



WING WORDS



Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) Region I WY Chapter B, Cheyenne WY

January 2011

JIM JAWS

Jim and Paulette Lysne
Chapter Directors

Photo
next
month

Your NEW chapter directors are the reason that this newsletter is late. Guess I'll have to get into a routine of writing an article and get it turned in on time.

As of January 1, 2011 Paulette and I became the new Chapter B Directors. Hopefully we will be able to keep the chapter going smoothly and keep everyone happy.

This is going to be short this month. Will try to have more next month.

Jim & Paulette Lysne
Chapter Directors

DANCIN' DAN

Dan Wilhelm and
Jacque Armes
Assistant Chapter Directors

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Hello everyone. Jacque and I are the new assistant directors for chapter B. We are looking forward to having lots of fun this year.

We have been in GWRRA almost three years and have really enjoyed the activities. We were the couple of the year for 2009, and the district couple for 2010. We attended officer certification program classes in the summer of 2010.

I have worked for Simon Contractors for over 30 years. I drive a concrete mixer. Jacque is retired. She was a telecommunications manager for 25 years.

We have enjoyed riding our 1994 Honda Goldwing trike which we purchased in May of 2006. We started riding a Kawasaki, but found it was not very comfortable. The trike really beats anything for comfort and ease.

I love to dance to the music while riding down the highway. I also love to dance on the dance floor.

Talk to you next month.

Love, Dancin' Dan and Jacque



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Jim Lovell



50/50 DRAWING

1st—Marla Muirbrook

2nd—Dave Hill

3rd—JT Thomas

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CHAPTER B MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Monthly meeting - 2nd Saturday

Breakfast at 8am

Meeting at 9am

Country Buffet at Frontier Mall

Dinner Run – Usually the last Friday
Location varies



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

2nd Dawna Hill
Hoa Kent
Rip Van Winkle
Larry Barkell
15th Kenny Harvey
17th Susann Anderson
26th Howard Segal
31st Dana Guertin



ANNIVERSARIES

9th Bob & Mary Snipes
17th Russ & Suki Rubright
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the rider ed guy



Hello Guys & Lady Friends. Well another year has come and gone. We've enjoyed some great rides as a chapter and some eventful ones also. I'd like to thank everyone who has helped do anything for our chapter this past year. I'm sure this coming year will be great too.

Now for a little refresher on the Rider Education Program in GWRRA. There are four levels in the REP.
--Level #1: A Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times. Probably the most important of all levels.
--Level #2: A Certified rider's course with 5000 Safe Miles for riders. Co-riders need a certified Co-Rider Seminar or 2-Up Rider course.

--Level #3: Current in Level 2 and have taken either First Aid or CPR training. Level #4: Current in Level #3 for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Must have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at ALL Times.

--Level #4 Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders pay \$35.00 each. All other Levels are at no cost. You can buy patches for a nominal fee. Chapter B will gladly buy your Level #1 patches for you. So there you have the program structure:

*Level I Safety by Commitment

*Level II Safety by Education

*Level III Safety by Preparedness

*Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

Next month I'll go into the different levels of the Master Tour Riders.

Ride Safe and Ride OFTEN(weather permitting). Bob.



A GREAT STORY

From SNOPEs:
True....The event received little publicity due to security precautions and because Mr. Levin insisted that no press or politicians be allowed to ride along on the train.....

Navy Game - The Rest of the Story

It started last Christmas, when Bennett and Vivian Levin were overwhelmed by sadness while listening to radio reports of injured American troops. "We have to let them know we care," Vivian told Bennett. So they organized a trip to bring soldiers from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital to the annual Army-Navy football game in Philly, on Dec. 3.

The cool part is they created their own train line to do it. Yes, there are people in this country who actually own real trains. Bennett Levin - native Philly guy, self-made millionaire and irascible former L&I commish - is one of them.

He has three luxury rail cars. Think mahogany paneling, plush seating and white-linen dining areas. He also has two locomotives, which he stores at his Juniata Park train yard. One car, the elegant Pennsylvania, carried John F. Kennedy to the Army-Navy game in 1961 and '62. Later, it carried his brother Bobby's body to D. C. for burial. "That's a lot of history for one car," says Bennett.

He and Vivian wanted to revive a tradition that endured from 1936 to 1975 during which trains carried Army-Navy spectators from around the country directly to the stadium where the annual game is played. The Levins could think of no better passengers to reinstate the ceremonial ride than the wounded men and women recovering at Walter Reed in D. C. and Bethesda, in Maryland. "We wanted to give them a first-class experience," says Bennett. "Gourmet meals on board, private transportation from the train to the stadium, perfect seats - real hero treatment."

Through the Army War College Foundation, of which he is a trustee, Bennett met with Walter Reed's commanding general, who loved the idea. But Bennett had some ground rules first, all designed to keep the focus on the troops alone:

No press on the trip, lest the soldiers' day of pampering devolve into a media circus.

No politicians either, because, says Bennett, "I didn't want some idiot making this trip into a campaign photo op."

And no Pentagon suits on board, otherwise the soldiers would be too busy saluting superiors to relax.

The general agreed to the conditions, and Bennett realized he had a problem on his hands. "I had to actually make this thing happen," he laughs.

Over the next months, he recruited owners of 15 other sumptuous rail cars from around the country - these people tend to know each other - into lending their vehicles for the day. The name of their temporary train? The *Liberty Limited*.

Amtrak volunteered to transport the cars to D. C. - where they'd be coupled together for the round-trip ride to Philly - then back to their owners later.

Conrail offered to service the Liberty while it was in Philly. And SEPTA drivers would bus the disabled soldiers 200 yards from the train to Lincoln Financial Field, for the game.

A benefactor from the War College ponied up 100 seats to the game - on the 50-yard line - and lunch in a hospitality suite. And corporate donors filled, for free and without asking for publicity, goodie bags for attendees:

From Woolrich, stadium blankets. From Wal-Mart, digital cameras. From Nikon, field glasses. From GEAR, down jackets. There was booty not just for the soldiers, but for their guests, too, since each was allowed to bring a friend or family member. The Marines, though, declined the offer. "They voted not to take guests with them, so they could take more Marines," says Levin, choking up at the memory.

Bennett's an emotional guy, so he was worried about how he'd react to meeting the 88 troops and guests at D. C.'s Union Station, where the trip originated. Some GIs were missing limbs. Others were wheelchair-bound or accompanied by medical personnel for the day. "They made it easy to be with them," he says. "They were all smiles on the ride to Philly. Not an ounce of self-pity from any of them. They're so full of life and determination."

At the stadium, the troops reveled in the game, recalls Bennett. Not even Army's lopsided loss to Navy could deflate the group's rollicking mood.

Afterward, it was back to the train and yet another gourmet meal – heroes get hungry, says Levin - before returning to Walter Reed and Bethesda. "The day was spectacular," says Levin. "It was all about these kids. It was awesome to be part of it."

The most poignant moment for the Levins was when 11 Marines hugged them goodbye, then sang them the Marine Hymn on the platform at Union Station.

"One of the guys was blind, but he said, 'I can't see you, but man, you must be beautiful!'" says Bennett. "I got a lump so big in my throat, I couldn't even answer him."

It's been three weeks, but the Levins and their guests are still feeling the day's love. "My Christmas came early," says Levin, who is Jewish and who loves the Christmas season. "I can't describe the feeling in the air." Maybe it was hope.

As one guest wrote in a thank-you note to Bennett and Vivian, "The fond memories generated last Saturday will sustain us all - whatever the future may bring."

God bless the Levins. And bless the troops, every one.

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WANTED: Newsletter Editor for Chapter B Newsletter. Must know how to turn on a computer (or be a really good, quick printer—no one writes in cursive anymore), be somewhat creative (or at least pretend to be on occasion), be able to transfer information from one document to another (i.e. cut and paste), have a few hours a month not already scheduled (yes, 2 am to 4 am is available from time to time), be able to laugh at yourself when you make a mistake (cuz you will)! If interested (now don't all bum rush us at once), please see Julie and Charlie Caine immediately.



Another sign of the times.....

We all know that times are tough, the economy is in turmoil and the very way of life in our great country is changing as we know it. Another victim of the times has come to pass.....Interstate Honda in Fort Collins has closed their doors until further notice. A notice from their website, in part, says the following:

"It is with heavy heart that I write this farewell. On Jan 4th, 2011 we have chosen to close the doors due to economic reasons which I'm sure most people can relate to. It has been our pleasure and honor to have served you all for the past 18 years. Over the next few weeks we will be organizing a time that our customers will be able to come in and pick up there special orders and units in our service department. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this has caused but our intention is for everyone to get what they have paid for. If you have any questions please email us at ihonda@frii.com or check back here for updates."

And with those words, so ends an era in Northern Colorado motorcycling. It is truly a shame to have lost Interstate to the shifting sands of economic despair. They were a trusted friend and service provider for many members of our chapter. Julie and I both purchased our current rigs there as have many others.

With Interstate's passing comes the question for many, what now? Maverick Cycles is the only local Honda dealership. Chapter experience with Maverick has been mixed. My experiences have been good as have some others I am aware of. Several others have had bad experiences. For better or worse, they are a local service provider and may warrant reconsideration. In addition there are Honda Dealerships in Denver for those wanting to transport their rigs for service. There are also independent service operations locally who may routinely service Goldwings and others.

One member of our chapter, Phil Runyon has worked on members bikes for years and done a good job in my experience. Phil's labor rate was a fraction of the dealerships and work quality was outstanding. Work he did on my Wing was beyond simple general maintenance and was well done, timely and affordable. Phil says he is able to handle most routine maintenance work and does have a tire machine. He is full time employed also, so turnaround may take a bit of planning. Phil provides an option to trailering for service, so think about giving him a call to help with your maintenance work.

The loss of Interstate Honda is tragic for those of us who have utilized them and found them to be friendly and customer service oriented. As a chapter, we can use this opportunity to redefine our expectations for customer service and help to support those who support us. Please pass along information regarding satisfaction with other providers so that we can all benefit from your experiences.

See you down the road,

Charlie Caine

MONTHLY FUNNIES

Can you cry under water?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"?
Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours? They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Local Motorcycle Group Meetings / Contacts

ABATE of Cheyenne

1st Saturday of every month, 8:00 a.m. Country Buffet, Cheyenne
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Christian Motorcyclists Association



Christian Motorcyclists Association

3rd Saturday of each month, Country Buffet – Cheyenne, WY Breakfast
 8:00 a.m., meeting begins at 8:45 a.m. www.cmausa.org
 Contact: Jim Estabrook (307) 514-4322 twowingers@juno.com

Harley Owners Group

2nd Saturday of the month at 6:00 PM
 Location varies
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Motor Maids Inc.

Contact: Regional Director Lee Ann Stephenson
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STAR Touring & Riding Association Chapter 368

Chapter meeting 2nd Thursday each month—location varies. Call for details.
 Monthly ride, weather permitting.
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***** WY-B 2011 Schedule of Events *****

FEB 12 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.

MAR 5-6 GWRRA OCP training, Cheyenne, begins at 9 am. Location TBD
Sat. & Sun.

Mar 12 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.

Mar 19 Chapter B Birthday party. Knights of Columbus. Breakfast begins at 8 am, program
Sat. begins at 9 am.

APR 2 GWRRA Leadership training, Cheyenne. Location and time TBD.
Sat.

Apr 9 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.

Apr 16 Chapter B Maintenance Day. Joe and Lynne Dolwick's house. 9 am - ???
Sat.

Apr 23 Dinner Run—Progressive Dinner beginning at the Caine's, then Hill's ending at
Sat. Snipes. 4 pm.

May 14 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.

May 27-29 Colorado Region F Rally, Pueblo, Colorado
Fri.-Sun.

June 4 Chapter B Memorial Service TBA
Sat.

June 11 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.

June 16-18 GWRRA Wyoming District Rally, Riverton, WY
Thu.-Sat.

July 7-9 GWRRA Wing Ding, Knoxville, TN
Thu.-Sat.

July 9 GWRRA Monthly meeting – Country Buffet at Frontier Mall
Sat. Breakfast at 8 am, Meeting begins at 9 am.