



March 2009



Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I

Harder's Happenings

With the days getting longer and the breeze getting warmer, several things will take place. Many will take advantage of the extended daylight by riding in the evenings and some will begin riding back and forth to work. Some will begin preparations for a fun filled trip to Wing Ding 31 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

That's what we did a couple of weeks ago. We sat down with fellow wingers who are making the trip with us and planned our course, lodging to and from, lodging while there, and of course road trips while we're in and around Tulsa. As with any trip, as you start to finalize the plans the excitement starts to mount.

We are bombarded daily with distressing news that makes you begin to have doubts about mankind, honesty, generosity, and the overall goodness in people. We guarantee you that going to a Wing Ding will force you to cast all of those doubts aside. You will see that your fellow wingers are the most wonderful people in the world and there will not be any doubt as to how friendly the city of Tulsa and surrounding areas will be. You will be treated like royalty during your trip and it will restore your faith in mankind.

We've attended two Wing Dings, one in Nashville and the other one in Billings. We were not prepared for the grand party atmosphere from the time we arrived until we rode off back home. It doesn't matter what city it's located in, they make you feel at home. Our welcome started at the hotel where they couldn't do enough nice things to make you feel comfortable during your stay. Then off to the International Couple of the Year Selection. WOW!!! What a wild and crazy event that was... For those of you who have not attended the selection event, we highly recommend that you try to get there a day early and take earplugs. The selection event is always the day prior to the opening day. That way the lucky couple can be announced during the opening ceremonies.

Another WOW moment came when we saw all

of the vendors in the exhibit hall. There is so much to see that you just have to take your time to make sure you don't miss a thing. There are also rides around the area and tours. The tour that we're looking forward to this year in Tulsa is the Blue Bell Creamery Tour. It includes free ice cream and everyone knows we ride for ice cream.

This year's Wing Ding runs from July 2nd through July 5th. The couple selection is on July 1st in the afternoon. If you're planning on attending make sure to root for Randall & Janet Drake Region F's Couple of the Year. Your Wing World magazine's April edition has a list of available hotels and RV parks as well as registration information. The tentative schedule is also published that way you can begin to plan your days. It's an easy ride there and back with some taking one day to and from while others are planning a leisurely ride both ways.

Whatever your riding preference, try to attend. You will see people from around the world who welcome you will open arms. You will also see a huge variety of safety chrome that you'll realize you cannot ride without.

Speaking of safety, we were at our favorite membership store this weekend and spotted some first aid kits on sale. We bought two, one for each bike, and were pleasantly surprised with their contents. They have three sections: cleaning, preparation, and treatment. They come with a first aid book from the Red Cross and have lots of handy, dandy gadgets in them. Hopefully, we won't have to use them but we would rather have them and not need them than need them and not have them.

Remember Every Member Counts and we are all Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

Events



Mar 28—Wilma Brown
Mar 30—Dick Reisler
Mar 31—Linda Shelley
Apr 2—Casey Ward
Apr 5—Darrel Cruzan

Dates to Remember

March 28—Parking Lot Practice, 9:00
April 12—Easter
April 17-19—Region F Rally, Las Vegas (Henderson), NV
April 18—Parking Lot Practice, 9:00
May 14-16—Texas District Rally, Amarillo
June 7—Ride for Kids, Golden
July 2-5—Wing Ding 31, Tulsa, OK

Thank You

Mark & Cindy for coordinating our Valentine Dinner at Mimi's
Jim & Olga for hosting our February Dinner Ride to Golden Corral
Don & MaryAnn for hosting our March Dinner Ride to Frankie's Too

April Dinner Ride

April 21

NEED SOMEONE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES



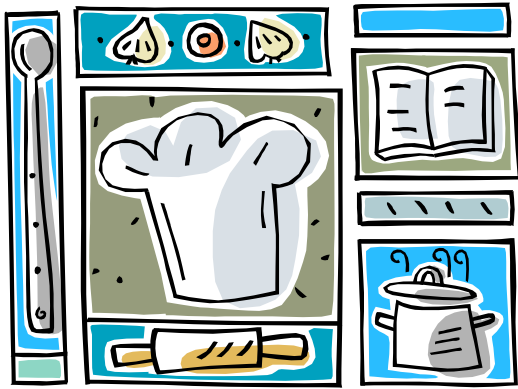
Apr 16—Robert & Linda Tavernier
Apr 20—Tom & Monica Harder
Apr 30—Claude & Nancy Lockhart

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Individual of the Year (IOY) - Linda Shelley

Link to First Aid kits

<http://www.first-aid-product.com/industrial/vehicle-first-aid-kit.htm>



Call to all cooks, chefs, food connoisseurs

Pull out those recipes you enjoy making. The ones your family always ask you to make. Your traditional dishes or new discoveries. Those recipes written on a napkin or the back of an envelope. The ones handed down from generation to generation.

I am going to begin putting a Chapter I recipe collection together.

Once complete, this will be a great fund raiser that we can sell year round.

Send recipe contributions to Lshelley@animail.net or give me a copy when you see me.

Linda

Feeling Depressed?

I was feeling a bit depressed the other day, so I called the Help Hotline. I was put through to a 'call center' in Pakistan. I explained that I was feeling suicidal. They were very excited at this news and wanted to know if I could drive a truck or fly an airplane...



Man of the House

- The husband had just finished reading a new book entitled, 'You Can Be THE Man Of Your House.'
- He stormed out to his wife in the kitchen and announced, 'From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is Law. You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, you will serve me a sumptuous dessert. After dinner, you are going to go upstairs with me and we will have the kind of sex that I want. Afterwards, you are going to draw me a bath so I can relax. You will wash my back and towel me dry and bring me my robe. Then, you will massage my feet and hands. Then tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?
- The wife replied, 'The funeral director would be my first guess.'

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Richard

Will I Live to Be 80?

Here's something to think about. I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing 'fairly well' for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, 'Do you think I'll live to be 80?' He asked, 'Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer or wine?' 'Oh no,' I replied. 'I'm not doing drugs, either!'

Then he asked, 'Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?' I said, 'No, my former doctor said that all red meat is very unhealthy!'

'Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?' 'No, I don't,' I said.

He asked, 'Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lot of sex?' 'No,' I said

He looked at me and said,....

'Then, why do you even care??

Rider Education

Parking Lot Practice

The weather is getting better and warmer on someday versus others and the motorcycles are coming out of storage. However, how good your riding skills are since the motorcycle has been stored or put away temporarily. Have you been riding everyday during the winter? Probably not! If your bike has dust on it, so does your riding skills. Parking Lot Practice (PLP) give you the chance to practice on some of fundamental riding techniques and skills such as braking, cornering and swerving. This is just a regular parking lot set up to improve your riding skills at a self-paced and a non-instructional riding program. This is not a classroom environment, there is on teaching or coaching is involved. The Guide provides some coaching tips for improving the rider's skills and understanding of the techniques involved. This is not a mandatory practice, but it is a good way to brush up on your skills.

Speaking of riding skills, here's some helpful ideas for getting ready for the riding season.

Riders can protect themselves by:

- ▶ Preparing yourself for getting back on the motorcycle; know that your skills **are not** what they were when you put the **bike** in **storage**
- ▶ Preparing your bike; doing routine maintenance, check for road worthiness
- ▶ Preparing your personal safety equipment; make sure you are protected against the unexpected
- ▶ Realizing that car drivers **are not used to seeing you**—they will see you late or not at all

PLP will be held at the old Grocery Warehouse parking lot, located at the intersection of Powers and Constitution, the southeast corner at 9 am.

Earl Edwards,
Chapter Ride Educator



Father Murphy

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?" The man said, "I do, Father." The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?" "Certainly, Father," was the man's reply. "Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father." The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?" O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

Are you ...?

A guy goes to the supermarket and notices an attractive woman waving at him. She says hello. He's rather taken aback because he can't place where he knows her from. So he says, 'Do you know me?' To which she replies, 'I think you're the father of one of my kids.' Now his mind travels back to the only time he has ever been unfaithful to his wife and says, 'My God, are you the stripper from my bachelor party that I made love to on the pool table with all my buddies watching while your partner whipped my butt with wet celery???' She looks into his eyes and says calmly, 'No, I'm your son's teacher.'



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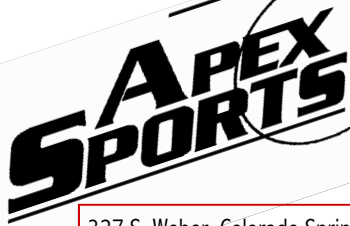
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Call or text Joni at 719-619-9912 or email her at docsalmo@yahoo.com

April Goodies
Nancy Powell
Steve & Sherry Sullivan



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Chapter I meeting
information:

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

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