

Red Rocks Report GWRRA Chapter CO-L March 2019



Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



2013 International Chapter of the Year

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March 4 Meeting Refreshments By Ralph & Janet Spencer March 20 Dinner Ride By Tami & Steve Bender



Benders' Brief Steve & Tami Bender, Directors

Happy March, everyone! Spring is in the air, kind of.

The one thing of many things I love about Colorado is, even when it is cold outside and the sun is shining, it makes it feel warmer. I love the sunshine.

Some members are traveling, some have traveled, and some have taken classes. Always something to do if you look for it.

Our fundraiser is coming together, thanks to the Spencers and the Ackermans. We could always use more help, but we are really looking forward to Saturday, October 12th.

When the weather warms up, we will start meeting and possibly riding on the odd Sundays.

There is a CPR/1st Aid class coming up March 16 at Johnson's Corner after Chapter G's meeting. And Wyoming's Birthday Party is March 23.

The flyer is out for the 4 Corners Rally, and we will have registration forms at our meeting Monday, March 4th. Hope to see ya there.





The History of "Aprons"
By Mike Ackerman, Social and Membership
Enhancement Coordinator

I don't think most kids today know what an apron is. The principle use of Mom's or Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, she wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.

Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, she walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER:

Moms and Grandmas used to set hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron - but love.





Distracted Driving - A Killer Topic for Both Riders and Drivers by Ralph K. Spencer, Treasurer/Motorist Awareness Coordinator

A Motorist Awareness article by John Cunningham, California District Motorist Awareness Coordinator, in the February 2019 *Wing World* Magazine (page 66, top of page) discussed the killer (my word, not John's) topic noted above - Distracted Driving.

John's first sentence said it all, "Distracted drivers are a challenge we face every day." This statement applies to both riders and drivers.

We see these people every time we are on the road, be it on our motorcycles or our automobiles. They are everywhere! In fact, some of them may be us!!!

John's article got me thinking about this topic, so I went to the Internet to see if there was such a thing as a Top Ten List of killer driving distractions. And yes, to no one's surprise, I found a plethora of Top Ten Lists on this killer topic. I have included 10 categories of distracted driving that I have culled from several Internet articles.

The most alarming statistic was that one in ten people killed in car accidents (over 6,500 people!) were in crashes where at least one of the drivers was distracted.

Please take a look at the following 10 categories to see if you are surprised OR if you yourself might be guilty of one or more of these distractions:

- 1) 62% were generally distracted, inattentive, or lost in thought, *e.g.*, daydreaming;
- 2) 12% related to cell phone usage, such as talking, listening, texting, or dialing;

- 3) 7% due to outside person, object, or event, *e.g.* rubbernecking;
- 4) 5% related to Other Occupants, such as talking or looking at others in the car;
- 5) 2% using or reaching for device or object, *e.g.*, radar detector, CDs, ear buds:
- 6) 2% eating or drinking;
- 7) 2% adjusting audio or climate controls;
- 8) 1% adjusting vehicle devices/controls, *e.g.*, mirrors, windows, door locks;
- 9) 1% a moving object in the vehicle, *e.g.*, pets, insects, or cargo;
- 10) 1% smoking related, such as smoking, lighting up, in smoking tray.

How many of these folks guilty of one or more of the killer distractions above are thinking about watching out for motorcycles? Damn few, if any, in my humble opinion.

I hope this Top Ten List will make all my readers extra careful in the upcoming riding season. Not only must we strive to assure that we do not fall into any of these categories, we must do our very best to constantly focus on our surroundings in an attempt to avoid the irresponsible cage drivers that surround us on the highways and byways.

Good luck and, until next time, please continue to **Share the Road** - **Safely!!!**





February 4 Meeting & February 20 Mystery Dinner By Donald Redline, Photographer

















Valentine Month (February) Dinner Ride

It was a cold night. The skies were clear with a big full moon.

Thirteen Wingers from Chapters L and G gathered for AWESOME food and drinks at Burns Pub & Restaurant, an UK/SCOTTISH/IRISH kind of place.

Lots of good CAMARADERIE.















Our Fourth Alaska Adventure – Summer 2018 (Part 4) Start Heading home By Peter Keppler

It's the end of July and time to start our trek home. We left Homer and traveled north on the Kenai Peninsula back through Soldotna and then onto AK-9 south to Seward where we stayed just north of town in the Stoney Creek RV Park. Seward is the northern end point for the Alaska cruise ships and has a lot of tourist shops and the Alaska Sea Life Center, a really nice aguarium with local marine life. After visiting the harbor area, we rode to Seavey's Iditarod Champion Kennel for a dog sled ride with the "toughest dogs in the world." A team of 14 dogs pulled us around in a modified sled (similar to a golf cart) on a mile-long track in the woods. Mitch Seavey or his son have won the race seven times in the last 15 years and hold the record in the Iditarod Race, doing 1,000 miles in just under 11 days.





Can I take him home?

From Seward, we headed north again on the Seward Highway to Anchorage and Palmer. We stopped in Aleyeska, a ski resort south of Anchorage that is similar to Keystone, for lunch and had a great hamburger and homemade chips at Chair 5 Restaurant.



We stopped at Walmart in Anchorage for provisions and on to Mountain View RV Park in Palmer for one night.

Glennallen and the Ranch House Lodge and RV Park was our next stop. On the Glenn Highway, we stopped for lunch at the Grand



View Cafe and RV Campground, a place we had camped on our first trip to Alaska in

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2006, known for great homemade pie. We had a nice visit with the owner, who also rides, and showed her our bikes.

From the Glenn Highway you get a good view of the Matanuska Glacier which extends 27 miles into the Chugach Mountains and is four miles wide at its terminus near the highway.



After spending the night at the Ranch House RV Resort and having their homemade chili for supper, we traveled south on AK-4 120 miles to Valdez and the Bear Paw RV Park which is right in the middle of town. The last 20 miles into Valdez after crossing Thompson Pass is really spectacular, with snow covered peaks on both sides, waterfalls, and the





Worthington Glacier which you can walk to (this is known as the Switzerland of America).

Valdez is the southern terminus of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline where the oil from the North Slope is loaded onto huge oil tankers and shipped to refineries on the West Coast.

Unfortunately, it rained every day we were in Valdez, but it didn't stop us from taking the cruise into Prince Williams Sound to Meares Glacier. This was definitely a highlite of our Alaska adventure, getting within 100 yards of a huge glacier to watch the glacier calve and seeing dolphins, whales, seals, eagles, and lots of other wildlife.



From Valdez, we headed north on AK-4 through Glennallen and onto the Tok Cutoff back to the Tok RV Village and Fast Eddy's for dinner.

We had planned to ride to Chicken which is 80 miles northeast of Tok on the Taylor Highway, but the weather and road conditions didn't cooperate. We had traveled on the Top of the World Highway and visited Chicken on a previous Alaska ride, so it wasn't a great disappointment that we weren't able to make it to Chicken this time.



Photo of Chicken from our 2014 trip

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Chicken Restrooms

After a rainy day in Tok, we are back on the Alaska Highway heading southeast to Whitehorse, YK and the Hi-Country RV Park, a nice campground where we had stayed in our camping trailer on our previous trip. We did get the bikes out and rode a stretch of the Old Alaska Highway and part of the Klondike Highway which goes north to Carmacks and Dawson City, before it started raining again. Another trip to Walmart and Shop-n-Save (*i.e.* King Soopers) for provisions before heading down to Skagway.

Skagway, 110 miles south of Whitehorse, is a major stop for the cruise lines and a real tourist trap, with many jewelry stores, high-end clothing shops, art shops, and all kinds of souvenirs. Skagway was the jumping off point for the Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1800s and has several museums and a national historic park commemorating the gold rush. There was only one cruise ship in town while we were there, so the crowds weren't too bad. We picked up a couple more gifts and had a lite dinner at the Skagway Brewing Company before going back to camp.

From Skagway it was back north to the Alaska Highway and then southeast to Watson Lake and the Baby Nugget Campground, same place we stayed on the way up. After stocking up again on groceries and gas, we head south into British Columbia and the Cassiar Highway.

Next month - traveling through BC and US northwest with forest fires and heavy smoke.



Homer Spit in Katchemak Bay, Alaska

Where is Chapter L Riding in 2019?

Jan. ---

Feb. ---

Mar. ???



FOR SALE: 2007 ASPEN CLASSIC CAMPER -- \$3950

Full carpet in basement; Gas lifts for bed board; Chrome Rims; Bearing Buddies; Bed Caddy (60" with four pockets); Cooler, 48 qt.; Cooler Rack, adjustable; Light Bar (LED, steel & chrome); Spare Tire, Chrome Rim; Spare Tire Bracket; Spare Tire Cover; Sun-Rain Canopy (includes poles, ropes & stakes); Swivel Coupler; Window Awning Set (both side windows); Den Add-A-Room (includes poles, ropes & stakes). Compare to new list price of \$6795.

Contact Mike Ackerman: 303-870-6918 or BIKERMHA@MSN.COM

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 2: Chapter L Movie To be determined
- Mar. 3: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Union, Lakewood
- Mar. 4: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Room, Clements Community Center, Lakewood
- Mar. 16: District CPR/1st Aid, Johnson's Corner, Johnstown, contact Earl Edwards.
- Mar. 17: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Union, Lakewood
- Mar. 20: Chapter L Mystery Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 23: WY-B Birthday Party, Triumph High School, Cheyenne
- Mar 31: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Union, Lakewood
- Apr. 1: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Room, Clements Community Center, Lakewood

Birthdays

22 – Linda Hazlett 27 – Steve Bender

Anniversaries

18 – Andrew & Sherry Smith

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Colorado District CPR/first aid



When: March 16, 2019

10:00am-2:00pm We will begin shortly after our gathering is completed.

Where: Johnson's Corner

2842 SE Frontage Road

Johnstown, CO

Cost for CPR/ first aid is \$25.00 per person and is open to ALL GWRRA members.

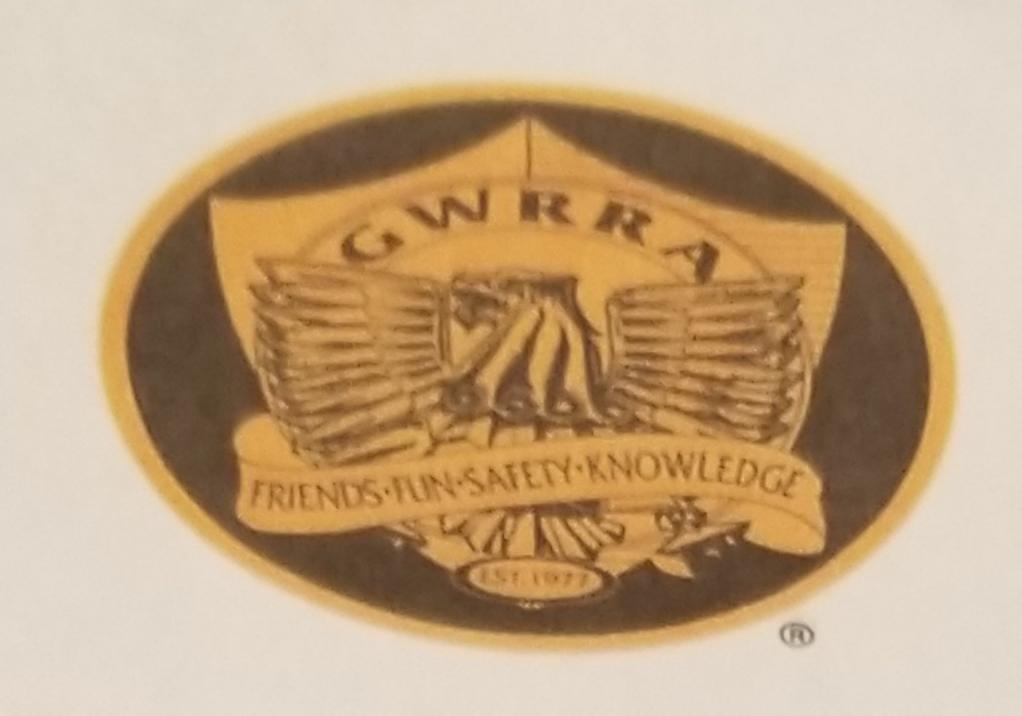
10:00am-2:00pm CPR/First Aid space will be limited so contact Earl to reserve your spot.

Lunch will not be provided, but you may purchase lunch from Johnson's corner menu.

CONTACT: District Educator EARL EDWARDS TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AND/OR ASK QUESTIONS:

edwards_1500@hotmail.com or 719-459-2426

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



Wyoming Chapter B is having our annual Birthday Party fundraiser on Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 am, at Triumph High School, 1250 West College Dr, Cheyenne, Wy

We are pre-selling tickets for \$10 and \$12 at the door.

Contact Larry Kuzma if you would like to order tickets in advance and I will send them to you after receiving payment. My address is 4415 Greenfield Court. Cheyenne, WY 82001. Questions? Call 307-631-3388



Wingin' The Wind River Range 31st Wyoming District GWRRA Rally



Lander, Wyoming
June 27th - 29th, 2019

Host Hotel & Rally Headquarters
Pronghorn Lodge/Rodeway Inn
150 E. Main St., Lander, WY 82520

Host Campground
Sleeping Bear RV Park & Campground
715 E. Main St., Lander, WY 82520

Registration Feest

Postmarked by May 31st, 2019

GWRRA Members \$20

NON-Members \$25

Postmarked June 1st or after

GWRRA Members \$25

NON-Members \$30

Pre-registration 50/50 tickets: 6 for \$5 or 1



Contact:
Steve & Amy Hodges,
Wyoming District Director
307-823-3439





Wingin' The Wind River Range

31st Annual Wyoming District Rally

Lander, Wyoming

June 27th - 29th, 2019



Rider	GWRRA#	Chapter	Age			
Co-Rider	o-Rider GWRRA #		Age			
Address	City	Chapter State	 Zip			
Home Phone	E-mail					
Distance traveled directly to rally	=					
-		REGISTRATION FEES:				
Host Hotel & Rall	y Headquarters	Preregistrations postmarked by May 31st, 2019				
Pronghorn Lodg	e/Rodeway Inn	GWRRA Members \$ 20 X	=\$			
150 East M	ain Street	NON-Members \$ 25 X	= \$			
Lander, WY 82520	- 307-332-3940	On site or postmarked June 1st, 2019 & after				
Room Choice \$1	.05.99 plus tax	GWRRA Members \$ 25 X	= \$			
(Ask for Senior, AARF	P, or AAA discount)	NON-Members \$ 30 X	=\$			
Pet Fee (Dogs Only) - :	\$25 per night per pet					
www.prongho	rnlodge.com	2019 Rally Shirts & Polo's (pre-	registration only)			
		Short Sleeve T-shirts S-XL 12				
Host Campground		(S) (M) (L)				
Sleeping Bear RV Pa	rk & Campground		(3X) = \$			
715 East Ma	ain Street	Long Sleeve T-shirts S-XL 13\$, 2X-3X 15\$				
Lander, WY 82520	- 307-332-5159		(XL) = \$			
Tent \$24.99 R\	//Elec \$43.05		(3X) = \$			
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which I/We may experience as a	result, directly or indirectly,	On Tahints just indicate quantity's under size required				
of participation in the District	,	Saturday Night Banquet				
waiver and acknowledge w	ith signatures(s) below:	Per Person: \$ 15 X	= \$			
Rider Signature:	Date:					
	i	Pre-registration 50/50	ickets			
Co-Rider Signature:	Date:	6 for \$5 or 15 for \$10	= \$			
		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	=\$			









Steamboat Springs - July 12, 13 & 14

Hot Air Balloon Rodeo and 45th Annual Art Festival in the Park

https://www.steamboatchamber.com/events/annual-events/hot-air-balloon-rodeo



Again, this year, Chapter CO-A is planning a weekend ride to Steamboat Springs for the Hot air Balloon Rodeo and 45th Art festival in the Park.

Chapter CO-A wishes to invite members from all Chapters to join.

Chapter A ride plan is as follows:

Friday July 12 (170 miles):

Departure from King Soopers (Wadsworth and Chatfield, Littleton)

Kick stand up at 1pm; full fuel and empty bladder (12:50 Safety/Ride briefing) Destination Steamboat Springs

Stop in Granby at approximately 3pm at the Kum & GO gas station at the West end of Granby. Other Chapters could join there or meet the group in Steamboat Springs.

Arrive in Steamboat Springs at approximately 5pm.

Saturday July 13:

Hot air balloon rodeo (morning) and Art in the Park (afternoon)

Sunday July 14 (170 miles):

Return to Denver Departure TBD **Kick stand up TBD**

If you are interested by this ride, please reserve your room as soon as possible. Currently 10 single Queen rooms & 10 double Queen rooms are blocked. Single Queen are \$125 + tax per night and Double Queens are \$170 + tax per night. The rooms are blocked until March 4th, 2019. There is a very high demand for rooms in Steamboat Springs for that weekend as it is the busiest weekend of the year for hotels/motels in Steamboat. The rooms are blocked at the Rabbit Ears Motel located downtown within walking distance of the restaurants, bistros, Hot Springs and the Art Festival.

Call the Rabbit Ears Motel to make your reservation and mention that you are with the GWRRA group to get the group rate (1-800-828-7702 or 970-879-1150).

If you have any questions, you can contact:

Jacques Perron; Colorado District Ride Coordinator

Email: jacquesperron61@yahoo.ca

Mobile: 720.308.1513





August 16,17,18 at the Beautiful Sky Ute Casino Resort 14324 Hwy 172 Ignacio, Colorado

GWRRA FOUR CORNERS



Plenty of RV Parking \$39.00 per night



Indoor Pool and Spa

MULTI-DISTRICT RALLY

2 Grand Prizes of \$500 Each

Fun for Everyone, with scenic rides, and onsite amenities

Reconnect with Friends while enjoying all that the area has to offer

Opening Night Ice Cream Social Hosted by the Sky Ute Casino Resort



Beautiful Rooms



Bowling and Mini Golf

The GWRRA room rate of \$120 (Plus 3% Tribal Tax) includes all Resort fees.

Make your reservation today, *ROOMS WILL SELL OUT*. For reservations call **970-563-7777**ask for the Front Desk / Reservations. From there give the August 16, 17 & 18 dates and ask for the "GWRRA" room block to get the discounted room rate.

Early check in and late check outs are available. Standard check in is 3pm and check out is 11am.













4 Corners Multi-District Rally

August 16, 17, 18 2019

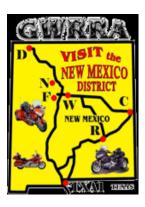




Rider:		GWRI	RA#	_ Master	#
Rider2/Co-Rider:		GWRI	RA#	Master#	#
Address:		City: _		_ State: _	Zip:
Phone:	Email:		Chapter:	(ir	nclude District, e.g. AZ-G, CO-A)
Rally Registration: Member	er - \$30	#x \$30) =		
Rally Registration: Non-M	lember -\$35	#x \$3!	5 =		
Saturday Breakfast Buffet	: - \$20	#x \$20) =		Rally Shirts Available
Dinner Buffet Saturday Ni	ight: - \$30	#x \$30) =		at <u>www.Krazybeanz.com</u>
Sunday Morning Breakfas	t Buffet: - \$20	# x \$20) =		
Masters Breakfast Buffet	- \$20	#x \$20) =		
50/25/15/10: \$5 = 6	Tickets; \$10 = 16	Tickets;	\$20 = 40 Tickets =		
Door Prize: \$5 = 6	Tickets; \$10 = 16	Tickets;	\$20 = 40 Tickets =		
\$500 Grand Prize: \$5 = 2	Tickets; \$10 = 8	Tickets;			 osed
	For Resort re	eservations o	all 970-563-7777		

ask for the Front Desk / Reservations. From there give the August 16, 17 & 18 dates and ask for the "GWRRA" room block to get the discounted room rate.

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



Rider:	 	 	
Co-Rider:			

Mail Registration & Payment to: **April Hansen** 12662 Meadow Lark Lane Broomfield, CO 80021

See

www.gwrra-4cornersrally.org for all the latest info





Colorado Chapter L Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser



Come Chill with some Chili!

at the

Ken-Caryl Ranch House
7676 S. Continental Divide Rd.

Littleton, CO 80127

on

Saturday, October 12, 2019,

11:30 am - 2:30 pm

If you want to compete in the cook-off, please register your prize-winning chili by contacting Janet Spencer at:

email -- spencerjanet667@gmail.com --OR-phone -- 303-887-4382

COOK AND COMPETE! OR JUST COME TO EAT!

You can participate in many ways:

- Bring your crock pot of chili to the Shaffer Room on the 2nd floor (elevator available) of the Ken-Caryl Ranch House at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 12.
- Tasting is open to everyone. After tasting, submit your vote(s) for the best chili.
- -- OR -- Just come to enjoy a great lunch!!!



\$12 lunch tickets will be available in advance or at the door. \$5 for children 12 years & under.

Does your chili have what it takes?
3 winning categories: Best Red, Best Green, Best Overall
\$50 Prize to be awarded for each category!



CHAPTER A's NEW GATHERING PLACE 11139 BRADFORD ROAD ROOM 53 LITTLETON, CO 80128

Gatherings are the 1st Thursday of the month

TIME: 7:00 PM



C-470 to Kipling, North on Kipling to Chatfield, Left on Chatfield. Left on South Continental Divide Rd. Right on Bradford Rd.

OR

South on Kipling to Chatfield, right on Chatfield to South Continental Divide Rd. turn left then Right on Bradford Rd.

Hope to see you soon!