



# Red Rocks Report

## GWRRRA Chapter CO-L

### June 2018



*Friends for Fun,  
Safety and  
Knowledge*

*2013 International  
Chapter of the  
Year*

#### 2018 Chapter Officers

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##### 2018 Couple of the Year

Randall & Janet Drake



**Directors' Greeting  
By Steve & Tami Bender,  
Directors**

Summer is here with a few afternoon rain and thunder storms which we still need, but the riding days are here.

We had the All Chapter Maintenance day at Morey & Wanda Stadel's on May 12<sup>th</sup>. They had a good turnout, a couple of classes, and great food with great company.

Our dinner ride was on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Spencers with more great good and great company.

I hope everyone has made it back safe and sound from Zermatt. Looks like everyone had a great time with mostly good riding weather.

We have a ride coming up on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by Mike & Becky Ackerman to Colorado Springs. If you signed up for it, they will be contacting you. Odd Sunday ride/breakfast on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and then our meeting on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Peter Keppler will have his ride to the Black Thunder Coal Mine June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Just a FYI , if you can avoid coming into Jefferson County Motor Vehicle offices in the month of June please do so . We are getting a new computer system and have training the whole month and will be short-staffed. All motor vehicle offices state-wide will be closed August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, and driver's license offices will be closed August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***June Meeting Refreshments  
And Dinner Ride  
by the Fishers***

As always, hope to see ya Monday

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### Home Again, Home Again

By Becky Ackerman, Ride Coordinator

After seven weeks on the road we are happy to be home. It turned out we were gone one week longer than we intended, but we can be flexible.

Our journey took us to Silver City, NM to begin with. We rode the bikes a lot there and thanks to tips from friends back here we found a route that took us into AZ that was absolutely incredible. Made for a big day and, believe me, I was more than ready to quit after all the curves on the trike. But it was well worth it!

From there we drove through Big Bend National Park and now know we must make time to stay there several days on our next trip. Unfortunately, there is a whole lot of nothing going to and from, but we wouldn't have missed it for anything.

We stayed a week in Kerrville, TX at our favorite resort and again enjoyed riding the bikes all over the hill country. We thought we were too late for the blue bonnets, but they bloomed later this spring, so we didn't miss them entirely. Before we left, we made reservations for the month of April next year; we enjoyed it so much.

We had time to kill so we meandered across the country in no hurry to get anywhere. We stayed several days in Vidalia, LA across the Mississippi from Natchez. Again, we enjoyed riding the bikes up to Vicksburg and touring the battlefield. Although we had been there before many years ago, we

wanted to see it again. It was very humbling! We also toured two plantations in Natchez and learned about how the war affected private citizens.

From there, we made our way across Mississippi and by chance ended up in Laurel, MS, the home of the HGTV show Home Town, which we've seen many times. We decided to stay there several days so we could go exploring on the bikes. What a great little town we found! And of all the places we've traveled, we can honestly say the people in Mississippi and this town in particular were the friendliest we have ever encountered.

Our time there was well spent. We actually met Ben and Erin Napier, the hosts of Home Town, and took our picture with them. We took a walk through town and the historical district, visited an alpaca rescue ranch, found a basket shop in an Amish home, and had so many strangers stop us on the sidewalk to visit. Every time we tried to go somewhere, it took us longer than we anticipated for all the wonderful people stopping us to chat.

Eventually, back on the road again, we made our way to Gulf Shores, AL and Gulf State Park where we stayed an entire week. This was an awesome park! The sites were huge, and they had 27 miles of bicycle trails, paved and elevated boardwalks that we thoroughly enjoyed exploring.

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We were here to participate in our first ever Key Lime Pi Rally. Open to any type of RV, there were people from all over the country. And of course, everyone was crazy! This was only their 3<sup>rd</sup> ever rally and by far the largest. I believe they had 270 attend at last count. It took 150 of their 496 campsites just for us! They had three catered meals, corn hole competition, instant pot demonstration, Dutch oven demonstration, morning coffee gatherings, craft show, wine tasting, rock painting, talent show, and entertainment by the Key Lime Band.

There were so many campers they divided the Open House up into three days. Each camper could choose to participate or not. For an hour or two, you put a sign in your window to notify other Key Limers your rig was open for guests to tour. We got to see some incredible campers, from little tiny trailers to huge 5<sup>th</sup> wheels and Class A's. What fun! There were so many motorcycles there (lots of trikes) that one of the guys organized a ride one morning. Unfortunately, we had other plans so weren't able to attend.

One of the best parts of staying at this park was the close proximity to the Gulf. We could ride our bicycles to the beach. And we did...several times! The water temperature was 77 when we left, and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

We rode the bikes to Destin, FL to see the white sugar sand and turquoise water. We rode to Pensacola to tour the Naval Air Museum. And we tried raw oysters and baked. We much prefer the baked!

From here, we made our way to Eatonton, GA for a couple of nights to visit with John and Phyllis Betancourt, former Chapter A

members who moved to Georgia three years ago. They drove us to the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park near Atlanta, where we hiked a mile to the top of the mountain. Talk about history! What an experience!

Our next stop was Hendersonville, NC to visit Jim and Linda Waddell, former Chapter L members. We stayed several nights there, riding the bikes one day with Jim and Linda, when they took us to the Tryon International Equestrian Center. All I can say is, "Wow!"

When we left, we intended to head home, but being as flexible as we are, in Lexington, KY we changed our plans and kept going north to Elkhart, IN driving 650 miles that day. In the week we spent there, we were able to ride our bikes again, go shopping in Shipshewana, had lunch at the Blue Gate, visited family in Auburn and Fort Wayne and have our RV repaired. In 2½ days we drove home. In all that time, it rained a couple of times in the night and five out of seven days in Indiana. That was it.

As you can see, we kept very busy exploring, saw so many fantastic sites and met so many wonderful people. When we left home, our only definite plan was to be in Gulf Shores the first of May and to drive first to Silver City, NM. That was it. As we are such planning freaks, this was very difficult to do. But necessity dictated we do this and we did.

Our next trip is planned for September when we return to Indiana for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Who knows how long it will take us to get there and return home? This time we can PLAN!



### **May – Motorcycle Safety Month - Continued** **By Ralph Spencer, Motorist Awareness Coordinator**

I know, I know, May has passed us by, but I would like to propose that we continue to think, eat, talk, dream, and model motorcycle safety throughout the riding season. After all, motorcycle crashes involving another motor vehicle continue to account for nearly half of all motorcyclist fatalities in the United States. Motorcyclists are inherently at more risk than motor vehicles because they lack many of the same safety features of automobiles. From a statistical perspective, motorcyclists are **27** times more likely to die in a crash than other motorists. The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has a vested interest in addressing the types of motorist behaviors that pose a risk to motorcyclists. In years past, and enshrined in statutory language, these efforts have been bundled under the moniker of "**Share The Road.**"

As summer nears, more of us motorcyclists will hit the roads in celebration of the warmer days. That is why NHTSA declares May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, designed to encourage all vehicle drivers and motorcyclists to "share the road" with each other. After all, in 2016, there were 5,286 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, a 5-percent increase from 2015 (5,029). Those deaths account for 14 percent of the total highway fatalities that year. This increase in motorcycle

fatalities continues a tragic trend over the last 3 years, where fatalities have increased since 2014. Therefore, allow me to proclaim, loud and clear, that from this point forward, Motorcycle Safety will encompass the months of May, June, July, Aug, and Sep. With this proclamation now firmly in place, the following facts and tips for motorists take on an increased importance for all of us riders and drivers. Please read carefully since, in my humble opinion, we (the motorcyclists) can learn quite a bit from the tidbits that follow below!

#### **FACTS/TIPS FOR MOTORISTS**

- Safe riding practices and cooperation from all road users will help reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our Nation's highways. It's especially important for motorists to understand the safety challenges faced by motorcyclists, such as size and visibility, and motorcycle riding practices like downshifting and weaving to know how to anticipate and respond to them. By raising motorists' awareness, both drivers and riders will be safer sharing the road.
- Research and State-level data consistently identifies motorists as being at-fault in more than half of all multi-vehicle motorcycle-involved collisions.

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- NHTSA-funded research has shown that people behind the wheels of passenger vehicles are distracted more than 50 percent of the time.
- Improper use of a vehicle's rear-view and side-view mirrors contributes to collisions, particularly with smaller vehicles like motorcycles. With roughly 40 percent of a vehicle's outer perimeter zones hidden by blind spots, improper adjustment, or lack of side-view mirror use can have dire consequences for motorcyclists.
- If you are turning at an intersection, and your view of oncoming traffic is partially obstructed, wait until you can see around the obstruction, sufficiently scan for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists alike), and proceed with caution. Slow your decision-making process down at intersections.
- One's reaction time and ability to assess and respond to a potential collision, such as a lane change, is significantly hindered if there are large differences in speed among vehicles in traffic. When approaching a congested roadway, being diligent in modifying your speed to match that of the cars in traffic can be a lifesaver, particularly for motorcyclists.
- Allow a motorcyclist a full lane width. Though it may seem as if there is enough room in a single lane for a motor vehicle and a motorcycle, looks can be deceiving. Share the road, but not the lane - a motorcyclist needs room to maneuver safely.
- Because motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles, they can be difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.
- Size also counts against motorcycles when it comes to blind spots. Motorcyclists can be easily hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. Always look for motorcycles by checking your mirrors and blind spots before switching to another lane of traffic.
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows motorcyclists to anticipate your movement and find a safe lane position.
- Do not be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle—it may not be self-canceling, and the motorcyclist may have forgotten to turn it off. Wait to be sure the rider is going to turn before you proceed.
- Allow more "follow distance" - three or four seconds - when following a motorcycle. This tactic gives the motorcycle rider more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. Motorcycle riders may suddenly need to change speed or adjust lane position to avoid hazards such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.

Sorry for the length of this article but I thought every bit of it was worthwhile. Until next time, Share the Road - Safely!!!



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### Dinner Ride on May 17th By Donald Redline, Photographer

The night of May 17<sup>th</sup> was an **awesome night** for 13 Gold Wingers from Chapter L as we had dinner together at Cafe Jordano. If you didn't make it, boy, did you miss some great food and a good time.

Dinner hosts, Ralph & Janet Spencer, brought their daughter Hanna, who is sitting between them in the picture

In the last picture, which I'm calling the "Couple Picture," are Linda & Jim Hazlett. Linda pulled the RED CHIP out of the dinner ride chip bag and is taking home a nice hunk of pocket money.

*[Editor's comment: Check out the smile on Linda's face.]*



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### Where is Chapter L Riding in 2018?

**Jan.** CO, WY, NE (The Ackermans opened the door.)

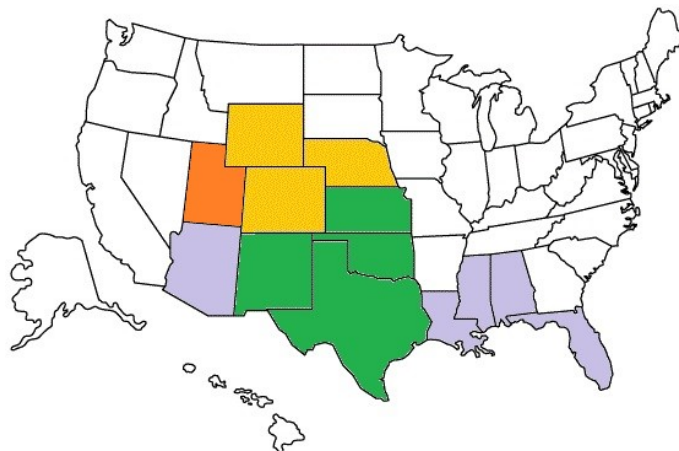
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**Mar.** KS, OK, TX, NM (Ackermans again!)

**Apr.** AZ, LA, MS, AL, FL (Ackermans)

**May** UT (Hoot in the Ute)

June ???



### June-July Events

June 2: Chapter L Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum Ride hosted by Mike & Becky Ackerman

June 3: Chapter L Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.

**June 4: Chapter L Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.; refreshments by Fred & Linda Fisher

June 7-10: 2018 Mine Tour Ride hosted by Peter Keppler & April Hansen

June 16: Chapters B and Q Birthday Party

June 17: Chapter L Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.

June 20: Chapter L Dinner ride hosted by Fred & Linda Fisher

June 28-30: Wyoming District Rally, Laramie

June 30-July 3: Chapter L Gateway Ride hosted by Chuck Bellmyer

July 1: Chapter L Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.

July 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY!

July 8: Chapter L Pikes Peak Ride

**July 9: Chapter L Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.; refreshments by Andy & Sherry Smith

July 14: Chapter L Trail Ridge/North Park Ride hosted by Ron Evers & Laura Hudson

July 14: Chapter I Picnic

July 15: Chapter L Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.

July 21: Chapter J Hummer of a Summer

July 25: Chapter L Dinner Ride

July 28: Chapter G All-Chapter Howl at the Moon

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### Birthdays

23 – Mike Ackerman

### Anniversary

22 – Fred & Linda Fisher

### Colorado District Officers & Staff

#### **Directors**

#### **Assistant Directors**

#### **Rider Education**

#### **Ride Coordinator**

#### **University Training**

#### **Membership Enhancement**

#### **Motorist Awareness**

#### **Treasurers**

#### **COY & IOY Coordinators**

#### **Webmasters**

#### **Newsletter Editor**

#### **Photographer**

#### **2017-2018 COY**

#### **2017-2018 IOY**

**Bryan & Emma Lape (CO-J)**

**Jim & Olga Wyman (CO-I)**

**Earl Edwards (CO-I)**

**Joyce & Rick Elmore (CO-G)**

**Inez Scholbrock (CO-G)**

**Paula Campbell (CO-B)**

**Peter Keppler (CO-L)**

**Randall & Janet Drake (CO-L)**

**Andy & Sherry Smith (CO-L)**

**Jim & Janet Wohlford (CO-A)**

**April Hansen-Keppler (CO-L)**

**Donald Redline (CO-L)**

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# 2018 Mine Tour Ride



June 7-10, 2018



**The 2018 Mine Tour Ride, leaving Colorado June 7, will be to the Black Thunder Coal Mine near Wright, Wyoming. This surface coal mine is the largest open pit mine in the United States, producing over 100 million tons of coal per year, about 6% of all coal produced in the country.**

**We did this trip and mine tour nearly 15 years ago with a GWRRRA group and had a great ride and informative site visit, a chance to get up close to very large equipment and see how a big coal surface mine operates and reclaims the land.**

**In addition to the mine tour, we will ride to Devil's Tower, Spearfish, Sturgis, and Hill City, SD, where we will attend the Circle B Chuckwagon Dinner and Show.**

**For more information, contact Peter Keppler at**

**(303) 384-0476 or [Petekeppler@aol.com](mailto:Petekeppler@aol.com)**



Join us in Laramie for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming District Rally...

## 30 Years of Wingin' Wyoming!!

June 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018



*The Rally Headquarters will be at the Laramie Holiday Inn, which will offer special room rates, a free Bike Wash station, and other amenities.*

*Laramie KOA Campground has special GWRRA rates as well!*

*Guided and Unguided Rides to numerous nearby historic and naturally beautiful sites, including:*

- ♦ Curt Gowdy State Park/Happy Jack Rd
- ♦ Snowy Range Scenic Byway/Saratoga
- ♦ Woods Landing/Walden, CO
- ♦ Medicine Bow/Sybill Canyon Refuge



THE HISTORIC VIRGINIAN HOTEL, MEDICINE BOW



THE MURAL PROJECT WALKING TOUR, LARAMIE

*Explore the numerous historic, educational, and cultural venues of Laramie...*

- ♦ University of Wyoming Campus
- ♦ Laramie Plains Museum
- ♦ Downtown Laramie Art & History
- ♦ American Heritage Center

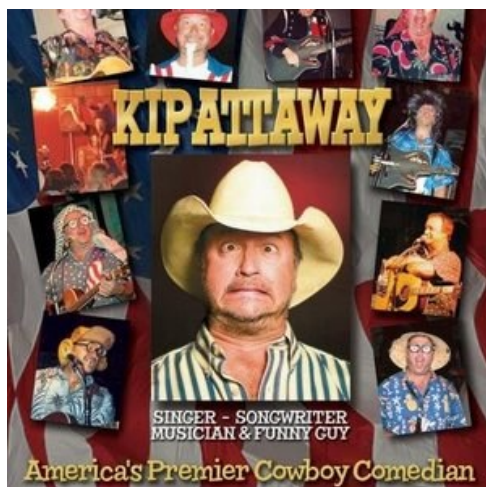
*The Rally will also include:*

- ♦ Free Hamburger Feed at Noon on Friday, sponsored by TNT Motorsports, West Laramie
- ♦ Games, 50/50 Drawings, Seminars, and an Ice Cream Social at a special venue
- ♦ Special 30th Anniversary Closing Ceremony and Banquet at the Wyoming Territorial Prison and...

*A special performance by Wyoming's own funny man...*

*Kip Attaway!!*

Kip's special combination of humor, music, and crowd participation will keep you in stitches all night long...



Complete your registration form now to take advantage of the discounts for lodging and camping sites, and be sure to mention **GWRRA** when making your reservations.

Registration forms are available at [www.gwr-ra-wy.org](http://www.gwr-ra-wy.org), and if you have questions, you can contact our District Directors at [WYDistrictDirectors@gmail.com](mailto:WYDistrictDirectors@gmail.com) or (307) 823-3439



# 30 Years of Wingin' Wyoming!

## 30th Annual Wyoming District Rally

Laramie, Wyoming

June 28th - 30th, 2018



Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Distance traveled directly to rally \_\_\_\_\_

GWRRR # \_\_\_\_\_  
GWRRR # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### Host Hotel & Rally Headquarters

Holiday Inn of Laramie  
204 South 30th Street  
Laramie, WY 82070 - 307-721-9000  
Room Choice \$93 plus tax  
[Google search "Laramie Holiday Inn"](#)

### Host Campground

Laramie KOA  
1271 West Baker Street  
Laramie, WY 82072 - 307-742-6553  
Tent /Elec \$25.60 RV/Elec \$39.40  
[www.koa.com/campgrounds/laramie](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/laramie)

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRR, it's officers, representatives, and event sponsors for any injury or loss to property which I/We may experience as a result, directly or indirectly, of participation in the District Rally. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signatures(s) below:

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Co-Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** All paid registrations will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing worth \$500; Additional tickets may be purchased with your registration, or on site.

#### REGISTRATION FEES:

##### Pre-registrations postmarked by June 1st, 2018

GWRRR Members \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-Members \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### On site or postmarked June 2nd, 2018 & after

GWRRR Members \$30 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
NON-Members \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### 2018 Rally Shirts & Polo's (pre-registration only)

(Enter # of shirts you want to the left of the sizes listed below.)

Short Sleeve T-shirts S-XL \$13, 2X-3X \$15  
\_\_\_\_ (S) \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_ (XL) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (2X) \_\_\_\_ (3X) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Long Sleeve T-shirts S-XL \$14, 2X-3X \$16  
\_\_\_\_ (S) \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_ (XL) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (2X) \_\_\_\_ (3X) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mens Polo shirts S-XL \$27, 2X-3X \$29  
\_\_\_\_ (S) \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_ (XL) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (2X) \_\_\_\_ (3X) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Polo shirts S-XL \$27, 2X-3X \$29  
\_\_\_\_ (S) \_\_\_\_ (M) \_\_\_\_ (L) \_\_\_\_ (XL) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (2X) \_\_\_\_ (3X) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Saturday Evening Celebration Dinner

Dinner tickets \$25 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Pre-registration 50/50 tickets

6 for \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ or 15 for \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

##### Grand Prize tickets, Value \$500

6 for \$5 X \_\_\_\_\_ or 15 for \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail signed form to: Steve Hodges, 5317 East Four Mile Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009. For questions e-mail Steve or Amy at WYDistrictDirectors@gmail.com or call (307) 823-3439 (Steve) or (307-823-3441 (Amy)

**See ya in Laramie, Partner! Be ready for lots of riding, fun, friends, & good times!**







# Colorado Chapter-I

## Annual Picnic

## & Chapter Meeting

Come one, come all



Mark your calendars and plan to join us!!

John Venezia Community Park

at the "Barn"

3555 Briargate Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Marbles

50/50

Raffle?

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs

and all that makes for a

Great Picnic

July 14th, 2018  
10:00AM Start Time

Games

For more information, please contact

Steve or Jacque at 719-481-6082





## GWRRA CO-G ANNUAL MULTI-CHAPTER RIDE



# HOWL AT THE MOON



**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Dinner:**

Each chapter is encouraged to have dinner together at a place of their choosing.

**Meet: 8:45 pm**

We will meet in the NE corner of the Estes Park Town Hall parking lot.

**Kickstands up: 9:00 pm**

For our ride into RMNP, (admission is free after 9PM), up Trail Ridge Road to the Alpine Visitor Center where we will enjoy fun and games as well as howl at the moon!

**Questions - contact:**

[director@gwrranortherncolorado.org](mailto:director@gwrranortherncolorado.org)



**You may purchase a  
'HOWL AT THE MOON'  
pin and year hanger at  
the event.**