

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

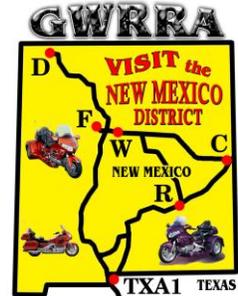
Gold Wing Road Riders Association - Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



GWRRA



REGION F



NM DISTRICT

District Directors

Keith & Teresa Morrison

We can't believe that 40 to Phoenix is only 13 days away. As was reported last month, If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ralph and Robynn, randrfrench@comcast.net, or (505) 275-1071, I'm sure they would welcome the help.

The riders will be departing on the morning of Wednesday March 14 if anyone would like to ride with them to Phoenix. This is the 3rd year for the event. The first year there were about 17 bikes and 38 folks showed up at GWRRA home office. Last year there were 70 bikes and 101 folks show up. Image the numbers this year!!! We think the number just in New Mexico have tripled this year.

There is a flyer on the event later in the newsletter for those looking for more information.

Please get involved and help Chapter W knock it out of the park representing the District!!!

The District Christmas Party is a go!!! The date is Saturday December 8 at 7pm, so please come join the fun.

Teresa and I would like to welcome Tom Evans back on the Team. I asked Tom for some technical help and he's busy working away on a new and friendlier website. Thanks Tom!!!

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

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

Keith & Teresa



Assistant District Directors

Doug & Chris Pettigrew

Become a Team Player

Many of us have to tread a fine path when dealing with colleagues. Ideally, we would all work at the same pace and with the same intensity. At the end of each day everyone would be happy... feeling that there were no weak links and everyone was doing a good job. As we all know, however, things do not work like that. Being part of a team means knowing how your team-mates work best. Yet few of us do, and this can cause false and deeply hurtful misunderstandings and assumptions about your performance.

Remember: *Some people work best alone.*

Selfishness will get noticed. Taking the credit for something other people have done will only alienate you from them, and make them less likely to help in the future.

Selflessness gets noticed for the right reasons. If you are an expert in a particular area and others are struggling, give them a hand. Do this in an open and friendly manner, but do not expect to get any extra points for it - your help should be a favor. Like many favors, however, you may get a reward in the future when you least expect it.

Be wary of criticizing someone too readily if they appear to be struggling. They may well be doing their best and are embarrassed to say they are out of their depth. This is bad enough in an office situation, but I have seen junior employees at the start of their career who have never recovered from vicious comments made by others simply because, as a result of inexperience, they were not working quickly enough.

I had a friend that attended a 'team-building' course with other friends. The aim was to encourage a closer working relationship and thereby increase efficiency and morale. While this illuminated good points, it also showed just how much personalities determine whether a team will work well together or not. Everyone had talents, but these either were not known, or were not being used correctly. People got on well with each other unless someone appeared to be promoting themselves above the rest of the team. The result was general discontent.

Teamwork means there is a common desire to do the best you can, while accepting that everyone in the team has limitations. At the very least, be seen to be a team player, on the principle that selfishness gets noticed and selflessness can get results. If a project involves a number of people, don't be the weak cog in the wheel.

Being part of a team can be very rewarding. Whether it is with GWRRA or any other organization, try being part of a team. Reaching goals and triumphing with a team is much better than celebrating alone. ☺

Ride safe and often,

Doug and Chris Pettigrew
Assistant District Directors
Chapter C Directors

Rider Education

Jerry & Becky Stillwagon

In a previous article, I discussed “situation awareness”. According to the internet and Wikipedia “situation awareness” involves being aware of what is happening around you to understand how information, events, and your own actions will impact your goals and objectives, both now and in the near future.

I was contacted by a fellow GWRRA member from Florida and he suggested that I need to take the discussion a little further. A rider and his fiancé, co-rider, stopped at a stop light. The rider, not considering his surroundings, was chatting with his fiancé; he failed to notice the car being pursued by the police. The car clipped the motorcycle. The police stopped the pursuit to render aid to the two on the motorcycle who made a trip to the hospital. In discussions with the police officer after the accident it was determined that had the rider pulled the motorcycle up two or three feet the motorcycle would have been clear of the lane. (The co-ride died at the hospital and the driver of the car was never apprehended.)

The Florida police had a speed control check set up, the motorcycle was going over the posted limit and was pointed over to the side. As the motorcycle slowed down, the rider failed to notice the vehicle approaching him from the rear. The vehicle could not slow down as fast as the motorcycle and hit the motorcycle sending the rider to the hospital. He may never ride or walk again. The vehicle was obviously at fault in this case, but had the rider been alert he may have been able to avoid the accident.

GWRRA and MSF courses teach us that as we approach a stop to down- shift and be ready move out when the time is right. Whether riding in a group, riding alone or being pulled over by the police you, the rider, are always responsible for yourself and your motorcycle.

Our riding own experience and possibly experiences of other, provide us with knowledge that enables us to handle those unexpected situations in the best way possible. If you have had a riding event that you think may be helpful to someone in the future please e-mail it to me. I would love to share it. As always, I will keep your name confidential if you prefer.

Ride often and ride save.

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Motor Awareness Coordinators

By Gene & Jeanie Wagner

WHY MOTORIST AWARENESS.

Few of us could have foreseen the increased hazards imposed on motorcyclists in the past years. Competitive vehicle operators are more distracted than any of us could ever have imagined. In our judgment, we have crossed into a new era that will need the cooperation of all highway users to cope with our modern-day traffic congestion. RIDE AWARE is the GWRRA campaign to reduce the amount of conflict arising between automobiles and trikes in our increasingly chaotic highway environment. Ride aware will take two approaches to conflict reduction. First, Ride Aware will focus on increasing motorist's awareness of their presence. And secondly, the program will increase motorist's awareness awareness of motorcycles and motorcyclists. First: To reduce death, disability and loss or property resulting from accidents in which a motorcyclist's right of way has been violated by another motorist.

Second: To increase motorcyclist's awareness of the attitudes and lack of awareness that the majority of motorists have regarding motorcycles. Our Third Objective: To increase awareness of motorcycles through actively and aggressively conducting events, campaigns and presentations to audiences that are predominantly non-motorcycling.

Next newsletter will have Part Two. "WE ARE DYING TO BE SEEN"

Another month gone by and I believe that we did not have an accident throughout the NM District. Give yourself a hand.

Have a great day and ride safe.

Gene & Jeanie Wagner
District & Chapter F
Motorist Awareness &
District Treasurer

Never ride faster than your angle can fly.



MEDIC First Aid Coordinator

Gail Reynolds

Understanding Your First Aid Kit Contents



Every first aid kit lists basically the same items on the box. If you find yourself with one of those boxes in your closet, car, RV, or luggage, you may have wondered what you are supposed to do with each item during the very emergency for which it was designed. The following are descriptions and uses of the most common first aid kit contents.

This list is not exhaustive and these descriptions are for informational use only. You should get appropriate training in first aid and CPR before you are called upon to help someone in a time of need with any of the items listed here.

First Aid Kits

Building and Storing Your First Aid Kits

By [Rod Brouhard](#), About.com Guide

Updated October 17, 2011

Get a Container for Your First Aid Kit

Your first aid kit should be accessible and portable. You aren't going to pack the kitchen sink in your first aid kit, but you want it to be big enough to carry the basics. A small tackle box makes a good first aid kit, or it can be as simple as a resealable freezer bag. Consider the type of first aid kit you plan to build and where you will keep your it.

Where to Keep Your First Aid Kit

First aid kits have a habit of ending up in the backyard, upstairs, at the curb, out in the garage, etc. Keeping your home first aid kit in a central location helps to keep it accessible during large or small emergencies. It's a good idea to maintain different first aid kits for the home and each car. Different first aid kits mean they will be available at all times. Some places to keep first aid kits:

1. bathroom cabinets
2. kitchen cabinets
3. car (glove compartment is most accessible)
4. boat
5. workshop
6. garage
7. playground

8. classroom
9. church

The Most Important Item for a Motorcycle, Car or Boat First Aid Kit

When planning a car or boat first aid kit, there is only one item that is absolutely necessary. No matter what you pack for bandaging material, splints, or even if you have a shield for doing mouth to mouth, your first aid kit must have a [cellular phone](#). There is no better tool in the event of an emergency. If you can't access emergency medical services, your motorcycle, car or boat first aid kit is not complete.

Cellular phones need to have enough battery power to turn on, but they don't need a contract with a service to call 9-1-1. Federal law mandates that cell phones must be able to reach 9-1-1 anytime the number is called, regardless of the service agreement. Take that old cell phone you don't use anymore and put it in your first aid kit for emergencies. If you don't have one, there are programs to unite old, unused cell phones with people who need them for emergencies.

Medical Information for Your First Aid Kit

While not part of your first aid kit, anyone with a medical problem should have that medical information easily accessible at all times. There are several ways to [organize medical information](#) and make it available to rescuers.

For the rest of your first aid kit, you'll need:

- acetaminophen and/or
- ibuprofen
- tweezers
- alcohol wipes
- antiseptic hand cleaner
- medical adhesive tape
- sterile gauze (four inch squares are best)
- elastic bandages
- several sizes of adhesive bandages
- insect bite swabs
- triple-antibiotic ointment
- hydrogen peroxide
- bandage scissors
- triangular bandages
- instant cold packs
- exam gloves
- barrier device for CPR

More on First Aid Kits next time.

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Membership Enhancement

Joe & Nancy Opuszenski



One of our (most of Region F) most vexing problems is how do we get our far off Members involved in Chapter activities. In many cases over half of our Chapter Membership is 100 or more miles away from our gathering locations. I am reminded of the old 1984 classic AT&T commercial "Reach Out and Touch Someone" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HO17B-ACRn0>). You can wait for people to come to you, or you can engage them where they are, and so it is with our distant Members.

So how do we, the Team, engage these far off, and sometime near, "ghost" Members? First off, the TEAM, must take the initiative and make a connection. This can be by telephone, emails, Facebook, Twitter or what have you. The TEAM must develop innovative methods to include these Members in Chapter activities even if they are physically unable to attend an event. So, how do we do that?

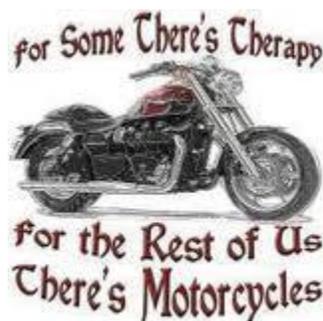
Many Chapters already have programs where they list Member birthdays and anniversaries in the Chapter newsletter. Some chapters also track member's monthly mileage and post it in their newsletter. How about including a photo of the Member and their bike in the newsletter, perhaps with a short bio? Perhaps a newsletter photo of grandma/grandpa with the grandchildren sitting on the bike? How about a month the newsletter is devoted to Members and their "fur children"? We belong to the Sidecar Club of America and the March magazine is devoted to sidecar owners and their sidecar dogs. Maybe have a ride to a Member's outlying location and meet on his and her turf. All of the above serve to create that all-important Member-Chapter bond that is necessary to make members feel they have a place in Chapter activities.

If any of you have other methods of drawing members to your activities sent then to us and we will forward them to the District.



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New Chapter Director in Town

Larry E. Kunard

GWRRA Texas A1 (El Paso, Texas)

The gathering place (IHOP) was rock-n-rolling tonight in anticipation of the new Chapter Director coming on board. First, let me say both, Jim and Estella Brucker, have done a wonderful job for the past two years. The crowd was larger than life tonight. There were individuals there that was haven't seen in months. No photographers of the event were taken. So, let me list some names: Keith Morrison, District Director. Rick & Debbie Ramos, Warren Goodman, Ken & Doris Scannell, Chuck & Sue Winter, Ralph Saucedo, Jose Miramontes, John & Gail Reynolds, Tracy Griffin, Richard & Patty Melancon, Jim & Estela Brucker, Mike Swatzell, Joyce Mowad, Chip Wingard, Linda Green Bill & Rhonda Westbury, Bill, Toni Wilkinson, Sharma Brown, Tom & Lisa Evans Robert & Lynn Janisse, Marv & Jane Proctor and Steve Stillman. If I didn't mention your name, it's cuz you didn't sign the "sign in" sheet. Keith Morrison passed out some well-deserved awards.

Now that I have mentioned everybody, I want to "THANK" everybody for the high honor of being allowed to be GWRRA Texas A1's Chapter Director. I pledge my commitment to the Chapter and hope that I am worthy of the position. I have completed the Officer's Certification Course. I have also achieved GWRRA's level (4) in rider's education. If you would like to learn more about the GWRRA organization by taking a OCP course, please let me assist you. In return, I am hoping for your participation in our gatherings, rides and other events. I am seeking your input on direction and goals for our Chapter. My first guideline is **"Let's have fun doing it."**

Remember, "If there is something you disagree with, tell me. If there is something good, tell everyone"

GWRRA Texas A1's new Team

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I never dreamed that we could put together such an awesome Team. Be sure to "THANK" each of your Team for stepping up into a leadership position for your GWRRA Texas A1 family.

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 NM-F Gathering NM-R Gathering
4 NM-C Gathering	5	6	7	8 TX-A1 Gathering	9	10 NM-D Gathering NM-W Mardi Gras Dinner
11	12	13 40 to Phoenix Party in Moriarty 	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 NM-W Gathering	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



***Start 2012 off with our 3rd Annual Coast to Coast International Ride!
Visit the GWRRA International Headquarters in Beautiful Phoenix, Arizona!***

***Riders will depart from Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at 7
AM***

Come meet us for a pre-ride brief/dinner on Friday March 9th, 2012, from 6-8 PM at Carolina BBQ; 2703 North College Road, Wilmington, NC.

Overnight stop points are; Knoxville, TN; Little Rock, AR; El Reno, OK; Morairty, NM; Phoenix, AZ; San Diego, CA; with an excursion to TJ & Ensenada, Mexico; See web site for up-to-date information:

Events are planned at each stop hosted by a local chapter. 50/50, raffles and more, National is providing Ice Cream, Music, 50/50's, raffles, drinks, and more. Venders are Honda, Can AM and J&M to mention a few.

Tour the GWRRA Home Office and receive your Special "I Visited the Home Office" Pin!

Let's MAKE GWRRA HISTORY "AGAIN!"

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Liability Release: Participants agree to hold harmless GWRRA, the co-sponsoring organization(s) and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property by reason of participating in this event.

A vibrant poster for a Mardi Gras dinner. The background is white with various Mardi Gras-themed elements: a golden saxophone, a green mask with gold trim, a blue ribbon, and strings of purple, green, and gold beads. Several gold doubloons are scattered around. The text is arranged in a festive, celebratory manner.

Mardi Gras Dinner

March 10, 2012

\$20 per person

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler

*Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church
8600 Academy NE*

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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Quilt Show

Larry E. Kunard

The 11th Judged Quilt Show “A Century of Enchantment” presented by the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild was held at the Las Cruces Convention Center on February 10th & 11th. Over 200 quilts were judged. Special exhibits of vintage quilts were also displayed.

Estela Brucker entered two of her quilts. The one on the left took third place in the Specialty Category.



Jazmine Brucker also entered a quilt in the Junior Division where she took a ribbon and a \$50.00 cash prize. Below you will see her quilt as it was displayed at the show. All quilts were made with a lot of labor and time. One of Estela’s quilts was appraised at a value over \$800.

Estela and Jazmine have received many ribbons from the quilt shows where they have entered their different quilts. The quilts are designed, sewn and quilted by Estela and Jazmine.

Estela plans to enter a quilt she is working on in the show in Abilene in June of this year.

Jazmine, at the present time has no plans for another quilt.

Estela has 7 years of quilt making experience and Jazmine has 4 years. Both ladies can make a mean quilt.

LISTED BELOW ARE ALL THE CHAPTER GATHERING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

<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</p> <p>Carlsbad Mar 3, Jun 2, Sept 1, Dec 1 Best Western Steven's Inn 1829 S Canal Carlsbad, NM</p> <p>Hobbs Jan 7, Apr 7, Jul 7 Rancher Steakhouse 2022 N Turner Hobbs, NM</p> <p>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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