



September 2008

Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

Welcome home those of you who went on the Black Hills Labor Day weekend ride organized by Rich & Donna Noah. There were quite a few who went and we'd like to thank Rich & Donna for planning this trip. Another welcome home for those of you who went with Ron & Marsha Curry on the annual ride to the International Sheep Dog Trials in Meeker. We would also like to thank Ron & Marsha for planning this trip.

Labor Day usually marks the end of summer and the slide into fall and winter for a majority of the country and boy did it hit the mark this year. September is upon us with crisp morning air, shortened daylight hours and chilly evenings. The aspens are beginning to change into their beautiful fall colors and that means riding season will soon slow down for many of us. There is a Color Ride scheduled on the calendar for the end of the month and with all of Colorado's natural beauty this ride is a must.

With the season's change upon us, we need to begin preparing for a couple of chapter events. The first of these events is to prepare for socializing in the cold months ahead. These Saturday evenings are put on the chapter calendar as game nights or date nights, usually one a month thru the winter. These evenings include food (of course) and socializing. It can be a potluck dinner, a game night with the hosts deciding on the game to be played. It can also be dinner out followed by a play or movie. We've found that these evenings are a great way to stay in touch during the cold winter months and these activities bring out the fun loving nature in all of us. The first game night that's on the calendar this year is Saturday, November 15th. Be spontaneous... You can always pick a night, plan the fun event and we will broadcast the info for you.

The other event that our chapter has fun planning is the ride/event calendar. We will be meeting at 2:00 on Sunday, November 16th, to set the plans in place for the next year. We will go through every month of 2009 and decide on dates for activities. We know many of you have had ride ideas that you

have always wanted to take someday. What are you waiting for? Now is the time to start the preparations for those trips. Research your ideas and start the ball rolling by coming to this meeting with your ride/event information along with the dates. Many event destinations fill up quickly so the sooner you research and plan, better are the chances of there being rooms for several of us to tag along with you. We will add these to the calendar for next year giving the other chapter members plenty of options for day rides, weekend rides and even longer rides. Ride/calendar planning will be followed by what else—a potluck dinner.

Since joining Chapter I in 2004, we've noticed that each year's trips get better and better. These trips would not be possible without the vision of some of our members to research and plan. There are a variety of trips that can be planned. Camping has become a huge hit with many of our members. Another huge hit was the car trip to Grand Lake to try our skills at snowmobiling.

If you have an idea but aren't quite sure how to organize the specifics, please ask us and we will guide you to someone in the chapter who can help. You will find many of our members have planned a variety of rides over the years, have little tricks up their sleeves, and would be more than happy to share their expertise with you.

We hope to see you out and about enjoying these wonderful fall days. It appears that the afternoon thunderstorms have subsided, at least for a while. Keep your rain gear and heated clothing in your bike, that way you will be prepared for whatever nature throws your way.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

Flying Undergarments – A Wrenched Knee – Overheating Just Another Goldwing Weekend!

It was the Labor Day weekend and time for another Chapter I ride. This time our group of twelve would be heading up to Keystone, South Dakota, for a nice extended weekend. Glen and Alexis, Claude and Nancy, Dean and Joann, Chris and I along with our ride coordinators, Rich and Donna had gotten an early start – very early as a matter of fact – knowing that the ride ahead of us to Keystone would be a long one. Earl and Laura would be catching up with us much later as they wouldn't be leaving the Springs until that afternoon.

We all – except Claude and Nancy – had purchased the Toll Monitors for the bikes so that we could sail right through the E-470 toll booths and not have to deal with fumbling for money. I have to hand it to Claude and his amazing riding skills. They weren't about to slow us down, no sir! He rolled on that throttle and flew through the toll booths – Nancy flinging money as they passed through – and they actually came out ahead of us at the end of the toll road (and we were moving along at a very nice clip ourselves). Well done Claude and Nancy. That was some impressive riding!

For the next few hours the trip was fairly uneventful and we took the usual pit stops as needed. We had a most welcome break just after turning off of I-25 onto highway 20, heading to Lusk. At this little stop we switched out our gear to cool off and slugged down plenty of much needed fluids. Soon we were off again. But as we were flying down the highway in the middle of nowhere, Claude notices something out of the corner of his eye fluttering right by his bike in the highway. Then Chris does a quick swerve (which I promptly fussed about, asking him “what in the world are you doing?”) and he says that something black just flew under his bike. This happened within seconds and he couldn't determine what it was, but for some reason he noted where we were on the GPS (what can I say? He's an engineer!). Then, Rich looks in his mirrors and wonders why his trailer lid is sticking up so far. All the pieces of this puzzle are now coming together, right? Turns out that Rich forgot to close his trailer completely when we stopped way-back-when, and Donna's black undergarment flew out of their trailer. Well, okay it was just her leather jacket liner, but I had to embellish a bit. Knowing that it would be difficult to

replace the liner, they wanted to dash back and try to find it. While the other bikes went on into Lusk to wait for us, Rich and Donna and Chris and I rode back the 7 or so miles to where Chris had noted it would be and sure enough, there it was billowing in the wind – or maybe just laying on the ground. I have to tell you that this isn't the first trip we've taken to South Dakota with Rich and Donna leading where we've had some ‘issues’ along the way. Last time, we went east from Lusk rather than north and enjoyed an unplanned trek into Nebraska! I don't know about you, but I'm thinking ‘Goofy Award’.

We arrived into Keystone around 4:30 that evening with sore butts, tired legs, and some really bad helmet hair (I speak for myself!). But after some cooling off and sorting out, we met for a nice dinner and made plans for the next day's sites.



Saturday started off hot and the temps just kept on climbing. Rich and Donna would be leading the group into Mt. Rushmore and then over to the Chief Crazy Horse Monument. Since Chris and I had seen these sights not too long ago, we decided to catch up with everyone in Custer and continue on from there. So we got to Custer and waited . . . and waited . . . and waited. After a few hours



Flying Undergarments (cont.)

there we knew the town of Custer inside and out. But lo and behold, here comes our friends and we're ready to continue the tour of the area.

This time we're going to go through the wilderness park and hopefully see some animals up close and personal. We certainly did. Those wild burros come right up to the bikes looking for hand-outs. Luckily, I'd picked up a bag or two of burro feed while in Custer so I had some goodies to share with our four-legged friends. While I was perfectly content to sit there and feed these guys all afternoon, Rich's bike was seriously over heating and he had to move on ahead – and all the while I'm sure he was thinking "Let's go, Sandie. Quit feeding the @#%#\$ burros!!". We moved on and it just kept getting hotter. We saw a number of bison herds – some were very close and eyeing us as only a bison can eye you. I was wondering if they might enjoy some burro feed too, but decided not to chance it. We had planned to ride the Needles Highway too, but at the last minute Rich and Donna decided to head back to the hotel as they now smelled anti-freeze. We all happily followed. It was just too hot to do much else.

That evening six of us found a great place for dinner – Oma's Café – specializing in German and American Grill food. We had an amazing dinner. While I'm not a huge fan of German food, I have to take my hat off to Oma's. As a matter of fact, we wound up going there the next morning for breakfast and dinner the following night as well. If you're ever in Keystone, head to Oma's for a meal. You won't regret it! But Glen and Alexis weren't able to join us that evening for dinner. Turns out Alexis had really wrenched her knee when getting off the bike at Mt. Rushmore. She had it iced and propped up, but it didn't look promising for riding the next day. Claude and Nancy also didn't join us that evening for dinner. Rich knocked, pounded and beat on their door at dinner time, but no answer. When we finally did catch up with them later that evening, they just smiled (especially Claude) when questioned as to why they didn't open their door. Go figure!

Sunday's trip was planned for Spearfish and over to Devil's Tower Monument in Wyoming. Since Chris and I had already seen that not too long ago, we decided to head out on our own through the Badlands and up to see Wall Drug. I found the Badlands to be fascinating and just stunningly beautiful in its own desolate way. The colors were extraordinary and the rock formations

incredible. But, boy oh boy was it HOT. Sizzling hot! When we finally got to Wall Drug it was time to take a break. While I really enjoyed our ride through the Badlands, I wasn't so keen on Wall Drug but at least I can say I've been there. We took I-90 back to Keystone, figuring it would be faster (it was) but it still was a brutal ride in that heat. Oh, and did I mention the strong winds that day? Whew! While we got back to Keystone around 3:00 it wasn't until much later that the rest of the group showed up. Turns out that Rich's bike completely overheated and had to be hosed down. Other than that, I understand the trip to Devil's Tower Monument was a good one and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Because the weather reports were indicating a strong wet cold front moving into the area, those of us who had planned to stay an extra day changed our minds and the entire group would leave on Monday. Alexis and Glen had left the day before since her leg was still bothering her and they needed to get her some help. Turns out they made it home in 7 hours – that's moving! We split into two groups riding home and I think we experienced quite a variety of temperatures. At one point while heading west, the sky grew almost pure black and I was sure we were about to get pummeled by rain. We'd put our rain gear on before leaving Keystone so we were prepared, but that black sky looked like it was going to shred us to bits. And oh it was cold! But as luck would have it, the black sky was all bark and no bite and not so much as a drop of rain fell. Yippee! Gradually the temperatures warmed up and by the time we got to Cheyenne for lunch, it was plenty warm – and the proceeded to get hotter and hotter for the remainder of the trip.

This was really a great weekend and I thank Rich and Donna for making the arrangements and leading the rides each day. We had a wonderful group of people on this trip and I think all will agree it was a fun weekend. As much as I enjoy going away like this, there is always that happy sigh of relief when pulling into our driveway. Thanks everyone for making the trip so enjoyable.

Happy Trails,

Sandie

Black Hills road trip pictures



*Photos
courtesy
of
Nancy
Lockhart*

Rider Education

Let's talk about **S.E.E. SEARCH EVALUATE EXECUTE.**

It's the strategy to help you understand and survive in traffic. It's constant planning and implementing a course of action. To S.E.E is to search for obstacle/factors that may lead to a risky situation. To evaluate is to measure or understand how those factors might interact to create risk, and to execute and action to maintain a margin of safety. To S.E.E is to ask yourself question such as: What happens if that car doesn't stop at the corner? What if that car doesn't see me? Is there gravel in the curve ahead? What's going on at the intersection? These are everyday riding situation that if a strategy for dealing with isn't employed, they can easily lead to a crash. You must continually **S.E.E.**

In my opinion, the accident that happened at Garden of the Gods and 30th street, S.E.E. was not used. We may not know the rest of the story due to the fact that the rider past away. The rider had on all of the riding safety gear. But we know for sure that the vehicles did collide, but we don't know who's at fault. We can only assume blind spots, a sudden change of direction, not paying attention, space cushioning or tailgating by either driver due to the damage to the right rear of the SUV. Intersections are dangerous and should approach with caution and you must **S.E.E.**



The following website gives information tips such as being visible, touring, reflective stickers, moped safety, group riding and much more. www.highviz.org

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Upcoming Rallies

New Mexico - September 26 - 28,
Farmington, NM

Kansas—September 26-28,
Abilene KS Fairgrounds

Oklahoma—"Hallo Wing 2" Oct. 20-22,
Muskogee Civic Center, Muskogee, OK
Monster Mash Bash Dance—
Thursday, Oct. 9 at 7 pm

Arizona—October 24-26,
London Bridge Resort,
Lake Havasu, AZ

Special THANKS to **Sandie Erskine**

for all her wonderful stories and contributions she sends me for the newsletter

Linda

Events



Sept 18—Larry Doan
 Sept 19—Bonnie Ebersohl
 Eric Hutchins
 Sept 25—Jeannie Bondurant
 Sept 29—Doug Irish
 Sept 30—Cliff Childs
 Barry Lausman
 Oct 3—Marina Krull
 Patricia Hale
 Oct 7—Bill McMinn
 Roland Smith
 Marie Schraven
 Nancy Lockhart
 Oct 12—Dee Morasky
 Oct 14—Don Cruzan

September
 NO
 Dinner Ride

Oct 16—Dinner Ride
 !!!! Need someone to plan and
 make arrangements !!!!

ANNIVERSARIES



Oct 2—Mark & Cindy Atwell
 Oct 12—Bruce & Mel Partner
 Oct 16—Ray & Nancy Daniels



Dates to Remember

Sept 20-21—Chile & Frijoles Festival in Pueblo
 Sept 27-28—Colorado Color Ride
 Oct 16—Dinner Ride, NEED HOST
 Oct 25—Halloween Party, hosted by Ray & Nancy Daniels
 Nov 8—AFA Football Game & Tailgate, contact Glenn & Alexis
 Nov 8—CO E Turkey Dinner Fundraiser
 Nov 15—Game/Date Night
 Nov 16—Ride/calendar Planning @ Tom & Monica's
 Nov 22—CO G Turkey Bingo Fundraiser



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Air Force Football



Time again for Air Force Football!

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX NOW.



UPDATE – There is a **new coopin book** that just hit our mailboxes the 2nd week of September. It's called "Connect Colorado" and it's a smaller booklet than the last one we were looking for. Clip out page 9 and bring it to the October meeting!

Even if you aren't going to the game, please look out for and bring in those coopins! We have a lot of people going and need more.

We've been doing this for years with friends. We usually go for the \$36 dollar seats, picking a game where we can use those Buy-One-Get-One tickets that always come out in the 'Quality Connections' coupon book. In order to get a big block of seats all together, we need to buy them together. And enough BOGO coupons need to be in hand to cover as many seats as possible. We will gather names & coupons and buy them all at once, then folks can reimburse us.

We are picking November 8 (Saturday, 4pm game time) as the date. Come on, early November could be 60's and sunny!!! (yea, we know, could be a blizzard too.) 4pm game time means we can tailgate at the height of sunny daylight hours (1-3pm).

So cut out that coopin and bring it to the October meeting. We'll have signup sheets and will probably buy tickets right after the October meeting. Of course you can email us at <mailto:glenn@goodewoods.com>



Glenn & Alexis

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NOTE: Due to the complexity and difficulty level of their contents, class sizes will be limited to 8 participants maximum.

Class 1 - How To Fill Up The Ice Cube Trays--Step by Step, with Slide Presentation. Meets 4 weeks, Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 2 - The Toilet Paper Roll--Does It Change Itself? Round Table Discussion. Meets 2 weeks, Saturday 12:00 for 2 hours.

Class 3 - Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting The Seat and Avoiding The Floor, Walls and Nearby Bathtub?--Group Practice. Meets 4 weeks, Saturday 10:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 4 - Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper and The Floor--Pictures and Explanatory Graphics. Meets Saturdays at 2:00 PM for 3 weeks.

Class 5 - Dinner Dishes--Can They Levitate and Fly Into The Kitchen Sink? Examples on Video. Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 6 - Loss Of Identity--Losing The Remote To Your Significant Other. Help Line Support and Support Groups. Meets 4 Weeks, Friday and Sunday 7:00 PM.

Class 7 - Learning How To Find Things--Starting With Looking In The Right Places And Not Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming. Open Forum Monday at 8:00 PM, 2 hours.

Class 8 - Health Watch--Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health. Graphics and Audio Tapes. Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 9 - Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost--Real Life Testimonials. Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Location to be determined.

Class 10 - Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks? Driving Simulations. 4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

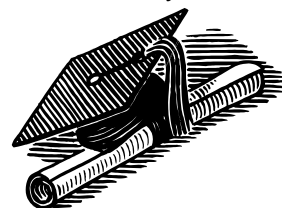
Class 11 - Learning to Live--Basic Differences Between Mother and Wife. Online Classes and role-playing Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, location to be determined.

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Class 13 - How to Fight Cerebral Atrophy--Remembering Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Important Dates, and Calling When You're Going To Be Late. Cerebral Shock Therapy Sessions and Full Lobotomies Offered. Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 14 - The Stove/Oven--What It Is and How It Is Used. Live Demonstration. Tuesdays at 6:00 PM, location to be determined.

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October Goodies
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Chapter I meeting
information:

WHEN
First Saturday of the month, 8:30
coffee, 9:00 meeting

WHERE
Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.

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