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Harder Happenings

As we begin a new year, we also begin a new phase of leadership in the chapter. We along with Bruce and Mel are excited about this wonderful opportunity to guide the chapter on a fun-filled adventure for the next few years. At the ride planning meeting we put many fun and exciting events on the calendar and we're really anxious for riding weather to resume.

Speaking of weather....it certainly didn't cooperate with Rich & Donna Noah's Annual New Year's Day Ride & Breakfast. To avoid the icy roads down to Beulah, the venue was changed to Cracker Barrel on North Academy & I-25. Even though we were not able to meet the other chapters, it was refreshing to see 34 people brave the frigid weather to participate in the first event of the year. We were all seated in the same section of the restaurant with a few regular people who soon discovered that we are not so regular. They ate their meals and left as soon as possible, leaving the entire area to us for spirited camaraderie. Thank you Rich and Donna for getting us off to a good start for the new year.

On Saturday, January 13th ten of

us attended the Officer's Meeting in Lakewood. Those in attendance were Bruce & Mel Partner, Butch & Linda Shelley, Mark & Sue Damschen, Ron & Marsha Curry as well as ourselves. The meeting began with a presentation of the District Officers followed by an introduction of each chapter's attendees and positions by their Chapter Director. It was an honor to see one of our own, Mark Damschen, step up to take on the District's position as Rider Educator. Each chapter presented their fundraiser with the date, place and beneficiary. These dates will be included on our 2007 calendars so that we won't miss out on any of the "fund" events planned by other chapters. This was followed by a ceremony to present COY's and IOY's with pins and certificates. Steve Randolph, District Director discussed the importance of getting back to a phone tree invitation as a supplement to the e-mails. It's that personal touch and voice that bring people out and make them feel special. Since our chapter is one of the few in the district to still have a working phone tree, Tom was asked to explain how ours works. Mark talked for a few minutes regarding rider educa-

tion and the need to keep your credentials current.

Also at the meeting Steve discussed the Mascot Capturing Program and gave all chapters the guidelines and mileage chart. This program encourages fun and it's a great way to meet people. We will have the guidelines at February's meeting so that we can plan some trips to other chapters. However, it is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that our mascot's picture is now posted on milk cartons begging for its return. It was taken a couple of meetings ago and no one has come forward to return it. We have not offered a reward yet but it might be a possibility in the future.

As your new Chapter Directors, we would like for all of us to believe in the GWRRA motto of "Fun, Safety and Knowledge". Let's have fun, always putting safety first and share motorcycling knowledge.

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

A lot of us are planning new tires over the winter or in the spring. I recently found some interesting information about new tires.

New tires do not have as much traction on them until they are scuffed up a little.

Actually they have less traction until the new-tire coating is worn off of them, however that is not the whole story.

A rider could scuff tires using an abrasive just after mounting them and then take off to tackle some twisties. Lower traction would not be a significant problem, but you can't be sure that the new tires would be safely usable in stress situations as a result.

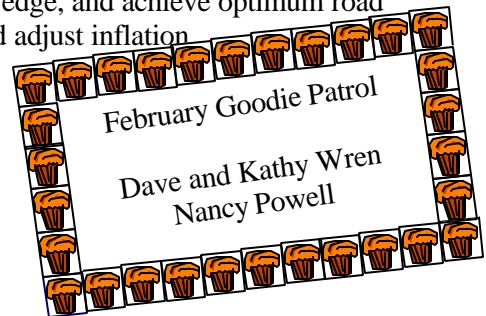
ALL new tires grow during the first hundred miles or so of use. It is absolutely essential that you allow them to do so before putting them to a stress test such as attempting to aggressively navigate a set of twisties. Why? Because it is the process of growing that results in a tight and secure bead to rim seating. If you put the tires to undue stress before their beads have seated to the wheel rims there is a possibility that you will experience a catastrophic loss of air while leaned over in a turn.

Rather than using an abrasive to convert a new tire into a used one, better to ride on them for a hundred miles or so. Besides, it's more fun doing it that way.

New or used, before you stress your tires in twisties you **MUST** allow them to get warm first. Traction available on a cold tire is significantly less than for a warm one. Similarly, if you are doing a lot of twisties and your tires get **HOT**, traction is reduced. Maximum traction exists only under normal operating temperatures.

Warning from Dunlop for new tires:

Replacements for worn, differently patterned or constructed tires will not react the same. When new tires are fitted, they should not be subjected to maximum power, abrupt lean-over or hard cornering until a reasonable run-in distance of approximately 100 miles has been covered. This will permit the rider to become accustomed to the feel of the new tires or tire combination, find the edge, and achieve optimum road grip for a range of speeds, acceleration and handling use. Check and adjust inflation pressure to recommended levels after tire cools for at least three hours following run-in. Remember, new tires will have a very different contact patch and lean-over edge. New tires, mixing a new tire with a worn older tire, and mixing different pattern combinations require careful ride evaluation.



Pictures Needed

For those of you camera buffs who take pictures at chapter functions Laurie & I need your help. We have started on the 05-06 album and we need pictures for Craft Day in 05 that was held at our house (the Wren's) and also pictures from Valentine Dinner 2-14-05 that was at the Olive Branch downtown. Also, pictures of Halloween 10-05 that was held at the Wren's. We want to start putting the album together ASAP so if you could go through your pictures & help us out that would be much appreciated. If you have other pictures besides those mentioned above we would appreciate those also.

Laurie & I thank you and we hope to see pictures coming in soon.

Kathy Wren

FOR SALE

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We want to sell the trailer and bike as a unit, and are asking \$15,000 for the set. There are too many upgrades and accessories to list here and there are lots of items installed on the bike that you cannot see, such as headlight modulator, 4x4 firefly brake-light flasher (both on the bike and on the trailer), Progressive springs (front forks, fork brace, and Progressive magnumatic shocks on the rear), startron trailer wiring harness and lots of other items. Lots of items that are not stock items. Bike has just over 75,000 miles as well as the trailer. Trailer has new tires. Shocks have been rebuilt on trailer, brushes have been changed out on alternator, always garaged, never been involved in an accident, perfect condition, tires are in excellent condition. There is also a brand new 12 disk CD player installed in the trunk.

Call Rich at 633-0345 or email rdnoah@pcisys.net

Corbin seat. Black/yellow trim, back rest, passenger arm rests, heated. Used less than 3,000 miles. NEW condition. New \$1,200 Sale price \$800 or best offer.

Kuryakyn Driver floorboard. Kit Item # 4038 Includes heel/toe shifter New condition. New \$389.99. Sales price \$250 or best offer.

1999 Breeze trailer, 23 Cu Ft. Black with luggage rack and rails, carpeted, swivel hitch, and an external mounted cooler with cover. New \$2,500 Sale price \$1,400 or best offer.

Ralph Clayton
E-mail wingrider@mesanetworks.net
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Cell 229-2050

Note..All prices include FREE gift wrapping, shipping and free coffee at my office for 12 months!!!!



Hi Riders!

Anyone interested in attending the Crane Festival down in beautiful Monte Vista? It's to be held March 9th through 11th. Like a couple of years ago, we could travel down on Saturday morning allowing enough time to join up with the 4:00 Sandhill Sunset Tour. The tours are operated on a "Donation Requested" basis, and I think \$5.00 per person is a fair amount. The tours are done by bus out to the farm fields and the tour guides are really interesting. Bring your binoculars and cameras - oh, and a warm coat, it got pretty chilly. Do some of you still remember the whooshing sound of those birds at take off - I do and it was amazing

Like before, there will be a craft fair going on at the fair grounds as well as an additional Sunrise tour on Sunday morning at 7:00.

Weather permitting, we could take the

bikes down, otherwise (and most probably) it'll be by car.

So I'd like to get an idea of how many would be interested before I check out the hotel situation. Since the movie hotel didn't have any movies (go figure that one!) or food, I thought I'd look into another place closer to the Sky Hi fair grounds. Any suggestions would be most welcome!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Crane Festival, take a look at www.cranefest.com to get more information.

So let me know if you'd be interested - the sooner the better. We had a lot of fun (didn't we???) last time and there should be even more cranes this year according to their migratory habits.

Thanks from Sandie serski-ne01@comcast.net 265-5962

Valentine's Dinner

Want to update you on the Valentine Dinner that will be held February 13th at Antonio's - 301 Garden of the Gods Road.

The price for the buffet meal is \$22.50/person which includes tax & gratuity. I will need your payment before the night of the dinner. You could pay me at the meeting in February or mail it to me at

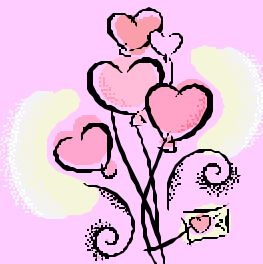
Kathy Wren
5314 Palmer Park Blvd.
Colorado Springs CO 80915



or just stop by for a visit.

The following is the menu (hasn't been firmly set but close):

Garden Salad w/Creamy Italian Dressing
Homemade Garlic Bread
Beverage Selection (non-alcoholic)
Fettuccine Alfredo
Penne Pasta in Meat Sauce
Roast Chicken Italiano
Italian Sausage with Peppers and Onions
Spumoni Ice Cream



If you have not signed up yet but would like to (we would love to see you there) please give me a call at 591-2739 or email at dewglwren@comcast.net

We are sick and tired of hearing about how dumb people are in the South, and we challenge any so-called smart Yankee to take this exam:

1. Calculate the smallest limb diameter on a persimmon tree that will support a 10 pound possum.
2. Which of these cars will rust out the quickest when placed on blocks in your front yard?
'65 Ford Fairlane
'69 Chevrolet Chevelle
'64 Pontiac GTO
3. If your uncle builds a still which operates at a capacity of 20 gallons of shine produced per hour, how many car radiators are required to condense the product?
4. A woodcutter has a chainsaw which operates at 2700 RPM. The density of the pine trees in the plot to be harvested is 470 per acre. The plot is 2.3 acres in size. The average tree diameter is 14 inches. How many Budweisers will be drunk before the trees are cut down?
5. A front porch is constructed of 2x8 pine on 24-inch centers with a field rock foundation. The span is 8 feet and the porch length is 16 feet. The porch floor is 1-inch rough sawn pine. When the porch collapses, how many dogs will be killed?
6. A man owns a Georgia house and 3.7 acres of land in a hollow with an average slope of 15%. The man has five children. Can each of his grown children place a mobile home on the man's land and still have enough property for their electric appliances to sit out front?
7. A 2-ton truck is overloaded and proceeding 900 yards down a steep slope on a secondary road at 45 MPH. The brakes fail. Given average traffic conditions on secondary roads, what is the probability that it will strike a vehicle with a muffler?
8. With a gene pool reduction of 7.5% per generation, how long will it take a town which has been by-passed by the Interstate to breed a country-western singer?

I betcha thought that there test was gonna be an easy one, didn't ya? It's okay if'n ya didn't do all that well. Just goes to show ya... There's a whole heap of things that big city book-learning don't prepare ya for in this life.

As an added bonus for taking the "REDNECK CHALLENGE", here's some Southerly advice that may come in handy down the road a piece...Next time you are too drunk to drive, walk to the nearest pizza shop and place an order. When they go to deliver it, catch a ride home with them.

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First Saturday of the month, 8:30
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