, and children at DIA. Some of them have been very entertaining. Allow me to share my Top Ten T-Shirt list compiled over the last year at Denver's incredible airport:

- #10 – Someone out there cares. Not me. But someone.
- #9 – Don't make me use my TEACHER VOICE
- #8 – On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your favorite color of the alphabet?
- #7 – Anything unrelated to elephants is IRRELEPHANT!
- #6 – Well, another day has passed and I didn't use ALGEBRA once!
- #5 – Six out of seven dwarves are NOT Happy.
- #4 – I have CDO. It's like OCD but with the letters in alphabetical order, as they should be.
- #3 – You are about as useful as the "G" in LASAGNA!
- #2 – Never trust an atom. They make up everything!

And the #1 Best T-shirt seen at DIA over the last 12 months . . . Consider this diem carped!!!

Birthdays

Did anyone notice that the Arnold (as in Schwarzenegger) turned 67 on July 30? And if that's not bad enough, Harrison Ford of Star Wars fame turned 72 on July 13!!! And Mick Jagger, 71 on July 26. Tell me it isn't so!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A Smart Way to Travel (when not on your bike!)

AutoSlash.com combs the Web for coupons and specials to apply to car rentals through major agencies. It then tracks your reservation, alerting you to re-book if a better deal pops up. You'll never regret booking early again!!!

The Flavor of Colorado

According to Baskin-Robbins, the top ice cream flavor in Colorado is, come on, I know you know, it's on the tip of your tongue (pun intended), no, it's not Chocolate and it's not Chocolate Chip, it's Mint Chocolate Chip! And speaking of chocolate, and in honor of Vicky Kirk, allow me to share a decorative plaque I saw in a Breckinridge boutique during the recent Oktoberfest celebration: "I can stop eating chocolate anytime. It's just that I'm not a quitter!!!" Can't you hear Vicky offering that proclamation?

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

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HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Linda Fisher

The "Other Half of Chapter Director"

As you look at the calendar and shake your head, I do know that we have 3 months to go. But, as usual we want to plan ahead.

This year's location and menu have changed for the better. We will be going to the Wellshire Inn. The party begins at 6:00 p.m. with a meet and greet.

At 7:00 p.m. we will be seated and served a plated dinner of your choice of one of three offerings.

1. Sage & Garlic Roasted Chicken
2. Pecan encrusted Tilapia
3. Pasta Fra Diavolo (veggie dish)

The party continues with Entertainment from 8-10pm.

Come join a Multi-Chapter Event and celebrate the Season of Giving.

Chapter L will pick-up part of the cost. For all our members that are current and up to date with dues, the price will be \$25.00 each. Non-members are welcome to join us at the ticket price of \$34.00.

See me at the gathering.



Name Lis' New Silver Can-Am!

Deadline extended due to few entries! You're not too late! Submit your entry SOON!

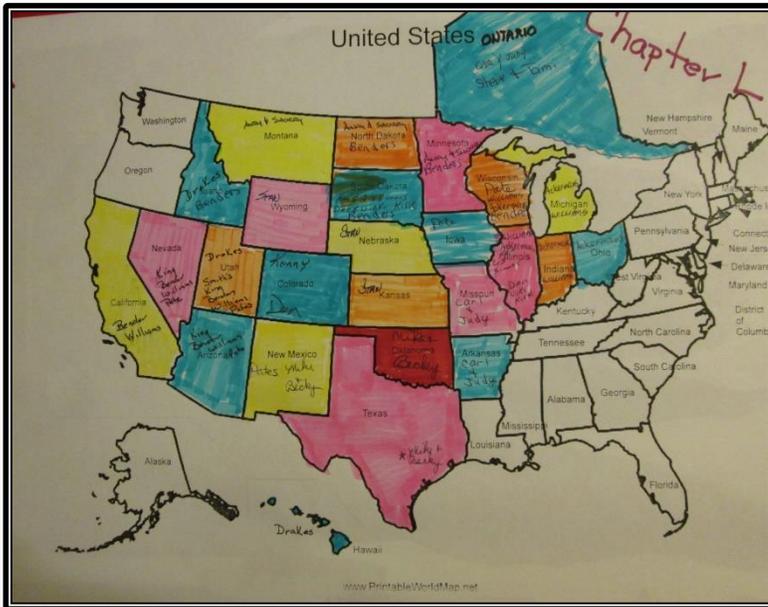
Chapter L desperately needs a nickname for Lis Simons' brand new 2013 Can-Am! The name "Angry Bird" is already taken, so it's time to name the Angry Bird's little brother, big sister, or cousin!

Please email your suggestions to Randall Drake at hookdondiz@aol.com by Oct 5, 2014, so he can provide a list to Lis. She will select the winner - or not - at the October 6 gathering.

The person who submits the winning moniker (if there is one) will receive something, we promise, but as of now we have no idea what!!!! Keep calm and submit those names!



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*“Been There First in 2014”
25 Down, 25 to Go!*

Stan Smetana – (3) WY, NE, KS

Kenny & Lis Simons – (3) CO, SD, IL

Dan & Vicky Kirk – (3) CO, SD, IL

Randall & Janet Drake – (3) HI, UT, ID

Mike & Becky Ackerman – (3) TX, OK, NM

Carl & Judy Williams – (10) MO, AR, CA, NV, UT, AZ,
OH, MI, IN, Ontario

Steve & Tami Bender – (8) UT, NV, CA, AZ, OH, MI, IN,
Ontario

Bob King – (3) NV, UT, AZ

Vernon & Deborah Pate – (5) NV, UT, AZ, IA

Andy & Sherry Smith – (3) MT, ND, MN

Banner Events (Held over from last month!)



At the Hummer of a Summer



At the District Rally

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Schedule of Nearby (relatively speaking, of course) District Conventions

<p><u>September 25-27</u> New Mexico District Convention Carlsbad, NM</p> <p><u>September 25-27</u> Oklahoma District Convention Shawnee, OK</p>	<p><u>September 26-27</u> Iowa District Convention Storm Lake, IA</p> <p><u>October 31-November 2</u> Arizona District Convention Tucson, AZ</p>
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Colorado Chapter Gatherings

For information regarding Who, When, and Where, check your ride book OR go to the District Website at:
<http://www.coloradogwrra.com/Chapter/ChapterMeetings.htm>

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Stan Smetana
For his excellent
formatting job!

Ralph Spencer

Sherry Smith

L.T.L.

Andy Smith

**Mike & Rhonda
Hottinger**

Bob King

Fred & Linda Fisher



An Invitation to all our
Gold Wing Friends

Join Chapter "G" and
Chapter "A"

For a fun filled afternoon of games
(Also bring your favorite finger food or
dessert to share.)

Saturday, October 4th 2014 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: REA in Windsor

Address: 7649 REA Parkway, Windsor, CO.

Directions:

Take exit 392 off of I-25 (Windsor exit) go
3/4 mile east and turn right. REA is first
building on left.





Please join Elwood for the
Annual Colorado Chapter E Fundraiser

Turkey Dinner/Potluck

Saturday, November 1st, 2014

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Arvada Community Center

6842 Wadsworth Blvd

Arvada, CO 80003

**Silent
Auction**

**Door
Prizes**

Advanced Tickets:
\$13 per adult (over 12)
\$8 per child (6-12)
Children under 6 are
FREE

Tickets at the Door:
\$15 per adult (over 12)
\$10 per child (6 - 12)
Children under 6 are
FREE

Potluck Dinner
Bring your
favorite dish
to share

50/50 Ticket Sales



To purchase Advance Tickets see any Chapter E member at your gathering or Chapter E gathering in September or October.



Ever consider "Pork"
or even "Beef"
Pleeeease

Chapter G's Turkey Bingo

"FUNDRAISER"

November 15, 2014 5:00 pm



Location: Faith United Church of Christ
1020 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO

Directions: Take Windsor exit, come into town on Main Street (Hwy 392), after passing McDonald's and the Bank of Colorado take the first or second drive way on the right, at the stone church sign, park towards the front of the church.

There will be lots of fun to be had by all!

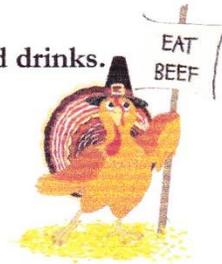
Potluck Dinner with Chapter "G" providing the meat(s), potatoes and drinks.

Come one, come all and win your Thanksgiving turkey and other prizes!

Please bring a turkey or a gift to be added to the Bingo prizes

Advance ticket cost is \$10.00 for dinner and 1st bingo card, at the door \$13.00.

Additional cards will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We will also have a silent auction.



This Church is the dropoff point for the Weld County Food Bank. We will be giving a Bingo card to anyone donating an item for this worthwhile cause.

Any questions, please call Dick Williamson at 970-347-8855 or email him at refmwi@gmail.com or Joyce Elmore at 303-803-3748 or email her at jelmore16@gmail.com.

WAIT! Don't I have a say in this, what happened to considering, Fish, Fowl, Chicken, Rice, Beans, Greens, TOFU!

