



# GWRRRA

**Next Meeting:**  
**Hobbs**  
**Saturday**  
**6 Dec 08, 12 Noon**  
**Rancher Steak**  
**House**  
**2022 N. Turner**

**Chapter R →**

## **News Letter**

**District: New Mexico**

**Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge**



**November 2008**

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### **Minutes of Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting:**

On a beautiful Saturday morning, the whisper of the 6 cylinder land cruiser horde descended upon the Pizza Inn only to find – no reservation – no record of reservation☹. Never mind we have been scheduled and have attended the Pizza Inn in February, May & August. No problem, go to Plan B. Mounting our magnificent transcontinental cruisers we headed toward the sun in the southern sky in search of shelter and nourishment. After a couple of miles, into view came the Stevens Inn. Alas, the rest is history.

All 18 of us had a great meal and had fun talking about various issues. We were honored to have two couples from Hobbs join us: Isaac and Westlina Huskey and Bill and Ruth Scott. Lucky for us and for Marvin and Judith Kenagy, they are tenacious in pursuing their initial mission. Coming to their first meeting they arrived at the Pizza Inn a few minutes past 12 finding no one there. Not to be deterred Judith remembered seeing a lot of motorcycles at the Stevens Inn. It was great having them join us. After the meeting they headed out to visit Fort Davis, TX. We also talked about going to Fort Davis or Las Vegas, NM sometime in the near future. We also wanted to ask all

members if they have any suggestions for a charity we could actively support in the future. We discussed the barbeque at Jim’s home in Roswell on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. (*Footnote: cancelled on Friday due to lack of attendance due to illness and other factors*). We also discussed meeting next month in Hobbs for our 6 December meeting. Bad news: Butch Stevens of Roswell had a heart attack on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and was in Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Henry Grimm won the 50-50 but gave it back to the chapter. Thanks Henry! Thanks to all for a great meeting.

### **Director’s Corner:**

Which do you want hear first, the good or bad news? OK, here is the good news.

The annual \$50 Chapter Charter fee is due. District Director Gordon Robinson has notified me that the district will pay the \$50 fee for us again this year. What a wonderful thing for him to do. We’ll miss him when he steps down at the end of the year.

Our December 6<sup>th</sup> gathering will be in Hobbs at the Rancher Steak house, 2022 North Turner Street at 12 noon. As you know we’ve wanted to go to Hobbs for quite some time, so I am hoping

everyone will come for this gathering. It should be quite a good time to meet with all the Hobb's riders.

There will not be a gathering in January due to the holidays. Our next gathering after Hobbs will be in Roswell on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Coral on North Main.

At our gathering this month we had 4 riders from Hobbs and the folks we found at Queen. I was sure glad to see everyone.

Now for the bad news. The hunt is on for a new gather location for Carlsbad. The Pizza Inn, this month, had given our reservations to someone else and claimed we never had reservations. When I explained we have had them for almost a year I was told they never heard of GWRRA. So we're making sure they don't. We'll let you know when a new location is found.

Winter is on its way, so dress for cold riding and keep a sharp eye for hazards on the road. We know what we're doing but the four wheelers don't.

Ride Safe.  
Jim

## Bike of the Week:



Ken Ryder -- eat your heart out!!!  
I can just see this going down the freeway in Atlanta (ref: your trip report).

## 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 Street  
575-622-5102  
February 7<sup>th</sup> 2009

### HOBBS

**Rancher Steak House**  
2022 North Turner Street  
**December 7<sup>th</sup> 2008**

### CARLSBAD

To be determined???

## Your Chapter Staff: (area code: 575)

Chapter Director – Jim Richards 627-7692  
Assist. Chapter Dir. – Ken Ryder 302-8865  
Sec/Treasure – Pricilla McCurdy 885-5531  
Chapter Educator – Henry Grimm 734-5883  
News Letter Editor – Bob Sherman 420-3789  
**Starting 1 Jan 09: Terry Ryder 302-8865**  
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



## Keeping the Shiny Side Up :

The final 4 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 50 to 53 out of 53)

\* There is not liability for neck injury by wearing a safety helmet; helmeted riders had less neck injuries than those riders not wearing a helmet. Only four minor injuries were attributable to helmet use, and in each case the helmet prevented possible critical or fatal head injury.

\* Sixty percent of the motorcyclists were not wearing safety helmets at the time of the accident. Of this group, 26% said they did not wear helmets because they were uncomfortable and inconvenient, and 53% simply had no expectation of accident involvement.

\* Valid motorcycle exposure data can be obtained only from collection at the traffic site. Motor vehicle or driver license data presents information which is completely unrelated to actual use.

\* Less than 10% of the motorcycle riders involved in these accidents had insurance of any kind to provide medical care or replace property.

THE END OF THIS 53 ITEM LIST.

### **Antilock Brakes – Safety Study:**

Information from the Associated Press, 22 Oct 2008 indicates that a study by the insurance industry says antilock brakes can help motorcycle riders avoid fatal crashes. (this makes sense) The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety published study: “Effectiveness of Antilock Braking Systems in Reducing Fatal Motorcycle Crashes”, by Eric R. Teoh, October 2008 concluded: Fatal motorcycle crashes per 10,000 registered vehicle years were 38 % lower for ABS models than for their non-ABS versions. Antilock brakes are more typically found on touring bikes and have been available on a limited number of motorcycles since BMW introduced ABS on 1 of its models in 1988. The cost for this option runs from about \$700 to \$1,300 with an average around

\$1,000. The bikes used in this study included the following with and without ABS: 2001-06 Honda Gold Wing; 2001-06 Honda Interceptor 800; 2003-06 Honda ST1300; 2003-05 Yamaha FJR 1300; 2003-06 Suzuki Burgman 650 scooter; 2002-06 Honda Silver Wing scooter; 2001-06 Honda Reflex scooter; 2001-06 Triumph Sprint ST

### **Deer Mating Season Equals Danger on November Roads, Especially for Motorcycles**



At this time of year deer start grouping and become less afraid (unless in a hunting area) and may be more likely to cross the road suddenly seemingly without fear. The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety recently studied insurance claims for animal strikes month by month from 2005 to 2008. Insurance claims for animal collisions were nearly 3 times higher in November than in any other month. The insurance claims do not specify what type of animal was struck by a vehicle but the majority of the time it was deer. State

Farm, the nation's largest auto insurer, said animal collisions have increased 14.9 % in the last 5 years. What 3 states have the highest death rate from hitting deer? From 1993 to 2007, Texas had 227 deaths, Wisconsin had 123 and Pennsylvania had 112. Most of the fatalities occurred in October or November, according to the study. Other obvious facts apply. Watch out in rural areas at dusk, dawn or darkness on highways with speed limits at 55 or above. Motorcyclist make up half of the animal caused deaths even though there are many more cars on the roads than motorcycles.

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

### **Ideas for Charities to Support:**

[www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids](http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids)

Supports the efforts of the "Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation" to find the cause and cure for childhood brain tumors. This is the official charity of the Honda Riders of America. Watch the explanation video on the above web site. In America 9 children per day (or 3285 per year) are diagnosed with a brain tumor.

This charity has a 4 star rating on [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)

Be thinking of a charity that we might want to support – and bring it to the next meeting or email to me: Bob Sherman at [rksherman@cableone.net](mailto:rksherman@cableone.net)

Thanks

### **Upcoming Events:**

### **National: Cycle World International Motorcycle Shows**

Nov 21-23 Houston, TX  
Dec 5-7 Long Beach, CA

[www.motorcycleshows.com](http://www.motorcycleshows.com)

### **Roswell:**

Ride to Hobbs- Rancher Steak House (2022 N. Turner) for the December 6<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. Leaving Roswell at 9:30 AM from the Town & Country located at the corner of East Second Street and Atkinson Avenue.

### **Carlsbad:**

Ride to Hobbs-Rancher Steak House (2022 N. Turner) for the December 6<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. Leaving Carlsbad at 10:15 AM from the McDonalds on Pierce Street.

**\*\*DIRECTIONS>>> per Map Qwest:  
2022 N. Turner: Go Southeast on  
Lovington-Hobbs Highway going into  
Hobbs which becomes Turner Street.  
Rancher Steakhouse is on East side of  
street, just South of the slanting  
intersection with Grimes & Bender.**

**We are Happy to announce that  
Pricilla McCarty is resting  
comfortably at home, recovering  
from surgery she had done in  
Lubbock. Hope you're back on  
your 3 wheeler soon!!**



**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM TO 6PM  
SATURDAY 9AM TO 5PM**

**SALES - SERVICE - FINANCE - MOTORCLOTHES  
COLLECTIBLES - PARTS - ACCESSORIES**