



Red Rocks Report

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



Dec 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*



Wow! By the time you read this it will be December. What a wonderful year we have had!

First and foremost, I would like to thank Randall for many years of publishing our Chapter L newsletter!!!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! He has done a wonderful job! (Editor's Note: More credit than deserved, but I'll take it!)

I would also like to thank the entire TEAM of Chapter L. We had a great dinner hosted by the Ackerman's on November 18 at the Islamorada Restaurant adjacent to Bass Pro Shop! Good food, great friends, and a wonderful experience shopping and looking around.

We had our District planning meeting and then our Chapter planning meeting hosted by Chuck Bellmyer! And again, he did a great job and the food was yummy! Thank YOU, Chuck! Due to the Broncos playing their normal 2017 style football, it was hard to hear in the room, but we still got a lot accomplished.

Our next gathering will be Monday, December 4 at 7:00pm

Hope to see ya then!
Steve & Tami

Bandage Up!

*by Chuck Bellmyer
Assistant Chapter Director*



Hello Chapter L! This month's safety talk is going to be given by Stan. He told me about a new type of bandage application that really works great. It's called the Israeli bandage. If you have never seen one, they are so easy to apply and puts more pressure on a wound than any of us could. I looked at it in a demo, and am going to get one for my first aid kit. I think you will find this interesting to see.

Thanks! Hope to see you all at our gathering!.

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

Time: 7:00p.m.
Clement Community Center
1580 Yarrow, Lakewood, CO

YIKES!

Can This Really be True???

(continued)

by *Ralph K. Spencer*

Motorist Awareness Program Coordinator

This article will be my second of the **YIKES!** variety in that it continues to provide some startling statistics that you may not like but are extremely important to know.

My November article focused on the following factoid:

Insurance industry research has determined that older, male motorcyclists are most likely to die in motorcycle crashes.

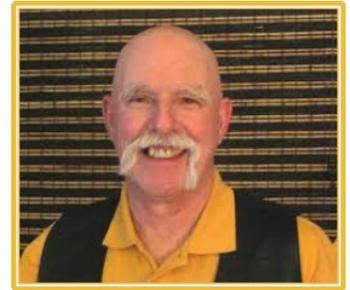
YIKES!

Such a determination strikes very close to home, as I'm sure it does to the majority of my readers. Can this really be true?

Read on to see what is meant by "older?" National statistics on motorcycle fatalities show a curious, yet depressing, trend. Whereas in 1975, 80 percent of motorcycle fatalities involved riders 29 or younger, today's age group with the most fatalities is 50 and older, or 35 percent. Therein lies the definition of "older!" These statistics are provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, a nonprofit highway safety research group funded by auto insurance companies, which goes on to say that 91 percent of those killed in 2015 were male.

YIKES!

Why is the death toll growing among older people? There are a couple of possible reasons, according to transportation and safety experts. One reason is that they are a big part of the population - there were 76 million U.S. residents born between 1946 and 1964, and they are going to make up a larger share of deaths whether it is 1975 or 2015. This substantial number of "older" residents have more time and more



disposable income at this stage of their lives and still like to ride. Our improved economy has meant more overall traffic on the roads, which has resulted in more crashes for all vehicle types. Another factor could be that some people who stopped riding when they were in their 20s to start families started riding again in their 50s or 60s, not realizing that their skills had eroded. According to Sarah Buzzell, who manages the Wisconsin Motorcycle Safety Program, folks who fit the above description are called "retreads." She said that in 2016, motorcyclists ages 45-65 made up nearly half of Wisconsin's motorcycle fatalities. According to Buzzell, many people in this age group "don't realize that their skills are perishable."

Finally, you may wonder if operating a two-wheeled motorcycle is generally more hazardous than operating a car? If so, how do regulatory agencies measure this phenomenon? Find out by reading my January newsletter article. Until then, may all of you, and especially those males age 50 or older, please Share the Road - Safely!!!



Maps vs. GPS

by *Becky Ackerman*
Ride Coordinator

I recently saw a posting on Facebook asking you to name something you grew up with that you no longer use. My nephew replied “maps”. I couldn’t believe it! Seriously? I understand we’ve come a long way with electronics but to do away completely with maps is insane in my humble opinion.

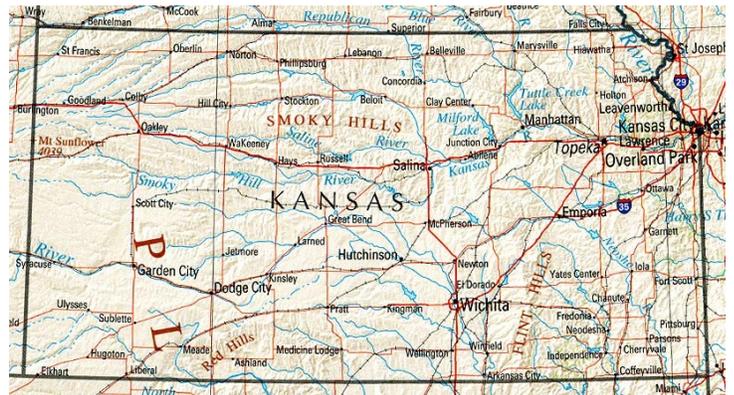


Now I could be wrong, but I’ve never seen a GPS tell me where the mountains are or historical sites, lakes, ferries or little trees showing state parks. There are multiple apps online that you can use for seeking various items, but we’ve found you can’t beat a map.



I can remember when a GPS was new and everyone was so anxious to have one. I guess we are old school, because we never quite got that excited about it. When we begin planning a trip we start with a map. We will use the internet to determine mileage but we’re looking at a map to decide where the scenic routes are and what we might see in the way of historical sites. Then we may use the internet or our many books to locate an acceptable campground and determine what to see and do in the area. And that will help us decide how long we may want to stay there. But wait... we haven’t even used the GPS yet!

It doesn’t matter whether we are traveling in the car, on our bikes, or in the motorhome because we always start laying our route out the same way. On the bikes we can’t possibly look at maps along the way, so we must have everything laid out before we start the day. In the motorhome it’s entirely different. While Mike is driving, I always have the state map and the road atlas within reach. There



may be something noted on the map we hadn’t noticed before. Or there could just be a *sign along the highway* for something that sounds interesting. We try to stay flexible so we can enjoy things along the way. But wait...we haven’t used the GPS yet!

Okay! We’re nearing the end of the day and approaching the city our campground or hotel is in. At this time, we will either enter the address into the GPS (sometimes the voice commands don’t register and it doesn’t understand what we’re saying) OR I’ll look it up on my phone and hit directions. As far as I can recall, that is the only time we actually use a GPS. Maps are the key to our travels. I can’t imagine a world without maps!



Something Fishy!

by Mike Ackerman
Life Member



Fifteen hearty souls braved the 70-degree weather and ventured out for the Chapter L November mystery dinner ride!

The location for the dinner ride had something to offer for everyone. Some went window shopping. Some had their picture taken with Santa. Some even walked to the Target store to do some shopping.



The Islamorada Fish Company in the Bass Pro Shop was the host for our dinner ride. We even had a private dining room with a warm and welcoming fireplace. Lots of other shoppers took a long and hard look into our cozy dining room...most likely wondering how the heck we managed to get our own private room. Having this private room made for a very enjoyable evening where we could visit and hear what everyone

was saying, without having to yell.

The restaurant offers a wide variety of meals, but probably the most unusual, at least to me, was the Wild Boar Burger. Fred took the plunge and ordered this burger and said it was great. That will be my choice the next time we go there. I always like to have someone else try the unusual items and if they survive then I might give it a try.

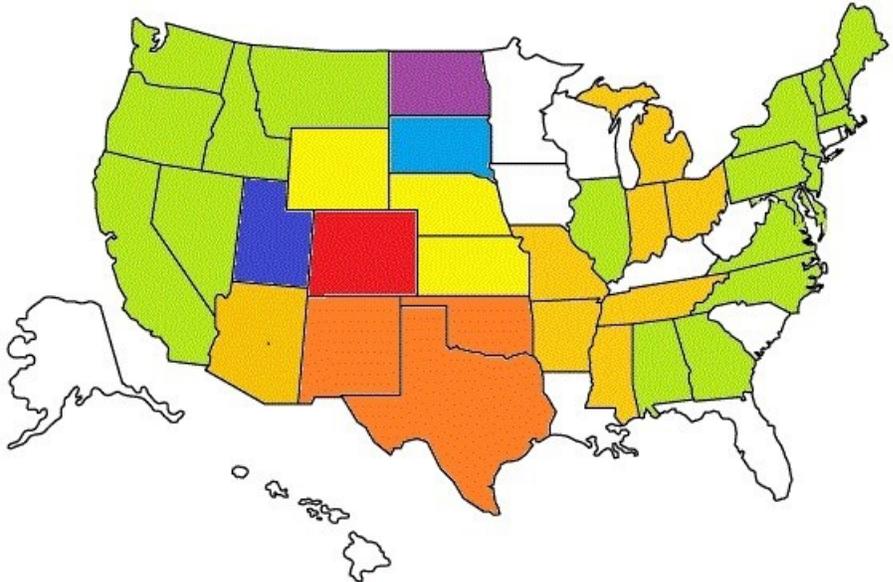


Where is Chapter L Riding in 2017!

We gave it a great shot! Chapter L did pretty darn good in 2017! Congratulations ALL!

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 A whole bunch by Fishers, Drakes, Ackermans, & Benders
- Oct ND by Mike & Randall



AND New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and British Columbia.

December Celebrations

Birthdays

Janet Spencer Dec 23



Anniversaries



Upcoming Events

- Dec 4 Chapter L Gathering-refreshments by Benders
- Dec 13 Dinner Ride-Benders
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 31 New Years Eve

Please party responsibly!

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](#)

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Chapter Individual of the Year	TBA		
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Keep an eye out for training opportunities!

That's all Folks!



GWRRA Region "F'un Family Reunion

(for IRS purposes - convention)

May 25-27, 2018

Zermatt Resort - Utah

784 West Resort Drive Midway, UT 84049

Call 866-ZERMATT, press 1, and ask for the GWRRA rate

3 Days & Nights of FUN, FRIENDS & INSPIRATION!!



Daily 50/25/15/10

Bike & Light Show with Parade

Medic 1st Aid / CPR Class

Couple & Individual of the Year Selections

Special Rally Pin & Door Prizes

Special Vendors, Including Bling & Artisan

Masters Luncheon on Sunday

Rider Ed. / MAP / Leadership Workshops

\$1,000.00 CASH GRAND PRIZE

PREREGISTRATION ENDS MAY 1, 2018 - After that date NO meals or Shirts

	Cost	Qty	Total
GWRRA Members	\$30		\$
Non-Members (+\$10 at Site) ¹	\$35		\$
Ticketed Dinner Saturday Night	\$30		\$
_____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie			
_____ Saturday _____ Sunday			
Medic 1st Aid / CPR	\$25		\$
Master Luncheon # of attendees (Sunday)	\$25		\$
Master# _____ Master# _____			
\$1000 Grand Prize (\$1 per ticket at Rally)	2 of \$1		\$
Must Be Present to Win			
PREREGISTRATION 50/25/15/10 - Strip of 10	\$5		\$
PREREGISTRATION 50/25/15/10 - Strip of 10	\$30		\$
Instructor Training Certification Program (ITCP) ²	\$10		\$
Officer Certification Program (OCP) ³	\$10		\$
Road Captain Course ⁴	\$10		\$
Special Rally Shirts:			
Short Sleeve Polo	\$32		\$
Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$23		\$
Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$25		\$

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____
2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ add \$3 to price above

Make Checks Payable to Region F

No Refunds after May 1st

MORE UP TO DATE INFO AND SCHEDULE

www.gwrra-RegionF.org

Send to:

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San Jose, CA 95126

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Credit Card: Visa/MasterCard/Discover

CC#: _____
Exp Date: _____ Security#: _____

Notes

- 1:** Join GWRRA at the convention and registration is free!
- 2:** \$10 Fee will be refunded upon arrival at class.
- 3:** \$10 Fee will be refunded upon arrival at class.
- 4:** Road Captain Class 1up \$10 per student and 2up \$15 per couple. This class has a \$5 rebate and you will receive a patch when completed. Must do both class and road portion to complete the course.

Rider: _____ Member# _____ Attended Before: _____
 Co-Rider: _____ Member# _____ Attended Before: _____
 Address: _____ Chapter: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Position in GWRRA: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

The undersigned, agree to comply with the ideals governing this event and to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations and property owner 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: _____