

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

The Ride for Kids has come and gone (see pictures at the end of this page). This event was a tribute to our Chapter. Hats off to Ron Neville and Jess Taylor. Between the two of them, they raised over \$1500 for the foundation.

The Children were just amazing. At the end of the ride six of the children were interviewed and it was great to hear these kids and what they are doing today. As a chapter we contributed over \$2000. The organization in total raised over \$56,000.

As I mentioned last month 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.

Again, I encourage you to go up on the Red Rock Ride website and sign up. For those of you that have, there will be many rides and events to participate in, including after our next meeting.

A note here, we all may want to check our subscription to Gold Wing Road Riders Magazine. This is how we continue as an organization. The magazine is well worth it with its information, rides others have taken across our great land, etc.

Many great events and rides coming up:

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 this Saturday at the **Golden Corral at Frontier Shopping Center** in Prescott October 24th. Breakfast at 8 AM and Meeting at 9 AM. I'll

be sending out an e-Mail for a nose count for Breakfast. Don't forget to bring a gift for the drawings.

Thank you Dick and Sandy for our week day 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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