



Red Rocks Report

GWRRA Chapter CO-L
Lakewood, Colorado



Jan 2017

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Chapter of the Year*

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Greetings from Your Directors

Tami & Steve Bender
Directors



We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!

As we say goodbye to 2016 and welcome 2017, we look back at all the gatherings, rides, dinners, ice cream and traveling with our friends thru GWRRA, we are very grateful and truly blessed to belong to GWRRA and Chapter L. Steve and I have met so many friends, seen so much more and ridden so much more than I ever thought we would. Thank you so much!

On December 10, eight of us traveled west to Georgetown to the Christmas market. What a fun time and unique stores. Some of us took a wagon ride and learned some history about Georgetown. We then drove to Idaho Springs for lunch and of course Ice Cream.

We had sixteen members at our Christmas dinner at The Bison Grille in Commerce City on December 21. We had a lovely time and good food with great friends.

Our odd Sunday rides were on December 18, 2016, and January 1, 2017. Stan Smetana, and Ralph and Hanna Spencer rode on the New Year's Day Ride. Afterwards, thirteen of us met up at the Drakes for that delicious southern tradition of Black-Eyed Peas, fried taters (actually baked this year), and corn bread. Southerners say that eating black-eyed peas on News Years Day promises health and prosperity for the rest of the year.

Janet Spencer introduced everyone to their long-standing family tradition that they just started this year! That tradition is serving twelve skewered grapes to each person to bring good luck for each of the 12 months ahead.

Our next gathering will be Monday January 9 with Bob & Pat Blot bringing snacks. The annual District Officers Meeting will be on January 28, 2017, at 8:00am at the Clements Center, everyone is welcome.

Hope to see ya Monday!

Steve & Tami

Meetings 1st Monday each
Month, If a Holiday,
then 2nd Monday
At 7:00p.m.
1580 Yarrow, Lakewood, CO

Welcoming a New Year—Safety Tips...

Submitted by Andrew Smith

Filling in as Rider Educator



As we start a new year, I thought I would throw out a few tips to help us keep our head in the game. I know I have not had as much road time over the last 3 or so weeks as I would like so I always feel like anytime I can get a good reminder in to keep some focus it is a good thing. Basics? Sure. But keeping them fresh in your cranial RAM could be the difference between riding tomorrow and The Long Nap.



Close your eyes and recall your last ride in heavy traffic (like today). Imagine the vehicles surrounding you, crowding you, cutting you off. Imagine yourself monitoring closing speeds, reading street signs, noticing and anticipating traffic lights. Then imagine guessing what pedestrians will do, or how slippery that painted line might be. And those drivers with cell phones, newspapers or screaming kids to deal with...imagine trying to guess what they're going to do.

Riding in traffic can be a nightmare, especially for street-riding newcomers. Is it any wonder so many motorcyclists crash and burn while riding on congested streets? It's amazing how many different tasks motorcyclists deal with on a normal traffic-choked commute. Doing it successfully means processing a multitude of items at once and reacting correctly to each. Doing it wrong can mean roadkill--the human kind. Here are 15 smart strategies for dealing with traffic-choked streets.

Watch drivers' heads and mirrors

Watching the head movements of drivers through their windows and mirrors is an excellent way to anticipate sudden moves. Most drivers won't lunge left or right without first moving their heads one way or another (even if they don't check their mirrors).

Trust your mirrors, but not totally

Your bike's mirrors can be lifesavers, but they don't always tell the entire story even if they're adjusted properly. In traffic, always buttress your mirror-generated rear view with a glance over the appropriate shoulder. Do it quickly and you'll add an extra measure of rear-view and blind-spot knowledge to your info-gathering tasks.

Never get between a vehicle and an off-ramp

This sounds almost too simple, but drivers who decide to exit at the last-minute kill plenty of riders each year. The simple rule, then, is to never position yourself between a vehicle and an off-ramp. Passing on the right is generally a no-no, but in this day and age it's sometimes necessary. So, if you do it, do so between exits or cross-streets.

Cover your brakes

In traffic, you must often react extra quickly, which means not fumbling for the brake lever or pedal. To minimize reach time, always keep a finger or two on the brake lever and your right toe close to the rear brake pedal. When that cell phone-yakking dorkus cuts across your path trying to get to the 7-Eleven for a burrito supreme, you'll be ready.

Welcoming a New Year—Safety Tips...Continued

Be noticed

Make sure drivers and pedestrians can see you, even from a distance. Ride with your high beam on during the day (as a courtesy, turn it off when sitting behind someone at a light), and wear brightly colored gear, especially your helmet and jacket. Hi-Vis yellow suits and jackets aren't just hugely conspicuous, they've also become fashionable, so now you don't have an excuse. **Don't forget to help with some lighting that also catches the attention of your fellow drivers **

Be ready with the power

In traffic, ride in a gear lower than you normally would so your bike is ready to jump forward instantly if asked. (Not everyone rides open-class twins, after all.) Doing so gives you the option of leaping ahead instead of being limited to just using the brakes when that pickup suddenly moves over. The higher revs might also alert more cagers to your presence.

Traffic slowing? Stay left (or right)

When traffic slows suddenly, stay to the left or right of the car in front of you. This will give you an escape route if needed. It will also help keep you from becoming a hood ornament if the car behind you fails to stop in time. Once you've stopped, be ready--clutch in, your bike in gear and your eyes on the mirrors. You never know.

Practice the scan

Constantly scanning your entire environment while riding--from instruments to mirrors to the road ahead to blind spots to your left and right rear--keeps you aware and in touch with your situation, and therefore better able to react. Dwelling on one area too long--watching only behind or in front of you, for instance--is just begging for trouble.

Left-turn treachery

When approaching an oncoming car that's stopped and about to turn left, be ready. Use your 'bright lights' so the driver can see you (during the day), but don't rely on this to save you. Modulators can help here, but they can also be annoying to other drivers or your fellow riders, depending on where you may be if in a group. Watch the car's wheels or the driver's hands on the steering wheel; if you see movement, be ready to brake, swerve or accelerate, whichever seems best for the situation.

Study the surface

Add asphalt conditions to your scan. Be on the lookout for spilled oil, antifreeze or fuel; it'll usually show up as shiny pavement. Also keep an eye out for gravel and/or sand, which is usually more difficult to see. Use your sense of smell, too; often you can smell spilled diesel fuel before your tires discover how slippery the stuff is.



Welcoming a New Year—Safety Tips...Continued

Ride in open zones

Use your bike's power and maneuverability to ride in open zones in traffic. In any grouping of vehicles there are always some gaps; find these and ride in them. Doing so will separate you from four-wheelers, give you additional room to maneuver and allow you to keep away from dangerous blind spots. And vary your speed. Riding along with the flow can make you invisible to other drivers, especially in heavy traffic.

Use that thumb

Get into the habit of canceling your turn signals often regardless of the traffic situation. A blinking signal might tell drivers waiting to pull into the road or turning left in front of you that you're about to turn when you aren't. So push that switch a few times each minute. Better to wear out the switch than eat a Hummer's hood, eh?

It's good to be thin

A huge advantage single-track vehicles have over four-wheelers is their ability to move left and right within a lane to enable the rider to see what's ahead. Whether you're looking to the side of the cars ahead or through their windshields, seeing what's coming can give you lots of extra time to react.



More than one way out

Yeah, motorcycles fall down. But they're also light, narrow and hugely maneuverable, so you might as well learn to exploit their strengths when things get ugly, right? So, don't just brake hard in a hairball situation. There's almost always an escape route. Swerving into Mrs. Smith's front yard could be a lot better than center-punching the Buick that turned left in front of you. Always have an escape route planned, and update it minute by minute.

Running interference

This one's easy, and we'll bet most of you already do it: Let larger vehicles run interference for you when negotiating intersections. If the bonehead coming toward you from the left or right is going to blow the light, better they hit the box van next to you, right? For the same reasons, don't lunge through an intersection as soon as the light turns green. Be patient, and use the vehicles next to you as cover.

Some Information from Motorcyclist.com article February 24, 2009

Great Start to the New Year!

by *Becky Ackerman*
Ride Coordinator

So what did you all do today, New Year's Day? We had an extremely quiet New Year's Eve but today was clear and sunny even though a little chilly.

It was too cold to ride to Lakewood at 8:00 for breakfast and the odd Sunday ride. We opted to wait until it warmed up a little more! By 10:45 it had warmed up to 37° so we bundled up in electrics and hit the road.

What a way to start the new year! As you all know, we're nearly in Kansas out here so the logical direction to go is east. Taking back roads (we know them all) we made our way across country to Strasburg. The sun was out and surprisingly it warmed up the further east we rode. Got as warm as 45°!

We had the road all to ourselves and it was so nice to get out and ride. We saw eight hawks up high waiting for their lunch. We rode about 75 miles and it was just enough to wet our appetite for the next sunny, dry winter day. We'll be ready and waiting!



New Year's Resolutions!

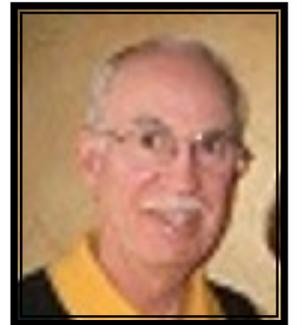
by *Nick Hoppner*
District Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Every year, right after Christmas has come and gone, but before New Year's Eve, folks discuss whether they'll set forth on a new set of resolutions. Lots of people start out strong, but lose their resolve quickly. Through the first weeks of January, the gyms are full of folks trying to shed weight and inches; by mid-February, there's no longer a wait time for the stair-stepper machine. Human nature being what it is, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Besides, a three-meat pizza calls out to our inner chubby selves more persistently than does a kale salad—hold the dressing.

In church, we hear about sins of omission—those things which we ought to have done (but neglected to do), and about sins of commission—those things which ought not to have done (but did anyway). We tend to easily recognize our weaknesses and compile our list of good intentions for the New Year based on those nasty little sins. If curing our faults were as easy as recognizing them, we'd all have clearer consciences.

Which brings me to my 2017 list of **A Safer Motorist's New Year's Resolutions:**

1. Stop means stop. I solemnly swear to bring my vehicle to a complete and total stop at all stop signs and red traffic lights—even those right-on-red opportunities to save time, brake linings and impatience.
2. I shall look both ways *twice* to be sure the coast is clear after stopping at intersections. (See Number 1. above.) Once each way is never dependable.
3. I shall not drive my vehicle until all windows are entirely clear of snow, ice or fog. No, a credit card-sized aperture just above the steering wheel is not adequate.

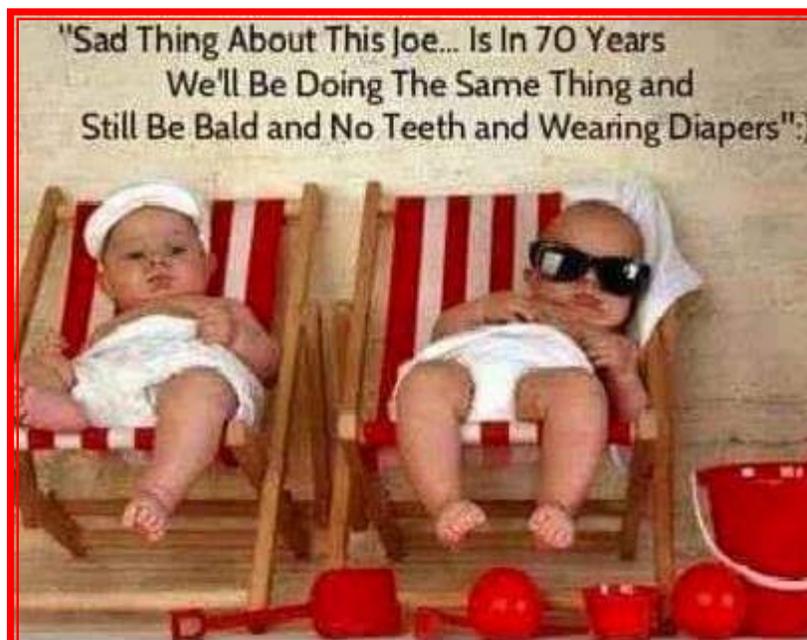


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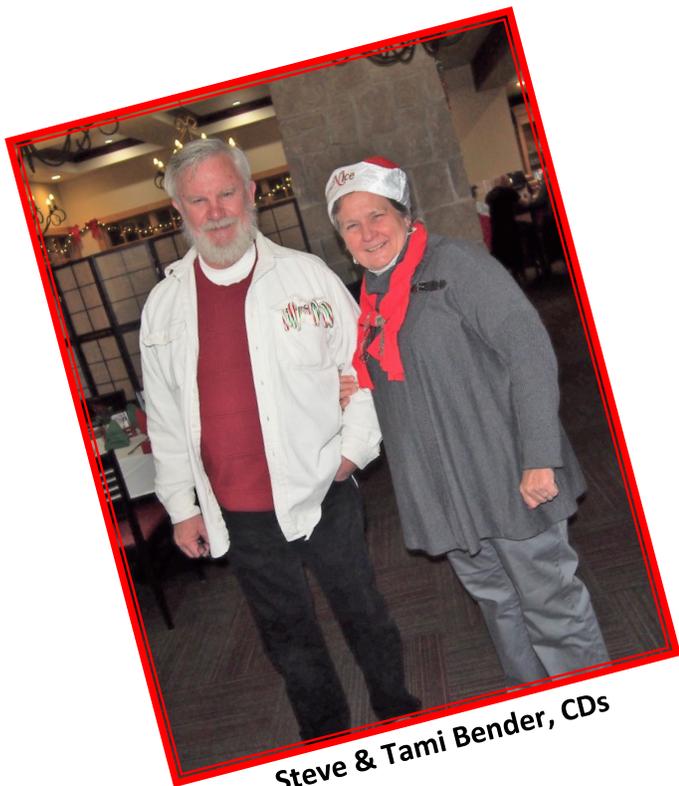
4. I shall carefully determine whether the streets are icy before I reach the main roads. Black ice, sleet, or freezing rain are all treacherous.
5. I shall not assume *posted* speeds to be *mandated* speeds. They're supposed to be maximum legal speeds under perfect, daytime conditions. You're within your rights to drive slower, especially when conditions recommend it!
6. I shall focus on the task of driving, avoiding all distracting devices, music, and/or conversations within my environment.
7. I shall not "marathon drive". Driving tired is just as irresponsible as driving under the influence (DUI).
8. I shall forgive other drivers' faults behind the wheel, leaving at home the temptation to judge their lack of perfection until I have become perfect myself.
9. I shall endeavor to exercise patience and diplomacy with situations that inconvenience me. To do so might possibly develop in me a gentler character, reduce one's high blood pressure, and avoid armed hostility.
10. I shall keep a typed copy of these resolutions in my vehicle, with the expressed intention to read them, digest them, and apply them every time I drive.



How about it, folks? Could you pledge to a list of resolutions like this one? Can you imagine what the effect would be if everybody did?



Chapter Christmas Party Photos!



Steve & Tami Bender, CDs



Christine & Bob King



Randall, Janet, Linda, Fred, Tami, Christine, Bob, and Mike

GL1500 for Sale



Moving to a trike so I am selling my 1998 GL-1500 SE

It has 133,487 gentle miles. Never down or damaged. Has had nothing but Rotella T6 5-40 oil used in it since new. To my knowledge, everything works perfectly.

It has a Russell Daylong seat, Rear Passenger Airfoil, Digital Voltmeter, Compufire Alternator, Baker Wind Wings, Passenger Transformer Boards, Heated Grips. F-4 Windshield has a small crack below the vent but does not interfere with line of site.

Asking only \$4,500 for the bike.

I have a matching Bushtec trailer that I will sell with the bike for an additional negotiable amount if you are interested.

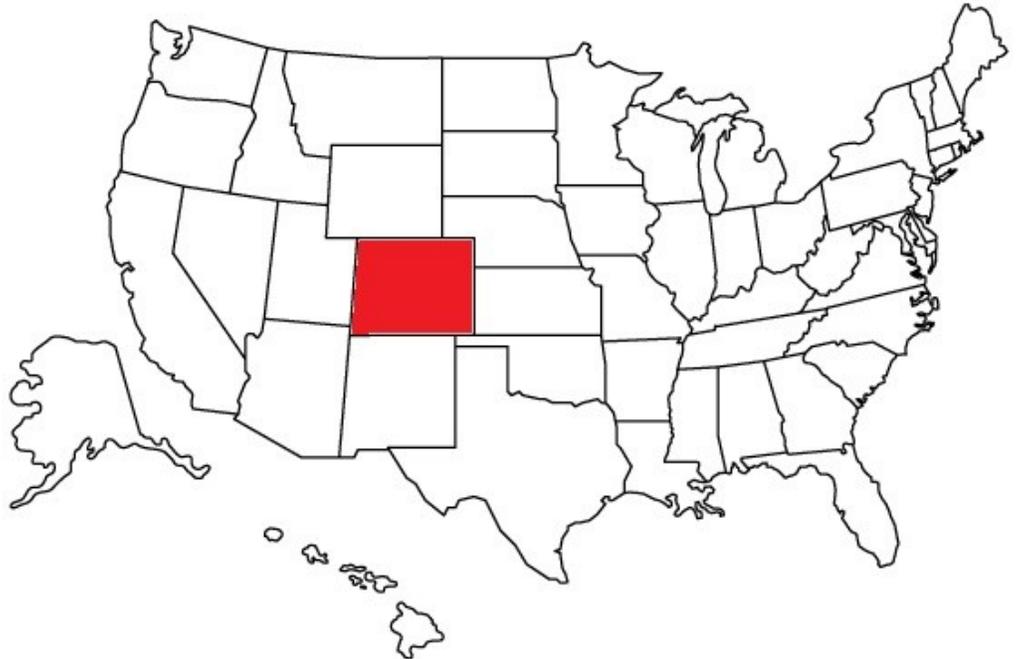
If you have any questions or would like to see it, please contact me at silverone@comcast.net

Where is Chapter L Riding in 2017!

Well, we are off and riding for this new year! Please report your states quickly so we can color in a new map!!! Can we FILL IT UP THIS YEAR?

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

- Jan CO
- Feb
- Mar
- Apr
- May
- Jun
- Aug
- Sep
- Oct
- Nov
- Dec



January Celebrations

Birthdays

Ron Evers	3rd
Robert King	21st
Randall Drake	26th

Anniversaries

Ralph & Janet Spencer	16th
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Upcoming Events

- Mon 9 Chapter L Meeting
–Refreshments by Bob & Pat Blot
- Sun 15 Odd Sunday Ride (WP)
- Wed 18 Dinner Ride sponsored by Randall & Janet Drake
- Sat 28 Annual District Officer Conference
- Sun 29 Odd Sunday Ride (WP)

Colorado Chapter Gatherings

For information regarding Who, When, and Where, check your ride book OR go to the District Website at:

[Colorado Chapter Gatherings Schedule](#)

Chapter L Officers and Staff 2017

Chapter Director	Tami & Steve Bender	Email	303-972-8420
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Treasurer	Fred & Linda Fisher	Email	720-922-0789
Motorist Awareness Coordinator	?????	Email	303-923-8342
Coffee Maker Extraordinaire	?????		
Membership Enhancement Coordinators	Mike & Becky Ackerman	Email	303-988-0413
Chapter Couple of the Year	?????		
Chapter Individual of the Year	?????		
Ride Coordinator	Becky Ackerman	Email	303-988-0413
Greeter	Ralph Spencer	Email	303-888-2705
Storekeeper	Fred & Linda Fisher	Email	720-922-0789
Ride Book Editor	Janet Drake	Email	303-933-6073
Newsletter Editor	Randall Drake	Email	720-480-2800

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Keep an eye out for training opportunities!

That's all Folks!



GWRRA California District Rally

ICE AGE – WE'RE BACK!!

September 22 – 24, 2017



“The Village Lodge” @ Mammoth Lakes, California

Stay at the Village Lodge. Rooms range from 1, 2, or 3-bedroom fully equipped condos, all with the plush services of a premier hotel. Village Lodge has a phenomenal central location in the heart of the Village at Mammoth, guests get the action of town with mountain access (via shuttle buses). But that's only if you leave the hotel – guests enjoy a heated pool, hot tubs, fitness center, and a media room. Opening & closing ceremonies overlooking the summery slopes of Mammoth.

All for one low price – not just an event – it's a vacation – GWRRA rates available September 17 through the 29th.

Reservations: Call (800) MAMMOTH, to make your reservations! Booking ID: 22854

ARC/TRC ~ First-aid/CPR ~ Educational Classes ~ Riding ~ Bingo ~ Fun Game Challenges ~
Ice Cream Social ~ Master's Breakfast Sunday morning.

Registration Fees	Cost	Qty	Total
GWRRA Members – Before 3/1/17	\$25	_____	\$ _____
Between 3/2/17 to 7/1/17	\$30	_____	\$ _____
Between 7/2/17 to 9/10/17	\$35	_____	\$ _____
On-Site and Non-members –	\$40	_____	\$ _____
<u>After 9/10/17 must Register on site</u>			
 Pre-registration Tickets			
<u>Grand Prize tickets</u>			
50/25/25---strips of 10	\$5	x _____	\$ _____
50/25/25---strips of 100	\$30	x _____	\$ _____
 <u>Master's Breakfast ~ pre-paid only</u>			
Masters # _____ # _____	\$18	x _____	\$ _____
 <u>Rally T-shirts short sleeve</u>			
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	\$18	x _____	\$ _____
2XL _____ 3XL _____	\$20	x _____	\$ _____
 <u>Rally T-shirts Long Sleeve</u>			
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____	\$20	x _____	\$ _____
2XL _____ 3XL _____	\$22	x _____	\$ _____
 <i>T-shirts available by pre-order - ONLY</i>			
	TOTAL		\$ _____

All pre-registration must be received by September 10th for a Chance to win a set of tires!

Make Checks payable to GWRRA-CA

Mail completed forms & check to:

**Darlene Herrera
1842 Southview Circle
Paso Robles, CA 93446**

**For further information
Contact: Nancy & Bob Clark
Email: gwrri.mamabear@gmail.com
Or call us at: (661) 317-1395**

**\$15.00 fee on all refunds
No refunds after September 1st**

**For latest information visit our website.
www.gwrri-ca.org**



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 _____



I-800-MAMMOTH:

Please call **800-MAMMOTH (1-800-626-6684)** before **Friday, August 18, 2017** for reservations by referencing the group name, **GWRRRA Fall 2017 Fall Rally** or **Booking ID: 22854**. Reservations are subject to the deposit and cancellation policies quoted online or by the vacation specialist. Please note applicable taxes and fees are subject to change at the time of your stay.

Cancel/Change Policy

Summer Seasons:

Valid April 17, 2016 through October 31, 2017

You may cancel or change the reservation up to 2 full days in advance of arrival date with a \$50.00 change/cancellation fee. Within 2 days of arrival all reservations are non-changeable, non-transferable and non-refundable, unless other arrangements have been made.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area has a Resort Fee of \$10.00 per room per night. This fee entitles guests of our lodging properties to the following benefits: unlimited internet usage, unlimited local and 800 phone calls, incoming and outgoing fax service, business center computer services, DVD movie rental, in room tea and coffee, game room access, fitness room access and in resort transportation.

VILLAGE LODGE	DATES	GROUP RATE	GROUP RATE WITH RESORT FEE AND TAX
One Bedroom Condo	September 17-29, 2017	\$130.00	\$160.65 per night
Two Bedroom Condo	September 17-29, 2017	\$179.00	\$216.88 per night
Three Bedroom Condo	September 17-29, 2017	\$309.00	\$366.05 per night

Guests making their lodging reservations prior to **July 1, 2017** will be entered in to a drawing to win one complimentary night in a One Bedroom Condo at The Village Lodge during the 2017 GWRRRA CA Fall Rally.