



Red Rocks Report

GWRRA Chapter CO-L

July 2019



*Friends for Fun,
Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*



Road Trips

By Chuck Bellmyer, Assistant Director

Hello Chapter L!

Recently, I was going to take a road trip to Arkansas to see what all the excitement was about with moving there, besides seeing Fred, Linda, Janet, and Randall.

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Well, I did not make the trip due to unforeseen events. I was going to leave on Monday, the 10th. But, I did take a ride down to the Sand Dunes National Park to get my book stamped on that Tuesday, the 11th. It was a really nice morning. Cool and clear. I left about 8:45 a.m. Figured I would get there around noon. I pulled into the parking lot at 12:13. Not bad.

South Park was cool and breezy. Warning: They are paving north out of Fairplay on 285. Got stuck on Red Hill Pass for about 25 minutes. The rest of the road into Salida was great. Note: They are working on the rest stop at the intersections of highways 92 and 285 at Poncha Springs. Looks like they are repaving the lot and doing some landscape maintenance. I do like the ride up over Poncha Pass. So pretty on the other side. Although taking 17 to the entrance to the Dunes is a long run!

Coming back, I retraced my trip until I got to Highway 24 to Colorado Springs. Went up over Wilkerson Pass to Woodland Park, then up 67 to Deckers and home. I have to say the Hayman fire area is looking better. Lots of grass growing now. They have managed to get a lot of the burned-out trees out of there as well. It's still going to take a long time before that part of the forest comes back. Not in my lifetime. Too bad!

Anyway, ride safe Chapter L.

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Devastating Scene in New Hampshire **by Ralph K. Spencer, Treasurer/Motorist** **Awareness Coordinator**

My June Motorist Awareness (MA) article summarized a Top Ten List of sobering information from the April 2019 edition of *Wing World* magazine by Barri and Mike Critzman, the GWRRR M/A Program Directors. No. 1 on that list read as follows, including my italicized comments:

According to the Division of Motor Vehicles, nine people in the U.S. are killed each day as a result of accidents involving a distracted driver. *Please, tell me this isn't true! Except that you and I both know it is. Visualize, if you can, these nine senseless funerals that take place every day. What a waste!*

I was shocked and sickened by the Saturday, June 22 news story that a pickup hauling a flatbed trailer in Randolph, NH had collided with a group of 10 motorcycles on a rural, two-lane highway killing seven bikers and injuring several others on Friday, June 21. The 23-year old driver of the 2016 Dodge 2500 pickup had to have been distracted in order for this mayhem to take place at 6:30 pm Friday on US 2. Was he drinking, on drugs, using a cell phone, daydreaming, eating? No one knows, yet, but the truth will out. Hopefully, this driver will be sentenced to 10 years for each person he killed or injured on that fateful Friday evening.

Is there any doubt in anyone's mind that this dreadful statistic cited above is actually true? Who knows, there may have been 16 motorcyclists killed on this terrible day in the U.S., given that seven were killed in one fell swoop in Randolph! To make matters worse, if that is possible, it turns out that these motorcyclists consisted of members of Marine JarHeads MC, a motorcycle club in New England that includes Marines and their spouses

and ranged in age from 42 to 62. Sound familiar???

It turns out that the driver of the ill-fated pickup, one Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, was arrested Monday morning, June 24, at his home in West Springfield, MA. He was charged with seven counts of negligent homicide. Records show he was stopped on suspicion of drunken driving last month and in 2013 as well. According to authorities, Zhukovskyy was to be arraigned on Tuesday, June 25, in Lancaster, NH.

Ironically, motorcyclists in the Columbia, NH area attended a previously scheduled Blessing of the Bikes ceremony on Sunday, June 23. While such ceremonies are periodically held, this particular Sunday event held special meaning for the motorcycle community.

What can we learn from a tragedy like this? Is it enough that we wear 'all the gear all the time'? Should we religiously ride in a staggered formation? Must we pledge NEVER to be distracted by all the distractions around us on any given ride? Should we take the time to try to inform non-motorcyclists about the inherent dangers of motorcycling, especially when members of the motoring public continue to be distracted in a myriad number of ways each time they get into their car or truck? The answer to all of these suggestions is a resounding YES! We must do everything we can to minimize the possibility of being involved in an accident while enjoying our motorcycles. The devastation experienced by the riders in Randolph on the first official day of summer must stop. Please do everything in your power to insulate yourself from such an ordeal.

Continue to Share the Road - Safely!!!

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June 3 Meeting Photos By Donald Redline, Photographer



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Ackerman Going Away Dinner June 16

By Donald Redline, Photographer

Well, the Ackermans have decided to leave beautiful Colorado. They are going to join the Drakes and the Fishers in Arkansas.



Eleven faithful dinner riders met at Frontroom Pizza in Lakewood. The food was AWESOME, and everyone had a great time saying our goodbyes to Mike and Becky. We all know that they will be missed, they were a big part of Chapter "L".



Our lovely waitress was kind enough to take the picture with me in it. The following pictures are of the door prize brought by Mike.





April's Adjectives

By April Hansen, Chapter Editor

Spelling

Have you ever read a book or document in which the words look real odd? Maybe the word looks like the letters are in the wrong place? Maybe you have run into British spelling. Some authors prefer British spelling to American spelling. Following are some typical differences:

American

center
color
check
program
judgment
traveling
practice
(verb)
woolen

British

centre
colour
cheque
programme
judgement
travelling
practise

woollen

You should always use regular spelling instead of simplified spelling:

though not *tho*
through not *thru*
thorough not *thoro*
night not *nite*.

If you have the smallest doubt about the spelling of a word, consult the dictionary. Be sure that you have not found some other word that is pronounced or spelled very much like the one you are looking up. Reading the definition will prove whether the right word was found. When more than one spelling of a word is given, choose the preferred form. In Webster's Dictionary, this means the first form.



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Birthdays

29 – Donald Redline

Anniversaries

6 – Jim & Linda Hazlett
14 – Steve & Tami Bender

Upcoming Events

July 1: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Room, Clements Community Center, Lakewood

July 7: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood

July 17: Chapter L "Mystery" Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.

July 20: Ch. G Howl at the Moon

July 21: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood

Aug. 4: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood

Aug. 5: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Room, Clements Community Center, Lakewood

Aug. 16-18: Four Corners Multi-District Rally, Sky Ute Resort, Ignacio, CO

Aug. 18: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood

Aug. 21: Chapter L "Mystery" Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.

Aug. 28-31: Wing Ding, Nashville, TN

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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.



GWRRA CO-G ANNUAL MULTI-CHAPTER RIDE



HOWL AT THE MOON



July 20th, 2019

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

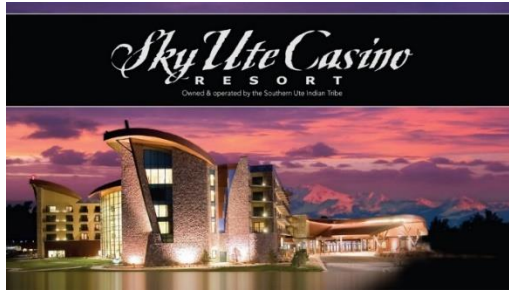


**You may purchase a
'HOWL AT THE MOON'
pin and year hanger at
the event.**



4 Corners Multi-District Rally

August 16, 17, 18 2019



Rider: _____ GWRRA# _____ Master # _____

Rider2/Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA# _____ Master# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____ (include District, e.g. AZ-G, CO-A)

Rally Registration: Member - \$30 # _____ x \$30 = _____

Rally Registration: Non-Member - \$35 # _____ x \$35 = _____

Saturday Breakfast Buffet - \$20 # _____ x \$20 = _____

Dinner Buffet Saturday Night: - \$30 # _____ x \$30 = _____

Sunday Morning Breakfast Buffet: - \$20 # _____ x \$20 = _____

Sunday Morning Masters Breakfast: - \$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; \$20 = 20 Tickets = _____

Total Enclosed _____

For Resort 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.

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: _____

Make checks payable to "GWRRA Colorado District"

Mail Registration & Payment to:

April Hansen

12662 Meadow Lark Lane

Broomfield, CO 80021

Or register online at:

www.gwrra-4cornersrally.org





**Colorado Chapter L
Chili Cook-Off
Fundraiser**



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



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

***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***

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!!!

Does your chili have what it takes?

**3 winning categories: Best Red, Best Green, Best Overall
\$50 Prize to be awarded for each category!**

