



Red Rocks Reporter



2013 International Chapter of the Year

March 2016

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Greetings from Your Directors

Tami & Steve Bender
Directors



As we welcome March and the weather turning warmer, hopefully we'll have no more blizzards this season. Remember, we spring forward on March 13, 2016. Yes, Daylight Saving Time begins early that morning. Riding season is right around the corner. Our own Andy Smith is home and on the mend. Things are looking up!

A special thanks to Fred and Randall in helping let everyone know that our February meeting had been cancelled due to the bad weather.

Our next Chapter Gathering will be March 7, 2016. We have several activities coming up:
Mar 12 - The All Colorado Bowling Fun Day! Please call Mike or Dorie 303-933-9492 by March 9

Mar 19 - Wyoming B's annual Birthday Party (Randall has tickets)

Mar 26 - University Trainer Development Program **(postponed-details TBA)**

Apr 2 - Chapter L Date Night at the Boulder Dinner Theater. Please call Linda by March 2 at 720-922-0789

Apr 16 - Night Riding Seminar

May 27-29 - Region F & NM District combined Rallies. Jim & Olga Wyman, CO-I, will be vying for Region F Couple of the Year!

Aug 11-13 - Colorado District Rally in Montrose. Our own Fred & Linda Fisher will be vying for District Couple of the Year.

Aug 31-Sep 3 - Wing Ding in Billings, Montana. Our own Andy & Sherry will be vying for International Couple of the Year!

If you have not registered for any Rallies you are planning on going to, please do so soon. See Ya Monday, March 7!

Remember as a TEAM, Together Everyone Achieves More!



REMEMBER

Turn those clocks ahead

On Sunday, March 13!

No Doubts—ATGATT Made the Difference

*Submitted by Andrew Smith
Rider Educator*



Well pretty much everyone in the Colorado District is aware of the fact the on January 28 I was involved in a fairly significant accident on the Gold Wing that had me put the bike down at about 60 mph. There are no doubts in my mind that if I had not been wearing all my safety gear that morning, I would not be writing this newsletter article today.



(M2010) /ECE 22.05 approved helmet (approved standard applicable to the local area) approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeved jacket/shirt (no "riding pull on/off sleeves"), long legged sturdy pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear.

So what does GWRRA consider as "All The Gear All The Time (ATGATT)"? The Riders Education Program Handbook states that the following minimum gear will be worn on any training activity on bike:

Proper Riding Attire - Required attire for all Riders and Co-Riders participating in GWRRA range activities is in concert with industry standards – DOT (FMVSS 218)/Snell



Driving Light pushed into the Head of the Engine

In my case I had a new helmet with a clear visor, a good quality riding jacket, gauntlet leather gloves, jeans and ballistic nylon chaps and over the ankle boots. Every part of the gear did its job. The helmet (now a training aid), the jacket (pretty much shredded by the EMT's) shows areas of abrasion. The jeans, had a torn area where they were not covered by the chaps. The chaps did have a small area that showed abrasion and friction burn, and the boots stayed on my feet.

The end result... I have 8 broken ribs (some multiple breaks), a broken collarbone that now has a plate and 6 screws in it, and a hairline fracture of the shoulder blade. I had a small amount of 'road rash' about the size of a business card on the back of my right hand, where the glove must have rolled back exposing the skin. I am blessed and very fortunate that the injuries were this "recoverable" and I am healing a little more day by day.

The Bike – it did not fare so well. It was a total loss. The upside – we are now the happy owners of a 2015 – 40th Anniversary Edition Gold Wing that has the "New Bike Smell" and we can look at it... because I am not allowed to ride it yet. It is a beautiful machine...

The adage: "*Cover What You Want To Keep*" was well proven in this case.

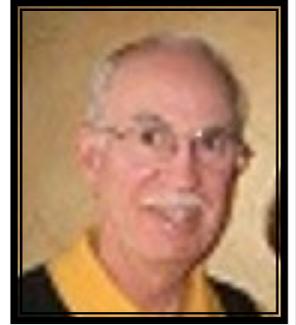
Ride Safe – Have Fun



Bumper Cars

by Nick Hoppner

District Motorist Awareness



In the January 2016 issue of *American Motorcyclist* magazine, a reader's letter caught my eye. The letter was written by a Tom Haykin of Pittsburgh who describes himself as "a motorcyclist and a bicycle commuter who was hit by a distracted driver in May." Haykin's letter argues against expanding the legality of motorcycle lane splitting to states other than Southern California. More important to this reader, however, was Mr. Haykin's "bumper cars" concept as presented in his second paragraph—especially as it applies to freeway driving:

My theory behind the common refrain, "I didn't see you," is based on observations of many drivers. Most drivers simply follow the bumper in front of them. They do not make decisions on their own about speed, following distance, use of turn signals, etc. They simply glance up from their personal devices for a second or two out of every five or ten to make sure there is a bumper in front of them. Things like motorcycles and bicycles are unrecognizable and do not register. The only "valid" input received is a bumper. Further, I am referring to the forward view. I suppose that most drivers pay significantly less attention to the rear view.

Couple this lack of attention with inability to control the vehicle, evidenced by the proliferation of collision avoidance and lane departure avoidance systems, and I conclude that lane splitting is an extremely dangerous practice.

I find Mr. Haykin's observations to be simplistic, but essentially correct. "Follow the Leader" seems to be the universal behavior whenever two or three vehicles form up into a column. Typically, most drivers assume the current speed of the lead vehicle in a column, whether it be the posted limit or significantly faster. Depending on the environment, most vehicles follow at about one car's length distance (usually to dissuade other vehicles from leap-frogging ahead of them). Often the results are a NASCAR-like column of vehicles drafting each other at beyond-legal speeds until a state patrol car appears on the shoulder of the highway and/or the lead vehicle's radar detector goes off.

Not long after assuming their position in one of these bumper-following pods of vehicles, most drivers slip into a semi-mesmerized state of inattention. As the miles roll on, less and less attentiveness to the task of safe driving occurs while more and more attention is devoted to personal devices (cell phones, GPS features, sound system settings, etc.).

None of this seems particularly remarkable until all hell breaks loose. A dog runs out onto the highway. A ladder slides off a pickup truck. A car tire blows, sending the vehicle skidding, with sparks flying every which way. A bank of fog or a sudden squall of rain, snow, or hail diminishes visibility. Suddenly all bets are off. Brake lights come on, cars swerve and slide sideways. Insurance rates go up and ambulances roll. Like as not, the heretofore reassuring presence of the rear bumper one car's length ahead has now become part of your own front bumper.

My point in all of this is to benefit from Mr. Haykin's observation and remind the motorists we talk to about Motorist Awareness to recognize the dangers of "bumper car" driving. Remind yourself that if you're close enough to read a bumper sticker on the Ford ahead of you, you cannot see an obstacle on the pavement just ahead of the Ford. If you relinquish control of your vehicle just because others are driving like two-ton lemmings, you may be taking too great a chance. Perhaps it's time to get off that highway and find the road less traveled homeward.



A MAD Note

*Submitted by Sherry Smith
Motorist Awareness*

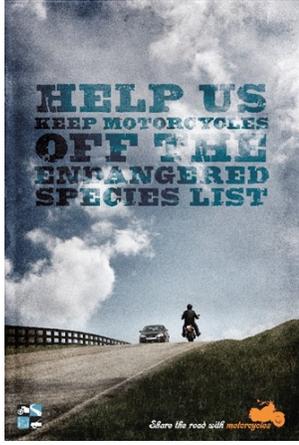


There are some sites that are trying to help us be seen.

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (May 2016)

New 2016 Campaign Materials Coming Soon

<http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/CAMPAIGNS/Motorcycle+Safety/Share+The+Road>



Motorcyclists have all the same rights and privileges as any motor vehicle driver on the roadway. During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May - and during the rest of the year - drivers of all other vehicles and all road users are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcyclists, and to be extra alert to help keep motorcyclists safe.

Please use these are marketing materials to:

- Spread the word about increasing motorcyclists' safety, and
- Support and enhance your motorcycle safety awareness programs.



National Ride to Work Day (June 20, 2016) – Don't Forget!

It's Snowing... Did Anyone Ride Wyoming or Nebraska, Yet?

*by Stan Smetana
Webmaster*



I'm hoping that everyone else is safe (horrible news on Andy)...

Seeing that Saturday, January 30, was supposed to be a clear warm day, I figured that I'd try to add a little color to the Chapter Ride Map.



Wyoming had a large cloud hanging off to the northeast at 10:40 in the morning as the photo was snapped... That cloud looked to be heading east-southeast, exactly as the weather people had predicted; however, it seemed to be insufficient to stop me from making a quick incursion into Nebraska's territory.

Well, we know how those things go, and true to form, about 16 miles east of Cheyenne in the typically nasty I-80 crosswind, the sleet started. Nothing too horrible; the cloud was moving away from Cheyenne, right? At 11:34 standing in the sleet by the side of I-80, I grabbed a hasty photo. Getting back onto the highway, I saw the steam from my breath moving across my view of the left rearview mirror and shortly after merging back into the truck-traffic, I was a bit startled to see snow mixed into the sleet kinda hovering between me and the windshield.

Later on, I discovered that the cloud wasn't really moving as quickly as I had originally assumed. It was instead, growing... and apparently quite angry with winds getting worse & MUCH colder (sub-freezing) and no break in the ice-sharp sleet until a few miles south of the Wyoming line...

Still, I made it home safe and sound! Was a refreshing ride, but good to be home and warm again....

.....Keep safe; see ya soon!



What is a Friend?

*Becky Ackerman
Ride Coordinator*

A person attached to another by feelings of affection or personal regard; a person who gives assistance; patron; supporter. Such characteristics include affection, sympathy, empathy, honesty, altruism, mutual understanding, and compassion, enjoyment of each other's company, trust, and the ability to be oneself, express one's feelings, and make mistakes without fear of judgment from the friend.



If you Google "friend" you will find all the above and more. But what does all this really mean? Let me tell you.



Not the actual motorhome, but you get the picture!

As many of you know, Mike and I are retired and are looking forward to having the freedom to travel anywhere and anytime we feel like it. To make the journey easier we recently purchased a brand new RV and trailer to take our motorcycles with us. We ordered the RV through a dealer in Ohio knowing we would have to find a way to get there when the call came that it was done. Our plan was to fly and ship a very minimal amount of supplies to my niece who lives near our destination. Like I said, that was our plan.

So, you want to know what true friends are? The ones who call you up and offer to drive you and haul all your stuff to Ohio. The ones who take time off work to do this. The ones who empty their storage compartments just so you can take even more stuff to camp for 2 weeks. I'm talking dishes, pans, and all kinds of paraphernalia you need to hook up an RV to sewer, water and electricity. Just to give you an idea, our Jeep was full with the seats laid down and that didn't include all we needed to travel for 3 days!

Our friends picked us up at our house on a foggy, cold morning when our driveway was so iced up you could barely walk on it. We proceeded down the road, just making it to Kansas City before winter weather caught up with us. I'm talking snow packed interstate, bitter cold, and wind. From Kansas City to Richmond Indiana, we counted 53 vehicles wrecked. In Indiana, a 50-car pileup on westbound I-70 held us up for 2 1/2 hours. I mean dead stopped on the highway.

After all this, our friends delivered us to Ohio to pick up our RV, stayed that night and fed us after a long, tiring, stressful day. Three hours of orientation, an hour at Walmart to buy groceries, etc., another hour to unload their RV and put it away in ours. Yes, we were exhausted! And yet our friends were still right there to help us. We couldn't have asked for anything more! After all the bad weather, stressful driving conditions and trouble finding upended campgrounds, they stayed with us through thick and thin.



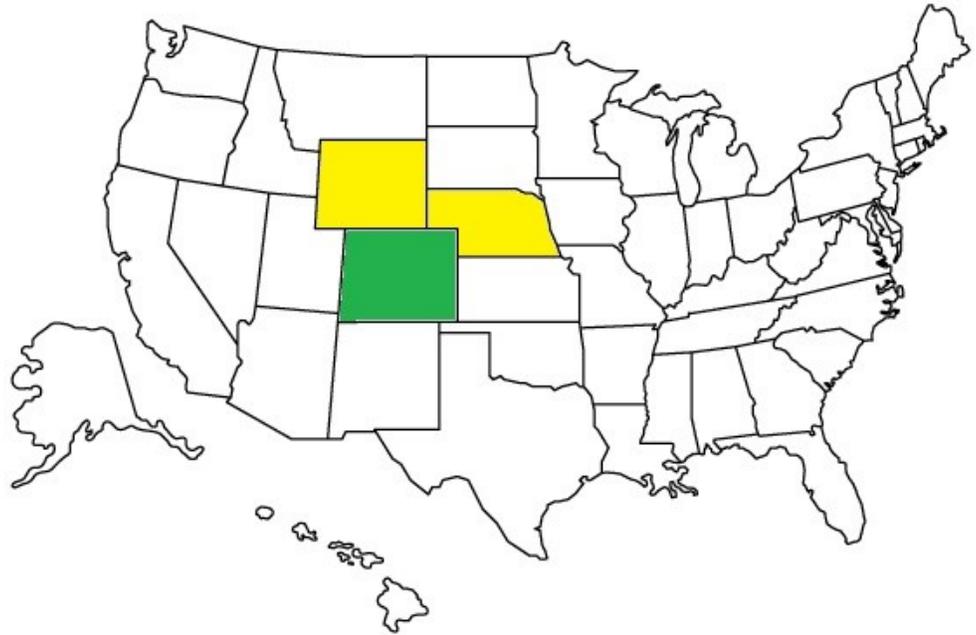
We couldn't be more thankful and proud to have Steve and Tami Bender as our friends. Now that's what a true friend is all about!

Where will Chapter L Ride in 2016??

Now we are making progress! Thanks, Stan! Where will YOU ride this year? Be sure to let Randall know when you have ridden into or through one of our beautiful states! Let's FILL IT UP again!!!!

We have added the following States to our Chapter's 2016 Travel List:

- Jan CO
- Feb WY, NE
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Jul
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec



March Celebrations

Birthdays

Christine King	2
Chuck Kasson	18
Vickie Kasson	21
Steve Bender	27

Anniversaries

Kenny & Lis Simons	15
Andy & Sherry Smith	18

Upcoming March 2016 Events

- Mon 7 Chapter Meeting
Refreshments by Spencer
- Sat 12 All-Chap Bowling Party (see flyer)
- Wed 16 Dinner Ride—NEED A HOST
- Sat 19 Wyoming B's Birthday Party

Dinner Date Night Coming in April

See attached flyer!

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>

Chapter L Officers and Staff 2016

Chapter Director	Tami & Steve Bender	Email	303-972-8420
Assistant Chapter Director	Chuck Bellmyer	Email	303-532-6630
Chapter Educator	Andrew Smith	Email	303-923-8342
Treasurer	Fred & Linda Fisher	Email	720-922-0789
Motorist Awareness Coordinator	Sherry Smith	Email	303-923-8342
Coffee Maker Extraordinaire	Kenny & Lis Simons	Email	720-685-0188
Membership Enhancement Coordinators	Mike & Becky Ackerman	Email	303-988-0413
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Chapter Individual of the Year	Chuck Bellmyer	Email	303-532-6630
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Greeter	Ralph Spencer	Email	303-888-2705
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Newsletter Editor	Randall Drake	Email	720-480-2800

[Chapter L Web Site](#)



[Colorado District Staff](#)



[Region F Staff](#)



[GWRRA National Staff](#)



University Trainer Development Program

Originally scheduled for Mar 26

Has been postponed.

Future scheduled date will be announced later!

*Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely
in a pretty and well-preserved body,
but rather sliding in broadside thoroughly used up,
totally worn out, and proclaiming, "Wow, what a ride!"*

Author Unknown



DINNER AND DATE NIGHT

"PETER and the STARCATCHER"

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016

TIME: 5:30 P.M.; DINNER 6:15 P.M.

PLACE: BOULDER DINNER THEATER

5501 ARAPAHOE AVE., BOULDER, COLORADO

PRICE: \$55.00 PER PERSON

This price includes dinner, coffee, iced tea, and sodas, all taxes and gratuities for dinner and show. You may purchase desserts and alcoholic drinks at additional cost.

I have reserved 20 seats; we must sell at least 12 seats. March 2nd is the final day to sign-up. All checks are to be made payable to Linda Fisher.

Sign-up sheets will be available for Chapter L's meeting on Feb.1st.

Come join us for an evening of "FUN, Friends and as much Safety" that is called for.



27th Annual "Wingin' the Rockies" Colorado's District Rally – "Roarin' to Montrose"

August 11-13, 2016
Friendship Hall - 1001 North 2nd Street, Montrose, Colorado



Our Host Hotel is the Red Arrow Inn & Suites

1702 E Main St., **Call 970-249-9641 for Reservations.**

Cite the "Gold Wing Road Riders" to get the special rate of \$92.99 for two Queen Beds, or \$109.99 for a King Suite.
GWRRRA rate NOT available with online booking. Rooms are limited, so reserve early to book the room of your choice.

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 _____ = \$ _____

DAY PASS (each day) will be \$20.00

\$15 fee on all refunds.

No refunds issued after August 1st.

Thursday Night Dinner

FREE but **PLEASE** tell us how many _____

Friday Night Dinner \$20.00 X _____ = \$ _____

(Friday Dinner is by Preregistration Only)

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

(Drawing at Opening Ceremonies)

Grand Prize Tickets (50) \$20.00 X _____ = \$ _____

(At the Rally you get only 40 for \$20)

Preregistration Shirt Order Total = \$ _____

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

Grand Total Enclosed or paid by Credit Card = \$ _____

Top Quality T-Shirts are guaranteed

**ONLY with Registrations
Post-Marked by July 25, 2016**

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

Small \$25 X _____ = \$ _____

Medium \$25 X _____ = \$ _____

Large \$25 X _____ = \$ _____

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

2X-Large \$27 X _____ = \$ _____

3X-Large \$27 X _____ = \$ _____

Short Sleeve POLO Shirt

Small \$29 X _____ = \$ _____

Medium \$29 X _____ = \$ _____

Large \$29 X _____ = \$ _____

X-Large \$29 X _____ = \$ _____

2X-Large \$31 X _____ = \$ _____

3X-Large \$31 X _____ = \$ _____

Order Total for ALL Shirts = \$ _____

Early registrations must be paid in full. Cash, Checks (made payable to Colorado District) or Major Credit Cards are accepted.

If paying by Credit Card, please provide your

Credit Card Information to the right. →

Send Form with **Randall Drake** **HookdOnDiz@aol.com**
payment to: **10813 W Hinsdale Dr. 303-933-6073**
Littleton, CO 80127

Name: _____

Card Type: (___ Visa) (___ MasterCard) (___ Discover) (___ AMEX)

Card #: _____

Exp Date (MM/YY): ___/___ CVV#: _____ Billing ZIP _____

(CVV is the 3 digit # on the back, or 4 digit # on the front for AMEX)

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 or injury to self or property, and agrees to assume responsibility for any property which I/we damage.

Rider: _____ Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

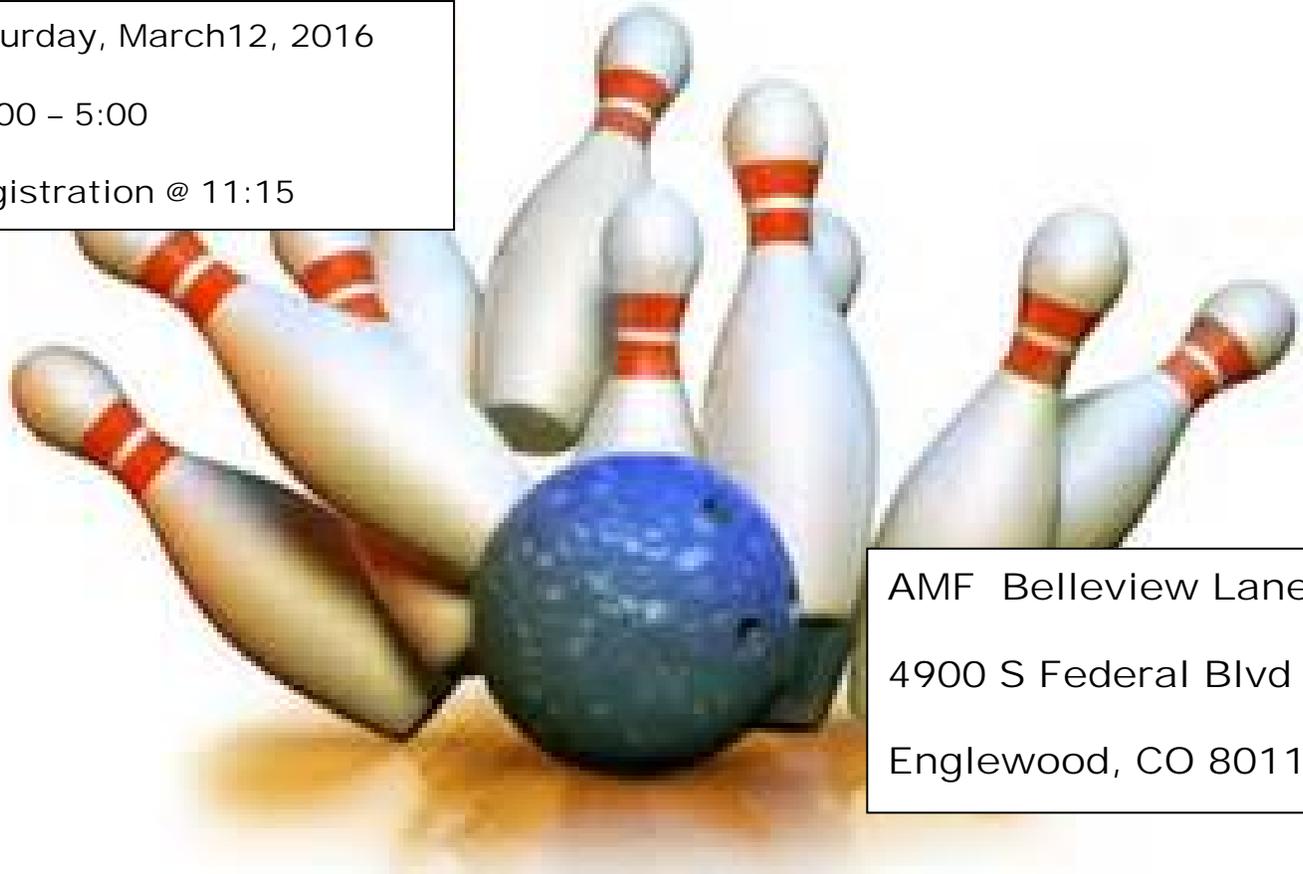
Date: _____ Date: _____ Date: _____

ALL  GWRRA
BOWLING FUN DAY

Saturday, March 12, 2016

12:00 - 5:00

Registration @ 11:15



AMF Belleview Lanes
4900 S Federal Blvd
Englewood, CO 80110

Three games bowling with colored pins for Lottery Tickets

Optional Fun Games:

- ✓ Strike Pot
- ✓ Poker Card Game
- ✓ 50/25/25

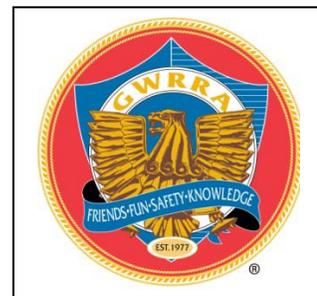
Price \$20/person

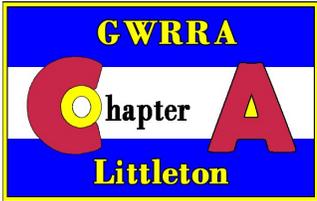
Food & Beverage available for purchase at Bowling Alley

RSVP to:

Linda & Fred Fisher (CO-L) silvertwo@comcast.net

OR Mike & Dorie Werner (CO-A) goldwinger2@hotmail.com





Colorado Chapter A Breakfast **FUN**-draiser

50-50!

**35th
Birthday!**

Auction!

Games!



Date: Sunday, 24 April 2016

Time: 9-11:30 AM

Cost: Pre-sales-\$10 Door-\$13

**Littleton Seventh-day Adventist
Church 7400 S. Windermere St.**

Littleton, CO 80120

Contact: Jim Griffin 303.933.9492

Mike Werner 303.434.5242

Come on down!



CELEBRATE!



GWRRA Region "F"un Family Reunion!

In conjunction with the NM District Rally

May 27-29, 2016

Albuquerque Marriott

2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE • Albuquerque NM 87110

1-505-881-6800



3 Nights of FUN, and CELEBRATION!!!!

Plan for FUN, United for FAMILY!!!

Daily 50/25/25

Bike Show

First Aid/CPR Class & Recert Class

Couple & Individual of the Year Selection

Rider Ed Games

Rider Education and Leadership Seminars

Master's Luncheon on Sunday

Convention Pin & Door Prizes

ARC and TRC Courses**

Light Parade and Show

Vendors, Including Bling & Chrome

*Horizon Class on Friday

*Deposit required, refunded if you attend

\$1,000 CASH GRAND PRIZE

Tires, Special Gifts and more

**Classroom is Friday AM; Range on Sat.

PREREGISTRATION ENDS MAY 1, 2016 – After that date, no meals or shirts will be available

GWRRA Members (**\$10 more on site**) \$30 _____ \$ _____

Non Members (**\$10 more on site**) \$35 _____ \$ _____

(NEW? Join GWRRA at the convention and registration is free!)

Day Passes-available for purchase on site

Dinner on Saturday Night \$28 _____ \$ _____

Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie _____

First Aid/CPR _____ Full (Sat.) _____ ReCert (Sun.) \$20 _____ \$ _____

ARC or TRC _____ ARC _____ TRC(+5\$ for 2 up) \$45 _____ \$ _____

(Each class limited to first 12 sign ups. Classroom/Range days see above)**

Horizon Class* \$20 _____ \$ _____

Master's Luncheon # of attendees _____ \$20 _____ \$ _____

On Sunday Master # _____ # _____

PreRegistration Tickets-drawn at closing **Cost Qty Total**

\$1000 Grand Prize (\$1.00 each at rally) 2 for \$1 _____ \$ _____

50/25/15/10- Strips of 10 \$5 X _____ \$ _____

50/25/15/10 - Strips of 100 \$30 X _____ \$ _____

Convention Shirt:

Short Sleeve Polo: \$28 X _____ \$ _____

Short Sleeve T-shirt: \$21 X _____ \$ _____

Long Sleeve T-shirt: \$23 X _____ \$ _____

Size choice for either style shirt _____s _____m _____l _____xl

_____2xl _____3xl _____4xl add \$2.00 to prices above

Put check mark to indicate type of payment-credit card info to right

Check _____ Credit Card _____ **GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____**

Make Checks payable to Region F

No refunds after May 10th

MORE UP TO DATE INFO AND SCHEDULE

WWW.GWRRA-RegionF.org

Send to:

Patti O'Neill

1828 Bel Air Ave

San Jose, CA 95126

pattioneill.gwrro@gmail.com

No refunds after May 10th

Credit Card: V/MC/D

CC # _____

Exp Date: _____ Security #: _____

I plan to enter the Bike Show!

Check/fill in what applies:

(more than 1 entry use back of form)

GL _____ Valkyrie _____ Trailer _____

2 Wheels _____ 3 Wheels _____ Sidecar _____

Open Class 1000cc or less _____ 1000cc+ _____

Stock(stock paint) _____

Custom(pinstriping; graphics; wood grain) _____

Show(Murals) _____ (more details; see website)

Rider: _____ GWRRA #: _____ Attended before _____

Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA #: _____ Attended before _____

Address: _____ Chapter: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Position with GWRRA _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and 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.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

COLORADO GWRRA CHAPTER FLYER'S

Due to popular demand, Wing Ding 38 has been moved back one day to a Wednesday through Saturday pattern!

The new dates are August 31—September 3, 2016.

We appreciate all the feedback and hope this makes for more convenient travel time.

We look forward to seeing you in Billings!

#WINGDING38

AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

