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Sandie, Dave and Dee drove the car to Reagan's' Library. Had our photo's taken in the doorway of Air Force One; Great day. Met up with Kerry and Gary Woo, Bill and Nancy Cordray, Dave and Sandie Novitt and Dave and Dee Gormley, and had dinner at the Hotel. Very good food also had a breakfast buffet. We enjoyed the COY and IOY selection process. Opening ceremony was impressive. 'OUR AMERICAN FLAG' was narrated by Jimmy Weldon. Brought tears to our eye. He passed his CD'S out and signed them for us. There were vendors for the guys outdoors (very hot) and vendors for the gals indoors; Shop-shop!! One night, the movie "Wild Hog's" was shown in the large conference room, with popcorn and candy. One chapter had BINGO for those not attending the seminars. Closing ceremony included a sit down dinner. Many awards were passed out after, and the entire event was rather long. Return trip, Dee rode until after lunch, then Gary and Kerry had her ride with them (air conditioning--ahh). It was 113 degrees- too hot! Did see large object in North bound freeway (portable cement mixer in the car pool lane). Thank goodness, we were south bound. AZ. was well represented by chapter A.

RIDE SAFE- Hugs, Dee

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Parker Canyon Picnic Ride

By Laurie Williams

It was an absolutely wonderful and relaxing outing. The weather cooperated not to hot. Participants were: Dave & Dee, Geb & Christy, Smitty & Elizabeth, Garry & Kerry, and Steve & I. I think it was the first time I've ever been on Hwy 83 without being stuck behind some slow poke. We did acquire one of those loud bikes which rode behind us almost all the way to Sonoita but gunned it and passed us all so he wouldn't be seen riding with a bunch of wings. Stopping at the general store for a break, the aroma of freshly baked cinnamon rolls was just too irresistible. Our group left only two for others to purchase. Off we went on the scenic roads to Parker. Along the way it was evident that rain had been not to long ago. A few of the washes that crossed the road had running water in them – not to deep but making a slight twinge of excitement.

It really is a wonder how the locals live out there – so far away from any civilization. The local Cowboy Church must be the hot meeting spot. It really just adds a Wild West touch to the area.

We were in a camping spot so we could use the grills. The local campers had to take a walk around the loop to check out our bikes.

Lot's of food for everyone – I bet we could have fed another five bikes! The cinnamon rolls were first on the menu while the meat was cooking. I always say desert first! Brownies were made by Christy, Jell-O cream fruit salad by Dee, Elizabeth made a cake that was yummy – I think it's called a dump cake-to die for! Kerry brought the potato & macaroni salad, and I made some fruit salad and chips. Our chef Steve – did a fine job with the grill – did I ever mention he loves fire!

We enjoyed many fine conversations with great friends over mealtime. The view of the lake was beautiful from our spot. After the meal was said and done – we doused the fire with Dave's handy dandy collapsible bucket. We really must find one of those!

Just leaving the park we spotted a deer up on the hill. It was the only one we saw – and it was so close to the campers.

Onward we went heading back to civilization on full tummies. Not to sure about anyone else but I could have used some Tums – the road was a bit bumpy after eating. I guess after reviewing the amount of sugar consumed it's a wonder any of us could sit still on the bikes!

We had a kick back day in no hurry to be anyplace at any particular time. Just the way days out should be – next time we sure would like all that missed this wonder day to join in!




Chapter A members milling around the awesome spread

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Chapter Educator's Corner

BLIND SPOTS

Did you ever have someone suddenly veer into your as if they never saw you? Before you blame the intruder, ask yourself why this happened. It could be that you were as much at fault as the driver. Where were you positioned? Could you see the driver in his or her mirror? Motorcycles are relatively small and can be difficult to see when they are hidden among other vehicles. The most important strategy for conspicuity on the highway is to avoid lingering in the driver's blind spots.

An auto driver's blind spot is located to the side and rear of the car, out of range of the mirrors. Large trucks have very large blind spots, commonly referred to by the cautionary moniker as "The No Zone". Remind yourself to ride through the blind spots.

You might think that motorcyclists don't have, but we do. To check this out, sit on your own bike in the riding position, and have a couple of riding buddies try to hide in your blind spots. The only way to spot your friends is to glance over your shoulder ("head check"). On the road, it's often wise to do a head check before changing lanes or merging with traffic, to ensure that you're aware of what's around you.

KEEP CHECKING AND SCANNING YOUR MIRRORS AND YOUR SURROUNDINGS AND STAY OUT OF THOSE BLIND SPOTS AND NO ZONES.

Dave Gormley
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Upcoming Chapter Rides

27 October – Ride to Sells

Join your fellow Chapter A members on a ride to Sells AZ. We will be meeting at Ryan Field at 8am and after filling our bellies we will head west to Sells. Our ride sponsors for this ride is Geb & Christy Bailey – Hope to see you all there, the weather should be utterly primo

3 November – Progressive Dinner Ride

This year the progressive dinner ride will be a Southern Arizona event. This ride is a joint venture between Tucson Chapters A & K and Sierra Vista's Chapter E. Festivities begin at 11am at the Brandi Fenton memorial park located at River Road and Dodge Blvd. You will have to show up to find out where the other location are. Make sure you have a full tank of gas and a healthy appetite.

10 November – Free Poker Run

Yep, you read it right. Chapter A is having a free "Chapter A" only poker run. This event is being sponsored by Steve & Laurie Williams and rumor has it that they have one heck of a route picked out. The poker run will finish up at Daisy Mae's Steak House where the winning hand will be announced. The winning hand will receive a \$40 gift certificate for Daisy Mae's. Who know you could win a free meal so show up and have a great time.

17 November – Mesa Market Place Ride

There will be a ride to the wonderful Mesa Market Place. This ride will depart immediately after our November monthly meeting. The Mesa Market Place Swap Meet has had the honor of hosting some exciting events throughout the last year! From Dog and Car shows to celebrity appearances and live entertainment acts...there is always something fun to do on a weekend at Mesa Market Place Swap Meet!

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


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Pictures from Recent Rides



Relaxing and Socializing at Parker Canyon Lake



Break time at Mule Creek NM



Riding the Black Hills (Custer National Park) Smitty is 2nd bike back



Gene and Jeanie owning the road (Between Lordsburg NM & Douglas AZ)

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District Events

October 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
19	Friday	A & K	District Rally – Tucson
27	Saturday	A	<u>Ride to Sells Az Indian Museum</u>
27	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>
28	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>

November 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
03	Saturday	R	<u>Chili Fest</u>
03	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Ride to view fall colors</u>
03	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Gathering</u>
05	Monday	D	<u>AZD Staff Meeting</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Dinner Ride</u>
10	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Breakfast</u>
11	Sunday	S	<u>Tortilla Flats</u>
14	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - Swensen's</u>
17	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter meeting</u>
17	Saturday	A	<u>Chapter meeting</u>
17	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Progressive Dinner Ride</u>
18	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
20	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
24	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>

December 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
01	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Gathering</u>
01	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Ride to Oatman/Laughlin</u>
01	Saturday	R	<u>Roosevelt Lake Ride</u>
08	Saturday	S	<u>AZ-S Holiday Party</u>
08	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Christmas Angels Bake Sale</u>
15	Saturday	R	<u>Christmas Light Ride</u>
18	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
19	Wednesday	A	<u>Chapter meeting</u>
19	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - Arrowhead Mall Food Court</u>
22	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>
28	Friday	S	<u>Mystery Ride</u>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 6:30PM – Ride Coordination Meeting @ Marie Calendars on Wilmot & Broadway	5 6Pm – Dinner ride to Cow Palace – Meet at Chevron @ Wilmot & I10 (Ride sponsor is John Hofer)	6
7 9Am – Ride to Tombstone – Meet at Chevron at Wilmot & I10	8	9 5:30p Chapter A visits Bike Night once again - meet at B of A on Houghton and Rita road (Fry's shopping center) Sponsor = Jon Hofer	10	11 7pm – Chapter Staff Meeting @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton	12	13
14 Ride-4-Kids in Phoenix	15	16	17	18	19 AZ District Rally in Tucson	20 AZ District Rally in Tucson
21 AZ District Rally in Tucson	22	23	24	25	26	27 Chapter K Meeting 8:00a Ride to Sells - meet at Ryan Field for Breakfast Sponsor = Christy & Jeb Bailey
28	29	30	31	Happy Birthday: Kent Lash – 4 Oct, Geb Bailey – 5 Oct, Chuck Lee – 10 Oct, Brad Geller – 11 Oct, Betty Rathjen – 20 Oct, Sami Hall – 21 Oct, Cheryl Gangwer – 24 Oct Happy Anniversary: Bob & Althea Berry – 8 Oct, Bill & Christine Leach 21 Oct.		

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<p>Happy Birthday – Maryann Jordan – 4 Nov, Kerry Woo – 6 Nov, Sue James – 7 Nov, Carl Hill – 13 Nov, Robert Baker – 17 Nov, Dan Humphrey – 21 Nov, John McVay – 29 Nov</p> <p>Happy Anniversary – Ted & Lisa Labbe – 2 Nov, Chuck & Deb Eberly – 7 Nov, Steve & Laurie Williams – 26 Nov, Gene & Jean McGaughey – 26 Nov, Sam & Sami Hall – 28 Nov</p>				<p>1 6:30PM – Ride Coordination Meeting @ Marie Calendars on Wilmot & Broadway</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 11AM - Progressive dinner ride (starts at Brandi Fenton memorial park @ River rd & Dodge Blvd)</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7pm – Chapter Staff Meeting @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 12Pm Steve & Laurie’s Poker Run – Start at Chevron at Wilmot & I- 10 – This is a free poker run</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30PM - Ride-in, Drive-in, or Walk-in Thanksgiving dessert social @ Jon & Sharon Hofer’s house (1981 S. Aliso Spring Ln) South of Old Spanish Trail on Houghton) RSVP to Jon & Sharon by 12 Nov</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 8:30am – Chapter A Meeting @ Golden Corral on 22nd Street</p> <p>Ride to MESA Market in Mesa AZ. Departs immediately after chapter meeting</p>
<p>18 12pm –Mt. Lemmon Ride – Meet at McDonalds on Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Chapter K Meeting</p> <p>6AM - Ride to Chapter R in Phoenix – Depart Chevron @ Ina & Old Father</p>
	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	