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Chapter I

THE CURRY CHRONICLES

We had a Rally!

Wow! After a slow start at the Colorado District level during the first part of this year, Steve & Teresa Randolph, our recently appointed Colorado District Directors really pulled one off!! We know they had a bunch of help, but Steve and Teresa deserve the credit for going hard and fast to ensure we had a good rally with over 200 people in attendance.

We counted about 42 of our Chapter I members at the Colorado District Rally in Salida the 8th & 9th of September. We weren't really expecting much more than a social gathering, but the District had some great vendors present. We personally thanked them by running in as soon as they opened and purchasing a set of Gerbing's heated liner and G3 gloves for me (to match the ones Marsha has had for years). Don did the same and we saw Rich Noah buying (more) lights for the highly illuminated chrome show bike he rides. In between the rain showers we had fun talking to lots of people as we polished up our bike and trailer and put it in the bike show, along with Rich & Donna's dark cherry

1800 and Doug Irish's 1200 -



Doug came out a winner!

Mark Damschen, who is now the District Educator, had a parking lot practice set up for the cone-killers who came out to try to sharpen their slow-speed skills. There were people at the rally from Nevada, Utah, Arizona (including the current Region F Couple of the Year), Florida, and a whole bunch from Wyoming Chapter B.

Don Smith, who many of you know, is retiring from Aurora Honda in about a week. We've seen him at just about every rally we've ever attended. He and Bill Agnew, our Region F Director, hosted a maintenance seminar that was pretty interesting. Don said he's eliminated about 85% of the front end wobble in his 1800 by installing the "All Balls" bearings in his steering head. Darrel knows more about this and has a set of the bearings, but hasn't yet installed them.

Linda Shelley, our Editor, put together a photo album that also **won a first prize** – that's two first place prizes for our chapter that she was responsible for in the last two years!

Wayne and Cinda Champlin from Chapter L were selected to be the next Colorado District Couple of the Year and Ron Hallam from Chapter G was selected to be the next Colorado District Individual of the Year. We've known all of them for several years and they are going to be excellent representatives of the Colorado GWRRA membership.

We also had a great time visiting with the rest of the chapter during the day, at lunches and dinners and in someone's room each evening. We again had the opportunity to visit with a bunch of the friends we've made throughout Colorado and other parts of our Region through the years.

Steve & Teresa want our comments on how they can improve the rally for next year. They are going to move the rally from September to August (*that frees up our chapter schedule so*

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we can head back up to the Meeker Sheep Dog Trials). I've already let him know that we personally really liked the short rally format - let him know your personal opinions so they can put together one next year that will make you want to come!

Send your comments to Wingncolo@comcast.net.

Since our last newsletter the chapter got back to having our meetings at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church at N. Murray & Constitution. We had fun this year having our June meeting with Chapter B in Gunnison, not having a meeting while a bunch of us attended Wing Ding in Nashville in July, and having our August meeting at our picnic. The rest of the meetings this year will be back at the church.

- Kathy & Dave volunteered to lead our September dinner ride
- Nancy Powell has stepped

in as our Sunshine person.

- The "Have A Friend for Lunch" chapter ride to Lake City is 30 Sep-1 Oct; call Ron & Marsha @ 488-9865 for details
- We have a color ride on the calendar combined with the "Have a Friend" ride you can head out with the "Have a Friend" riders and come back a shorter route or we can plan a separate color ride please let us know your thoughts (soon). If someone would like to lead a separate Color Ride we think that would be great.
- Ray & Nancy Daniels will be hosting our Halloween Party at their home on the 28th of October – Please let them know that you will be attending (488-8841).
- Be thinking about the rides you want to lead next year.
 We'll be getting together in November for a combined staff planning meeting and a

ride planning meeting. If you'd like to help the chapter by taking on a position in the chapter staff, let Tom & Monica know and plan on coming to that meeting on the 11th of November at our home – it most likely will also be a pot luck and game night.

• The chapter Holiday party has been changed to the December 22nd. You will be getting details on this from the Reislers and Browns, who have volunteered to help organize this for us.

Thanks to all of you for making this such a terrific chapter! You each contribute something special to every gathering and every ride.

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

Ron & Marsha Curry CO-I Chapter Directors

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Cookie Contest winner from the rally-Casey Ward—first place Jeannie Bondurant—Third place



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IQ Test One of these is a square and one is not. which one is the square?



Breakfast Goodies

Dave & Kathy and Paul & Jeannie





Robin and Dan Stevens

Gold Wing Restaurant Reviewers Association

Well we did it again, folks. Lived up to our name and reviewed a brand new restaurant (for most of us anyway).

For those of you that missed it, we went to Las Palmitas on Corporate Center Drive on Wednesday night. Bunches of people showed up, and a lot of two wheelers were out in the parking lot to prove that we are a motorcycle riding association.

From all the feedback that I got after the meal, everyone was pleased with the food, prices and facility. Seemed like everyone was having a good time, in spite of the picture taker annoying folks the whole night.

I would like to personally thank the folks that attended that made it a great showing, and hopefully a good night for the owners.

A couple of new folks were there and the regulars. Hope I don't forget anyone; Mark & Cindy, Sandie, John, Doug & Marilyn, Cliff & Myra Childs, Rod Klock, Butch & Linda, Tom & Monica, Paul & Jeannie, Dan & Wilma, Dick & DiDi, Darrel & Laurie, Bruce & Mel, Dan & Robin, Nancy, George, Patricia, Kevin, Tammy, and Mark.

Thanks again everyone, Ďave & Kathy





Paul and Jeannie





Wilma & Dan

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Halloween Party







Ray and Nancy Daniels' home 830 Pebble Creek Court Monument, CO 80132 (719)488-8841



When: Saturday, October 28, 2006.

Time: The party starts at 6 pm.

What To Bring: BYOB (Punch will be furnished) and bring a favorite dish, please. Hors d'oeu vres, main dishes or deserts, all are needed for a delicious buffet! (Paper plates, silverware and napkins will be furnished)



What to Wear: Costumes requested! (but not required)

Please RSVP to Ray & Nancy at (719)488-8841 by October 18th. We hope to see all of you at the party.



Directions: North on I-25 until exit 161 (Monument exit). Go right (east), approx. 3 miles to Scottswood Dr. (Bent Tree exit) and turn right. Go one block to Pebble Creek Ct. and turn left. Go to the end of the cul-de-sac to number 830.







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CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS FLASH

Greetings to everyone!! CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS FLASH on more complete details from Dan, Wilma, Dick and Didi.

At the last Chapter I meeting, we have introduced the plans for this year's Christmas party. It was well liked with quite a few signatures from our members. We were lacking a few details and added a couple of suggestions.

Now, we can fill some of the blanks and, at the same time, announce this to the members who were not in attendance.



The charge is \$ 20.00 per person, which includes -

Giuseppe's Express Buffet (with plenty of time to eat) with:

2 pastas - Linguini and Fettuccine with Alfredo, Marinara and Meatball sauces Stone-baked pizza, including meat & vegetarian varieties Giuseppe's Rail Bread Roast Beef, au jus Mashed potatoes & brown gravy Garden salad with choice of 2 dressings Seasonal fruit platter All served with garlic bread

DRINKS - Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink (Wine or other alcohol is available from a Cash Bar)

TAX AND GRATUITY

D.J. AND DANCE FLOOR (mostly funded with chapter \$)

This rate also includes all that is needed to serve the desserts that some of us will sign up to bring.

We'll have the two south baggage rooms, so it should be pretty comfortable.

"SUCH A DEAL"

We'll need to start collecting the \$ from you at the next Chapter Meeting in October. If you are planning to pay with a check, please make check payable to GWRRA - Chapter I with "Christmas Party" on the 'memo' section.

If this is the first time you hear about this event, please send an e-mail back so we can add you to the list.

This is all folksHope you like it !!

Didi

Winter Riding

from Butch Shelley



Being a little new at this I was having a difficult time thinking of something for this article when snow started falling Friday so I guess now is a good time to think about colder weather, draining the RV and sprinkler systems and getting out the heaters and battery charger. Looking through articles about winter riding, most articles mention similar points:

- Be sure your motorcycle battery could stand the strain of cooler weather. Goldwing owner's manual say if you don't ride at least every two weeks use a Battery Tender similar charger.
- You should change your oil if you are going to store you bike for any period of time and if you are already using 10w-40w oil, there is no reason to change to something different for the winter.
- For those with Goldwings or other liquid-cooled bikes make sure the anti-freeze is sufficient for the temperatures you'll be expecting.
- Check weather forecasts (even if you don't believe weathermen) and road condition reports before riding any distance or a longer trip. It might keep you from being stranded.
- Be cautious for black ice. The most likely places to find it are early mornings, shady roads in turns, bridges, in front of stores that leave their sprinkler systems on all year. Don't forget about the gravel they put down on icy roads it can be nearly as bad as the ice.
- If you are sitting still o-n a bike your body is burning very few calories, it will be more susceptible to cold and if you are moving wind chill. Cover your body and eliminate places where the cold air can easily enter. Modern fabrics designed to seal out the cold and retain body heat good. Electric vests and electric gloves can also be preferred by many. Be cautious when wearing heavy clothing that would prevent free and easy movement. Layering with lighter clothing seems to work better especially on longer trips. Dressing warmly will slow your body's heat loss, but not eliminate it. Hypothermia (abnormally low body temperature) and frostbite can occur in temperatures as high as 55 degrees! Keeping warm is probably the hardest thing to do on long trips. Ensure you have waterproof clothing, and use it. It can also help to keep the wind chill factor down.
- To protect from salt and road dirt spray a repellent such as WD40 around the frame and castings (avoid the brake discs), this can then be washed off easily. The magnesium chloride used in Colorado is not supposed to be as corrosive as salt but will still melt decals.
- Remember the pre-ride check "T-CLOCK", Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, and Kickstand before you ride. It does not take long and can save a lot of time and trouble just a few minutes later. Tubeless tires tend to leak more easily in colder weather and I would rather find the problem in the garage next to the air compressor than a block down the street.
- If you store your bike in cold weather: top off the gas tank, change the oil, check the coolant, keep the battery charged, and if possible get the tires off the ground!



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