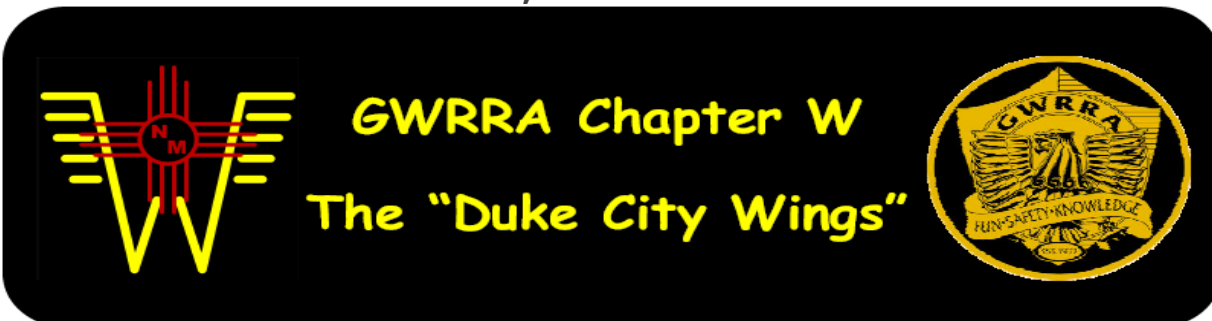


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Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 2012

Region F



Happy New Year from Chapter W Directors and the Chapter W staff.

We have added an Assistant Chapter Director (ACD) for 2012. The ACD will be announced at the January gathering.

We have a ride schedule developed for the year, thanks to Dave Bachman.

Chapter W took 1st place Chapter at the Ride for Kids event in 2011 and will lead the bikes in the 2012 Ride for Kids event.

Chapter W's Brian Earle led the Twinkle Light Parade activity and got 2nd place for the effort. See page 5.



Next Meetings

Sunday January 15, 2012-

- At the Golden Corral (Central/Eubank)
- Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
- Meeting commences 8:15 a.m.

Sunday February 19, 2012

- At the Golden Corral (Central/Eubank)
- Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.
- Meeting commences 8:15 a.m.

Chapter Directors are Ralph & Robynn French, email: randrfrench@comcast.net

Visit our **Chapter "W" Web Page** @ <http://www.gwrra-nm-w.org>

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UPCOMING 2012 CONVENTIONS

Month	Start	End	Convention	Location	Web site links
May	25	27	Region	Dixie Center St George, UT	http://gwrra-regionf.org/node/54
Aug	16	18	CO	Clarion Inn Grand Junction, CO	http://www.coloradogwrra.com/Rally/Colorado/CoRallyIndex.htm
Sep			NM		
Oct	26	28	AZ	Hilton Garden Inn Yuma, AZ	http://www.gwrraaz.com/flyers/2012rallyregform.pdf

Upcoming Special Events

Jan	15	Rider education	First Aid / CPR class and certification held at PIT after Chapter W meeting- Contact is Harry Jenkins
Jan	21	Chapter W social	Golfnoggings – indoor miniature golf
Feb	18	Chapter W social	Chapter F will sponsor a 2 wheel and 3 wheel maintenance classes with Chapter W doing a chili cook off in between the classes.
Mar		Chapter W social	Mardi Gras – Party with a new Orleans meal
Mar		Chapter W ride off meeting ride	Non-meeting ride – Quari ruins near Mountainair with lunch nearby
Mar	18	Rider education	Road Captain and/or co-rider course + Tramway to Hollywood Casino to 550 N to Armory Road practicing class techniques



January 2012

Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Bill Raupfer</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Nelse Deloach</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Dennis Elliott</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Harry Jenkins</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>

NOTE: If you have not seen your happy birthday or happy anniversary notice in the Chapter W newsletter it is because we do not have your current information. Please send your information to randrfrench@comcast.net and we will include you in our newsletter's appropriate celebration section.

Goodie Store

Happy New Year! Start your year out right by checking out the new Goodie Store Catalog at the January 18 meeting. A picture of the cover page is shown to the right. This catalog is also being incorporated into the Chapter W Website. Stop by the Goodie store at the January 18th Chapter gathering and pick up the patches that you still need, purchase some pin backs for your patches and use the colored markers on your state and US patches. Or you can call me to place your orders.



Dan Cok
 Goodie Store Manager
 275-0108

Chapter W Directors

Ralph & Robynn French

Thoughts



A new year and another chance for Chapter W members to come forward and let us know what they want Chapter W to be. Is breakfast important? Are rides important? Are socials important? Is recognition for the chapter important? In 2011 we had the normal breakfast followed by a ride and then a birthday celebration with deserts and games. All three events were well attended and the day ended in mid afternoon. We had several successful socials in 2011. The progressive dinner ride, Halloween party, Valentine dinner and Papa Felips dinner were all well attended. In 2011 Chapter W participated in the Ride for Kids event and took first place in chapter recognition. (When an individual donates they specify a chapter they are affiliated with and a retailer they want their donation to be associated with.) Chapter W's Brian Earle organized the Twinkle light participation and won 2nd place. In Las Cruces, several riders from the NM convention participated in the Whole Enchilada Parade down town and took 1st place as GWRRA riders. NM bikes are well known for the light displays throughout the region. NM members participate in many positions from one time volunteering to staff positions at district and region levels.

Chapter W is a group of members that make a director proud. We do a lot and participate in a lot of activities. This year I asked Dave Bachman to help put a ride schedule together and he is working hard to meet the diverse needs of the membership. For rides the requests are: long / short, overnight / one day, just ride / go somewhere to do something. All the conflicts make a ride schedule hard. But Dave is doing a great job in putting together something for everyone. The schedule will be published with the February newsletter.

Social activities are being planned for the year. We hope that everyone finds something to peak their interest. Some events will be playful and others will involve eating. Again, we hope everyone finds something to interest them and find ways to participate.

Now all we need to succeed is for the members to join in the fun and participate. We also need some help to make the events and rides successful. I know most of the members are still working, but the chapter does need some help in each event. If you can do just one thing, it helps. If you want to take a role, several are still available. Three new people stepped up to help on a regular basis. We still need more. If you can, throw your name in for an event or a position. Make a difference.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

From the Chapter W Social Events Secretary, Robynn French

Chapter W will hold a Social Butterfly event on Saturday January 21, 2012 at Golfnoggins, located at 4910-B Lomas NE, Albuquerque. We will meet at 3:30 p.m. and begin playing at 4:00 p.m. If you have the 2012 Entertainment book there are 2 for 1 coupons on pages E-58-60. Dinner is not planned following this fun filled period but everyone is welcome to group for dinner if they choose.



HAPPY NEW YEAR



2011 Twinkle Light Parade

What a parade, more bikes led to better result! Thanks to everyone for participating this year! BRIAN



Roadrunner Report

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year's Eve! Welcome to 2012!! Our last meeting was the Holiday party, I have very little to say about the Roadrunner program, but I recorded mileage for 29 riders totaling 198,819 miles!

The top riders this past year:

In the bike division, Jerry Stillwagon with 25,022, Harry Jenkins with 12,725 and Mark Davis with 11,553,

In the trike division, Sheryl Walter claims top honors with 15,933 miles, Dan Cok with 13,791 and KC Rivers with 4,971 miles.

I will be recording mileage starting with January's meeting. The ending mileage for the program will be in November. I do thank-you for participating and hope you enjoy it as much as I do. As for the gag prizes, I am working on that, so be careful!!!!

The other 'H' motorcycle---R. Mummey

Rider Education

What a wonderful Chapter W Christmas/Holiday party. I would like to start by saying thank you to all the members who came and made it a very fun time. I would also like to thank Ralph and Robynn for all of their hard work and the rest of the people that made this a wonderful event so - Thank You.

Are you all up on your training? Start looking at what training you need so I can work with the other educators and get the training scheduled. I plan on getting more training at the Region convention in St. George UT this May.

Don't forget there is First Aid/CPR/AED training at the Accessory Pit following our meeting Sunday the 15th of January. Please sign up at the Pit as soon as you can so Jerry can get a good head count and see if he needs a second instructor.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting so stay warm and ride safe.

Harry W. Jenkins II
Chapter "W" Ride Educator
ATGATT

Couple of the Year (COY) Report

As we say good-bye to 2011 and welcome in 2012, we all wonder what the year will have in store for us, and what will the Chapter have in store for its members? A word that comes to our minds that encompasses 2012 is "intentional". The dictionary defines "intentional" as deliberate: done on purpose, not by accident. The Staff is being intentional about planning a variety of events, rides, educational opportunities, etc. for all the members. What does "intentional" mean for you as a member? As a member it gives you the opportunity to be intentional about volunteering to help once or twice a year at a Chapter gathering or event, to be intentional about participating in events, going on rides, and being intentional about striving to be a better rider or co-rider, and more aware of your own safety and that of others while riding. We should always be as "intentional" as we can about learning more, whether that is learning to have more fun, learning more about safety, or learning more about knowledge as a motorcycle rider. As 2012 progresses, "intentional" will take on it's own meaning for each of you.



Daniel & Barbara Cok
Chapter "W"onderful
Couple of the Year

GWRRA's News (Worth repeating)

During the next year, you will see new programs, new websites, new endeavors, like a focus on social media, more FREE benefits for our Members and more FUN! You will also see more marketing toward recruiting new Members, especially marketing to younger riders-GWRRA's future! More focus on riding, like our National Ride, the 40-to-Phoenix Ride, in March, 2012. We will also have some special promotions throughout the year to show our Members how much we appreciate them joining and renewing with GWRRA by means of special FREE Coupon Book! And don't forget about ways you can save on your own Membership fees by recruiting only 5 new memberships and receive a gift certificate for \$55...enough to pay for your renewal or anything you want to do with the certificate. See [website](#) for details.*Ralph French



Christmas Party



Well for those of you who missed the fun and excitement, Chapter W did it again. Our party began at about 4:30 p.m. at Buca di Beppo. We started with a social time and the sale of 50/50 tickets before dinner was served. The food was good, the service was excellent and the fun was exceptional. Following dinner we proceeded with the exchange of gifts. Gifts were opened and swapped; no blood was lost, YEAH! The ticket drawings followed the gift exchange. The ticket prizes were amazing, we had gift cards from Buca's, the PIT, R&S, plus co-rider gifts, helmet bags, and a leather jacket from Cycle Gear, a new sponsor. If you missed

this wonderful party this year please be sure to join us at some place new and exciting next year.



Editor's note to all Our Readers

If we make a mistake in spelling, especially your name, we are sorry. We do our best to get things right, but we are humans and make mistakes. Please, and I repeat please, do let us know so we can fix the web site when we make a mistake. Just drop a line to the newsletter editor, webmaster or the chapter director.

Ralph French, *Newsletter Editor*

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