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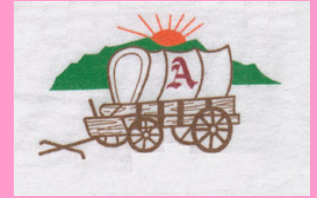
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Check It Out!

By: Smitty

Well another month has flown by and our hot summer months are coming to an end. In just a few weeks we will see the triple digit temperatures subside to totally primo riding conditions.

By the time many of you read this I will be well into my motorcycle trip to South Dakota. I would have left on September 8th and my ultimate destination is Custer, South Dakota. I will have also hooked up with my brother and two other couples in Albuquerque for our first over night stay; they are all riding from Las Vegas on Harleys and much to my surprise they are not trailering their bikes. I also let it be known during the trip planning that the Harleys had to follow behind my Wing, so I could hear myself think and there will be no stopping at every Harley dealer to buy HD accoutrements. Our second over night stay is Fort Collins, Colorado and e should have reached Custer, South Dakota on day three. We will have 4 days of riding in SD before departing for Colorado Springs, Co. There we will attend a Fire Fighters memorial unveiling, ride the Rockies for two days and then head back to Tucson. I will take lots of pictures and I hope to have them all posted to the WEB site soon after returning. See you all at the October meeting

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Chapter Director's Corner

I know it's been a while since you have heard from me. So I thought I'd let you what's going on in my life. Now I consider everyone in Chapter A as my family, you all have been there for me since I had the heart attack. It's been a

long road for me trying to feel better. Some days I just barely have the strength to get out bed. My doctor tells me that I should be feeling better real soon. Let's hope everything will go as planned.

I must apologize to everyone for not being on the rides. I sure I miss going on them. I planned to go on some rides, but when the day of the ride comes I just don't feel like doing anything. I just don't feel like going anywhere. You will see me from time to time, but I'm afraid I will be in the truck, since the doctor told me to stay off a bike for awhile. But what do they know. For now I'm taking his advice. Unfortunately since I can't ride anymore I have to sell my bike. So, if you know of anyone who is looking for a good beginner Gold Wing very reasonable, send them my way.

This was another reason I decided to step down as chapter director at the end of the year to someone who can devote time and energy to the chapter. I think I made the right choice with Garry and Kerry. I know you will give them all the support, as you given me.

At first I was going to let my membership run out and not renew, but I thought about it and with the encouragement of some others I decided to renew as an associate member. So, you can't rid of me that easy.

Okay now for some business. If anyone has a couple or an individual you would like to nominate for that position please submit those names to me as soon as you can with a note why you think these people should be the COY and the IOY. I would like to announce the COY & IOY at the Christmas party. Again, it will be my sole responsibly deciding who it will be. WHAT POWER. I have a few names already in mind so my work is cut out for me. It will not be an easy decision to make, but I will try to make the right choice for the chapter.

Now about the District rally, I hope lot of you will attend; we need to make this event a success for the AZ District. As someone said before, this is our time to shine. I know a lot of the other chapters are ready to help out where they can. Diane or I will find something for them to help out with. At last count we have about 10 vendors coming from all over the area to attend, and I was told that there will be more, about 6 more we hope. We will have a variety of vendors with all kinds of goods from "smelly" candles to chrome. We also have the poker run with \$500.00 for best hand; hey you can't beat that for your five dollar investment.

Chapter K has put a lot of time and effort on setting up a good route for you to go on.

So tell all your friends about it and come out and lets have a lot of fun


I think that will do for now. So, until next time remember "any good ride that ends where you started was a good ride".

Pablo


August Monthly Meeting Stats

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

- 37 Members
- 6 Visitors

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Why Ride for Kids

Provided By: Dave Novitt

David and I rode in the first Phoenix Ride For Kids ride in 1997. What an experience! In 1998 Nick Hoppner, Phoenix Task Force Leader, asked us to be co-task force leaders with him. This is an enormous job which is really too much for one person to handle especially with a regular job too. After a very short time considering we felt this was the thing we had to do.

Now it is 2007. We have done this for 10 years. Do we want to do it again this year should we take a break? NO!

Do brain tumors take a break? NEVER! Are we tired? Yes. Just stop at this time and think of the children who are dealing with a brain tumor 24/7. Do they need and deserve our help? You bet they do! God forbid one of your children should be faced with this terrible disease! We must beat this disease. If we lose even one more child it is one too many.

You can help in one of three ways. You can join the task force or you can volunteer to work the day of the ride, October 14, or you can just donate. You know best what your own comfort zone is. It is only \$35 to ride the ride which this year is again around by Saguaro Lake. Remember every dollar is that much more for research.

There are 10 more brain tumors diagnosed per day! These kids haven't had a chance at life. Let's all get going and help them get well and become health, happy future citizens in society.

This year's ride starts and ends at Desert Ridge Jr. High School located at Crismon & Guadalupe. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Ride leaves at 10:00 am.

The host hotel is The Windemere Hotel at 57th street and Main Street in Mesa. Ask for Ride For Kids rates when registering. There will be a cook out at the hotel on October 13. Everyone is welcome! David and I will furnish the hots and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to pass your own dishes, and your own beverage. This will start at 5:30 pm. The pool will also be available.

We will also have a silent auction with the money going to the ride. We already have some great items to bid on. If you wish to donate an item please contact Carmen Smith or myself. Come, have a great time, and help the kids.

Thank you for your support.
Edie Hewitt



An update on some ailments our members have had.

Louise Siddall suffered a stroke in early Spring. She is recovering very well. Still has Speech therapy at St. Jo's. --Keep up that good work, Louise.

Bob Rathjen may be able to go home sometime the week of August 21-25. Bob is able to eat 5-7 very small meals a day. Good luck to you, Bob and Betty.

Cliff Sias is doing very well after a procedure to assist him in losing wt. Cliff lost 23-1/2 pounds, in one week, as of 8-21. Cliff is breathing better, walks after each meal, drinks 3qt. of water each day. Give him a call; he gets bored just hanging out at the house

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Group Rides

Green Valley Dinner Ride

By: Jeannie McGaughey

Okay, okay, Smitty. I have succumbed to the pressure and I'll put something together to tell everyone about our wonderful dinner ride Saturday, 8/25, to Green Valley...just quit yelling at me!!!

It's going to rain...no, it's not going to rain. That was the story all day Saturday as we were anticipating our dinner ride to Green Valley. Luck was surely on our side as we gathered in the sunshine at Wilmot and I-10 where nine bikes and one 4-wheeler joined up and rode south to feed. Gene led us past the pecan trees and spectacular views of the west side of the mine tailings and Jeannie played tour guide the entire way.

Once we arrived at the Arizona Family Restaurant, we met up with a bunch of folks that will be forming the district's newest chapter, Green Valley AZ-G, but before we could visit much or

pose for pictures, we had a biker with a problem. Bill's new trike quit on him...he just knew there was a major electrical problem and we could all see him cursing Roger under his breath until..... Suddenly it became apparent that he had hit the kill switch (or as Bob Berry calls it, the "turn off switch"). The problem solved, we posed for pictures in the parking lot and all 39 of us went in to enjoy dinner.

We all had great fun and it was so nice to meet new friends (Carl & Sherryll, Galen & Dee, Jim, Candy, Tom, Jim & Peggy, and Dick & Carol) and visit with Bill & Nancy, Geb & Christy, Jon & Sharon, Smitty & Elizabeth, Lumpy & Diane, Dave & Dee, Gene & Jeannie, Bob & Kay, Bill, and Garry & Kerry. After dinner, we slowly gathered outside and drove off in small groups as a bit of lightning illuminated the way home

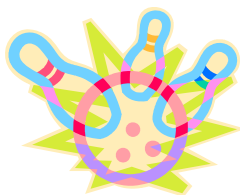


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GIRLS RULE!

Sorry to have missed you all at our First Annual Labor Day Boys against Girls Bowl Off. The event took place on Sunday, September 2, at Bedroxx bowling center.

It was indeed a dismal showing; but the enthusiasm of those present made up for the lack of numbers. The lineup was the boys with DW, Steve, and Smitty; and the girls with Laurie, Elizabeth and Angela (Smitty and Elizabeth's daughter).

It was close for a while but in the end the girls won by a solid overall 83 points with the following series scores:

Angela: 342, Elizabeth: 458, Laurie: 222
 DW: 230, Steve: 366, Smitty: 343

Everyone was a winner regardless of the scores—we had great company and great fun—what else can one ask for.



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14 October – Ride for Kids Event in Phoenix

It's that time of year again and, as with years past, Chapter A will be heading up to Phoenix to partake in the Ride-for-Kids charity ride. If you have not had the opportunity in previous years to participate in this heart felt event the try really hard to make this event. Last year there were nearly 500 bikes and we had a police escort and a closed interstate to ride on. The kids will bring tears to your eyes when you hear their stories too.

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

Upcoming Chapter Rides

15 September –Dessert Ride to Picacho Peak

Yep, the chapter is heading north to Picacho Peak for dessert. This should be a very fun ride for all, not to mention the Dairy Queen ice cream that will be waiting for all those who ride. This ride is sponsored by Cliff Sais

28 – 30 September – New Mexico Rally in Silver City

Several riders have already made their reservations to go the New Mexico rally. We're leaving Friday morning and returning Sunday morning. This is our chance to support our neighbors, do some last minute benchmarking for our rally and give the NM folks a personal invitation to the AZ District Rally.

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noun

A word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word or phrase. For example, *Elvis* to *Lives*.

- peace sand -----
- gild gown -----
- arid order -----
- coco myrtle -----
- tug iron -----
- tics livery -----
- apprentice hero -----
- counts -----
- snuff twig -----
- head estate -----
- aspen jolter -----
- had no -----
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- biting doors -----

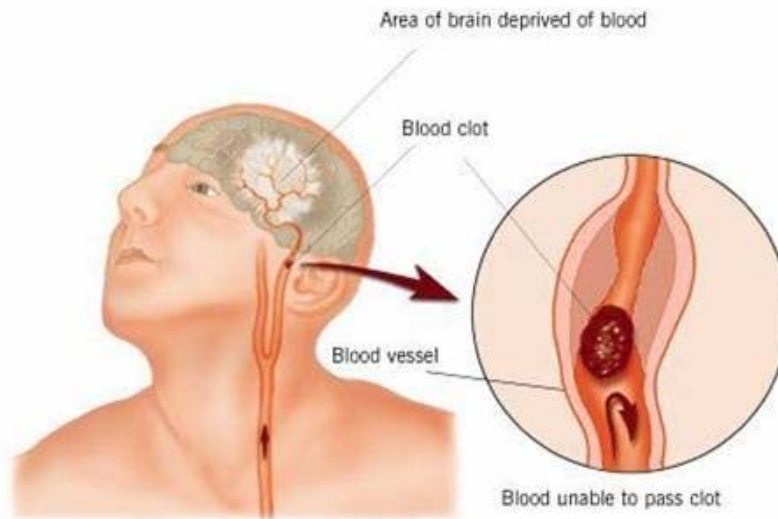
Want to know the answers to the anagrams above – The answers are posted on the Chapter WEB Site!

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The below information is being posted to the newsletter at the request of one of our chapter members. Chapter A or the GWRRA does not consider this information as a definitive means of diagnosing the described medical condition. It is recommended the every individual seek out professional medical personnel to assist in the diagnosis of this medical condition. This information is posted purely as a public notice.

New Sign of a Stroke: Stick out Your Tongue.

STROKE: Remember The 1st Three Letters.. S.T.R.



If everyone can remember something this simple, we could save some folks.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food - while she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital - (at 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away). She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

Thank God for the sense to remember the "**3**" steps, **STR**. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE(Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue; if the tongue is 'crooked', or if it goes to one side or the other. This could also be an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 911 immediately! And describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

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September 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
15	Saturday	A	<u>Dessert Ride to Picacho Peak</u>
16	Sunday	R	<u>Sunset Crater</u>
17	Monday	S	<u>Diamondbacks Game</u>
18	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
18	Tuesday	S	<u>Goldwater Lake Picnic</u>
19	Wednesday	A	<u>Dessert ride to Casino Del Sol</u>
22	Saturday	A	<u>Parker Canyon Lake BBQ Picnic</u>
22	Saturday	D	<u>AZD Overnight to Bisbee/Tombstone</u>
22	Saturday	R	<u>AZR Breakfast Meeting & Ride</u>
23	Sunday	R	<u>Parking Lot Practice</u>
28	Friday	S	<u>Grand Canyon North Rim</u>
28	Friday	A	<u>New Mexico State Rally ride to Silver City</u>
29	Saturday	R	<u>Progressive Dinner Ride</u>
29	Saturday	A	<u>Brunch ride to Bisbee</u>

October 2007			
Date	Day	Host Chapter(s)	Event
04	Thursday	A	<u>Ride coordination meeting</u>
05	Friday	A	<u>Cow Palace Restaurant in Amado</u>
06	Saturday	R	<u>Mini Golf Tournament</u>
06	Saturday	S	<u>Rider Education Seminar after AZS Meeting</u>
06	Saturday	S	<u>Chapter S Gathering</u>
07	Sunday	A	<u>Ride to Tombstone</u>
13	Saturday	S	<u>Garage Day</u>
14	Sunday	S	<u>Ride 4 Kids</u>
14	Sunday	R	<u>Ride for Kids 2007</u>
16	Tuesday	S	<u>AZ-S Staff Meeting</u>
16	Tuesday	A	<u>Montgomerys Bike Night in Vail AZ</u>
17	Wednesday	R	<u>AZR Ice Cream - TBD</u>
19	Friday	S	<u>Helldorado Days - Tombstone Overnight</u>
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>

September 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Birthdays: 2 Sep – Catherine Rangel, 3 Sept – Dave Gormley, Ted Labbe, & Sharon Hofer, 4 Sep – Scott Stevenson, 12 Sep – Paul Parsley, 17 Sep – Ginny Hill, 18 Sep – Laurie Williams, 25 Sep – Sam Hall, 26 Sep – Ellen McVay, 29 Sep – Dee Gormley, 30 Sep – Diana Sias Anniversaries: 5 Sep – Dwight & Carolyn Irwin, 16 Sep – Chuck & Cyndi Lee						1 California District Rally
2 Afternoon of Bowling @ Bedrocks (I10 & INA) (Organized by Elizabeth)	3	4	5	6 6:30PM – Ride Coordination Meeting @ Marie Calendars on Wilmot & Broadway	7 7pm – Chapter ride in to the Something Sweet café on Speedway Blvd (Sponsored by Kerry Woo)	8
9 8am - Mystery ride – Meet at Chevron I10 & Wilmot (Ride sponsor – Kerry Woo)	10	11	12	13 7pm – Chapter Staff Meeting @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton	14	15 8:30am – Chapter A Meeting @ Golden Corral on 22 nd Street 5pm – Dessert ride to Picachco Peak Meet @ Oracle & Magee (Ride sponsor Cliff Sias)
16 12:00p Green Valley Art & Crafts Fair Ride - Meet @ 1-10 & Wilmot (Ride Sponsor - Pair of Jeans)	17	18	19 6pm – Dessert ride to Casino del Sol – Meet at AZ Honda (Ride Sponsor – Garry Woo)	20	21	22 Chapter K Meeting 10am – Parker Canyon picnic – Meet at I10 & Wilmot (Ride Sponsor – Smitty)
23	24	25	26	27	28 9am - Silver City, NM Rally Meet at Chevron @ I10 & Wilmot	29 Silver City, NM Rally 9am – Brunch in Bisbee Meet at Chevron I10 & Wilmot (Ride Sponsor – Jon Hofer)
30 Silver City, NM Rally						

October 2007

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	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	10	11 7pm – Chapter Staff Meeting @ Pantano Christian Church on Houghton	12	13
14 Ride-4-Kids in Phoenix	15	16 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	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.		

Chapter Educator's Corner

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

First responders would like to have some medical history about you should the occasion arise for a medical emergency.

Fill out this card, cut it out of the page, and then keep it in your left hand glove box of your fairing.

The best thing to have on you is a medic alert bracelet or necklace tag.

Some first responders will not have time to go through your belongings looking for information.

Dave Gormley AZA Educator

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