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Articles of the Month

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CD's Corner

Well if you haven't heard by now let me let you in on some real good news. Dave and Sandie Novitt are our new Region F Couple of the Year for 2006-2007. Congratulations! Great Job!

Now comes the next big step of representing our region, district and chapter at Wing Ding next year. I hope that I will be able to be there and see them be selected as the International COY. It's been a long time since Region F has had an International COY. Wouldn't it be great if they did win? It's been even longer since anyone from Arizona has won that title. Let's give them our support in obtaining that goal.

I also heard that Chapter A won the best dressed competition at the region rally. Nice going guys. Was there any doubt that the chapter would win? With those shirts that we have the chapter looks great. Thanks for representing us at the competition.

Lumpy, I hear, won the talent show for his comedy routine, whatever it was that he did. I was told that he was just his usual self, whatever that means.

Boy is it hot these days; I hope that you are taking lots of fluids with you when you go out for a ride. Water is best for you when you are out there in this heat. Not only can you drink it but you can pour it on you to cool the outside. Try that with a soft drink see how that feels. Auk!!!! Make sure you stop often and drink lots of water.

For those of us not going to Wing Ding, don't forget about our 4th of July party at Gene and Jean's house. See the map in the newsletter for directions. We should have a good time.

For those of you that are doing some traveling these next few months be safe and have fun and we will see you when you gat back ,from where ever you went.

Hey if you have a favorite ride that you would like to share with us it can be a short or a long ride, let us know so we can get it in the newsletter. Maybe you have a favorite ice cream place that you like to go, too, the weather is just right for something like that.

Okay folks, see you all down the road.

Pablo

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Hello everyone. D.W.Gary and Stephen Gillette rode to the Case Grande Ruins National Monument on the impromptu ride of May 13. The cost was \$5.00 for a visit to the small museum. We finished the ride circling back to Tucson by way of I-10. Noted at the start of the trip, a group of Harleys (10) members of the American Legion Club of Post 190 also rode to the ruins. Their formation was the same as ours but as one group, hand signals were used very well, speed OK but engine noise too much. Thanks for the quiet GoldWing.

June 4th Michael & Cheryl Reich met D.W. for the Brown Bag ride to Kitt Peak. Due to the heat, the long ride the Reiches had taken the day before and a couple other factors the ride was concealed. I do thank the Reiches for showing up.

No rides set up in July, too hot and everyone vacationing. Looking for ride inputs for the rest of the year, dates-time of departure-cost if any-approx. duration of ride (short, med., or over eight hours).

Thanks everyone for riding with Chapter A
Hugs and Kisses "D"

Check out my new duds!

**Thanks Gene McGaughey
for sewing me an official
Chapter A Shirt!**



Alfie all dressed up!

REGION F COUPLE OF THE YEAR

DAVE AND SANDIE NOVITT



District Events

June			
Date	Day	Chapter	Event
24	Saturday	R	Fountain Hills Ice Cream Ride

August			
Date	Day	Chapter	Event
4-6	Friday - Sunday	All	District Rally Pinetop AZ
19	Saturday	F	Chapter F Midnight Ride

July 4th WingDing Pool Party
At
Jeannie & Gene's

Pool opens at 2:00 pm

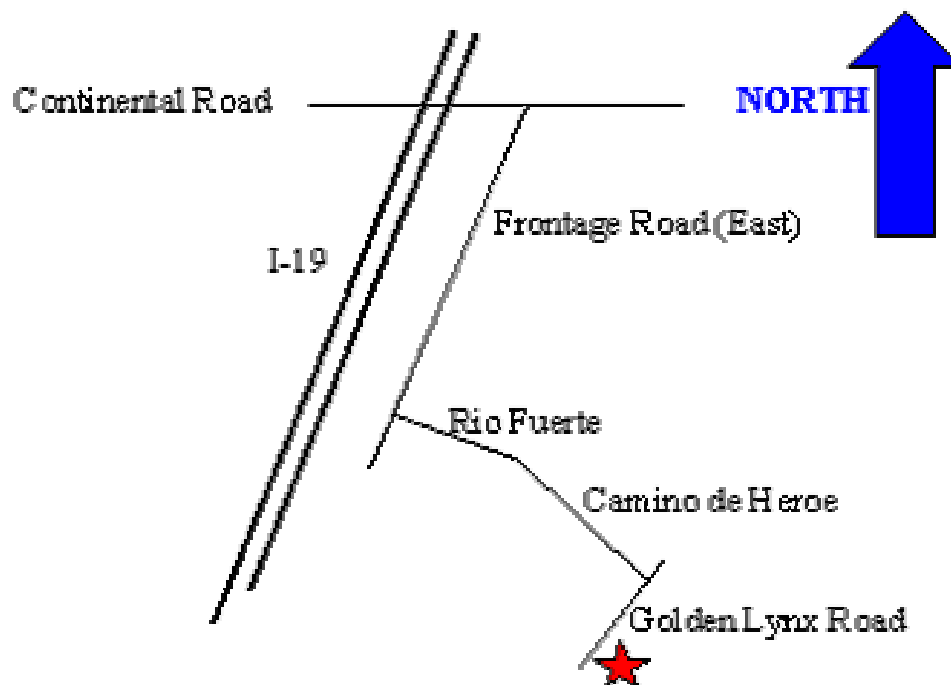
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What you want to drink;

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and

What you want to BBQ on the grill.



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Who Am I?

I have been with the Chapter a short time. I have visited Chapter D and Chapter E in my travels. I proudly wear my chapter shirt to all the meetings. I am ready to ride, but I can only be a co-rider. Come see me to get ten 50/50 tickets.



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District Rally

Hello everyone- I want to give you a little blast to let you know how the rally is progressing.

We have the hotels all set, really nice and not too far from the rally site. The rally is going to be at one site this year, Blue Ridge High School.

We are going to have a first class bike show, Mike McDonald and chapter E will be putting it on. The Arizona Drill Team will be performing and on site!!! We will have bike games, chapter D will be setting that up, Chapter B will be running the 50-25-25, Chapter W has established a Poker Run that will prove to be sightseeing as well as fun, followed by a luncheon set up by the RTs Black Bull, sports bar& grill.

There will be rides, short ones, medium and long rides for those interested. There will be rides that are guided, and the open ride that you follow a map. August is a pretty time of year here in the mountains and the rides will be enjoyable.

There will be vendors, COY/IOY Competition, we hope all chapters will have an entry, remind your folks it is all for fun. There will be Best dressed competition. There will be seminars, riding classes, Rider Ed Programs etc.

Saturday night there will be a dinner with professional entertainment, followed by an ice cream social for dessert. Following the dinner and ice cream we will have a light parade for the bikes that will wind thru Lakeside and Pinetop.

There are plenty of good spots to eat and get cool drinks in the area, there will be a hospitality suite at the host hotel and registration will occur there also. After the light parade there is a local casino that you can visit for your gaming interests as well as a lounge (free) with live music for dancing and listening pleasure.

Those chapters that have not responded regarding your selection for event participation please respond.

We are looking forward to the rally and hope you have a good turn out from each chapter.

Mike & Cora Mitchell
AZ District Directors

Rally Help

Hello everyone- as I promised eons ago, here is a list of the things that need assistance for the Rally, please let me know which one you will do and what you think you need to get it done.

Registration (at rally) :

Games: AZ-D

Best Dressed Program:

Seminar Coordinator:

Vendor Coordinator:

Security:

Bike Show : AZ-E

Hospitality room:

50-/25/25s:

Door prizes Coordinator:

Ice cream social:

If there is anything you can think of that you would rather do please let me know. Let's make this rally one to remember.

Mike & Cora Mitchell
AZ District Director



Rider Education

MYTHS

A lot of people have some beliefs about motorcycle riders and riding that aren't true. They are myths. How about some of the following:

MYTH: A skilled rider should be able to handle almost any situation.

The sharpest, most skilled motorcyclist in the world isn't going to be up to the task when a car turns or pulls out in front of him or her a short distance ahead and stops directly in the path of travel broadside. Believing that your superior skills will keep you out of trouble is a pipe dream, even if they are as good as you think. No matter how skilled you are, it's better to ride to avoid situations that can turn ugly. Slow down, scan far ahead, think strategically, and dress for the fall.

MY THOUGHTS:

We as a group are not highly skilled riders but good riders that take training periodically. I think that this training shows in the low rate of accidents that have occurred in our chapter.

MYTH: It's better to stay in your lane than split lanes.

In most parts of the world, motorcycles split lanes all the time, everywhere traffic is heavy. Here in the U.S., people often act as if lane-splitting is insane. But when someone actually studied it in the only place in the U.S. where it's legal (California), they discovered it's actually slightly safer than staying in the lane in heavy slow moving traffic. Still many motorcyclists berate others who do it, when they should be endorsing it.

MY THOUGHTS:

I still don't agree with lane splitting especially with a large touring bike that is almost 4 feet wide and might be pulling a trailer.

MYTH: I'm safer on the street than on an Interstate.

The thinking here must be that slower is safer, but that's only really true after the accidents begin. Controlled-access roadways are inherently safer because all the traffic is going the same way, and there are no side streets from which someone can pop into your path, no pedestrians, and, often, less roadside "furniture" to hit you or depart the roadway. Running down the road at 70 mph side-by-side with the whirling wheels of a semi may feel hairy, but you are actually safer than at half that speed on a city street or even a county road.

MY THOUGHTS:

If you feel uncomfortable in the high traffic areas you probably aren't riding enough. You can't escape traffic no matter where you ride. Somewhere you are going to have to be in high volume traffic. So get out and ride more and reduce your fears.

MYTH: A skilled rider can stop better with conventional brakes than with Anti-lock brakes.

Extensive testing done recently disproves this popular notion. Even on clean, dry, flat pavement, skilled, experienced riders (who did hundreds of panic stops for the testing on outrigger-equipped motorcycles) stopped in less distance with anti-lock brakes (ABS) than with conventional or linked braking systems. Though the tests didn't include samples on surfaces with slick, dirty or wet spots. ABS certainly would have performed better under those conditions while eliminating much of the risk of crashing.

The other cool thing about ABS on a motorcycle is that it allows you to safely practice panic stops without the risk of crashing caused by a lock up.

MY THOUGHTS;

I have seen a controlled demo with ABS on a wet surface and it is quite impressive. Also we ride in the desert area with a lot more sand, loose dirt and other debris that ABS would probably help the front wheel skids that we all experience from time to time especially at slow speed when parking.

The myths were taken from an article in Motorcycle Cruiser magazine written by Art Friedman and given to me by your Asst. Rider Educator , Jeff Kapp

LETS ALL RIDE SAFE AND MORE OFTEN

Dave Gormley AZA Chapter Educator

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July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 Chuck Eberly
- 11 Pat Finn
- 11 Patti Finn
- 13 Joanne Bracco
- 17 Dorsey Price
- 26 Stephen Gillette
- 28 Sandie Novitt

Anniversaries

- 1 Dave & Dee Gormley
- 26 Dorsey & Anne Price
- 28 Don & Jo Ann Calhoun
- 31 Bob & Leota Ryan

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Chapter Meetings

Chapter	Meeting Day	Chapter Director	Meeting Place
AZ-A	3 RD Saturday 8:15 AM	Pablo Alonzo 520-990-5549	Golden Corral 4380 E 22 nd , Tucson
AZ-B	3 RD Saturday 8:30 AM	Dwight & Rosemary Shaw 623-977-3398	Golden Coral 420 N Dysart Rd, Goodyear
AZ-C	4 th Tuesday 6:00 PM	Don & Linda Schulz 928-855-5468	Ramada Inn 271 Lake Havasu Ave. Lake Havasu
AZ-D	2 nd Saturday 7:30 AM	Ted & Tina Prentice 602-438-9660	Old Country Buffet 6625 E Southern Ave. Mesa
AZ-E	1st Tuesday 5:30 PM	Gene & Judy Goethe 520-452-1893	Golden Corral 798 South Highway 92 Sierra Vista
AZ-J	Email Notification	Tim & Mary Gales 928-774-7361	Email Notification
AZ-K	4th Saturday 8:00 AM	Maryann Jordan 520-299-4440	Golden Corral 715 E. Wetmore Tucson
AZ-M	1st Saturday 9:00 AM	George & Karen Gatton 928-468-8224	Mataza Casino Bingo Rm Mataza Casino Payson
AZ-P	1 st Thursday 7:00 PM	Al & Sandy Taylor 928-645-9444	Old West Steak House Page
AZ-R	2nd Saturday 8:30 AM	(WW) Bill Trask 623-776-1762	Old Country Buffet 17125 North 79 th Ave. Glendale
AZ-S	1st Saturday 8:00 AM	Ed Podolak 480-451-7989	Jason's Deli N/E Corner of Scottsdale & Shea Scottsdale
AZ-W	1 st Monday 6:30 PM	Chuck Bermele 928-532-2908	Pizza Factory 100 N. White Mountain Rd. Show Low
AZ-Y	4th Saturday 8:00 AM	William & Debbie Balzer 928-632-5247	Prescott Golf & Country Club Dewey, AZ

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For the latest information on chapter meeting places and staff visit the district/chapter website.

Ride Calendar

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 8am Chapter A Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 8 AM Chapter K Meeting
25 4 PM Impromptu Ride Depart Chevron Oracle & Magee	26	27	28	29	30	

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Pool Party 2 pm see flyer for details	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 8am Chapter A Meeting
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 8 AM Chapter K Meeting
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					