



June 2008

Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

As we enter the month of June, we are reminded just how fickle the Colorado weather can be. We've experienced clear, calm mornings only to have them turn on us into blustery, lightning and thunder filled afternoons. Be careful and prepared for all of the weather that Colorado throws at us.

Sunday, May 18th had several rides to choose from and we chose "Biker Sunday" in Florence. Dean and Joann Hauser joined us on the ride after an invitation was extended to the chapter from Pastor D. Wayne Dickinson who is also a Chapter member of CO-C (Canon City). We were joined at the service by the Wrens, the Nyquists, and Don & Cathy. The service was held in the park and they even blessed our bikes. Some of us stayed for the barbeque which was very yummy and we were able to meet and visit with other chapter's members.

On Saturday, May 24th Patricia Hales organized a breakfast ride up to The Pantry at Green Mountain Falls. Many looked forward to the great home cooking. Thank you Patricia!

For Dick and DiDi Reisler May's dinner ride on Tuesday the 20th proved to be quite the challenge. They originally organized the dinner at a Brazilian steakhouse who had apparently heard just how rowdy our group can be. They locked their doors the week before the dinner. So fast action was taken and our new Texas Roadhouse up here in Monument was a great alternative. Everything went off without a hitch and that's a huge accomplishment with over 40 attending. Good company, good food and great service. Thank you Dick & DiDi for your double efforts!

On Saturday, May 31st Ray and Nancy Daniels hosted a "Moving Away" party for Cliff & Myra Childs. We weren't able to attend due to a previous commitment but we know that a good time was had by all who were able to at-

tend.

We didn't have our regular meeting in June due to an ALL Colorado Chapter meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, June 14th in Buena Vista. However, Steve Randolph called us Friday evening to let us know that the meeting has been cancelled.

We are planning the dinner ride on Wednesday, June 18th and may be able to have a short meeting there. We will be sending out more details shortly.

As we stated earlier in the article, Colorado's weather is something of a challenge when trying to enjoy a ride. Being prepared will help get you through most of what is thrown your way. Please be careful and enjoy...

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors



May Dinner Ride

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It was a good night for a steak, and the new Texas Roadhouse in Monument had a few of them. We had thirty five people show up. However, there is a story behind this story, the Story of the Alpha Grill.

Didi wanted to try a new place in town that served Brazilian style food. The restaurant had an open salad bar, and there were twenty six different items to choose from in addition to samples of meats brought to your table hot off the grill.

Didi called and spoke to the manager a week before. He was very pleasant and assured her our group could get seating together, told her about the available coupons and prices. He took all the pertinent information and requested a call back with a final head count a few days before.

Didi called, and she called, and she called at various times of the day. The phone just kept ringing. Now, it's getting closer to the dinner date, and she's worried!?! Thinking that maybe there was a problem with their telephone, she suggested that we take a bike ride over there. It was a cold night when she suggested that, the kind of night that invites you to ride for invigoration. The kind of night that slips a little cold, wet, blow in your face, and chill to the bone rain upon you when you are past the point of no return.

She knew where the building was and told Dick she could spot the sign from Powers Blvd., directing him to drive south on Powers to Stetson Hills. — No! Wait! It is not there. Try south to Barnes. Wait! It's not there. Try Constitution. Nope! Not there. Try Palmer Park. Hey! If it gets much colder, we can stop at the Wren's for shelter. Nope! Not here, try Galley Rd. Wait! I have an idea, Didi whispered in a loud commanding voice echoing through my helmet. I think it is easier to spot the sign going north. North we went, eventually ending up somewhat perplexed and at home. We called the Firestone Tire Store next to the empty building; we thought the restaurant was supposed to be.

NEWS FLASH, They packed up and closed two days ago.

And that is how we ended up at the Texas Roadhouse. Claude and Nancy brought some new guests, Terry and Vonda, Chongo and Barbara, (forgive me if I misspelled their names). Chongo and Barbara moved to Black forest from Alaska. The food was good, and we all got seated in the same section. The noise level was a bit loud inside, but we were louder!

After dinner, Nancy, Claude, Terry, Vonda, Ray and Nancy and Dick and Didi went for an evening ride. Nancy had come directly from work to the Roadhouse and wanted to go home and change into real cloths. (She wore her Pajamas to the Roadhouse) Not really. Nancy worked that day at her daughter's medical clinic.

The Daniels left for home to change a few minutes before the rest. Upon arriving at there house, Ray told us we just missed a B I G bear running south through the trees. (Hey Chongo, you're gonna feel right at home in Colorado) We rode up 83 and came into Castle Rock from the east, slowing down to look at four deer at the edge of the road checking us out. (Hey Chongo you're gonna feel right at home in Colorado)

We stopped in Castle Rock, peeling off our helmets, and Oh My Gosh! We were parked in a Dairy Queen Parking lot. Now if that wasn't a surprise. We went in only to be stopped by the locked doors. While the restaurant section was closed, the drive-in was open.

Ever try and eat a DQ with a helmet on? Me neither. So, eight of us walked up the drive in, with cars in front and behind us. We did the Barnyard Shuffle a few times (see Nancy's Photo essay) and one by one ordered our deserts. AAHH, it hit the spot.

After that, it was a pleasant evening drive down the interstate home.

If laughter extends your life, this group earned a few years that evening!

Until the next fun event,

Dick and Didi

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May Dinner Ride Pictures

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Hello Chapter CO-I. This is John Raser, Sister Chapter Coordinator for Chapter CA2S. I thought I'd let you know a little bit about myself. I love motorcycles! My first bike was a 1960 Cushman Scout scooter. My dad bought it for my brother and me when I was 14. It was love at first sight. I had motorcycles all through my teens and twenties, but got out of them when kids came along. My wife and I have three grown children, ages 26, 25 and 20. I got back into motorcycles in my early forties, when our boys were in their early teens, and I got some dirt motorcycles for my two sons and myself. It was a wonderful father & son activity that we enjoyed for many years. Then, about 5 years ago, I decided to get a street bike. After researching the market, and taking into consideration the type of riding I was planning on doing, the choice became very obvious - I bought a Goldwing! I picked up a used 1988 GL1500. I also sought out and joined the local GWRRA chapter. I hope you get a chance to meet some of the members from your sister chapter here at CA2S, they are a great bunch of people.

I also want to let you know that I love Colorado! I was able to ride my dirt bike through your great state over the past few years. I rode in a charity event called the Colorado 500. Have any of you ever heard of it? I thoroughly enjoyed riding the trails between Snowmass, where the ride started, down through Crested Butte, on into Ouray, and then back, over the course of five days. I had an amazing time and was in awe of the beauty of the places I visited.

My goal is to get back to Colorado for a vacation with my wife and enjoy some of the same scenery, this time on the 'wing instead of on a dirtbike. Hopefully, I'll get the chance some day, and hope to see you along the way as well. Otherwise, please be sure to look me up if your travels ever take you to the bay area of California.



Reverend Boudreaux was the part-time pastor of the local Cajun Baptist Church, and Pastor Thibodaux was the minister of the Covenant Church across the road. They were both standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that read:

'Da End is Near! Turn You self Around Now! Before It's Too Late!'

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, 'You religious nuts!'

From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash...

Boudreaux turns to Thibodaux and asks, 'Do ya tink maybe da sign should jus say 'Bridge Out'?

Bio to CA Sister Chapter

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Rod Klock and I've been a GWRRA member since 1993. I have lived in Arizona, New Mexico, and now in Colorado. I am an MSF Instructor and have been since 1997. I ride a 1990 pearl white 1500 that I bought in 1995. My wife, Dawn and son, Jacob and myself joined Chapter CO-I in 2005 after we moved from Albuquerque, New Mexico. My wife Dawn and I are excited to be the Sister Chapter coordinators for Chapter I.

We are still in the winter months here in Colorado Springs so we don't get to do much riding right now. We do have plenty of rides scheduled for the riding season although it's still cold and sometimes we would have to dodge snow flakes which is not too easy when there are so many of them coming at you. Our meetings are the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 am. We have a fun chapter and enjoy riding in the Colorado Mountains. We welcome any visitors and would love to show you beautiful Colorado riding. If you have any questions about our chapter or want to visit please contact Rod or Dawn at klocks90se@comcast.net.

Events



June 12—Suzanne Manthei

June 18—Mike Manthei

June 18 Dinner Ride

**Hosted by Tom & Monica
Harder**

Destination and details to be
announced.

ANNIVERSARIES



Thanks to those that attended the Ride for Kids on June 8. The ride was pretty, but I think Patrica Hales and her co-rider had a better time on the ride than the rest of us. When the ride started Patricia needed to get gas and told her dad, George Davis, that she would catch up. Well, somehow she didn't quite catch up. Someone along the way gave Patricia unclear directions. Nevertheless, she made the entire route we had taken. The big difference—she was able to drive the route at 55 mph and really enjoy the twisties.

Doyne Bruner (Apex) got a pass and was able to join Chapters I and N for the ride to Golden.

Well, back to business.

Colorado raised \$56,200 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Chapter I came in third for group fund raisers and Apex was the top dealership this year.

Ben is walking better than last year. Spencer is doing great and planning a trip to Ireland this summer. Devin's mom was there and said he is also doing great. Devin was not able to make the ride this year because he is in Louisiana helping Katrina victims. Brystal, the 21 year old scholarship recipient, is traveling to Costa Rica this year to further her studies in Spanish. Our newest star is 12 year old, Shelby.

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Love Dress

Let this be a warning. Be careful what you say!

A woman stopped by unannounced at her son's house. She knocked on the door then immediately walked in. She was shocked to see her daughter-in-law laying on the couch, totally naked. Soft music was playing, and the aroma of perfume filled the room.

"What are you doing?" she asked.

"I'm waiting for Mike to come home from work," the daughter-in-law answered.

"But you're naked!" the mother-in-law exclaimed.

"This is my love dress," the daughter-in-law explained.

"Love dress? But you're naked!"

"Mike loves me to wear this dress," she explained. "It excites him to no end. Every time he sees me in this dress, he instantly becomes romantic and ravages me for hours on end. He can't get enough of me"

The mother-in-law left. When she got home, she undressed, showered, put on her best perfume, dimmed the lights, put on a romantic CD, laid on the couch waiting for her husband to arrive.

Finally, her husband came home. He walked in and saw her laying there so provocatively.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"This is my love dress," she whispered, sensually.

"Needs ironing," he said. "What's for dinner?"

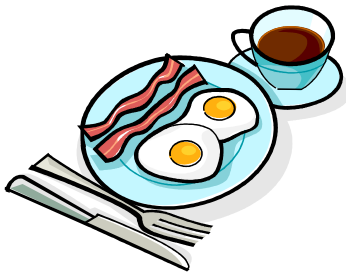
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Casey gave
Myra & Cliff
a new
phone so
they can
keep in
touch



Recently on a trip thru Manitou I noticed some things I had forgotten about after living here for several years, primarily that “mountain” people know a lot more about parking a bike than flatlanders, and when someone at work talked about the story of the lady with the new trike that rolled down the mountain into a tree I remembered this article.

BS

Before You Dismount

Six things to do

By: James R. Davis

We all have our own unique way of doing things. Some people, for example, do exactly two things before they dismount their bikes: they turn off their ignition switch and they put down their side stand. Given a little thought about it, however, I think there are a few more details to attend to (however 'uniquely') before we dismount our motorcycles, and if we make a habit of doing them we can avoid some major trouble for ourselves.

Use your engine cutoff switch to shut off your engine.

Some people seem to think that switch is there for use only in an emergency. Not true. The reason you use the engine cutoff switch rather than the ignition switch to shut off your engine is because you do not have to take your hand off the grip in order to do so. Further, if you make a habit of doing so you will build 'muscle memory' as to where it is so that you can quickly and unerringly find it in the event of an emergency.

Turn your ignition switch off.

Obviously, unless you do this your lighting system is still on and your battery is discharging. By the way, it is good form to get into the habit of using your LEFT hand to turn off the switch (if possible) so that you can keep your front brake lever activated.

Turn your fuel valve (if you have one) to the OFF position.

A stuck needle valve in one of your carbs can allow a great deal of gasoline to leak past it. If a needle valve should happen to stick while your motorcycle is left in your garage overnight, that leaking gasoline can cost you your house and your life. When you start your motorcycle you should always turn your fuel valve to the RUN/ON position. Thus, by making it a habit of turning the valve off at night you also eliminate the risk of having left it in the reserve position (had it been there when you last dismounted) and running out of gasoline on the road somewhere.

Put your side stand down - and confirm that it is locked in place

After leaning the bike onto the side stand you have insured that it is stable from side to side before you try to dismount. (Your bike should be in first gear and you should push the bike forward until all the play in your gears is gone before leaning the bike onto the side stand.)

Turn your handlebars full-lock left

A motorcycle is several times more resistant to movement when the front wheel is not pointing straight ahead. Even a gentle nudge from behind can cause a motorcycle that is on its side stand to roll forward unless the front wheel is not pointing straight ahead.

Squeeze the front brake lever

If you build these six steps into a habit that you always perform before dismounting, you are serious about ALL aspects of motorcycle safety.

The ride is not over until you are safely dismounted.

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