



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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Looking Forward To...

In last month's newsletter I wrote about cooler riding weather just around the corner, well, it's almost October and we're still waiting ! Several of our chapter members went to the North Carolina District Rally so I'm looking forward to hearing about their trip. I was planning to go, but my work schedule didn't allow me to take the time off. Marcy and I are planning a trip to the mountains the third week of October since we were able to convince her mother to come down from Michigan to take care of the twins. The fall colors should be in full bloom.

As the end of the year approaches, planning for our rally in February is upon us. We will need volunteers to help in several different areas to include door prize committee, registration, signs, games, food, and site set up. The more members we can get to help, the less work there is for everyone. I don't like to think of it as work, but as an opportunity to have fun with your fellow chapter members. Also remember, this is our single most money raising event to sustain our chapter finances for the year. So if you want to help your chapter, call me or any of the staff members.

Ride Safe,

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Have you been missing your Canopy Road Cruiser information? It's time for a Roster Update! Vanessa Shivers handles the main roster and Faith Martin updates the Newsletter e-mail listing. Pretty soon we'll publish a list of those members we are having difficulty contacting.

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Jerry Langley 10/30



Next Month's Birthdays

Bryan Eiler 11/3
Jesse Beverett 11/4
Bob Carraway 11/11
Ann York 11/12
Rita Hodsdon 11/30

October Anniversaries

Dean & Ann York 10/14
Richard & Mattie Lussier 10/17

Next Month's Anniversaries

Wayne & Margaret Parmer 11/12
Cliff & Corinne Mathis 11/27

Time to Re-Up

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October

Bob Carraway
Tom Fisher
Mike & Karen Share

November

Richard Lussier
George & Mary Ann McKee
Arnold Watts

Welcome

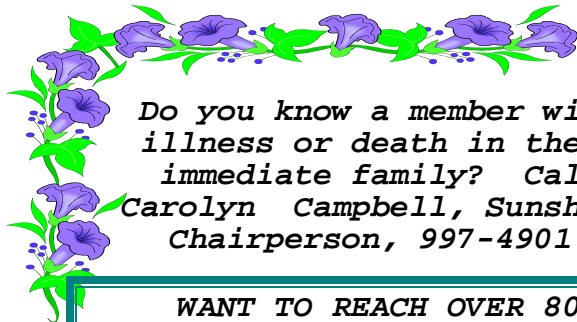
Sandy Kuhn

Sandy joined us at the September 12th meeting. We hope to see you often Sandy.



Get the Lead Out Award

goes to **Emma Wood** for her story, "My Trip to Alaska on my Yellow Gold Wing"!



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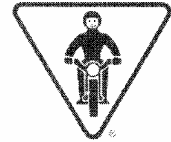
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Wearing the Right Stuff

I have been reading a lot lately about the proper clothes to wear when riding my Gold Wing 1500. I also have been comparing what I read with what I see other riders wearing. I must say, there is little consistency between the two.

I particularly have been concerned about what to wear when Florida's weather gets warm. I own a great leather jacket and chaps, but if the temperature is above 70 or 75 degrees, I am quite uncomfortable. I take off the chaps and move to a heavy denim jacket and wear it up to about 85 degrees. If the temperature continues to rise, I next put on a short sleeve sport shirt and lighter cotton jacket to cover my arms. At 92 degrees or so, I bring out the water bottle and start spraying my neck and chest area with my really neat "pump-up water bottle." I am unwilling to ride with shorts and a T-shirt.

The only problem with this approach is that as I move to lighter clothes, I get progressively more nervous. I know that I am not following the adage, "Dress for the crash, not the ride!" Seems like good advice, but I do not know what to do about it.

To get back to my first paragraph, it is not unusual to see people wearing Bermuda shorts and tennis shoes while riding their bikes. In fact, I saw a couple last week at a gas station just outside of Athens, GA. I walked over to talk to them and found that they were from Minnesota and had ridden all the way down to southern Georgia and South Carolina. They were returning home when I caught up with them. We had a nice conversation, but I could not help but notice that they were dressed for comfort rather than any possible crash.

If you want to see the results of a low speed crash and what it does to human skin, turn your Internet browser to the following addresses. Ugh!

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This couple was wearing blue jeans, and the co-rider remarked that her jeans evaporated as soon as she touched down.

I have been looking at some lighter weight jackets and kind of like the "Joe Rocket" series. They are lighter than my leathers yet have some protection on the elbows and down the back. Cheaper, too.

As to the jeans...I guess I could get some that have Kevlar in the fabric. Perhaps my wife would sew a steel plate in the backsides. I could ride but probably couldn't walk.

This might be a good discussion item for a chapter meeting. I think our more experienced riders would have first-hand stories about riding apparel and the effects of a crash.

At any rate, the motto cited above still seems relevant – "Dress for the crash, not the ride!"

Ride Safe!



My Trip to Alaska on my Yellow Gold Wing

by Emma Wood

I was lucky to get the entire month of June and the first week of July off from work for a trip to Lake George, NY for Americade, then across Canada to Alaska, down the Inside Passage to Prince Rupert, east on Yellowhead Highway to Jasper, down the Icefields Parkway, south to the US border at Glacier National Park in Montana, south on US 89, through Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Grand Canyon National Parks, then ate up Interstate for two days getting to Fort Wayne, IN for Wing Ding. I arrived home July 6th and had one day to rest before returning to work. It was one great trip!

Now for the details... I left after work on Friday night, May 31st and rode to GA, stopped to see family, then on to PA Saturday, June 1st to visit more family. I arrived in Lake George, NY on Sunday, June 2nd by noon for the staff gathering. I volunteered as a tour guide at Americade. My assignment was to do the Seven Lakes Tour. It was a 200 miles trip, Monday through Friday. We rode out to Old Forge, got on two boats, and enjoyed lunch on our boat ride on the lakes, then returned to Lake George. It was a nice ride with good food. I got up at 5 a.m. each day, rain or shine, and returned to traffic duty at night. We had a wonderful breakfast and a group picture Sunday morning before leaving at 1 p.m. with a couple of Canadians headed for Ottawa.

We rode across Ontario on Highway 17, north of the great lakes. It was cold and rainy but the scenery was beautiful, and it was a nice ride in spite of the rain and the cold. We rode west on Highway 1 in Manitoba, past Winnipeg, then Highway 16, [YellowHead Highway] through Saskatchewan, on to Alberta, and west of Edmonton we rode northwest to British

Columbia Highway on 43 to Dawson Creek, the beginning of the AlCan.

Our first day on the AlCan I saw one pot hole [after I hit it]. The second day was not too bad. We saw many wild animals. The Dahl sheep line up along the road to lick the salt off the pavement and didn't even move as we rode by. The moose came uncomfortably close at times. The caribou were sometimes too close for comfort as well. I expected to see Santa's sleigh attached to them. We had several 10 mile stretches of gravel road in construction areas, but the clincher came after a long day and 900 plus miles coming into Watson Lake, when the mud and gravel became so deep I was plowing. It took some effort to get through the mess.

The following day while in Whitehorse we met a guy who recommended we go to Dawson City and ride the Top of the World Highway. He said the dirt road was as good as the construction we would see between Haines Junction and Tok. Since we would need to ride that stretch of road again later on our way to Haines for the ferry, I decided I would be willing to challenge the dirt road. We rode to Dawson City, an old gold rush town, crossed the river on a ferry and rode the Top of the World Highway. When we got to the border, the officer had to make sure I realized that I would be riding many miles of dirt road. He probably thought I was an innocent creature <grin>. It was worth it! The scenery was awesome!

After five days of riding and we arrived in Alaska. We rode to the Arctic Circle [on another dirt road] from Fairbanks. It was 75 degrees and there were many large mosquitoes! I was getting used to dirt roads by now [NOT]. We had semis, dump trucks, and tour buses as company. When we

washed our bikes I discovered I had holes in both fog lights and a cracked turn signal lens but they still worked, so no big deal. We spent two nights in Fairbanks, then on to Denali Park. Mt. McKinley is awesome! Next came Anchorage for two more nights. We rode to Homer and Seward. The moose were grazing along the streets in town with their babies; some mothers had one baby and some had two babies. The waterfront was a busy place.

We met Bill Parks for breakfast in Anchorage. I would have liked to go fishing, but need to press on riding my motorcycle. We rode to Tok and then to Haines Junction through the many miles of construction. It was bad, but now that I was good at riding in the dirt on a Wing... well, I still hated it, but it was tolerable. We had been told there was no construction between Haines Junction and Haines, but guess what... *there was*... miles and miles of it. We finally arrived at Haines on Friday. We saw lots and lots of eagles! We visited the library, museum, many gift shops, and the docks. We boarded the ferry to Kennicott on Saturday night and had a great trip whale watching. It rained a lot while we were on the ferry and I was kind of glad for the roof.

The ferry stopped in Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Ketchikan, before arriving at Prince Rupert on Monday morning June 24th. We rode east on Yellowhead Highway to Jasper, then south on the Icefields Parkway [more awesome scenery]. We got stopped by a road block before we got to Highway 1 going toward Calgary because of all the government officials, including George Bush, gathering somewhere at a resort in the Canadian Rockies. They called a routine check point and the officer who talked to me was more interested in my bike and my trip than anything else. I had to wait to hear on the TV why we were stopped.

We continued traveling south on 93 to the Montana border and crossed over to Glacier National Park. Montana had so much snow

that Logan Pass was closed. I was sorry about that because it is another awesome place to ride. We continued south on US 89 to Yellowstone where we saw many elk, bison/buffalo, and numerous other animals, plus watched Old Faithful spout. We did our best to avoid road construction, but it was not possible to escape it. We continued through Teton National Park, then experienced Salt Lake City with lots of traffic and high temperatures. We continued south on US 89 through Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah to the Grand Canyon where we visited the North Rim, rode through the Vermillion Cliffs to Page, AZ and then to Desert View and the south side of Grand Canyon. We went to IMAX theater for a video experience of the Colorado River and the Canyon. We continued to Williams, AZ. The weather was hot and dry with smoke from forest fires giving a hazy appearance to the sky.

I headed east and north for Fort Wayne, IN on I-40, to I-44, to I-70, to I-69 for Wing Ding, where I was scheduled to teach ERC and trike courses, as well as help my vendor friends at the Custom Windshield Covers booth. After two days of eating up miles on the Interstate, I arrived in Ft. Wayne. I immediately arranged for new tires and an oil change. I now have Dunlops on my 1800 for the first time. I had a great time at Wing Ding. I was interviewed by the local news media who were awed by the fact that I rode 15,000 miles since I left home. It was live, so of course I couldn't see what I looked like, but had lots of comments all week from people who saw me on TV. After spending all week at Wing Ding, I headed home Saturday July 6th and arrived home at 7:30 p.m. after 16,000 miles of enjoyment. Thank God for a safe and enjoyable trip.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!



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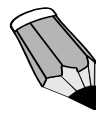
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Editors Corner

Thank you Karen!

I would like to thank Karen Share for providing me with such well organized files and a wealth of information. Karen has done an incredible job and I appreciate her support.

Correction

I indicated at the Chapter Meeting on September 12th that the Editorial Deadline was the 2nd Thursday instead of the 4th Thursday. Whoops! Had my dates switched. I may actually have to have specific dates to keep myself straight. Sorry, if I confused anyone.

Jaith

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: 4th THURSDAY

PUBLICATION: 2nd THURSDAY

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LOCAL RALLIES & EVENTS

- October 1 Staff Meeting - Western Sizzlin' - 6:30 eat, 7:30 meet.
- October 10 Chapter meeting - Western Sizzlin' - 6:30 eat, 7:30 meet.
- Tuesday, October 15** Dinner ride - Charter House, Bainbridge. Depart #1 at 6:30 p.m.
- October 24 Dinner social - Buffalo's American Grill, Market Street. Eat at 6:30.
- November 7 Chapter meeting - Western Sizzlin' - 6:30 eat, 7:30 meet.
- November 14 Dinner ride - Chicken pilau - Coon Bottom. Depart #1 at 6:30 p.m.
- November 21 Dinner social - Marie Livingston's, N. Monroe Street. Eat at 6:30.
- December 7 Chapter Christmas party.
- December 12 Chapter meeting - Western Sizzlin' - 6:30 eat, 7:30 meet.
- December 19 No Dinner ride - Happy holidays!
- December 26 Dinner social - Angelo's, Panacea. Eat at 6:30.
- February 22, 2003 Chapter Rally - Ramada Inn, Tallahassee



Departure Points

- #1: Hardees, N. Monroe
- #2: Circle K, Highway 20 & Capital Circle
- #3: Circle K, Crawfordville Highway & Capital Circle
- #4: Chevron, Highway 98 & Woodville Highway
- #5: CITGO, Hwy. 90 & I-10 east (cross creek)
- #6: NEW Publix, Thomasville & Bradfordville Roads

Change

- #7: Williams Truck Stop on Hwy 90

REGIONAL RALLIES EVENTS

- October 12 FL1-R - Dunnellon
- October 17 - 19 Mississippi District Rally - Biloxi
- October 17 - 20 Biketoberfest, Drill Team - Daytona Beach
- October 26 FL1-C - Apopka
- October 26 Sweet Potato Festival - Ocilla, GA
- November 9 FL1-H2 - Orlando
- November 17 FL1-D2 - Hudson
- November 30 FL1-A - Boggy Bottom, Keysville
- December 14 FL1-S - Zephyrhills

Many flyers available at the meeting from Hugh Waller or David Ventry. Call Charles or the Telephone Coordinators for more information on scheduled and unscheduled rides!



Wear Your Colors

Don't forget to wear your Chapter uniform at other chapter's events! Our uniform is the red Chapter shirt and black jeans.