

THE CURRY CHRONICLES

Thanks to all you who showed up for our slightly off-date chapter meeting on the 9th of July. We moved the meeting date a week (and reflected that in our calendar) to accommodate those going to Wing Ding. The meeting turnout wasn't as big as we've been having, but it is also that time of year when vacations and other interests compete for our meeting time.

Anyway, we still had a *great* meeting. We were supposed to be gone, so Tom Harder prepared and ran the meeting. He did a terrific job ... We could really get used to the Assistant Chapter Directors running things more often – they are giving our chapter exceptional leadership and deserve a pat on the back when you see them.

Monica presented Linda Shelley with the first place ribbon for best newsletter at the District Rally in May. Linda is beating me up this evening to get this note written – She is very persistent and won't let us miss her deadline (that's why our newsletter is so good)!

After the meeting six bikes headed up to Lake George for lunch, and a couple of bikes headed on to make it more of a motorcycle day.

We are preparing for our annual Chapter picnic, which is also our August meeting. Look for more information from the ACDs elsewhere in this edition. If you have some great games (Mark & Cindy,

we're looking forward to the water balloon volleyball again), bring them for all to enjoy. Try to make it on a bike if you can – load up the trailer and drag it along behind the bike. If you haven't seen Darrel's motorcycle ice chest hauler, you have to come just for that! I have a feeling Mark Atwell may be able to haul a pretty good load on his motorcycle motorcycle trailer also. (No, Ron did not make mistake here. If you saw the last newsletter you saw Mark's trailer for his motorcycle that is pulls with his motorcycle—therefore, it's a motorcycle motorcycle trailer.) This is one of those chapter events you shouldn't miss - friends we haven't seen for months tend to show up and it's a great way to spend a relaxing Saturday.

This Saturday, the 23d, Chapter J is having their **Hummer of a** Summer fundraiser at Central City. It is 5 bucks a head and that buys you lunch and some gambling coupons for the Doc Holiday Casino. We are organizing a chapter ride that will depart the King Soopers off Baptist Road about 9:00 a.m. That should get us up there in plenty of time for lunch. After a couple of hours there visiting with friends (and making some new ones) from other chapters, we're coming back over Mount Evans then through Evergreen and Conifer. We'll probably have to make an ice cream stop on the way back.

Should be a great day ride and we'd like to see a bunch of the chapter in attendance.

There are a lot of events coming up soon:

- Our Chapter Picnic August 6th
- The COY/IOY "Ride Colorado" August 6-8 (our picnic is right in the middle)
- The Erskines are hosting a gettogether at their newly remodeled (again) home on the 13th of August
- The Grand Lakes ride is the 19th-21st (Wrens in charge)
- August 27th Dick & Didi are leading a Central City ride
- September 2nd the Noahs are leading a ride to Custer, South Dakota
- The 9th of September we're leading a ride up to Rifle, then the next morning we're off to the International Sheepdog (Border Collie) trials in Meeker – riding back Sunday
- The District COY/IOY selection will be in Salida on September 17th

A special invitation to all our GWRRA members who aren't able to make the meetings – please make a special effort to come to our picnic and have a little fun with us.

Hope to see you soon, and often. Ron & Marsha Curry CO-I CDs

June Dinner Ride

We were a little worried about the weather. For a few days before the ride we had severe thunder storms every evening. But, on Thursday, June 16th Mother Nature cooperated and the weather was just great.

We met at the Baptist Road King Soopers @ 6:30. We were joined by Ken & Audrey Rennilt from Chapter A in Michigan. They too were concerned about the weather so they came in their truck (they were camping up in Monument and had a toy hauler 5th wheel). They later said they wished they had ridden the bike. We had another car rider, Melody (Mel). Jim Shoblo brought his daughter, Lisa. It was her first ride, and she was sporting a brand new helmet just purchased that day.

We left in two groups. We lead the first group Chris & Casey lead the second; Mark and Cindy were the

> If you don't ride in the rain, you don't ride.



Historian Membership Coordinator Newsletter Editor **Phone Tree Coordinator Rider Education** Store and 50/50 Sunshine Committee Treasurer Webmaster Couple of the Year (COY) Individual of the Year (IOY) tail gunners and in between were Larry & Jane, Louis & Carol, Bob & Jan, Butch & Linda, John & Teshia. Gene & Marina.

We worked our way east to Highway 83 and took a relaxing and scenic ride to Lake Gulch Road. This is a back way into Castle Rock offering great views of open expanses of farm land and rolling hills. Once we got closer to Castle Rock we could see new developments sprouting up. We dined at El Parrel Mexican restaurant where an area in the back room was set up for

us. Amador was our server, and both the food and the service were great!

If you're looking for a relatively short ride with great vistas not too far from home, we would really recommend this loop and had it not been for the late hour after dinner we would have topped off the dinner ride by returning via Wolfenberger and Highway 105.

We enjoyed everyone's company and look forward to the next ride!

Dick & Didi



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Tom and Monica Harder



First Aid / CPR

You are trained and competent at both CPR and First Aid and you come upon a scene that <u>obviously</u> requires you to perform one or both of these services. What is the *FIRST* thing that you should do?

At a recent First Aid/CPR class there was a discussion of this topic that left me very uncomfortable. The reason for this is that I heard suggestions that ranged from "Start CPR immediately" to "Make sure the victim can breath." I, on the other hand, suggested that the very first thing that should be done is to arrange to have 911 called.

The class unanimously found fault with that suggestion.

While I understand their desire and goodwill in the matter, I think it is important to think this through a little more carefully than we all did at that meeting.

Recall that the premise is that it's <u>obvious</u> that either CPR or First Aid services are required. In other words, I'm not suggesting that you have come upon a person sleeping at the side of the road who happens to look like s/he might need your help. Instead, you happen upon a scene in which there is obvious major trauma to someone.

Let's say that you discover that the person's heart is not beating. Traditional thinking has it that you must start CPR immediately! The logic is that failure to do so could very well allow the victim to die needlessly - oxygenated blood is not getting to the victim's brain!

While that is true, and even if you are fully trained and qualified to administer both CPR and First Aid, it seems to me that without trained EMS help along with transportation and other lifesupporting facilities to help you, the odds are overwhelming that the victim will die anyway!

Maybe five minutes later,

maybe five hours later, but it will almost certainly happen. (Recall that if his heart has already stopped he is already 'dead' and all you are trying to do with CPR is keep it from being a permanent status.)

It is a fact that most trauma cases require multiple SIMULTA-NEOUS EMS efforts. While you administer CPR, for example, you cannot also be stopping the loss of blood from an amputated leg!

If you are alone and not near a telephone, you have no alternative but to try to help the victim while waiting for someone else to show up who can summon help for you (assuming you decide to provide CPR at all.) But if you are close to a telephone then it is my opinion that the very first thing you should do is call 911. This will cost a brief delay in starting the victim's aid, but it increases the odds that the victim will ultimately survive substantially!

Consider: You are riding your bike and see an accident occur in front of you. You stop your bike to see if you can help. Did you pull over to the side of the road then put the kickstand down or did you just drop the bike to save time? You pulled out of the way of traffic and probably put the kickstand down as well! That cost very little time, but helped insure that you would not become another victim of accident. That would obviously not help the first victim. So, even before a one minute phone call to 911 you need to be sure that the scene is secure! Be sure it poses no immediate danger to you or others. THEN, make your call.

A one minute 911 phone call to get a trained and equipped EMS unit out to the scene costs one minute. If you spend ten minutes doing CPR before someone calls 911, that costs the victim *TEN MINUTES* of pure oxygen, pain killers, whole blood, and transportation to a hospital!

If there are more than one of you at the scene, the *FIRST* thing you should do, in my opinion, is insure that someone places a 911 call. No ifs, ands, or buts. If it turns out that 911 is not actually needed, you can always call them back and cancel the request. But you can never recover lost time for a major trauma victim. You are, after all, trying to save his/her life - you are trying to buy time. Why give time away unnecessarily?

There is a significant exception to the above: if the victim is a child whose heart has stopped beating or who has stopped breathing, then the child's chance of survival increases if you begin immediate life support - but this is a tough call.



Scavenger Hunt



THE CHALLENGE IS A SCAVENGER HUNT!!!

THE SAYING GOES:

WHO? ALL GWRRA MEMBERS AND WHOEVER ELSE WANTS TO.

WHY? BECAUSE

WHAT? SEE IF YOU CAN COLLECT THE PICTURES SHOWING THE CLUES

HOW? HAVING FUN AND RIDING! THAT'S HOW.

Now, What we're gonna do..... Starting June 15th, Each person is challenged to see if they can SPELL the word

MOTORCYCLE

What you have to do is take a picture of yourself and your bike in front of a City's Sign beginning with each letter of the word. I.e. M=Montrose, O= Ordway, etc. (But it needs to be a Colorado Town!)

You will have from June 15th to September 1st to gather the word. Now, you'll need to track your miles because the person (s) with the most miles to do this will win a prize!!! But the catch is, you will need to show up in Salida, Colorado on September 17th at the COY/IOY Presentations to collect it and support your Chapter COY's and IOY's. So pull your map out and start planning. All photos and mileage will be due to Wayne and Dena on September 5th, <u>wayden5@comcast.net</u> If you are not able to email it, please call, 303-627-9263. We'll work something out.

Good Luck!!! See ya in Salida!



Come One, Come All

What:	Chapter I Annual Picnic
Where:	Picnic Area #2 at US Air Force Academy
When:	6 August 2005, Anywhere from 10 AM to Finish (Approx 6 PM)

Bring a side dish (with food in it) and whatever you wish to drink: Hot Dogs, burgers, other meat products, and a way to cook them provided.

Anyone wishing to attend the above picnic and does not have a military ID card needs to submit your name to me as soon as possible. I will need all names by close of business 1 August 2005. Please give me your name as it appears on your drivers license or other picture type of ID that you will be presenting to the gate sentry. All visitors must enter from the south gate off of Academy Blvd. Any person having a military ID card can access from either gate.

Below is a map of where the picnic grounds are located. They are across from the football stadium. If anyone has a problem with entry, I will have my cell phone with me and that



number is 719-237-8938. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at home 719-481-9263 or by email. I usually do not carry my cell with me. There will be more word to follow as this is just so that I can get the Entry Access List started.

Hope to see a lot of people show up and on motorcycles, protective gear is required on the Air Force Academy but you <u>do not</u> have to wear a orange vest.

Mark Damschen mdamschen@msn.com



Ride for Kids Photos





We are waiting to begin our second morning ride. The first was from home to Heritage Square.





My view of the bikes behind us as we make our exit from the main highway to our scenic ride outside Golden.





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Above you are the people who raised VERY large amounts for the Foundation.



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