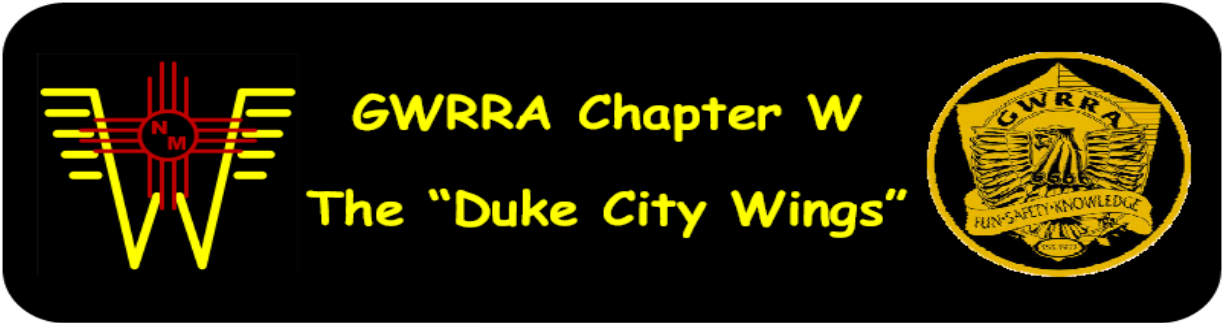


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Albuquerque, New Mexico

February 2012

Region F



We have a ride schedule developed for the year, thanks to Dave Bachman. The schedule has tried to include something for everyone. Long, short, overnight and places to see. Read all about it in Dave's article on page 5 and the schedule on page 9.

Rider education is moved back into the main stream this year. Read about education goals in Harry's article on page 6.



Recognize the person on the right? Yes that is Al Unser Sr. with our own COY Dan and Barbra Cok. They got to meet Al while attending the Chapter F ride in January.



Next Meetings

Sunday February 19, 2012-

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

Sunday March 18, 2012

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

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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
Jun	4	7	Wing Ding	Fort Wayne, IN	http://www.wing-ding.org/
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

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Next three months at a Glance

Feb	12	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.
Feb	19	After gathering ride	47 S to Belen back on 314 N - 90 MILES
Mar	10	Chapter W social	Mardi Gras Party - featuring a New Orleans meal
Mar	11	Chapter W off meeting ride	Quari Ruins lunch in Mountainair -150 MILES –Meet @ Smiths Tramway&I-40 KSU 10
Mar	18	Rider education and after gathering ride	Road Captain and/or co-rider course + Tramway to Hollywood Casino to 550 N to Armory Road -100 miles practicing class techniques
Apr	15	After gathering ride	Los Lunas to Rt. 6 Loop -100 MILES
Apr	28 to 29	Overnight off meeting ride	Overnight to Globe AZ -800 MILES- Meet @ Rt 66 Travel center N side KSU 7am



February 2012 Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries



<i>Judy Morris</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Ken Fourcher</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Michelle Torres</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Richard Mummey</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Tom Brewer & Grace Aragon</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>Happy Anniversary to You</i>
<i>Robynn French</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Jim Paxton</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>KC Rivers</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Happy GWRRA birthday to You</i>
<i>Tony Sciortino</i>	<i>27</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

At the next gathering, check out the Goodie Store Catalog while you are signing in for the gathering. Stop by the Goodie store table at the registration table and pick up the patches that you still need, purchase some pin backs for your patches and the colored markers for your state and US patches. The catalog is also being incorporated into the Chapter W Website. You can also call me anytime to place your orders and I will bring your items to the next gathering.



Dan Cok
Goodie Store Manager
275-0108

Chapter W Directors

Ralph & Robynn French

Thoughts



Robynn and I are looking at other chapters and what they do to please the members. We are talking to the staff to see what they think. Now we are requesting your input to what you have enjoyed over the years. Think about what activities have made you want to stay or join and what you would like to see this year.

As an example, last year we got great feedback on the annual birthday party. People liked keeping the gathering time the same, having a short ride, and then enjoying fun and games with birthday cake and ice cream. The timing allowed some to go to church and then rejoin us for the birthday party. We plan to do the same thing this year in August for the annual birthday party.

Come talk to Robynn or I and let us know what you have enjoyed over the years. Dave Bachman has put together a ride schedule that should please everyone at least once. Come participate with us on the type of ride you like. Try another type. We bought our bikes to ride. Let us all have a wonderful ride season this year.

From the Dark Side

Dave and Lisa Bachman

“Guess who just got back today? Them wild-eyed boys that had been away, haven’t changed, haven’t much to say. But man, I still think them cats is crazy... spread the word around, guess who just got back in town.” Thin Lizzy

By now many of you have heard the jungle drums in the distance bringing ground breaking, earth shattering news of WORLD DOMINATION. Oh crap, sorry about that, that’s for a different newsletter. Anyway back to the point, like I was saying, the news is out and spreading like marmalade on dry white toast, WE ARE BACK! Careful what you ask for, you might just get something totally different. Now you’re probably wondering who WE is. Well if you don’t know by now, why not? WE is us, David and Lisa B. Your new ACD’s. Many of you know us and for those of you who don’t, Shame on you. Make a point to get to know us you might be sorry you did. I’ll be honest, I, David, am terrible with names so if you want me to remember, you should introduce yourself to Lisa. She is good with names; you should hear all the names she has for me. On second thought maybe you shouldn’t.

Enough with the chitchat, let’s get down to business, and we all know I’m ALL business, or at least I’ll give you the business. A little about us, I’m David, she’s Lisa. Now, for what we are planning as a chapter. Oh wait, Lisa said that was too little about us. We moved to NM in 2001 from CT and joined GWRRA in 2002. We have held a variety of positions throughout the years, (downward dog is my personal favorite), and we look forward to getting back into the thick of it and serving the membership with a positive attitude and spirit, (it was in the oath we took).

The staff has an exciting year planned for you all. I have just finished the ride schedule for the year so you can plan accordingly. We’ve got short ones, long ones, overnights, progressive eating rides, (what kind of GW chapter would this be if we weren’t eating), a Mardi Gras Dinner, chili cook-off, other chapter visits, and who knows what else. Got an idea, let one of the staff know about it, who knows maybe we can squeeze it in. Want to get involved, we would love to have you. You can help as much or as little as you like, even a little goes a long way. You only get out of the chapter what you put in. So come on now, PUT IT IN!

Don’t Be Afraid of the Dark
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Goffernoggin

Well, I’m sure most of you don’t know how fun playing 18 holes of miniature golf can be. Those avid miniature golfers who came to Goffernoggin on January 21, 2012 had a great time playing through the course. Some were in it to win and others thought keeping score was like playing basketball and high score wins. Well, no matter the score, everyone had a great time, many laughs, and great camaraderie was shared.

Dan & Barb

Couple of the Year (COY) Report

In January we asked that you chose a word to describe yourself in relationship to Chapter W for 2012. That word was "intentional". This word is kind of like a new year's resolution, but a lot more fun. Granted it has only been one month and a few days into February 2012, but during this time have you noticed anything different in your commitment to Chapter W? It's nice to know you will always be a winner each month in your endeavor to be more "intentional" with participation and involvement in Chapter W. The good thing about your involvement, it can be a monthly gathering contribution, a quarterly contribution, a one-time ride leader, or whatever you want to make it. So each month you can start new being "intentional" as a member of Chapter W. Let's make this a truly fun filled year and it all starts with YOU. -



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

Rider Education

2012, the year of Training/Education

I would like this year to be a year that we, as a chapter, can look at as the year of Training/Education. We have started out very well with the First Aid /CPR class in January and the upcoming Road Captain course scheduled for March. If we as a chapter embrace the training/education all of us could be level 3s by the NM convention in September. All we need is to say you will ride safe, satisfactorily complete the ARC or TRC, First Aid/CPR course and ride 5,000 miles total on your Wing. This does not have to be done all this year. A lot of you have completed most if not all of these requirements in the last 3 years. So please take a look at your training dates and see if you are up to date. If you are planning to go to St. George, you can complete multiple different courses while you are there.

Have fun and Ride Safe

Harry W. Jenkins II
Chapter "W" Ride Educator
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SOCIAL SECRETARY

From the Chapter W Social Events Secretary, Robynn French

Chapter W will hold a Social Butterfly event on February 12, 2012 at the Accessory Pit, located on Wyoming Blvd., NE, Albuquerque. We will meet at 12 noon and begin the 2nd Annual Chili Cook off at 12:30 pm. The 2-wheel motorcycle maintenance class will be held from 9:30 to 12:30. Lunch will be your chance to sample all the fabulous chili dishes prepared, **Prizes will be awarded**; followed by the auction of the top three choices. From 1:30 to 4:30 the trike portion of the motorcycle maintenance class will be held. Please join us for the fun filled event and remember February is cold, Chili is hot.



HAPPY VALENTINES



In addition, Chapter W will hold a Mardi Gras Dinner and costume party on March 10th. This event replaces the Valentine party from last year.

Mardi Gras will be catered by our own Dave and Lisa Bachman. Plan on attending and wear your New Orleans Mardi Gras mask, hats or dress. (This is a family affair so keep it clean) The fun and food will be well worth your time.

If you have some decorations or want to help with this party, contact Robynn French or Barbara Cok. Their phone numbers are in the contact list. See the flyer on page 10.



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Tom Watters Associate Manager

Roadrunner Report

WOW!! I did not expect so many bikes out at the last meeting. I recorded the mileage from 20 motorcyclists. I will try harder to be early in future months.

Now, as I stated in January's meeting, I will be paying out for extra Roadrunners that you may have extra and would like to earn some cash. Large Roadrunner pays \$3.00, medium Roadrunner \$2.00 and small Roadrunner pays \$1.00. If you have a Coyote, I will pay you \$1.00. Now I do have a small budget to do this with and will do this after the meeting.

As this the first meeting of this year's Roadrunner, we had no prizes to give. But the gag gift goes on. I did notice a couple of bikes that need a 'bath'; one had a male rider and the other a female rider. Congratulations to Brian Earle and Lisa Bachman and their dirty bikes and the bars of soap they can use on them. See you on Feb. 19th!

Richard M. the 'darkside' The other 'H' motorcycle

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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Apr 15 th	Los Lunas to Rt. 6 Loop -100 MILES
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May 13 th	Progressive Eating Ride TBD
May 20 th	Willard -140 MILES
May 25-27	St. George Utah Rally
June 3 rd	Ride For Kids
June 10 th	Sipapu Ski Mountain lunch at Mountain -320 MILES Meet @Sandia Casino Valero Gas Station, KSU 9
June 17 th	Jemez Loop -210 MILES
July 15 th	El Malpais/ Banderas Volcano -250 MILES
July 21-23	Colorado Springs -800+ MILES Meet @Sandia Casino Gas KSU 7am
Aug 5 th	Angel Fire -400 MILES- Meet @Sandia Casino Gas KSU 7am
Aug 16-18	Grand Junction, CO, Rally
Aug 19 th	Sandia Crest Ride -100 MILES
Sept 8 th	Farmington Chapter Visit -400 MILES- Meet @Sandia Casino KSU 5am
Sept 16 th	Tent Rocks -130 MILES
Sept 21-23	NM Rally
Oct 7 th	VLA w/ lunch in Socorro -270 MILES- Meet @ Isleta Casino Gas KSU 8am
Oct 21 st	Punkin Chukin Estancia (Possible alternate ride if Festival is alternate weekend)
Oct 26-28	Yuma, AZ Rally
Nov 18 th	N-14 to Lamy, S to Moriarty

Mardi Gras Dinner



March 10, 2012

\$20 per person

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Menu

Red Beans and Rice

Catfish Pecan Meuniere

Cheesy Grits and Southern Greens

Sweet Potato Pecan Pie w/ Bourbon Whip Cream

Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea

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