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Chapter Director Notes

Well here it is another year coming to an end. I have lots of things to be grateful for this past year. I did more riding than I have been doing; it sure was fun getting back in the saddle. I was surrounded by a lot of good friends to share the good times with.

I'm looking forward in making plans to attend Wing Ding next year in Billings. I hope there will be lots of us there. You know we have a special couple doing something very important at Wing Ding. Of course you all know who I'm talking about so let's go give them our support.

Next year the chapter staff will be losing a couple of very good people.

Cyndi Holland the Assistant will be stepping down due to other commitments that she and Brad have coming up. Also Brad Geller is stepping down as the newsletter editor. Please thank these two people for all their hard work and time they put in with the chapter. Not only the positions they have held, but in everything they have helped out with, such as the Ride for Kids and the Chili cook off plus all the other things they were asked to do.

Now in turn please help me welcome Garry and Kerry Woo as our new ACDs, I'm sure they will do a fine job for us. Also please welcome "Smitty" as our new newsletter editor. I'm sure he will let us know by when you should submit your articles for the newsletter. Which reminds me to let you all know that anyone can submit an article, so if you have an interesting trip you want to share with us put it in print or maybe you have a real good "fish story" about the one that got away.

Next year is going to be a busy one with the chili cook off coming up in March and then Wing Ding and then the district rally which will be in our own backyard.

If you have any ideas about what we can do at the rally let Lumpy or I know. As you know Lumpy is the other coordinator for the rally along with me and the chapter.

This will be our time to shine and show the district just what we can do when we put our minds together. Enough of that for now more details to follow as we make them.

Okay folks it's that time again for our bake auction so get those ovens going and bring us your best baked item to help raise some funds for our charities. This year we will be helping out three charities. One of which will be our Christmas family one of the other will be the Ride for Kids and of course there will be the Diaper Bank. So bring your goods and your money. You will have a good time.

Well the weather is getting a little on the cold side on those early morning hours so remember to dress for the weather. We have some PAR rides coming up to promote the chili cook off so be prepared by dressing in layers or come out in your 4 wheeler. We look forward in see some of you on those rides.

One last thing I would like to announce our new chapter couple, which was announced at the Christmas Dinner on the 9th of Dec. and they are Brad Geller and Cyndi Holland.

I would like to wish everyone the Happiest of holidays and I look forward in see all of you next year.

Pablo



RIDER EDUCATION
Ace & Penny Peterson
Senior District Educators

Wet Roads & Corners

I came across a question on the GL 1800 website from a rider who has recently taken up motorcycling regarding riding on wet pavement. More specifically, concerning cornering as in how far do you lean the motorcycle in a corner on wet pavement? The answers he was getting ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. My response to him is covered in this article.

First of all, I had to congratulate him for his wisdom in seeking advice. One would believe, wrongly, that we “bikers” would use common sense and ride in an appropriate manner given any particular road condition. Far too many “bikers” seem to bring their four wheeled vehicle habits with them when they ride a motorcycle forgetting the motorcycle has only two wheels, and no protective sheet metal to protect from mistakes.

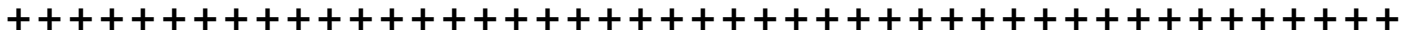
Given some of the answers offered to our compatriot, it stands to reason that many motorcycle riders have no idea that they are riding on a patch of rubber two inches square or a little less. Therefore the traction ratio between a motorcycle and car is very different. Also, the tread patterns on motorcycle tires are very different from car and truck tires which create a different dimension in wicking away water, and oily substances which affect tracking. Sidewall stiffness is another big factor in tire tracking as is vehicle weight per square inch of tire patch. I could go on but the science of all the tire data is more than most of us want to delve into unless we work in the tire business.

Given then what has just been addressed, how far do we lean a motorcycle in wet conditions? The answer unfortunately is “it depends”. Which makes a very poor answer even though it is more correct than one thinks? The short version of this subject could then be stated as “the slower/faster the motorcycle is traveling, the less/more lean required to maintain proper cornering” which is very simplistic I realize.

Safety in “cornering lean” on wet pavement comes down to that which our police friend’s state, “reasonable and prudent”. To reach or maintain that particular status we must go back to our common sense approach which would then state: ride slower, which keeps more tire surface touching pavement and reduces the possibility of hydroplaning; ride in center of the lane which creates more safety area around the motorcycle and also keeps the tires out of the deeper water in the “tracks” created by other traffic; keep the “lean” to only the angle needed to maintain proper cornering techniques and avoid sudden changes in “lean profile” or riding angle; maintain more spacing between your motorcycle and other vehicles reducing the necessity for sudden braking, or corrective maneuvers; ride light on the handlebars plus keeping the head up and looking through the turn or straight down the roadway as the case may dictate; then ride cautious and attentive. This again is the short version, but the reader I believe can get their thoughts around these truths plus other good information regarding the subject matter.

Another item to add to the stupid theory list; one responder wrote, “I always keep one foot dragging the ground when going around corners so I can feel the traction”!! **KEEP YOUR FEET ON THE PEGS UNLESS STOPPED!**

Ride with pride and confidence!



CPR/FIRST AID

Remember Feb 10 2006 is the date for our annual CPR/First Aid class. It will start at 8:00 AM at Pantano Christian Church at Houghton and 29th. We will meet in module E which is located at the west end of the complex. Lunch will be potluck. Bring a side dish to go with a main lunch meal. Drinks will be provided. Remember to sign up for the event so we can have an estimate of how many people are coming. We need to plan for supplies. Last minute sign ups are encouraged. Come if you can.

Dave Gormley -- AZA chapter educator



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ARIZONA DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL OF THE YEAR 2006-2007
DIANE LUMPKIN



Dec.2nd. A combo of six Wings left the Ina/Old Father Chevron Station at approx. 9am for Eloy's Sky Diving Field. A short on I-10 main road brought us to a Marana off ramp and the frontage road. Riding thru Eloy and on to the air field. Lunch was eaten at the Bent Pop Cafe. It was real sight watching the many very colorful parachutes ride the air currents down as great birds to the ground near where we sat. This ride included Dave & Dee Gormley, D.W. Gary, Carlos & Catherine Rangel, Ron & Joan Santos and Bob & Althea Berry. Thanks to everyone for riding with Chapter A.

Hugs D.W.

Dec 7th. Bill & Nancy Cordray, Gary & Kerry Woo, Dave & Dee Gormley, Geb & Christy Bailey, Bill Leach and D.W. Gary met at Marie Calendars. We planned and refined rides for Jan, Feb, and Mar. Conversation with coffee, pie, ice dream and other treats were enjoyed during our visit together. I and the chapter thank everyone for attending and we'll meet again on Feb.1st, same time-same place.

Hugs D.W.

Garry and Kerry Woo

Garry was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He has been in Tucson since 1968 and graduated from Amphi High School. Kerry was born in Grand Island, Nebraska and has lived here since 1984. We have been married almost 20 years and have 6 children (4 boys and 2 girls), 8 grandchildren (5 boys and 3 girls) with two more (both boys) due this year.

We previously were involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Tucson. We served as Cub Master, Committee Members and Den Leaders for many years. Now we participate with our grandson in his scouting adventures.

We have had our own accounting business for almost 20 years. We work together out of our home. Fortunately this leaves us with a lot of free time (except tax time of course) so we have the time for hobbies. We (or should I say Garry) have a lot of hobbies. The newest one is our 2002 yellow Wing. We also enjoy target shooting, woodworking, stunt kites, remote control airplanes and fishing. We kayak occasionally and ride our bicycles on the river walk.

We are looking forward to great times and great rides with all of you in GWRRA and Chapter A.

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Brad Geller and Cyndi Holland**

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Daniel E. Smith (Smitty)

I was born in Ohio in 1961 (yes, I'm a baby boomer too), and soon moved to Northern California (S.F. Bay area) where I stayed until 1979. I have been riding motorized two-wheeled cycles since around 1973 (33 years ago). My first motorized cycle was a Taco 44 mini bike. Where I lived there was a large vacant lot across the street and my father, brother, and I created a very complex trail system for which to ride and test our skills. I took my fair share of spills on our course but they all laid the foundation for my appreciation and respect for motorcycles.

My first real motorcycle was a 1972 Honda CB-175. The bike was originally owned by my brother and when he left for the US Air Force in 1973 I inherited it. I learned to ride the bike by going to a local distribution center parking lot, on the weekends, with my dad. He would have me practice my handling skills for hours (I am sure I had a smile on my face the entire time). I road the 175 through my high school years until I too entered the US Air Force in 1979, (I left the CB-175 to my dad).

After finishing basic military training and my military technical training school; I was off to Spain for a two year tour. While in Spain I purchased a small scooter which I used as my primary means of transportation while in Spain.

In December of 1981 I was reassigned to Edwards Air Force Base in California. In March of 1982 I purchased a 1981 Yamaha 850 Special (it only has 1,200 miles on it), which was set up for two-up touring. I had also purchased a car when I returned to the states in December but the car became my secondary mode of transportation once I purchased the Yamaha. I soon took the MSF beginner and advanced riders courses, first because it was made mandatory by the USAF and secondly because I wanted to better understand and learn advanced handling techniques. During my nearly 5 years at Edwards AFB, I would make the 500 mile trek from Edwards AFB to my parent's house at least twice a month. In 1983 I met my wife Elizabeth and we married in 1984. Both Elizabeth and I made many 500+ mile trips on the Yamaha.

In 1985 we received orders to Germany. We packed up all of our belonging (including the Yamaha) and headed overseas. While in Germany we made many trips on the motorcycle. We stayed mostly on the back roads because the scenery was breath taking and the roads were fun and challenging. In Germany I also once again took the MSF Advanced Riders course as a refresher and to find out what was new in the realm of motorcycle safety training. We stayed in Germany for Eight (8) years. We were finally reassigned to Davis-Monthan AFB in May 1993. Again we packed up all of our belongings (including the Yamaha) and headed to sunny Arizona. In the summer of 1998 I decided to sell the my trusty Yamaha knowing that one day I would get the itch to ride again and would then buy my dream bile a Gold Wing.

I retired from the USAF after 20 years in August 1999 and soon thereafter began working with Raytheon Missile Systems as a network administrator. I remained without a motorcycle until I purchased my 2006 GL1800 in January 06. I took delivery of the Wing in May of 06. In August 06 we purchased a Turtle Hull Trailer which has 14 Cu. Ft of storage and have since made a couple of trips with the trailer. I joined Chapter A in July of 06 and have enjoyed meeting other chapter members and attending some of the Sunday rides.

Other interest and hobbies I partake in are:

I am an avid bicyclist and I log, on average over 100 miles per week on my bicycles. I have ridden the El' Tour de Tucson 6 times, and number 7 will be the 2006 event. I also ride the La Grande Tour (every year in Casa Grande) as well as the Tour of the Tucson Mountains. When not riding in sponsored events I mostly bicycle on the east side of town and I often, during the summer months, pedal my way up Mt. Lemon, only because I get to come flying back down. I am also one of the founding fathers of the internationally known Fantasy Island Mountain Bike trail system located on the east side of town at Irvington and Harrison.

I also enjoy working on computers (imagine that) and have donated my time to create WEB sites for both Turtle Hull Trailers (based out of Marshal Texas) and the Southern Arizona Federal Woman's Program Interagency Council.

I hold a Bachelors of Science degree in Information Technology as well as several Microsoft certifications for network design and systems administration.




District Events

December 2006			
Date	Day	Chapter(s)	Event
20	Wednesday	R	AZR Ice Cream - Swensen's
20	Wednesday	S	AZ-S Staff Meeting
23	Saturday	R	AZR "I'd Rather Ride than Shop" Ride
30	Saturday	S	Mystery Ride
30	Saturday	D	AZD End of the Year Ride
January 2007			
Date	Day	Chapter(s)	Event
01	Monday	R	AZR New Year's Brunch Ride
01	Monday	R	AZR New Year's Brunch Ride
01	Monday	B	Greasewood Flats (A new -New Years Ride)
06	Saturday	S	Chapter S Gathering
06	Saturday	S	Garage Day
07	Sunday	R	Gila Bend Loop Ride
08	Monday	D	AZD Staff Meeting
13	Saturday	B	The Polar Express Ride
13	Saturday	D	AZD Breakfast
13	Saturday	R	Breakfast w/ AZD and Casa Grande Ruins N.M.
13	Saturday	D	AZD Dinner Ride
17	Wednesday	R	AZR Ice Cream - Dairy Queen
20	Saturday	B	Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting
27	Saturday	R	AZR Team Riding Course
27	Saturday	R	AZR Breakfast Meeting
February			
Date	Day	Chapter(s)	Event
03	Saturday	S	Chapter S Gathering
03	Saturday	R	Three Casino Run
11	Sunday	R	Bill Trask Birthday Ride
17	Saturday	R	Yuma Ride - Overnight
17	Saturday	B	Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting
18	Sunday	R	Yuma Ride - Overnight
21	Wednesday	R	AZR Ice Cream - Baskin Robbins
24	Saturday	R	AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride
25	Sunday	S	Disneyland Ride
25	Sunday	R	Parking Lot Practice
03	Saturday	S	Chapter S Gathering




Chapter A Bake Sale

The annual Chapter Bake Sale was held December 16th. The chapter raised a total of \$3500 through the auction of bake goods supplied by members. The money will be divided to provide a family from the Pantano Christian Church with Christmas and the rest will be split between the Ride for Kids and the Southern Arizona Diaper Bank. The money going to the Diaper Bank will buy over 13,600 diapers. Thanks to all for your generous giving at this time of year.

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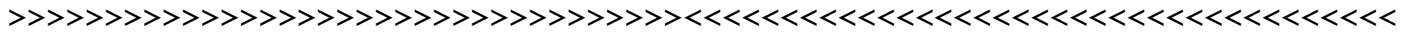
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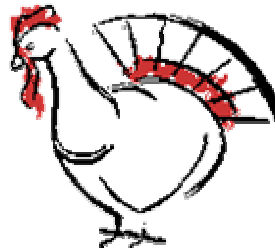


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November Meeting Statistics

48 Members
4 Visitors
17 Bikes
7 Trikes



Some of you know about the Been There, Done That (BTDT) ride program. This is a photo tour of various points around Arizona to earn pins and recognition of having "been there, done that."

Since inception at Chapter S this was run by Chuck Donaldson and Don Spongberg. They have stepped down and I volunteered to take over the program. I am planning on making some changes, including making this an Arizona District program, not just one chapter. The program is well established and the primary map points will not change (except one, which I discovered requires 20 miles of gravel road to obtain!).

Changes suggested:

1. The pin will be revised to Arizona District (AZ flag background). The area bars will remain as they are.
2. The sub-points will be refined to make the program appear less complex.
3. The price will be reduced (once I get a new pin made), to cover just basic costs.
4. Any profits will be donated to the Ride for Kids, split by chapter participation.
5. Been There, Done That will be coordinated at chapter level, with me as the focal point for pins, etc. This includes the maintenance of chapter participation and collection of photos. NOTE: This can be a great way to start, or add to your Chapter Scrapbook.

From individual chapters, I would like to have a coordinator for this program. Logically that would be your Ride Coordinator. This can be a great tool for planning chapter rides, with objectives and rewards for obtaining them. And its a lot of fun - I have finally completed the four photo bars after 3.5 years..!

I have another reason - this can be a way for Ride Coordinators to contact each other and maybe plan some joint rides, or meet at a location. Too many times we find we are riding somewhere near another chapter's rides. I plan to put a monthly newsletter out on the achievements in this program.

I know many of you are not familiar with the program, so I'm attaching the current program details. These will be altered over the next few weeks and I will have them for you by January, 2007.

Please send me an email/phone number for your chapter BTDT Coordinator.

NOTE: for those members already enrolled, the program continues "as is." The pin points will not substantially change, so everyone who has sent in photos already qualifies for them. I will send the database information to the BTDT Coordinators once the program is revised.

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Dave Gormley - AZA chapter educator

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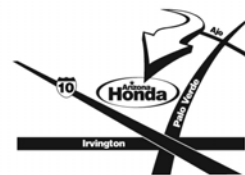


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AZ-B	3 RD Saturday 8:30 AM	Dwight & Rosemary Shaw 623-977-3398	Golden Coral 420 N Dysart Rd, Goodyear
AZ-C	4 th Tuesday 6:00 PM	Bill and Alicia Moore 928-453-6831	Ramada Inn 271 Lake Havasu Ave, Lake Havasu
AZ-D	2 nd Saturday 7:30 AM	Ted & Tina Prentice 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

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

Ride Calendar

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December Birthdays 16 Ron Platt 19 Leota Ryan 23 Michael Manciano 29 Terry Kapp		December Anniversaries 3 Jon & Sharon Hofer 24 Judd & Sue Starr 27 Don & Jenny Kinkle 31 Jerry & Mary Anne Johnson		1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <i>8am Chapter A Meeting and Bake Sale</i>
17 10:00 AM Chevron, Oracle & Magee. Ride to Casa Grande Ruins.	18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 10:30 AM, Chevron, Wilmot/I-10. Lunch ride to Tubac.
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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year	2	3	4 NO RIDE MEETING	5	6 10:00AM, Chevron, Ina/Old Father. Casa Grand Ride. Fiddler's and Blue Grass Jamboree-\$2.00 entry fee
January Anniversaries 6 Jeff & Terry Kapp 14 Lumpy & Diane Lumpkin						
7	8	9	10	11 7:00 Staff Meeting	12	13 6:00AM, Chevron, Ina/Old Father. POE Ride to Chapter R in Glendale
14 12:00PM, Radio Shack at Catalina/Tanque Verde. Lunch ride to Mt Lemon's Iron Door Ski Lodge	15	16	17	18	19	20 <i>8am Chapter A Meeting</i> and a ride to the Saguaro National Monument after.
21 10:00 AM WILMOT & I-10 CHEVRON RIDE TO BISBEE	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i> 10:00AM, Chevron, Ina/Old Father. Brown bag to Superior. Arboretum-10th Annual Australian Days. \$5.00 Entry Fee per person
28	29	30	31	January Birthdays 11 Jon Hofer 13 Deb Eberly 14 Dorothy Parsley 16 Carolyn Irwin 18 Anne Price 18 Joyce Jackson 21 Dennis Ammons 26 Bill Bracco		

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 RIDE MEETING MARIE CALENDARS	2	3 10:00 AM ORACLE MAGEE CHEVRON BROWN BAG LUNCH TO ARBORETUM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 8:00 AM CPR/ FIRST AID Potluck Pantano Christian Church
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>8am Chapter A Meeting</i> 6:00 AM INA/OLD FATHER CHEVRON CHAPTER B POE RIDE
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i>
25 10:00 AM WILMOT I-10 CHEVRON RIDE TO DOUGLAS	26	27	28			

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 TIME TBA CHAPTER S CELEBRATION & POE RIDE
4	5	6 5:00 PM WILMOT I- 10 CHEVRON CHAPTER E POE RIDE	7	8	9	10 5:30AM, Chevron, Ina/Old Father. POE Ride to Chapter D in Mesa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 10 AM Chapter A CHILI COOKOFF KENNDY PARK AJO/LA CHOLLA RAMADA 31
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>8 AM Chapter K Meeting</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31