

January 2014 Newsletter
Chapter P Pronghorns Prescott, AZ
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Chapter Director – Sandy Gaston

Hello all Pronghorns & Friends,

This last two weeks have been so busy. On Saturday January 11th, Ron & I, Neil & Jan, Dick & Tani, and Ron & Jane went to Mesa to visit Chapter D at Old Country Buffet. They sure do have a big membership. They filled the whole place. The meeting was good and it was nice to meet people we knew and get to know some we didn't. On the way back some of us did a Touring AZ photo opp. We stopped at Pioneer Living History Museum and got our pictures taken - one down. As stated before, we kept track of our mileage for that.

On Thursday there was a group of us who went to Clarkdale for our monthly Birthday dinner. It was at Su Casa. We had Ron & Sandy, Heather & Sherwin, Jess & Judy, Dan & Carol, Terry & Pat, Dick & Tani, and new members from Sedona, Connie & John. The food was good - at least no complaints that I heard of. It was fun being with everyone. More mileage added.

Then on Friday, four of us left for Laughlin. We stopped on the way at Old Route 66 Visitor Center for another photo opp. - two down. Once in Laughlin we headed for Oatman at the Oatman Hotel for another Touring AZ photo - three down. We stayed in Laughlin, got up early and headed for Lake Havasu City for the Balloon Fest. WOW!. They had a lot of beautiful balloons and we were transfixed and excited. It was a great event, and so glad we went - four down with pictures at London Bridge. After that we went to Hoover Dam - five down! Stayed the night. On Sunday we left for home and got yet another Touring AZ photo opp at Grand Canyon Caverns - six down! We kept track of our mileage. We came home tired, but happy. It was a good trip. Sorry more of you couldn't come.

Now onto new things. This Saturday is our monthly meeting. It will be at 8:00 sharp. Golden Corral opens at 7:30. We have a few things to go over, so hope all will attend the meeting. We are doing it earlier this Saturday, because we are leaving right after the meeting to go the International Motorcycle Show at the University of Phoenix Stadium. So far we are planning on taking the bikes unless weather is bad and then we will take the cars. Cost for this is \$12.00.

On The Last Thursday of the month (and it will be this for the rest of the year) we will be having our Game Night. It will be at the Prescott Golf & Country Club, 1133 Old Chisholm Tr, Dewey. Take 69 to Maverick Gas Station, turn South, Left at 1st stop sign, that is Old Chisholm, and office is on left, white bldg. We will start at 6:00. Please bring your own drinks and snacks to pass. Our next Committee Meeting will be Feb 4th at Sandy's house, 11:00.

Keep track of your mileage to & from Chapter P meetings. We are going to keep track of mileage to & from meetings & when there is a posted Chapter P function & Touring AZ ride and photo opp. There have been quite a few of our members join in the past month. This is a great way to get going on rides and see more of our state. I will be discussing this at our meeting. At the end of six months there will be an award to the person with the most mileage.

I look forward to seeing ya all at the meeting.
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Chapter Educator – Dick Studdard

Winter Riding

This is the season when our riding is reduced due to the elements. I want my Wing to be ready to ride when the opportunity arises so I have it hooked up to a Battery Tender when I know that I am not going to ride it for a week or more. I check the tire pressure every week if I am not going out of town on the Wing and just prior to riding out of town. Temperature will affect the pressure and a very cold temperature will cause the pressure to be lower. Remember that if you check your tire pressure in Prescott and the temperature is very cold and then you ride to Phoenix where it is warm, the pressure of your tires will increase several pounds. You need to be careful not to exceed the maximum recommended pressure of your tires. The maximum pressure is found on the sidewall of the tire.

The condition of the roads is a factor in deciding if we are going to ride or drive a four wheel vehicle. Although it can be warm enough to ride, there may be shady areas where there is black ice or cinders on the road. Another hazard I have experienced is mud or dirt clods on the road from the off-road vehicles coming onto the highway from a dirt road. This time of year I ride slower and make sure that I avoid the hazards that we experience this time of year.

Riding in winter Months can be fun if the rider is dressed for it. In Arizona due to the extreme changes in weather and temperature, the riders can be comfortable riding when they layer their clothing. That way they can add or remove layers as the temperature changes.

Keep the rubber side down.

Dick Studdard, AZ-P Chapter Educator

TOP TEN TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL MOTORCYCLING

This information is from a pamphlet that was published by the Arizona Motorcycle Safety Program about 15 years ago.

1. Alcohol and other drugs affect judgment and do not mix with motorcycling.
2. Take a Motorcycle Rider Course to develop good basic riding techniques.
3. Conduct a safety inspection of your motorcycle before each ride.
4. Don't speed; know the local traffic laws and rules of the road.
5. Wear state-of-the-art equipment for comfort and protection.
6. Get a license. Nearly half to all motorcycle riders involved in accidents are unlicensed or improperly licensed.

7. Take an Experienced Rider Course to sharpen your street riding strategies and accident avoidance skills.
8. Be considerate on the road; show courtesy and respect to other drivers.
9. Complete a Motorcycle Co-Rider Course if you plan to ride with a passenger.
10. When riding in a group, determine your route in advance and coordinate it with the other riders.