



## Springs Wings

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### *Wren's Wramblings . . .*

Another month (plus) has rolled by. Hope you have had the chance to rack up some fun and safe miles on your scoot.

This has been a busy month for a lot of us. The end of June found us forming two groups from 10 bikes and 1 SUV and heading for the Mad Dog Ranch in Crawford, Co. Pam & Joe Cocker open up their home for folks to tour for a donation to the Crawford children's foundation. It was a great ride to Salida as usual. A spiritual happening for Darrell & Laurie. (Has he told you lately how much he loves that bike and the Arkansas River road.) As usual, you never know what creatures you might find on a ride in Colorado. This time we had the pleasure to join a cattle drive just out of Crawford. This happened to be the second time in a couple of years that we have found ourselves in the middle of three or four hundred head of cattle. Take it from the voice of experience, it is easier meeting the heard head on. They mooove away from the headlight of the bike. Coming up from behind the view isn't pretty, and they don't know to mooove over until you almost nudge them.

Arriving at the Mad Dog Ranch we were surprised at the poor excuse for a parking area. Kathy and I repeated our "imitating a cow tipping" performance. We went over in an uneven, hilly pasture. The volunteers waved some of the group through another gate where they were surprised by plow furrows hidden by tall grass. At least two other bikes went down. We did get to see the mansion, and it was quite impressive.

After the tour, three couples tried to scurry to Boulder for some 'theatre'. The weather had other ideas so between rain suits donning and wet roads, we were late for the show and opted for plan B. Which of course included eating, drinking, talking and laughing the rest of the evening. Sunday AM we met more Chapter I members and District members for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Ride for Kids. Thanks to everyone who came up for that event. The event planners expected 300 bikes and \$30,000 in donations. Although they only had about half the bikes expected, they still collected hundreds more than their goal. Ice cream in Sedalia was a fitting end to a busy weekend.

The following week and week-

end found some of us streaming down to Dallas for Wing Ding. Our International Couple of the Year candidates left Wednesday. A few of us left Thursday, more on Friday and some on Saturday. Ron and Marsha gave an outstanding presentation, and everyone I talked to thought they would become the new ICOY. At the opening ceremonies we found that it wasn't to be, but they are still winners in our hearts. The rest of that day was occupied by parades and fireworks. Monday things got really serious; the vendors opened at 9AM. You would think they were giving away gold the way folks were crowding the doors waiting for them to open, open, open. We did our share of giving away gold, buying chromed plastic. (That doesn't say a lot for our financial wisdom.) We met folks from our chapter, other chapters and districts and renewed old friendships. We were fortunate to be able to



## ***Wren's Wramblings (cont.)***

spend a few of those days with Dixie Watford and her family.

The weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>, the date for our rescheduled chapter meeting, everyone was invited to come to the Spruce Grove campsite near Lake George. Saturday morning Laurie, Cindy and Kathy whipped up a great breakfast. French toast, sausage, coffee and juice were enjoyed by over 30 folks. (I lost count when the camp host almost kicked us out.) After moving vehicles, everyone settled down to eating and then a short meeting. It was a beautiful location, and it appeared that everyone got their fill of food and me. After a few hours, some went off on rides, some home and some stayed on to sit and talk. Everyone was really surprised and happy to see Chris and Sandie Erskine. They have finally come home to roost, and we are glad for that.

My wish for the rest of the summer is that we get really, really early morning showers, warm sunny days, and lots and lots of fantastic riding time. Take the time to get out there, and if you need someone to ride with, call a friend. There are almost 200 of them in the chapter.



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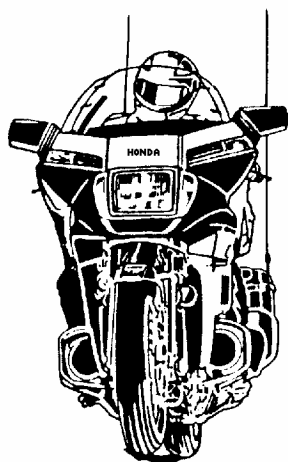
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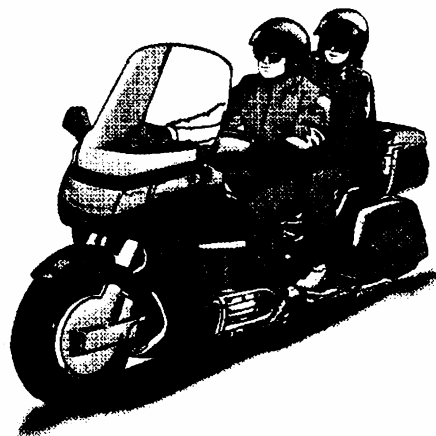
# **GWRRA Colorado Chapter J Hummer of a Summer Picnic**

**July 24, 2004**



10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Dillon Marina Park  
"Crows Nest Deck"  
Dillon, Colorado

\$3.00 per Person



Registration Includes  
Sloppy Joe's, Hot Dogs, Beans, Potato Chips, &  
Drink's (Soda Pop, Lemonade, or Coffee)  
Games, 50/50s and of prize's

**For Information call Rich & Ginger Banta at (303) 766-3534.**

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**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

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If some of this information is incorrect, I apologize. I try to keep this list current. Please let me know if I have a mistake. *Linda*

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C	Curtis & Janet Lennox	719-372-3086	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 9am Canyon City
D	April & Ed Lugo	970-389-1352	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun 12pm Holiday Inn, Frisco
E	Vince & Janet Hauk	303-430-8929	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 7pm Arvada
G	Monty & Cindy Loftus	970-686-9731	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 8am Ft. Collins
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N	Mike & Debbie Rose	719-485-3535	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat 5:30pm Pueblo
O	Ron & Rita Sweetin	303-776-0081	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 8am Berthoud
Q	Derek & Laurie Fuller	970-874-0961	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat 8:30am Delta
T	Gary & Jan Gardner	970-882-7998	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat 8am Christina's



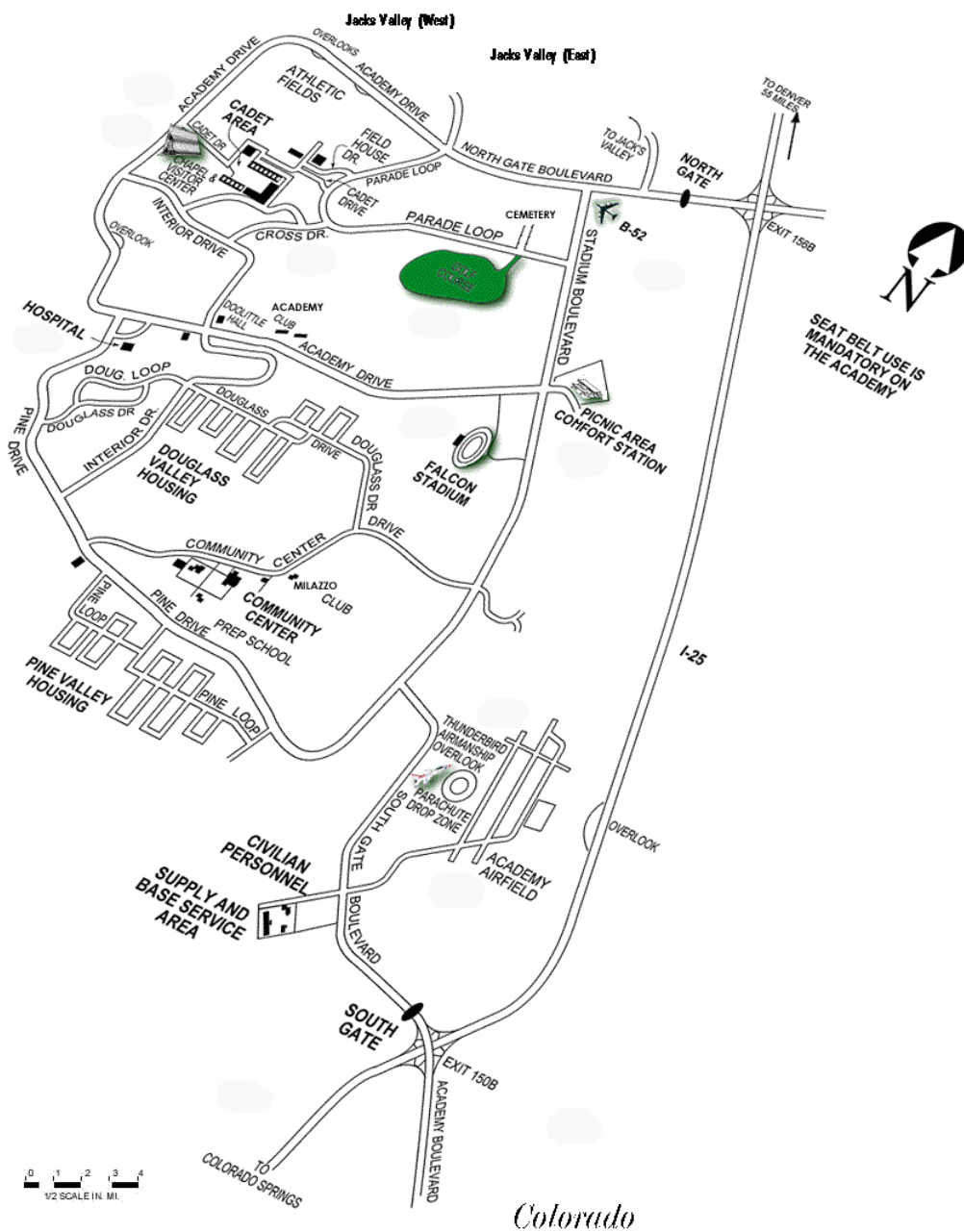
## Chapter I Picnic

Again it is time to start planning for our picnic which will be held on 14 August at the same area as was last year on the U S Air Force Academy picnic area. We have the picnic area from 9:00 AM till 9:00 PM. We will probably start cooking around noon. Since the Air Forces Academy picnic area is not open to visitors, for those persons who do not have a military ID card I will need to submit a Entry Access List to Security Forces on the Academy four days prior to the 14th. If you are planning to attend Chapter picnic, I will need your full name as it appears on your drivers license or other picture ID that you might be showing to access the Academy. Please e-mail me with your name and any guest that you may bring or call me at 719 481-9263.

Attached is a map to the picnic area which is just northeast of the football stadium. On the day of the picnic if you get lost or have a problem getting on the academy, I will have my cell phone with me so give me a call at (719) 237-8938.

Hope to see everyone there for a great time and good food.

Mark Damschen



## *Saddlesore*

In the end of May Sandy and I went to ELKO, Nevada. Now, I once asked a friend “What the hell is in Elko?” Well let me tell ya. The American Alps are out of this world. Beautiful, snow capped mountains, which were pleasing to the eye and wonderful to ride.

When we first arrived we stopped for gas and Sandy recruited a new member. Yes, in a gas station of all places. The guy walks up and he ends up coming to the Rally and having a good time. How funny. Then the District Director of California has some lady invite her to a comedy show across the street from the rally. About 10 of us go. The first act was questionable. The second act was so good we signed him to do opening ceremonies at the Region Rally in Tahoe. This guy juggles big knives and little knives; he stalks women from the audience on a uni-cycle. His humor had all of us laughing so hard I did not want to smile the rest of the weekend. Truth is we always have a good time at a GWRRA event.

A couple of weeks later we go to the Utah District Rally in Kanab. Now we knew nothing about Kanab. This is a great place to visit and take your chapter. An old movie town full of history of Fort Apache, Glen Ford, Ben Johnson, Clint Eastwood, John Wayne and others. Denny’s Wigwam had a great BBQ, which the District arranged. It was hilarious. Staged as a movie bit. Complete with Indians, Calvary, Bad guy, Good guy, the Girl, ect. We made a mini movie on the backstage of the wigwam. Oh, and we were all the extras! Good friends, good food, and many laughs made this Rally a huge success. If you missed it I am truly sorry. The Utah staff put on one of the most entertaining 2 up competitions I have ever done. Clothespins, a cup of water and some beanbags made for some great comic relief.

The funny part of this whole thing is we ran into some old chapter CA1R members now living in St George. Had a great reunion and enjoyed their company. After the Rally we left for home. We got into Hurricane and felt like I was riding on an oblong tire. Pulled off at a Taco stand with a Statue of Liberty in front. Found three chunks torn off the rear tire. When or how it happened I do not know. Now this part of the story gets like an article out of Wing World. We call the Honda dealer. They are closed and we are in Utah on Sunday. Woops. No rental yard is open on Sunday. In fact the only thing open in the town was the Taco stand. So we call our old friends, the Mungari’s in St George. They confirm there is nothing open. But they do know a GWRRA member by the name of Lonnie Cochran who is the manager of a rental yard and maybe he could help. So we call Lonnie. Now, I spoke to a guy at the Rally in Kanab who was named Lonnie. Now what are the chances of this? We talked about the “Pak-it Rak” on the back of the GL1800 just this morning. Shared GWRRA experiences ect. I thought he was a very nice guy and it was enjoyable to meet him. But then several hours later for him to become my HERO how unlikely is this? That is exactly what happened. Lonnie says he won’t open the rental yard but WILL bring me his extra GL1800 tire and rim he just got last weekend. Not only did he bring it to me, but also took me over to a guys house. An old submariner name Jim Whitaker. Jim had a motorcycle jack and all the tools. They worked and would not allow me to do anything but hold the GL1800. I think they recognized the fact I am about as mechanical as the bull in mid-night cowboy. They were as entertaining as the mini movie we made at the rally. In all seriousness, Sandy and I were pulled from the catastrophic grasp by the actions of 5 GWRRA members. We will be forever thankful for the unselfish actions and kindness for two travelers like ourselves. So to all the members of the St George Chapter of GWRRA. There are five who made it to Hero status by extending that hand of Friendship. That is what being a GWRRA member is all about!

Rick and Sandy

*Sincerely,  
Rick and Sandy Dyer  
Region F Directors*

# July/August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Ride to the Tetons with Terry & Dee Dee	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ride to the Tetons with Terry & Dee Dee					Ride Colorado	Chapter I meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ride Colorado						Chapter I Picnic
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Dinner ride			

## Upcoming Rally Guide

### 2004 Region F/CA District Rally

#### TOTALLY TAHOE

Sept. 2-5 ... Lake Tahoe, California

<http://gwrra-regionf.org/RallyInformation.htm>

Colorado Rally ... Sept. 9-11, Montrose, Colorado

<http://coloradogwrra.com>

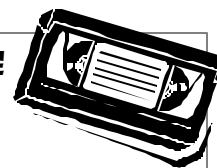
New Mexico Rally ... Oct. 8-10, Roswell, New Mexico

<http://gwrra0nm.org>

Arizona Rally ... Oct. 22-24, Location to be announced

<http://gwrraaz.com>

### MOTORCYCLE VIDEOS



Steve Munter has three Gold Wing related training videos that he would be happy to loan out. 719-536-0315

- Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- Touring and Braking
- Co-Rider

Steve has also ordered a copy of the History Channel documentary broadcast a few months ago regarding how Gold Wings are built at the factory in Ohio.

Butch Shelley has

- Colorado on 2 Wheels — VHS
- The Unofficial History of Harley-Davidson Motorcycles — DVD

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