



GWRRRA

Next Meeting:
Roswell
Saturday
1 Mar 08, 12 Noon
Golden Coral
2624 N. Main
575-622-5102

Chapter R →

News Letter

District: New Mexico

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



February 2008

Minutes of Feb 2 Meeting:

Pizza, pizza, pizza – we had a great meeting at the Pizza Inn on Saturday, 2 Feb 2008, 12 noon, in Carlsbad under clear skies, but a little windy --- has anyone seen Jim Richards’ helmet visor which blew off somewhere between Carlsbad and Artesia?

50/50 DRAWING: Pauline did the 50/50 and door prizes before the meeting got started. Mark Boyd won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks Mark.

DOOR PRIZES: While drawing for the door prizes the members decided to have the prizes on a table and the person who won one gets to pick the door prize of his/her choice.

NEW RIDES: Congratulations to Bill Keever. Bill came to the Carlsbad meeting on his dark metallic red 1800 with lots of extras. He had purchased it the day before.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Lori and Randy Heine of Carlsbad and Kent Waller of Carlsbad. All of us in Chapter R welcome you to GWRRRA.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS ADDED: Phone Tree Coordinator for Carlsbad, Terry Ryder. (We still need someone for

Roswell and Artesia.) Ways and Means Coordinator, Pauline Richards.

GOODIE BOX: The goodie box is soooooo goooooood, the members have requested that when the box is refilled that the recipe be included with it.

MISSED THE GATHERING? If you couldn’t make the gathering you were missed. We look forward to seeing you next month.

Hope everyone had a great



Valentine’s Day!!

Notes from our Director:

All of the paper work for our chapter is in from the staff that needed to fill out forms and by the time you get this newsletter it will have been forwarded up stairs to our regional director, Gordon Robinson, to process then send it on up to the attic, national offices. It is kind of exciting for me, as we get closer to the

charter each month. We had some more discussion on trips to Queens and Sitting Bull Falls and an overnight trip to Fort Davis, Texas which is a pretty neat place to visit. No dates are set yet, still needing some more information which is on its way.

Safe Riding:

Jim & Pauline

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

March 1st

June 7th

September 6th

ARTESIA

Pecos Diamond Steak House

601 S. First Street
575-746-4545

April 5th

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.

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

Email or call me with suggestions for the News Letter. rksherman@cableone.net

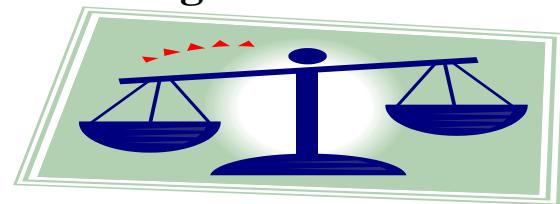
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Thanks, Bob Sherman

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

For the flowers sent by the club for my Dad's memorial service!!! My mom loved the arrangement. Bob Sherman

Legal Issues &



Common Questions

After a: M o t o r c y c l e A c c i d e n t

(general info only,-- summarized from a lawyer friend – contact your own attorney for exact actions to take)

PART I (Part II – in March News Letter)

Q – What should I do if I am involved in an accident on my motorcycle?

A – (*Lament over not buying a Gold Wing with the airbag option ☺*) Do not admit any fault or sign anything (i.e., forms from the insurer). Take photos of any personal injuries or damage to your

motorcycle (if possible). Keep copies of any medical records or bills, and make records of related expenses. Meet immediately with an attorney.

Q – If I am not carrying insurance on my motorcycle, can I sue the driver who hit me?

A – Lack of insurance on your motorcycle does not prevent a person from filing a claim against the driver who was at fault in causing your motorcycle crash injury.

Q – Do I have to tell law enforcement if I am involved in a traffic accident?

A – Generally speaking, if an accident involves a death, personal injury, or property damage above a specific amount (depending upon the state), you are required to report an accident to the police. They will then make a written police report.

Q – If I was not wearing a helmet and was injured in a motorcycle accident, can I recover damages from the driver?

A – If someone else caused the accident, you may seek damages for your injuries. However, not wearing a helmet may make a difference in the amount of damages you receive. If your injury would not have been affected by not wearing a helmet (i.e., during the accident you broke your leg) or the accident itself was not caused by not wearing a helmet (i.e., *crashing into the pickup in front of you while trying to change your CD and talking to Aunt Zelda on your cell ☺*). The issue may be relevant to the amount of damages you will recover, if it is shown that your failure to wear a helmet contributed to your injuries. Your attorney can provide further info.

Q – In the case of injuries or death to motorcycle operators and passengers, who can be held responsible?

A – Any person who was at fault in contributing to the cause of a crash can be held legally responsible. Normally it is the driver of a car or truck that is found to be at fault in motorcycle cases involving injury. If a motorcycle operator is at fault, he or she can be responsible for the injuries of his or her passenger or people injured in the car that was hit or riders on the motorcycle that was hit or the person hit while walking in the crosswalk or on the side of the road.

(Five more questions & answers next month)



Keeping the Shiny Side Up :

Most all experienced motorcyclists know the name Harry Hurt. The “**Hurt Study**” published in 1981 was supported by US Department of Transportation (your taxes at work). It was a ground breaking report on the causes and effects of motorcycle accidents. A new study has been initiated to update this dated data. Until the new study is published, a periodic review of the findings of this classic study is always a good thing when trying to enhance your and your partner’s safety while pursuing this wonderful and stimulating activity. Over the remainder of 2008, I will list the 53 findings of this study at rate of about 5 per news letter.

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 1-5 out of 53)

- * Approximately 3/4th of these motorcycle accidents involved collision with another vehicle, which was most usually a passenger automobile.
- * Approximately 1/4th of these motorcycle accidents were single vehicle accidents involving the motorcycle colliding with the roadway or some fixed object in the environment.
- * Vehicle failure accounted for less than 3% of these motorcycle accidents, and most of those were single vehicle accidents where control was lost due to a puncture flat. *(Tire failure was the source of the only MC accident experienced by my cousin, a long time, high mileage motorcyclist)*
- * In the single vehicle accidents, motorcycle rider error was present as the accident precipitating factor in about 2/3s of the cases, with the typical error being a slideout and fall due to overbraking or running wide on a curve due to excessive speed or undercornering.
- * Roadway defects (pavement ridges, potholes, etc) were the accident cause in 2% of the accidents; animal involvement was 1% of the accidents. *(Ask Jim Richards about hitting a deep pothole filled with small pea gravel – while pulling a trailer on his Gold Wing – major crash!!! – several years back)*

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

Upcoming Events:

National:

Honda Hoot, June 18-21 Knoxville, TN
Wing Ding 30, July 3-6 Greenville, SC

Roswell:

Champion Motor Sports, 2801 West 2nd Street, will host the “Southeastern NM Powersports Expo” on Saturday, February 23rd. (hopefully you will get this news letter before this date) There

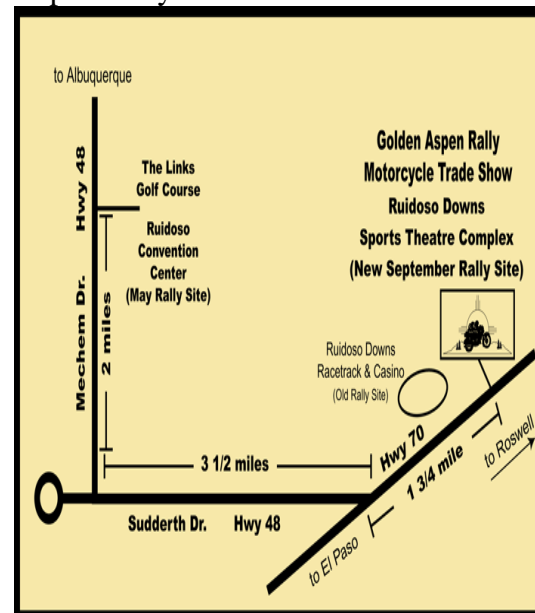
is supposed to be food, fun and vendors. Also planned are demos from the New Mexico Trials Association and a group called the Team Stunters.

Saturday, March 15th, Relay for Life Poker Run at Champion Motor Sports & Spring Motorcycle Show at the Roswell Adult Center, 807 N. Missouri, 575-624-6718.

Saturday, April 26th, Dog Days of Summer Critter Crawl and Poker Run. All proceeds will benefit the Roswell Humane Society, located at Champion Motor Sports.

Ruidoso:

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



Artesia:

Carlsbad:

Hobbs / Lovington:

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