

March 2011 Newsletter
High Country Wings Chapter Y Prescott, AZ
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Chapter Director – Sandy Gaston

**HIGH COUNTRY ARIZONA CHAPTER-Y
GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION**

Our meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed guests at our meeting: Bud & Dot Capp; Harley & Pat Funk; Terry Robinson, Vern & Dawn Harvey; and Andy & Hilda Lucas who came the longest distance to attend the meeting, all the way from Pittsburg, PA. There were 31 in attendance.

We are pleased to announce new members of the board: Lee Crawford is taking over the Educator's position from Dick Studdard and Lu Crawford is taking up the position of Assistant Director.

Rod Riggerbach announced that the new 2012 Honda Goldwing information and pictures are on the website.

Mike Berman was absent so Sandy reminded the group of upcoming rides & events such as: Wing Ding in Knoxville, Tenn.

District F convention to be held in Tucson in October

The 40 to Phoenix ride coming to Phoenix March 15th.

Chapter S has an upcoming ride to Yuma, March 26th, which includes a visit to the Territorial Prison.

Everyone was urged to read about the new 'Passport' in the current 'Wing World' which was sent to all members with the magazine. An article in the magazine explains how to participate for a fun time during the coming year. Dick S. mentioned the 'Photo Tour'. And our guest Vern Harvey announced that the American Legion Riders of Post 6 from Prescott will be having a 'Mystery Ride' called 'Another Lousy Ride' on Saturday May 21st 2011. All proceeds going to programs/charities sponsored by the American Legion.

Bud Capp gave the group a run down of what is planned for the District Convention in Tucson, October 29th. There will be many vendors and things to see and do. Should be loads of fun. But be sure to get your reservations made so you're not left out in the cold.

Harley Funk spoke of the many seminars and course that will be at the convention in Tucson.

The Southwest Region "F" Convention is May 27th - May 29th and many members of Chapter Y are planning to attend. We understand that Pueblo, where the convention will be held, is home to more Medal of Honor winners than any other city in the US.

Lee, our new Educator for Chapter Y, talked about layering when riding at this time of year. The weather is still so ify. Types of material and how to wear them was explained. He gave personal

experience and examples and stressed how important the proper layering of clothing helps keep the body warm in winter and cool in summer when exposed to the elements.

We appreciated the extra company and the info they brought.

See everyone at the next meeting, March 26th, at the Golden Corral.

Asst. Chapter Director – Lu Crawford

For the want of low heeled boots -----

After always being the passenger on our Goldwing trike, it was time for me to drive it and have my husband be the passenger once in a while, for a change. I decided to learn how. If it works, it would prove "you can teach an old girl new tricks".

I chose to enroll in the Arizona Progressive School of Riding Beginners Trike Course (MSF). Having never even turned the key on, except to program the GPS, I was a real 'green horn' when I began the adventure. David and Sherry Holland, owners of the school, are very professional and excellent teachers for the two and one-half day course. The name of their game is teaching you all of the rules of the road, the TCLOC, and everything in between which is designed to make you a safe, knowledgeable rider.

Coming from Prescott to be at Luke AFB for the 7:00am classes would have been a real challenge, so Lee and I chose to motel it. Great idea!

Out on the range, my first 'Oh O!' came when I learned that boots with a two inch heel were not what should be worn if you wanted to shift! They were over the ankle, but that was not enough. Trying to shift became a nightmare. Then, our beautiful "Candy", decided to become temperamental by refusing to start while she was in gear. Neutral was the only option! That's not what was needed for me to be a good, high heeled student. David and Sherry allowed me to use their 1500 Trike, but with the thought of having to pay \$100.00 per day for the use of it hanging over my head like the sword of Damocles it caused a bit of nerves, to say the least!

I learned so much about motorcycle riding – Safety margin, Search, Evaluate, Execute, the friction zone, Fine C, just to name a few items that are taught in the MSF Training Systems 3-wheel Basic Rider course. Classroom training was very thorough and the written test covered all that we had learned from David's presentation. I now have great respect for my husband's riding. It ain't the easiest thing to do. Lots of things have to happen at the right sequence to make a smooth shift – believe you me!

With my high heel and Neutral problems effecting my performance on the range and after giving me numerous chances to 'get it', I had to admit that I'd failed to make the grade enough to receive my endorsement. I was given the necessary paperwork to take to the Motor vehicle Department to get my learners permit.

Now, Candy is starting in any gear (a clutch adjustment was needed), I've ordered a new pair of motorcycle riding boots - low heeled, of course, and picked up my permit from AZ MVD. By golly, I'm ready to roll! No excuses – just lots of practice, practice, practice.

Chapter Educator – Lee Crawford

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