

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

I would like to start out by thanking Dick Studdard for suggesting our after meeting ride to the Grand Canyon Airport for the air show and car show. I'm sure everyone who went enjoyed themselves.

Circle your calendar for our Christmas Parade rides Saturday, November 29th at 6:00 pm and Saturday, December 6th at 1:00 pm.

Our Chapter Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 14th. Happy hour is at 4 pm and Dinner at 5 pm. We will be having a Western buffet this year. The cost of the dinner with tax and service charge comes to \$26.47. The Chapter will pick up \$5.47, bringing your cost to \$21.00 per person. Since time goes by so quickly, I'd like to start collecting now. You can bring your check to our meeting or mail it to me at: 7323 E. Frisco Peaks Prescott Valley, AZ 86315-3448

You still have time to make plans for our District Rally at Lake Havasu on Oct. 24-26. Registration forms will be available at our meeting which happens to be Saturday, September 27th at 8:00am. Hope to see you all there. Bring a door prize and receive double your 50/50 tickets.

Until then, Ride Safe!

Asst. Chapter Director - Ron Neville

RON'S RAMBLINGS

Long time...no see! Well it appears this is/has been a year of travel for the Neville clan, and as you read this we're probably on the road again! Returning to Oregon for a shorter trip this time (actually to attend Jane's brother's wedding), and we have decided to try and squeeze in our trike trip to Colorado/Utah before it gets too cool...busy, busy, busy.

In the interim, we are out trying to beg or borrow whatever dollars we can from family and friends for the upcoming "Ride for Kids". So, if we don't get to see or ride with you before then we are counting on seeing most of you then. You know, with the economy in the tank it seems to get harder and harder to raise those dollars for PBTFUS, and we understand. But we take pride in exceeding \$1000 each of the last four years and will try extra hard to make it five years. Hope all is joining in this effort for such a worthwhile cause.

Enough of my soapbox....from those I have talked with I hear good reports about Wing Ding, and with the location being closer to home next year, perhaps more from the Chapter can attend. We have attended six in our lifetime; all different, and in many different locations. Anyone out there remember the California Wind Ding (San Jose, or that area as I recall)? That will date you, as was in the 1980's.

But, while we're on the subject of travel, also hoping many of you can join us for the Arizona District Rally at Lake Havasu on October 24, 25, and 26. I'm certain will be a fun event, and it is such a neat place to visit. We were unable to secure rooms at the London Bridge Resort (full up), but got lodging nearby. Lots of vendors to chrome up the ride, rider education classes, and I'm betting lots of tires to kick...so come on down!

Was intrigued when I read a recent edition of "Cyclerides", the weekly newsletter offering about different motorcycle rides and events. They had a neat story about a ride to Skull Valley and a stop at the Skull Valley Café. So Jane and I saddled up and took the fun ride over.

Nice people and a nice varied menu (offering breakfast and lunch daily except Mondays), and we enjoyed a "man size" breakfast of good chow. So if you're looking for a kind of mid size ride, we offer up the Skull Valley Café, and tell 'em you read about them right here.

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

Dodge City

A cowboy had been in the saloon for a long time and decided that it was time, once again, to head for the hills. He walked through the swing doors and immediately noticed that his horse had disappeared from the rail.

"Ok", he said, re-entering the crowded bar, "I'm gonna have one more drink and if my horse ain't back by then, the same thing will happen here that happened in Dodge City."

With that, several of the cowboys ran out of the saloon and within minutes one had returned to tell him that they'd found his horse for him. As he turned to leave, the bartender stopped him.

"Excuse me stranger" he said, "but what happened in Dodge City?"

The cowboy replied, "I had to walk home!"

Moral: Don't jump to conclusions

Chapter Educator - Dick Studdard

PRE-RIDE INSPECTION

A pre-ride inspection will help insure a trouble free ride and provide confidence that your motorcycle is working properly. Read your owner's manual. I have met riders that have never read the owner's manual and don't know where it is. With information from your owner's manual, you will have what you need to properly inspect your motorcycle for possible problems. Properly maintained, Gold Wings have provided service for over 200,000 miles with out any major problems when properly maintained.

The pre-ride inspection should be as routine and automatic as checking the weather forecast prior to riding your Wing. A quick and easy way to check your motorcycle and a reminder of what you should check is **T-CLOCS**.

T – Tires and wheels

- Air pressure
- Tread
- Cracks, dents, loose spokes
- Bearings
- Brakes

C – Controls

- Levers
- Switches
- Cables
- Hoses
- Throttle

L – Lights and Electrics

- Working condition

O – Oil and other fluids (Fuel, coolant, hydraulic fluid)

- Levels
- Leaks

C – Chassis

- Suspension
- Drive components (chain, belt or drive shaft)

S – Sidestand

A pre-ride inspection should not take more than a few minutes. If done before every ride, it can help you identify changes in your motorcycle before they become a problem.

When I am on a long ride and stop for the night, I perform all the T-CLOCS checks except for the tire pressure. I will spin the tires to check for problems with the tread or nails in the tire. Then, I wait until the tires have cooled before I check for the tire pressure. Most of the time, I wait until the next morning before checking the tire pressure.

I have had seven Gold Wings and the only one that I have had to be towed was my 1976 Wing. I had a rear tire go flat on me as I was riding on the freeway in Santa Ana, California in 1979. Something I ran over cut the tire and the lost pressure very quickly. I was able to ride the Wing to the shoulder and a biker in a pickup was behind me and saw what happened. He blocked traffic for me as I was getting off the traffic lanes. He then hauled my Wing home for me. He was a Harley rider and said he does this all the time for his friends that ride Harleys. I had the u-joint break as I was riding into Baker California in 1980. I rented a U-Haul truck and continued my trip back to my home.

Ride Safe
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.