



Red Rocks Report

**GWRRA Chapter CO-L
Lakewood, Colorado**



Sep & Oct 2017

*2013 International
Chapter of the Year*

Friends for
Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

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Greetings from Your Directors

Tami & Steve Bender
Directors



Aloha!

What a great Colorado Rally in Salida! We had some rain but great friends and riding! Chapter L even had a couple of people win some 50/50's! We had fun with the Chapter dress-up contest. Thank you to everyone for participating.

On August 12, we met up at Peak Honda World and had donuts and coffee and a "Meet and Greet" with employees! It's a great new shop and friendly people! If you get a chance stop by and say hello and thank them for being a sponsor at our rally. After taking pictures, Becky Ackerman led us on a ride and it turned out to be a beautiful day.

Ron Evers and Laura Hudson hosted our dinner ride on August 16 at Bennett's BBQ! And, of course, we had great food, good service, and wonderful friends.

Wing Ding is in full force and we hope everyone's travels are safe and they have a wonderful time in Grapevine, Texas.

Remember our September meeting is canceled and we will meet again on October 2, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Our Chili Cook off fundraiser is October 14, 2017, at Clements Community Center starting at 11:00am. We hope to have some good chili again!

Hope to see ya at our gathering on October 2!

Steve & Tami

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER!

Due to several circumstances, we are not gathering in September.

Our next gathering is Oct 2, 2017.

Accordingly, THIS NEWSLETTER is for September AND October!

See you after the Aspen turn Golden!!

Gatherings:

1st Monday each Month.
If a Holiday,
then 2nd Monday

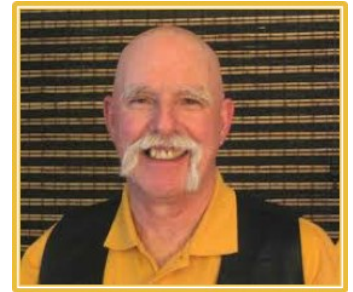
Time: 7:00p.m.

Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow, Lakewood, CO

Hot Dogs and the Law!

by **Ralph K. Spencer**

Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator



As I noted in my August newsletter article, our esteemed Colorado governor, who goes by the classy nickname of Hick, signed into law a bill that increases penalties for drivers convicted of distracted driving. A conviction for a first offense would be a Class 2 misdemeanor resulting in a fine of \$300 and four points on the driver's license. Subsequent offenses would incur the same fine and points assessed. Drivers convicted of causing an accident resulting in death or injury while texting would face Class 1 misdemeanor charges, with fines ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 and a possible sentence of 10 days to one year in prison. Fantastic, you say, a law that will reduce the number of accidents and fatalities since, as I have previously reported, the Colorado Department of Transportation is on record as saying that distracted driving caused 40 crashes a day last year. Finally, you say, a law that clamps down on distracted drivers! Perhaps now, you say, motorcycles will cease to represent nearly 20% of Colorado fatalities despite accounting for only 3% of all Colorado registered vehicles.



But then again, perhaps not. As detailed in my August article, prior to the passage of the above law, any text messaging or manual data entry by a motorist was prohibited. Under the new law, texting while driving is now legal in Colorado as

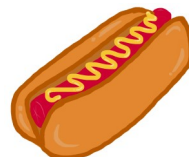
long as it isn't done in "a careless or imprudent manner." In other words, this new Colorado law just made it legal to text and drive! Two additional irresponsible aspects of this law that you will never hear or read about are that: 1) law enforcement officers must see the driver typing first hand - witness statements from other motorists will not suffice; and, 2) whether or not using the phone is done so in a careless or imprudent manner will be open to the officers' interpretations.

How does such a law get passed by a legislature comprised of at least a few bright folks who should know better than to reverse themselves and make texting while driving legal in Colorado? As noted in the Denver Post recently, this weaker standard of texting while driving comes as Colorado officials

warn about an "epidemic of distracted driving" and other states are moving to toughen their laws to discourage cell phone use by motorists. Mind boggling, you say? You are absolutely correct.

It would probably not surprise anyone that this new law is the product of legislative deal-making. To win passage of the new law, State Sen. Lois Court needed support from Sen. Owen Hill, who opposed the original texting-while-driving bill because, in his opinion, it went too far. Hill, who is running for Congress, agreed to support the measure if it softened the language about enforcement. There you go, trading votes for lives. Let's hope the resulting fatalities are not anyone Hill knows personally. That would be awkward, to say the least, and might hurt his Congressional chances - heaven forbid!!!

For some strange but thank goodness reason, Colorado lawmakers kept intact the current ban on cell phone use of any kind, talking or texting, for drivers under age 18. The fine for these infractions remains \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for the second offense. Do me a favor, keep a casual eye out for possible offenders of this current ban. Yeah, I don't think it's tough enough either!!! So, despite the fact that I am repeating myself from an earlier newsletter, the title of this month's article remains a universal truth, two things you should NOT ever watch being made remain: *Hotdogs and the Law!!!*



Until next time, Share the Road - Safely!!!



Another Chapter?

by **Becky Ackerman**
Ride Coordinator

Many of us attended the District Rally in Salida and had a great time. All the effort it took to plan and organize such an event is all behind us now. Time to move on. Looking forward we have the Chili Cookoff coming up in October and a ride planning meeting in November. So where do we go from here?

Yes, there are changes galore coming up for GWRRA but for now let's focus on Chapter L and what we can all do to help make it a better Chapter. There is always room for improvement! Our ride planning meeting is a good place to start. We can



all be thinking about something new and different for next year. Perhaps you have ridden on your own to a place you think the Chapter may enjoy. Please bring your ideas to this meeting!

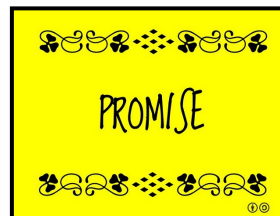
For those of you who joined in on one of the 3-day weekend rides, did you have fun? Would you like to do it again? There's nothing stopping you from coming up with your own ideas and suggestions for one. As far as I'm concerned, planning is half the fun!

So why do we go to the trouble of creating a ride book every year? I don't know about you, but it's nice to whip out that calendar when you're making other personal plans and see if the date in question is open or not. It's that simple. Once a schedule is made we can all look ahead and make plans based on that schedule.

Not everyone is retired so they must plan around work. Even retirees are not always "in town" so having the ride book to refer to when making plans is paramount in their lives. And, believe it or not, there are some who have to pick and choose which activity or ride they can attend because they have other obligations they know of beforehand. They may have to forgo one to attend another. But, they make plans based on what they can do.



So, you ask, where is this going? I saw a chapter some years ago start sliding downhill rapidly when they began to cancel rides that were scheduled in their ride book. This went on for several years! It became a joke when you looked at their ride book because you just knew the rides were going to be canceled. Chapter members started losing interest and the chapter went on fewer and fewer rides every year. It took a long time, between getting new members and changing staff before everyone started getting excited about riding again. Is this where you want to be in another year or two?



We don't want to go there. This can be prevented. When you step up to organize a ride or event, you must take it seriously. It is a promise and a commitment to the chapter and every member. The date you choose goes in the book, people make plans and count on going. It is your responsibility to make it happen short of illness, death, or weather issues. Even then, if you've done the planning then it should be easy for someone else to step up and actually lead the ride if you ask them. If you are willing to go to the effort to do this I know without a doubt our Chapter will improve and become even more fun for all.



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*The following articles did not make the last newsletter. I apologize to Fred and Linda!
Hopefully, you will enjoy reading them this month!*

Capulin Volcano Ride!

by Fred Fisher

Ride Organizer and Chapter Treasurer



On July 1, fourteen folks on ten bikes headed toward Capulin Volcano National Park in northern New Mexico. Our first night stop was in Raton NM. If you wanted to go directly there, it is a 3½ hour, 220 mile ride directly down I-25. However, what fun is that? So, we instead took a 342 mile ride through the mountains of Colorado. The route included Tarryall Road and the Highway of Legends. We had several stops along the way including lunch in Florence at the Steele Smokin' BBQ. Although we had some dark skies along the way, we never got rained on. A nice riding day but a rather long.....10-hour day.



The next morning, we headed over to the volcano. We stopped at the visitor center first and then headed up to the top. The road up spirals around the mountain so you get a 360 degree view of the landscape on the way up. After parking in the lot near the top, several folks walked the Crater Vent Trail. The trail descends 105 feet to the bottom of the crater. After that, several folks walked the Crater Rim Trail. It is a 1-



mile loop that skirts the rim of the volcano. It is here where you reach the volcanos highest point of 8,182 feet. After spending a couple hours on the mountain, we headed back to Raton and then to Walsenburg for lunch and fuel.... We at least tried for fuel! A couple of very crowded gas stations and a well understaffed restaurant led to some lost time.

After lunch, we headed over La Veta Pass and into Alamosa. Over to Monte Vista and up to Saguache where we took Rt. 114 towards Gunnison. Most of the group, including myself, had never been on that road before. A beautiful ride though some narrow canyons that led us to Route 50 and into Gunnison for our overnight stay. Again, we dodged the rain and had a nice ride. But yet again..... another 10-hour day.

Day 3 started out with a nice surprise. Seems there was a small Hot Air Balloon Rally in Gunnison that morning. Several of us got up early and walked down to the city park to watch the mass ascension. After a nice breakfast at the motel, we were off across Route 50 and over Monarch Pass; well not without incident. Just as we hit the summit of the pass, a logging truck had just pulled out onto the highway to head down the pass. He obviously didn't understand that he should pull over to allow people around and soon had 50-60 cars and bikes behind him. We were finally able to get around him at a passing lane and continued our way home. In Woodland Park, some decided to head on home and others stopped for some lunch.

Everyone arrived home safe and sound. Just the way we like it. Thanks to all that joined us on our ride. Hope everyone enjoyed it.

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Chapter J's "Hummer of a Summer"

by Linda Fisher

Treasured Member

A few members of Chapter L were present for Chapter J's pancake breakfast fundraiser. There were many things to bid on and Bingo was played. But, the highlight of the day was the bake goods raffle. The new venue they had was really nice. Some of the gathering went home loaded down with enough goodies to start their own bakery.

This was a very good turnout. All six of the front range chapters were represented. Thanks to all from Chapter J for a great time!



Chapter L's July Dinner Ride

by Linda Fisher

On July 19th we met for dinner and a quiet evening with 14 of us in attendance. We also were honored with two special guests of Ralph Spencer's, his daughter and her friend. We went to Mimi's Café.

The chip pull was made to no avail. The booty grows larger since Laura failed to pull the red chip. Better luck next time.

After dining on a variety of delicious dishes and dessert, we said our good-byes and everyone went their merry way.

Fred and I would like to thank everyone for coming. See you next time.

An Acronym for Living

Reprint from the GWRRA Newsletter

I was recently reminded of something my friend Doris Schoeck, former KS District Director, put together a while back. We all think there are way too many acronyms in the world, but this one really pulls it all together. PARTICIPATION – you don't think of that as an acronym, but it can be a great one when it comes to enjoying a rally.

Plan what you'll do while you're there. Go with the

Attitude that you'll enjoy yourself.

Ride in the parades.

Tell the vendors and staff they're appreciated.

Invoke someone to accompany you. Everyone likes to be acknowledged, so

Congratulate the winners.

Invest your time in activities that interest you.

Participate in as many things as possible. When you need information to make things go smoother,

Ask questions.

Talk to someone new – a stranger is just a friend you just haven't met.

Inquire about what's new – there's always something you haven't seen or heard about. Be

Open to new experiences – get out of your comfort zone. And, the most importantly,

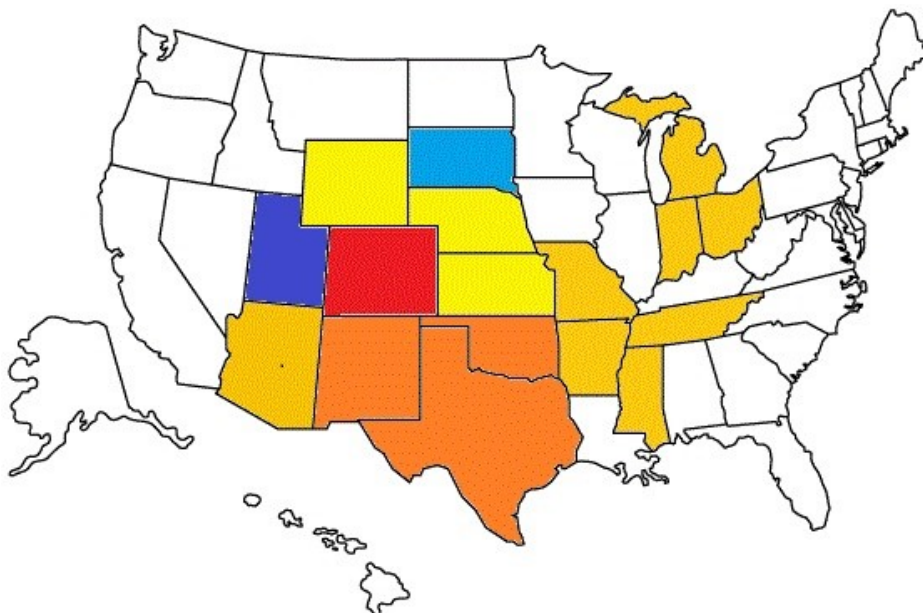
Never forget to have fun!!

Where is Chapter L Riding in 2017?

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 KS, NE, WY (way to go Ackerman's!)
 Mar NM, OK, TX (Ditto!)
 Apr AR, AZ, IN, MI, MO, MS, OH, TN
 May ☹️
 Jun SD
 Jul UT
 Aug ☹️
 Sep
 Oct
 Nov
 Dec

**Sep & Oct Celebrations****Birthdays**

Fred Fisher	Sep 19
Stan Smetana	Sep 28
Chuck Bellmyer	Oct 9
Bob Blot	Oct 16
Pat Blot	Oct 21
Andy Smith	Oct 21

**Anniversaries**

Mike & Becky Ackerman	Oct 10
Ron Evers & Laura Hudson	Oct 15
Chuck & Vickie Kasson	Oct 18

Upcoming Events

September-No Gathering

Sep 2	Odd Sunday Breakfast and Ride
Sep 17	Odd Sunday Breakfast and Ride
Sep 22	California District Rally
Oct 1	Odd Sunday Breakfast and Ride
Oct 2	Chapter Gathering-Refreshments by Ron & Laura
Oct 14	Chap CO-L Chili Cook Off
Oct 15	Odd Sunday Breakfast and Ride
Oct 18	Dinner Ride—TBD
Tue 29	Wing Ding in Grapevine, Texas thru Sep 2

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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Chapter Individual of the Year	TBA		
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Greeter	Ralph K Spencer, III	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

[Chapter L Web Site](#)[Colorado District Staff](#)[Region F Staff](#)[GWRRA National Staff](#)

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

GWRRA Members – Before 3/1/17

Between 3/2/17 to 7/1/17

Between 7/2/17 to 9/10/17

On-Site and Non-members –

After 9/10/17 must Register on site

Cost	Qty	Total
\$25	_____	\$ _____
\$30	_____	\$ _____
\$35	_____	\$ _____
\$40	_____	\$ _____

Pre-registration Tickets

Grand Prize tickets

50/25/25---strips of 10

50/25/25---strips of 100

2 for \$1	_____	\$ _____
\$5 x	_____	\$ _____
\$30 x	_____	\$ _____

Master's Breakfast ~ pre-paid only

Masters # _____ # _____

\$18 x	_____	\$ _____
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Rally T-shirts short sleeve

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____

\$18 x	_____	\$ _____
\$20 x	_____	\$ _____

Rally T-shirts Long Sleeve

S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

2XL _____ 3XL _____

\$20 x	_____	\$ _____
\$22 x	_____	\$ _____

T-shirts available by pre-order - ONLY

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: gwrca.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.gwrca-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](tel:1-800-626-6684)) before **Friday, August 18, 2017** for reservations by referencing the group name, **GWRRA 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:

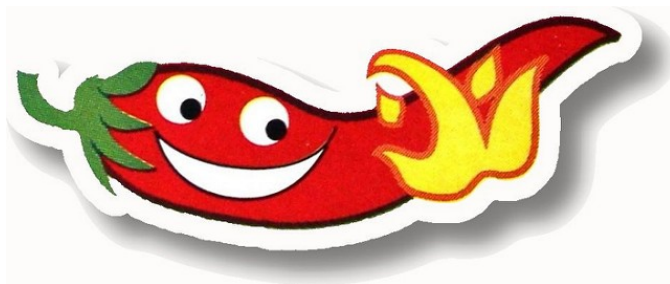
Valid April 17, 2016 through October 31, 2017

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 GWRRA CA Fall Rally.



Chapter CO-L

Chili Cook Off

October 14th, 2017 11:00am – 2:00pm

Clements Center

1580 Yarrow St

Lakewood, CO 80214

\$12.00 per person prepay or \$15 at the door

\$5.00 children 12 years and under

Bring your best **red** or **green** chili

Best **Green Chili** prize \$50.00 cash

Best **Red Chili** prize \$50.00 cash



Questions, please call Tami or Steve 303-718-4001



ARIZONA DISTRICT RALLY OCTOBER 27—29, 2017



Host Hotel:

Nautical Beachfront Resort

1100 McCulloch Blvd

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Tel: 800-892-2141 ext 704 or 442

Reservation Code 332875

Ask for Gold Wing Riders

Rates \$99, \$109, \$119



WELCOME TO
THE
BEACH
*No Watches No Worries
No Clocks No Cares
No Deadlines No Drama*



Rider: _____ GWRRRA# _____ Master # _____

Rider2/Co-Rider: _____ GWRRRA# _____ Master# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chapter: _____ (include District, e.g. AZ-G CA-1F)

Rally Registration: Member # _____ x\$25 = _____

Rally Registration: Non-Member # _____ x\$30 = _____

Dinner Saturday Night: # _____ x\$28 = _____

Chicken Marsala # _____ London Broil # _____ Vegetarian # _____

Masters Breakfast # _____ x\$18 = _____

CPR/First Aid: Full Class # _____ x\$25 = _____

Renewal # _____ x\$25 = _____

Driver Name: ARC _____ TRC _____ # _____ x\$20 = _____

Rally Shirts: Long Sleeve Tee: S-XL \$20; 2X-4X \$22 Short Sleeve Polo: S-XL \$25; 2X-4X \$27

ALL SHIRTS ARE IN MEN SIZES

T-Shirt or Polo: # _____ Size _____ T-Shirt or Polo: # _____ Size _____ = _____

50/25/25 \$5 = 6 Tickets; \$10 = 16 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets = _____

Door Prize \$5 = 6 Tickets; \$10 = 16 Tickets; \$20 = 40 Tickets = _____

Grand Prize \$5 = 2 Tickets; \$10 = 8 Tickets; \$20 = 20 Tickets = _____

EARLY REGISTRATION BY 01/15/17 YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR \$400.00

Total Enclosed _____

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

Riders: _____ Co-Rider: _____

Make Checks Payable to: GWRRRA-AZ District

Mail Registration & Payment to: Dennie Long

See www.gwrraaz.org for latest info

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