



Red Rocks Reporter

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region F, Colorado District, Chapter L



2013 International Chapter of the Year

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Greetings from Your Directors

Fred & Linda Fisher
Senior Directors



July has been a very active month for us at Chapter L and in the Colorado District. We started off the month with our monthly gathering. It was a little down on attendance because many of our members were off traveling across the country. Just the way it is this time of year! Most doing it the way we like, by riding the motorcycle. Can't beat it!

July 12th brought us the Multi-Chapter Sky Sox's baseball event in Colorado Springs. We had 35 Gold Wingers attend this fun event. I'll have more on this later in this newsletter.

A few days later, the Drake's hosted a very nice dinner ride to Cinzetti's Italian Market Restaurant in Northglenn. Good food, good friends, and a special surprise for Chapter L from one of our guests; again, more on this later. No winner on the chip draw. The pot is growing.

Chapter J had their annual Hummer of a Summer Fundraiser on July 25th. This event was moved this year to Aurora instead of its usual location in Estes Park. They had a great turn out for this event, and as usual, we all went hungry...NOT! Chapter L had our usual great turnout for this event. We even had some special Chapter L folks there.

Chapter I's Picnic Fundraiser is coming up on August 1st at the picnic area on the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. I'm sure we can expect a good turnout again for this event as well.

August 13-14-15 is the District Convention in Montrose. From what I'm hearing from the District Leadership, this sounds like it will be a great event. Please come out and support the District.

We have a couple of date changes to announce. The Walden ride originally scheduled for July 11th has been rescheduled for August 8th. The dinner ride originally scheduled for August 22nd, has been rescheduled for August 19th.

With that, I'll close for this month. Looking forward to seeing you at the August 3rd gathering, if not before.

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

WELCOME to our Chapter!

Monthly Gathering
First Monday each Month
7:00 p.m.
(most get there by 6:30)

Clements Community Center
1580 Yarrow St
Lakewood, CO 80214

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Greetings from Your Assistant Director

*Bob King
Assistant Director*

I can't believe it is already August. This has to be the quickest a year has gone by ever. The riding season is quickly coming to a close and we will be driving around a snow blower and preparing for the winter holidays. Now enough of that, we still have at least a good 2 months of riding to do, and this is the year to do it. The weather has been really nice and it hasn't been too hot, the afternoon rains have been cooling off the evenings like it is still spring. The temperatures in the mountains have been around the mid 70's to low 80's, perfect for riding all day, enjoying the wonders of Colorado.

I have noticed that there have been hundreds of motorcycles riding in the mountains this year. What a wonderful sight to see that so many people enjoy riding as much as I do. It is unbelievable how everything is so green in August with snow still on the high mountain peaks and the fire danger low. How lucky are we to live in Colorful Colorado!

It is time to start thinking ahead about the rides for the next season and write them down. Becky is going to want to have a ride schedule done in the

next few months and she would like to have members with ideas ready to go so she doesn't have to pull teeth to build the calendar.



Now the most important thing about riding! "Safety!" I have noticed this year with the volume of traffic out there you really have to be on your guard. Everybody seems to be in a really big hurry to get somewhere, but they are not paying attention to us motorcyclists or other cars. It seems that we have a new breed of car driver or a new type of car not sure which. People are changing lanes very quickly cutting off other vehicles and sometimes changing two lanes at a time. The biggest thing I noticed is these cars do not have turn signals. So when you are riding do not ride in the cars' blind spot, watch very closely to what you think that car may do and be prepared for action. Co-Riders pay attention to the cars beside you and be ready to relay trouble to your rider since you are both in this together.

So with that "*Ride be Safe and have Fun*"



Coming Out of the Backstretch, Headed for the Finish Line!

*Mike Hottinger
Membership Enhancement Coordinator*

Wow!... It is time for the Colorado District to shine. Yes, August is here and the convention is just around the corner. Are you going? Have you asked others to join? Have you offered to help someone that maybe did not have the budget because they are new and had not budgeted for it or maybe they have had a turn of tough times? Sometimes maybe there is an opportunity to share in a way many don't think about. Well, as an MEC I think back what we experienced with GWRRA Colorado District, CO-G and CO-L and what Rhonda and I have experienced and we are going to do what we can to pay it forward.



We became GWRRA members in May 2012. We had not even been to a meeting yet and had no idea what it really was. The only meeting we could make was CO-G on a Sunday morning, May 20. It just happened to be before the Region Convention in St George, Utah, which we still knew nothing about. It was a wonderful experience meeting people from Colorado Chapters G, L, A and E that morning. We were asked if we were going to the GWRRA Region F Convention in St. George, UT. This was all new and we had not planned on this kind of expense but, "Hey! Maybe we could stretch it." "WHAT!?!? You mean it is this next weekend.... well we will have to ponder this." The next thing we knew, we are approached by Randall and

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Backstretch to Finish Line (cont'd)

he said, "We will cover your registration if you can make the trip." Then Dick comes up and said, "And, since you live east of here 120 miles we would like you guys to come and spend the night at our place and ride with us."

So, after work on May 22, just 2 short days after we went to our first chapter meeting, we loaded the tent and everything we could on the bike and headed to Greeley and enjoyed the evening with our Colorado Chapter G Directors. On May 23, we started our first long distance ride to attend our very first GWRRA event. We started off with just the two bikes but by the time we made Idaho Springs there were seven bikes and I believe three chapters together. All of this because a couple of people stood up and said if you can do this we can help. I did not say it was a free ride, it was an assisted trip.

We arrived in St. George, Utah, and went to the walk up registration and waited in line, when it was our turn I started filling out paperwork and suddenly I was pulled to the side and given a "different" packet. It had a completed registration with the fees already paid. I believe the District paid for it but it could have been an individual. The important thing is, people made the difference. Have you made the difference? The real deal was the 50/50 drawing. Our first event, the first time buying 50/50 tickets, and just learning the ropes after only being members for 2 weeks we won the drawing. It was big for us.

We proceeded right over to the vendors and purchased headsets for the helmets so Rhonda and I could talk on the ride back to Colorado. Life is grand and it was all made possible because of the people that made a difference that first couple of weeks. Randall and Janet, Fred and Linda, Dick and Fran, Mike and Becky, Kenny and Lis, Ralph (had not met his Janet yet), Joyce (not met Rick yet either), and more I know I have not listed but the message was there. "YOU are part of US now, WELCOME!"

I have not tried hard enough but I did help a person become a member because I had a few extra dollars and picked up the membership fee. I did not tell this person how it was paid, I just did it, I wanted to share. To wrap this up, I am saying it is just not the MEC that does the enhancing, it is the individual sitting next to you, the invitation to dinner or a warm bed to shorten a trip, it is a Chapter that says "come on over, we would love to learn more about you," the District that says, "you are family now," or a Region that welcomes you with a warm hug. Let's be this person, a person of integrity, politeness and warmth, it makes a difference.

Share the Passion, Hug Someone.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE RALLY?

Randall Drake

J.A.M.

August 13-15 is JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Do you have your registration in? Are you ready for the Fun?

Montrose, Colorado is where it will be!
Looking mighty nice, so come and see!
Couples and Individuals will participate,
To take home a crown, so don't be late!

Food on Thursday is bound to please,
Not only good, but also free.
Games & fun abound for more,
Take home some prizes for you to adore.

Rides in the West, beautiful scenery,
Miles & miles of it is what you'll see!
Need work on your bike? It'll be there,
Our vendor for this is extraordinaire!

So why wait till it is real late?
Get off your duff, come celebrate!
We'll all have fun and then can dream,
We'll all have some special cold ice cream!



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Driving Drowsy

*Andrew Smith
Rider Educator*



There are two kinds of drowsy drivers:

- You
 - The other guy
- Both can kill you.**



Maybe I should offer a definition for 'drowsy' before launching any further into this discussion. There are two kinds of fatigue: physical and mental. When a person is

experiencing mental fatigue he is, as far as I'm concerned, both tired and drowsy. This is far more than a state of being close to falling asleep. It involves:

- loss of alertness
- decreased ability or willingness to scan and recognize danger
- increased reaction times
- decreased motivation (willingness, again)
- slower mental processes like decision making

I suppose it has escaped none of you that these are exactly the same symptoms evidenced by a person who is intoxicated or using certain medications. So, watch out for the over the counter items that might cause you to get sleepy.



What is particularly dangerous, it seems to me, is that a drowsy driver is sometimes not even aware of his diminished capacities. Take, for example, the driver who is suffering from 'road hypnosis' who can be seen actually driving his vehicle subconsciously, yet is oblivious to hazards in the road ahead and who does not even realize that his lack of hazard detection or collision avoidance activity is itself a hazard.



It turns out that drowsy drivers are more dangerous to you if they are driving on country roads away from traffic than if they find themselves having to contend with city traffic. This is because when driving in city traffic they receive relatively frequent 'notice' of their drowsiness - sometimes because they hear or feel their tires running over lane dividers, sometimes because other drivers honk their horns or flash their lights in an effort to get their attention, sometimes because they are forced to make more decisions (shifting, for example).

If it turns out that YOU are the drowsy driver, the odds of falling asleep are relatively small. Operating a motorcycle involves so much activity and attention that it is very rare indeed that a rider will fall asleep. On the other hand, because it does take so much attention and alertness to handle a motorcycle, drowsiness should be a major concern to all of us.

Similarly, statistics gathered by accident investigators suggest that very few accidents happen because a car or truck driver actually falls asleep as compared to those that happen because a drowsy driver fails to detect a hazard or fails to take proper collision avoidance action.

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Driving Drowsy (cont'd)

Since a drowsy driver is often unaware of how diminished his capacities are, if you are tired you are well advised to stop driving as soon as possible. If you are away from city traffic, be extraordinarily careful until you can find a place to stop for some rest or for the night because you will receive far less 'notice' or reminders of your drowsiness than if you are driving in normal city traffic.

Our bottom line should be... "If I don't feel rested; if I don't feel totally alert... I am not going to get on my bike".

Something Else to Think About...

If your shadow is directly in front of you, the longer it is, the harder it is for oncoming traffic to see you. You Bet!

Besides being a good indicator of how visible you might or might not be, shadows are worth looking out for because they mark where the ground is cooler than its surroundings. This is critically important on very cold days as they may mark the location of otherwise hidden stretches of ice.



A Big Thanks!

Keith Morrison
Region F Director

As those that were at the Region Rally in May know, a week before the Rally my brother's cancer took a turn for the worse. So we contacted our Assistant Directors (ARDs) and told them what was going on and that we would probably not make the Rally.

I had asked our newest ARD, Mark Davis, to take the lead at the Rally because he lives within a couple of miles from our house and could pick up all the Region "stuff" that goes into running one of these events. I also asked our other ARD that was attending, Cathy Diaz, to work hand in hand with Mark to make sure the show came off without the Members having any notice to the chaos that was happening behind the scenes with us not attending.

Not only did Mark and Cathy accomplish the overwhelming task thrown at them at the last minute, the entire Region Team came together and put on an awesome event for all those in attendance!!! To say we are very pleased would be an understatement. We were not only dealing with my brother's illness, but stressing out that we had forgotten to tell Mark and Cathy something. At one point I sent Mark a text and asked him how his day had gone. Mark simply replied; you don't have anything else to be worried about.

While we had been stressing out about not being there and forgetting to do something, our Team was stressing out because they wanted us to just worry about our family. You see, some folks just don't know how much each and every one of you are also our family. Our GWRRA family is just as important to us as our blood family and we worry about you the same as them also.

We will never be able to thank Mark and Cathy, or your Region Team, and at the risk of forgetting to name someone, our entire GWRRA family, enough for coming together in our time of need and taking care of the family.

The saddest news of all is as Mark and Cathy were about to walk on stage for opening ceremonies, my brother lost his fight with cancer. RIP Jerry and we will see you on the other side.

Thanks for all you all do for not only us, but for each other. Just remember, missing a ticket in your Rally packet, your shirt not being the size you ordered, or the cost of your meal may have been higher than expected, things could always be worse. Sometimes we react the wrong way when things don't go as planned. We all just need to lighten up and remember to react a little kinder.

Oh, and a special thanks to all those that listened to Ray's request and blew my phone up with good wishes selfies. You all brought a smile to our faces in a very stressful time in our lives...thanks!!!



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First Retirement Vacation!

*Becky Ackerman
Ride Coordinator*

As many of you know, Mike retired June 30th. We left on July 11th for our first of many trips we plan to take now that we have all this free time on our hands. For the first time ever, Mike drove the Jeep pulling our little travel trailer, and I rode my trike. After all, you can't go where we intended to go without a motorcycle of some kind!



Our first stop was Thermopolis, Wyoming, where we visited the Legend Rock Petroglyph Site. It boasts 283 petroglyphs on 93 individual sandstone panels with some dating back 10,000 years. Some were really hard to see but being exposed to the weather for 10,000 years has that kind of effect.

We had some unusual questions asked on this trip but the primary concern was how we moved everything down the road. I couldn't help myself when we packed up to leave Thermopolis for this parting shot.



We were in Cody 3 full days so we had plenty of time to ride the trike. One day we rode clear through Yellowstone, out the west entrance to Idaho and back. The wildlife had to be in hiding that day because the very next day our neighbors in the

campground saw two grizzly bears fighting over food. We missed it all.



While in Cody we couldn't miss the gun fight held at 6:00 p.m. nightly at the Irma Hotel. We saw Buffalo Bill, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holiday, Annie Oakley, and Calamity Jane, plus some outlaws. Even though I knew they would shoot their guns, I jumped every time because they were so loud. I couldn't help it!

One entire day was spent riding Beartooth Pass, an absolute must see if you are in the area. And the absolute best way to make the most of the scenery is to ride up to Red Lodge first and then cross the Pass from that direction. The mountains are always in front of you, not



over your shoulder if you take the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway first. It was a cloudy day and cool but still an awesome ride as you can see by these pictures.



Leaving Cody we passed through the southern edge of the Big Horn Mountains to Buffalo. That was a very pretty drive! And if you are in to camping there are all kinds of places to camp in the national forest along the way. But be prepared for cold nights as the altitude cools things off rapidly.

From Buffalo we drove to the Black Hills and spent 5 days riding the area. We camped about 6 miles from Mt. Rushmore so we passed it many times. We attended the evening lighting ceremony which we would encourage everyone to see and hiked the Presidential Trail for some even closer pics. We rode Needles Highway also.

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Vacation (cont'd)

In Custer State Park we encountered a couple hundred buffalo crossing the road in and around us. This shot was the last one I dare take as the bull turned as soon as he passed the front of the bike and stopped right next to us, close enough to touch. He stood there bellowing for several very long minutes! We were holding our breath as his head alone could have knocked us off the bike. We sat stock still and kept our heads turned away, never making eye contact. It was so hard not to take another picture but I didn't dare. Mike said it was all he could do not to reach his hand out and push the big boy away. Yeah, like that



was going to happen! Eventually he moved on and we were finally able to ride on down the road. That night we had two couples at the campground say they saw us at the buffalo crossing and were holding their breath right along with us, fearful of what the big bull might do to us. That was one close encounter that turned out a little too close for comfort!



One night we attended the Fort Hays Chuckwagon Dinner and Show which we would recommend to everyone. The food was really good as was the entertainment. We took one day to ride up to North Dakota and back...just because we could. Not that there's much to see along the way. We also rode Spearfish Canyon twice and actually took another ride through Custer State Park but no close encounters this time. We took one day to ride out to the Badlands and take in Wall Drug, another must see. And don't forget Crazy Horse!

It was really nice to have the convenience of the travel trailer by having a bed, bath and kitchen, and still enjoy riding the bike. Talk about the best of both worlds! Our two weeks went fast but we certainly made the most of it.

Be sure to join us at the upcoming District Rally in Montrose when we share some tips on planning **YOUR** next awesome vacation!



**Yes! One lucky
GRAND PRIZE WINNER will
get \$500 cash at the
closing of our rally on Aug 15.
Must be present to win!
Will you be there?**

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Let the Journeys Begin!

Sherry Smith

Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Soon many of us will be traveling to Montrose for the District Rally; then to Huntsville for Wing Ding mountains, valleys, concrete, and gravel (hopefully not too much of this) and let us not forget cars, travel trailers, SUVs, semi-trailers, and those other **H** bikes, are just a few of the things we will be encountering when the journey begins. Be mindful, watchful, careful, and all of those other 'fuls'....when driving. Remember....



From the Motorcycle Safety Foundation "Over half of all fatal motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle. Most of the time, the motorist, not the motorcyclist, is at fault. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle, - they ignore it (usually unintentionally)."



Till next time...ride safely!



New GWRRA President!

Abel Gallardo

Outgoing Team GWRRA President

Over the last few years the hats that I have been wearing here at GWRRA have increased. Now with the increased fiscal importance of my current duties as Chief Financial Officer and Event Planning and more, it has been a constant challenge to effectively perform all the other corporate duties of GWRRA.

I am pleased to announce that Anita Alkire has joined our TEAM as President of GWRRA. Together we will accomplish great things. Here is further information about Anita...



Anita has been a member of GWRRA since 1999. Right after sending their money in to join GWRRA, Anita and her husband JR, became dinner ride coordinators. Within 6 months Anita and JR were asked to serve their home chapter, CA-1F, as Assistant Chapter Directors and she then went on to serve the members of GWRRA as the Chapter Director of CA-1F, California District Director, Region F Director, and then Deputy Director. Her last position also included Assistant Director of Training.

All aspects of GWRRA are important to both Anita and JR as they also became Chapter Couple in 2001, and later, Master University Trainers and Master Tour Riders. Anita rides a 2001 Illusion Red Trike with a 2010 California Sidecar Kit with a Eurowing front end. As you can see, Anita brings a great perspective to the Presidency of GWRRA.

Please help me welcome Anita to her new position as President of GWRRA. Her email address is: president@gwrra.org.

It's all about the Friends, Fun, and Food!



I Left My Heart in Colorado, wait California...Arizona???

Anita Alkire

President, Team GWRRA

What a change in our lives in a matter of a couple of weeks! Just last year we were in Colorado to teach the Horizon class and that evening we all had dinner and welcomed my sister as a new resident of Colorado. We have always loved Colorado so we were a bit jealous of Lisa (that's my sister Lisa) because we have so many friends in Colorado and its gorgeous there! Lisa put it in great perspective, we have a mountain home in Colorado and she has a beach house in California, perfect!

And then, out of the blue I am asked to be the President of GWRRA, holy smoke!!! What all does this mean? Yes, first it means we are moving to Arizona, it's beautiful but REALLY hot in the summer!!! I've always told friends that we'd visit between October to May and then they would have to visit us, well that's changing! So when you are looking for some snow relief you know you can come to Arizona and visit.



We are very excited to take on this new role of President of GWRRA! How often can you turn your hobby into a job, still enjoy the hobby and get paid? It has been a whirlwind first 2 weeks learning so much of this organization from the "other side" and we are looking forward to melding those two together in many ways, but there is a business side to GWRRA that will stay in Phoenix where it belongs so you can ride and enjoy what this great organization offers.

In looking at our motto, "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge" you understand the vision of the Founders. Simply we are a group of friends who have FUN! Let's share that message!!! Then we are a group of friends who like to share knowledge and safety tips with each other to be certain we have all the tools we need to stay safe on the road. The glue that binds all of this together is the friendships and for many we refer to it as our extended family.

So as you ride your beautiful bike or trike, Gold Wing or other, remember to share the motto, reach out and invite others to join in the FUN and to learn with us so our fellow motorcycle enthusiasts understand what we stand for and when you find one that shares that same philosophy invite them into the family and let them start enjoying all that we have to share!

Here is what we ask of all of you, please come up and share a hug when you see us! Don't ever think that we are not the Anita, JR and Denali that you know! We love hugs and we love giving them! If you are someone we haven't met, please come and introduce yourself, we'd love to get to know you! Our goal is to be a dynamic President of this organization and we know the roots that ground us and those roots are all of you!!

Be safe, be happy and ride often!!! And don't forget to take your training!

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FUN with GWRRA

Mike Hottinger

Also J.A.M.

Top 11 Reason's I love GWRRA.

Number 11 - We are moving to Ohio and the first ride I am taking Rhonda on in our new state we see a gaggle of Gold Wings sitting in "der Dutchman Restaurant" parking lot. We decide lets chance it and see where the day leads. I turn around and pull up, introduce us as Rhonda and Mike Hottinger from CO-L The International Chapter of the year for 2013 and they say, "do you know Carl and Judy?" What a small world, they were recruited into GWRRA by Carl and Judy 20 years ago.

Number 10 - First ride in the rain was the first ride I took Rhonda on. All Chapter Bowling event in Denver in May of 2012. We were brand new, first week, and we were the only riders and we came from over 100 miles away.

Number 9 - First long distance ride with my new girlfriend, Rhonda, was to St George, Utah, just 2 weeks after becoming members. First Region F Rally

Number 8 - Great friends from different chapters in different states. Ralph Richardson and his wife (CA-1F) made a difference when they helped me with Austin's graduation from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, graduation and then treated Rhonda, Austin, his friend Cody and myself to a dinner!



Number 7 - Friends from all over Colorado. When we needed a new motorcycle because an accident claimed our bike people were looking and Ralph Spencer hooked us up with Charles and Gaylene, and the rest is history.

Number 6 - Opportunity like becoming MEC for our chapter and then Individual of the Year. Sorry about the

job taking me away to Ohio only 2 months before I could bring the District IOY to Chapter L.

Number 5 - Kenny's Rocky Mountain National Park Trail Ridge ride we were invited to go on the week after we met them at Colorado District in August of 2012. I asked Rhonda to marry me that day. Well... maybe what I REALLY said was, "We should get married."



Number 4 - When we moved to the Denver area and moved to Chapter L they could not let it be that first it was a Chapter L ride we were on when I did this and I did not let anyone know. And second, I did not propose proper enough and further more we were not to be allowed to run off to Vegas to get married.

Number 3 - Kenny Simons. What can I say, you got ordained for our wedding and then was gracious enough to share your birthday with us for our wedding day. Thank you!

Number 2 - OUR WEDDING. I can't say enough. People donated time, food and some finances (you know who you are) and gave us a memory that will forever be in our hearts. It was a GWRRA Wedding with 17 bikes all lined up for Rhonda and I. I was humbled by the effort everyone put into it. You made my parents feel a part of the GWRRA family too.

And the Number 1 reason I love GWRRA... RHONDA, we might have eventually married without it, but the memories are priceless.

Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge. Share the Passion, Share the Love, Share the Family

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Multi-Chapter Sky Sox Baseball!

Fred Fisher

Our Lead J.A.M.

We had 35 people from the Front Range Chapters attend this multi chapter event. Chapters L and A met up first in southwest Denver. We then rode over to Franktown where we met up with folks from Chapter J. We then had a wonderful ride down Highway 83 into Colorado Springs and into Security Service Field, home of the Sky Sox.



We had a ticket package that included a buffet of all you can eat food and soft beverages. The menu included pulled pork, fried chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, chips, and cookies. This was all served until about the 6th inning of the game. We had a seating area that had tables down close to the field and we enjoyed a late inning come from behind victory by the Sky Sox.



After the game we were treated to their first ever “Day Time” fireworks show. When I first heard about this I must say I was a bit skeptical, but it turned out to be quite nice.

After the show Chapters A and L headed back to the Denver Area via Rt. 83 to Rt.105 where we headed east and wound our way back to the west side of Denver.

The weather was very nice and sunny and I believe a good time was had by all. Maybe we can look at doing this again some time.

Thanks to all that attended.

Chapter L? at the Hummer of a Summer Fundraiser!

Fred Fisher

Our Lead J.A.M.

Seventeen members representing Chapter L attended Chapter J’s fundraiser. A large group of us met on the west side of town and rode over as a group. The fundraiser was a really fun and well planned event with a lot of things going on to keep everyone busy and entertained. Of course there was plenty of food for everyone to enjoy. The weather was wonderful with a nice breeze and sun shining all day.



Oh, I think I made a mistake on the Chapter L count. There were two other people from Chapter L there also. But they were from Chapter L in Rome, Georgia. Marvin and Vicki Seritt were in Colorado on vacation and came to the fundraiser on their way to Rocky Mountain National Park. I got a few minutes to visit with them and they also received the now famous Colorado GWRRA flag pins from Randall and Janet Drake. We also made an appointment to look them up again in Huntsville at Wing Ding.

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Dinner Ride to Freedom!

Randall & Janet Drake

Almost J.A.M.

July 15 marked our seventh dinner ride of this year. Originally scheduled by the Hottinger's for the 18th, and due to their uprooting to Ohio, we were without a host. We stepped in to host the ride and picked a "northern" metro location to make it easier for our members from that area to attend after work. Cinzetti's Italian Market Restaurant was just the right place. The Simons and the Kirks, who often have trouble making our dinners, due to time and location, made it to Cinzetti's to join in for a wonderful meal.

Cinzetti's boasts a plethora of Italian cuisine dishes for all appetites and diets. Not only do they have the common pastas, but also a favorite of ours, carbonara. Sinfully not so good for you, but very satisfying to the taste buds. Other dishes included clams, calamari, chicken, beef, and on and on. Desserts? You want desserts? Cinzetti's has more different desserts than you can eat, unless of course, you go for dessert first.

Did I mention ice cream? Of course there were several flavors of ice cream and most of us had more than one flavor when all was said and done.

Sixteen members from Chapter L were joined by Jim & Barb Griffin, Chapter A Directors, as well as Dan & Vicki's daughter Christina, and son Shawn with his two sons Dillon and Sam. Dillon had just returned from a 2 week trip with his hometown Boy Scout Troop to Philmont Scout Ranch in northeastern New Mexico. Being an old Scouter myself, and having been to Philmont, Dillon and I shared some good memories. He is truly a special young man.

A Very Special Presentation

Chapter L got a wonderful surprise while at Cinzetti's. As mentioned, Shawn Kirk joined us for dinner. Shawn is a Chief Warrant Officer in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed at Fort Stewart just outside of Hinesville, Georgia.



After dinner, Warrant Officer Kirk presented our Chapter L Directors a flag that was flown on a Combat Mission over Afghanistan. The flag, from Echo Company, 3rd Aviation Regiment was flown in a Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft System on September 11, 2014 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Everyone present was deeply moved by the presentation. Our Chapter Directors, Fred & Linda Fisher, expressed their extreme honor to accept the flag on behalf of Chapter L and to meet and shake the hand of one of our many service members that sacrifice so much to protect all of us every day.

Express Your Gratitude!

When you travel on your Gold Wing and go to our various GWRRA functions, please try to

reflect on the freedom that we enjoy which enables us to ride all over this beautiful country and enjoy all the other freedoms we have. And, the next time you meet one of our service members, present or past, please extend your hand in friendship and thank them for their service. Without our service members, we would not be able to do all the things we do as ***Free Americans!***

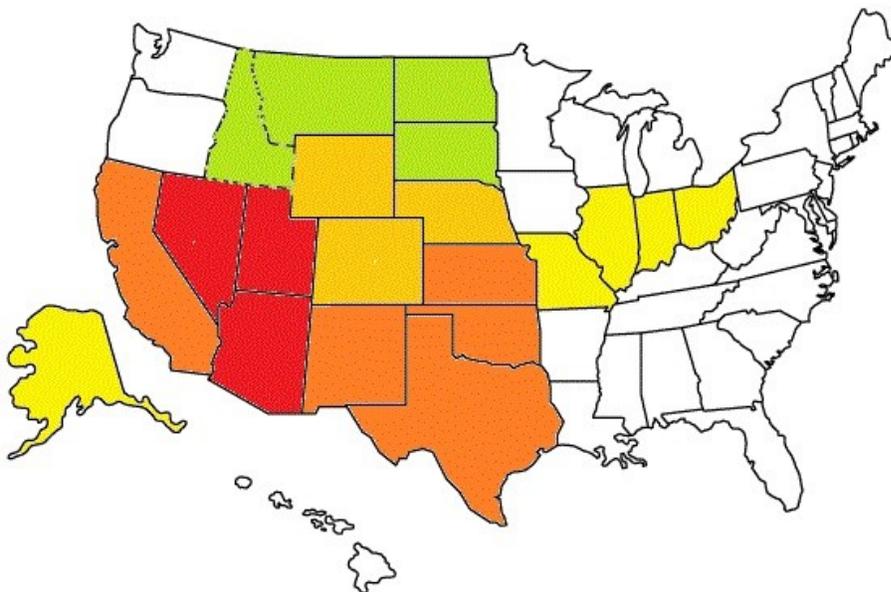


Where has Chapter L Ridden in 2015??

We made more States in July! Thanks to the Ackermans! Please remember, when you are on your motorcycle or anyone else's motorcycle in 2015, be sure to report your travels to Fred and Randall.

We have added the following States to our Chapter's 2015 Travel List:

- Jan CO, NE, WY
- Feb CA, NM, TX, OK, KS
- Mar WHAT? NO STATES?
- Apr Rainy Month!
- May AZ, NV, UT
- Jun AK, MO, IL, IN, OH
- Jul ID, MT, ND, SD
- Aug *What's next?*
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec



August Celebrations

Birthdays

Deb Pate	1
Vernon Pate	17
Sherry Smith	19
Becky Ackerman	22

Anniversaries

Wait till NEXT month!

Upcoming August 2015 Events

- Sat 1 Chapter I's Picnic Fundraiser
- Mon 3 Chapter Gathering
Refreshments by Fisher's
- Sat 8 Walden Ride by the Smith's
- Thu-Sat 13-15
Colorado District Convention
- Wed 19 Dinner Ride—Laura Hudson & Ron Evers

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>

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Chapter L Officers and Staff 2015

Senior Chapter Director	Fred & Linda Fisher	Email	720-922-0789
Assistant Chapter Director	Bob & Christine King	Email	303-463-4548
Chapter Educator	Andrew Smith	Email	303-923-8342
Treasurer	Tami & Steve Bender	Email	303-972-8420
Motorist Awareness Coordinator	Sherry Smith	Email	303-923-8342
Coffee Maker Extraordinaire	Kenny & Lis Simons	Email	720-685-0188
Membership Enhancement Coordinators	Mike & Rhonda Hottinger	Email	303-524-5656
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Chapter Individual of the Year	Mike Hottinger	Email	303-524-5656
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Storekeeper	Dan & Vicky Kirk	Email	303-358-6249
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[Chapter L Web Site](#)



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Check out the following Conventions!

Just click on the titles!

Aug 13-15, 2015	Colorado District Convention in Montrose, Colorado
Sep 3-6, 2015	GWRRA Wing Ding in Huntsville, Alabama Registration Form
Sep 4-6, 2015	California District Convention in Bakersfield, California
Sep 18-19, 2015	Kansas District Convention in Wichita, Kansas
Oct 1-3, 2015	New Mexico District Convention in Taos, New Mexico
Oct 15-17, 2015	Oklahoma District Convention in Hulbert, Oklahoma
Oct 30-Nov 1, 2015	Arizona District Convention in Tucson, Arizona



26th Annual "Wingin' the Rockies"



PRE-REGISTRATION

Colorado's District Convention – "Fantastic Journey to Montrose"

August 13-15, 2015

Friendship Hall - 1001 North 2nd Street

Montrose, Colorado

Host hotels are Red Arrow Inn (970.249.9641) & Suites and Day's Inn Montrose (970.249.4507)

Special Room Rates available ONLY if you mention you're with

Gold Wing Road Riders Association (by July 13th, 2015)

PLEASE Rider: _____ GWRRRA # _____ Chap: _____

COMPLETE Rider: _____ GWRRRA # _____ Chap: _____

ALL BLANKS Co-Rider: _____ GWRRRA # _____ Chap: _____

Mailing Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ e-mail: _____



Must be present to win!

Registration

Member \$25.00 X ____ = \$ _____

Non-Member \$30.00 X ____ = \$ _____

\$15 fee on all refunds, no refunds issued after August 1st.

Thursday Night Dinner (fee refunded) \$ 1.00 x ____ = \$ _____

Friday Night Dinner \$17.00 X ____ = \$ _____

(Dinner is by Pre-registration Only)

Opening 50/50 Tickets (30) \$10.00 X ____ = \$ _____

Pre-Registration Shirt Order Total = \$ _____

Total Training Fee Due (from the back) = \$ _____

Grand Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Check # _____

Top Quality T-Shirts are guaranteed

**ONLY with Pre-Registration
Post-Marked by Jul 15, 2015**

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

Small \$23 X ____ = \$ _____

Medium \$23 X ____ = \$ _____

Large \$23 X ____ = \$ _____

X-Large \$23 X ____ = \$ _____

2X-Large \$24 X ____ = \$ _____

3X-Large \$24 X ____ = \$ _____

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Small \$25 X ____ = \$ _____

Medium \$25 X ____ = \$ _____

Large \$25 X ____ = \$ _____

X-Large \$25 X ____ = \$ _____

2X-Large \$26 X ____ = \$ _____

3X-Large \$26 X ____ = \$ _____

Order Total for ALL Shirts = \$ _____

Early registrations must be paid in full at the time of the registration. Cash, Checks (made payable to GWRRRA Colorado District) or Major Credit Cards are accepted. If paying by Credit Card, please provide your Credit Card information. Registration is accepted upon receipt of funds.

Send To: Tami Bender - 7737 S Dover St, Littleton, CO 80128

Name: _____

Card Type: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ AMEX ___ Discover

Card #: _____

Expiration (mo/yr): ____/____ CVV#: _____

Agreement: The undersigned agrees to comply with the ideals and rules governing this event and to hold harmless the GWRRRA, its officers, representatives, co-sponsoring organizations, and property owners for any loss injury to self or property, and agrees to assume responsibility for any property which I/we damage.

Rider: _____

Rider: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

The below courses are planned for the event.

Rider Education

Pre-Registration

The ARC course is full.
The TRC course is full.

riders for

Advanced Rider Course
experienced riders
the rider and coach
(This meets the requirement)

the
techniques of

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Due

Trike Riders Course
how their vehicle
all GWRRA Riders
co-rider. This course

Understand
change. Like
rider and
(s)

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Total \$ Due

Medic / 1st Aid (CPR + 1st Aid) - This course teaches GWRRA Members - Basic CPR & 1st Aid procedures and involves classroom and includes practical demonstration of skills. We will be providing Initial Certification Training and Renewal Certification Training. (This or an non-GWRRA equivalent is a required course for maintenance of REP Level 4)

Cost (Initial or Renewal): \$20.00 per student

Initial Certification - _____ (Number attending) X (\$20) _____ Total \$ Due

Renewal Certification - _____ (Number attending) X (\$20) _____ Total \$ Due



Fantastic Journey to Montrose
August 13-15, 2015
Colorado GWRRA
Convention
Our Host Hotels Are:



The Days Inn



970-249-4507

1417 E Main St

\$89 per night + tax

King & Queen Rooms

Includes Hot Breakfast

The Red Arrow



970-249-9641

1702 E Main St

\$99 per night + tax

Queen Rooms

Includes Hot Breakfast

When making a reservation at either hotel, PLEASE CALL THEM, do not use the internet as the National Offices do not keep track of our deals.

Be sure to tell them you are with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association Convention to be held at the Fairgrounds Friendship Hall.



A BLAST FROM YOUR PAST!

GWRRA California District Convention



THE 60'S: "AFTER THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED"

September 4-6, 2015



THE LITTLE THINGS MEAN EVERYTHING TO THEM AND TO US!

You guessed it were are going back to The DoubleTree in Bakersfield. Their hospitality and attention to the small details have made our conventions in the past very successful and fun! A warm delicious chocolate chip cookie upon arrival will kick start your stay as we plan to rock and roll in Bakersfield. Yep Bakersfield will be the place to be this Labor Day weekend, with over three hundred of your closest friends. Isn't that what this is all about . . . reconnecting with all or our GWRRA friends?

Located at 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, they are excited to have us back!

Rooms will be priced at just **\$94.00** a night. (plus tax)

Cut off date to make reservations is **August 15th**, so book early by calling **661-323-7111**.

Rooms are limited and are on a first come first serve basis! We are looking forward to a fabulous time "Sixties Style".

- ~ Bingo ~ Chapter Games ~ Grand Prizes
- ~ Daily 50/25/25 ~Door Prizes ~
- ~ Ice-Cream social ~
- ~ **Costume contest ~ cash award**
- Best Chapter—Best Male—Best Female
- ~ COY & IOY Competition ~
- Come join us for a great adventure!



- ~ Riding ~ Education ~ Riding ~
- ~ **\$1250.00 Best Buy Gift Card—**
- donated by Kevin Griffith ~**
- ~ Master's Breakfast Saturday morning ~
- Chance to win an additional **\$1250.00** Best Buy Gift Card for those attending Sunday's dinner—donated by Kevin Griffith ~ Entertainment at Sunday's dinner!
- Enjoy a trip to Lake Isabella and surrounding area

Registration Fees (onsite \$5.00 more)
GWRRA Members—before May 1st
GWRRA Members—After May 1st
Non Members
Pre-Registration Tickets
Grand Prize tickets (\$1.00 each at rally)
50/25/25—Strips of 10
50/2525—Strips of 100

Cost	Qty	Total
\$25	_____	\$ _____
\$30	_____	\$ _____
\$35	_____	\$ _____
Cost	Qty	Total
2 for \$1	_____	\$ _____
\$5 x	_____	\$ _____
\$30 x	_____	\$ _____
\$15 x	_____	\$ _____
\$28 x	_____	\$ _____
\$18 x	_____	\$ _____
\$20 x	_____	\$ _____
\$20 x	_____	\$ _____
\$22 x	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	_____	_____

Master's Breakfast - pre-paid only
Masters # _____ # _____
Dinner—Sunday night- pre-paid only
Rally T-shirts short sleeve
S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2XL ___ 3XL ___
Rally T-shirts Long sleeve
S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___
2 XL ___ 3XL ___
T-shirts available by pre-order - ONLY

All pre-registrations must be received by August 15th!
Chance to win a set of tires if registered by August 15th
Make Checks payable to GWRRA-CA

Mail completed forms to:
Diana Hibden
6910 Coachella Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90805

For further information
Contact: Vincent & Pamela Puterbaugh
Email. pamputerbaugh@gmail.com
or call us at: (951) 453-6000

www.gwrra-ca.org

\$15.00 fee on all refunds
No refunds after August 15th
For the latest information go to our website

Rider _____ GWRRA# _____ Phone _____

Co-Rider _____ GWRRA # _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Email _____ Chapter _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved, and I/we agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Riders Signature _____ Co-Riders Signature _____

All bikes welcome!

Chapter Q's "Fall Colorful" Fundraiser

Enjoy a great Colorado Color Ride in the picturesque
San Juan Mountains!

Saturday, September 26, 2015

10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

at

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resorts*

22045 S. Highway 550
(just south of Montrose, Colorado)

**\$15 per person upon arrival (under 12 free)
for a day of fun including:**

- Lasagna Lunch
- 50/50
- Swimming Pool
- Games with team competitions:

Ping Pong	Egg Toss
Horseshoes	Dizzy Run
Badminton	Scavenger Hunt
Sack Races	Super Soaker
Hula Hoop	Match**

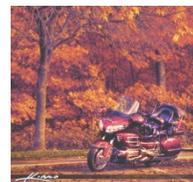


Discounted camping rates:

onsite at *Jellystone Park* (970) 249-6382

Days Inn (1417 E. Main Street, Montrose) (970) 249-4507

(Mention "Chapter Q Fundraiser when making reservations.)



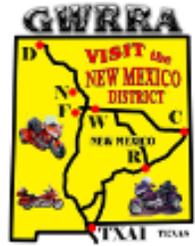
BLACK CANYON WINGS

*Facilities courtesy of John & Jodi Barber, Resort Managers

** Bring your own water guns; bathing suits or raingear recommended!



NM DISTRICT RALLY
“Enjoy a PEACE of Taos”
Oct 2-3, 2015
Taos, NM



Host Hotel: Sagebrush Inn & Suites
1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur
Taos, NM - 87571
(575) 758-2254



Ask for GWRRA Room Rate: \$89.00

Rider: _____ GWRRA#: _____ Master #: _____
 Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA#: _____ Master #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Chapter: _____ (indicate State + Chapter: e.g. NM-C)

Pre-Registration, must be postmarked by Sept 10, 2015

Registration (\$20 per Member; \$25 for non-members) \$ _____ .00
 (On-Site Registrations \$5 more and Day Passes available at event)

Lunch Friday (\$10/person, **Pre-registration only**, includes drawing for 2 night’s stay at host hotel) \$ _____ .00
 Cold cut sandwich buffet with potato chips and iced tea.

Dinner Saturday (\$20/person, **Pre-registration only**, includes drawing for a set of tires) \$ _____ .00

Menu includes a Build-Your-Own Caesar salad with Parmesan and croutons, penne and fettuccini pasta, choice of sauces: Marinara or Creamy Alfredo, Italian meatballs, steamed zucchini, garlic bread, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

Pre-registration only - Opening Ceremony 50/25/25 Tickets: 2 for \$1 \$ _____ .00

Full CPR/First Aid (\$20/person, limited to first 12 sign ups, Saturday 8am to 3pm) \$ _____ .00

ARC/TRC (\$45/bike member, \$60/bike non-member, each class limited to first 6 sign ups) \$ _____ .00

Rally Shirts SS \$17 each ___S ___M ___L ___XL \$19 ___XXL \$20 ___3XL \$ _____ .00

Long Sleeve \$20 each ___S ___M ___L ___XL \$22 ___XXL \$23 ___3XL \$ _____ .00

Tie-Die SS \$20 each ___S ___M ___L ___XL \$22 ___XXL \$23 ___3XL \$ _____ .00

Tie-Die LS \$30 each ___S ___M ___L ___XL \$32 ___XXL \$33 ___3XL \$ _____ .00

50/25/25 \$5.00 = 5 Tickets; \$10 = 15 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets \$ _____ .00

Grand Prizes \$5.00 = 1 Ticket; \$10 = 5 Tickets; \$20 = 15 Tickets \$ _____ .00

Door Prizes \$5.00 = 5 Tickets; \$10 = 15 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets \$ _____ .00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ .00

I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the sponsoring organization and property owners for any loss or injury to myself or my property by reason of participation in this event.

Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

Make checks payable to: District NM

Mail Registration and payment to:

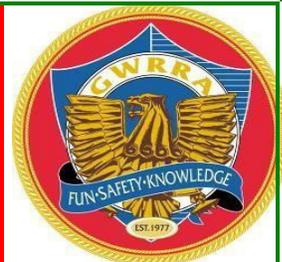
Jeanie Wagner
7352 Triana PL NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114



ARIZONA DISTRICT CONVENTION

“Pusch Back to Tucson”

October 30-November 1, 2015



Host Hotel:
Tucson El Conquistador
 10000 N. Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ 85704
 Tel: 1-520-544-5000
 1-800-325-7832
 Ask for the AGD Convention
 Rate (\$99)

REGISTRATION
\$20 / GWRRA
MEMBER
ENDS OCTOBER 10,
2015



SEMINARS + LOCAL RIDES + GREAT PRIZES + LOTS OF VENDORS
WITH FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE

Rider: _____ GWRRA#: _____ Master #: _____
 Rider2/Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA#: _____ Master #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Chapter: _____ (include District, e.g. AZ-G CA-1)

Rally Registration: \$20 per GWRRA Member # _____ x \$20 = \$ _____ .00

Non-Member -Registration: \$25 per person # _____ x \$25 = \$ _____ .00

Dinner Saturday night: \$27/person (check choice below) # _____ x \$27 = \$ _____ .00

Chicken ___ Pork Chop ___ Vegetarian ___ Dietary Restrictions? _____

Masters Breakfast \$18/ person (Masters, Guests, Educators) # _____ x \$18 = \$ _____ .00

Renewal CPR/First Aid: \$20/person # _____ x \$20 = \$ _____ .00

Rally Shirts: Long Sleeve T-Shirt: S-XL=\$19; 2X=\$20; 3X=\$21; 4X=\$22

Short Sleeve Polo: S-XL=\$24; 2X=\$25; 3X-4X=\$26 Add Name (1st or last) pre-registration \$2 (\$6 at rally)

T-shirt # Size Name _____; Size Name _____ Sub-Total \$ _____ .00

Polo # Size Name _____; Size Name _____ Sub-Total \$ _____ .00

SHIRT TOTAL \$ _____ .00

Early Registration Special Ticket Prices. 50/25/25 Drawing will be at Opening Ceremonies:

50/25/25 \$5.00 = 6 Tickets; \$10 = 16 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets \$ _____ .00

Door Prize \$5.00 = 6 Tickets; \$10 = 16 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets \$ _____ .00

Grand Prize \$5.00 = 1 Ticket; \$10 = 6 Tickets; \$20 = 16 Tickets \$ _____ .00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ .00

I/We agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, the sponsoring organization and property owners for any loss or injury to myself or my property by reason of participation in this event.

Rider: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Make checks payable to:
 Mail Registration and payment to:

GWRRA—AZ District
Dennie Long
 924 West Bosch Dr.
 Green Valley, AZ 85614

See www.gwrraaz.org for latest info





**Iron Buffalo & GWRRA continuing charity
operation**

“30/30”

Take a class and save \$30

Together we will then donate \$30

To Ride For Kids

**Every time you take an experienced rider
course with Iron Buffalo, \$30 will be donated
to our mutual charity. Simple as that!**

Take the course at your convenience.

Any date that we offer!

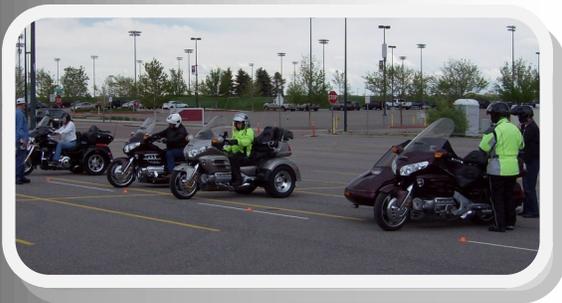
**Most Thursdays & Saturdays. (3 Wheel riders
need to contact the office for the next
available course date).**

Email Iron Buffalo at:

GWRRA@ironbuff.org

**Tell us when you would like to take a
class and we will provide you with the
promotional code to use when you
register and you’ll save \$30.**

**Once you complete the class Iron
Buffalo will donate \$30 to Ride For
Kids in both our names
(GWRRA & Iron Buffalo).**



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