



Red Rocks Report

GWRRR Chapter CO-L

September 2018



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Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*

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Benders' Brief By Steve & Tami Bender, Directors

Here it is September. I hope everyone who made it to Wing Ding 40 had a great time and made it home safe and sound! Bryan & Emma Lape did an excellent job representing Colorado: Thank you! Looks like next year's Wing Ding will be in Nashville, Tennessee.

We were supposed to have a Chapter ride August 11-12 to Kansas to see a motorcycle museum, but the only people who could make it were the Ackerman's and Bender's, so we took our RV's and had a great trip. Who knew that Kansas had green fields and hills; we saw a very pretty part of Kansas.

We have had a couple of good Odd Sunday rides. We meet at the Denny's at 6th and Union in Lakewood on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays for breakfast, if you want, around 8:00 a.m. Then, if we want, we go on a ride at 9:00 a.m.

We had a great dinner gathering (ride) on August 15 hosted by Mike & Becky Ackerman at Pinocchio's in Brighton. Great food and even better company.

Chapter L's meeting will be this coming Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m., and I hope to be there on time.

Hope to see ya then.

**September Meeting Refreshments
and Dinner Ride
by Chuck Bellmyer**

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St. Francis Motorcycle Museum Ride By Becky Ackerman, Ride Coordinator

You will see by the Ride Book that Mike and I were to host this ride to St. Francis, Kansas in August. As it turned out we only had one other couple show any interest in joining us. And since we hadn't camped together all summer, we chose to take our motorhomes and leave the bikes at home. Tsk! Tsk!

We met Steve & Tami Bender in Bennett and from there cut across country through northeast Colorado and a corner of Nebraska to end up in St. Francis. We had lunch then toured this small but interesting museum. The following gives you a taste of what they have to offer.

"The St. Francis Motorcycle Museum houses more than 115 vintage motorcycles from more than 40 manufacturers including ACE, Cleveland, Jefferson, Emblem, Excelsior, Flanders, Harley-Davidson, Henderson, Indian, Marsh-Metz, Reading Standard, Pope, Thor, Yale, Feilbach Limited, Iver Johnson, and others.

"The museum is pleased to exhibit one of only two known 1902 Orient motorcycles; the earliest manufacturer to use the term "motorcycle." We also house 30 motorcycles older than 1929 (several of which only five or less are known to exist). The museum is a treasure of motorcycle history and memorabilia, and the collection is one of the finest to be found anywhere."



From there, we drove on to Goodland, where we spent the night in the KOA campground. We spent a long time in the pool as it was pretty warm! After a great dinner on the grill and more time to relax, it was a very pleasant weekend and long overdue for Tami as this has been a grueling summer for her at work.

We're sorry more of you couldn't join us, but we had a fantastic time.

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August Dinner Ride **By Becky Ackerman, Ride Coordinator**

Mike and I chose Pinocchio's in Brighton for our August dinner ride. We set the time a little later, 7:00 p.m., for those who had to drive clear across town during rush hour. And we were the last ones to arrive! They all beat us there!

We had a very nice turnout with the Benders, the Blots, the Smiths, Chuck Bellmyer, and, of course, us. The Italian food was excellent as was the service. We couldn't have asked for a nice evening. Thank you all for joining us!





Cherry Creek Encampment – A memorial to the Cheyenne Indians who survived the Sand Creek Massacre

By Mike Ackerman, Social and Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Following the massacre of the Cheyenne Indians at Sand Creek on November 29, 1864, near the town of Chivington, Colorado, survivors made their way to a camp on the Smoky River.

The Cheyenne were so angry about the atrocities committed against their people that they sent around the war pipe at once. The pipe was taken to Spotted Trail and Pawnee Killer's Sioux, the Cheyenne Dog soldiers, and the Northern Arapahoes. In response, all of these tribes moved and camped on Cherry Creek. It is written that nearly 3,000 Indians gathered here.

On New Year's Day, 1865, the chiefs assembled in council and decided to attack Old Julesburg on the South Platte. From Cherry Creek, they set out, nearly 1,000 strong, to seek revenge and plunder the town where the Stage Company had a large station.

On January 7, 1865, the Indians attacked. After their successful coup, they loaded the plunder on their horses and in three days were back in the Cherry Creek encampment.

The Cheyenne, who had been mourning the great loss of their people at Sand Creek, took heart when their warriors returned with the goods they desperately needed. The camp on

Cherry Creek was a scene of great feasting. Scalp dances were held and the young people danced until sunrise.

Meanwhile, the chiefs again gathered in council and decided to move north to the Black Hills and join the Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, and Arapahoe and ask them to join in the war against the whites.

It was from this historical site on Cherry Creek that the runners were sent to notify the tribes that they were coming, and criers announced the plans to all camps. This is where the Plains War between the Indians and Whites began, a war that lasted twelve years and culminated at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana in 1876.

On September 9, 1990, a dedication ceremony in honor of the Cheyenne Indian survivors of the Sand Creek massacre was held at this site.

Descendants of those survivors, Cleo Wilson, son John Sipes, and family participated in the dedication. Cleo cried as she looked on the site, remembering the sufferings of her people as passed down through the oral history from her elders.

The memorial is located near St. Francis, KS: One mile west, one mile north on Kansas Highway 27.

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Information Dissemination Eventations By Ralph K. Spencer III, Treasurer/Motorist Awareness Coordinator

Hello, avid MAP readers! I hope everyone had a relaxing Labor Day Weekend. I am always amazed at how the temperatures recede immediately following this weekend year-after-year. Hopefully, we have two more months of nice riding weather to look forward to. But I digress!

To begin with, I realize that I have a fake word in my title. I desperately wanted a three-word title and, when I could not find the word I needed, I made one up. I figured with all the fake news rampant in today's media, no one would pay any attention to my fake word. We shall see!

I read with interest a Motorist Awareness Program (MAP) article by Michael Olson, Assistant Director, MAP, in the September 2018 issue of *Wing World* (see the bottom of page 64). He pointed out various ways that Gold Wingers across the country are participating in unique Information Dissemination Eventations designed to get the word out to the motoring public to help increase awareness about motorcycles. Here is the list that Michael included in his article:

- 1) Set up a windshield washing station and give away free bottles of water and MPA brochures;
- 2) Provide MAP coloring booklets with crayon packets to children (and MAP brochures to the drivers);

- 3) Hold bike shows at malls (and distribute brochures);
- 4) Participate in parades;
- 5) Give away bumper stickers (and brochures);
- 6) Put out road signs;
- 7) Make public service announcements on radio and/or television;
- 8) Attend swap meets/flea markets (and distribute brochures).

Michael went on to say that the Information Dissemination approach likely to have the most impact is personal contact. To use Michael's example, assume you are filling your tank with fuel and someone walks up and says, "What a beautiful motorcycle!" This scenario provides a golden opportunity to share what all riders and co-riders want the driving public to know - watch out for motorcycles! Michael encouraged Gold Wingers, and MAP coordinators specifically, to get on board and help with this extremely worthwhile Information Dissemination project. His last sentence grabbed me as I hope it grabs you: "Without knowing it, you may help save a life." Wow!

Until next time,

Share the Road - Safely!!!

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WD 40 – Wing Ding Adventures 40 Years in the Making By Andrew C. Smith

We started off a “O” Dark Thirty on Saturday the 28th, on the first leg of our journey to Columbia, Missouri. This would be our longest and hardest day with a total 750 miles traveled. We were joined by Mike & Dorie Werner (of “Team GWRRA” fame). We made our first stop after about 14 hours on the road. After a short but a good night’s rest, we were off again... Passing the St. Louis Arch, down through Paducah, KY, through Nashville, and into Knoxville (add 610 to the mileage count).

After getting situated, we got up early Monday, and headed off to Deals Gap, North Carolina, to ride the Tail of the Dragon.



For those who have ridden this piece of route 129, it was much less daunting than I had expected. All of that GWRRA training fell right into place (look through those curves) and go! That said, 318 curves in 11 miles was still a lot of fun.

Tuesday had Sherry and me up and headed into the convention center to do interviews and judge the last true International Couple of the Year selection. We had the immense privilege to be able to present the Last, Region F Couple of the Year, and our



friends, Bryan & Emma Lape from our own Colorado Chapter J. Sherry and I know from experience how much effort goes into the selection preparation to be at this level in our organization. We also

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know exactly how they felt when it was announced that Rick & Debbie Warmels of Region D had been selected to be the last International Couple. Bryan and Emma gave their all, and represented CO-J, the Colorado District, and Region F in an exemplary manner. Our friends did an awesome job!

Wednesday had us up and headed back to Wing Ding for opening ceremonies, and the announcement that Wing Ding 41 will be in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland next year. After opening, we were off for a quick bit of shopping in the Vendor area. We were informed that the official attendance was 8,093 this year, almost double that of Grapevine. By noon we were hooked up, and on the road with Fred & Linda Fisher headed for a short stay in Bella Vista, AR, since we needed to look at some of the trees we want to save when we clear the property to build. We stayed overnight at Fort Campbell, KY, then headed off to Bella Vista on Thursday morning.

As many of you know we traveled ~4200 miles on our California/Oregon trip earlier this year, and had less than five minutes of rain on that whole trip. To say the least, we got payback as we headed to Arkansas. Right around Mountain Grove (Mid-Missouri), all the

way until we got to the Arkansas state line, we got dumped on. Five plus hours of rain left very little that did not get soaked. Both couples made it in safe, and in need of some drying time. Friday, we had the opportunity to mark some trees, do a little clean up on the bike and trailer, and have dinner with some GWRRA friends from Arkansas Chapter B. (We also got a chance to see Randall & Janet Drake's new home – or at least the model.)

Well, that "JOB" thing always seems to get in the way of having fun, so Saturday morning Sherry and I were back on the road, headed back to Denver. Pretty uneventful, until Russell, KS. Had to suit up again and got trashed by more rain; fortunately, we were stopping in Hays for the night.

Our adventure ended on Sunday, as we finally pulled into our home and rescued our 4-legged kids. It was a good trip, and we had fun with our friends.

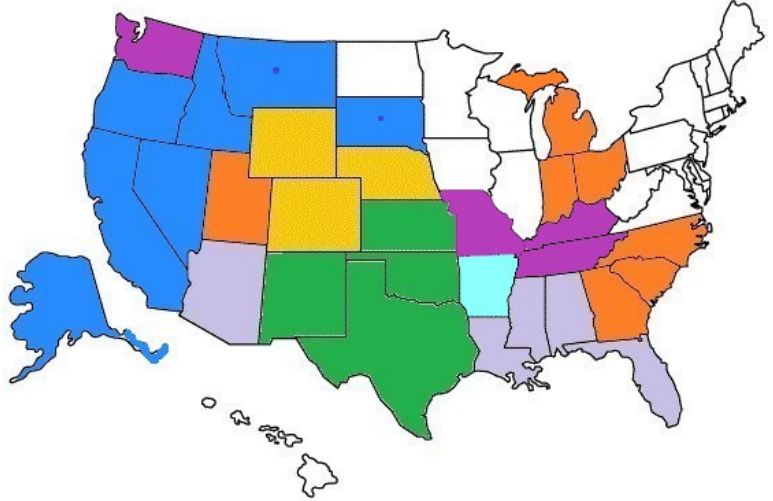
Until the next adventure, ***Ride Safe and Have Fun!***

Not Everyone Who Wanders Is Lost...

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Where is Chapter L Riding in 2018?

- Jan.** CO, WY, NE (The Ackermans opened the door.)
- Feb.** -----
- Mar.** KS/OK/TX/NM (Ackermans)
- Apr.** AZ/LA/MS/AL/FL (Ackermans)
- May** UT (Hoot in the Ute);
GA/SC/NC/IN/OH/ MI
(Ackermans)
- June** NV/CA/OR/ID (Fishers & Smiths); SD & MT/AB/BC/
YT/AK (Kepplers)
- July** -----
- Aug.** WA (Kepplers);
MO/KY/TN (Smiths)
- Sept.** AR (Smiths)



September-October Events

- Sept. 2: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 3: **Labor Day!**
- Sept. 10: Chapter L Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.; refreshments by Chuck Bellmyer
- Sept. 16: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.
- Sept. 19: Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m., hosted by Chuck Bellmyer
- Oct. 1: **Chapter L Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.; refreshments by April Hansen & Peter Keppler
- Oct. 7: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 13: **Chapter L Fundraiser – Chili Cookoff**
- Oct. 17: Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m., hosted by Andy & Sherry Smith
- Oct. 21: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.
- Oct. 31: **Halloween!**

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Birthday

28 – Stan Smetana

Anniversary

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April Hansen

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