

September 2009 Newsletter
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HIGH COUNTRY ARIZONA CHAPTER-Y
GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

A great many things have occurred since our last meeting. So let's get started.

As Neil DeMent was leaving, our August 22nd meeting, he was rear-ended by an SUV. He was taken to YRMC and was released. Neil is doing great and will have some great news at our upcoming meeting.

Bill and Debbie hosted a picnic at their home September 12th. It was a great turn out and all had fun and great food. Thanks to all for the food you brought.

We had a good turnout for the Welcome Home Celebration at the VA Hospital.

There is a new Motorcycle Operator Manual that has been published but I'll let Dick Studdard introduce it to you.

I'm still working on the Make a Wish foundation and how we can assist them.

I know many of you have had great rides this summer, let us know about them at our next meeting.

Start planning now, our Ride after September 26th meeting will be the Cruise for Critters starting at 9 AM at StarIsland Motors and ending at the Zoo. It should be fun and it will benefit a great cause.

Many great events and rides coming up:

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| September 26 th | Cruise for Critters/StarIsland & Zoo |
| October 11 th | Ride for Kids (Mesa Arizona) |
| October 17 th | Fire and Steel Run |
| October 23-25 th | Red Rock Ride (Prescott) |
| The Red Rock Riding group that will be here in Prescott in October request that we go up on their site: redrockride.org | |
| And register, it costs nothing. | |
| October 30, 31 & Nov. 1 | District Rally (Lake Havasu) |
| November 28 th | Prescott Light Parade |
| December 5 th | Christmas Parade |
| December 19 th | Christmas Party |
| Photo Rides | (All year Long) |
| Week Day Rides | Every Week |

Mark your calendars for all the above events and many more.

I hope you have all marked your calendars for our next meeting at the **Golden Corral at Frontier Shopping Center** in Prescott September 26th. Breakfast at 8 AM and Meeting at 9 AM.

I'll be sending out an e-Mail for a nose count for Breakfast very soon.

Don't forget to bring a gift for the drawings.

Thank you Dick and Sandy for our weekday rides they have been GREAT.

Keep the rubber side down, be safe and see you all soon.

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THE IMPAIRED DRIVER AND RIDER

A new roadside survey by the National Highway traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) confirms a continuing decline in the percentage of legally intoxicated drivers.

In 1973, 7.5 percent of the drivers had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. In the latest survey, that figure had fallen to 2.2 percent. A BAC of .08 or higher is now above the legal limit in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Previous roadside surveys conducted by NHTSA have measured only alcohol. But the 2007 survey used new screening techniques that detected other substances as well and the future may help show the extent of drug impairment among drivers.

The survey found **16.3 percent** of the nighttime weekend drivers were drug positive. The study focused on weekend nighttime drivers and found that the drugs used most commonly by drivers were: marijuana (8.6 percent); cocaine (3.9 percent); and over-the-counter and prescription drugs (3.9 Percent).

At the last three sobriety checkpoints in Yavapai County, two out of three arrests for driving under the influence were for drugs. The most common drugs used by these arrestees were methamphetamine, marijuana and prescription pain killers.

Alcohol still kills 13,000 people a year on our roads.

Motorcycle riders were more than twice as likely as passenger vehicle drivers to be drunk (5.6 percent compared with 2.3 percent).

Check your medication to see if you should be riding or driving while taking it. It only takes one drink to affect your judgment and affect your ability to ride safely.

If you are going to ride, don't drink alcohol, if you are going to drink alcohol, don't ride.

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