



GWRRRA

Next Meeting:
Artesia
Saturday
5 Apr 08, 12 Noon
Pecos Diamond
Steakhouse
601 S. First St.

Chapter R →

News Letter

District: New Mexico

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



March 2008

Minutes of Mar 1 Meeting:

We had 14 attendees at the March meeting in Roswell. What happened Artesia riders?? – we missed you. Six riders attended from Carlsbad. It was a clear and sunny day. Henry and Billie Grimm announced a new grandchild living in Albuquerque. Congrats!! **A picnic is planned at Sitting Bull Falls on the 29th of March – see page 4.** We had the 50/50 drawing and drew for about six gifts provided by Champion Motor Sports. After the meeting the Carlsbad riders headed home while four of us Roswell folks took a nice ride out to Bottomless Lakes and ended up at the small restaurant on the shore of Lake Van in Dexter for a soft drink and good conversation.

SUCCESSFUL REPAIRS: Jim Richards was successful in getting the Honda motorcycle dealer in Alamogordo to fix his 1800's clutch noise that was starting to be irritating.

GOODIE BOX: Again, the goodie box was outstanding!! Reminder, please include your famous recipe along with the goodie box so we all can attempt to achieve your excellence.

MISSED THE GATHERING? We really had a good time and sincerely

missed everyone of you who could not make it to the Roswell March meeting. Hope to see everyone on the 29th of March for the Sitting Bull picnic and at the April 5th meeting in Artesia.



Hope everyone had a great Saint Patrick's Day. I always do since it is my wife's birthday. Yes, Kathleen celebrated being 39 --- again this year. Bob Sherman

Notes from our Director:

Hope everyone is getting hungry. Pauline has been calling around getting the food lined out for the Sitting Bull Falls picnic on Sat. the 29th of March. Sounds like its going to be good from what I am hearing. *** Our District Director Gordon Robinson has called a district staff meeting on the 30th, which I will be attending. We're not official yet so I feel good about being invited to the meeting. Maybe I'll be able to learn something on our charter status while I am there. *** Our Assistant Chapter Director, Ken Ryder will head up the

next gathering as the old work schedule has caught up with me. If you see a school bus running around between Roswell and Artesia, honk, I'll honk back.

RIDE SAFE: Jim

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

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 _____

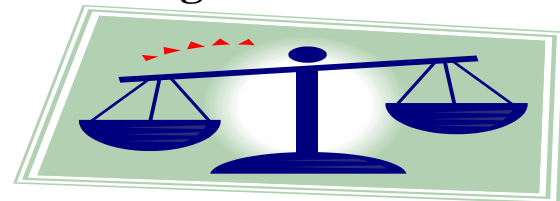
Ways & Mns C. – Pauline Richards 627-7692

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

575-420-3789

Thanks, Bob Sherman

Legal Issues &



Common Questions (cont.)

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 II (final part)

Q – If I am offered some money by the other driver's insurance company for injuries I sustained in an accident, should I accept it?

A – No! (or maybe yes if it has seven figures and none are zeros, ones or twos – now you're dreaming 😊) Getting "some" money might be all you get for your injuries. If you accept that check, it may be interpreted that you have released the other driver from all past, present or future liability for your injuries from this accident. The best

move would be to contact an attorney specializing in motorcycle injury accidents before you sign anything.

Q – Who is at fault in a traffic accident when a car or truck turned left in front of me while I was riding my Gold Wing?

A – The law requires that a motorist planning on making a left hand turn must yield to all oncoming traffic. Typically a car turning left is found to be the party at fault. Exceptions to this almost automatic rule might apply if the vehicle going straight was speeding, ran a red light or was not maintaining an adequate look out.

Q – How important is an investigation of my motorcycle accident case?

A – It is essential to have a prompt investigation. The insurance company will attempt to prove you were to some extent at fault in order to diminish the value of the motorcyclist's claim.

Q – Why should I get an attorney to help me if I get into an accident on my motorcycle?

A – In order to be treated fairly by the insurance company. The attorney can take responsibility for a complete investigation of the crash and make sure the injuries you suffer are adequately documented to insure that you will receive adequate compensation. Issues in your potential case, including motor vehicle regulations, compliance with traffic laws, medical treatment issues and liability all require close analysis by an attorney who is experienced in the area of motorcycle or motor vehicle accident liability.

Q – If I am injured, what am I entitled to receive in compensation?

A – Of course every case is different. The type of compensation and the amount you receive depends on your individual circumstance. For example, the monetary compensation you receive

will vary depending upon how severely you were injured, whether you are working and what type of job you have, if your injuries are permanent, if you are married and numerous other factors.



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 6-10 out of 53)

* In the multiple vehicle accidents, the driver of the other vehicle violated the motorcycle right-of-way and caused the accident in two-thirds of those accidents.

* The failure of motorists to detect and recognize motorcycles in traffic is the predominating cause of motorcycle accidents. The driver of the other vehicle involved in collision with the motorcycle did not see the motorcycle before the collision, or did not see the motorcycle until too late to avoid the collision.

* Deliberate hostile action by a motorist against a motorcycle rider is a rare accident cause. The most frequent accident configuration is the motorcycle proceeding straight then the automobile makes a left turn in front of the oncoming motorcycle.

* Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accident, with the other vehicle violating the motorcycle right-of-way, and often violating traffic controls.

* Weather is not a factor in 98% of motorcycle accidents.

Upcoming Events:

National: (Some of the Major MC Events)

APRIL:

Arizona Bike Week/Cyclefest, April 2-6, Scottsdale, AZ

www.azbikeweek.com

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

Roswell:

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

Sitting Bull Falls Picnic:

Saturday, March 29th

Pauline Richards is coordinating the chow/food/goodies by phone with all club members. If you were not called by the time you get this news letter she must have a problem contacting you. So -- please call her at (575) 627-7692 to see what you need to bring. We really hope that we get close to a 100% turnout. The Guadalupe District Ranger indicated to Jim that if we park 2 bikes per parking space we can get in for \$2.50 versus \$5 / bike. (\$0 with Golden Age Passport). Grills are available.

Ride Plan: Saturday morning: Roswell riders: meet at Town & Country on SE Main at 8 AM, ride to Dexter to pick up Dexter riders at Allsup's in Dexter, then meet Artesia riders at the Artesia McDonalds at 9 AM. Remember full gas tanks leaving Artesia or Carlsbad. Everyone, including Carlsbad/Hobbs riders will meet at the turn out just as you turn off US 285 onto highway 137 (the Sitting Bulls Falls road) at 10 AM. (HW 137 breaks off of HW 285 about 23 miles south of Artesia and about 12 miles north of Carlsbad) We would like to arrive at Sitting Bull Falls as a group -- but if you can't make the rendezvous at 10 AM -- we hope to see you at the falls at about 11 or 11:30. Ride Safe.