

May 2008 Newsletter
High Country Wings Chapter Y Prescott, AZ
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Chapter Director - Sherwin White

The Motorcycle Awareness Fair was very successful. I would like to thank Rod, Bill, Jim, Neil and Kenny for coming early and helping me set up the awning. Also, showing up later were Steve, Rena, and Stephanie.

Congratulations to Jim and Stephanie for taking home First Place Awards in their class. My special thanks to Dick and Tani for letting us borrow their Tent Awning to protect us on a warm and sunny day. Our own Dick Studdard put together a very special event. Putting on an outstanding performance were motor officers from our surrounding communities. With a little help from Dick and some parking lot practice, you will all be able to go through the cones like they did.

I'm sorry to announce that Chuck Taylor has resigned as our Ride Coordinator. Thank you for your effort. That means we are on the look out for a new coordinator. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know by e-mail or see me at our next meeting. You just have to come up with suggestions for our after-meeting rides. You don't have to lead if you do not want to. Our members will do the rest.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting. Don't forget to bring door prizes for double 50/50 tickets.

Saturday, May 24th, 2008 Breakfast at 8 AM Come hungry!

Asst. Chapter Director - Ron Neville

RON'S RAMBLINGS

I just read of another motorcycle fatality in Prescott Valley; and, in all probability caused by NOT wearing a helmet. The rider tried to miss a car that pulled out in front of him, was thrown from his motorcycle, and suffered head and neck injuries that ultimately proved to be fatal! Sobering stuff and I hope we all learn from these incidents and always, always put on the helmet and appropriate gear when riding.

Recently I had thought spring had "sprung", but these past few days have been chilly and we received some welcome rain. So, I have not had many opportunities to get out on the new ride, but am surely looking forward to getting more seat time soon. Maybe this month? All the reports I have heard thus far about the rides and the job that Chuck is doing have been very favorable. So try to support your Chapter when you can and come along!

I have not gotten a recent update from our Director, but hope we will be able to get to work the rodeo and/or roughstock to raise funds for our causes. Here's an idea that worked for me....while at the dentist recently I mentioned the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and solicited their support. I am so happy to report they wrote out a check for \$250 to help out, so the moral here might be.....there are \$\$\$ out there in maybe some unlikely spots. Just ask. The worst thing that can

happen is that they will say no, but we have brought awareness. Who knows, perhaps in the future the same party will be in a position to help out.

Nuff' rambling for now, so here are my words of Wit? Wisdom? for the month.

A panhandler stopped a well-dressed man and asked for a quarter to buy some food. The man said, "I haven't any change, but come with me and I'll buy you a drink." The beggar said he did not drink. The man said, "I'll buy you a cigar." The beggar did not smoke.

The man said, "I'm going to the races. Come with me and I'll place a bet for you." The beggar said he did not gamble.

The man said, "OK, you come home with me. I want to show my wife what happens to a man who doesn't smoke, drink, or gamble."

That's all folks.....Ron

Chapter Educator - Dick Studdard

Click on the following link.

["Riding Smarter" - Article by Ace H. Peterson, Region F Educator](#)

Ride Coordinator – Open Position

I regret to inform you that due to some unexpected circumstances I will have to resign from the ride coordinator position. Maybe sometime in the future Lucy and I would be able to attend the meetings again but right now it's not possible.

Chuck Taylor

Humor

A WEIRD FORENSIC STORY

At the 1994 annual dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS President Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994 the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus & concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to the effect indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly. Neither the shooter nor the deceased was aware that a safety net had been installed just below the eighth floor level to protect some building workers and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned.

"Ordinarily," Dr. Mills continued, " person who sets out to commit suicide and ultimately succeeds, even though the mechanism might not be what he intended, is still defined as committing suicide."

That Mr. Opus was shot on the way to certain death, but probably would not have been successful because of the safety net, caused the medical examiner to feel that he had a homicide on his hands.

The room on the ninth floor where the shotgun blast emanated, was occupied by an elderly man and his wife. They were arguing vigorously and he was threatening her with a shotgun. The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger he completely missed his wife & the pellets went through the window striking Mr. Opus.

When one intends to kill subject "A" but kills subject "B" in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject "B". When confronted with the murder charge the old man and his wife were both adamant & both said that they thought the shotgun was unloaded. The old man said it was a long-standing habit to threaten his wife with an unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is if the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. Since the loader of the gun was aware of this, he was guilty of murder even though he didn't actually pull the trigger.

The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus. Now comes the exquisite twist. Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. During the six weeks since he had loaded the shotgun he had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son had actually murdered himself so the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD A WEIRD FAMILY?