Springs Wings

Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

Ride season is underway. Are you ready? Do you need to practice a bit after the long winter before you get back out on the road? Does your bike need a good physical? Answers to these questions – maybe, yes, and yes. It doesn't matter how experienced you are, you still need to brush up on those riding skills before you face the unruly traffic. And since your bike has been cooped up in the garage all



winter, it probably needs some TLC and dusting off. We have our annual Maintenance Day on May 5 to help take care of bike issues (personal issues you are on your own).

We have so many activities going on already and it's not even summer. Here are just a few events that are coming up very quickly:

- Late lunch with Chapters C & N at Zios, May 6 (let Butch & Linda know if you plan on attending – Mike needs a headcount to make the reservations)
- Region F & Utah convention in St. George, UT May 25-27
- Ride for Kids, June 10
- Silver Key Ride, June 23 (if you haven't participated in this, you don't know the fun you are missing)
- The Bridge ride, June 24

Thirty-eight people attended our second annual FOODrasier to help the church food pantry. Thanks to everyone for coming out and hope you had a good time. When we receive the poundage report from the pantry we will let you know how well we did.

> Ride Safe, Bulch and Linda

After sixty if you don't wake up aching in every joint you're dead

Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F



Dates to Remember

ATTENTION

Chapter I Meeting
May 5th
MAINTENANCE DAY

2715 Casden Circle Colorado Springs

8:00 breakfast,

9:00 meeting, then work on bikes

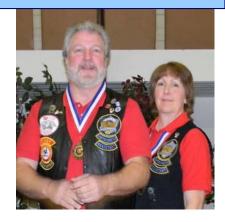
May 6-ZIO's Italian Kitchen @2:00 PM Colorado Springs-Chapters C,N and I Please RSVP by May @ 719-671-6235

May 25-27 -GWRRA Region "F"un Convention St George, Utah

Jun 2-Ride to ANGELO's Pizza in Pueblo & Ice CreamSocial in Beulah

Jun 10-Ride for Kids—Golden, CO

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RIDER EDUCATION

THE FIRST RIDE AFTER A LONG WINTER BREAK

It's a good idea to dust off your skills as well as your bike when Spring rolls around. Two critical maneuvers for traffic survival are braking and swerving!! Because challenges on the road that interfere with your path of travel can generally be grouped into the categories of what you must stop for and what you must swerve around. So, this is what you should focus on in your drills.

Choose a parking lot with no surface condition problems, obstacles, or traffic to district you. Even though you're only riding in a parking lot, it's important to wear full protective gear, especially a properly fastened helmet. For braking practice, accelerate to no more than 20 mph in second gear, and apply front and rear brakes gradually and evenly to bring yourself to a smooth, controlled stop. Practice stopping more quickly each time, until you reach the point of making a good, quick stop without locking either wheel, then try at slightly higher speeds. Don't try to make your first stops your best stops.

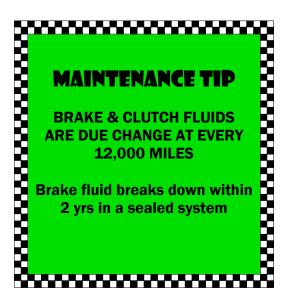
Before practicing swerving, braking in a curve, and other more difficult skills (refer to the tips booklet for exercise layout), try a simple weaving exercise. Put cones or other small markers in a straight line, 30 feet apart, and weave through at 15-20 mph. Then tighten up the spacing to 20 feet apart and ride through a few more times. Be sure to feel how your bike responds to the pressure you apply to the handlebars as you lean. Braking while leaning should be avoided.

After practicing the various skills at higher speeds and moving into traffic, keep extra time and space safety margins to ensure you can brake or swerve in response to trouble.

Better yet, enroll in one of our M S F's Experience Rider Course so you and your bike can spend a day practicing various maneuvers under the watchful eye of an M S F—certified Rider Coach.

Earl Edwards Chapter Rider Educator (Information taken from MSF E-News April 2012)







GWRRA Region "F" un Convention Schedule May 25-27, 2012

All events at Dixie Convention Center Except Range for ARC and TRC and OCP

Thursday May 24, 2011

Time	Event/Education	Location
8AM-6PM	OCP Class (by pre-registration)	Best Western Abbey
4:30PM-6PM	Region Team Meeting	Fairfield Inn

Friday May 25, 2011-room assignments subject to change

Time	Event/Education	Location
8AM-1PM	OCP Class (by pre-registration)	Best Western Abbey
8AM-6PM	Vendors SET UP	Ballroom & outside
8:30AM-1PM	First Aid/CPR Facilitator Course	Entrada B
8:30AM-5PM	Rider Ed/LTP Seminar Presenter Class	Entrada C
12PM-5PM	Registration Open	Convention Center
12PM-1:30PM	Co-Rider Class	Entrada A
2PM-5PM	Door Prizes drop off only today	Sun Brook C
1:30PM-5PM	TRC Classroom	Sun Brook A
1:30PM-5PM	ARC Classroom	Entrada B
1PM-2:30PM	Remembering Names (LTP)	Sun Brook B
3PM-4:30PM	How to participate in GWRRA (LTP)	Sun Brook B
2:30PM-4PM	COY/IOY Interviews	Entrada A
4PM-5:30PM	COY/IOY Reception-join us! For \$5 a sandwich box dinner is available, come on in!	Entrada A
6PM-7PM	COY/IOY Selection Process	Ballroom E & F
7PM-8:30PM	Opening Ceremonies	Ballroom E & F
8:30PM-	Ice Cream Social and Grand Opening of the Vendors	Hallway by Ballroom
8:30PM-9PM	Light Show Staging	
9PM-10PM	Light Show Parade and Judging	Outside Convention Center

LTP means a Leadership Training Course

Saturday May 26, 2011-room assignments subject to change

Time	Event/Education	Location
7AM-11:30AM	ARC and TRC Range Work	Airport
8AM-5PM	Registration open	Convention Center
8AM-6PM	Door Prize Room Open-come drop your Tickets	Sun Brook C
8AM-11:30AM	Drill Team staging and practice	Parking lot across street
8AM-9:30AM	Bike Show Classification	Parking lot
8AM-6PM	Vendors Open	
8AM-9:30AM	Wake Up with Gail-light exercise	Entrada B
8AM-9:30AM	Riding with New or Inexperienced in a Group	EntradaA
8AM-9:30AM	Level Up-How to become a Master Tour Rider	Sun Brook B
8:30AM-4PM	First Aid/CPR full class	Sun Brook A
8:30AM-9:30AM	How to have FUN at a Convention (LTP)	Entrada C
9AM-11:30AM	Swap Meet-gently used motorcycle stuff	
10AM-2PM	Bike Show	
10AM-11:30AM	Best Dressed Competition	Garden Ballroom
10AM-11:30AM	Motorist Awareness Seminar-what is it?	Entrada A
10AM-11:30AM	Membership Enhancement Forum with MEC's	Entrada B
10AM-11:30AM	Motorcycling for the Mature Rider Seminar	Entrada C
10AM-11:30AM	Team Riding or Group Riding Seminar	Sun Brook B
12PM-1:30PM	AZ and CA Drill Team Performances	Parking lot across street
1:30PM-2:30PM	Increase Chapter Participation (LTP)	Entrada C
2PM-6PM	Amazing Team Challenge	Parking lot
2PM-4:30PM	Director Forum-Region Director with Directors and assistants	Garden Ballroom
2PM-6:30PM	PLP Facilitator Certification class	Entrada A
2PM-3:30PM	Motorcycle Crash Scene Seminar	Sun Brook B
2PM-3PM	So You're a COY or IOY, now What?	Entrada B
3PM-4:30PM	Treasurer Forum-Region Treasurer with Treasurers	Entrada C
3:30PM-4:30PM	Chapter Fun-from Mascots to Games	Entrada B
4PM-5:30PM	Co-Rider Seminar	Sun Brook B
4:30PM-6PM	WINGO	Sun Brook A
5PM-6PM	Getting Involved with Chapter of the Year	Entrada B
6:30PM-8PM	Dinner (ticketed event)	Garden Room
8PM-10:30PM	Talent Show-open to all	Ballroom E & F

Sunday May 27, 2011- room assignments subject to change

Time	Event/Education	Location
	Registration see Membership Enhancement	
8AM-3PM	Vendors Open	Ballroom & outside
8AM-3PM	Door Prize	Sun Brook C
8AM-9AM	CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association)	Entrada B
8AM-9:30AM	Educator Forum-Region Educator with Educators and Assistants	Sun Brook B
8AM-9:30AM	Wake Up wth Gail-light exercise	Entrada C
8AM-9:30AM	Co-Rider Class	Entrada A
8:30AM-12PM	First Aid/CPR Recert Class	Sun Brook A
9AM-11:30AM	Mascot Display and Judging-come vote!	MEC Table
9:30AM- 10:30AM	Rhythms of the Road	Entrada B
10AM-11:15AM	Motorist Awareness	Entrada A
10AM-11:15AM	Public Speaking (LTP)	Entrada C
10AM-11:15AM	How to Pack for a Motorcycle Trip	Sun Brook B
11:30AM-1PM	Masters Luncheon (ticketed event)	Garden Room
1PM-2:30PM	Team Riding aka Group Riding	Entrada A
1PM-2:30PM	Having FUN at a Chapter Gathering	Entrada B
1PM-2:30PM	Know your Colors (LTP)	Entrada C
1PM-2:30PM	Going, Going, Gone-what the bike needs for the trip	Sun Brook B
2:30PM-4PM	Awards Ceremony	Ballroom E & F
4PM-5:30PM	Dutch Oven dinner??????	Garden Room
5:30PM=	Closing Ceremonies	Ballroom E & F
8:30PM-10PM	Region TEAM debriefing	Green Spring Room
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RIDE OPPORTUNITIES / OTHER EVENTS

May 6, 2012—ZIO's Italian Kitchen @2:00 PM-Colorado Springs- Chapters C, N and I—Please RSVP by May 1 @719 761-6235 skype

May 25-27, 2012-GWRRA Region "F"un Convention—St George, Utah

Jun 2, 2012-Chaper I Ride to Angelo's Pizza on the Riverwalk in Puebelo after meeting, then Ride to Beulah for Ice Cream Social at Mike Rose's House

June 10, 2012- RIDE FOR KIDS, Golden CO, Jefferson County

Coming June 24, 2012, 1:00 PM - THE BRIDGE RIDE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE BRIDGE RIDE

Coming June 24, 2012, 1:00 PM Chapter I Members

Please have any extra helmets ready to help us give the residents of The Bridge a ride on a Gold Wing trike. They are so excited to see us each year. We also need any trike riders to be available and at The Bridge at 1PM to take part in the fun.

Community Service, Marsha Curry & Nancy Lockhart

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4-Chris Erskine

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GOOFY



Goofy is awarded to one Chapter member who has done the goofiest thing since the last meeting. Goofy gets to spend the next month with that person. The person receiving Goofy must add or attach something that represents their "goofy" stunt.

Members, be on the look out for someone pulling a Goofy.