



GWRRRA

Next Meeting:
Roswell
Saturday
6 Sep 08, 12 Noon
Golden Corral
2624 N. Main
575-622-5102

Chapter R →

News Letter

District: New Mexico

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



August 2008

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school because they will not be looking for you.

Welcome to new members: Bob Stockwell and Clifton Barker.

I was not able to go to the convention in Colorado this month. I'll have to wait and see what I can find out from those who did attend to let you know what is going on from there.

I am hoping the ride to Sun Spot will have a good turn out even though it is short notice. The first time this ride was scheduled it was changed because of the weather being bad in the area.

My Trip to Missouri was mostly uneventful, no rain but lots of humidity. The heat index most days was from 110 to 115 degrees. My Wing ran flawless and out side of little sun burn, I had a good ride. My son and daughter-in-law got on their Harley while I was there and we "rode the Ozarks" which is always a lot of fun. The roads where they live are full of "twisties" and they couldn't quite understand why I was having so much fun. Twisty roads are normal for them, how lucky can you get.

See you on the Sun Spot run on the 23rd.

Ride Safe, Jim

Minutes of Aug 2nd Meeting:

We had our August meeting at the normal place, the Pizza Inn in Carlsbad. Those in attendance had a good time. Ken Ryder filled in for Jim Richards who was in Missouri. Terry Ryder won \$21.00 on the 50/50 and Clifton Barker won the Goodie Box. Bob Sherman, our news letter editor, was also absent visiting with his daughter and two grandkids from Farmington who were in Roswell for a short time. We had two members sign up. Welcome Cliff Barker and Bob Stockwell from Carlsbad! Everyone discussed trying again with the Sun Spot ride on Saturday, August 23rd. Next month (September) we meet at the Golden Coral in Roswell.

Notes from our Director:

Schools are now open so watch for the little ones as they go back and forth to

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

September 6th

December 6th

ARTESIA

La Fonda Restaurant

210 West Main Street

575-746-4545

October 4th

CARLSBAD

Pizza Inn

1210 W. Pierce

575-887-5049

November 1st

Your Chapter Staff: (area code: 575)

Chapter Director – Jim Richards 627-7692

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Roswell – Open _____

Artesia – Open _____

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Special Events Coord. – Open _____

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Thanks, Bob Sherman

NOTE:

Hurricane Dolly caused a disappointing weather cancellation of the Sunspot ride on July 26th. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 23rd. (See p.4 below)

Patriot Guard – What is that???



The Patriot Guard Riders is a diverse amalgamation of riders from across the nation. They have one thing in common besides motorcycles. They have an unwavering respect for those who risk their lives for America's freedom and security. If you share this respect, please join them. They don't care what you

ride, what your political views are, or whether you're a "hawk" or a "dove". It is not a requirement that you be veteran. It doesn't matter where you're from or what your income is. You don't even have to ride. The only prerequisite is Respect.

Mission Statement: Their main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission they undertake has two basic objectives: (1) Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities. (2) Shield the mourning family and friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors. They accomplish # 2 through strictly legal and non-violent means.

How did the Patriot Guard

Riders get started? It started back in early August of 2005 with the American Legion Riders Chapter 136 from Kansas. They were appalled to hear that a fallen hero's memory was being tarnished by misguided religious zealots who were protesting at funerals. They decided to do something about it. At the ALR 136 August meeting, Director Chuck "Pappy" Barshney appointed members, Terry "Darkhorse" Houck, Cregg "Bronco 6" Hansen, Steve "McDaddy" McDonald, and Bill "Wild Bill" Logan to form a committee to strategize and form a battle plan to combat Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). [For more info on WBC see their web site:

www.godhatesfags.com or do an Advanced Search on Google of the Westboro Baptist Church or Fred Phelps.] When they heard that the WBC was going to protest at the Funeral of Sgt. John Doles in Chelsea, Oklahoma, they established a Mission Statement, which included getting the

families permission and contacting Law Enforcement and other Motorcycles Groups in Oklahoma. They agreed that their ultimate goal was to get veterans and motorcycle organizations involved in every state so that each state could handle the situation internally and not rely on other states to do the job. They were very successful in mustering riders to honor Sgt Doles and limiting the intrusion by the WBC. After the Chelsea Mission, the Kansas American Legion riders wanted all Motorcycle Groups/Organization to be recognized. On the 18th of October 2005 the Patriot Guard name was established and was announced on the 27th of October 2005 to the 100 + motorcyclists present at the Tonganoxie Mission to Honor Spc Lucas Frantz. Most of the above info was taken from their web site:

www.patriotguard.org There is an active Patriot Guard here in New Mexico. The Patriot Guard has supported several funeral services of soldiers killed in Iraq or Afghanistan. These memorial services have taken place in Roswell, Hondo, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Farmington and other NM locations. These have been very rewarding experiences for me – Bob Sherman.



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).

Summary of findings: (findings 35 to 39 out of 53)

- * The likelihood of injury is extremely high in these motorcycle accidents-98% of the multiple vehicle collisions and 96% of the single vehicle accidents resulted in some kind of injury to the motorcycle rider; 45% resulted in more than a minor injury.
- * Half of the injuries to the somatic regions were to the ankle-foot, lower leg, knee, and thigh-upper leg.
- * Crash bars are not an effective injury countermeasure; the reduction of injury to the ankle-foot is balanced by increase of injury to the thigh-upper leg, knee, and lower leg.
- * The use of heavy boots, jacket, gloves, etc., is effective in preventing or reducing abrasions and lacerations, which are frequent but rarely severe injuries.
- * Groin injuries were sustained by the motorcyclist in at least 13% of the accidents, which is typified by a multiple vehicle collision in frontal impact at higher than average speed.

EXTRA SAFETY NOTE:

Sample from my daily automatic Google search: "motorcycle accidents":
Last week, west of Oklahoma City, in the early morning hours, two touring bikes (Harleys) with two people on board each. Front bike hits deer. Man operating bike injured when they hit deer & go down. Second bike cannot stop in time -- crashes into back of first down bike killing female passenger of front bike and killing operator of second bike. Female passenger of second bike receives serious injuries. **Point: Watch for deer especially morning and evenings & follow at proper safe stopping/collision avoidance distance.**

Upcoming Events:

Regional:

September:

17th – 21st Golden Aspen Rally, 2008
National Road Riding Convention,
Ruidoso, NM, info: 800-452-8045,
www.motorcyclerrally.com

26th – 28th New Mexico District
GWRRA Rally, Farmington NM, host
hotel: Best Western Inn & Suites, (505)
327-5221, info: Gordon or Paz
Robinson, (505) 524-0183 or
<http://www.gwrra-nm.org/indix.html>

Roswell:

(Note: HOG rides welcome all riders & routinely pick up riders from near by towns in route)
August 23rd Special Olympics Poker
Run, meet at Champion.
www.championroswell.com

Our Chapter R, GWRRA:

SUN SPOT RIDE: Saturday – 23
August 2008: We will meet at Artesia's
McDonalds between 8:30 and 9:00 ---
departing at 9 AM. We plan on stopping
at Mayhill and at the Texas BBQ in
Cloudcroft. From Cloudcroft we will
take CR 6563 to Sun Spot. Depending
on the condition of CR 244 & its bridges
from the heavy rains, we will discuss the
route home during the ride. The
condition of CR244, shortcut to
Ruidoso, should be known by the folks
at the Texas BBQ.



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