

New Mexico District's Enchanted Wings Newsletter - *October 2012*

Gold Wing Road Riders Association -Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



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REGION F

NM DISTRICT

District Directors

Keith & Teresa Morrison

What a great time in Taos!!! We had a great time with 161 friends...:))). Our numbers continue to climb and hopefully we beat that number in 2013, where ever we go!

First off an update on Roy Davis, Chapter Director from Chapter D in Farmington. Roy had an accident on the way to Taos and was banged up pretty good. We are pleased to announce that Roy is getting better and back to his same old self. We wouldn't be surprised if he isn't outside the house working on the Wing to get it back on the road again.



Dan and Barb Cok from Chapter W are your new NM District Couple of the Year!!! They presented a great presentation at opening ceremonies and an awesome Sonny and Cher performance at the talent show. If you were not there, you missed a lot of laughs.

See Barb's article later on their adventure to the Rallation. I still can't believe no one got a picture of Dan on the back of Max's bike!!! Max said he missed the hotel and when he tried to do a U-turn, he had trouble because his elbows were hitting Dan's knees...hahaha. Please congratulate Dan and Barb when you see them out and about and please take care of them while they are visiting your Chapter...Thanks!!!

One of the other highlights of the Rallation was when Anita Alkire, our Region Director, surprised Doug & Chris Pettigrew with their Senior Director Awards!!! I know I don't say it enough, but thanks to them and the whole Team! Without you none of this fun stuff would happen!!!

We have new Team Members!!! Harry & Amy Jenkins have stepped up to be your District Leadership Trainers. There is an article later from them introducing themselves to all. Please say

thanks when you see them out and about. Knowing Harry, we will be having a Horizons class in the District soon. Thanks Harry and Amy!!!

Thanks to the Pit, Team R & S Honda, and all the other vendors and sponsors for their support!!! Thank them when you do business with them, they put a lot of time and money into making sure we have plenty of prizes to give away.

Closing ceremonies was hilarious!!! While CB, aka Russ Hall, announced all the awards for the bike and lights show, Don Boucher was kissing all the recipients, to include his Chapter Director, Russ Shupe. We were all in tears!!! Funny stuff!!!

There were so many great memories made in Taos and if you didn't make it, just ask someone that was there how much fun they had.

The District will be having its required Officer's Annual Meeting on the morning of December 8. After the Officer's Meeting the District will be having a Christmas Party on the night of December 8.

Some of the Chapters are also having parties in December, so keep an eye out for their info and go for a visit. We all need to be visiting each other more often.

Till next time...keep smilin'...;))) & ride safe!

Here's to good friends, good times, & Gold Wings!!!

Keith & Teresa



Rider Education

Jerry & Becky Stillwagon

For those of you who missed the New Mexico District Convention (Rallation) held the last weekend of September in Taos you missed a great time. The riding was amazing, the scenery was beautiful, the weather could not have been better and the Rallation itself was fantastic. The Rider Education portion of the Rallation was also a huge success.

It all started with the riding courses. Rick Howell taught the Advanced Rider's Course while Dave Gormley taught the Trike Rider's Course. We had a total of 18 Members trained in the two courses.

We also had seven seminars:

Two Co-Riders Seminars, instructed by Gail Reynolds, Chris Pettigrew, Brian and Michele Leist, trained 13 Members.

The Team Riding Seminar, instructed by Harry Jenkins, Ralph and Robynn French, trained 10 Members.

In the Motorcycle Crash Scene Response Seminar, instructed by Jimm White, 9 Members were trained.

The Motorcycling for the Mature Rider Seminar was instructed by Bill Lindquist, 6 Members were trained.

The Road Captain Seminar instructed by Russell Shupe, trained 4 Members.

The Motor Awareness Seminar instructed by Gene Wagner, also trained 4 Members.

Gail Reynolds taught the First Aid/CPR Facilitator Course. The New Mexico District has two new First Aid/CPR Instructors: Chris Pettigrew and Harry Jenkins. The next day Gail, Harry and Chris instructed a First Aid/CPR class with 6 Members attending.

During the awards dinner 6 new Seminar Presenters were recognized: Ralph and Robynn French, Brian Leist, Harry Jenkins, Barbara Cok all from Chapter W and Bill Lindquist, Chapter F.

The rider courses and the seminars provided the necessary classes enabling many of our Members to get new levels. Advanced to Level II & III: Al Kane, Tom Cook, and Danny Branch, Chapter F, John and Judy Metts, Chapter R, Tom and Lorraine Weingates, Chapter C, and to Level IV Bill Lindquist, Chapter F. From Chapter W we advanced Dave Gottheiner, Monique Kourdae, and Brian and Michele Leist. From Chapter C we advanced Donna Labatt and Phil and Mary Lou Johnston.

We next presented Level IVs to the recently awarded Members:

Larry Kunard, Chapter A1;

Russell and Valerie Shupe, Chapter F;

Ralph and Robynn French, and Harry and Amy Jenkins, Chapter W.

And finally we presented Senior Master Tour Rider to Doug and Chris Pettigrew, Chapter C and Grand Master Tour Rider to Steve Yearout, Chapter W.

We hope to see you at the next New Mexico Rallation.

Ride often and ride safe.

Jerry and Becky Stillwagon

New Mexico Rider Educators

Motor Awareness Coordinators

By Gene & Jeanie Wagner

As we ride down the roads, we meet folks from the north and northwest who ask where are from. We tell them New Mexico. We then invite them to come tour New Mexico. We give them our info and ask them to call us and will be happy to show them around. They ask if they need a passport to come. We laugh and tell them, don't worry, we know people. New Mexico is the most beautiful state to ride in. And when you are riding thru our beautiful state, remember have a good helmet to protect head, face shield to "save face", gloves, jacket, pants to protect body. Good boots. THE MORE U KNOW THE BETTER IT GETS.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

District & Chapter F

Motorist Awareness &

District Treasurer

Never ride faster than your angle can fly.

Membership Enhancement

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

Welcoming Visitors/New Members to Your Chapter

It appears that difficult economic times are going to be with us awhile longer regardless of who is elected president. One of the advantages of belonging to GWRRA is the large quantity of hotel discounts available to us during our travels. One needs to frequently review the “**MEMBERS BENEFITS**” page on the GWRRA website (<http://gwrro.org/benefits.html>) to keep up-to-date and help us keep a few more dollars in our wallets. This article will address GWRRA hotel benefits.

The November Wing World showed a couple new added hotel/motels, Red Roof Inn and Motel 6. These are certainly motels where you get a decent value for the dollar. We thought we would highlight what else is available.



- **Red Roof Inn - 15% discount on stays at all locations.** Red Roof Inn has over 350 hotels across 41 states in the U.S. Take advantage of accommodations like free Wi-Fi, HBO, ESPN, CNN, and **pets stay free!** You will find great rooms, comfy beds, budget-conscious rates, and nice people devoted to making your stay a great one.



- **Motel 6 - 10% discount on stays at all locations*** Motel 6 is proud to partner with GWRRA to offer a 10% discount on your next stay. Take advantage of the partnership by booking your reservation at Motel 6 where you'll find **clean, comfortable rooms** at the **lowest price of any national chain.** We'll leave the light on for you.



- **Wyndham Hotels** – GWRRA Members save 20% on the best available rates at all Wyndham Hotels worldwide, including Ramada, Wingate by Wyndham, Hawthorne Suites, Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Knights Inn, Super 8, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, Baymont Inns and Suites, Microtel Inns and Suites, and Travelodge.

There are corporate codes and central booking numbers associated with all these hotels and you must provide the code at the time of reservation to get your discount. In addition to the discount many of the hotels nowadays award points for frequent stays. Nancy and I maintain a travel wallet that we take with us when traveling so we always have these codes available at all times.

GWRRA also offers discounts on cruises and vacation packages so make sure you check that out (same website link as above) if that is your intention.



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District Couple of the Year

Dan & Barb Cok

The Road to Being the District Couple

Hi, from your New Mexico District Couple of the Year! ☺ We are excited about our new role within the District. It has been a FUN year of meeting new people and we look forward to another wonderfully FUN year.

The final road of our journey to being selected as the District Couple of the Year started Thursday morning September 27. We left Albuquerque shortly after 8:30 a.m. heading east on Route 66 to Hwy 14. We took a nice scenic drive north on Hwy 14 enjoying the cool mountain air. Dan was enjoying the curves on the road as he steered Boomer around each one. I was just enjoying the beauty of the New Mexico countryside from my lofty and comfy co-rider seat. We had packed a picnic breakfast to eat along the way at an undetermined picturesque spot. Our journey now takes us on Hwy 599, the by-pass around Santa Fe. We were about half-way along the by-pass when both Dan and I could feel something was wrong with Boomer, so Dan quickly pulled off the road unto the nice wide shoulder and turned Boomer off. Dan was Mr. Calm and said we will need to call for a tow truck. We got our insurance information out, called the company for a flatbed tow truck and asked that it be towed back to Albuquerque. No problem, we were fully covered for the tow to Albuquerque. We were told the tow truck would arrive in about 45 minutes. Not sure if this was really the nice picturesque spot we wanted to eat breakfast at, but it seemed we would have time to eat while we waited for the tow truck.

While we were eating, Max Stefoin rode past on his way to the convention in Taos. A few minutes later, here comes Max again and this time stops. He exited 599 and came around to see if everything was okay with us. Told him we were waiting for a tow, a belt on Boomer had broken. Shortly after this, Mark Davis comes up behind us and stops because now there are two bikes parked on the shoulder. We told him we were waiting for a tow back to Albuquerque. Phone calls were made to The Pit and to Rick Howell who was already in Taos, so everyone was apprised of the situation. During all this, Dan and I are thinking it would be a really cozy ride in the cab of the tow truck back to Albuquerque since we had all our gear on. Also, it would delay us about three hours by the time we went back to Albuquerque, got our pickup and headed back to Taos. When the tow truck arrived and Dan and I are signing the paper work, telling the driver Boomer was going to The Pit, Max and Mark were talking that they both had empty back seats on their bikes and that it would really save us some time if we hopped on their bikes with them and rode to Taos. Dan and I looked at each other; Dan looked at Max and Mark, then at their bikes, wondering which one he would be riding "bitch" on and if that is really what he wanted to do. It was decided Dan with ride with Max and I would I ride with Mark. Because we had so much stuff to take to the convention, we had already shipped it to Taos with the Howells on Monday. Our only belongings with us Thursday morning were two pairs of tennis shoes and a small bag of toiletries. So off to Taos we go. I think the tow truck driver was a little surprised that he was heading back to Albuquerque and we were headed in the opposite direction. As we are riding along, Mark hit a bump pretty hard and I came up off the seat. My thought was, these women that ride Gold Wings like this? I don't have this problem on Boomer. I will need a seat belt to stay on a Gold Wing. I later learned Mark did not have the suspension adjusted for the rear passenger. As we continued our ride, I was having stuff hitting my helmet. Again my thought was these women who ride Gold Wings have all this stuff hitting their helmets and they enjoy riding like that? I don't have that problem riding Boomer. Then it dawned on me, that Mark had a HUGE American Flag on the back of his bike which was centered right behind my head. So the wind kept that flag flapping back and forth, first it hit the right side of my helmet, then the left, whap whap whap. Once I know what was causing the problem, it was okay.

When we arrived in Taos, those at the convention already knew about Boomer and calls had been made to locate the belt. We also had a ride back to Albuquerque thanks to Harry and Amy Jenkins. So, as you can see, it doesn't matter how you arrive at a convention, it just matters that you come, even if it takes a trike and two bikes to get there. That's what GWRRA is all about, friends reaching out and helping friends.

When people ask us how GWRRA has changed our lives, we have a two prong answer. One, we have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people, and two; our lives have become very busy. Would we change any of that? Absolutely not!

Leadership Training

Harry & Amy Jenkins



Hi, we are Amy and Harry Jenkins of Chapter "W" in Albuquerque. We are the Chapter Educators and now you're District Leadership Trainers. For those that don't know us we have a 2005 silver colored Goldwing with penguins painted on the back. Amy and I have been married for over 32 years and riding together since 2004. We have two grown daughters. Amy is a home maker now and I am a Contract Instructor for the government teaching C-130 Flight Engineer flight simulation. We have been in GWRRA since January 2011.

You can reach me at hwjenkins2@comcast.net or Cell – (505) 730-6267 evenings.

I will be coordinating and help run the LTP for the New Mexico District. Amy and I are looking forward to working with and getting to know you and your Leadership Teams.

[Directors and Educators, I will be scheduling a Horizon class in January or February. Please send me a list of Chapter Members that need this course. Ray Garris, the Region F\(un\) Trainer, is going to try to be here for this training.](#)

Here is an introduction to what leadership training is, direct from the GWRRA Leadership Training Link:

[Leadership Training Program Curriculum](#)

The LTP curriculum reflects training that focuses on leadership skills while understanding that knowledge is an enabler of those skills. Though some of the training deals specifically with skills needed in a GWRRA leadership position, other training deals with Life Skills and Member Orientation topics that will enhance the member's life both within and outside of GWRRA. In general, our training is designed to reach visual, verbal, and kinetic learners; our goal is "something for everyone". It is the intent of the LTP to deliver training in a professional manner and to make certain that training is a fun learning experience for all participants.

The following training is intended to help members realize their full potential and to provide the best possible learning experience.

There are currently eight LTP training programs and more are being developed. New training ideas are constantly being considered such as; Chapter Training Vignettes, Training Videos, and WEB based Training. In the past year we have re-introduced the Training Record Cards, and expanded our training collaboration with the Operations, Rider Education, and Member Enhancement divisions.

Officer Certification Program:

The Officers Certification Program or better known as the "OCP" is a program in the GWRRA Curriculum that is an in-depth seminar of the basic duties and responsibilities of an Operations Officer. It's main objective is to assist the Officers in the following responsibilities: Finances, Membership Enhancement, IRS Compliance, Rider Ed, Teambuilding, Conflict Resolution, Goal Setting, to name a few. This is a very good program for every member but is a requirement for the Directors. The Program is 1 ½ days in length and there is also a short "Celebration of Knowledge" the morning of day 2

Recommended Programs for those interested in GWRRA Leadership roles:

- CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM
- ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Recommended Programs for the general membership:

- LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
- MEMBER ORIENTATION PROGRAM
- CHAPTER LIFE PROGRAM

The Horizon Program:

The Horizon Program is a fast track overview of the core LTP curriculum with "hands on" training of practical applications, and an excellent class for potential CDs and staff. Horizon is also a great class for the general membership to learn more about teamwork, self-awareness, interpersonal communication, and building better chapters. Members learn about how to have FUN in GWRRA in a challenging day and a half course filled with lots of surprises. It is typically conducted during the winter/early spring months and not during riding season. It is an interactive program – the more everyone participates, the more everyone learns!

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT/ CERTIFICATION COURSES

- Program Overview
- Leadership Training in GWRRA
- LTP Curriculum Overview
- The Instructor's "Tool Box"
- The Trainers Role
- Presentation Skills
- Lesson Plans
- Instructional/Visual Aids
- Hands-On Application Exercise

HORIZON PROGRAM COURSES

- Program Overview
- Team Building & Personal Profile
- Expectations
- Communications
- Effective Meetings & Events
- The Officer Spouse Couple
- Hands-On Application

Harry W. Jenkins II
District Leadership Trainer
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NM DISTRICT RALLATION (CONVENTION)

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

Well, our Rallation is over and done. The last weekend of September saw a great many of us in Taos enjoying the warmth and friendship that can only be experienced between Wingers. We also experienced some great weather and a terrific venue. The Sagebrush is a very cool hotel with some rooms even having fireplaces in them. The hotel provided probably the best banquet dinner we've ever had bar none. One stat worth noting was that we surpassed last year's attendance number.



The back courtyard of the Sagebrush



Saturday evening and it is dinner time.



Chapter C led the way in talent



Dan & Barbara Cok, our District Couple of the Year (COY)



Chapter F



Chapter R



Of course we had a GREAT light show!



Karen Humphrey



Russell Shupe

Don and Carol Boucher did their usual outstanding job of providing photographic support for the event. If you want to see the results of their efforts check out the District website (<http://www.gwrra-nm.org/node/62>). Another outstanding effort was the cooperation of the Bouchers and the bike show coordinators (Russ Hall *et al*). Some terrific plaques were awarded to the show winners. Unfortunately Chapters D and A1 had already departed the closing ceremonies and were not available for the Chapter photos. There are plenty of photos to prove it at the above link...:)))

Inputs from Your Chapter Directors

Russ & Val Shupe – Chapter F
After Gathering Ride to Cuba

Our after-gathering ride this month went up to a lovely picnic ground that we have been to before in the Santa Fe National Forest on NM 126 a few miles southeast of Cuba, NM. We were a bit late leaving the Golden Corral parking lot as one of our riders was having tire pressure problems. He chose to cancel his participation on this ride until he could resolve his problem. Six people from Chapter W on three bikes/trikes chose to ride by themselves to Cuba and meet us at the Subway sandwich shop and another couple, friends of JoeO also met us there. In all, we had 16 bikes/trikes and 27 people on this ride leaving the parking lot in two groups.

The plan was to have our re-grouping at the Shell/Walgreen shops at the corner of Unser and Northern in Rio Rancho. Group two decided that they knew a “faster” way to the re-grouping site than was planned so off they went. They swore that it was NOT a race to see who could get their first – right! Group one arrived about two minutes after group two.

The two groups rode separately up Unser Blvd and then on US 550 to Cuba. There was minimal traffic in spite of it being a Labor Day weekend. In Cuba we all stopped at the Subway shop to pick up picnic sandwiches. There we met up with the six folks from W plus some friends of JoeO. Onward up NM 126 to our destination the scenery and road became much more interesting very quickly. Once into the National Forest we climbed up the mountain through tall trees on an excellent twisting road. THIS is what we ride long miles to see.



I had feared that since it was a holiday weekend we might find no room in the picnic grounds. To our collective surprise it was completely empty of people. It was all ours! I was accused of possibly having some extra ordinary connections. Maybe but I'll never tell. This is a most pleasant location for a picnic; very green, very quiet, very clean and surrounded with tall ponderosa pines. What a wonderful place to spend time visiting with our good friends.

We finally headed back to the real world, stopping for gas (just in case) in Cuba and then home and when we got to the big city, those of us in the main returning group, had to make an emergency stop at the San Yisdro Tasty-Freeze ,“T-Freez”. It was a close call but we all seemed to survive just fine. It was an overall a wonderful ride for everyone.

Participants on this ride were: Dave Drake, Molly & Ed Moyon, Tony Sciortino, Tom & Jaxon Cook, Steve & Maria Thomas, Lennie & Jen Clark, Deane Crawforth, Monte Smithson, Jerene Smithson,

Greg & Marcia Phillips, Joe & Nancy Opuszenski, husband & wife friends of JoeO, Larry & Martha Tolliver, Dan & Barb Cok, Brian & Michele Leist, Blane and Nelda Leist.

Dave Drake
Ride Coordinator

Ralph & Robin French – Chapter W

It is fall and the year is reaching one its busiest times. The riding season is winding down with the conventions/rallies/rallations coming to an end for 2012. Many miles have been added to our bikes. It is now the time of year that we all have fun with holiday parties. We start with Halloween and end with the New Year celebrations. In between are two of my favorites. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the year we are completing. The new friends we have made and the friends we have enjoyed over the past year. Thanksgiving is a time to say thanks for our and our friend's health and good fortunes. Christmas is a time to renew family and that family includes our GWRRA families. Try to attend your Chapter's and the District's parties. I know it is early but I am sending this message so we can plan some time for all the upcoming events that will fill our fall and take us to the end of 2012. May our guardian angles keep us safe as we party on.

Larry Kunard – Chapter A1

The October gathering went very well. I would like to welcome Don and Molli McBride to our GWRRA family. Don rides a Honda GW 1800 and Molli says she is still a rookie rider on her Spider. Both Don and Molli cleaned up on the cakes and cookies (door prizes). In fact, there was so much cakes and cookies that all you had to was buy a ticket and walk away with a prize. Over the past month, our Chapter has ridden to Las Cruces, NM for breakfast. We have visited the NM District Rallation in Taos, NM. All done without an accident. Safety first. Please check you motorcycle, tires, batteries. Check yourself, are you ready to ride?

Chapter mascot has found its way home from Roswell. Wingnut apparently had a wild time of it. Sad to say, Wingnut lost all his pins from his vest.

Sharma Brown is currently home. Her treatment is taking a toll on her. Ken Scannell is doing much better and has been seen out shopping. Please keep both of them in your prayers

This will be the one and only time I will mention rumors. I have heard the rumors, both sides of the issue regarding the Chapter Director job. Larry is doing an outstanding job. Larry has no idea what he is doing as Chapter Director. Some even say that's why some Members don't come to the gathering any more. While others have said that there would not be a Chapter if Larry hadn't step up and take the job.

Larry says: It's not about me. I just want to enjoy the ride. How about you?

LISTED BELOW ARE ALL THE CHAPTER GATHERING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

"A1"	El Paso	2nd Thursday	6:00pm eat 7:00pm Meet	"C"	Clovis	1st Sunday	8:00am
	Lunch Box				El Rancho 3327 Lilac Road		

El Paso, TX

Clovis, NM

“D” Farmington 2nd Saturday 9:00am
Golden Corral
1715 East Main St
Farmington, NM

“F” Albuquerque 1st Saturday 7:30am Eat
Golden Corral 8:30am Meet
2701 Coors Blvd, NW
Albuquerque, NM

“R” Roswell 1st Saturday Noon
Feb 4, May 5, Aug 4, Nov 3
Los Cerritos Restaurant
2103 N. Main St
Roswell, NM

“W” Albuquerque 3rd Sunday 7:30am Eat
Golden Corral 8:10am Meet
10415 Central Ave, NE
Albuquerque, NM

Carlsbad
Mar 3, Jun 2, Sept 1, Dec 1
Best Western Steven’s Inn
1829 S Canal
Carlsbad, NM

Hobbs
Jan 7, Apr 7, Jul 7
Rancher Steakhouse
2022 N Turner
Hobbs, NM

Queen
Oct 6

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