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Next Meeting

*Sunday 20th March 2011 at the Golden Corral
Central/Eubank - Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Meeting
commences 8:00 a.m. The following meeting will be at
the same location on Sunday 17th April 2011*



Chapter W Directors



Alan & Rita Ringshall

Shrine Circus February 2011

We were both somewhat sad on missing the Chapter Valentine Dinner last month, but our prior commitment as Clowns (no comment) with the Shrine Circus took priority and with good attendances for the 8 performances that we did, we then know that money raised at this event will then benefit the Shriners continued work for children.

Our thanks for your support at the last meeting, know that I did leave all of my notes at home, but am sure that anything I forgot is now included in this newsletter.

I have been corresponding regular with the ride co-ordinator of the 40 to Phoenix ride that is now happening, and although I would have wished to meet and greet and maybe ridden with fellow members with them onward towards Phoenix, we have hit many stumbling blocks on that group reaching Moriarty later p.m. on Monday 7th March and then leaving early am on Tuesday 8th March for Phoenix. With the closure of many facilities within Moriarty on a Monday and then numbers of GWRRA members riding in, we could not find a suitable point to then arrange a possible greet and meet. This along with a 30 minute evening plus ride out and then return later evening to Albuquerque with uncertain weather was not in my opinion a safe and pleasurable operation for members I have spoken with the ride co-ordinator of the 40 to Phoenix, that if another ride is going to be scheduled in 2012, to then allow the two largest chapters in New Mexico here in Albuquerque and New Mexico a chance on organizing their accommodation and then arrangements to entertain and support within our chapter areas, and if planned am sure we could enjoy a most successful evening and day of fellowship and fun that they would then wish the 40 to Phoenix to stay and not continue anywhere else. We will see.

A reminder that our annual Birthday ride for myself Alan/Rita and Tom/Grace to T or C Hot Springs for an overnigher on Saturday April 30th 2011, an overnigher to socialize and enjoy with fellow members at a location that will please anyone. Come, enjoy, laugh, feast and drink and just 'be happy' It truly is a most fun overnigher enjoyed by all. It is sooooo important to book your room early as they truly do go QUICKLY. Come and Enjoy

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The Accessory Pit is sponsoring a ride to Hannigan Meadows this Easter Weekend and know that they have done this before, and with good success and fun and if interested please sign up for further details at the Accessory Pit The Accessory Pit is also sponsoring a ride to Wing Ding this year and further details will be published as and when we have them, meanwhile, if visiting the Accessory Pit, sign up and learn more details on this ride.

As the Spring starts to roll in (thank goodness) please remember to check out that bike – battery – tires – all fluids – lights – horn – brakes – clean the forks and check for any possible leak – then check helmets and riding clothes. Most of all, just please ensure that you and your bike are ready for a safe and enjoyable 2011 of riding.

We do have a message from our Jan Bernard on her continued illness and thought that it would be nice to just copy that as I had received it; **“As mentioned at the Chapter “W” first meeting in January 2011, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in November 2010. In October 2010 I found a breast lump, After 3 mammograms, 1MRI, 3 ultrasounds and a biopsy I was told that I had cancer. On December 1st I underwent a lumpectomy. During this surgery the surgeon found that the lump was much larger than expected and I was then scheduled for a mastectomy on December 13th. During the Mastectomy the surgeon found that the cancer tumor had doubled since the December 1st surgery and the tumor was now over 3 inches around. It had also invaded my chest wall. The good news was that there was NO lymph node involvement!! Several tests were run on the cancer tumor showing the cancer to be a very aggressive cancer. The Oncologist ran a Oncotype DX genetic test that shows I have cancer genes and have a very high rate for cancer reoccurrence in the future. The reason all of this is a concern is that I have LUPUS (an autoimmune disease) and COPD(chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease). It seems that I have inherited some really ugly genes and these 2 diseases cause Chemo or Radiation treatments to have harsh complications worse than the usual fatigue and nausea. I also had a stroke in 2005 caused by a blood clot. Chemo can cause more blood clots. It is as if I am darned if I do and darned if I don’t. I have chosen to have more breast surgery on Feb. 21st and then start Chemo in March for 16 weeks. The oncologist will be watching me closely and hopefully the cancer will be gone. I want to thank you all for your calls, flowers, cards and prayers. This has been such a bad dream, however I am keeping up my spirits for me, family and all of you.”**

Ringo: Jan, know that all of our prayers and thoughts for your wellness continue and if you or Jeff need ANY help, then just call.

Alan & Rita



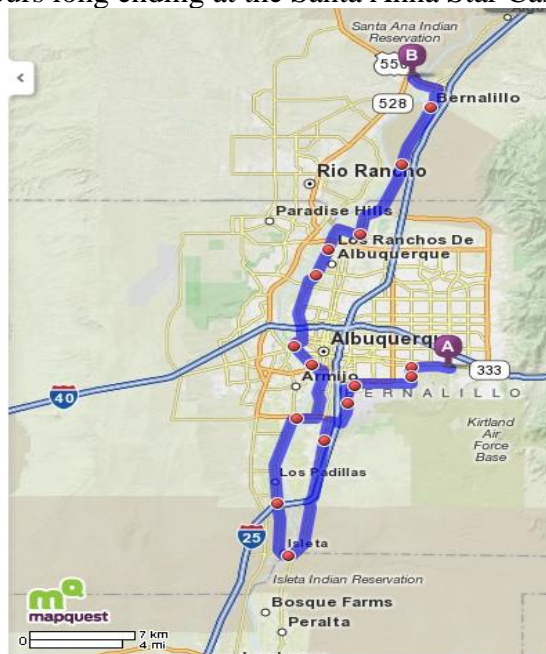
**Assistant Chapter Directors – Ralph and Robynn French
Chapter Couple of the Year
District Couple of the Year
Robynn Chapter W Social Secretary**

Greetings

It is already March and things are starting to get busy. The chapter is still in need of some staff. We can use help in membership enhancement, rider education and ride coordinator. As your assistant director I will pledge to help whoever wants to get their feet wet in a staff position. You will not have to do the job on your own. I do not profess to know it all, but we can learn anything we need together. If you are interested in helping make Chapter W better, Alan and I cannot do it alone, please help us help you. We have several people already helping and they are doing a great job. The more that volunteer, the easier it is for all. Alan and I have discussed having each staff position filled by at least two people. If we succeed, the job will not then be another full time job and will be easier. Think about helping in some small way. We need you.

March 20, 2011 - Chapter W gathering Ride

After the March gathering, Ralph French will lead a ride leaving Golden Corral on Central and Eubank at 9:30 AM (point A on map). The ride is approximately 2 hours long ending at the Santa Anna Star Casino in Bernalillo at approximately high noon (point B on map).



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There is no interstate riding and only a couple of tricky spots. The ride has several scenic parts and will show some back roads through town. The ride will practice open road group riding and in town riding. A short briefing will occur prior to ride so we will know meeting points if the riders get separated at lights or by traffic. The ride is designed to allow us to practice our road captain skills and communication skills.

When we reach our destination in Bernalillo, the ride can divide into two groups if the riders choose to. Group one will play at Santa Anna while group two will continue to ride. The details will be discussed at the ride in brief immediately preceding the ride. Please set some time to participate in the ride. This one is a short ride with some training.

Next month we plan to go to Tinker Town. Set some time for that ride as well.

Ride often and ride safe. Ralph French

Forthcoming Conventions:

Month	Start	End	Convention	Location	
May	27	29	Region F	Pueblo, CO	
Jul	6	9	Wing Ding	Knoxville, TN	
Jul	22	24	UT District	Panguitch Lake Resort, UT	
Aug	25	27	CO District	Breckenridge, CO	
Sep	2	4	CA District	Mammoth Mountain, CA	
Sep			NM District	Las Curces, NM	
Oct	7	9	NV District	Ely, NV	
Oct	28	30	AZ District	Tucson, AZ	

Ralph & Robynn

Goodie Store



Barbara (Treasurer) & Dan Cok (Goodie Store)

- We wear our vest during GWRRA Functions to show our “Chapter/District/Region pride and unity”.
- You can customize your vest any way you want the only thing we ask is that you place the Chapter/District/Region Patch and the National GWRRA patches as shown. Rider Education patches also are displayed on the right
- Officers need to have their “Chapter/District/Region Team” rocker over the front 4” patch and their Officer position rocker below the 4” patch. If you are an Assistant Officer the Assistant rocker goes below the Officer position patch.



Please contact Daniel Cok for all your Vest Patches along with any other Goodies that you may wish

SOCIAL SECRETARY



Chapter W is inviting everyone to participate in our Social Butterfly lunch. This event will take place after Church, 1:00 p.m., on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at Five Guys Burgers and Fries. The location is 6650

Holly Ave, Albuquerque. The restaurant is located by the Kohl's on Paseo Del Norte. We have heard the burgers and fries are good. All are welcome, we will meet there at the appointed time. This is not a designated ride but just a meet for lunch as schedules allow. We look forward to seeing everyone.

From the Chapter W Social Events Secretary, you know, Robynn French



Chapter Birthdays & Anniversaries



March 2011

<i>Bill Lindquist</i>	4	<i>Happy Birthday to You</i>
<i>Kathy Bates</i>	31	<i>Happy Birthday & You</i>
<i>Sharon Jacobs</i>	31	<i>Happy Birthday & You</i>

VALENTINES DINNER

Dave and Lisa prepared the food which was excellent. We even had bubbly (non-alcoholic) with our 4 course dinner. The dinner social was a success thanks to the Chapter W host of the: Frenchs, Coks, Paxtons and Richard Mummey. The guests had a great time enjoying a pianist and the entertainment of Jeff and Jan. At the end of dinner we went around the room introducing ourselves and giving how we met and how long we have been together so we would know each other a little better. Congratulation to Jim and Wanshula for over 50 years of marriage. Also; happy anniversary to Fred and Diane Salinas.





BIKE MAINTENANCE CLASS AND CHILI COOK-OFF AT THE ACCESSORY PIT



Rick Howell taught a maintenance class that will help riders understand our Goldwings. Rick explained the importance of maintenance and showed us how to do some things. He supplied the class attendees with handouts and tips that will help those that want to roll their sleeves up and do the work themselves. The class was also good to help others like myself at least understand our machine. We talked about tire choice and care, oil selection, fluid differences and many other topics.

The picture shows the class around a bike that was torn down to show us the location of some items we had talked about and help us understand how things go together. The class asked many question and Rick had the answers – surprised?

Rick is a good supporter of the GWRRA and we want to thanks Rick for his time and effort to put the class on. Thank you Rick

NOW THE CHILI COOK-OFF:

No this is not about the cold but about good friends and good food. How good? Ask the people that voted Becky Stillwagon's cream of green chile chicken the best. Tony Sciortino took second and Sheryl Walters took third. Michele Leist followed with a close fourth. The entire selection of chile was wonderful and everyone enjoyed themselves. Linda Howell baked some pies for desert. The top four vote getters had a cup of their chile auctioned off by Rick Howell.

Robynn French coordinated the effort with the assistance of Linda Howell, Barbara Cok and Wanshula Paxton. Rick Howell led the auction and many helped clean up when all was done. A big thank you goes to the people that helped and Rick and Linda for hosting the cook off. Also thanks for coming to all the participants.



“Ooooooooooooooooooh
Jerry that is
AWESOME” Our
Chili Cook-off
Winner Sunday
February 27th
2011Becky
Stillwagon – Well
Done Becky





WEBMASTER - MARK DAVIS - Duke City Wings Website – gwrra-nm-w.org



More members are now signing onto our great Chapter 'W' Website at <http://gwrra-nm-w.org>. To then read newsletters, check photographs, see what is going on with conventions, enter the forum section and see who is talking and about what, have a look at the goodie store and place your orders, check links onto other motorcycle organizations and stores, also links of interest to all of us who ride and some who do not. This website is real easy to navigate and if anyone has a problem, then please make contact with me or Alan, and then we will walk you through the site and ensure that you then enjoy it as much as we do.

Mark Davis, Chapter W Webmaster



Prize Co-ordinators Wanshula & Jim Paxton

We collect door prizes and many others for members and wish that if you win one of those, then please do say 'Thank you' from Chapter 'W' when you claim your prize at the donating store. Do remember to look at your prize for any expiration date. Wanshula and I look forward to many more and exciting prizes to present those lucky members at each gathering. But you cannot win, if not there. Hint – Hint Door Prizes and the main Goodie Can draw, Sunday 20th February 2011 – Jim and Wanshula did another fantastic job in obtaining many great prizes for members at this meeting with generous donations from the Accessory Pit, R&S Honda, Honda Powersports, Golden Corral and RV Trailers. The main event was our monthly Goodie Can draw that was nicely won by Steve Yearout, with a Goody Can worth \$110.00, well done Steve. Any member winning prizes donated by our supporters, please, please do say, THANK YOU From chapter W when collecting your prize. It truly does mean a whole lot guys.



Roadrunner and Chapter Greeter! Richard Mummey

The Roadrunner for this year is as follows:

The stinkin' rules. Yes, there are rules, my game, my rules...

- 1) We will have 2 divisions: 2 wheel, and trikes.
- 2) Open to ALL, any GWRRA member, any brand bike, in-state, out-of-state...but the kicker is that you must come to 2 consecutive meetings.
- 3) I will be out on the Sunday of Chapter W meeting collecting mileage and stop collecting it at 7:55AM. Bribes will not be tolerated, but coffee with 2 creamers may help.
- 4) You can only receive one 1st pin. If you do have the most mileage for a second time, you will be recognized with a small gift. The next person with most mileage will receive the 1st place pin. You can receive as many 2nd or 3rd place pins.
- 5) Get out there and ride!!

Your Roadrunner coordinator is Richard Mummey. I had been riding for eight years. I took the MSF Rider Course in 2003, then purchased a Honda 1100. That lasted for two years. Sold it and purchased a 2005 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic that I have now. Yes, I am from the 'dark' side, but what you ride does not matter, as long as you ride.

Parking Lot Sale

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Time: 7 AM - 2 PM





TABLES-You can buy a table (or a space) for \$20 at the Accessory Pit or call Kathy at 328-2219. (Cash or checks made out to the *Albuquerque Task Force* are accepted.) If you don't want your own table, donations of goods are accepted.

FOOD-There will be Baked Goods and Beef Brisket Sandwiches for sale.

BIKE SHOW-There will also be a Bike Show sponsored by GWRRA Chapter W. All makes of bikes are welcome. To enter the show your bike or trike must be present at 12 PM (Noon). The winner will be determined by a public vote and trophies will be awarded.

Note: Set up starts at 6 AM because those yard sale junkies are early-birds!

This event is sponsored by the Accessory Pit and the Albuquerque Ride for Kids Task Force.

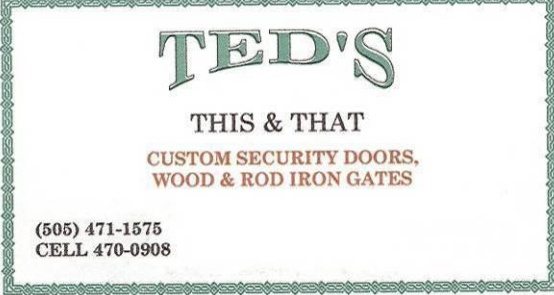
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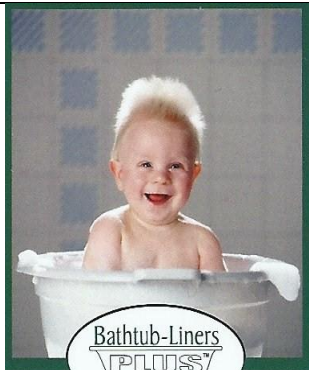
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