



Red Rocks Report

GWRRRA Chapter CO-L

November 2018



*Friends for Fun,
Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*

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2018 Couple of the Year

Randall & Janet Drake



Benders' Brief

**By Steve & Tami Bender,
Directors**

We are changing our meeting room at the Clement Center, same place and same time just a different room downstairs. We will have a sign as you walk in to show which room we will be in.

We have had some wonderful Colorado days, but winter is right around the corner.

We had a great dinner at NoNo's Café hosted by Andy & Sherry Smith on Saturday, October 20.

Halloween was here yesterday. Time falls back one hour on Sunday; our meeting is Monday; and Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, so don't forget to vote early. Veterans Day is November 12.

Chapter G is having their Fall Festival/Bingo fundraiser this coming Saturday, November 3.

Steve and I will host our 2019 ride book planning meeting at our house on Saturday, November 17, at 1:00 p.m. We will have pizza.

Hope to see ya on Monday, November 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

**November Meeting Refreshments
By Donald Redline**

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Law Tigers, America's Motorcycle Lawyers (cont.) **By Ralph K. Spencer III, Treasurer/Motorist** **Awareness Coordinator**

Just a reminder from last month: This article is NOT a paid (or unpaid) announcement for the infamous Law Tigers, whose advertisements seem to be prevalent during many NFL and MLB televised games. I decided to give these folks top billing last month **and** this month since they took the time to contribute three pages worth of interesting motorcycle tips and tidbits in a recent issue of *Wing World* (August 2018, pages 28-30). As promised in last month's article, I would like to highlight some of the 16 motorcycle safety tips included by the Tigers in their August article.

1. An obvious tip that can often be overlooked during the emotional purchase of a great looking (new or used) two-wheeler is the fit of the bike. Simply put, you should be able to place your feet flat on the ground when sitting on your bike with **no** stretching or straining. You should be able to bend your knees, so you can use the strength of your thighs to support the bike. You also should **not** need to lock your knees to reach the ground.

2. One way to ensure your riding skills are as good as ever (or as good as you think they are!) is to take a refresher motorcycle class. As I think we all

know, classes suited to your experience level are fairly easy to find.

3. This one is for our Harley friends everywhere: Protect your head! The bottom line here is that wearing a helmet that fits and has passed certification standards vastly increases your chance of surviving a crash of any kind. In my humble opinion, these words beat the feeling of the wind in your face and hair by roughly 10,000 to 1.

4. What the heck do all those helmet quality and certifications mean? Answers follow. FMVSS 218 tells you how much protection from an impact a particular helmet provides. The term ANSI speaks to the quality standards the helmet has passed. And finally, the Snell certification tells you the helmet has passed rigorous safety testing from the Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc. Who knew?!?

5. An extension of item 4, above, is how to choose the right helmet. It should fit snugly without wobbling on your head. It should not squeeze anywhere on your head, but you also should **not** be able to easily slide two or more fingers between the helmet and your scalp. A full-face

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model blocks some/most wind while an open-face style lets the wind rush over your face. A no-brainer is to always wear eye protection when wearing an open face helmet.

6. Wearing chest protection is a somewhat recent phenomenon for the casual motorcycle rider. Such a practice can make the difference between life and death in a motorcycle accident. Options in this arena include airbag vests, armored vests and jackets, and chest guards that protect other vital organs, in addition to the chest.

7. Another extension is necessary here to expound on item 6, above. Airbag vests and armored vests wrap around your body like a regular leather vest, leaving your arms exposed to the wind. If you or your passenger get cold or ride on cooler days, a jacket with airbags or

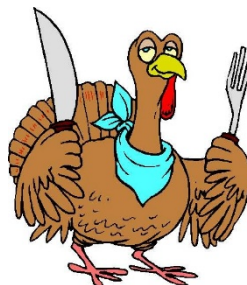
armor is ideal. If you tend to feel overheated when riding, a chest guard that straps around your arms is a good choice since you still get chest protection without the stifling coverage.

8. Keep your limbs covered regardless of the temperature - another no-brainer but one that is rarely followed, at least by the riders I see in suburbia, *i.e.*, T-shirts, sunglasses, shorts, and shower shoes are the order of the day for these ill-informed riders. Talk about a death wish!

I will review the remaining Tiger safety tips in my December article. Until then, enjoy whatever good riding weather we have remaining in glorious Colorado and please, continue to Share the Road - Safely!!!



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October 1 Meeting Photos By Donald Redline, District Photographer



Our leaders, Tami and Steve Bender



Andrew Smith, Sherry Smith, Dorie Werner, and District Director Bryan Lape



Ralph Spencer, Lis Simons, April Hansen, and Peter Keppler



Bryan Lape administering oath of office to April



April Hansen, new District Treasurer

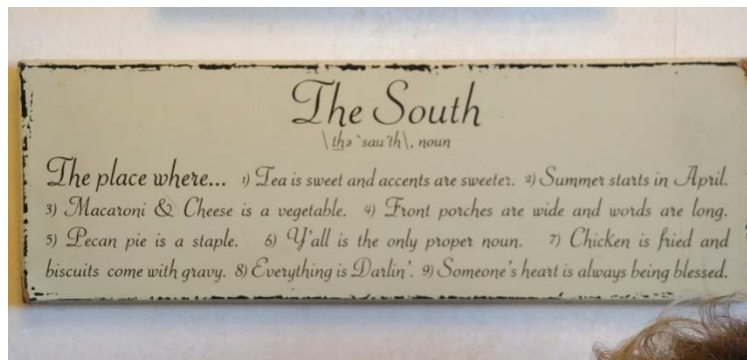
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October 20 Dinner at NoNo's Café

By Donald Redline, District Photographer

The night of October 20th, 11 of us met at NoNo's Café in Littleton for food and friendship.

I had never heard of the place, but that's not the first time for me on a dinner ride. Someone always picks out an awesome place to go for dinner. There was a variety of great dishes. I tried the green chile burrito, very filling, very good. I had to take some home.



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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)

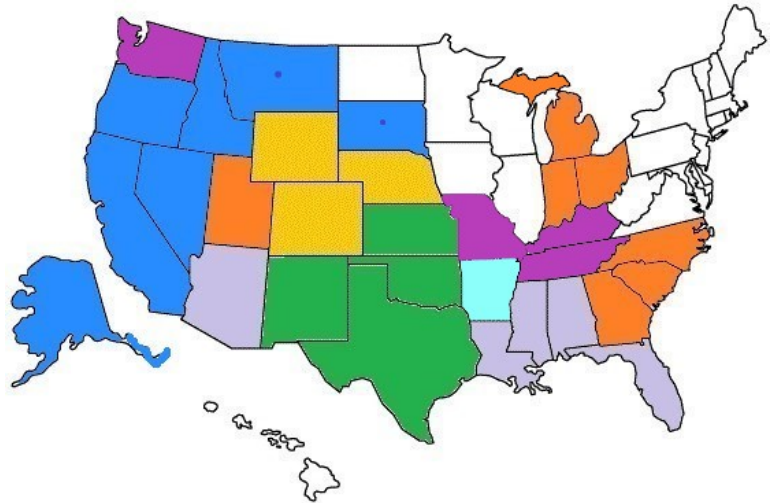
July -----

Aug. WA (Kepplers);
MO/KY/TN (Smiths)

Sept. AR (Smiths)

Oct. -----

Nov. ???



November Events

Nov. 3: Chapter G Fall Festival Fundraiser

Nov. 4: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m. - **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Nov. 5: **Chapter L Meeting**, 7:00 p.m.; refreshments by Donald Redline

Nov. 14: Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.

Nov. 17: 2019 Ride Book planning meeting, 1:00 p.m., at the Benders' residence.

Nov. 18: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 22: **Thanksgiving**

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Birthdays

14 – Laura Hudson
17 – Peter Keppler

Anniversaries

21 – Robert & Christine King

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GWRRA UNIVERSITY

Colorado District Event



When: November 10, 2018, 8:30am- 4:00pm

Where: Fay Myers Motorcycle Clubhouse

9700 E Arapahoe Rd

Greenwood Village, CO 80112

This seminar day is open to ALL GWRRA members. Come and join the fun!

THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITY CLASSES WILL BE PRESENTED:

8:30 am Retention is important for a bunch of reasons

10:00 am My Enthusiasm Counts

11:00 am A Penny for your Thoughts

1:30 pm Zone Out! Stepping out of your Comfort Zone

2:30pm Just add Spice!

Lunch break from 12:30-1:30, please provide your own lunch.

CONTACT: District University Coordinator TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT AND/OR ASK QUESTIONS:

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❖BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WITH YOU TO THE EVENT-THANK YOU❖