

Monthly Meetings held at Golden Corral in Grand Junction on the first Saturday of each month starting at 8:00 a.m.

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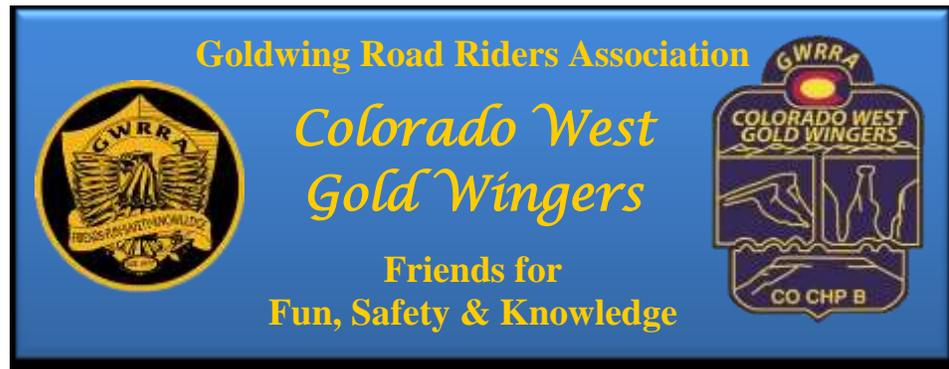
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From the Directors Dash Board

Boy time flies when you're having fun! It's July already, and half the year is gone. Has it been a productive year so far for you? It sure has for Paula and I in some cases, and not so much in others. As I sit here typing this article for July, I think back on the end of May and the lack of a newsletter in June due to Paula's and my absence at the Regional Rally. I am sorry, and we will plan better for the next absence.

Speaking of rallies, wow! Was regional fun! It was held at the Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, AZ again this year. What a great venue they have there. Attendance was a bit low this year, but it was still a great turn out. Paula and I,



along with John and Barb were there to support Bryan and Emma Lape as they went through the COY selection process, and were selected as the 2017 Region F Couple of

the Year. Tom Hodack represented Colorado quite well as Individual of the Year as well. Paula and I got a couple of classes under our belts, and John and Barb Romans braved the heat and did the ARC two-up. Steve Jones also gets kudos for taking the ARC in the heat. They all passed with flying colors, even if Barb was told to put the camera away. If you haven't been to a Region Rally before, or even if you have, better plan now for next year. It sounds like it's going to be something special. It will be held at Zermatt Resort and Spa in Midway Utah. The ride is short and I hear the room rates are going to be great. There will be limited classes at the rally as the District want you to have more fun than knowledge for a change. Should be interesting. So plan now. Paula and I already have it in our calendars.

Also speaking of Rallies (Conventions), is anyone planning on going to Utah's Convention in Price the end of July? How about our own Colorado Convention in mid-August? If you are, get your registration in now so the district staff can plan for your arrival. I know Paula and I are looking forward to both of them, but especially Colorado's in Salida, where we will be going through the selection process for COY. We are working hard on our resume and our oral presentation to represent Chapter B to the best of our ability. Couple of up-coming events to remember and plan for. July 1 Chapter gathering and ride afterwards to Meeker for lunch and then down to Rifle and Moo's for Ice cream. Then July 4th we are entered in the parade down town GJ. Get your bike decorated up and lets have some fun. Know someone that rides and would like to join us? Invite them along! There is no ride scheduled July 8th, and Paula and I will be unavailable that weekend due to family matters, but I am sure somebody will be going somewhere and looking for riding companions. Keep in mind that day is Chapter E's Poker/Bug Run fundraiser. They came to support our auction, sure would be great if we had a showing at theirs. I am sure there is more but we will discuss them at the gathering.

“Till next time, keep the bugs out of your teeth, and keep the rubber on the road!” (Boy, does Paula have a story about bugs if you haven’t already heard it)

Dave Campbell

Chapter B Director

Cabin Fever

Just a quick note for May our trip to Tucson, was a lot of fun I haven’t been there since I move away from their back in 1973 the town has expanded like every place else and there are little big towns everywhere.

The resort was nice, food was pricey, lots of folks, we had a great time and it was **hot!!!** As Barbara had mentioned we both took the ARC really glad we did always need more education and it’s a great class to test your skills and learn new ones. Now Barbara can remind me of the things we learned in that class, like tell me when we are going to stop hard so she can hang on and not fly over the bike! Yes dear oops!!!!

Group Ride June 3 after the Chapter B meeting down to Blue mesa dam, Black canyon, stopped at Zacks in

Hotchkiss, for lunch and some had pie. Grand Mesa was cool and snow on the ground at the top and then home where it was **hot!!!**

June 17 Barbara and I rode down to Cedaredge for lunch at the Apple Shed then over to Lazear for the grand tour, then onto Hotchkiss and desert at Zacks banana cream pie for me. Took the back roads to Cedaredge, Grand Mesa cool and still snow on the ground melting fast then back home where it’s **Hot!!!**

June 24 Group ride to Silverton for lunch. Note I haven’t been there since March 1973 when I was moving from Tucson. It was night time snowing and I had a blowout coming into Silverton I found a bar (it was the only thing open) put the spare on had a bowl of chili and headed to Grand Junction and north of Montrose my spare blowout and there I sat until the sun came up. Grab my wheel and walked to Big O tires and bought a use tire for two dollars that included mount and balance with a warranty. Well I finely made to a town called Grand Junction where I have never been before. Been in and out of here every since.

Sorry got off track again.

Since I haven’t been back to Red Mountain Pass or Silverton and looking at that road and views I have missed a lot. This is fun ride in Silverton we had lunch at the Handlebars walk across the street for ICE CREAM at Smedley’s and then walk around the town checked out stores, a car show and the old trains I like the working steam locomotives we need to plan a train ride.

Back on road again fueled up in Montrose drank lots of water and it was **hot!!!** We all followed Dave and Paula over the Grand Mesa nice and cool most of the snow is gone now then we rode home where it is **Hot!!!**

This year has been different kind of riding for us lots of hot weather. I have found that wearing a mesh jacket actually keeps me cooler. I have been told that by other members I was just skeptical.

There are going to be a lot more rides in the heat keeping hydrated stop and smell the roses more often. Have a drink of water. Keep cool.

John Romans

Four wheels move the body.

Two wheels move the soul.



Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Here's the good news - it's riding season! It's riding season!
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Our group has had a few great ones already - Moab, Unaweep
Canyon/Dallas Divide, 2 nights in Utah (Romans and Gert's) and
Cedaredge. The Utah trip was windy, which we all know blows,
but they said it was fun anyway. Perfect weather for the other
rides. On the Cedaredge run our 4 bike group got to participate in a
cattle drive -- literally. Probably 40 head being herded on our route
as we followed a cowboy on a four wheeler slowly through the
crowd and got up close and personal with the livestock, although we never saw their faces if you know what
I mean.



More rides to come this summer and I would encourage you to check out the list at the end of this newsletter
and participate if you can as it is a great group of people and we live in some of the best riding areas in the
country. Don't take these roads for granted - if you don't use them they might take 'em out!

Window shield wiper

During a recent trip a very windy and rainy trip, I experienced a time riding that was not prepared for. I experience 60 mph cross wind from the Colorado-Wyoming border all the way to Riverton. It was a learning curve for me. Every time a big vehicle passed us I would get moved from one track of the lane to other. What made it more interesting was that this was the first trip with a trailer. I will say that there were many times that I did not notice the trailer was behind me. About the only time I really noticed was at the gas pump when I was not getting the same gas mileage as before. We made it safely if not just a little tired from fighting the wind. It was in Yellowstone National Park that I had another lesson to learn.



The day that we were to see all the sites it decided to rain. We could have stayed in our tent and watched the rain but we decided that we wanted to see what could in the rain. It would mist then it would rain I would clean my face shield until my glove got saturated with water. I had rags I used but it just would not keep it clear. This made me think what if there was a way to put a wiper blade on my glove to help clear my face shield with. I asked at the last meeting what people used to clear their face shield? I received several answers to include waxing, using a rag, and a few others. The one answer that I got was that my idea about wiper blades was already taken. I was directed to a website www.aerostich.com where I found this.

So my million dollar idea was already taken. But while I was at the website I notices a lot more things that can be used to help keep us safe while we ride.





Motorist Awareness

By Nick Hoppner

Celebrate 2017 National Night Out

National Night Out Day is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August. It was created to increase awareness about police programs in communities. And it's a great opportunity to engage in Motorist Awareness conversations with friends and neighbors, as well as to distribute our GWRRA Motorist Awareness pamphlets.

Some background: The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada. From the first National Night Out involved 2.5 million residents across 400 communities in 23 states, National Night Out has grown to include more than thirty-eight million residents in twenty-thousand communities across the USA as of 2016.

How can you and your chapter make use of this opportunity? Call your local and state police departments and find out what they have planned. Ask if you can join in some neighborhood events. Set up a display. Get involved. Here are some ideas for neighborhood activities suggested by a National Night Out website:

Serve food, but keep it simple: Watermelon, lemonade, coffee, tea and dessert, Ice cream cones, pretzels and chips, Fruit and cheese plates, pizza, cookies, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads.

Facilitate conversations: Design a mixer game: "Find a person who..." Award some simple prizes as incentives. (Oldest resident award, Longest resident award, Newest resident award).

Do something for the community: Collect for a food bank, Beautify a common area, Plan a fall clean-up or bulb planting, Recruit additional Neighborhood Watch leaders and block captains, Discuss neighborhood problems & opportunities, Distribute neighborhood block list.

Have fun: Have a kids' bike parade, board games, skits, coloring contest, 3-legged race, jump rope, chalk art, face painting, etc.

GWRRA's new Motorist Awareness Program encourages everyone to become active in spreading the Motorist Awareness message every time they talk about their motorcycle with non-riders. To this end, the Gold Award pin can be earned just by letting your District Motorist Awareness Coordinator know every time you've talked about motorist awareness and distributed some of our brochures. Let your Chapter Director know what you've done—even if it seems casual and inconsequential. Keep some pamphlets handy in your bike and your other vehicles. If you need more pamphlets, let me know. Email me at nickhoppner@bresnan.net.

Upcoming Rides:

- April 29th - No Ride at this time.
- May 6th - Gateway Loop Highway 141 - The UnawEEP/Tabeguache Byway - with lunch in Ridgeway - Ride Leader Dave Campbell
- May 13-14 Bryce Canyon, Utah - Overnight ride, Contact John and Barbara Roman for Information
- May 20th - TBA - Ride Leader Steve Urbach
- May 27th - TBA - Need a Ride Leader
- June 3rd – Black Canyon - After Chapter Meeting - Ride Leader John Roman
- June 10th – Women’s Ride
- June 10th - Possible ride to Estes Park - More detail to follow and work out. Ride Leader unknown at this point in time.
- June 17th – TBA
- June 24 - All Chapter ride and meet at Copper Mountain. Ride the Gondola to the top of the Mountain for Lunch. Ride Leader to be announced.
- July 1st - Ride to Meeker via highway 139 Douglas Pass. Lunch in Meeker and ice cream desert in Rifle. Ride Leader Paula Campbell
- July 4th Ride to Leadville for Fireworks. Possible overnight for those that go. Ride Leader Bill Gert.
- July 13-15 Possible Ride to Sundance WY for WY Convention. More to follow after discussions at Chapter Gatherings.
- July 22 No Ride Scheduled
- July 28-29 Utah District Convention. Price, UT. Possible ride after further discussions at Chapter Gatherings.
- August 5 Chapter G Howl at the Moon ride. Ride to the top of Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park at night. Ride to leave after Chapter B Gathering. Ride Leader Dave Campbell
- Aug 12th - TBA
- Aug 19th - TBA
- Aug 24th - 26th Colorado District Convention in Salida