

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

As you can tell by the weather, fall is really here. Time to get out your warm riding gear.

Just a reminder that our OCTOBER MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Regarding our Christmas Party, THANKS to all those who sent in their checks. The Country Club requires a minimum of 25 people for a party. We are well below the minimum. If you plan to attend, PLEASE let me know A.S.A.P. It would be a shame if we had to cancel our Christmas Party

On Saturday, November 29th at 6 PM is our annual Holiday Light Parade in Prescott.

On Saturday, December 6th at 1 PM is the Prescott Christmas Parade.

Lets have a lot of bikes show up.

On Saturday, November 1st, Chapter R is having their Annual Chili Fest at Lake Pleasant, AZ. The cost is \$7 per person, which includes Chili, deserts & drinks. This will be a nice event for our Chapter to ride to. We will leave from the Shell station at Hwy 69 & Robert Rd. at 8:30AM. We will meet any members from the Cottonwood area at McDonalds in Cordes Jct. at 8:45AM and leave from there. See the link on our Events & Rides page for more information.

I'm still looking for someone to step forward to be our new Chapter Director. (Don't be bashful).

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 22nd at 8:00AM.

Hope to see you all there. Until then, HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!

Asst. Chapter Director - Ron Neville

RON'S RAMBLINGS

Can anyone out there tell me where the time goes.....been looking all over for it, but just unable to find it! Another month has passed already and it only seems like yesterday that I wrote a piece for the newsletter.

Lots of news; Jane and I along with Bill Balzer and Jess Taylor took the ride down to Mesa on October 12th for the annual "Ride for Kids". We are always so blessed to participate in this event, and in means so much to so many that need some help. As usual, we were not disappointed (well actually that's wrong...we're always disappointed that more \$\$\$ are not raised), as again we heard some of the kids talk and share experiences. I personally got to be a VIP escort and took one of the "stars" (attending children with brain tumors) father on the beautiful trip along the Beeline and Bush Highways.

Guessing about 250 bikes/trikes were there (but only a guess) and \$62,000 raised to help this very worthwhile charity. We're proud that Chapter Y was in the top 5 last year, but we only raised \$

1680 this year. Surprise: we again made the top 5, but only because 2008 has been a very tough year economically. Hoping we can do some events in 2009 to raise more \$\$\$.

Sad news that our leaders are retiring from the Director's position this year. We need someone to take the reins and keep the Chapter moving and progressing. As the Director, you get to appoint (recruit?) your own staff and it does not take a huge amount of time, so please give some thought to volunteering for the Director position.

We have had some close calls in the past with no one wanting to accept the responsibility, and have almost lost our Chapter status. But, someone has "stepped up" at the 11th hour to keep the Chapter viable. Maybe it's YOUR turn.

Really pleased to report that Jane and I made a long weekend trip, at the end of September, to Colorado and Utah. This was a beautiful ride as we rode the San Juan loop out of Durango, returning to Cortez and experienced the leaves changing and the awesome colors of autumn. Wouldn't want to do this much later in the year, as it was "chilly" at 10,000 feet, but worth it all, and the trike rode and performed very well. In fact, as the rains threatened (and we actually received some moisture, but not excessive) we put on our rainsuits, but it seems the rain just swept on over us without getting us wet. Maybe it's the aerodynamics, but whatever...that was a pleasant by-product.

So now, we're looking ahead to the State Rally, as I write this, and hope to see a lot of you there. As you know, it's at the London Bridge Resort at Lake Havasu and even if you are unable to attend for the whole weekend, why not come on over, at least for a day. It should be a nice day ride for anyone!

That's all for now, so here are my words of Wit? Wisdom? for the month.

The old prospector rode his mule into town one day and stopped in front of the local saloon where a group of young cowboys were hanging around. One of the young guys, with two guns strapped to his sides, decided to have some fun.

He drew one of the pistols and said, "Old Man, can you dance?" The old man jumped up and down as the youngster emptied his pistol around his feet. Then the young one pulled his other pistol out and fired it around the old man's feet. When he emptied the second pistol, the old man strode over to his mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, pulled back both hammers and said, "Young man, have you ever kissed the rear end of a mule?"

The youngster grew white and said, meekly, "No, I haven't, but, you know, I have always wanted to."

Moral: If you want to "talk the talk", be prepared to "walk the walk."

Chapter Educator - Dick Studdard

AVOIDING HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is the condition in which an organism's temperature drops below that required for normal metabolism and bodily functions. Hypothermia can result in three stages of severity.

Stage 1, The body temperature drops by 1.8-3.6 degrees. The body starts to shiver and the hands become numb.

Stage 2, The body temperature drops by 3.8-7.6 degrees. The shivering becomes more violent. Movements are slow and labored, accompanied by stumbling pace and mild confusion.

Stage 3, The body temperature drops below approximately 89.6 degrees. The subject has difficulty speaking, and sluggish thinking and amnesia will start to appear. Major organs fail and the subject may die.

On Sunday, October 12, I left Prescott at 6:00 AM on my Gold Wing to ride to Mesa for the Ride for Kids. As I was riding up the Prescott Lakes Parkway the temperature was 21 degrees and I was warm. On the National Weather Service Windchill Chart the windchill was -3 degrees. When I got to Mesa the temperature was in the low 70s. This is the time of year when we have to prepare ourselves for any riding condition and temperature. My method is to layer what I am wearing. I like to be nice and warm and I don't want to get into stage 1.

The jacket has to be wind proof and have cuffs that will keep out the cold air. A jacket with a removal liner will add to your layering and be more comfortable when the temperature warms up. Layers closest to your skin can be made of your favorite wicking material (coolmax, polypropylene, even wool.) It is best to keep your skin as dry as possible in the cold or you'll get clammy and miserably cold. I wear a sweater made of Polartex under my jacket and a denim shirt under it. There are a number of items you can find at your local camping outfitters store that you can use when riding in cold weather.

I get kidded because I have heated hand grips on my Gold Wing. "Why do you need heated grips in Arizona? Because very heavy gloves or mittens make using the controls on the Wing difficult. With the heated grips I can wear gloves that are not bulky and yet my hands are warm.

Scarves or a facemask will keep the cold air off your neck and face. Warm socks are a must to keep your feet warm.

I wear "Draggin Jeans" and they keep me warm behind the Wing's fairing. The "Kevlar" in the knees and seat not only protect you if you should go down from road rash, but "Kevlar" acts as insulation against heat or cold.

"KEEP THE RUBBER SIDE DOWN"

Dick Studdard

Ride Coordinator – Open Position

Humor

Fun Facts:

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled " Gentlemen Only... Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF was entered into the English Language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred & Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It's impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: ALASKA.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts...So in Old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It's where we got the phrase, "Mind your P's and Q's.

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.