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Chapter A says goodbye to a former Chapter Director and long time friend, Dick Powell. He now rides with Jesus. Goodbye Dick we all will miss you.





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 accident begins. 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 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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Aug.19, 2006 - ride to TTT for Dessert.

We met to enjoy the delicious Desserts. Very yummy!! Oh My. So much ice cream and sweets. It was a good turnout. Had a nice visit.

Jerry & Maryann Jordan, Cliff & Diana Sias, Geb & Christy Bailey, Jon & Sharon Hofer, Dave & Dee Gormley, Fred & Louise Siddall. Sherrie Sorensen & Erik stopped in to visit.

We decided it was too late to travel farther, so had a nice night ride home.

Hugs, Dee

Aug. 20, 2006 - ride to Zulu's in Nogales, AZ for breakfast.

Met at I-10/ Wilmot, rode to Corona, on to Sonoita, and Patagonia, then to Nogales.

Greener grass than we have seen for many years. The flowers were gorgeous and the weather just right. Enjoyed a good breakfast and visiting; a good way to get to know each other. Returned through Green Valley, Continental Road and home.

Jerry & Maryann Jordan, D.W. Gary, Mike Nolan & Linda, Jon & Sharon Hofer, Bob & Althea Berry, Dave & Dee Gormley, Dan(Smitty) Smith and Pat Finn.

SO PLEASED TO SEE MORE AND MORE RIDERS -- And nice weather to ride in.

Hugs, Dee

Aug. 26, 2006-ride to Mammoth, dinner at La Casitas--5:30 PM.

Met at chevron -- Oracle/ Magee. Rode north to Mammoth, got cooler, and good curves.

Ate very good dinner at LaCasitas. More visiting, have new riders, and nice to get to know them. Return trip was dark and cooler, very nice riding.

Jerry & Maryann Jordan, Jon & Sharon Hofer, Dave & Dee Gormley, Geb & Christy Bailey, Ron Penner, Steve & Laurie Williams.

Bob Berry caught up with us as we were leaving Mammoth. He told us he had been shopping all day in Sierra Vista and purchased a new bike-1800- 06.

Congratulations, Bob!!

Ride safe-Hugs, Dee

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**IF YOU FIND YOUR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IN
THIS NEWSLETTER, SEE PABLO TO GET 10
50/50 TICKETS**

**Chapter A Christmas Party
December 9th
Metro Grill
6pm - 10pm**

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ARIZONA DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2006-2007

DIANE LUMPKIN



I arrived in Tucson in 1967 and have attended 25 years of Chapter A Rallies/Events and have been to about 14 Wing Dings. The first motorcycle I owned was a 1971 Honda CL175, and I now own a 2005 Wing. The best memory I have of Chapter A was the warm welcome received at the very first meeting I attended. My favorite job was my first in the Air Force, working with a small group of other GIs and civilians at the small radar site on the East coast accomplishing testing, modifying of circuits associated with electronic equipment. I did complete 21 years 7 months in the Air Force.

WHO AM I?

Be the first to come find me and get 10 50/50 tickets.

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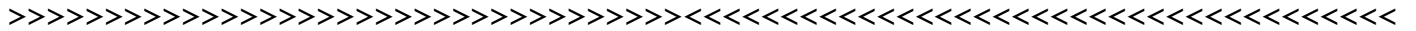
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Chapter Visor	\$10.00

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 Chapter Vests (Contact Stores for suggested retailer)

August Meeting Statistics

49 Members
 4 Visitors
 21 Bikes
 6 Trikes



Ride for Kids Info

Check out the new Ride for Kids area, <http://www.firstgiving.com/pbtfus>. This site lets you set up a personal fundraising page. What does that mean? It means you can set up a page that your friends and family can donate to the Ride for Kids online using Visa or Mastercard and it counts towards your donations.

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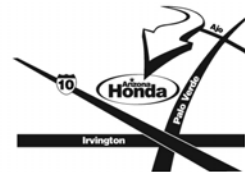


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SEPTEMBER 29-30, OCTOBER 1, 2006

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(previously the Holiday Inn Express)



Bikin' in the Basin

ACTIVITIES

Pre-registration drawing-\$100
Grand Prizes drawings
Rally 50/50
Ice Cream Social
Motorcycle Show
Best Mascot Competition
Grand Parade
Masters' Breakfast
MFA/CPR
Touring Chile Seminar
Nut Farm Tour
COY/IOY Selection
Rider Educ. Seminars
Rally Dinner & Fun

RIDES, etc.

Poker Ride
Cloudcroft
White Sands Monument
3 Rivers Petroglyphs
Sunspot/Timberon
Tularosa Basin Tour
Ruidoso
Space History Museum
Alameda Park & Zoo
Old Town Alamogordo
Toy Train Depot
Tularosa Basin Museum
Tularosa Old Town

For registration forms and other information
E-mail: NMRally2006@aol.com
Or Call 505-994-4150

Pre-registration must be postmarked no later than September 2, 2006
Saturday Dinner Tickets sold only with pre-registration
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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 Corral 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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After 3 months of non-participation a member may be deleted from the mailing list, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Chapter Director.

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

Ride Calendar

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September Anniversaries 5-Dwight & Carolyn Irwin 16-Chuck & Cyndi Lee		September Birthdays 3 Dave Gormley 3 Sharon Hofer 3 Ted Labbe 4 Scott Stevenson 12 Paul Parsley 15 Jim Collins 18 Laurie Williams 26 Ellen McVay 29 Dee Gormley 30 Diana Sias			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 No Staff Meeting	15	16 <i>8am Chapter A Meeting</i>
17 7:00am Superior Breakfast Ride Depart. Magee/Oracle	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i>
24 11a - 4p Red Riders, Grumpy's 4844 E. 22nd	25	26	27	28	29 NM District Rally	30 NM District Rally 9:00am Joes BBQ in Gilbert AZ. Depart. Magee/Oracle

October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 6:30pm Dining Marie Calendar's 245 S. Wilmot Rd. Call D.W. Gary at 790-2092 if you intend to come	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Staff Meeting	13	14 7:30am Chapter D Breakfast, Apache Wells 5:00pm Pete Kitchens Nogales Depart. Wilmot/I- 10
15 Ride for Kids Phoenix	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>8am Chapter A Meeting</i>
22 7:00am Breakfast Globe Depart. Magee/Oracle	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i> White Elephant Parade Green Valley 9am
29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">October Anniversaries</p> <p>8-Bob & Althea Berry 21-Bill & Christine Leach</p> </div>		<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">October Birthdays</p> <p>4 Dave Field 10 Chuck Lee 4 Kent Lash 11 Brad Geller 5 Geb Bailey 20 Betty Rathjen 5 Jacques Drapeau 24 Cheryl Gangwer</p> </div>	