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Check It Out!

By: Smitty

I have been busy since last month's newsletter. The web site's photo page has been totally redesigned. The page now has photo albums for each event. The Java Runtime Environment (JRE) is needed to view the photo albums and there is a link to the JRE download site on the photos page. I am still looking for more pictures for the web site.

I have also added a couple of new maps for rides maps page. Added is the route map to Ikea in Tempe. The route is all back roads and the ride takes right at 2 hours from the Chevron at Oracle & Magee. Elizabeth & I have verified the route and it is accurate. This is the ride we have scheduled for March 25th. Another new route map is the Tucson to Lordsburg, New Mexico. This ride is all interstate going to Lordsburg but is nearly all back roads for the return trip to Tucson. This ride is scheduled for 29 April as a breakfast ride and before the mercury rises to high. Well that's all from me this month. Thanks for reading!



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February Meeting Statistics

47 Members
8 Visitors
26 Bikes
6 Trikes

Group Ride

By: Dee Gormley

YEA!! ON THE ROAD AGAIN!!


Lunch ride to Douglas--Gadsen Hotel
2-25-07. 9 bikes and 15 riders and co-riders.

A cool morning, but beautiful; I did have all of my electric on and used it. --I am a wimp and love it. Nice ride to Benson, St. David, Tombstone, and Bisbee. Arrived in Douglas at about 12:30; ate lunch at the Hotel Gadsen, a grand historical landmark; visited with and became more acquainted with some of our new riders. We all gassed up the bikes for our return trip, which took us through Bisbee and Sierra Vista. OH YES, we did HAVE to stop at the Dairy Queen in Sierra Vista (always a must). On to Sonoita, then home. Good ride and so nice having this many riders.

Participants: Dave & Dee Gormley, Geb & Christy Bailey, Smitty Smith, Bryce & Sally Reichardt, Bill & Nancy Cordray, D.W. Gary, Carlos & Catherine Rangel, John McVay, Chuck & Deb Eberly.



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Promote Our Event (POE Ride)



By: Dee Gormley

POE ride to Chapter S

On March 3rd at 8:30a.m., 5 bikes and 1 car rode to Scottsdale for the 5 year celebration of Chapter S. Also we were able to talk about our CHILI cook off, on March 17th. It was very WINDY, and also we had a detour on 101 N. While trying to regain our way to the park, Diane L. was told by passing motorist, that she was driving TOO close behind the motorcycles. (She just didn't want to lose the bikes). Now we know some motorists do LOOK out for us.

Chapter A was well represented. We brought home our share of the door prizes. Steve and Laurie, Garry and Kerry, each won one. Geb and Christy won 3 door prizes, as well as 1/3 of the 50/50, a nice \$110.00. A good meal was served, but the wind was blowing so hard we were unable to do games. The William's and Woo's stayed to shop, while the remainder rode to Florence and home.

Participants: Diane Lumpkin (in car), Dave & Dee Gormley, Geb & Christy Bailey, D.W. Gary, Gary & Kerry Woo, Steve & Laurie Williams.

Ride safe-Hugs, Dee



ERC Offered



The Experienced Riders Course (ERC) will be held on 23 May. This course is administered by Pima Community College Rider Education Program. The cost is \$55 per rider or \$80 with a co-rider. We need a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 riders to hold a class. Also if there is enough interest, a Friday class can be arranged. If I haven't called you and you want to commit to one of these classes, please call me at 749-5653.

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AZA GWRRA Chapter Educator



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Educator's Kick Start

By: David R. Gormley
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GAS PUMP ACCIDENTS

How many of you have ever ridden up to the gas pump, put your side stand down and proceeded to fill up your gas tank without getting off of your bike?

Have you ever thought about what might happen if the nozzle did not shut off and the gas overflowed onto your hot engine or some other thing might cause a spark?

There could be a fire or you could get soaked in gas.

How would like to try to wash out gas soaked clothes at some convenience store?

I have never seen a fire but I have witnessed a person sitting on a motorcycle trying to get the gas shut off and spraying gas all over the bike and everywhere else.

I also experienced a time when the automatic shut off did not work and pumped a couple of gallons of gas out onto the ground. I experienced some anxious moments while I rolled the bike by hand out of the puddle of gas and proceeded to get the mess cleaned up.

Moral: Pay attention to the gas pump and be prepared.

Alphie Hits the Road

By: Smitty

Alphie was kidnapped by Chapter D. Chapter D showed up in force at our monthly chapter meeting on 17 February. Their motive was two pronged. First, they came down to promote their upcoming pancake breakfast event, scheduled for April 14th. It starts at 7:30 or 8:00am. The location is the Superstition Shadows Park in Apache Junction. That is east of Ironwood on the south side of Southern. They also traveled south to kidnap our beloved mascot Alphie. This was a reprisal for our chapter kidnapping their mascot Spook. It was great visiting with our Chapter D friends from up north. According to Dennis Brinton, Chapter D's director, Alphie will be heading to Death Valley for some fun in the sun. We asked that Alphie be treated humanely and that he get plenty of water and sunscreen. I am sure we will receive many photos of Alphie on his adventures to Death Valley.




Dennis Briton (Chapter D Director) caught in the act of kidnapping Alphie.

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Ride Coordination Meeting



The chapters' monthly ride coordination meeting is gaining momentum. Our March 1st meeting had 12 chapter members present. The committee made a lot of progress in terms of

planning, what we hope will be fun and enjoyable rides for all. We currently have rides planned through May and into the first half of June. With the onset of spring and much nicer weather, we have also added a few evening rides during the week. To see what rides have been planned check out the chapter web site at <http://my.calendars.net/gwrraaza>. The chapter ride committee meeting is open to all. We just ask that you let D.W. know in advance that you will be attending so we can let Marie Calendar's restaurant know how many people we will have in our party. Those who participated in the March meeting were Garry & Kerry Woo, Bill & Nancy Cordray, Bryce Reichardt, Dave & Dee Gormley, D.W. Gary, Smitty & Elizabeth Smith, John & Sharon Hofer, and Bob Ryan

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Women and Motorcycles

by Elizabeth Bottka-Smith

Each year, March is designated as Women's History Month. Each year women with significant contributions to society are selected as honorees. And, each year the National Women's History Project designates a theme. This year's theme is *Generations of Women Moving History Forward*. In that spirit I wanted to do my part to honor women and have decided to focus on the history of women motorcycle riders.

Women and motorcycles have a rich history. Motorcycles evolved from the earlier bicycle. And, women loved bicycles for the mobility and freedom they allowed. In fact, Susan B. Anthony said "The bicycle has done more for the emancipation of women than anything else in the world." In 1885, Gottlieb Daimler made a bicycle that had an engine—hence an idea was born and soon other motorized bicycles followed. Perhaps the first true motorcycle was a charcoal-fired two wheeler made in 1869 by Sylvester Roper of Massachusetts and within two decades motorcycles were being mass produced. Women enjoyed motorcycles as much as they had enjoyed bicycles. After all, they were economical and fun. Also, early riders were seen as adventuresome not as outlaws—a stigma they acquired later.

In 1915 mother-daughter team, Avis and Effie Hotchkiss, rode from New York to San Francisco. For two months they meandered throughout the US covering 5,000 miles. Effie loved motorcycles, and after receiving a small inheritance bought a 1915 three-speed V-Twin Harley-Davidson and decided to set her sights on the west coast. She would ride her Harley from Brooklyn to California to attend to the San Francisco World's Fair. But Avis Hotchkiss, Effie's open-minded mother, refused to allow her daughter to embark upon this trip alone and joined her; in a sidecar built to accommodate her robust figure. Effie not only pioneered the concept of cross-country travel on a motorcycle for women and men, but she was also an example of the notion that anything is possible if you put your mind to it!

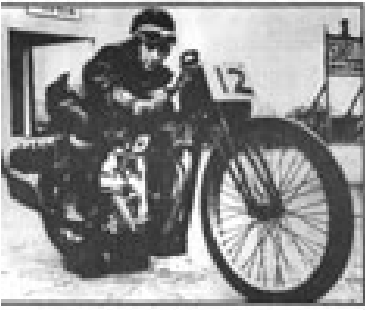


In 1916, sisters Adeline and Augusta Van Buren bought a pair of Indian Powerplus Bikes and were the first people ever to climb up and down Pike's Peak and they completed a transcontinental ride—their 3,300 mile trip took almost two months. Descendants of former President Martin Van Buren, the sisters were slender "society girls" out to prove that women could ride motorcycles across the then-treacherous continent, even though they still did not have the right to vote. Not only did they have to contend with unpaved roads, but also with social mores—once they were arrested for publicly wearing trousers. Augusta and Adeline Van Buren broke the stereotypes of their time proving that woman could do anything a man could do. In the words of Augusta, "Woman can if she will."

Another motorcycle heroine was Bessie Stringfield. She had two strikes against her, she was a woman and she was African-American. She was 16 when she climbed aboard her first bike, a 1928 Indian Scout. In the 1930s and 1940s, Bessie took eight long-distance, solo rides across the US and during World War II she worked for the army as a civilian motorcycle dispatch rider. The only woman in her unit, she completed rigorous training and with a military crest on the front of her own blue Harley, she carried documents between domestic bases. In the 1950s, Bessie founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club. The AMA instituted the Bessie Stringfield Award to honor women who are leaders in motorcycling and in 2002 she was inducted into the Motorcycle Hall of Fame.



In the early 1950s Louise Scherbyn founded and was the first president of the Women's International Motorcycle Association (WIMA). Her interest in motorcycles started in the 1920s but it wasn't until 1932 that she owned and rode her own Indian Scout. She was the first American woman to reach the far north, Timagami Forest of Canada, a trip which in 1937 was made on many dirt and gravel roads. She also took part in enduro and other events but her main love was touring. Louise became active in many motoring clubs including the AMA, the Canadian Motorcycle Association and the British Pathfinders Club and became very interested in motorcycling activities for women in the 1940s as the number of women riders increased



Perhaps one of the most amazing women was Theresa Wallach. She was WIMA's first vice-president. She competed in trials, scrambles and road racing. In 1935 she undertook the epic journey from London to Cape Town. She and her traveling companion, Florence Blenkiron, were the first people (male or female) to cross the Sahara on a motorcycle. During the war, she became the first woman dispatch rider in the British army and spent 7 years in active service. After the war, she spent two and a half years touring the USA with just a bike, sleeping bag, and whatever fit into her saddle bags. 32,000 miles and 18 jobs later, her bike was displayed at a motorcycle show in New York where



she met Louise Scherbyn. She moved to Phoenix AZ in 1973 and opened Easy Motorcycle Riding Schools and published a training manual of the same name. Having never owned a car she carried on riding until she was 88-years-old when sight problems forced her to give up her license. She was an active with WIMA until her death in 1988 at the age of 90.

In 1940, the first women's motorcycle club, The Motor Maids, was founded by Linda Dugeau. Today, there are scores of women rider clubs and resources for women riders. Women riders are currently approximately nine percent of all riders. However, these numbers are increasing steadily with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation classes graduating large numbers of women riders. And, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation, over the past five years licensed motorcycle riders have increased by seven percent, while women riders have increased by 28 percent. And, of course we have to look no further than our own Chapter A for women riders.

Cyndi Holland started riding when she was 13—yes, it was a moped, but it was still a two-wheeled, motorized cycle. The first time she rode a “real” motorcycle was in 1998 during her Motorcycle Safety Course. She was inspired to ride by her brother who started riding while in high school. Then when he was working at a Harley dealer, he



brought her a poster of an 80cc dirt bike which she immediately wanted but was vetoed by her mother. Eventually she overrode the veto and bought herself a 500cc Magna. Cyndi loves to ride because she feels a part of, and in tune with the surroundings. She loves the curves and feeling the air cool down in the dips and when riding outside of town.

Cheryl Gangwer first rode when she was 15—it was a Heathkit Minibike that her oldest brother bought her and her brother for Christmas. But she didn't really start to ride until 1978 when she married Roger and then rode mostly dirt bikes. They were both in the Southern Arizona Trials Association (SATA) and they also both did the 50cc road racing circuit. Now she enjoys riding her Honda 1800 Trike and goes everywhere with it. She loves riding a motorcycle in order to have control of her destiny, feel the wind, and watch the beautiful scenery go by.

Sami Hall's first bike was a 1996 Honda Helix. She started riding, because, in her words she's “too much of a control freak to be a passenger any longer.” She had a friend, Barbara, in Georgia, who very much inspired her to ride. She was a little bitty gal, may be 5'1” who was riding a GL1200—indeed inspiring to watch. Sami loves to ride because she can see things differently than from a car—riding a bike for the first time through Gates Pass “was as if I was seeing the desert for the first time—truly a different a beautiful sight.”

Diane Lumpkin has been riding since 2004. After being a co-rider for so many years, she wanted to be a rider herself. She was inspired by Judy Collins to ride—“she made it so appealing and fun.” She rides a 2004, 1800 magenta, trike. With the trike, she doesn't have to worry about the weight or falling over. She enjoys the wind and the smells of the outdoors.

These women continue the rich tradition of women motorcycle riders and they are the new generations of women moving history forward.

District Events

March 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
03	Saturday	D	<u>AZD visit Chapter S Anniversary Celebration</u>
03	Saturday	B	<u>Renaissance Festival</u>
03	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter s celebration</u>
03	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Anniversary Party</u>
04	Sunday	A	<u>Globe old town</u>
06	Tuesday	D	<u>AZD Staff Meeting</u>
06	Tuesday	A	<u>Chapter e ride</u>
09	Friday	0	<u>Masters Celebration</u>
09	Friday	S	<u>Master's Weekend - Laughlin</u>
09	Friday	R	<u>Masters Weekend (Laughlin, NV)</u>
10	Saturday	0	<u>Master's Celebration</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Breakfast</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Dinner Ride</u>
11	Sunday	0	<u>Master's Celebration</u>
14	Wednesday	B	<u>Taylor's Chowder House Dinner Ride</u>
14	Wednesday	R	<u>Dinner Ride - Taylor's Chowder House</u>
15	Thursday	D	<u>AZD Death Valley Trip (3/15 to 3/18)</u>
15	Thursday	B	<u>Staff Meeting</u>
17	Saturday	D	<u>AZD visit to AZA Chili Cook Off</u>
17	Saturday	B	<u>Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting</u>
17	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter A Chili Cookoff</u>
20	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
21	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - Cold Stone Creamery</u>
23	Friday	S	<u>CA1R Rally in the Valley</u>
24	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>
24	Saturday	S	<u>Garage Dau</u>
25	Sunday	A	<u>IKEA</u>
25	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
25	Sunday	B	<u>PLP - Parking Lot Practice</u>
27	Tuesday	D	<u>AZD Destination Dinner Ride</u>
28	Wednesday	A	<u>REBS Café</u>
31	Saturday	B	<u>Dave's Birthday Ride</u>

April 2007

Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
01	Sunday	A	<u>Shriner poker run</u>
01	Sunday	D	<u>Logan's Run</u>
07	Saturday	R	<u>Potato Ride</u>
07	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Gathering</u>
10	Tuesday	D	<u>AZD Staff Meeting</u>
10	Tuesday	R	<u>Dinner Ride - Monastery II</u>
14	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter D breakfast</u>
14	Saturday	R	<u>Hearts To Heroes (Support the Troops)</u>
14	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Out Door Breakfast</u>
14	Saturday	S	<u>Garage Day</u>
15	Sunday	D	<u>AZD Dinner Ride</u>
15	Sunday	A	<u>Kitt Peak</u>
17	Tuesday	S	<u>Ride to Out of Africa</u>
17	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
18	Wednesday	D	<u>AZD Rocky Point Campout</u>
18	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - TBD</u>
20	Friday	A	<u>Albuquerque Ride for Kids</u>
21	Saturday	B	<u>Chapter B's Breakfast Meeting</u>
21	Saturday	R	<u>Ride to AZ-B breakfast and ride</u>
21	Saturday	A	<u>Albuquerque Ride for Kids</u>
21	Saturday	S	<u>Ride 4 Kids - ABQ</u>
25	Wednesday	A	<u>Desert Diamond Casino dinner</u>
28	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>
28	Saturday	A	<u>Ride for Kids garage sale</u>
28	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Olive Oil Ride</u>
28	Saturday	S	<u>Canyon de Chelle</u>
29	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
29	Sunday	A	<u>Breakfast in Lordsburg</u>

March 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Happy Birthday: 5 Mar – Vernon Cottrell, 6 Mar – Robin Johnson, 9 Mar – Bob Dahms, 20 Mar – Ron Friend, 22 Mar – Diane Lumpkin, 25 Mar – Sally Crum, 27 Mar – Ron James, 30 Mar – Ken Lavoie ***** Happy Anniversary – 3 Mar – Bill and Joanne Bracco 17 Mar - Daniel Smith & Elizabeth Bottka-Smith,				1 6:30PM Ride Coordination Meeting @ Marie Calendars on Broadway & Wilmot	2	3 8:30AM – Chapter “S” celebration & POE ride
4 9AM – Ride to Globe – Meet @ Oracle & Magee	5	6 5PM – Chapter “E” POE ride (Meet @ Chevron I-10 & Wilmot)	7	8 7PM Chapter Staff Meeting Pantano Christian Church	9 Masters Weekend	10 Masters Weekend 5:30AM – POE ride to Chapter “D” Mesa (Meet @ Chevron on Ina & Old Father)
11 Masters Weekend	12	13	14	15	16	17 10:00AM – Chapter “A” Chili cook-off @ Kennedy Park (Ajo & La Cholla Ramada #31)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Chapter “K” Meeting
25 9AM – Ride to IKEA (Tempe) for lunch in the IKEA Café – Meet at Oracle & Magee	26	27	28 6PM – Evening ride to REBS Café in Benson – Meet @ Chevron at Wilmot & I-10	29	30	31

NOTE: Ride events with ** indicate need to sign up for the ride so a head count can be provided to the eating establishment in advance

April 2007						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 6:30PM Ride meeting @ Marie Calendars	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 7PM Chapter Staff Meeting Pantano Christian Church	13	14
15 ** 9:00Am –Brown bag lunch ride to Kitt Peak – Meet at South Forty Café on Kinney & Bopp Rd (For Breakfast)	16	17 \$\$\$ TAX DAY	18	19	20 9AM - Albuquerque, NM Ride-4-Kids “Group one”	21 9AM - Albuquerque, NMRide-4-Kids “Group two” 8:30AM – Chapter Meeting @ Golden Coral on 22 nd Street
22 Ride-4-Kids return to Tucson	23 Ride-4-Kids return to Tucson (Late Group)	24	25 ** 6:00PM – Evening Ride to Desert Diamond Casino – Meet at Chevron Wilmot & I-10	26	27	28 7AM-3PM - Ride-4- Kids Garage Sale @ Lumpy & Diane’s 9366 E. Stella Road Chapter K Meeting
29 ** 8AM – Breakfast run to Lordsburg, NM	30	Happy Birthday – 3 Apr – Don Calhoun, 6 Apr – Lillian Cottrell, 7 Apr – J.R. Hudson, 10 Apr – Fred Siddal, 16 Apr – Roger Gangwer, 22 Apr – Althea Berry, 24 Apr – Joan Santos, 26 Apr – Julie Stevensen, 29 Apr – Smitty, 29 Apr – Lisa Labbe, 30 Apr Lumpy Lumpkin ***** Happy Anniversary – 7 Apr – Carlos & Catherine Rangel, 16 Apr – Roger & Cheryl Gangwer, 24 Apr – Ron & Judy Norris, 28 Apr – Jacques & Leeann Drapeau				