



# GWRRRA

**Next Meeting**  
**Artesia**  
**Saturday**  
**5 July 08, 12 Noon**  
**Pecos Diamond**  
**Steakhouse**  
**601 S. First**

**Chapter R →**

## News Letter

**District: New Mexico**

**Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge**



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### Report of Chapter R's 7 June Kick Off Meeting:

We had a great turnout for our Kick Off Meeting!! With 33 people attending, we all had to get cozy to fit into the Golden Coral Banquet room.

Thanks go out to our sister chapters for supporting us in this meeting. Riders were present from our own Chapter R plus members of Chapter Y, from Alamogordo; Chapter T, from Las Cruces; Chapter TXA-1, from El Paso, Chapter W, from Albuquerque and Chapter C, from Clovis. The Region F Director, Neil Zack, from Rio Rancho was unable to make the meeting but Gordon Robinson, the New Mexico District Director, was present and congratulated members of Chapter R and especially Jim and Pauline Richards for starting up our new chapter.



Marion Lawrence from Chapter T in Las Cruces talked to us about being selected to participate in the Wing Ding and the Couple of the Year competition.



At the District Rally in Farmington on 26-28 September there will be a Couple of the Year competition. We drew for over a dozen gifts donated by Champion Motor Sports, Golden Coral and some gifts brought by other chapters. The 50/50 winner was Art Waltrip, taking in 90 dollars with the other \$ 90 going into our treasury. Out of our 33 attendees, nine were planning on going to the national Wing Ding this year. Welcome to LOU AUDET from Roswell, a first time attendee to Chapter R's meeting. Jim talked about the upcoming Dinner Ride to Lincoln, NM on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June. This trip is reported below. Jim also discussed a ride to Alamogordo on June 28<sup>th</sup>. We will all meet at the Artesia McDonalds at 8:30 AM. We will ride to Cloudcroft and on to Alamogordo to attend the Omni Theater and also to check into the Tularosa Basin Bike Rally. We ended the meeting by cutting up and eating the great cake made by Pauline Richards. Thanks Pauline.



## Notes From the Director:

June 7<sup>th</sup> was our chapter "Kick Off Meeting". If you weren't able to be there you can have no idea of the fun we all had.

All the chapters, except two, in the state had folks there and Gordon and Paz Robinson our state directors were there.

Gordon gave a talk about all the work that went into getting our chapter started and how I burned up the internet with messages for information from him.

Another person I want to recognize for helping me get the chapter started is Doug Pettigrew, Director of Chapter C in Clovis. He even came to Roswell and we had coffee while I picked his brain apart.

To our members who attend our gatherings and put up with the likes of me, I can say we would have no chapter without you and the hard work that you have put into helping get the chapter started.

An extra special thanks to Bob Sherman who has taken on the horrendous job of publishing our news letter. Also thanks for also putting the news letter on GWRRA's web site for all to see. Bob does a wonderful job on the news letter, and I know from personal experience, spends many hours making sure every thing is done just right.

Now that I can look back from the beginning to now, getting Chapter R started really wasn't that hard but it was a great deal of fun. My wife Pauline has had to put up with a lot from me but she was egging me on at the same time.

So to everyone I say "Thank You" for all your support and help getting Chapter R started. Now we let the fun continue.

Jim.

Email or call me with suggestions for the News Letter. [rksherman@cableone.net](mailto:rksherman@cableone.net)  
575-420-3789 Thanks, Bob Sherman

### **Potential New Members:**

**Lou Audet** attended our June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lou is a new Gold Wing owner along with a Kawasaki Concours 14. He loves both of his bikes and puts serious miles on both. He also loves his animals, 2 dogs, 4 cats, 3 horses and 26 chickens. Hope I got the numbers right! Welcome Lou! We hope to see you at the upcoming rides and the next meeting.

### **OTHER CHAPTER NEWS:**

#### **Report on the June 14<sup>th</sup> Dinner Ride:**

We only had three riders that went to the Wortley Hotel in Lincoln for a fine meal. The riders were Jim & Pauline Richards and Bob Sherman. After eating we rode on up to Capitan and on to Ruidoso for some ice cream then on back to Roswell. It would have been a long ride for you Carlsbad folks. It was a little warm on the way back but not much wind most of the time – a great day for a ride!

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

**Activity / Ride Coordinator:**

**Phone Tree Coordinator:** (one for Roswell & Artesia)

**Special Events Coordinator:**

#### **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

### **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 6<sup>th</sup>  
December 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **ARTESIA**

##### **Pecos Diamond Steak House**

601 S. First Street  
575-746-4545  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
October 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **CARLSBAD**

##### **Pizza Inn**

1210 W. Pierce  
575-887-5049  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 1<sup>st</sup>



### **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 26 to 31 out of 53)

\* Motorcycle riders in these accidents showed significant collision avoidance problems. Most riders would overbrake and skid the rear wheel, and underbrake the front wheel greatly reducing collision avoidance deceleration. The ability to countersteer and swerve was essentially absent.

\* The typical motorcycle accident allows the motorcyclist just less than 2

