



Springs Wings

March 2005

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THE CURRY CHRONICLES

It's a really tough time of the year – it's getting harder and harder to go to work. Sun is out a bunch, roads are pretty clear, and that motorcycle wants to be out of the garage. And then it snows again!

We had another great get-together at our March chapter meeting on the 5th. I didn't count noses, but we filled up the meeting room again. We had a few special visitors: Terry and Shirley Hawkins, our Colorado District Directors, came all the way over from Montrose to spend the morning with us. We also had enough of those rascals from CO-L down to steal our mascot, "Flippin, the Bird." The L guys included Phil and Barb Talbot, the District Educators, Mike Ackerman, the District Trainer, and Dave and Pat Andrews, the CO-L Couple of the Year.

Wes Ward, a brand new GW member, showed up for his first meeting with us, and we saw a few more faces who haven't been around for a while. Welcome to all of them!

Kathy Wren reported on the well-attended Valentine dinner (we again didn't have a firm head count, but we filled up that room as well). In February we

also rode five bikes and drove three cars down to Chapter C (total of 14 members plus a couple of friends). We had a terrific breakfast at the VFW, attended their meeting, and the Damschens scooted off with the chapter director's personal mascot. We made up a new rule: if you don't have the chapter's mascot present, then we can take back anything we want. Now the C guys have to bring five members up to our meeting to



rescue their mascot. We finished up February with a really good game night at the Reisler's home.

Dave Wren showcased his video history of our chapter. It's a video arcade that changes every few seconds to bring up a new photo – really neat! It's worth coming to the meeting to see what some of the members looked like when they still had

all their hair and teeth. Some of the photos go way back, and it is really entertaining just to sit and watch a video of chapter events from the past.

Lewis Farmer has made amazing improvements to our web site at <http://springswings.org/>. If you haven't visited the web site recently, do so now and check back often. Lewis has our chapter calendar on the site and is working to create the ability for all of our members to post rides on the site. It is one more way we can keep the entire chapter up to date on changes and new events.

Linda Shelley continues to amaze us with her entertaining newsletters. I really believe she is the best editor we've had since we've been in this chapter – let her know if you appreciate her work and, more importantly, get her articles that are of interest to the rest of the chapter. She can't do this without some help from the rest of us.

Mark Damschen, our Educator, hosted a Co-Rider's seminar immediately after the meeting. This seminar is a substitute for the Experienced Rider Course requirements for a Co-Rider; more importantly, the interesting video has a lot of good safety

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related tips for the Co-Riders. A bunch of the riders also watched the video.

After the meeting nine bikes took off for a lunch ride to Woodland Park. While we were there a couple came in to talk with us and we signed them up as new chapter members. Lou and Joyce Micochero, who have a trike, will be joining us at the next meeting. I hope all of you are carrying a membership application in your bike – the last three chapter rides we've signed up a new member.

A few of the lunch bunch went back to the Springs, and the rest of us, including Roger Pittman (a new member from last month) and the Andrews from Chapter L, rode the Florissant/Cripple Creek/Guffey/Canon City loop. It got a little cool up around Guffey, where we stopped for a

bit of antiquing, but warmed up again as we stopped at the Canon City Dairy Queen. A nice, relaxed, ride – we're going to be doing more of those this year.

Stay tuned: we have lots of interesting things coming up this year. The Deadwood, SD, ride; Wichita Falls Ride; Montrose District/Region F Rally; Wing Ding; Grand Lakes weekend; Meeker Sheep Dog Trials – and a bunch more I've probably forgotten. Check out the calendar on the web site to keep current.

Please consider riding with us to other chapter meetings. It is one way to get to know other members from around our district and



we learn and come up with new (borrowed) ideas when we see what the other chapters are doing and planning. If we have five of our members present, we just might be able to steal that chapter's mascot and bring it back home to Chapter I. The rules are a bit more complicated than that if members from several chapters are visiting. We'll try to remember to post those rules in the next edition of this newsletter next month.

We also are the Region F Editors, and we just sent the 32 page March edition overnight to the publisher in California. Watch for the newspaper in your mailboxes sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Hope to see all of you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry
CO-I CDs



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The Durango Run—1993

Green Stewart wrote this article when he and his wife were member of Chapter I. Green found me and asked if I would use it again in our newsletter.

Thanks Green—Happy riding

Saturday morning, bright and early, everyone meets at **APEX Sports**. The Browns; the Berry's with their teal rig all shined up and ready to go; the Hornsteins; the Wilkins; the Wellings; the Pearcys; and of course good old Green. The weather couldn't be better, what a way to start a great weekend. We depart promptly at 8:00 am, and at Canon City join up with T.J. and Melba Bryant, the assistant AR's of Chapter N, Pueblo. Arriving in Salida we meet the Moores and all have breakfast at the Country Bounty.

After breakfast we head west, but because of an 18-wheeler having turned over on Monarch Pass, and the road is blocked, we turn south over Poncha Pass, and run into the only moisture for the week-end. Nothing to speak of, but it did mess up the windshield. It looked as if it was going to be a real frog-strangler, but Bill Moore and Ron Brown guided us right between the wet stuff.

On top of North Cochetopa Pass Dean reminds us that he's low on fuel (with the digital dash, he's out of bars and it has quit blinking). When we refuel in Gunnison his Wing takes 5.3 gallons of gas for a 5.7 gallon tank. And he was pulling a trailer. Talk about running on fumes. After a butt break and potty stop at the city park, we

refuel and head for Lake City. Again, a little moisture to mess up the windshields, but nothing that qualifies as rain. A quick stop at the bakery in Lake City for, you guessed it, baked goods. That great barbecue place was closed, so plan B goes into effect. (Read another restaurant).

We are all having lunch on the patio of the Lake City Cafe when up drives the Skidmores; the Harlows, with Len's brother and friend; and Rich Burns, all out for a Saturday drive. They came in from Alamosa over Slumgullion and Spring Creek Passes, the route we were headed for. Yes, they had seen rain, hail, you name it, they had it. Hesitantly we head out, some donning their rain gear, but some of us brave souls did not.

Out past the Alfred Packer picnic area and up the mountain. A little spread out, but we make it to South Fork where some of the

group found the bakery. We all gas up again. Next we tackle the infamous Wolf Creek Pass, of C. W. McCall fame (you know, hauling chickens out of Wiggins), where we run into a couple of miles of dirt and gravel, someone decided to repair the road. And just like in the song, we almost end up next to a feed store in Pagosa Springs.

You should have seen the Chinese fire drill right in the middle of town as we decide to gas or not to gas before we go to the motel. Fun, fun, what with the setting sun right in our eyes as we head to our destination. But, we find the Super 8 motel, get checked in, unload and really get organized. The closest restaurant is Thai (short for Thailand, you know, southeast Asia) and so most opted for the snack shack next to it and picnicked in the rooms.

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Green Stewart

The Durango Run—1993 cont.

Sunday morning we are joined by Tony and Anita McCoy, AR's from Canon City, who camped Saturday night. They had arrived in Pagosa Springs about the same time as we had Saturday evening, set up their camp, and decided to find us the next morning. Dean Wilkins is feeling a little under the weather so he and Dee head back.

Off we go to Lake Vallecito where Ron promises a great breakfast. Well, we ate any way. From Lake Vallecito we take the by-ways into Durango. Get gassed up, regroup, and north to Silverton.

Again, road repairs (read-dirt), and a sympathetic water truck driver. Here we are in the middle of a dirt section of road when what do we see up ahead, a construction water truck spraying the roadway. The driver must have been a biker, as soon as he sees us, he shuts off the water and stops the truck. So, we only had about 100 yards of wet dirt to contend with. Thanks fella!

We check out the shops in Silverton (food?) then on north

to Ouray where the bakery is closed for the holiday. Well, we are milling around the streets when Sally gets all involved in the political issues of the day. In a drug store where ice cream is being purchased, the question of "Where are you guys from" of course the answer "Colorado Springs" and yes, you guessed it, Amendment 2 comes up and tempers flare just a little bit. But Sally gets her two cents worth in before they leave the drugstore. From this point, we are starting to tire out just a hair, so we break up and head for the Black Canyon Motel in Montrose. Later, we all gang up on the local Sissler's restaurant for supper, but they are a great bunch of gals, they handle us in stride, and feed us in good old Gold Wing fashion.

Monday morning, back to Sissler's and a new crew of gals. Breakfast over and done with we make plans for the day. Herb, Chris, and I are the only ones who choose to tour the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. The rest of the group decides to try to beat the holiday traffic on Monarch Pass. Chris is a trooper and stays with Herb and I all the way to the bottom of the black

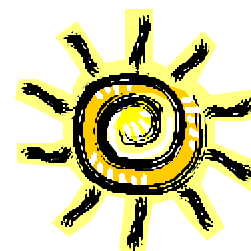


canyon. She did not like it, but closed her eyes and prayed. Back on the rim, we pass on touring the top, we have already seen the best, the road down to the Gunnison River. Chris even passes up a chance to stop at a gift shop. Now we also head east. We never do run into the expected heavy traffic headed home, so we graze our way back. Coffee and gas in Gunnison, a snack in Salida, and ice cream in Canon City. We met up with T.J., Melba, Tony, and Anita in Salida, and we also ran into the Niswongers; Wes, Anna-Marie, and Sy (of Patsy's Candy's) who had been biking for the week end also. The only weather we experienced all day is as we come in to Colorado Springs. The sad part of the entire weekend is that when we get home, we find that Rich Burns went down on Monarch Pass Saturday evening and is in the hospital in Grand Junction.

Green Stewart 47491



02-27-05 Sunday Ride, Green and Friends



Recipe of the month



Veggie Pizza



1 package refrigerated pizza crust
1 package soft cream cheese
1 package Hidden Valley Ranch mix



Bake pizza crust as directed on package.



Mix cream cheese and Ranch mix together.



Spread on cooled pizza crust.



Chop cauliflower, broccoli, and carrots



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Sprinkle with cheese.



Enjoy!



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Trip to Grand Lake

I talked to Amy today at Western Riviera Motel in Grand Lake. I inquired about blocking rooms for our Grand Lake trip and was told that she had 'plenty availability' at this time. But for me to reserve a block of rooms, she would need to charge me for the first night plus deposit. I wasn't interested in hitting my debit card for over \$1100 so if you want to go and stay at the Western Riviera on Aug. 19th Friday and 20th Saturday, you will have to call ASAP and make your reservations.

There is a website to inform you of the accommodations, and the charges for the various room arrangements they have to offer. Weekend rates in August start at

\$110. I asked about a discount, but since that is one of their busiest times, they don't offer discounts.

The website is www.westernriv.com. They have an email address, and I am only assuming that you could email for a reservation. I talked to Amy today and the number at the office is 970-627-3580. Their hours are 8-5 weekdays.

Sorry that I couldn't block rooms, or get us a discount. If you haven't been there, it is a perfect setting right on the lake, half a block to main street for shopping, eating, ice cream and whatever. We will try to arrange the Saturday night boat ride around the lake.

Food, food, more food, drinks and a nice cruise a couple of times around the lake. Who knows, some of us may take a dip. (Kathy is taking me).

If the party lamp gets put out early enough Friday night, there is usually a ride on Saturday morning. Nice riding in the area. Maybe a trip to Walden for breakfast and a moose hunt. Or just sit on the deck and soak up the sun.

But hurry, don't delay. We might even fill up the place!!

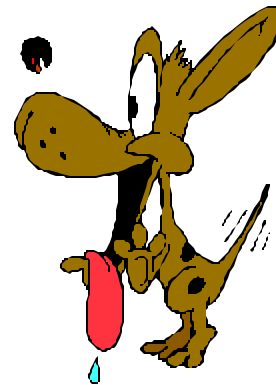
Any questions, call me at 591-2739, or even at work 719-269-5238 in Canon City. Do it tomorrow!!!!!!

Dave

THIS REALLY SHOULD BE DONE NOW.



Get this—I don't have to
Hassle Dave anymore to
get an article for the
newsletter—he is sending
them of his own free will.
GO FIGURE !!!!

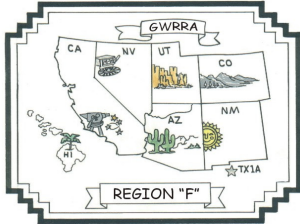


"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in one pretty and well preserved piece, but to skid across the line broadside, thoroughly used up, worn out, leaking oil, shouting HOLY CRAP!"

COY of Chapter C



Region F/Colorado District Rocky Mountain High Rally in Montrose, CO May 26, 27, 28, 29, 2005



The Rocky Mountains surrounding Montrose provide all of the majesty and beauty anyone could ever ask for with great touring roads and beautiful scenery. The Region and Colorado staff has pulled out all the stops to provide a rally with attractions activities for everyone.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ADVENTURE!

RALLY ACTIVITIES

- \$1000 CASH GRAND PRIZE (need not be present to win!)
- BEST-DRESSED COMPETITIONS
- PRE-REGISTRATION 50/25/25
- DAILY 50/25/25
- BIKE SHOW
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND LIGHT SHOW
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ROAD, SURVIVAL, FUN ACTIVITIES
- REP INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION SEMINAR
- SKILLS GAMES
- BINGO
- RALLY PINS
- DOOR PRIZES
- FRED RAU/NICK HOPPNER COFFEE KLATCH
- TRIKE HIKE
- SELF GUIDED SCENIC TOURS
- VENDORS, VENDORS AND MORE VENDORS

LOCATION

Montrose County Fairgrounds
(Friendship Hall)
1001 N. 2nd Street, Montrose, CO 81401
(Two blocks off Main St.)

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT (Grand Junction)
- TELLURIDE
- OURAY
- RED MOUNTAIN PASS
- SILVERTON
- DURANGO
- MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK
- FOUR CORNERS MONUMENT
- BLACK CANYON NATIONAL PARK
- GRAND MESA (Land of 1,000 lakes)

ENROUTE ATTRACTIONS

- GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK (AZ)
- CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL PARK (UT)
- BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK (UT)
- NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL PARK (UT)
- CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK (UT)
- ARCHES NATIONAL PARK (UT)
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- GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK (NV)
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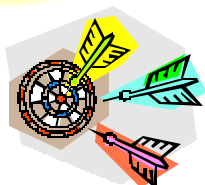
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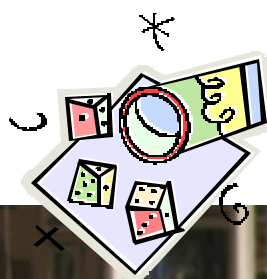
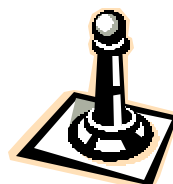
Game Nite Photos — February 2005

Dick & Didi (hosts)



GUESTS

Ron & Marsha
Bruce & Mel
Tom & Monica
Dave & Kathy
Larry & Jane
Rob & Jan
Mark & Sue
Mark & Cindy
Sandi & Chris
Bill Aycock
Reisler's two guests
from New York



The MEGA (unscramble the capped letters) Night Review

Ron & Marsha, Tom & Monica, Bill, Dave & Kathy, Bruce & Mel, Larry & Jane, Bob & Jan, Chris & Sandy, Mark & Sue, Mark & Cindy, and our New York friends Gerry & Regina, had nothing to do Feb. 26th, (hope we didn't miss anyone). They all wound up coming to our house.

It was a good thing they brought food because we weren't really expecting anyone?? You see, we were busy babysitting our son's dog, a petite 9 month old 75 lbs. Ridge Back named Murphy. To keep Murphy from getting underfoot, we put him in his kennel, but Monica wanted to see him sprung free. Murphy says "Thank you, Monica."



As we ate the delicious assortment of food, some of us watched video of the Honda factory putting together a GL 1800, and some enjoyed the conversation.

The game of the evening was charades, and *Gone with the Wind* was a popular title. It was the traditional Guys against DOLLS. The guys couldn't take the loss, so we played another game which tied up the score. Ron, Chris, and Bob kept a close eye on Sandy who was keeping score. Both sides showed some great acting talent, but nothing came close to Kathy's Flamingo Act.

The night was still young, so after the game, Didi suggested for everyone to come downstairs and watch a recording of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour for more laughs. If laughter is the best medicine, this is the prescription for all of us.

While everyone had a good time, Dick was really disappointed & disillusioned because we never got to play the Aerobic Vacuum Cleaning Game or the Dust Busting Competition. He's hoping that maybe this summer the group can find the time to come over for the Honda Lawn Mowing Race. Ron Curry took some photos. Thanks to everyone for the mutual good time. See you at the next Game Night.

Playfully Yours,

Dick & Didi

IOY



Jeannie Bondurant

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Tom and Monica Harder

Ride to Deadwood in the Black Hills of South Dakota

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Deadwood is now a National Historic Landmark, with cobble stoned Main Street, period street lights, trolleys, and more than 80 Old-West-style gaming halls. The best of this town's wild history is back; the worst is buried with Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, and the rest in Mount Moriah Cemetery.

Tourism has also been up dramatically because of the new HBO Series, *Deadwood*, so everyone is checking it out. You will too if you join us for this ride!

Ride Details

Date	May 6-9, 2005
Destination	Black Hills of South Dakota & Northeastern Wyoming
Distance	450 miles to Deadwood, SD
Lodging	Americinn (866-332-3966), in Deadwood, SD (includes breakfast and underground parking). This inn is six blocks from the town center.
Cruising	We'll cruise through the Black Hills on the Needles High-
Weather	Concerned about the weather? The average daily highs and
Contact	For more information, contact Bill McMinn: (719) 329-0095

Marie and Mike,

Please accept my apology for this not being in the first go round of this month's newsletter.

Linda



Note from the Editor:

To all readers and contributors,

When you send me items to go in the newsletter please expect a reply back from me acknowledging that I have received your email. If you do not receive a reply, please call me or resend your email. Also remember that just one wrong character in an address can mean lost mail.

I really appreciate the contributions I have been receiving and certainly do not want to overlook anyone or cause someone to think that I'm ignoring what you send.

Linda





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