



GWRRA

Next Meeting:
Carlsbad
Saturday
3 May 08, 12 Noon
Pizza Inn
1210 W. Pierce
575-887-5049

Chapter R →

News Letter

District: New Mexico

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



April 2008

Minutes of April 5 Meeting:

We had 8 attendees at the April meeting in Artesia, 2 from Roswell and 6 from Carlsbad. We missed all those who could not make it. Like a typical New Mexico day it was clear and windy. We had the normal 50/50 drawing and drew for about six gifts provided by Champion Motor Sports. Bob Sherman had to leave the meeting early for a funeral in Hobbs. Jim Richards had to work and therefore could not make it. Some folks could not make it due to family support issues like soccer games, etc. Jim's wife, Pauline did a great job in his absence. Bob announced that March's news letter was returned from Hobbs indicating that a member on our club by the name of Arthur Renton had passed away in January of this year. Again the food was great at the Pecos Diamond Steak House. We again want to welcome Bob Stockwell who joined our club last month. We all got a few laughs reminiscing about our picnic outing at Sitting Bull Falls.



Jim Richards received his appointment as Chapter R Director from Gordon Robinson, New Mexico District Director on Sunday, 30 March 2008.



Jim Richards received our Chapter R charter from Neil R. Zack, GWRRA Region F Director on Sunday, 30 March 2008.

Notes from our Director:

I have a couple of pictures that relay the important events of the last weekend of March. It was great to get our charter!

While I was at the district meeting in Los Lunas the “Mascot Stealing Game” was discussed. The State Director, Gordon Robinson gave the OK for those clubs that want to participate. It should be a lot of fun for everyone in the chapter who gets involved. The rules for the game are attached to the back of this news letter. In a nut shell what we need to play is 5 people on 3 motorcycles, or more known as “The Raiders” who will go to another chapter’s meeting and “steal” their mascot, and bring it home with them. This game creates a staff position for a “Keeper of the Mascot”.
RIDE SAFE: Jim



Hope everyone had a nice Easter weekend though a little chilly.

That Sunday I rode back from Farmington to Roswell. Other than temperatures in the 30s & 40s most of the way and 40 miles of intermittent snow & sleet near Vaughn, it was a great ride!! I did enjoy that 30 min. hot shower when I got home. Bob

NEW BIKES: Congrats to Ken Ryder who bought a new white Gold Wing. He hopes to ride it to the Carlsbad meeting on May 3rd.

Sitting Bull Falls Picnic – March 29th

What a great time we had at the picnic! Several of us, who had not been to Sitting Bull Falls in many years, were really surprised at the nice facilities and improvements that were evident at the park. It had really nice, large and covered picnic areas, new sidewalks and railings, grass, trees and other support structures. We must have had some of the best food consumed in the State of New Mexico that day. The burgers, condiments, potato salad, chips, four different deserts, sodas and other food

items that I can’t remember all which tasted really good. We even had the unexpected entertainment presented by several men of the group that could best be described as “To Build a Fire” followed by Act II which would be called “How to Control the Fire”. We enjoyed seeing the falls and other near by areas.

Chapter R Gatherings for 2008:

(All gatherings are the first Saturday of each month. Time is at 12:00 noon.)

ROSWELL

Golden Corral

2624 N. Main

575-622-5102

June 7th

September 6th

ARTESIA

Pecos Diamond Steak House

601 S. First Street

575-746-4545

July 5th

October 4th

CARLSBAD

Pizza Inn

1210 W. Pierce

575-887-5049

May 3rd

August 2nd

November 1st

Below are the open positions still remaining in the Chapter & their descriptions:

Activity / Ride Coordinator:

Instructs, informs and assist the road captains, group leaders and other participants in the group rides. Coordinates and plans monthly activities as suggested by the membership.

Phone Tree Coordinator: (one for Roswell & Artesia)

Sets up and maintains a phone tree among the members. If we need to get in contact with everyone in a hurry the

Director can ask the Phone Tree Coordinator to call his/her list.

Special Events Coordinator:

Direct the planning and implementation of special events such as poker runs, fun runs, etc.



Keeping the Shiny Side Up :

Continuing the listings of the “**Hurt Study**” findings:

Reference: “Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures, Vol. 1, Technical Report, Hurt, H.H., Ouellet, J.V., and Thom, D.R., Traffic Safety Center, University of Southern California, Contract No. DOT HS-5-01160, January 1981 (final report).

Your Chapter Staff: (area code: 575)

Chapter Director – Jim Richards 627-7692
Assist. Chapter Dir. – Ken Ryder 302-1019
Secretary/Treasure – Mark Boyd 622-7483
Chapter Educator – Henry Grimm 734-5883
News Letter Editor – Bob Sherman 420-3789
Activity/Ride Coord. – Open _____
Phone Tree Coordinator
Roswell – Open _____
Artesia – Open _____
Carlsbad – Terry Ryder 302-1019
Special Events Coord. – Open _____
Ways & Mns C. – Pauline Richards 627-7692

Summary of findings: (findings 11 to 18 out of 53)

* Most motorcycle accidents involved a short trip associated with shopping, errands, friends, entertainment or recreation, and the accident is likely to happen in a very short time close to the trip origin.

* The view of the motorcycle or the other vehicle involved in the accident is limited by glare or obstructed by other vehicles in almost half of the multiple vehicle accidents.

* Conspicuity of the motorcycle is a critical factor in the multiple vehicle accidents, and accident involvement is significantly reduced by the use of motorcycle headlamps (on in daylight) and the wearing of high visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets.

* Fuel system leaks and spills were present in 62% of the motorcycle accidents in the post-crash phase. This represents an undue hazard for fire.

* The median pre-crash speed was 29.8 mph, and the median crash speed was 21.5 mph, and the one-in-a-thousand crash speed is approximately 86 mph.

* The typical motorcycle pre-crash lines-of-sight to the traffic hazard portray no contribution of the limits of

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575-420-3789 Thanks, Bob Sherman

NEWS FROM: Marysville, Ohio

After producing over 2.25 million motorcycles and ATVs since 1979, Honda of America Manufacturing recently announced the moving of all the Gold Wing and VTX cruisers production from Marysville, Ohio to Kumamoto, Japan. This will occur after the 2009 production year. Along with this move Honda is moving its very first motorcycle plant in Hamamatsu, Japan to Kumamoto. The 450 Marysville motorcycle plant employees will not be laid off but will be employed by nearby Honda automobile plants. Honda does not expect any delay in the supply of Gold Wings or VTXs during this transition. In 2007, this plant produced approximately 44,000 Gold Wings and VTXs.

peripheral vision; more than three-fourths of all accident hazards are within 45 degrees of either side of straight ahead.

* Conspicuity of the motorcycle is most critical for the frontal surfaces of the motorcycle and rider.

* Vehicle defects related to accident causation are rare and likely to be due to deficient or defective maintenance.

Always looking for inputs on MC safety.
Bob Sherman rksherman@cableone.net

Upcoming Events:

National: (Some of the Major Motor Cycle Events)

APRIL: (Short Notice - Hurry!!)

26th Annual Laughlin River Run, April 23-27, Laughlin, NV. The West's biggest bike event.

www.laughlinriverrun.com

MAY:

AspenCash Rally May 15-18 (Thursday to Sunday), \$10,000 poker run, 4 day trade show and 33,000 sq ft of vendors. Location: same as the Golden Aspen Rally.

www.motorcyclerrally.com

JUNE:

Americade, June 2-7, Lake George, New York. The largest U.S. touring rally.

www.tourexpo.com

The 11th Annual Mother Road

Ride/Rally, June 14-21, Chicago to Los Angeles. Get your kicks on Route 66.

www.hhjm.com/rally

Honda Hoot, June 18-21 Knoxville, TN

The 15th Anniversary all-brand rally offers self-guided tours, a huge vendor expo, fireworks show, demo rides, Ride for Kids charity event, poker run, street parties and more. Wyona Judd will perform a special private concert at the Civic Coliseum as part of the Hoot's closing ceremonies.

www.hondahoot.com

JULY:

Wing Ding 30, July 3-6 Greenville, SC. The Gold Wing Road Riders Association national rally returns to Greenville for poker runs, guided tours, seminars, door prizes, vendors, drill teams, field events, Honda demo rides (and trike demos), a bike show, talent show, light parade and grand parade, fireworks and grand prize Gold Wing.

www.gwrra.org & www.wing-ding.org

Gold Rush XXI, July 14-17, Billings MT. The national event of the Gold Wing Touring Association.

www.gwta.org

National Ride to Work Day – July 16th

Roswell:

May 10th Jim Richards has scheduled a GWRRA lunch ride from Roswell to Lincoln for lunch & then on to Ruidoso and return – details at the May 3rd meeting.

(Note: HOG rides welcome all riders & routinely pick up riders from nearby towns in route)

May 8th Ice cream ride from Champion.

May 10th HOG ride to Lubbock.

May 27th Dinner ride to Wellhead in Artesia.

June 22nd HOG ride to Sumner Lake

July 12th Battered Refugee Poker Run at Champion.

July 19th & 20th HOG overnight ride to Silver City.

August 9th & 10th HOG overnight ride to Big Bend.

August 23rd Special Olympics Poker Run

www.championroswell.com

Artesia, Carlsbad, Hobbs/Lovington:

(none reported to me)

I know there are other MC activities going on in Carlsbad, Artesia and Hobbs/Lovington. If you know of some activity in June, July, etc. please bring the info to our next meeting so I can include it in May's news letter or email me. Thanks, Bob Sherman