



Red Rocks Report

GWRRA Chapter CO-L

December 2019



*Friends for Fun,
Safety and
Knowledge*

*2013 International
Chapter of the
Year*



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

Wow, it seems like it was only last month that we were writing our first newsletter article as Chapter L Directors, and now we are writing our last article as Directors. It has been a great pleasure and honor to be with Chapter L. We are very pleased that Chuck Bellmyer is taking the reins. He will do a great job. Remember, the only thing that is consistent is change.



We had a wonderful Chapter dinner on November 20th hosted by Peter and April at Golden Europe Restaurant. We had seven people, great food, and Linda Hazlett won the 50/50 money of \$64.00. That was her second time winning.

We do not have a December meeting.

Our Christmas Party is Saturday, December 21st, at Fox Hollow from 4pm to 8pm. The cost of your dinner is covered for GWRRA Chapter L members; you only need to pay the gratuity. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, each person needs to bring a gift of no more than \$20 and marked whether it is for a male, a female or neutral.

The Annual Officers Meeting is January 18th, 2020 at the South Jeffco Service Center, 11139 Bradford Road in Littleton. Everyone is invited. Inez Scholbrock is giving half of the Horizon Program class right after the meeting and the second half is on Sunday.

Hope to see ya at the party!

Chapter Officers & Staff

Directors

Steve & Tami Bender

Assistant Director

Chuck Bellmyer

Treasurer/Motorist

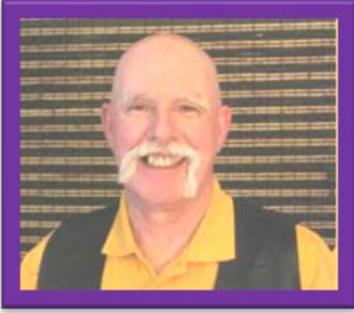
Awareness Coordinator

Ralph K. Spencer

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'Twas The Night Before Christmas
by Ralph K. Spencer, Treasurer/Motorist Awareness
Program Coordinator

(Adapted from the original poem attributed to Clement Clarke Moore in 1837)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land,
Not a motorcycle was stirring - this snow was unplanned.
Leather jackets were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that leather pants would soon join them there.

The bikes were nestled all snug in their garages
Since visions of nice weather were nothing more than mirages.
With Janet in her biker shorts and me in my tee,
We had just settled down to an old Disney movie.

When out on the roof I heard something like hail,
I ran to the window and witnessed a gale.
The wind was blowing like never before,
Just like Wyoming where the wind always roars.

But all of a sudden it became very still
And through the thick clouds I was aware of the chill.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature trike with a large trailer of cheer.

The driver was old and had seen better days.
His helmet was full face and his beard was ablaze.
I nicknamed him Red for his incredible hair
And he whistled and shouted to other bikes in the air:

"Now Harley! Now Honda!
Now Triumph and Yamaha!
On Indian! On Suzuki!
On Victory and Kawasaki!
To the top of all rooftops,
To every chimney in sight,
Cut the cruise, hit the brakes,
And do what is right!"



All eight landed safely, I'll never know how,
Put their bikes on the center stand, I could only think WOW!
They were ready to work, so each with their bag,
Disappeared down the chimneys with gifts and great swag!

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I guess we were lucky, for Red soon appeared
In the midst of our family room smiling with cheer.
He asked me no questions, so I told him no lies,
We were frozen in time by the twinkle in his eyes.

He was dressed all in fur, from his back to his front,
And tarnished in soot from his chimney-down stunt.
A bundle of gifts he removed from his bag,
Placed them under the tree, wiped his face with a rag.

His eyes, yes, they twinkled, his face sported a nose ring,
His cheeks were as red as my 2010 Gold Wing.
He wasn't that tall but he sure was that wide,
He was obviously one who was wedded to his ride.

He was vaping like crazy and I wanted to tell him
That the dangers of that habit were nothing but grim.
A wink of his eye and a twist of his red head
Told us sincerely that we had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but promptly finished his work,
Headed back towards the chimney, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose ring,
He gave a quick nod and did his mysterious chimney-up thing!

He sprang to his trike, and to his team gave a shout,
"Share the skies and roads - safely - but don't ever doubt
That motorists often get distracted, and don't always do right,
Merry Christmas, Gold Wing Road Riders, and to all a good night!"





**Christmas Greetings
By Donald Redline, Photographer**



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The 2-Second Rule

By Peter Keppler

A safe following distance helps ensure that you won't rear-end a car that stops suddenly, won't hit a road hazard (pothole, debris) that you spot after the car in front of you passes over it, or run into another rider in front of you in a group ride.

Following distance must account for the three components of stopping distance:

Perception distance – depends on how soon you notice a hazard in your path that is likely to affect you

Reaction distance – depends on how quickly you decide to take evasive action

Braking distance – depends on how skillfully you apply the brakes

In most riding conditions, a 2-second following distance is recommended. When riding in a group, this means staying two seconds behind the rider directly in front of you. We ride in staggered formation, so you should be one second behind the rider in the other tract (i.e. if you are riding in the left tract, stay two seconds behind the rider in front of you in the left tract, and one second behind the rider in the right tract). Remember that at 60 mph, a one-second following distance is 88 feet, or approximately the length of two semi-trucks.



These following distances apply to riding on a two-two lane highway or straight one-lane road. When riding on a curvy road or in the mountains, we should ride in single file with a two second interval between bikes in order to allow enough distance for evasive or corrective action.

Some riders feel that too great a following distance may lead to cars or trucks pulling into the gap, forcing you to decelerate. It also might lead to riders being lulled into a false sense of security and getting more distracted because they feel they're no longer within "striking distance" of another vehicle. (This is called "risk compensation," a phenomenon in which some individuals take additional risks when using additional safety measures or equipment, thereby diminishing the benefits of the safety measures/equipment.)

The following distance you choose must balance the need for adequate spacing so you can react to a hazardous condition, and the need to protect your space. The more you employ a good street strategy Search/Evaluate/Execute, keeping escape routes in mind, covering the brakes when in heavy traffic, etc.), the less you need to rely on your good maneuvering skills to extract yourself from a dangerous situation.

Ride Like Your Life Depends on It!

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Birthdays

23 –Janet Spencer



**No Anniversaries
This Month**

Upcoming Events

No Chapter L Meeting in December!

Dec. 21: Chapter L Christmas Party at The Den at Fox Hollow! 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day!

Dec. 29: Odd Sunday Ride, 9:00 a.m., Denny's, 6th and Simms, Lakewood

Jan. 6: Chapter L Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood

Jan 18: District Officers Meeting, 8:00 a.m., Jeffco Sheriff's South Service Center, Littleton

Jan. 18: Chapter L Dinner Ride, 6:30 p.m., host and location to be announced



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Colorado District Officers & Staff

Officers

Directors	Joyce & Rick Elmore (CO-G)
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GWRRRA University Offerings for January 18 & 19, 2020

I am offering the opportunity to attend these modules on Saturday afternoon following the Officers' Meeting, but attendance is NOT limited to officers. We will finish up on Sunday morning at the Scholbrock home in Broomfield.

The Horizon Program is a fun, activity driven networking experience that offers you an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone and learn about yourself and GWRRRA.

Saturday modules on January 18 will cover:

- **Team building** - How team building and self knowledge create effective teams. Also an understanding of Core teams within GWRRRA.
- **Hat Check!** - Knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of a GWRRRA officer and what the officer agrees to when signing the MOU and taking the oath of office.

We should be able to cover these two in 4 hours.

Sunday modules on January 19:

- **Let's Meet...** - a study of the types and intents of GWRRRA meetings and gatherings and practical experience in planning and conducting a GWRRRA style gathering.
- **The Most Critical Skill** - Information on communication for successful leadership.

We should be able to cover these two in 3 hours. Two other modules are available that are especially useful to newer officers, both are an hour to an hour and a half in length.

- **Checks and Balances** - provides information about the proper handling of chapter finances and reporting requirements.
- **Coaching 101** - defines coaching, introduces coaching skills, helps identify when to coach, and how to determine if the coaching is successful.

When District staff meets to set an agenda for the officer's meeting, we will attempt to allow as much time for education as possible. In the event that we have extra time, I will add an extra module to Saturday- We need to vacate our room by 5 pm, so it won't be too late. I will have Sunday modules end before noon.

If something here is still not clear, please reach out and I will try to clarify. Otherwise, please let me know if you are interested in attending the above Horizon modules so I can plan for the correct number of instructors and materials.

Inez Scholbrock
Colorado District University Coordinator
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2 Full Registrations
2 Both Dinners
20 Gold Wing Tickets
7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets
2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____

TOTAL: \$225

GOLD WING NIGHT PACKAGE

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1 Full Registration
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10 Gold Wing Tickets
3 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets
1 Event Shirt - Size: _____

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DOUBLE

2 Full Registrations
2 Gold Wing Night Dinners
20 Gold Wing Tickets
7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets
2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____

TOTAL: \$179

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1 Event Shirt - Size: _____

TOTAL: \$69

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2 Full Registrations
20 Gold Wing Tickets
7 Yards 50/20/15/10/5 Tickets
2 Event Shirts - Size: _____ / _____

TOTAL: \$129

BUFFET 1: SPONSOR NIGHT

Tossed salad w/ 2 dressings
Grilled chicken w/ signature sauce
Roasted potato
Green beans
Plated cookie
Beverage service

BUFFET 2: GOLD WING NIGHT

Pulled pork
Potato salad
BBQ sauce
Baked beans
Kaiser roll
Plated brownie
Beverage service

RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

CO-RIDER'S NAME: _____ GWRRA MEMBER # _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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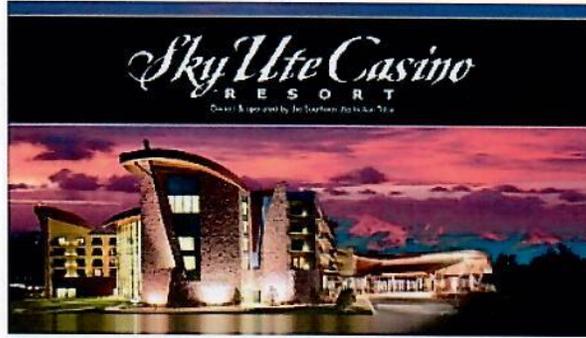
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