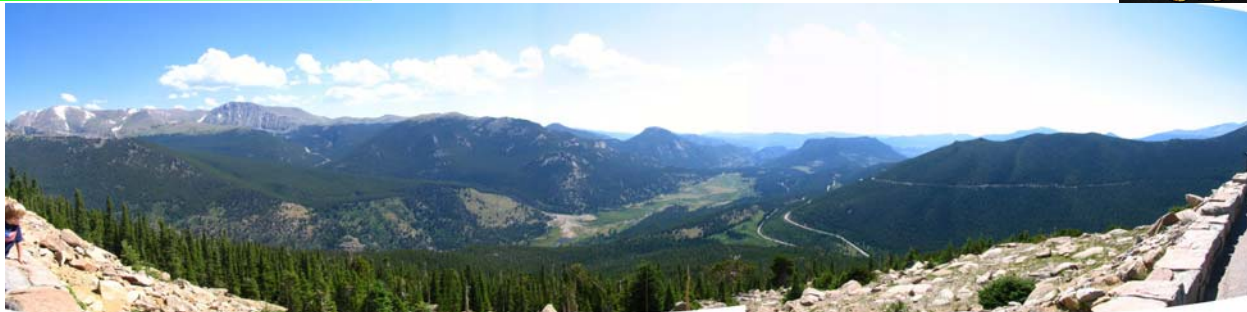


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THE CURRY CHRONICLES

Ok, the little gal is nipping at my ankles again, so I'd better get this article written before she sics her dogs on me!

On the 23rd of July a few stalwart soles braved the heat and rode up to Central City for the Chapter J "Hummer of the Summer." After a leisurely 9 a.m. departure we arrived at the Chapter J fundraiser with six bikes and spent a couple of hours there winning their 50-50 drawing (Bill Aycock and Bob Strath rode off with the money). We even got to take the \$5 dollar certificates we got with registration down to the Doc Holliday Casino and dump our nickels and quarters back into the local economy. About 12:30 we started a ride up the back side of Mt. Evans with the intent of riding all the way to the top. *Déjà vu all over again:* just before we got to the campground near the top it started to hail – then it really hailed! We limped into the restaurant parking lot, parked the bikes, and hovered under the restaurant awning until the hail let up. It was so bad a Harley Road King stopped and parked in the middle of our Gold Wings. The most fun we had was watching all the women in open toe sandals splash through 2-3 inches of hail. As we started down the mountain (we decided not to go on up to the top) it was 46°; when we stopped in Sedalia for ice cream it was back up to 95°. We rode in the mist and light rain back down

the Old Denver Highway and we welcomed the heat relief provided by the moisture. Pretty much an average day ride in Colorado.

We had our chapter picnic last weekend at the Air Force Academy – it was combined with a very short meeting. Lots to report on that event. Many contribute to our chapter in ways that don't always get recognized.

- We'd like to spotlight Mark Damschen for this particular event. Mark, through his influence at the Academy, has arranged for us to have a really first class pavilion and a mega-grill at no cost for the past several years. Mark was there early helping set up and Mark was there late making sure everything was left in good condition. Pat him on the back or give him a hug the next time you see him.



- Darrel: a couple of years ago he signed up to the comment "if you can't do it on a motorcycle, we shouldn't be doing it." Voila! The

birth of the ice chest and lawn chair trailer you can haul behind your Gold Wing! Darrel and Laurie hauled about 100 pounds of ice in 3 each 80+ quart ice chests to the picnic pavilion behind their Gold Wing – really nice that the ice chests color matched the bike!



- Dixie Watford showed up with her daughter, Marissa, from the Dallas, TX, area. Dave and Dixie Watford (brother & sister) were the chapter directors when we first joined GWRRA a million years ago. They were fun people and when they decided to move back to Texas it was a loss for the chapter. We seem to meet up with Dixie every other year or so as we move around GWRRA; saw them at the last Billings National rally, saw her in Grapevine last year, and here she is again. Good friends in this organization don't go away – they just reappear every now and again.

Dixie and Dave invented “IMON,” our last chapter mascot (get it? Chapter I – I’m On (the bike)). IMON was retired a couple of years ago when “Flippin the Bird” became our new mascot. Marsha made a dramatic presentation at the picnic formally retiring IMON to the hands of its creator, Dixie. Ron also did a credible approximation of the Dave Watford “motorcycle mounting hop.”



- Yes, Mark Atwell, even though you weren’t there we honored your memory with a rendition of the water volleyball game. Mark and Cindy started this tradition a couple of years ago and it has become very popular with the (younger and young in spirit) members who can move fast enough to dodge a water balloon hoisted over the net by a couple of team members on the other end of a towel. Standing a safe 50 feet away, I only got splashed a couple of times!



- And the food: Hot wings and hotter wings (Roland?); barbecued brisket (Butch); way too many desserts; cheese puffs from Sams and hors d’ouvres from Farmers. Mark Damschen slaving over a hot grill. Little kids smashing chips into tiny particles on the pavement; wind blowing napkins and other items all over the pavilion. We had great

weather and a great time with our friends and their families.



So, what’s about to happen in the next few weeks?

Erskine Dinner: August 13 at the Erskine’s remodeled (again) place. Pot luck – Mexican food or whatever you prefer. Call Sandi for details (265-5962) or check

out her invitation a few pages back.

Grand Lake Ride: August 19-20. Wrens are tour guides for this one. Motel rooms are scarce at this point. Call Wrens for details (591-2739). If you can’t spend the week-end with the Chapter on this trip, call the Currys (488-9865); they’re probably going up Saturday morning the 20th at O-dark thirty to meet up with the lake cadets in time for a cup of coffee and return to the Springs by that evening.

Central City Ride: August 27. Dick & Didi Reisler are in charge of this one. We’ll send out an e-mail with details as we get a bit closer to the ride date.

Custer, SD Ride: Sept 2-5. The Noahs are taking a bunch up north to ride the marvelous roads of South Dakota – six or so bikes so far. Call Rich & Donna for more information (633-0345).

Meeker Sheep Dog Trial Ride: Sep 9-11. Call Ron & Marsha (488-9865) for info. Leaving Springs about noon-2 p.m on Friday, overnight in Rifle, Saturday at Sheep Dog Trials (Border Collies, wild mountain sheep, and a bunch of food vendors) or riding on your own, Saturday night in Craig, Sunday leisurely route back to Springs. Colorado COY/IOY Selection in Salida: September 17th. Ron and Marsha are in charge of this event

and could use a little help. If you’d like to ride down to Salida on Friday the 16th, spend the night, and help a bit with the selection the next morning; give the Currys a call if you’d like to come along (488-9865).

We hope most of you are getting an opportunity to ride. Consider sponsoring a “spontaneous” ride whenever the urge grabs you – let the Chapter Director or one of the Assistant Directors know what you’re doing and we’ll kick of an e-mail or phone tree notification to see if anyone wants to go with you.

A final note from a believer. It has been pretty hot this summer and with the hot weather we’ve noticed a relaxation in the safety gear our chapter riders have been wearing. GWRRA and this chapter will never insist you wear specific safety gear when you ride – that’s your decision, not ours. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recommends that motorcycle riders wear full finger gloves, a helmet, over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, and at least a long sleeved shirt when they ride. Tennis shoes, short sleeves, and bare hands may feel more comfortable—but think about those shoes you see in the road after an accident; think about picking gravel out of your abraded skin. The two of us decided a while back that when we go down the next time it will probably be in hot weather when the asphalt and the road snakes are softer and when that asphalt is hot enough to burn. Many of us have been down before, and in most cases, it hurt! The two of us have made the decision to invest in gear that we can and will wear in hot weather. **And we wear it – every time we ride.** Please take the time to rethink what your life and skin is worth versus what you wear when you ride – *every time you get on that bike.*

Hope to see you soon, and often.

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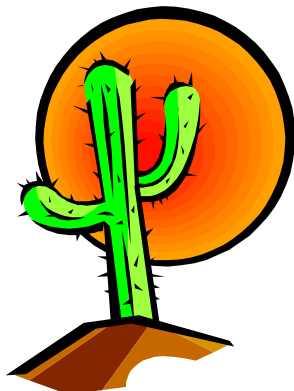
It's been a LONG time since we've done anything at our home for our friends in Chapter I.



So . . .

How about donning your castanets, sombreros, and flamenco dancing shoes and heading over to our place for a night on the Southern Border. Bring your favorite Tex-Mex, Latin, and/or Mexican dish to share. We'll have the drinks, plates, etc. and lots of interesting (I hope) foods from south of the border.

Oh no! Some of you don't care for the spicy life, huh? Well, not to worry because

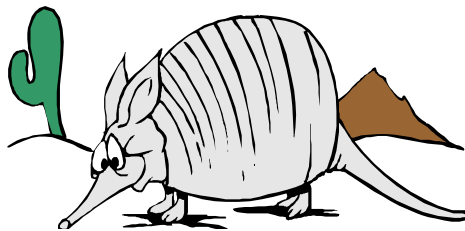


your favorite domestic dishes will be just as welcome as others. The important thing is that you just come, sit back and relax and enjoy yourselves.

When is this fiesta? Saturday evening, August 13th. If you come around 6:00, that would be great. That gives you plenty of riding time on Saturday!

So where do we live? Not far from you . . . in Rockrimmon. There's two ways to find us:

From I-25 go west on Woodman to about the 5th traffic light - that's Allegheny. Turn right on Allegheny (it's the only way you can turn) and



drive up about a mile. You'll go over 5 speed bumps and immediately after the 5th speed bump is Oak Valley Lane. Turn right on Oak Valley Lane and we are at the far end of the cul-de-sac, #6955. There is a rock wall out front - you can't miss it.

Another way to find us is to go north on Centennial from Garden of the Gods Road about three miles. You will cross over the Vindicator (to the East) and Chuck Wagon Dr (to the west) intersection. Go through this intersection and Allegheny will be the

next street. Turn right on Allegheny and go about 3/4 mile. You will go over a speed bump and immediately after this speed bump, turn left on to Oak Valley Lane - we're at the end, #6955.

Just a word of caution - Make sure you are on Oak Valley LANE and not DRIVE!! Also, please park cars/trucks on the street and keep the driveway available for bikes and those needing close-up parking. Thanks.

Think you can join us? Great! Give us a call at 265-5962 or drop an email to c.erskine@eds.com. That way we can plan on how many tables to have on hand.

Let's hope for warm, clear skies that night as we'll be outside.

Hope to see you on the 13th,
Chris and Sandie Erskine



SCAVENGER HUNT

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IT'S A CHALLENGE!!!!!!
BE PREPARED TO TAKE IT ON!!!!
CAN YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY????

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, wayden5@comcast.net If you are not able to email it, please call, 303-627-9263. We'll work something out.

Good Luck!!! See ya in Salida!



FEAR CAN KILL YOU !! From Mark Damschen

Fear can kill you - it leads to riders freezing at their controls in an emergency and taking no corrective action whatsoever. It leads to doubts that are self-fulfilling. "I can't make that turn!" Finally, it leads to dangerous reactions such as 'grabbing a handful of brake lever' instead of doing a CONTROLLED panic stop.

But we were all afraid to begin with. How to get over it should be the question you answer - because, by observation you know that virtually all of us did just that.

My suggestions are simple:

- Convert fear into respect. Understand and acknowledge that the sport is dangerous and that what you must do to survive it is UNDERSTAND everything you can about it. Ignorance is the cause of a great deal of fear.
- Make sure that the motorcycle is ALWAYS mechanically sound. Your life depends on

just two wheels, it only makes sense to insure that they are well maintained.

- Practice and then practice some more. Practice in all kinds of environments, not just a parking lot. Practice in the rain. Practice on gravel. Practice stopping and starting on a hill. Practice stopping quickly (in a parking lot!) Practice going fast (speed limited by law.) Practice going SLOW - this IS important!
- Be prepared. You cannot practice enough to have experienced everything - the car that moves into your lane at freeway speeds should be an event that is new to you. The unexpected does happen - often. Sometimes, unfortunately, things break - even if properly maintained. In other words, you should assume that sooner or later you will find yourself getting off your

motorcycle unintentionally (it falls over in a parking lot with ten of your friends watching you.) You should be dressed to not only survive that experience, but so that you will be uninjured or minimally affected by that dismount. (Can you say 'helmet', 'gloves', 'leather'?)

Now, to go back ... your objective should be to convert fear into respect. I do not mean respect merely of the dangers or of your motorcycle - those are the least of it. You need to develop a respect of YOURSELF - an absolute regard for your ability to CONTROL the motorcycle at all times. An immense pride in YOUR ability to make it - that is, that 100 horsepower machine - do exactly what YOU want it to do.

When that happens, you have won. It is not for no reason that we ride our motorcycles with grins on our faces.

Interior Design Class

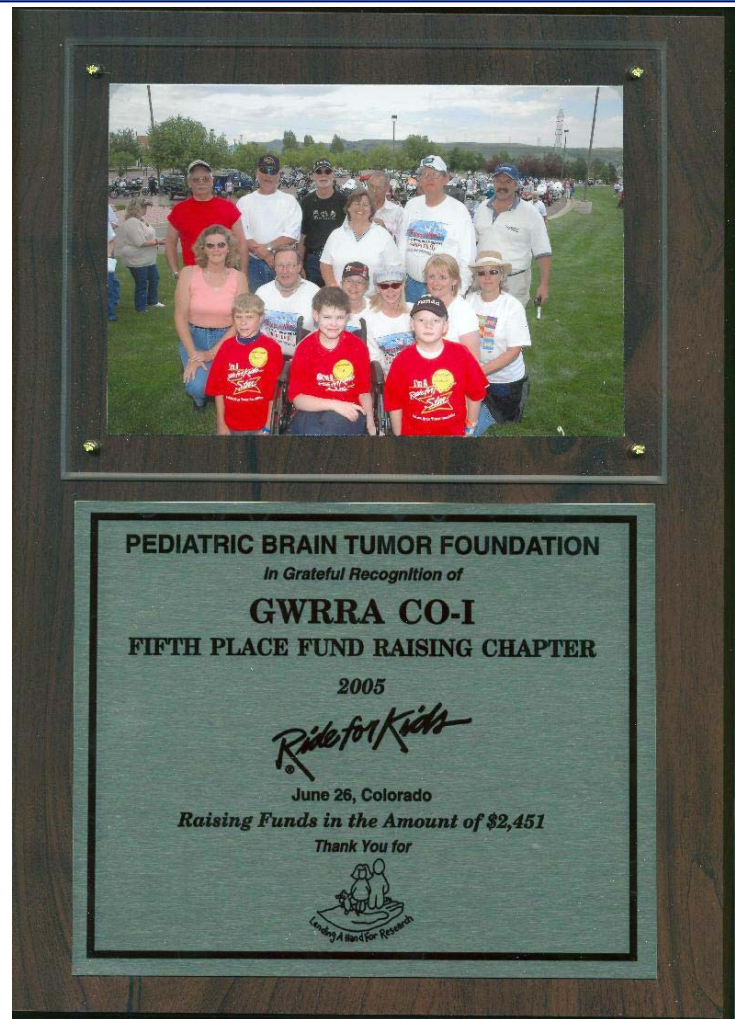
A very good friend of mine, who also happens to be a fantastic interior designer, will be starting up a class in September. Ricky Pass has been in the design industry for years and had her own successful business in Atlanta before moving to Colorado.

I've finally persuaded her to share her talents in the form of a 6-week class. During the course of the class, she will cover all aspects of home design from flooring to accessories; wall treatments to fabric selections; and colors to window treatments. There will also be time for questions you may have regarding your own home.

Ricky is a very talented woman and loves what she does. She's especially talented at making a dollar really stretch with innovative ideas. You'll enjoy her quick wit and easy, fun personality.

The date that the class starts up is yet to be determined as is the cost, but I just wanted to get an idea of interest from members in our Chapter. Tentatively she is planning to hold the classes in a participant's home, so each week will be at a different location. This will allow class members to look at various styles and discuss different applications that might be considered for that home. So, if this sounds like it might be of interest to you, would you please call me at 265-5962 – or email me at serskine01@adelphia.net. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Sandie Erskine



This is the plaque the chapter received for helping with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation Ride for Kids this year. Thanks to Larry Doan for leading the ride and generating the interest that helped the chapter raise the money to help this worthy cause. **Maybe we can do**



Greetings, fellow single track motorhome riders. (That is what Clement Salvadori calls Gold Wings.) Are you ready for the Grand Lake weekend. It is just a week and a half away. As a reminder, our reservations are for the 19th and 20th of this month.

I have been asked what time we are leaving and how we are going. That is up to you and your schedules. Some are taking the whole day off on Friday, some can't. I will follow up this email with some suggested routes, and you can decide how you want to go, and when you can leave. I suggest that we consider keeping the groups very small. If we have 10 bikes that want to leave at the same time from the same place, break it up into two to three bikes. Five should be the limit for a group, because it is hard to drive a train through town or up a mountain pass. (Kick soap box to the side.)

Chapter I's IOY



**Jeannie
Bondu-**

What I will try to do with the routes is use Trip-maker to map out three nice rides. Pick the one you want, and email me and I will be the route broker and try to get folks that want to go the same route hooked up for the trip.

Now, for the real purpose of this email: We have a boat reserved for 6PM on Saturday night. If we have more than 22-24 folks sign up, then we will have two boats that will hold a total of 30 folks. As usual, we will take snacks and drinks on board, which seems to substitute for dinner. The ride will be approximately one hour around Grand Lake. The cost per person is \$12. \$2 of that goes to the driver.

I would like the money as soon as you can get it to me. Check by mail, or the next time you see me. To date this is the respondents to my last email, and as far as I know, the total attendees. If your name is not on this list, and you have reservations in Grand Lake, please let me know asap.

Rick Boyles
Bruce Partner
Bill McMinn
Chris Erskine
Tom Harder & guests
Terry Hillman
Bob Strath
Mark Atwell
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Darrel Cruzan
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Nancy Powell
Chris Ward

If you are planning to go and you are not on the list, let me know.

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Thanks, Dave



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