



GWRRA

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

Chapter R →

News Letter

District: New Mexico

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



January 2008

Minutes of Jan 08 Meeting:

January's meeting was held on Saturday, 5 Jan 08, 12 noon, at the Pecos Diamond Steak House in Artesia. Great location and great food! We had about 20 attendees. We are still in the process of becoming a full fledged chapter. We hope this will be accomplished soon. Jim Richards, as our Chapter Director, did a great job conducting the meeting. Jim asked for volunteers to fill the positions of Treasurer, Assistant Director, News Letter Editor, and various other positions to get our organization set up. Ken Ryder volunteered to be Assistant Chapter Director, Mark Boyd as Treasurer, Henry Grimm as Chapter Educator, and Bob Sherman as the News Letter Editor. We still have openings for volunteers to take the following: Activity/Ride Coordinator, Phone Tree Coordinators for Roswell, Artesia and Carlsbad, Special Events Coordinator, Ways & Means Coordinator. (see description of the open positions on page 2) We discussed several options for a fun ride other than the regular meeting day. We

discussed riding to Queen on HW 137, about 60 miles from the intersection of HW 285 and HW 137 between Artesia and Carlsbad. We also discussed riding to Cloudcroft or the Space Museum near Alamogordo. No dates have been set for these rides. We had a 50-50 drawing and gave away numerous useful gifts. Everyone seemed to have a great time and all met a few new folks. The weather cooperated with no rain and high 60 degree temperatures. We are sorry Pauline Richards became ill during the meeting. Thanks goes out to Mark Boyd for taking her immediately back to Roswell in his truck. She recovered from a severe intestinal upset after about two days. Jim asked everyone to keep their eye out for a green Alien doll or model that is relatively cheap since we have adapted the UFO Alien as our mascot.

Notes from our Director:

WOW! 2008 has started; we're hoping everyone had a wonderful holiday. 2007 came and went so fast it feels like it should be just beginning. As we look to

the New Year, we're full of hope and enthusiasm for our new chapter to grow, and to make our goal of being the most active chapter in the state a reality. It will be interesting to see how things work out with members in several towns, giving us the opportunity to put on some really neat activities and rides. If you have any ideas, bring them up so we can get them scheduled.

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

January 5th

April 5th

July 5th

October 4th

CARLSBAD

Pizza Inn

1210 W. Pierce

575-887-5049

February 2nd

May 3rd

August 2nd

November 1st

Open positions in Chapter and 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 & Carlsbad)

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.

Ways & Means Coordinator:

Conducts 50-50 drawings, door prize drawings at the chapter meetings, etc.

Your Chapter Staff:

Chapter Director – Jim Richards

575-627-7692

Assist Chapter Director – Ken Ryder

Sec/Treasure – Mark Boyd

Chapter Educator – Henry Grimm

News Letter Editor – Bob Sherman

575-420-3789

Activity/Ride Coordinator – Open

Phone Tree Coordinator

Roswell – Open

Artesia – Open

Carlsbad – Open

Special Events Coordinator – Open

Ways & Means Coordinator – Open

As your new Editor – I will be looking for items of interest. Please e-mail or call me with suggestions.

rksherman@cableone.net or 575-420-3789 Thanks Bob Sherman

Wind Chill Factor: Yes we all know that wind makes it colder and motorcycles produce a lovely windy situation. So I thought I would just throw in a reminder of what most of us may likely encounter in the winter in Southeastern NM while riding our bikes. Most wind chill charts start at 40 F but we all still know that 50 to 60 F can be quite chilly during a ride without the proper wind protection. I have accumulated a few interesting numbers gained from the following Web site: www.srh.noaa.gov/jetstream/global/chill.htm Wind chill calculations provide us with the amount of heat loss from exposed skin from the moving air and likewise the enhanced feeling of cold lower than the current thermometer reading. Using the normal speeds encountered in city riding, streets near the edge of town and highway riding, I have picked the wind speeds of 25, 40, 55 and 70 mph. Using temperatures that we would likely encounter on a ride in the winter in Southeastern NM of 40 F down to 25 F we get the following wind chill temperatures. Keep in mind wind chill temperatures from **1 F to 20 F is considered “very cold” for exposed skin** (daaaa). Wind chill temperatures from -19 F to 0 F is considered “bitter cold” and can result in frost bite to exposed skin within 5 minutes.

WIND CHILL CHART @ MC SPEEDS				
MPH →	25	40	55	70
Ambient Temp.				
40F	29F	27F	25F	24F
35F	23F	20F	18F	16F
30F	16F	13F	11F	9F
25F	9F	6F	4F	2F
20F	(over 30 mph is dangerous to exposed skin / 5 min frostbite)			

Keeping the Shiny Side Up :

My personal observations & experience: Comments are very welcome.

1. On curvy roads, be extra careful when making left turns.
2. Watch out for left turns (& right turns for that matter) with steel or steel cable guard rails on the outside of the turn --- they are lethal for MC riders.
3. Check tire pressures before any ride especially before heading onto the highway for distant high speed travel.
4. Stay away from or be cautious of using the front brake during low speed, parking lot maneuvers.
5. Take off the front disc lock before trying to ride from the driveway or the garage. (I tie a dust rag to the right grip.)
6. Those little birds beside the road can leave bruises on your right arm right through the leather jacket and can leave nasty skid marks on your helmet, even when you have a windshield.
7. When group riding provide a least 1-2 seconds from rider in front on stagger and at least 2-3 seconds when in trail.
8. When group riding do not exceed your own speed comfort zone & meet up at the next stop if you lose contact.
9. Use extra lights or high lights when riding in heavy traffic area during the day.
10. Never trust a cage because he/she may not see you or may not care or may be arguing with his girlfriend on his cell or may be high on who knows what.
11. All vehicles preparing to turn left in front of you and coming out of a side street / driveway – may ruin your day.
12. Every deer you see usually has several friends hiding but preparing to cross the highway either before or after the one you are watching, especially on Pine Lodge Road near Roswell.

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