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HIGH COUNTRY ARIZONA CHAPTER-Y
GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Over time, we not only grow in years and experience but knowledge. At this month's meeting we will have a unique guest, J.R. Kelley, and his wife. J.R.'s story is anything but ordinary. He is a proud Marine Corps survivor of the battle of Iwo Jima. He returned home and continued with his father in the motorcycle business in Ohio. J.R.'s passion was motorcycle racing. He is in the Motorcycle Hall of Fame. J.R. was one of the founding fathers in the AMA (American Motorcycle Association). This newsletter is not large enough to proclaim all of J.R.'s accomplishments. I'm privileged to call him friend and neighbor. J.R. is one of the promoters of the upcoming Arizona Mile at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds on May 1st. Come meet "The Man" and his lovely wife Bernie.

Sandy and Dick are planning some great weekday and after meeting rides for us all to enjoy.

After last meeting some of us took off for Bagdad and others set off for Sedona - both great rides.

I would encourage you all to take the time to go up on the National, Region, District and Chapter Websites and keep yourselves informed as to changes, events, rallies, rides etc. and other information that is available to all of us. The Webmasters put a lot of work into these sites to keep us informed.

Our Website is: <http://chapter-y.tripod.com/> just copy and paste this site into your browsers. Other great information websites are: www.competitionaccessories.com , www.wingstuff.com , www.recreation.gov . There is no end to information websites. If you want information go to www.google.com and ask any question or obtain information on any subject.

The trip planning for Yellowstone National Park in June, starting from Prescott on June 23rd and returning by June 30th is well underway and is going to be a great time. Lots of pictures will be taken and then put on a DVD for showing to all.

Remember ET has nothing on a great ride.

Mark your calendars for our April Meeting at the Golden Corral at 8 AM on April 24th . All come and **bring a guest and a gift for our giveaways.**

And as always; *have Fun with the Knowledge: Keep the rubber side down. Helmets will keep you alive.*

Earl Spenard
Chapter Director

Asst. Chapter Director – Bill Balzer

Hello everyone. We have made it to good riding weather. We can start planning some great rides around Arizona. I'm sure there some places that are new to some of us. Even if you have been there before, it's the ride that counts.

Please feel free to let others know your ideas so we can try to accommodate as many requests as possible.

I think Earl & Jenny are getting a lot of people showing interest in going to Yellowstone. It should be a great time for all who go.

Ride Safe & Keep the Rubber Side on The Road.

Bill & Debbie

Chapter Educator - Dick Studdard

Anti-lock Brakes

One of the myths regarding motorcycles is that a skilled rider can stop better with conventional brakes than with anti-lock brakes, ABS. Extensive testing disproves this popular notion. Even on clean, dry, flat pavement, skilled, experienced riders stopped in less distance with anti-lock brakes than with conventional brakes or linked braking systems. They did hundreds of panic stops for the testing on outrigger-equipped motorcycles. This test did not include stopping on slick, dirty or wet spots, ABS would have performed better under these conditions while eliminating the risk of crashing.

ABS allows the rider to practice panic stops without risking a crash due to a lock-up. In panic stops when the front brake locks-up, the rider must immediately release the brake and re-apply to avoid a crash. With the front wheel not having traction the rider can't control the motorcycle and **it will go down.**

In a panic stop and the rear brake locks up, **stay on the brake and keep it locked up.** If the rear brake is released in a lock up, there is a great possibility that the bike will high side. I have seen riders thrown 20 or 30 feet at even slow speeds due to releasing a locked-up rear brake.

Keep the rubber side down.

Dick Studdard, AZ-Y Educator