



Red Rocks Report

GWRR Chapter CO-L

October 2018



*Friends for Fun,
Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*

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Benders' Brief **By Steve & Tami Bender,** **Directors**

Here it is the end of September already; the riding season is coming to an end, but we have had some great days to ride. We have had a couple of really nice Sunday rides, and this coming Sunday, September 30, looks like it might be a good day to ride. Join us for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. or just a ride leaving at 9:00 a.m. from Denny's at 6th and Union in Lakewood.

We will not be having our chili cook off fundraiser this year.

We had our dinner ride Wednesday, September 19, hosted by Chuck Bellmyer. We had three people, Chuck, Steve and me. Chuck won \$99.50 from the 50/50 drawing -- way to go, Chuck, (just kiddin'). We had a nice dinner and even talked to Becky on the phone in Michigan. Looks like Mike and Becky are having a great trip and getting some riding in.

I would like to thank April for getting the newsletters out while traveling to Alaska and cannot wait to hear about all of her and Peter's adventures.

We had a very nice visitor at our last meeting, Angelo Martinelli. He rides a 2017 blue and black Gold Wing. We hope he comes back and joins our Chapter.

Our next meeting will be this coming Monday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see ya there.

*October Meeting Refreshments
by Peter Keppler & April Hansen
October Dinner Ride Hosted
by Andy & Sherry Smith*



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

No, 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 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). I would like to highlight some of the more interesting, and perhaps overlooked, motorcycle tidbits brought to light in this article.

To begin with, the Tigers point out that The National Highway Safety Traffic Administration confirms that the non-motorcycle operator is usually the at-fault driver in accidents where another vehicle violates the motorcyclist's right-of-way. This should not be a surprise to most of my readers. After all, we are all aware of that old adage: "The one with the most lug nuts wins" - even when they are in the wrong!

An equally disconcerting factoid presented by the Tigers is that motorcycle riders over age 50 are generally safer and involved in fewer accidents than younger riders. However, in the vernacular of Paul Harvey, the rest of the story is that riders in this age group are far more likely to face serious injuries and even death when they do get involved in accidents, as noted by *Consumer Reports*. Therefore, older riders should be more inclined to take preventative measures to enhance their own safety while enjoying a ride. The Tigers are quick to point out that the above information

may seem counterintuitive (yep, they're lawyers all right!). In non-lawyer-speak, why should the group of riders involved in the least number of accidents (the over-50 crowd) face higher risks?

The reason is, wait for it, that other factors play a role in these accidents. Factors, such as rusty riding skills, higher susceptibility to injury, reduced muscle strength, as well as a greater vulnerability to chest injury, may contribute to accidents or severe injuries. And here is a plug for mandatory helmet laws: Head and chest injuries are ranked high in severe motorcyclist injuries. A rider not equipped with the proper helmet is about 40% more likely to endure a fatal head injury in a motorcycle accident than a rider wearing appropriate head protection.

Finally, the Tigers provide some sobering information on motorcycle fatalities. The National Safety Council has released 2015 data showing that 35% of motorcycle fatalities were riders age 50 and older. Alcohol and speeding were also significant factors in fatal motorcycle accidents. The Tigers point out that while you cannot change your age, there are some changes you can make to your riding habits to reduce these risks. I will review these various safety tips in my November article. Until then, enjoy that good looking animal the Tigers continue to use in their television ads (Can you guess what it is?) and continue to Share the Road - Safely!!!



Where did Halloween Come From?

By April Hansen



Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, comes from the ancient Celtic festival called "Samhain" and was invented because the Pagans felt that October 31 was the one day out of the year that the boundary between the living and the dead overlapped. They believed the dead would come back to earth and cause illness or damaged crops. At that time, people participating in the Samhain festival would wear costumes and masks in an attempt to mimic evil spirits.



Trick-or-treating is a custom originating in the Middle Ages and one that millions of children still participate in today. The word "trick" was meant as a threat to homeowners that announced the

intention of doing damage to property if no treat was given. In some states such as Iowa, Ohio and Massachusetts, trick-or-treating is sometimes called Beggars' Night. Trick-or-treating didn't make it to the United States until 1911.



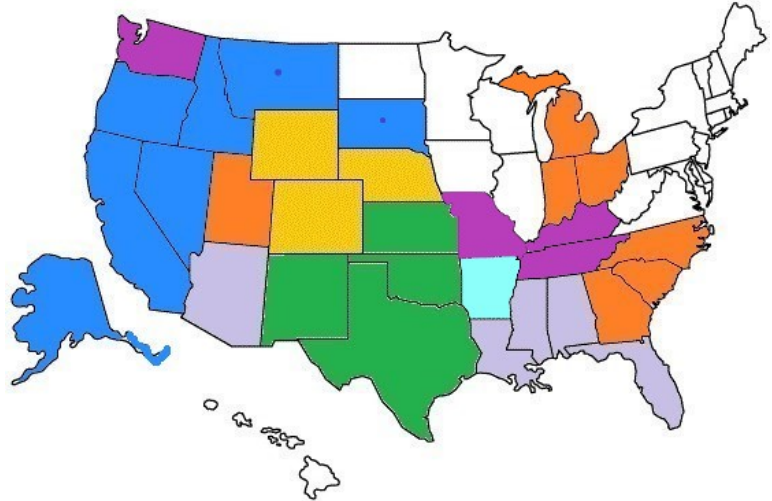
The Jack-o'-lantern is also common throughout the world, although the term for a carved pumpkin varies worldwide. There are several variations as to how this tradition started, but a popular legend involves a lazy farmer who traps the devil in an apple tree. The Jack-o'-lantern first appeared in the mid-17th century and is still a popular Halloween decoration today.



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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)



October- November Events

- 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. 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!**
- Nov. 3: Chapter G Bingo 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. 18: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 22: **Thanksgiving**

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Birthdays

9 – Chuck Bellmyer
16 – Bob Blot
21 – Pat Blot
21- Andrew Smith

Anniversaries

10 – Mike & Becky Ackerman
15 – Ron Evers & Laura Hudson
18 – Chuck & Vickie Kasson

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