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# GWRRA - Arizona Chapter

## "A"

### Pioneer Chapter



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From the Assistant Director's Desk.  
William Leach  
Chapter A Assistant Director.

Hello to all. Well we have survived the third hottest July in Arizona's History. Wing Ding is over and many of our members are still on vacation. July's monthly gathering had 40 members, 5 guests, 14 motorcycles and one Trike, as well as a few motor vehicles. Congratulations go to Dave Gormley. Dave received the RIDER EDUCATION MERIT AWARD while at Wing Ding. We are all better riders because of Dave's dedication to rider education. Way to go Dave. While at Wing Ding, our beloved mascot took second place in Humorous Mascot. Congratulations to "ALPHIE". ALPHIE, has lost his belt buckle and needs a new one. I have a son in law who is a graphic artist. We will get ALPHIE a belt buckle and belt. During the next three month's we have four District Rallies coming up. Let's see if Chapter A, can make a good showing.  
August 21-22 Colorado  
September 4-6 California  
September 25-26 New Mexico  
October 30,31 & November 1<sup>st</sup> Arizona  
Our Ride Coordination group has planed several new rides for the coming months, so as the weather gets cooler, let's ride. All, are welcome to attend the ride coordination meetings. If you have some rides you would like to see on the calendar, please stop by and we will get them scheduled in.

Bill Leach

I would like to thank Assistant Chapter Director Bill Leach for writing the "From the desk of" article this month and look forward to his hosting the chapter gathering this month as well. Thanks Chapter "A"! and especially Bill.  
Ride Safe!  
Dean G. Jernigan

#### July Gathering

Bikes 14  
Trikes 1  
Members 40  
Guests 5  
50/50 winners – Chuck Lee and Kerry Woo  
Door prize winners, Jon Hofer, Sandie Novitt, Becky Sangster, Bill Leach, Nancy Ryson, Chuck Lee, Gene McGaughey, Laurie Williams, Elana Oliva, Pablo Alonzo.

## Aug 2009

June 20-09

Garage Day at Dave and Dee's

Had a great turnout. Lots of food. Christy and Laurie grilled the hamburgers and hotdogs. We had lots of help in preparing the food. Nice day, --no rain, but rather hot later in the day. Lots of mechanical activity in the garage. The gals visited in the house or on the patio, while the majority of the fellows were in the garage working or visiting also.(KICKING TIRES). I think the round table discussions produced future things on our agenda's. And some probably won't be repeated-ha-ha. Jon Hofer took lots of photos, hope to see them on the web or in the paper.  
Participants====Garry/Kerry, Steve/Laurie, Jerry/Maryann Jordan, Bob/Kay, Geb/ Christy, Bill/ Christine, Ron Penner, Gene/ Jeannie, Mike/Susan, Jon/ Sharon, Dave/Sandie. Kim/Laury, Dave/Dee, Dennis/ Debbie, Dean/ Jeannine and Micaela.  
Thanks to all of those that attended, will do it again someday.  
Hugs, Dee and Dave

Sunday, July 19

ICE CREAM RIDE

Rain was in the forecast, and some wind, The clouds were dark, and Gormley's had some sprinkles, but a downpour happened at Mc Donalds, before the ride. Brave souls did ride to the meeting place and we were on our way. 5 bikes and one vehicle rode to the top of Mt. Lemmon, perfect weather, no rain and was 69 in Summer Haven. Therefore the ride back was great also.  
Dave and Dee had lots of ice-cream and everyone brought toppings. Geb and Christy came by car, and we do love to see everyone come, even if driving a car. We have been known to carpool cars and some ride bikes, just want as many to participate as are able.  
Now we will have to do this again in the Fall, as we do have a lot of ice-cream left--YUM!!!  
Participants--Geb/ Christy Bailey, Mike/Susan Heritage, Garry/ Kerry Woo, Jeremy/Ana Woo, Steve/Laurie Williams, Dean/Jeannine Jernigan, and Dave/Dee Gormley.

## Pinetop – “Ride to the Rain”

By Laurie Williams

We met at Chevron – and I was pleasantly surprised on what a great group we had assembled. It was early but the heat hadn't snuck up on us yet – so it was worth getting out of bed for! We had 6 bikes and two trikes and Ron & Debbie came to meet us to go to breakfast. Glad they did – great idea to ride with us! Headed off to breakfast in Wilcox in two groups as we got about half way to Wilcox we were getting pretty hungry by now. We stopped at the local truck stop (TA) they have a big back room for all of us to fit in and a buffet so we can get in and out quickly. Headed off towards Safford was pretty uneventful – some of us wondering how these people way out in the middle of nowhere exist. As we get to the mine – had to stop to see the big hole – photo time too and it was starting to get warm by then. Off we went heading up the road – no dears this time (or Moose) just a few squirrels. The ride was beautiful – just a few rocks in the road but otherwise a dream of a run. Enjoying the curves and green trees! Stopping in Hannigans Meadow for lunch we watched some travelers (girls at that!) play with some snakes that they had retrieved from the grassy area – which was all over the place. Needless to say – I decided to hang tight at the paved and populated areas. The little resort cabins set out picnic tables so we had lunch and watched all the hummingbirds and blue jays buzz around. Those hummingbirds were real aggressive. It was a real pretty area so we lingered for awhile enjoying the fresh air. Just heading out of Alpine here is another group of Goldwings – Chapter R heading to their weekend getaway too. Maybe next year we'll have to do a group gathering in the mountains. Enjoying the cool weather thru to Pinetop and seeing how much it has grown and noticing that it must be the place to be in the summer! Being very envious of those who can live there – some day we hopefully will have that option too. Checking into the hotel was smooth – they had a real nice welcome area and the rooms were really nice. They had a complete breakfast too – so this is one hotel to put on the list for future trips.....plus they have a Jacuzzi which was enjoyed to the fullest. We closed it down – great conversations and a fun time after dinner at Charlie Clarks Steakhouse. Good food but a little pricey – Saturday night it must be the place to go since it was packed to the hilt. Got in with reservations so we were able to get in quickly and get served. The next morning met altogether in the breakfast area at 7:00 am filled the tummies and headed off to fill the tanks and off thru the Salt River Canyon. It was a site to behold; it always amazes me how pretty it is in the canyon even if it is a lot of rock formation. After the canyon it was smooth running – stopped a few times to wet the cooling gear down to keep us comfortable. We had a wonderful time together and are looking forward to next year's “Ride to the Rain” – and we did just get a few sprinkles to make it official.

## Out and About

By Laurie Williams

July was a busy month for Chapter A – even if there were temps over 100+ degrees.

We had a wonderful run up Mt. Lemon – six couples left McD's right after the down pour. Dave & Dee, Mike & Susan, Garry & Kerry, Jeremy & Anna, Dean & Jeannine, and Steve & I. Cooled it off 20 degrees! The mountain didn't receive a drop of rain. It was cool and almost needed the heated jacket; it was 68 at its lowest. It was so green – few dead squirrels but otherwise pretty run. We joked that maybe Dave needed to start up the grill tonight. Yum..... We were up and down the mountain at the Gormley's home by 7:00 for ice cream. Geb & Christy met us at the house – Geb had been cleaning up his trike all day. It was a great time – lots of yummy toppings for the ice cream. Good friends, great conversations and lots of laughs! Gracie's Station was a success too – (I heard) Eleven members showed and they had some great prime rib. The following Tuesday we headed to TTT for their famous ice cream and deep dish pie.....for some of us. We were a group of 12 this time – Geb & Christy, Dennis & Debbie, Kim & Laury, Bill & Christine, Dave & Dee, and Steve & I. We ate dinner and skipped the ice cream....don't know how I got away with that. But others didn't - Dave & Dee had a huge mound of sweet stuff in a bowl. There were others too that shared their ice cream with their spouse. Landmark Café turned out to be a nice run for those who were brave enough to be out on their bikes. The tough ones were Dave & Dee, Kerry & Garry, the rest of us – Bill, Pat & Patricia, Jon & Sharon, and Steve & I took our cars. It was good to carpool – this way we got a chance to chat in a smaller group. It was a bit disappointing that the menu had changed to a fundraiser all you can eat Mexican food – but never-the-less we had a great time. We had a room all our own to be as silly as we wanted to (right Pat!) We had a great time too - The sunset was beautiful – now I remember partially why I live here.

July 21-09

Dinner/dessert --meeting at triple-TTT

Hot out doors. We all drove our cars. 12 people enjoyed good food and of course the desserts are huge. Glad to see so many attended.

Participants= Steve/ Laurie W., Dennis/ Debbie A., Geb/ Christy B., Bill/Christine L.,Kim/Laury W., Dave/Dee G.

## Aug Anniversaries

- 1, Cliff & Diana Sias
- 3, Bob & Kay Dahms
- 13, John & Ellen McVay

## Aug Birthdays

- 8, Jerry Jordan
- 9, Nanci Cordray
- 14, Steve Williams
- 16, D.W. Gary
- 23, Ron Norris

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 3, Dave Gormley
- 3, Sharon Hofer
- 13, Ana Woo
- 22, Bruce Fairchild
- 18, Laurie Williams
- 25, Sam Hall
- 26, Ellen McVay
- 28, Adam Woo, ( Child)
- 29, Dee Gormley
- 30, Diana Sias

## September Anniversaries

- 5, Dwight & Carolyn Irwin
- 11, Mike & Becky Sangster
- 16, Chuck & Cyndi Lee

## Chapter History

Please send your photos of GWRRA events to Bob Dahms, (Historian) bdahms@mac.com and Jon Hofer (Newsletter Editor) azanewsletter@cox.net



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## HEADLIGHT MODULATOR

**For those of you that want more info about headlight modulators.**

**Headlight Modulator Regulations:** [Here are the U.S. regulations](#) for headlight modulators (they are legal in all 50 states); this is Official U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Governing Motorcycle Headlight Modulators - FMVSS 108 (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) (49 CFR Part 571.108 S7.9.4) allows motorcycle headlight modulation systems all 50 states provided they comply with the standards set forth in this section. Title 49 USC 30103(b1) (US Codes) *prohibits any state from forbidding a system that conforms to FMVSS 108* | Here's a handy small [one-page version](#) to keep on your bike in case you get stopped by the Police | "Motorcyclists who are conspicuous are under-represented in crashes"; [read more](#) from NHTS

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**This Federal law supersedes all state laws and makes motorcycle headlight modulators legal in all 50 states. FMVSS 108** (Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards) (49 CFR Part 571.108 S7.9.4) allows motorcycle headlight modulation systems **all 50 states** provided they comply with the standards set forth in this section. **Title 49 USC 30103 (b1)** (US Codes) **prohibits any state from forbidding a system that conforms to FMVSS 108.** [Click here](#) to see the regulation.

**Code of Federal Regulation** - Title 49, Volume 5, Parts 400 to 999 - Revised as of October 1, 2000

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TITLE 49: TRANSPORTATION - CHAPTER V, NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PART 571, FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS - Subpart B--Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards - Sec. 571.108 Standard No. 108;

### **Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment - S7.9.4 Motorcycle headlamp modulation system.**

S7.9.4.1 A headlamp on a motorcycle may be wired to modulate either the upper beam or the lower beam from its maximum intensity to a

lesser intensity, provided that:

- (a) The rate of modulation shall be 240 <plus-minus> 40 cycles per minute.
- (b) The headlamp shall be operated at maximum power for 50 to 70 percent of each cycle.
- (c) The lowest intensity at any test point shall be not less than 17 percent of the maximum intensity measured at the same point.
- (d) The modulator switch shall be wired in the power lead of the beam filament being modulated and not in the ground side of the circuit.
- (e) Means shall be provided so that both the lower beam and upper beam remain operable in the event of a modulator failure.
- (f) The system shall include a sensor mounted with the axis of its sensing element perpendicular to a horizontal plane. Headlamp modulation shall cease whenever the level of light emitted by a tungsten filament light operating at 3000 deg. Kelvin is either less than 270 lux (25 foot-candles) of direct light for upward pointing sensors or less than 60 lux (5.6 foot-candles) of reflected light for downward pointing sensors. The light is measured by a silicon cell type light meter that is located at the sensor and pointing in the same direction as the sensor. A Kodak Gray Card (Kodak R-27) is placed at ground level to simulate the road surface in testing downward pointing sensors.
- (g) When tested in accordance with the test profile shown in Figure 9, the voltage drop across the modulator when the lamp is on at all test conditions for 12 volt systems and 6 volt systems shall not be greater than .45 volt. The modulator shall meet all the provisions of the standard after completion of the test profile shown in Figure 9.
- (h) Means shall be provided so that both the lower and upper beam function at design voltage when the headlamp control switch is in either the lower or upper beam position when the modulator is off.

S7.9.4.2(a) Each motorcycle headlamp modulator not intended as original equipment, or its container, shall be labeled with the maximum wattage, and the minimum wattage appropriate for its use. Additionally, each such modulator shall comply with S7.9.4.1 (a) through (g) when connected to a headlamp of the maximum rated power and a headlamp of the minimum rated power, and shall provide means so that the modulated beam functions at design voltage when the modulator is off.

A biker went to a bar and ordered a drink. As he sat sipping his whiskey, a young lady sat down next to him. She turned to the biker and asked, "Are you a real biker?" He replied, "Well, I've spent my whole life on Harleys. My momma was pregnant with me when she rode on the back of my Daddy's Harley, then as a little boy I rode on the back with my Daddy until I finally got my own Harley. I've been riding a Harley ever since. So yes, I guess I am a real biker."

She said, "I'm a lesbian. I spend my whole day thinking about women. As soon as I get up in the morning, I think about women; when I shower, watch TV, eat, whatever, everything seems to make me think of women." Then she got up and left.

The biker was thinking about what just happened when a man sat down next to the biker and asked, "Are you a real biker?" He replied, "I always thought I was, but I just found out I'm a lesbian."

The things I enjoy about a trip like this are the friendships you create and enhance on the way on an outing like this. The weather was good for the most part as the biggest storm our group encountered was at Ruidoso NM while we slept. The hotel room was really insulated from the noise of the storm and the only reason I heard it was that my perimeter alarm kept going off on my bike and would set my key fob off and it woke me. After I reset it 4 times, I thought to myself "someone's messing with me" so I got up and dressed and when I opened the door, the rain was really coming down hard. I walked around the balcony to the other side of my hotel wing and realized the rain was beating on the bike cover so I shut off the alarm and went back to bed. The mountain air was so fresh smelling the next morning even as the rain continued. We left the hotel after breakfast and the sun was now rising which made for a safer ride in the rain.

I always enjoy driving through smaller towns on rural roads as you see the quaint shops and restaurants that are so representative of rural life. Roswell NM has little alien eyes on the street light globes in the older section of town because they have the International UFO Museum informing tourists of the famous controversial UFO crash on July 8th 1947(live long and prosper, Roswell!).

Several of us use GPS units on our bikes and you can compare speed against your bikes speedometer. I was about 3 mph off between the two units which seems common. It is still nice to have a road atlas to double check your route as the GPS may recommend a different route than that pre-planned.

If you're using an FM modulator for your XM radio, you'll likely have to change your radio's frequency along the route to offset FM station interference.

Two of the neatest products I liked at Wing Ding were Dynamic balancer rings you mount to your bikes wheels behind the brake rotors. These have floating ball bearings that balance your wheels as you drive. They work just like spin balancing does. They claim to increase your tire mileage. The vendor had an impressive demonstration. The second product was an MP3 player that mounts in the GW trunk and it plugs into the bikes CD harness and you use your bikes CD controls to change track and tune selections. You load songs onto an SD card or a USB flash drive and plug then into the player. Sounds cool!

After four days in Tulsa most of us were ready to make the trip home. We picked up a light rain shortly after leaving Tulsa. Then we entered the toll road again. What a challenge getting exact change out of a coin purse in the rain to toss into the hopper. I had received a rare Washington DC commemorative quarter in my travels and was going to incorporate it into my collection at the chagrin of Becky. We shared a friendly (ooh) dialog about who needed the quarter the most. After the four toll stops at least two of the in the rain, that quarter came up missing? Dang! It must be in a toll booth somewhere in Tulsa? Don't tell Becky! :-)

Our first night on the return trip was Lubbock TX. This is where the Buddy Holly museum is located. Mike, Smitty and I set out that night to try to find the BH statue in town using my memory. Bad move. We saw a lot of downtown Lubbock that evening as we found a memorial but not the elusive statue. Reluctantly we retired to our rooms.

After breakfast the next morning, Smitty surprised me with a trip past the statue, having gotten better directions. Some of the prominent stars from that area are Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Mac Davis and others I forget now. After pictures in front of Buddy Holly and hearing "Peggy Sue" play on the radio, we pulled out onto the interstate towards our destination of Las Cruces NM. We dined at Cloudcroft NM for lunch. It is a quaint mountain town and the last of our 83 ° temperatures. We stopped at the White Sands Dunes monument and checked out a silica sand dune and let "K"'s mascot Cody play around on the dune. The temperature there was definitely getting warm then.

We gassed up in NM and made our final rest stop in Texas Canyon before heading home. I got home at 11:30 am.

Trip statistics for me:

I used 54.01 gallons of gas.

Lowest price per gallon \$2.34

Highest price per gallon \$2.75

Average gas cost per mile \$.058

Total trip mileage for me 2345 miles

Best mileage 48.55 mpg

Lowest mileage 37.59 mpg

Thanks to Chapter "K"'s Smitty for a great planned ride!

Ron P.

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<u>30</u> Aug	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Sep	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
				6:30p Ride coordination meeting - dinner at 6:00 IHOP 5101 E. Grant Rd	Idaho Rally in Kamiah 4th-6th CA Rally - Bakersfield 4-6th	
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Mt. Lemmon (Chapter R) details tba		6:30p Staff Meeting at Pantano Christian Church at 10355 E. 29th Street				2:00p Bike Night - Phoenix Diamondback ball game Meet at Chevron Ina & Oldfater Sponsor Kerry & Garry
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
			6:00p Dinner at Macayo's 7040 E. Broadway sponsor Jon & Sharon			8:00a A Gathering Golden Corral 22nd/Columbus
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
					New Mexico District Rally 25-26 details tba	
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u> Oct	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
8:00a Breakfast at Cow Palace Meet Chevron I-10 & Wilmot Sponsor Jon & Sharon				6:30p Ride coordination meeting - dinner at 6:00 IHOP 5101 E. Grant Rd		

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	Saturday
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				5:30p LaParrilla Suiza 5602 E. Speedway Sponsor Kerry & Garry				Chapter D outdoor breakfast (fundraiser) Meeting place TBD
<u>11</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
Ride for Kids			6:30p Staff Meeting at Pantano Christian Church at 10355 E. 29th Street					8:00a A Gathering Golden Corral 22nd/Columbus
<u>18</u>		<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>		<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
				6:00p Dairy Queen in Casa Grande meet Ina & Oldfather Chevron Sponsor Bill Leach				10:00a Chiricahua Mt ride meet at Chevron I-10 & Wilmot take a sack lunch
<u>25</u>		<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>		<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>
							AZ District Rally	

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