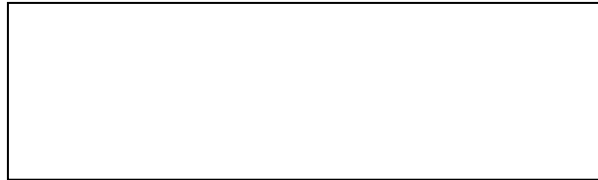


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# GWRRA – Arizona Chapter “A” Pioneer Chapter

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## Check It Out!

By: Smitty

Well the month of June and the first half of July has been pretty slow compared to past months. Nothing new, as in functionality, has been added to the web site. Our Chapter BLOG site appears to be popular with many of you and some interesting posts have been added. I have been monitoring the BLOG site and have been clearing old and outdated posts in order to keep the site orderly and up to date. If you have not visited the Chapter A BLOG site go to the chapter WEB site and the click on the link to the BLOG. I have had some individuals ask me what a BLOG is. So listed below is a definition of a BLOG which I got from Wikipedia.com:

*A **blog** (a portmanteau of **web log**) is a website where entries are written in chronological order and displayed in reverse chronological order. "Blog" can also be used as a verb, meaning to maintain or add content to a blog.*

*Blogs provide commentary or news on a particular subject such as food, politics, or local news; some function as more personal online diaries. A typical blog combines text, images, and links to other blogs, web pages, and other media related to its topic. The ability for readers to leave comments in an interactive format is an important part of many blogs. Most blogs are primarily textual.*

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## June Monthly Meeting Stats

We had a very good turn out for our May monthly chapter meeting. The numbers are listed below:

- 46 Members
- 4 Visitors

## Chapter Educator's Corner

Provided by: Dave Gormley

**That little voice-- it comes before the pride that comes before a fall**

You've all heard that little voice -- It doesn't just relate to riding a motorcycle; it relates to all aspects of life where confidence sometimes outweighs common sense. The tough part is recognizing that voice and responding to it in the proper way. We've all heard it: you think -- "Joe took that curve at this speed; I should be able to" -- that little voice says "Ride your own ride; I think we're going a little fast".

You think that you can continue on for just another 50 miles for tonight so we'll make better time in the morning.

This little voice says "Hmmm, if you're tired enough to be thinking about stopping, why are we pushing our luck for a measly hour tomorrow?" Which voice will you listen to? I encourage you to listen to that little voice; it could save you a lot of pain and misery.

I had an experience this last month where I listened to the little voice, but then I let pride/ego make me ignore it. This all stemmed from the last parking lot practice (PLP), which was a

rousing success. We had a number of new people there, and we had a lot of fun. We even had the co-riders up with the riders for some of the exercises, but that's another story.

The relevance to the little voice came at the end of the PLP. I had been on the parking lot since 8AM setting things up and playing on my own. Everybody came in about 10, and we played on the course until about noon. We ended up with the 25 foot circle, which is the most difficult skill we have been doing lately. To make a long story short, Joyce asked me if I would like to try her Valkyrie in the tight circle. I hesitated, but then agreed because I felt that I could do it, and I wanted to show everyone that a longer wheel-base bike could still make a 25 foot circle (Take note: one of my goals this year is to see CA-1F take all the classes of the skills games at least at the CA District Rally, if not others as well!). I took the bike around the lot; it felt different, heavier, lower, and MUCH more powerful than my Wing. I had a good feel for it and "confidence was high." I pulled up into the box and did two tight circles inside the 25 ft square. "Not bad, I pulled it off!" I said. "Yes," the little voice said. "Now park this beast while you're successful. You've been going all day, and you know you were surprised you did as well as you did." I agreed, pulled up, put the side stand down and killed the engine. Now pride/ego rears its ugly head. Everybody is reaching for their cameras and wanting me to do it again from the other direction. I reach for the starter, and I really don't know what the little voice was saying; my pride had drowned it out. I pulled out again to do another circle; got into the first turn and dropped Joyce's bike. I don't have words for the feelings as I relive that moment. Remorse, shame, guilt, anger at my own pridefulness, stupidity, and egotism. Did I really think that I had a feel for a completely different model of motorcycle after taking it around the parking lot once!?!? Joyce's bike has won several bike shows and had not been down in the 38,000 miles she has had it. Now some hooligan is showing off and ends up grinding her chrome into the asphalt!? Many will say; hey it could have been worse, which is true. My point is that if I had listened to that little voice and stopped (or never started to begin with), things could have been much better. SO learn from my pain, and listen to that little voice. Had I listened, I wouldn't have damaged a friend's bike or hurt my back in the process of dropping it. Humiliating, yes, but it was a learning experience, and pride/ego regenerates (sometimes too quickly). Painful, yes, but my back has healed; Joyce's chrome will not. So, the next time you're tired or unsure of yourself, and that little voice pipes up, Listen to it! I've heard instructors say that riding a motorcycle is up to 90% mental, so listen to that voice of common sense. Whether its riding when you're tired, test riding a different machine, or any other aspect of riding where you hesitate and hear that little voice of common sense, heed its warning. If I had listened to it, I would be writing a much different more up-beat article this month. However, don't let my breast beating and lamentation scare anyone away from the PLPs, this had nothing to do with the parking lot practice and everything to do with my learning a painful, but much needed lesson.

As always, Ride Safe  
David Dirig

## Group Rides

### Javalina Café Social

By: Smitty

A group of chapter A members (16 to be exact) met up at an eastside watering hole, well actually it as a coffee shop just to shoot the hay on Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Some showed up on their Wings while others drove their four wheeled vehicles. The goal of this gathering was strictly social. It provided a chance for everyone to get out of the house during the week, relax and chit chat. The turn-out was much larger than expected and we pretty much made ourselves at home in the café, and I do mean at home. We even re-arranged the furniture so we had a large round table style sitting area. After 2 ½ hours of wonderful conversation we were all afraid of turning into pumpkins so we all said our good nights and parted ways. Present at this wonderful social gathering was: Dave & Sandie, Geb & Christie, Dave & Dee, Randy & Pam, Jon & Sharon, Jerry & Maryann, & Smitty & Elizabeth

### Breakfast Ride to Home Plate Café in Patagonia

By: Smitty

For those who did not make the trek up north to Billings Montana for Wing Ding 29 there was a breakfast ride to the Home Plate Café in Patagonia. The ride was on Sunday 8 July and a group of 11 Chapter A riders (6 bikes) met up at the Chevron station at I10 and Wilmot at 7am. The morning temperature was utterly perfect thanks to the evening rain on Saturday night. The ride from Tucson to Patagonia was simply wonderful with a high temp of 76 degrees on the way out. Much to our surprise when we arrived at the restaurant we discovered that several other motorcycle riding groups had also thought this was the desired destination on a hot summer's day. A small group of Harley riders were there from Nogales and around 50 BMW riders from Tucson had also arrived. Needless to say the place was packed, but the café staff kept up with the heavy workload and delivered our food in an acceptable time frame. Our group all got to know one another better and we had a very nice ride back into Tucson.

Present on the ride were Jerry & Maryann, Dan & Donna, Les & Julie, Randy & Pam, Ron, & Smitty & Elizabeth



Chapter A Riders in Patagonia



Looks like a Mini Rally (More bikes were on the other side of the road)

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## GWRRA-AZ at Chase Field

Here is the information on the tickets we have purchased for the baseball game. The regular price is \$35.00 per ticket; we will be getting **2 tickets for the \$35.00** and will be in Section 112. These are much better than average seats; we have 28 of the 50 already spoken for. We will be having other Chapters joining us for a true GWRRA event. Make your check payable to GWRRA Chapter S. Please send your check to:

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We have selected **September 17**, for this year's GWRRA Day at the D'Backs vs. SF Giants. We will be presenting the flag and we will have 2 for 1 ticket. This may end up being a special game because **Barry Bonds** should be close to setting the all time home run record for baseball. I am working out the details for price and seat selection, should be about the \$35.00 range, but because it's 2 for 1 you save half. We need to order these tickets in pairs. Please RSVP me for your early guarantee ASAP. We have to buy these tickets up front so we need to know how many to order. Thanks.

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## Ride Coordination Meeting



Due to Wing Ding 29 and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday there was no Ride Coordination meeting held this month. Everything will be back on schedule in August, check out the chapter calendar for date and time.

## Upcoming Chapter Rides

### 21 July – Dinner ride to the Sonoran Desert Museum

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### 25 July – Dinner Ride to Benny's Restaurant

Chapter A will be heading out to another eatery on this HUMP day dinner ride. Break the monotony of the work week and join other Chapter A members on what will definitely be an enjoyable evening.

### 4-5 August – Overnighter to Pinetop

This will definitely be a wonderful ride. The chosen route will take riders East on I10 to Safford and then into Clifton, AZ. From there it's AZ 191 (aka Devil's Highway) up to Springerville and then into Pinetop. AZ 191 is an extremely scenic and demanding road with many turns approaching 270 degrees or better. AZ 191 is a two lane state route totaling approximately 140 miles. Your average speed over the 140 miles will be in the 35mph range. But the sights are utterly breath taking.

(Check the chapter ride calendar for meeting times and places)



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| 21               | Saturday   | A                      | Chapter meeting                      |
| 21               | Saturday   | A                      | Dinner ride to Sonoran Desert Museum |
| 21               | Saturday   | R                      | Prescott - St. Mary's Loop           |
| 22               | Sunday     | S                      | Day at the Movies                    |
| 25               | Wednesday  | A                      | Evening dinner ride                  |
| 28               | Saturday   | R                      | Destination Dinner                   |
| 28               | Saturday   | R                      | AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride         |

| <b>August 2007</b> |            |                        |                                          |
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| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Day</b> | <b>Host Chapter(s)</b> | <b>Event</b>                             |
| 04                 | Saturday   | A                      | Overnight ride to Pinetop                |
| 04                 | Saturday   | S                      | Ride to Tucson for AZ-S Meeting/Pool Pty |
| 04                 | Saturday   | S                      | Chapter S Gathering                      |
| 11                 | Saturday   | S                      | Ride to Chapter AZ-Y Charity Auction     |
| 11                 | Saturday   | S                      | Garage Day - CANCELLED                   |
| 11                 | Saturday   | R                      | AZY Charity Auction & Yarnell Hill       |
| 12                 | Sunday     | A                      | Veggie picking ride to Willcox.          |
| 15                 | Wednesday  | R                      | AZR Ice Cream - TBD                      |
| 18                 | Saturday   | A                      | Chapter meeting                          |
| 18                 | Saturday   | R                      | Coronado Loop - Overnight                |
| 18                 | Saturday   | S                      | Tonta Fish Hatchery/Kohl's Ranch         |
| 21                 | Tuesday    | A                      | La Casitas Restaurant in Mammoth         |
| 21                 | Tuesday    | S                      | AZ-S Staff Meeting                       |
| 25                 | Saturday   | R                      | Dinner Ride                              |
| 25                 | Saturday   | R                      | AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride             |
| 25                 | Saturday   | S                      | First Aid/CPR Seminar                    |
| 31                 | Friday     | A                      | Ride to CA District Rally                |

# July 2007

| SUNDAY                                                                                                           | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | THURSDAY                                                                 | FRIDAY            | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1                                                                                                                | 2      | 3       | 4<br>Wing Ding 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 5<br>Wing Ding 29                                                        | 6<br>Wing Ding 29 | 7<br>Wing Ding 29                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8<br>7:00a Breakfast - Ride to Homeplate Cafe in Patagonia - Meet @ Chevron I10 & Wilmot (Ride sponsor - Smitty) | 9      | 10      | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 12<br>7pm - Chapter Staff Meeting @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton | 13                | 14<br>7:00 Breakfast - Ride to Cow Palace in Amado, Meet @ Chevron I10 & Wilmot (Ride sponsor Jon Hofer)                                                                                     |
| 15                                                                                                               | 16     | 17      | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 19                                                                       | 20                | 21<br>8:30am - Chapter A Meeting @ Golden Corral on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br><br>6:30p Dinner ride to Sonoran Desert Museum West - Meet @ El Con Mall Parking Lot (Ride sponsor Garry Woo) |
| 22                                                                                                               | 23     | 24      | 25<br>6:00p Ride to Benny's Restaurant - Meet at AZ Honda (5:30Pm) or Meet at Chevron Thornydale & Old Father (6Pm) (Ride sponsor Garry Woo)                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 26                                                                       | 27                | 23<br>Chapter K Meeting                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 29                                                                                                               | 30     | 31      | Happy Birthday to: Chuck Eberly - 2 July, Chuck Westra - 4 July, Pat Finn - 11 July, Joanne Bracco - 13 July, Dorsey Price - 17 July, Sandie Novitt - 28 July<br><br>Happy Anniversary to: Dave & Dee Gormley - 1 July, Randy & Pam Crockett - 1 July, Ken & Sue Lavoie - 15 July, Dorsey & Anne Price - 26 July, Bob & Leota Ryan - 31 July |                                                                          |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# August 2007

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                    | MONDAY | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                | FRIDAY                                                                                              | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                           |        |                                                                                                                                          | 1                                                                                                                                  | 2<br>6:30PM – Ride<br>Coordination Meeting @<br>Marie Calendars on Wilmot<br>& Broadway | 3                                                                                                   | 4<br>Overnight ride to Pinetop<br>Meet @ Chevron @ I10 &<br>Wilmot (Time TBD)                                                                             |
| 5                                                                                                                                                         | 6      | 7                                                                                                                                        | 8<br>6:60pm: Hump Day Ride –<br>Dessert ride to TTT –<br>Meet at Wilmot & I-10 –<br>Spanish Trail Loop<br>(Ride sponsor Jon Hofer) | 9<br>7pm – Chapter Staff<br>Meeting @ Pantano<br>Christian Church on<br>Houghton        | 10                                                                                                  | 11                                                                                                                                                        |
| 12<br>6:00a Ride to Wilcox to<br>pick Veggies (Breakfast<br>stop in route) Meet @<br>Chevron I10 & Wilmot<br>(Pull your trailer)<br>(Ride sponsor Smitty) | 13     | 14                                                                                                                                       | 15                                                                                                                                 | 16                                                                                      | 17                                                                                                  | 18<br>8:30am – Chapter A<br>Meeting @ Golden Corral<br>on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br>-- 6:30pm – Dinner ride to<br>Cow Palace<br>(Ride sponsor Jon Hofer) |
| 19                                                                                                                                                        | 20     | 21<br>6:30p Dinner ride to La<br>Casitas restaurant in<br>Mammoth meet @<br>Chevron Oracle & Magee<br>(Ride Sponsor – Steve<br>Williams) | 22                                                                                                                                 | 23                                                                                      | 24                                                                                                  | 25<br>Chapter K Meeting<br><br>6:30p Dinner ride to Green<br>Valley meet @ Chevron<br>I10 & Wilmot<br>(Ride sponsor – Pair of<br>Jeans)                   |
| 26                                                                                                                                                        | 27     | 28                                                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                                                 | 30                                                                                      | 31<br>California District Rally<br>near Hollywood meet @<br>Chevron Ina & Oldfather<br>(6Am or 1Pm) |                                                                                                                                                           |

# September 2007

| September 2007                                                                             |        |         |                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| SUNDAY                                                                                     | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                                                                                            | THURSDAY                                                                                | FRIDAY                                                                 | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                            |        |         |                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |                                                                        | 1<br>California District Rally                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2<br>Afternoon of Bowling @<br>Bedrocks (I10 & INA)<br>(Organized by Elizabeth)            | 3      | 4       | 5                                                                                                    | 6<br>6:30PM – Ride<br>Coordination Meeting @<br>Marie Calendars on Wilmot<br>& Broadway | 7                                                                      | 8                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9<br>8am - Mystery ride – Meet<br>at Chevron I10 & Wilmot<br>(Ride sponsor – Kerry<br>Woo) | 10     | 11      | 12                                                                                                   | 13<br>7pm – Chapter Staff<br>Meeting @ Pantano<br>Christian Church on<br>Houghton       | 14                                                                     | 15<br>8:30am – Chapter A<br>Meeting @ Golden Corral<br>on 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street<br>5pm – Dessert ride to<br>Picachco Peak Meet @<br>Oracle & Magee<br>(Ride sponsor Cliff Sias) |
| 16                                                                                         | 17     | 18      | 19<br>6pm – Dessert ride to<br>Casino del Sol – Meet at<br>AZ Honda<br>(Ride Sponsor – Garry<br>Woo) | 20                                                                                      | 21                                                                     | 22<br>Chapter K Meeting<br>10am – Parker Canyon<br>picnic – Meet at I10 &<br>Wilmot<br>(Ride Sponsor – Smitty)                                                                    |
| 23                                                                                         | 24     | 25      | 26                                                                                                   | 27                                                                                      | 28<br>9am - Silver City, NM Rally<br>Meet at Chevron @ I10 &<br>Wilmot | 29<br>Silver City, NM Rally<br>9am – Brunch in Bisbee<br>Meet at Chevron I10 &<br>Wilmot<br>(Ride Sponsor – Jon Hofer)                                                            |
| 30<br>Silver City, NM Rally                                                                |        |         |                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                   |