



Red Rocks Reporter



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Greetings from Your Directors

Fred & Linda Fisher
Senior Directors



If you have not heard by now, either at the September meeting or on social media, Chapter L has new Chapter Directors starting in 2016. Linda and I are finally getting to step down at the end of the year and we are honored to have Tami and Steve Bender stepping up to take over the Directorship. They have done a great job serving on our staff as treasurer and on the District staff as the treasurer. We have offered Tami and Steve our services as chapter treasurer, so really we are just trading jobs. Please offer the Bender's your support during their term of office. I'm excited about the change and allowing someone else the opportunity to lead and build the chapter.

Eight members of Chapter L attended Wing Ding 37 to hand over the Chapter of the Year title and banner to the 2014 winners; Oklahoma Chapter X. The city of Huntsville really turned out for the Gold Wings. They even closed downtown streets to motorcycle only traffic. Linda and I also spent an entire day at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, a very nice facility with great displays covering the history and future of space travel.

We had a small dinner ride, an Iron Butt Ride, and the Chapter Q Fundraiser this past month. More on these events either in this newsletter, or at next month's gathering.

We had a Tarryall Road ride scheduled for October 3rd. The date of this ride has moved to October 10th due to a schedule conflict by the host. I will send out an email with more details on this ride, and will have additional information at the October gathering.

We have a 2016 Ride Book Meeting scheduled on November 7th at the Fox Hollow Golf Course. Our host, Chuck Bellmyer, would like a count of folks coming. I will have a sign-up sheet at the next gathering so we can provide Chuck a head count. Please be thinking of some rides and events we can put on our calendar for 2016.

With that, I'll close for this month. Looking forward to seeing you at the October 5th gathering, if not before.

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



The SEE System: Increasing Your Visibility

As written for *Motorcycle.com* by Jeff Cobb and Submitted by Andrew Smith
Rider Educator



Andy's intro: For most of us we have heard this acronym since we first started riding or when we took our 1st rider course. The below article was a good explanation of what each rider should be doing every time we get on our motorcycles.

If there were ever a need to be proactive, assertive and in control, it is while riding a motorcycle. Motorcyclists and scooter riders are arguably the most vulnerable motor vehicle operators on the road.



According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), when compared to operators of a passenger vehicle, motorcyclists on American highways in 2006 had a 35 times greater chance of being killed per vehicle mile traveled.

Studies show that because motorcycles are much smaller, they may not be "seen" or fully, consciously registered in the minds of other motorists.

And in today's increasingly dense traffic, even when motorists do see riders, some may not demonstrate sufficient respect for them for one reason or another. It may be conscious or unconscious on their part, but either way, your life and welfare could depend on it.

Because of these and other realities, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has evolved a system for managing the many risks riders face. The system is based on the premise that you are the one most responsible for your own safety. As a rider, it is your job to look out for yourself, and not fully trust others any more than you have to. No one has your best interests at heart more than you.

The word "SEE" is an acronym for a learned process of seeing, assessing and responding to traffic, the road, and more. It stands for "Search, Evaluate, and Execute."

Search - Whether riding an interstate highway, suburban street or backcountry road, your goal is to visually recognize anything that could affect your control and safety. The idea is to consciously recognize not only what's right in front of you, but to also look 12 seconds ahead, and be aware of what's 360 degrees around you as well.

You do this partly by scanning your mirrors, looking side to side, and doing "head checks" as needed to monitor blind spots, or when changing lanes. Some mirrors are convex, and do not accurately portray distances. Looking directly where you are going or at what is coming your way is safest.

The categories of things you continually look for are:

1. Traffic control devices and markings
2. Road characteristics and surface conditions.
3. Other roadway users.

Evaluate - You need to effectively process the visual information you are continually taking in. The MSF recommends, "To get the best results, predict the worst possible outcome." This does not mean you ought to be paranoid, but it does mean anticipate and be ready.

For example, if you are going through a four-way stop, and a car in the road perpendicular to you is about to cross your path, realize the car might run its stop sign through without stopping. Or if someone is tailgating you, assume they could rear-end you if you fall or have to hit the brakes. And if you are taking a blind curve, you might anticipate fallen gravel or a driveway with a car backing out just around the bend.



For these and innumerable other potential scenarios, the SEE system advocates you “evaluate” the three main categories you recognized in your “search,” as follows:

Traffic control devices and markings – Remember the car blowing through a stop sign example? Motorcyclists need to be extra aware that just because there are traffic control devices or markings on the road, it does not mean everyone will obey them. What are the potential hazards that you might therefore have to deal with in a moment’s notice?

Road characteristics and surface conditions – Is the road hilly, curvy, two-lane, four-lane, lined with driveways, or likely to have wildlife like deer darting out in front of you? Further, “reading” the pavement quality is an essential learned skill. Is the road gravelly or smooth? Is it full of patches and potholes? Are there tar covered cracks? Is the road asphalt or concrete? Are there rain grooves in it? Are there signs, posts, guardrails, or other objects that you could crash into?

Other roadway users – Becoming “street smart” on a motorcycle means learning to anticipate and be ready to compensate for other drivers’ potential errors in judgment.

Overall, “evaluating” is about developing excellent on-the-fly judgment. In doing this, you must take into consideration your own bike handling skills, your bike’s capabilities and limitations, and the big picture on roadway or traffic conditions.

Always think of having a safety cushion in time and space. In other words, give yourself enough physical distance, and time to react.



Execute - Here’s where being “assertive and proactive” come into play. As you “search,” you may “evaluate” a risk. Maybe it’s someone on a cell phone not looking and turning left in front of you at an intersection. What do you do? You may have less than a second to do whatever it is, so being decisive is key.

Three possibilities:

Communicate – You could honk your horn, or even wave if possible. This is your most passive option because you are hoping someone else will respond to you.

Adjust speed – Can you stop in time? If so, is someone riding your tail? Could you accelerate through and beat the driver?

Adjust position – Can you steer around the turning car? (You could do this while accelerating, but this is an on-the-spot judgment call).

Conclusion - Training courses or track day riding schools are ideal places to practice the SEE techniques.

Studies show that intersections are consistently the most likely places to have a collision, particularly with a vehicle turning left in front of a rider, violating the motorcyclist’s right of way.

Researchers have also observed that people can operate motor vehicles almost on autopilot, as it were. That is, they may be less than fully conscious and still make it to where they are going.

While this is common, it is a bad idea for motorcyclists. The potential consequences are greater, so you decide. Would you like to be in greater control, safer, and ultimately have more of a reason to enjoy the experience of riding?

While the SEE system is broken out into steps, in real life your focus and resulting action should be fluid. To become proficient, these steps need to be practiced, and integrated into your mind.

A word to the wise: do not out ride your skill set, or the capabilities of your machine. Do not over or underestimate what you can do.

If you have not taken a training course that teaches these techniques, you would be smart to consider one. If you are experienced, refresher courses or advanced courses are available. If possible, a track day or track riding school are also great for developing skills that can add to your control on the street.

Educating the Motorist, Motorcyclist!

Sherry Smith

Motorist Awareness



On our way home from Chapter Q's Fundraiser (Which by the way was a hoot!) we passed multiple large groups of bikes riding on 285 for cancer awareness. Great cause, but they were splitting lanes and riding way too close to each other and most were not wearing any head protection (donors). Is this the message we want to send to motorists? How can we educate motorists to share the road, when there are bikes out there who don't. *I'm just sayin!*



October Dinner Ride & Date Night!

Linda Fisher



I have been working on plans for Saturday October 24th. We hope to take the usual dinner ride and turn it into a date night affair. If everyone is up for a Dinner Theater night, I've been in contact with a few.

The Boulder Dinner Theater offers the best value. The show is the Buddy Holly Story. The cost for dinner, tax, tip and standard drinks (coffee, iced tea) plus show is \$55.00 for center seating and \$50.00 for side view seating per person.

Hope we can do this! 12 people are required for the discount.

2015 Christmas Party!

Linda Fisher

It's that time of the year to start talking and thinking about the multi-chapter Christmas Party.

This year Chapter L is offering to its members in good standing a discounted ticket. The cost to each member will be \$15.00. The Chapter will pick-up the difference.

Tickets will go on sale at October's meeting. Make checks payable to Chapter L.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there. Check the flyer attached.



Our First of May Retirement Trips!

Becky Ackerman
Ride Coordinator



We left home August 29th. I had every intention of documenting each and every day, keeping a journal of our travels. And I did...for about 4 days. Somehow I lost all interest once we found insufferable heat and humidity. Who would have thought this time of year could be so miserable? I can't imagine Grapevine, TX over July 4th!

As you all know by now, we've had more than our share of problems. There are so many I don't have room to mention them all here. Yes, Bob King, a book is in order! But, despite all the problems, we've made the most of it. Six days in Cullman, Alabama, was a true test but we survived and saw nearly every tourist attraction they had. Finally leaving town was a truly exciting moment for us.

With all that said, we've found some absolutely incredible roads made just for motorcycles. To look at a map and pick the most crooked, twisty roads to ride just because we can is a fantastic experience. From North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, the hills were calling.

We can honestly say Deals Gap with a paltry 11 miles of curves was just a warmup of what was to come. To climb ridge after ridge after ridge and spend a whole 15 seconds on top (maybe) before heading down the other side happened multiple times daily for many days. We have ridden through a canopy of trees more on this trip than all our other trips combined. We found one stretch with a 9% downhill for 4 miles. Talk about a test for downshifting and braking!

My best description of climbing the hills is this: You go back and forth, back and forth, back and forth with 15 mph hairpin curves to climb to the top. And, 15 seconds later you go downhill back and forth, back and forth, back and forth with 15 mph hairpin curves. You might ride in the valley for a few miles before it starts all over again. I had many days when my hands and forearms ached from riding the twisties. But, I'd do it all over again in a heartbeat.

We've had the opportunity to visit many friends and family along the way and we're not done yet. Next we're headed to Michigan and possibly the northern states home. Who knows? Regardless, we will remember this trip forever and won't ever say shoulda, coulda, woulda!

Editor's Note: Becky submitted this article over a week ago and they are now home.

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Check out the following Conventions!

- 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](#)



MFA/CPR Course

Sponsored by the District

When: Saturday, November 21, 2015

8:00am-1:00 pm

Where: Fay Myers Motorcycle World

9700 E Arapahoe Road

Greenwood Village, CO 80112

Cost: \$20 for Colorado GWRRA Members

Here are the guidelines for taking the Medic First Aid/ CPR Classes to receive the \$20.00 fee

1. Your membership must be current and assigned to a Colorado Chapter
2. Members must be enrolled in the Levels Program
 - If Level I, show your intention to be level three within a short period.
3. Your current Medic First Aid/CPR expiration should be within 90 days, or already expired
 - Remember that Level II requires an ERC course for the rider or Co-Rider Seminar for the co-rider. Level III Requires Medic First Aid/CPR.
 - If you have any questions about where you are in the Levels program, please feel free to call or ask your Chapter Educator
5. Reserve your space, limited to the first 24 members.

RSVP: Michael and Dorie Werner

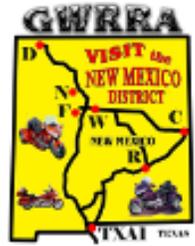
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NM DISTRICT RALLY
“Enjoy a PEACE of Taos”
Oct 2-3, 2015
Taos, NM



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:

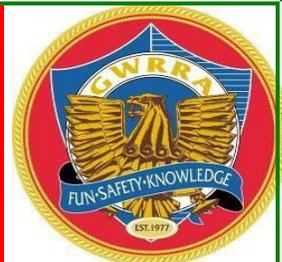
Jeanie Wagner
7352 Triana PL NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114



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)

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 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

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Rider: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Make checks payable to:
 Mail Registration and payment to:

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



See www.gwrraaz.org for latest info



GWRRRA MULTI- CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 5, 2015
5:30 p.m.

Ciencios at Hyland Hills
9650 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, CO

Mexican Burrito/Taco Bar, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Dessert

\$27.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P. by November 22 to Your Chapter Treasurer





**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!

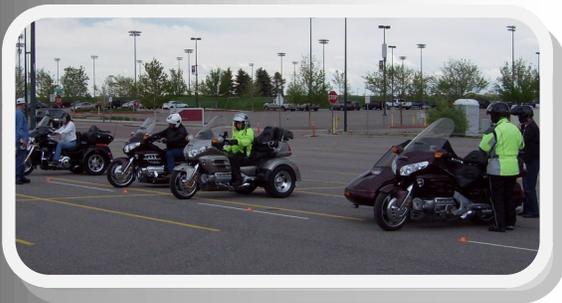
**Most Thursdays & Saturdays. (3 Wheel riders
need to contact the office for the next
available course date).**

Email Iron Buffalo at:

GWRRA@ironbuff.org

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

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