



Red Rocks Report

GWRRR Chapter CO-L

August 2019



*Friends for Fun,
Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*



Benders' Brief

Steve & Tami Bender, Directors

I was late getting the newsletter article to the Editor last month so now I have 2 months' worth! Riding season is here; we just have to dodge the rain a little.

We had a wonderful ride on Father's Day. We had some missed turns and U-turns, a beautiful day to ride. Thanks to Chuck Bellmyer and Jim Hazlett.

Our June dinner was bittersweet and so much fun. Good food, great friends, and a wonderful way to say, "See ya next time," to Mike and Becky Ackerman. They will be missed by all of us and especially Chapter L. Arkansas is going to have a great Chapter. As Mike and Becky both said, "GW people are great."

We had a wonderful ride up to Bishop Castle on July 13th: A great ride with a few U-turns, wrong turns, beautiful country, hot weather, a little rain, (more rain for some). Great food for lunch and of course ICE CREAM!

Ralph and Janet Spencer hosted a wonderful dinner on July 17.

FRIENDS, FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE, that is what we are about. We have a few rides scheduled but need some more. If you have any ideas, please bring them to our meeting.

- Saturday, August 3, is the Adams County Fair where Dorie Werner's brother's band "Fleetwood Mask" will be playing. I will send an email if anybody wants to go see it. Should be fun.
- August 4th is the 1st Sunday, maybe a ride and/or breakfast.
- August 5th is our meeting, 6:30 to meet and greet, meeting at 7:00pm. Please bring something to put in our basket for the Four Corners Rally.
- The Four Corners Rally is coming up August 16th-18th, Sky Ute Resort in Ignacio, CO. Hope you can make it.
- Wing Ding will be August 27th-31st in Nashville, TN.
- The Chapter L fundraiser will be on October 12.

Hope to see ya Monday, August 5th.

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A Ride with Changed Plans **By Chuck Bellmyer, Assistant Director**

Hello Chapter L!

Recently Jim Hazlett, my friend Gene, and I were going to take a bike ride up to North Park via Berthoud Pass and Willow Creek Pass, then come back through Poudre Canyon. Well, thanks to an overturned 18-wheeler on Berthoud, we had to change our plans.

So, we took I-70 up to Leadville and went over Independence Pass instead. It was great. The ride to Twin Lakes was uneventful, but from there to the top of the pass was something to see. We must have passed at least a dozen snow slides on our way up! Some ended just before the road. Others blew through the road and up the other side. It was kind of weird seeing all these downed trees pointing downhill (the tops that is) on one side, then seeing trees pointing up hill on the other side. One can only imagine how deep the snow was across that road and how much debris was in that snow! It was awesome to see the power of mother nature.

Once we got on top of the pass we stopped to look around. There is still a ton of snow on top. It's not going anywhere anytime soon because it was still rather chilly. What a beautiful place it is up there.

Going down the other side was as much a joy as going up. Lots of beautiful scenery. The narrow road is always a challenge too.

Everything was grand until we reached Aspen. What an armpit that place is! People everywhere! I believe all three of us just about got hit at some point going through town. Everyone there was in some kind of hurry. I could not get through there fast enough.

We stopped for lunch just outside of town, the name I do not remember. Gased up, then headed home on I-70. That was an adventure in itself. But that's for another time!

Note: If you have not been through Glenwood Springs lately, to get back on I 70 you will take a LEFT TURN once you clear the bridge in town. They really did a nice job redoing the traffic pattern there.

All in all, it was a nice ride with good company.

Ride safe!

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Participating in the Motorist Awareness Program is Not Optional!

by Ralph K. Spencer, Treasurer/Motorist

Barri and Mike Critzman had a very good MAP article in the July 2019 issue of *Wing World*. I will not reproduce their article in its entirety, but it made so much sense to me that I had to make an attempt to spread their words to Chapter L members and anyone else who might be tuning in to our newsletter. My title, above, is mine and mine alone. It may surprise you or even offend you but, upon reflection, you will see that it is absolutely true. Please read on!

As Barri and Mike so insightfully explained, every time you put on your gear and go for a ride on your Gold Wing, you are most likely being watched/seen by someone - pedestrians, people in cars/trucks/, on scooters, folks looking out of office windows, pumping gas, cutting grass, etc. The bottom line here is that all riders everywhere are responsible for the image they create in the hearts and minds of those around them.

I can recall my dad admonishing me on several occasions (until it finally sunk in!) that I only had one chance to make a good first impression. Think about it. Barri and Mike left out the word "good" in their article, but my dad would be extremely disappointed if I did not quote him correctly (God rest his soul), regardless of where he is right now!

Whether you are talking about motorcycles or simply riding one, people around you are busy forming opinions about you. Whatever opinions they end up with, the

chances are very good that these same opinions will be applied to all motorcycle riders they see from that point forward. Are you friendly? Are you courteous? Are you riding safely? Are you abiding by all traffic laws, including speed limits and traffic signs?

Like Barri and Mike, I believe GWRRA members exhibit all of the above traits and, as a result, improve the image of motorcycle riders every day. Please, please, please continue to do your part to help "the watchers" form good opinions about us riders.

In closing, I would like to steal a sentence from Barri and Mike's June 2019 MAP *Wing World* article since it is so apropos to the above discussion: "Statistics indicate that people who know someone who rides a motorcycle are more likely to drive more safely around motorcycle riders."

What a great way to improve the overall safety of motorcycling, wherever you may be riding! Talk to people. Be friendly. Be courteous. Be safe. Since you are already participating in the Motorist Awareness Program every time you ride your bike, you might just as well improve the image of all riders and perhaps save some lives down the road. My sincere thanks to Barri and Mike Critzman for a truly great article. To both of them, and all of you, continue to **Share the Road - Safely!!!**

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Bishop's Castle Ride

By Donald Redline, Photographer

Saturday, July 13, Steve & Tami Bender led Jim & Linda Hazlett, Peter Keppler & April Hansen and me (of course) on a ride to Bishop's Castle, stopping in Florence at the Two Sisters Café for lunch.

We saw some great scenery and enjoyed climbing around and viewing the Castle

which was built by Jim Bishop in protest of government controls. He has worked on it for over 30 years, and still is not done.

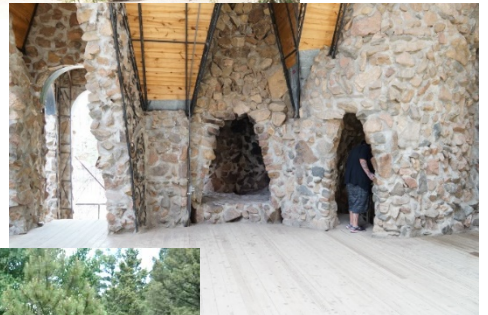
Peter Keppler had some bike trouble and April rode home alone in a severe rain and hailstorm. They both have a tale to tell.



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July “Mystery” Dinner Ride By Donald Redline, Photographer

On Wednesday, the 17th of July, 11 of us got together for dinner at a place called “Lucha Cantina Restaurant.” Our hosts were Ralph & Janet Spencer.

The restaurant was a little hard to find, but it was a nice looking place and had a good atmosphere. We were seated at two tables, but they were next to each other.

I didn’t feel the menu and the food were impressive. I had a Chile Relleno. It’s one of those things I really like, but it was just okay, I’ve had much better.

Anyway, you missed a great time.



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April's Adjectives

By April Hansen, Chapter Editor

Random Trivia

1. What is the name of the smallest street-legal car?
2. In what year were the world's largest counter-balanced forklift trucks built?
3. Where is the shortest length of railway track?
4. How many is the most racing wins in a horse racing owner's career?
5. What is the most wins in a year for a horse trainer?
6. What is the most World Show Jumping Championships won by a man?
7. How many feet is the biggest jump ever achieved by a quad bike?
8. What is the highest speed attained on a solely solar-powered land vehicle?
9. Who holds the record for the most races won in a year by a jockey?
10. What country holds the record for the most men's World Basketball Championship titles?
11. Who built the fastest jet powered fire truck?
12. As of December 2018, what was the top selling car worldwide?
13. What is the highest speed achieved by an electric car?

Answers on page 9

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Birthdays

19 – Sherry Smith

Anniversaries

12 – Bob & Pat Blot

Upcoming Events

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 Rally, Sky Ute Resort, Ignacio, CO
Aug. 21: Chapter L "Mystery" Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.
Aug. 27-31: Wing Ding, Nashville, TN

Sept. 1.: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood
Sept. 9: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Aspen Room, Clements Community Center, Lakewood
Sept. 15: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood
Sept. 18: Chapter L "Mystery" Dinner Ride, 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20-22: Chapter L 3-day Color Ride
Sept. 29: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denney's, 6th & Simms, Lakewood

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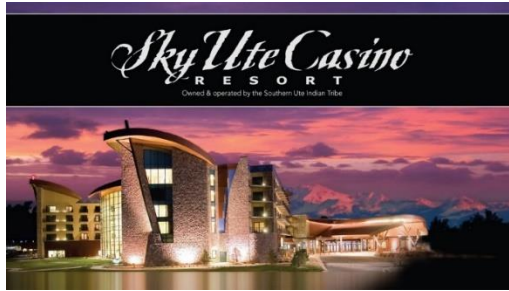
Answers to Trivia Questions on page 7:

1. The Peel P50
2. 1991
3. Vatican City
4. 4,775
5. 496
6. 2
7. 134 feet
8. 48.71 mph
9. Kent Desormeaux
10. Yugoslavia
11. Shannon "Tom" Seyda
12. Toyota Carolla
13. 245.523 mph



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 = _____

**Rally Shirts Available
at**

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

www.Krazybeanz.com

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!**

