

DRY HEAT

TALES FROM THE DESERT

From the Prez



Bling

What a great start to the year! Great food, great drink, great time with my Desert Southwest brothers and sisters. I am very confident that this Covid mess will soon be in the rear view so we can concentrate on long road trips to visit with brothers and sisters from other Chapters and Regions.

I want to thank everyone for your confidence and voting me to be Chapter President. I welcome the challenge and will always strive to do what is in the best interest of the Chapter to continue the legacy of excellence that Twister and her husband have carried for going on 2 decades. I would like to challenge everyone to reach out and continue to look for quality

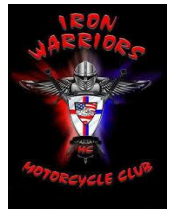
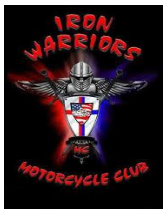
members to add to our ranks. It is tough when we know of many that would fit in nicely but just do not meet the standards and minimums set forth in our National by-laws. But wait, there is an option for those that would be a great fit. Our Crue'd Pig Support Chapter, as I'm sure everyone would agree, has been a great program beginning with our OG E.T (still working on Randy). I know that there are others out there who would welcome the brotherhood that the Iron Warriors offer and would be valued members even as an associate member.

The warm weather is coming soon which means time for some windshield time, I plan on getting some quality wind therapy so I may reach out at random times and ask if you want to join me. With the warm weather also comes increase traffic from those 4 wheelers. Remember to adjust for the increase in travel and, as always, keep your head on a swivel.

We will be having our monthly meeting on February 20th but April is right around the corner for our face-to-face so have some ideas in mind so we can all ride and meet up, I vote Smileys house, sounds like we all need to help him break in his new digs. Make sure and keep an eye on the website, our VP always seems to find ways to keep it relevant and has rides and info updated all the time. Let's kick 2021 in the @\$ and make it epic. As always, please keep in touch and call me anytime; it makes my day when I see the phone ring from any of you, what can I say, I drive a lot and am not very good company for myself. Be safe, be aware, and shiny side up.

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From the Secretary



Twister

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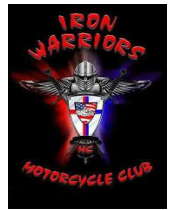
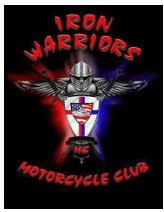
and follow the instructions if you spot something you can't live without!

Can you believe it? After twenty-seven years in the IWMC and nearly seven as the Desert Southwest Chapter president I am out of office! I am still the Secretary, newsletter editor and now Can the Sergeant at Arms as well.

This organization has been amazing and I wouldn't trade a moment of it for anything. I have been picked up along the side of the road by two members of the East Bay chapter who dragged a bike trailer from Concord to just south of Visalia!! The IWMC, in my opinion, embodies the definition of a brother/sisterhood. I'm ready for the next 20-odd years!

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Crue'd Pigs Corner



Evil T

This adventure isn't about riding; however, it was still an adventure to remember. After having to cancel my vacation to Cancun, I decided that I still wanted to go someplace, anyplace, that wasn't at home. So, I pulled out a map and figured out where I wanted to go. The trip started from Anaheim to Las Vegas. I had an awesome dinner with Smiley and Randy on Monday evening. Tuesday morning it was off to Moab, UT. I have never driven through that part of Utah and it was absolutely beautiful.



Wednesday morning it was back on the road to Colorado. This was the most challenging day of the drive. The day started out sunny and bright and I was thinking about what lay ahead. I was driving through a beautiful canyon area and it started to rain. That just meant that I needed to slow my speed a little. I saw the exit for Aspen and thought about taking it but didn't. I thought, I can stop in Vail and discover what the town was all about. As I entered the city limits a light snow started to fall. I made the decision to continue because I didn't want to get stuck, my hotel reservations were for Denver. As I drove the snow started falling harder and the roads became slushy. Not having driven in that kind of snow before, I just thought to myself, you can do this. I learned that my car has traction control and that kept me from sliding all over the road. I was on the phone to my sister the whole time, just to keep me calm. I made it all the way through the snowstorm without any issues. By the time I got down the mountain, the snow stopped, and it was just overcast. Made it to Denver safely and was looking forward to the next days drive. Thursday morning it was on to Farmington, New Mexico. This drive was just as challenging as the drive through Vail. I chose smaller roads just to keep off the interstate and see some scenery. That was probably not the greatest of ideas, the road I decided to take was icy with blowing snow. It was a sunny day and cold beyond anything I had felt in years. At one point when I stopped for gas it was 11° and I still had several miles on this road. I love a good challenge; however, this was exceptionally challenging. The view was definitely worth the drive. From Farmington, it was on to Kingman, AZ where I got to spend two days relaxing with Twister. The weather was beautiful, with sunny skies. Sunday it was home to Anaheim and the end of an amazing trip.

