

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

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



GWRR

REGION F

NM DISTRICT

District Directors

Keith & Teresa Morrison

Well, with the New Year comes change. The first change to announce is Jim and Estela Brucker have finished their time as the Chapter Directors of Chapter TX-A1. Thanks Jim and Estela for your time and dedication to the Chapter!!! Hopefully we will be installing a new Chapter Director at the February meeting. Bill and Becky Brown stepped down as the Chapter Directors of Chapter NM-R and Jim and Pauline Richards are currently standing in while we look for new Chapter Directors. Thanks Bill and Becky for your time and dedication to the Chapter!!!

The second change to announce is not an easy one. After years of trying to generate participation in our Las Cruces Chapter T, the decision has been made to close the Chapter due to lack of participation. Teresa and I have been involved with the District since 2007 and there has been a participation problem since then. We have watched Bobby Lee and Marion, Lou and Deb, and finally Tom and Lisa tried their hardest to make the Chapter sustain itself. I know there were many more before them and many, many more working behind the scenes, but they are the Chapter Directors we have worked with in NM-T. Thanks Tom and Lisa for your time and dedication to the Chapter!!!

We are still working on this year's District Convention. There is only one detail left to be worked out with the hotel. As soon as the contract is signed, we will get the word out through Joe O. The dates are Sept 20 – 22. So please mark your calendars and bear with us as we finish up negotiations.

Till next timer...keep smilin'...:))) & ride safe!

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

Keith & Teresa



Assistant District Directors

Doug & Chris Pettigrew

As we approach warmer weather and increased riding, I thought I would cover some frequently asked questions. Now I didn't come up with this list, Steve Saunders did and he listed these and many more on his website <http://www.goldwingfacts.com/index.html> If you have never been to Steve's site, there is a lot of information on it.



By Steve Saunders

*****Information has been borrowed from Steve Saunders website. There's no way I would have had these answers. Enjoy*****

Q. Can you tell how to remove the seat on my 1982 Goldwing. I am trying to put on a backrest. I can't seem to be able to get the seat off. I am sure it's something simple; I have removed the battery compartments and still can't get it off.

A. Two Allen bolts, one each side of the pillion part of the saddle. If you have an Interstate or Aspencade, remove the lids and you will see the cutouts to allow the Allen key easier access. Remove the bolts and pull the saddle backward.

Q. The forks on my 1800 Goldwing (2001) have suddenly gone very stiff and I can't get them to depress, even if I lean on the handlebars with all my weight! This problem just happened suddenly without warning. Any Ideas what to look for?

A. A new GL1800 should depress up to about 2" when you pump the bars so the anti-dive unit would be a prime suspect here. It's mounted on the left fork leg and on some GL1800s a rubber "O" ring starts to break up and the main plunger gets stuck and the unit won't work properly. It's an easy job to strip and clean and you lose very little fluid.

Q. The trunk on my new GL1800 keeps locking itself and I then need to use the key or the remote to unlock it, it won't stay unlocked itself.

A. Just use the "unlock" button on your remote, instead of the "trunk unlock" button. Then leave the trunk open for a few minutes and it will be reset to normal, for a while anyway!

Q. The trunk and pannier lids on my GL1800 stick in frosty weather. They just won't open (even when I use the remote to pop the trunk) and I have to wait until later in the day for the frost to go away before I can access the storage. I live in Germany and the 1800 is kept outside but under a cover. Is there any adjustment that will stop this?

A. Adjusting the lids will not fix this, but buying a tin of Teflon spray and spraying it on the lid rubber sealing strips will. This is what car dealers do with cars that are left out in the frost for weeks without the doors being opened, the Teflon stops the rubbers sticking to the door frames (or trunk & saddlebag bases on the Goldwing). You will only need to spray the rubbers perhaps twice during the winter as Teflon is quite long-lasting.

Q. A friend and I are going to change out the fork oil on our 1800's this weekend. At the same time we are installing the Progressive front fork springs. Was curious if you had any input as to whether to put in the Pro Honda Suspension Fluid SS-8 (which I believe is 10 weight), or to use another brand/weight. Called Progressive and they simply said to use whatever the service manual called for - which, not surprisingly, is Honda's.

A. If you were just using the standard Honda springs, I would say use 15-20 (medium) weight oil. Using Progressives, just use the 10 weight like Progressive said. The Progressives are very stiff and using too heavy a fork oil will make things too hard. You will be impressed at the difference with the Progressives installed.

Q. My left front brake calliper always seems to be hotter than the right one on my 1800 Goldwing. Why is this, is there a possibility they are seizing? The bike only gets dry weather use and is stored indoors.

A. Don't worry about it. The LF calliper gets more use than the right side because it's the one that is linked to the back brake. Every time you toe the brake pedal the rear brake and the left front one come on together, so obviously the left front will get hotter than the right front. Oddly enough, the pads in the left one never seem to wear out unduly faster than the right side.

Q. The back brakes on my GL1800 (2001) are squeaking. I had new pads fitted only a few months ago for this reason and now it's started again. I would appreciate any light you may shed on this.

A. Some early GL1800's had this problem. It was caused by brake discs that were too soft! A recall wasn't issued for this, but dealers will have replaced the discs under warranty anyway. Models after 2002 seem to be immune from this problem.

Q. The wheels on my GL1800 seem to be pitting and it's a real pain trying to clean them. I use a wheel cleaner and the cloth goes black when cleaning the wheels. Is this normal? Is there no clear coating on the wheels?

A. Some GL1800's have a lacquer on the wheels and some don't (the front wheel on my 03 doesn't have a coating but the back one does). However, I personally think that the coating is a lot thinner (or cheap & low quality stuff) on the 1800 as lots of people complain about pitting at low mileage even on coated wheels. If your cloth is going black when cleaning, then the lacquer is rubbed through or non-existent in the first place. This doesn't bother some people as polishing the wheels with the lacquer removed will give a very much better shine, only problem is you will need to do it regularly to prevent pitting. The other alternative is to remove the wheels and have them re-lacquered.

Ride safe and often,

Doug and Chris Pettigrew
Assistant District Directors
Chapter C Directors

Rider Education

Jerry & Becky Stillwagon

News for our Region Educators – Dave and Dee Gormley

Fourteen months have passed since I attained the position of Region F Educator. I inherited a very good team who were very helpful. My main assistant, John Garrett, has saved me a lot of work because of his knowledge of the data system and all of the forms that we have to fill out. He also has helped with training new district educators.

Joel and Marti Winkler, the Medic First Aid Coordinators, have done and are still doing a very good job. THANKS.

Dave and Sandie Novitt , the Motorist Awareness Program Coordinators , have been successful in getting a district coordinator in every district. GREAT JOB!

Ray and Sandie Garris have been keeping up with seminar items and are a good source of GWRRA information. THANKS for YOUR HELP!

The District Educators have been doing a very good job making sure everything runs smoothly.

Rider education does not progress without the work of all of the chapter educators and they have been doing a very good job.

Dee and I have been to all of the district conventions this year and The Region I convention. They all have their uniqueness with respect to what education programs require. Our own Region F Convention has filled a lot of the needs and I learned a lot about how to do better next time. I also learned how much help is available and will use it in 2012 in ST. George ,UT. We can have a lot more fun with more participation.

In my opinion, the California District Convention had the most fun with the skills game events. There was a lot of participation and competition among the participants. The level of skills ranged from first time participants who just wanted to ride the course, to the best riders that the Blue Angels Drill Team had to offer. There was also a good selection of trike riders who demonstrated just how good a trike can maneuver in the same course as a bike. Very good job by all. All districts could do this.

So let's all go out and practice to have more fun. If you aren't having fun, you aren't participating.

Friends for Fun , Safety, and Knowledge
Dave and Dee Gormley, Region F Educators

Ride often and ride save.

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Motor Awareness Coordinators

By Gene & Jeanie Wagner

As we ended out last year, we had a good time making the public aware of us on our 2 or 3 wheel vehicles. We had three shows at Cottonwood Mall and had a very successful seminar at the District Convention in Las Cruces. This year we will be going back to the Cottonwood Mall and we will even venture out to ABQ Uptown. My goal is to contact malls throughout New Mexico where we have Chapters to see if we can hold Mall Shows there also. I can use the help of each Member of the Chapters in our District to help make people aware of us enjoying our toys safely.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner

District F & Chapter F

Motorist Awareness &

District Treasure

Never ride faster than your angle can fly.

MEDIC First Aid Coordinator

Gail Reynolds

From Joel and Marti Winkler – Region MFA Coordinators

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE REGION F's NEW RED HEART PIN PROGRAM

When you complete a Medic First Aid CPR/FA class, you will be given an enameled Red Heart pin for your vest.



By wearing this pin, you are among an elite group of individuals who take pride in displaying their rider education levels and commitment to education.

After receipt of your class roster from your facilitator, the Red Heart pins will be mailed to them for distribution back to you.

If you've had a CPR/FA class within the last 2 years and would like a pin, you will be able to order one from the Winklers for \$4; your class participation will be confirmed. If you have used a different provider, a copy of your current card is required.

JOEL AND MARTI WOULD LIKE TO SEE RED HEARTS ALL OVER REGION F!





Yes!

I would like to participate in Region F's **RED HEART** program!

Please send me _____  @ \$4 each.

Mail  to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ GWRRRA # _____

Phone Number _____

CPR Class Date _____

Email _____

Send this form with your **check payable to GWRRRA Region F** to:

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Membership Enhancement

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski

NEWSLETTERS AND IMAGINATION

Imagination (def.): ability to visualize: the ability to form images and ideas in the mind, especially of things never seen or experienced directly.

So, what does imagination have to do with Membership Enhancement? To paraphrase a Star Trek line we have heard many times before; imagination allows us to boldly go where we have never been before. This is a pretty nebulous statement; how does one visualize something you have never experienced directly? I have a particular method that I use and I will get to it in a few lines. To me, a successful Membership Enhancement program requires imagination to move a chapter forward. Because of space limitations I will address just one tool of membership enhancement, the chapter newsletter.

Everyone isn't blessed with a vivid imagination, we included, and sometimes an aide is needed to enhance the thought process. The search engine, GOOGLE, is a great tool one can use to enhance the thought process for virtually any subject you want to address in the newsletter.



For example: pull up GOOGLE on your computer. On the bar at the top of the Google screen click on Images. Now let your thoughts run wild and type in a word(s) that is motorcycle related; anything, Try different combinations of words; e.g., "motorcycle Christmas" About 100 or so pages will pop up addressing the subject in images. Let's get a little closer to what we may be interested in; type "Gold Wing Motorcycle Christmas". Looking for stocking stuffers, this is the place. Let's stay on images and type in "motorcycle motorist awareness". Looking for a graphic to enhance your newsletter article, here are a whole slew of them. How about a motorcycle motorist awareness article for the newsletter? Click on Google-Web, type in "motorcycle motorist awareness" and look what pops up. Chances are there is an article there that you can use for the newsletter. The same approach can be used for motorcycle safety, motorcycle rider education, so forth. One doesn't have to stretch your memory for appropriate things to write about when there are plenty of worthwhile articles one can "borrow" (make sure you attribute the article to the author).

Your creative ability is only limited by your ability to string together appropriate words into the Google search box. Type in the word "Goldwing" and virtually any word after it and something will pop up. It is then for you to see if you have an appropriate response that you can use in your newsletter article. Google is a GREAT source of information!

Now, how do you get a graphic, photo, etc., from the monitor screen to your newsletter. I use a program that is available to all Windows Vista & 7 users – Snipping Tool. Doing a Google search for "Snipping Tool" shows that one can download the program for use on XP although I can't vouch for that I leave it to you to see if that is workable. This is also a GREAT tool that I use several times a week. Apparently there are other programs that can be downloaded that perform the same function as the Snipping Tool.

Bottom line, take a look at Google, experiment with it and see what you can come up with that can be used to enhance your newsletter and make it a more interesting and fun chapter feature. Contact us if you need more guidance.

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski
NM District Membership Coordinators

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 NM-F Gathering NM-R Gathering
8	9	10	11	12 TX-A1 Gathering	13	14 NM-D Gathering
15 NM-W Gathering	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

LISTED BELOW ARE ALL THE CHAPTER GATHERING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

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| <p>“A1” El Paso 2nd Thursday 6:00pm eat
IHOP 7:00pm Meet
1341 George Dieter
El Paso, TX</p> | <p>“C” Clovis 1st Sunday 8:00am
Smokin' Skillet
2018 Mabry Drive
Clovis, NM</p> |
| <p>“D” Farmington 2nd Saturday 9:00am
Golden Corral
1715 East Main St
Farmington, NM</p> | <p>“F” Albuquerque 1st Saturday 7:30am Eat
Golden Corral 8:30am Meet
2701 Coors Blvd, NW
Albuquerque, NM</p> |
| <p>“R” Roswell 1st Saturday Noon
Feb 4, May 5, Aug 4, Nov 3
Los Cerritos Restaurant
2103 N. Main St
Roswell, 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</p> | <p>“W” Albuquerque 3rd Sunday 7:30am Eat
Golden Corral 8:15am Meet
10415 Central Ave, NE
Albuquerque, NM</p> |

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