

THE CURRY CHRONICLES

These chapter meetings just keep getting better! We counted about 61 people present for our April meeting and we had a number of different speakers.

Our visitors included potential new members Phil and Jackie Compton, John Trower, and Dave Armintrout. We hope to see them back for many more of our meetings. We even had some old friends show up: our Region F Directors, Jan and Bill Agnew, and Tony McCoy from Chapter C.

If we missed including anyone in our chapter phone tree, it's not too late to get added – just send us an e-mail and we'll pass it on to Laurie Schlosser.

Tom and Monica gave us a report on their movie night (a substitute game night event). According to them, the movie on the main level was much more fun than the movie in the basement (but we had the bar down in the basement)! This was a great idea and they had a real crowd at their home.

The other main highlight of March was Gene Krull's ride to Rush, Colorado, for the "all you can eat Rocky Mountain Oyster Special." That little restaurant must have had a hundred people in there and the 22-23 or so of us just squeezed right in and had a great time. Thanks, Gene, for hosting something that is sure to become an annual chapter event.

Larry and Jane Doan volunteered to host the game night on April 22 at their home at 7225 Village Meadows Drive in Fountain. It's going to start at 6 p.m. and with a potluck. Let them know if you're coming so they can plan for the crowd (382-9658).

We missed Jeannie and Paul Bondurant at the meeting; they were in Missouri where they were with Jeannie's mother when she passed on. Our sunshine fund has sent a contribution to the hospice involved, but it would be nice if all of you could give Jeannie a call and let her know our sympathies are with her.

Sandy Swing is slowly recuperating from her knee surgery. She can't drive yet. Several of the chapter members have visited her at home and have taken food over. Tom and Monica even saddled her up and took her to Darrel's surprise birthday party (hope to see another article on that in this newsletter – quite an event)!

We had an extensive Rider Education report from Mark Damschen. A lot of things are changing in the administration of this program. There are no more renewal fees and the periods for qualification requirements (ERC, First Aid, and CPR) have been extended so you don't have to repeat that training as often. Providing rider education is how GWRRA maintains their (and our) taxexempt status. Give Mark a call if you'd like to get involved in the Rider Education program, if you think you are ready to advance a level, or if you just have auestions.

We asked the Noahs to give a talk on how rallies fit into this organization of ours. Rich explained how the rallies provide a chance to renew friendships with people they have met in our District, Region, and throughout the Nation (and even internationally). Marsha and I have found the same thing to be true – every rally we go to now we bump into people we've talked with over the almost nine years we've been GWRRA members. Rich also explained the work involved in setting up a rally: locating a site, renting the facilities, contacting and coordinating vendors, and setting up the rally events and schedule. The rallies

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are also the way our District and Region bring in the money it takes to run that part of our organization. The organizers have to make deposits on facilities and order supplies up front, so they need us to fill out our registration forms and send them in now if we can.

Since our illustrious Region Directors were present, we asked Bill Agnew to talk about the Region F rally coming up at the end of May in Elko, Nevada. The rally is 25-27 May and several of us from the chapter will be going. Registration forms are available on the Region F web site (http://gwrra-regionf.org) or you can get one from your CDs. Watch our chapter web site and look for chapter e-mails regarding departure dates and times if you'd like someone to ride up with.

Same thing for our Colorado District Rally, which is in Cortez, Colorado, September 8-10. You can get that registration information from your CDs or at http://www.coloradogwrra.com.

The biggest and best attended Gold Wing rally of the year will be GWRRA's Wing-Ding, held in Nashville, Tennessee, July 3-8. You can register, check out schedules, and sign up for special activities at <u>http://www.wing-ding.org</u>. A bunch of us in the chapter are going, and we're leaving at different times, so again watch the chapter web site for specific departure dates and times.

Ray McClellan is going on this year's "Run for the Wall;" it looks like the run will pass through this general area May 17-18 and will culminate in the **Rolling Thunder** "Ride For Freedom XIX" in Washington D.C. on May 28th. Ray has an extra room reserved all the way, so if anyone is interested in riding along, please contact him at 528-2456.

We have a couple of things happening April 15th:

- Garry Durfey is sponsoring an Experienced Rider Course – please contact him directly for information on how to sign up for this important training (533-1634 or dufresne@pcisys.net)
- The Currys are going up to Chapter O in Longmont for their 8 a.m. breakfast meeting. We'll be departing the Baptist Rd. King Soopers parking lot at 6 a.m. On the way back we'll be stopping for the 12:30 tour of the Body Worlds exhibit at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Contact Ron or Marsha if you need more details (<u>rmgcurry@aol.com</u> or 488-9865).

Sandie and Chris Erskine have put out a couple of e-mails and talked at the meeting about their ride down to Taos May 12-14. They already have a good group signed up and this promises to be both a fun ride and an opportunity to attend an art festival in Taos. Contact them if you need more information 265-5962 or serskine01@adelphia.net.

Next Month we'll meet as usual at the Church for a short chapter meeting and then we're riding over to the Cruzan/ Schlosser garage (no, that's not right – the garage is definitely just Darrel's) for MAINTE-NANCE DAY! This is one more good reason to be in this chapter no matter what you're about to do to your bike, someone else has done it before and is willing to help you with your project. So gather up all that chrome you haven't installed, throw your oil and filters in the saddlebags, and come spend the morning with us while we have fun drinking coffee and watching people get greasy!

Our June combined meeting with Chapter B in Gunnison is just around the corner. That will actually involve riding your motorcycle for more than 30 minutes, so make sure you get all that maintenance and ERC training out of the way in April and May.

We hope to see all of you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry CO-I Chapter Directors

Dinner Ride April 18

Tuesday, April 18, we will be going to the Yukon Tavern for dinner (supper, if you are from Texas).



525 S. Circle Drive, Colorado Springs

We will meet at the Yukon at 6:30.

Please call 495-5741 or email Lshelley@animail.net if you would like to join the group so we can confirm the reservation.

Here is the website if you want to check out the food before you go. http://

www.citystarmarketplace.com/ Colorado%20Restaurants/ yukon_tavern.htm

Hope to see you there.

Butch and Linda

Pictures from the SURPRISE party for Darrel



Game Night

Come one Come all to the game night at our house on April 22 at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite foods and we'll supply the game----Taboo !!!!

Any questions give us a call at 382-9658. If we're not home just leave an email and we'll get back with ya.

Our Address is: 7225 Village Meadows Drive Fountain

See ya on the April 22.

Larry and Jane



DARREL'S BIG SURPRISE

By Kathy Wren



I think we actually pulled it off – no not that!! After weeks of lying and making up excuses, we did surprise him! For those of you who didn't make it to the surprise 60th birthday bash, you missed a great time.

There was one frantic afternoon though – Saturday, the day of the party. Us ladies were going shopping (a lie) and the guys were to go on a ride with Darrel, but were to be back around 4:30 as Laurie and Darrel were to come pick up Dave and me at 6:00 PM to go to dinner with Tom and Monica at a new place in Monument they wanted us to try (another lie). Dave calls me around 1:30 or so and the guys have lost Darrel. You just can't depend on them I guess. They had helped out another Chapter I Goldwinger (Doug Irish), which was absolutely the right thing to do. Darrel was taking Doug's bike on his trailer to Doug's house with Dave, Ducky

Bob, Mel and Bruce, and Mike Manthei following behind on their bikes. The bikes got stuck at a stop light and Darrel proceeded to continue on his way thinking the drivers of the bikes knew where he was going. Wrong!! Needless to say, they lost contact with him (he had a CB in his truck but didn't think to have it on). After many other problems, Dave called again and the bikes were back at the Cruzan driveway without a Darrel. I was absolutely in panic mode as Laurie's sons car was in my driveway and I knew Darrel would come over looking for the guys. When Laurie and Trenton came back from the store, the car got moved to the church parking lot-so I felt a little better. The bikers decided to ride to Canon City as they thought they might intercept Darrel as they were originally suppose to be going to Salida. No such luck. When Dave returned home around 4:00 PM he called Darrel and he was now home. He rode to Texas Creek for lunch by himself and burned some rubber on the corners of the canyon. After all that stress, the party seemed to be a great SUCCESS!

The look on his face was priceless when 45+ Chapter I members screamed "Happy Birthday" and then when his brother (AC) and his wife (Alice) from Missouri, Jean his sister from Iowa, and brother (Don) and wife (Connie) from Tennessee came down the stairs I think it was more than he could believe. His son and family were also there from North Platte, NE, and son (Mike) and daughter (Dianna) and granddaughter from Denver. Laurie's son (Tad) and friend (Hillary), Tate and friend (Patty), Trenton and wife (Janet), and friend (John) from Denver. All in all we think the count of 74 is pretty accurate.

None of it could have happened without Laurie being the master mind behind it all. She asks me if we could have the party at our house – what was I going to say "no" – I don't think so. ALL of YOU who came were what made it so special. I'm not sure I even know who all was there so hopefully all the pictures that were being taken will answer that for me. I'm sure you all had enough to eat (again, thanks to Laurie) and had a nice time getting to visit with one another.

For those of you who don't know Darrel real well, he does not like being the center of attention. Well Darrel, you handled it very well and I think you enjoyed every minute. For someone who doesn't wear hats, you surprised me that you tried them on and then left them on for some time. Way to go "old man".

Many thanks to Laurie, Darlene, Nancy, and all the Schlosser & Cruzan family for helping on Saturday to get everything set up for the evening. Couldn't have done it without them.

Well old man, you are now a legal senior citizen at some restaurants and hotels but just remember – not on the Lite Rail in Denver!! That's another whole story.

More Pictures from the SURPRISE party

















Little did I know that I would be making my last ride on my old GL 1500 to Sturgis, South Dakota. I planned my solo ride to depart on Wednesday, 10 August 2005, about 2 pm from work. The afternoon was sunny and warm but as I went further north on I-25 it started to rain. I pulled over and put on my Frogg Toggs to stay dry. I had to stop several times due to being tired.

I finally made it to Cheyenne, WY, where I had dinner and filled up before moving onward. I noticed the skies were still darker up north, so I kept on my rain suit. About an hour later, it started to rain again. It rained off and on into the night until I got to Ellsworth Air Force Base, just outside of Rapid City, SD. I got on the base around 1 am and found the camp site that I have used before with no problem. Right about now the skies opened up and the wind kicked up a notch. I was neither a happy camper nor a dry one at this time. I finally got the tent up

and the heat on and went to bed. (The packing list would not be complete without an electric blanket, heater, and extension cord.)

The next morning I had to move, because I was not in the proper place. Due to the rain last night, I just got settled and deal with it later. The place that I moved to was much better. I had breakfast at the local dining facility and off to Sturgis.

I walked around Main Street and the next street over looking at all of the vendors and different items for sale. I also had my trusty camera. (Never go to Sturgis without it.) This year I was looking for a pair of comfortable deer skin gloves. Within the city of Sturgis the vendors have moved further down Main Street. They have also moved to the outskirts of Rapid City. I bought my gloves from a dealer from Silver Springs, NV. The name of his shop was Gloves Plus. His product was very good out of all of the gloves that I had tried and tested.

It always seemed to rain every afternoon this year for some unknown reason. It was unseasonably cooler this year. In between fighting the rain and the cold weather, I did manage to see Mount Rushmore and ride through Needle highway in Custer Park.

My time has come to an end, it is now Saturday morning, and I packed up all of my gear to include my extension cord, heater, and my electric blanket and packed it on my trusty Maroon bike. I left Ellsworth Air Force Base around 9 am. I took a different route that I was not familiar with and got home a little later that I should, but safely. Lots of pictures good were taken and then some Sturgis pictures were taken. The later should not be seen by the faint of heart.

The "Road Warrior" Earl Edwards

Why stop in Elko?

Taking exit 301 off I-80 East or Exit 303 off I-80 West, you will cruise into one of the best small towns in America. Besides being voted Best Small Town in America, Elko, Nevada is surrounded by some of Mother Natures most beautiful scenery with the Ruby Mountains and Secret Pass, also with some of the best riding in the state, Lamoille Canyon, Ruby Valley and Starr Valley to name a few. But please don't tell anyone, because it is one of Nevada's best kept secret.

The Reigon"F"un/Nevada District Rally is being held in Elko, May 25th, 26th and 27th. with the emphasis on "FUN". As Gold Wing riders, we spell fun as "R-I-D-E-S". There are several selfguided tours planned. Along with a poker run with cash prizes. All designed to show off our local area. There will also be two tours to local Gold Mines. The seating for these tours is limited to first come, first served bases.

Enough about riding and tour possibilities, there is one thing the residents of Elko know how to do, and that is to help visitor's to our community have fun. Elko is no stranger to hosting visitors with the "National Cowboy Poetry Gathering" in January, the "Elko Bike Jamboree" in June, and "National Basque Festival" in July each year to name a few.

So come to Elko, Nevada, bring your FRIENDS, and meet new ones. Have FUN, because there will be a lot of it to be had. Learn more about motorcycle SAFETY in any one of the many courses to be offered. Leaving with the KNOWLEDGE that our motto is truly a way of life, and is alive and well in Region "F"unest/Nevada District Rally. We will be waiting for you there. Ride Safe!

Fred Wilson #175019 Roz Adams #175019-01 Chapter Directors NV-H Elko, Nevada

More Pictures from the SURPRISE party





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Odds and Ends

Hello all,

I am collecting the Pink Lids off of Yoplait Yogurt. Yoplait will pay 10 cents per lid to



the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund.

Needs to be in by 7/31/06. If anyone else is collecting these lids we can put ours together and send them all in at once. Just a thought.

Thanks, Chris A. Ward

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> I believe in angels, The kind that heaven sends, I am surrounded by angels, But I call them Friends.

> > - Aizabel Parinas -



1 pack of Knorr veggie soup mix

1 cup of mayo

1 cup sour cream

1 pack of frozen spinach (thawed and drained) *optional—you can add chopped green onions *I also add in some grated Swiss or Monterey Jack cheese

Mix together and serve in bread bowl.

Onion Dip

1 large onion chopped finely\ 1 cup mayo 2 (8 oz) packages of cream cheese Bottle of Kraft shredded Parmesan, Romano, and Asiago cheese

Mix all ingredients and bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Provided by Laurie Schlosser



I would like to thank all of you great friend for helping me pull off this SURPRISE party. I hope everyone has as much fun as we did. A special thanks to Dave and Kathy for opening their home up for us, and Kathy, Darlene, and Nancy for all their help with the food. Also, thanks to Dave, Bob, Mike, Mel, and Bruce for trying to keep track of Darrel. (It is not as easy as it looks!)

Thanks again, **Laurie Schlosser**

Movie night pictures



A Sundae on Saturday

Please join Chris and I on Saturday June 17th where you'll be encouraged to create your very own, one of a kind, delicious and refreshing ice cream sundae. Like your ice cream with pie? No problem as there will be a variety to choose from. Is a banana-split more to your liking? You can build it. Okay, so how about a brownie sundae? Yep, the fixings will be there for the making!

Why are we doing this? Well, because we know from past experience that Goldwingers just love their ice cream (and pie!). And because it'll be for a great cause – the Ride for Kids event that will be taking place the following weekend. <u>All</u> the donations are going directly to Ride For Kids from Chapter I.

We don't have a specific time picked out yet (but we're leaning towards 3:00) as that will depend on if

A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like motherof-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked.

"Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

"Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked.

"I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence.

As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me!" he called to the man. "Do you have any water?"

"Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in." there is a ride that day. If one of you would like to lead a ride, you could just finish up at our house for a cool and tasty treat. Of course, even if you're not on the bike that day but are stuck mowing the lawn or pulling dandelions, we still want to see you. What do ya say?

So where will this shindig be held? Well, right here in our back yard ... 6955 Oak Valley Lane in the Rockrimmon area. Mark your calendars – we hope to have a great turn out so that we can offer a vast, huge, immense and grand (can you tell I'm using the Thesaurus?) donation for this very worthy cause.

Questions? Call us or email us:

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"How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to the dog.

"There should be a bowl by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveler filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell."

"Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?"

"No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind." Soooo...

Sometimes, we wonder why friends keep forwarding jokes to us without writing a word. Maybe this will explain.

When you are very busy or when you have nothing to say, but still want to keep in touch, guess what you do? You forward jokes.

To let you know that you are still remembered, you are still important, you are still loved, you are still cared for, guess what you get? A forwarded joke.

So, next time if you get a joke, don't think that you've been sent just another forwarded joke, but that you've been thought of today and your friend on the other end of your computer wanted to send you a smile.

You are all welcome @ my water bowl anytime.

Still More Pictures from the SURPRISE party

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"FUN ACTIVITIES AT WING DING"

By now I hope all of the Chapter Directors throughout the Organization have received their Chapter invitation to come join in the "FUN". We are coordinating "Chapter Get Together" for each individual Chapter designation in the Organization.

The Henry Horton State Park Restaurant has been reserved for 3 days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) in preparation for these gatherings. The Restaurant manager, Jan Darnell, is looking forward to our arrival. Careful consideration has been given to the coordination of the "Get Together" so we will not overbook or overwhelm the Restaurant personnel and we do not want to take our Members away from the activities scheduled at Wing Ding such as the Opening Ceremonies, talent show and the Grand Parade.

Due to Opening Ceremonies from 8:00am until 9:00am and the talent show from 4:00pm until 6:00pm on Monday we have only lunch scheduled. On Tuesday due to the Grand Parade from 3:00pm until 5:00pm we have scheduled only breakfast and lunch. On Wednesday we have scheduled all three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Each Chapter designation is scheduled for one of these meals and will meet in the Magnolia Circle at the North end of the Opryland Hotel at a designated time to ride to the restaurant.

Our Chapter Coordinators have made every attempt to make sure all Chapter Directors have been contacted, but due to outdated email addresses some may not have gotten the letters. If you are one of these Directors please let us know. I am including a list of Coordinators for each Chapter designation. Please contact them and let the coordinator know if your Chapter will be attending this "FUN" event. Just think sitting in a room with all Chapter "A's" or "B's", etc. and socializing. This may be something you would want to do each year.

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Upcoming Rallies

Region F / Nevada - May 25-27 - Elko, NV Utah - June 9-11 - Cedar City, UT WING DING - July 3-6 - Nashville, TN California - September 1-4 - Santa Clara, CA Colorado - September 7-9 - Cortez, CO

New Mexico - Sept. 29-Oct. 1 - Alamogorda, NM

Region I Rally - August 2006 - Powell, Wyoming

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