

September 2020 Newsletter

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Looks like we survived August, and our riding season is nearing its end. There's still a bit to go, but you know Idaho, we could have snow tomorrow. The Beartooth ride went rather well, with weather cooperating, road construction was kept to a minimum, a good Lunch in Cody, and the biggest concern was watching a rather large Bison that had held up traffic, walk into our lane right behind Naurine. As I write this, we still have one ride to close out the month, that being the Ashton/Targhee/Pine Creek Loop. Other than the construction on the Pine Creek Pass bridge, it should be a great ride.



Keep them up to snuff



I cannot emphasize the importance of maintaining your bike, enough. Although the Goldwing is a masterpiece of engineering and with proper care will run hundreds of thousands of miles, little things we don't think about can creep up on us. Leslie and I started to notice our bike would bottom out, even on minor bumps. I checked the preload setting, ran the pump up and down several times, then adjusted it to the maximum setting. This seemed to help, however wasn't perfect. Upon further inspection I found the rear shock had started to leak. With 90,000 miles on it, I'll say I got my money's worth out of it. A new replacement is about \$1300, and doesn't fit in many of our budgets these days. If you find yourself in this

situation, a good alternative is locating a shop that does trike conversions.

Nearly new, low mileage parts can be had for a fraction of the cost of new, saving the difference for fuel and food when you hit the road.

I was able to find a complete rear system from a 2012, including the shock, pump, mounting bolts, and suspension link, for just over \$200 delivered to my door. Installation isn't hard, but time consuming and tedious. The benefits are well worth the effort, with my 03 riding closer to new than it's been since we got it. Riding on worn out parts not only makes the ride less enjoyable for you, but takes a toll on that loved machine, ending its usefulness far to soon.

Critters & Bikers



Some of you may not know, but a lady riding a Harley with a group in Custer State Park in South Dakota, decided it was a good thing to get up close and personal with a Bison. A herd was grazing and had blocked the roadway, prompting members of the group to get off their bikes and take pictures. Most maintained their distance, however, one lady decided getting a closer look was a good idea. After approaching to about 20', a Bison with a calf nearby (not sure if it was hers or not), had enough. After hooking and throwing her several times, it finally threw her right out of her jeans. All the excitement prompted the herd to move away, allowing other bystanders to get to her and provide aid. I don't have an update on her condition, but I'm betting she's

learned a valuable lesson. Keep your distance and use good sense.

We had a pleasant surprise at our last meeting. Paul Beahm, who's had quite a bout with health issues recently, and his wife Diane were able to join us at Leo's Place. Pleasant for us, lucky for him as he walked away with the 50/50 winnings. Very Happy to see him up and around.

According to the ARL, Alan Hoskins is officially a member of Chapter E, and I'd like to thank Claude Kimball for giving him that nudge in our direction. I'd also like to welcome John Harger, the owner of Naurine Cooks' former Goldwing, who joined us for a ride around the Jackson Loop along with Debbie Carter.



There are a number of events coming up in September.

o September 11-12, 2020 in Bicknell, Utah, they're holding Wingstock. They're boasting a rock concert, a movie, a couple scenic rides, and an ice cream social, among other things. For questions and information, call: David Heaton 435-335-7441 or Bob Primm, UDD, 256-454-5240

o September 12 there's a Road Captains course being held in Casper, Wyoming. There's no charge to take the course. You will need your GWRRA membership card, endorsed drivers license, and full riding gear. Contact: Michael Werner 303-434-5242 or goldwinger2@hotmail.com

o Exact date and location to be determined: Riders Course Idaho Falls

Up coming rides for Chapter E

The Mountain Tour ride, September 12th-13th. KSU from KJ's in Idaho Falls at 7 AM. I'll forward information on overnight accommodations once I have them.

The Jackson Loop ride, September 26th following the breakfast meeting at Denny's

Just a heads up, we're doing a ride to Harrison Mountain toward Burley, on October 3rd. If any of the members from Chapter G would like to join us (or anyone for that matter), feel free. Drop me a line and we can coordinate a spot to join up.

Birthdays from August:

Kris Keller

Tom Edwards

John Kester

Don Beyeler

Annie Corey

Tina Larkins

Rusty Landon

Diane Beahm

Anniversaries from August

Gordon and Dixie Soper

Steve and Sandy Henicksman

Lee and Irene Parker

Norm and Kim McDowell

Well that's it for now. Leslie and I look forward to seeing all of you out on the road. Ride safe and keep the shiny side up. :D

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