

LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER ONE  
NEWS LETTER  
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**PRESIDENT**

Howdy all. Another month. Amazing how time fly's when your having fun. We have had good turnouts for our meetings and our rides. Our annual banquet is fast approaching, ( 30 April, 2011). We have booked the hall at VFW Post 401. The menu is meatloaf and gravy, mashed potatoes, veggies, and salad. The cost to us is \$11.00 per plate, and no cost for the hall. I will explain more at our April meeting. (10, April, 2011). The weather is getting warmer by the day, lots of sunshine and lots of ride time. Hope this finds all of you and yours well. Keep the shiny side up. Until next time.

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**ROAD CAPTAIN**

Legion Riders Chapter One **OUR MEETING ON THE 10th OF APRIL IS AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 13.** I had family business that had to be taken care of on our last ride wish I could have made it. T-Bone filled in for me, many thanks for once again leading Chapter One on a fun and successful ride. T-Bone reported that 16 bikes with an attendance of 22 members road to Socorro for lunch. The weather was good and all had a good time. Our April ride will be on Saturday the 23rd riding to Los Alamos for lunch. We will ride through Jemez Springs and the Santa Fe National Forest ending up at Los Alamos. We will meet at 9:30 at the gas station located next to the Star Casino and depart at 10:00. There will be a one hour stop in Jemez then departing for Los Alamos. We have reservations at the Hill Diner so service should be good and hopefully there will not be a long wait for our orders. This is your Chapter come join in on the fun.

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**SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE TIPS**

Finally Summer is here vacation time is approaching and I/we can take that trip on the bike planned on all winter. The schedule has been set the routes picked, friends and family are expecting your arrival, more or less on a set date (traveling on a bike can be unpredictable). One of the biggest challenges is what do I pack on the bike and where. It should be understood that any functions that you will attend on your trip will be casual, sounds funny but CC and I have ended up at some dressy events in blue jeans and Harley shirts (CC's fancier than mine). The bigger issue is weight and type of bike you ride. The cruisers have larger weight capabilities than other bikes. Know the recommended weight limits of your bike and the prioritize what goes and what stays. Ladies that means that 4th pair of extra shoes stay at home. How many pairs of jeans, shocks, T-shirts and other personals go depend on where you plan to spend your nights at. If it is hotel only, then find out about laundry facilities; if its friends and family well there is all ways time to throw a small load into the washer and drier. CC and I have found that we can get by on 2-3 pair of jeans and 4

days worth of other items on a 6 week trip. Ok guys (not the ladies) now! do you really need a full set of Craftsman's tools? Be smart about what you carry if you need a lot of tools you should not be taking an out of town trip. Just carry the basics, most bike's come with a small tool kit for road side repairs; throw in a roll of electrical and duct tape and you should be good to go. A can of fix-it flat is good but tell the shop that you replace the tire at that it is in the tire. It really sucks to have that stuff blow all over you when you pull out the schrader valve to let the air out of the tire. Sorry tubed tires can not be temporarily repair with fix it flat. Following the manufacture's recommendations take the time to weigh what your'e packing and where it is being packed on the bike. Keep all of the heavy items as low on the bike as possible and the overall profile of the bike as low as possible, this help's with the handling of the bike. If you must there are some luggage systems that allow for loading some items on the front of the bike. Avoid them if you can. If your bike will be due for a service during the trip service it before you leave unless you are planning on spending a few hours or a day waiting for your bike to be serviced and you have alternate transportation. I really recommend synthetic oil for all your bike's lubrication needs', you can cheat a little bit by going past the recommended change interval with it and not worry about damaging your bike. Last but not least, make sure you stay rested on your trip, riding a bike uses a lot of energy, leave your hotel early, check in at the next one at a reasonable time and don't party to much the night before you get back on the road (trust me on this one).

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The National Collation Of Motorcycles (NCOM) are having their conference May 5th-8th at the Hyatt Regency located at 330 Tijeras Blvd. Chapter One has reserved a room and will host it as a hospitably room for the conference. Please help support this function and show motorcyclist nation wide what an outstanding group that Chapter one is. More details to follow.

**CHAPLAIN' S CORNER**

Willie "Wiley Willie" Price, Jay "Doc" Schmitt, Gary "Mayor Dog" Kloppenburg and Curtis "Maverick" Killian and all are recovering from various medical issues. Chapter One wishes them speedy recoveries and look forward to seeing them at a future ride with us.