

## - From the Directors -

# Merry Christmas!



We just want to wish everyone a very  
Merry Christmas & a Wonderful New Year !!

We've had a great 2014 and are looking forward to  
what 2015 has in store for us all.

So enjoy this season of celebration with family &  
friends. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce**  
Colorado Chapter I Directors



**Colorado Springs**  
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**Couple of the Year (COY)** - Jim & Olga Wyman

**Individual of the Year (IOY)** - Don Moller

## CHAPTER I MONTHLY GATHERING

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

**LOCATION**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
4125 Constitution Ave.

Visit us at  
[www.SpringsWings.org](http://www.SpringsWings.org)

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Steve & Jacque Callicott  
Assistant Chapter I Directors

## Birthdays

### DECEMBER

14-Nancy Daniels  
15-Dawn Klock  
16-Faith Rigby  
19-Darlene Nyquist  
Bobbie Clayton  
22-Donna Noah  
24-Dean Hauser  
Lewis Farmer  
31-Kathy Carlson  
Garry Durfey

## Anniversaries

### DECEMBER

1—Joe & Kathy Carlson

### JANUARY 2015 GOODIES

Ralph Clayton  
Gene Krull



## Dates to Remember

**Dec 13 - Colorado Chapter I Christmas Party**

**5:30-6:30pm Social Hour**

**6:30-8:30pm Dinner**

**8:30 - - Party!!**

**Dec 20 - All Colorado Christmas Party**

**Jan 1 - New Years Day Ride**

**I-HOP at Powers &**

**9:00am in the back room**

**Ride to Follow !!**

**Weather permitting....**

**Jan 3 - Chapter I Monthly Meeting**

***Short 2015 planning meeting to follow***

**Jan 10 - MFA/CPR Course**

***See Flyer later in this newsletter***

**Jan 31 - 2015 CO District Officers Conference**

**Feb 14 - Motorist Awareness/Co-Rider Seminar**

***See Flyer later in this newsletter***

## Members to Remember

**Jim Wyman**

**Ankle Fusion - December 9th**

**Best wishes for a speedy recovery and  
Getting back on the bike as soon as possible**

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**Couple of the Year**  
Jim & Olga Wyman  
2014



**Individual of the Year**  
Don Moller  
2014

## **WHERE'S THE WING ??**

**Do you know where the Wing in this photo is?**

**EMAIL RESPONSES TO: [co\\_Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:co_Inewsletter@yahoo.com).**

**PRIZE:** The first correct email response will win 5 -50/50 tickets at the Next Month's gathering.



**Email your answer to: [co\\_Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:co_Inewsletter@yahoo.com)**

**Congratulations to Last Month's winner: Cliff Childs**

**Other correct responses from:**

**Laurie Cruzan, Tom Wilkie, Nancy Lockhart, Dan Maine, Alexis Decrescenzo, Bonnie Kerbs, Ray & Nancy Daniels, Rich & Donna Noah**

**Location:** Bishop's Castle





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## NEW CHAPTER I T-SHIRTS

Pre-orders and payments will be taken at the next few gatherings.

Bring your checkbook (or cash) .      Make checks payable to:    GWRRA CO Chapter I

WOMEN'S [http://www.apparelvideos.com/images/specsheet/pdf/specsheet/LPC54\\_specsheet.pdf](http://www.apparelvideos.com/images/specsheet/pdf/specsheet/LPC54_specsheet.pdf)

MEN'S <http://www.mygildan.com/Categories/T-Shirts/Short-Sleeve//p/8000>

Included is a mock-up of the T-Shirts, and attachments to the websites of the Men's & Women's shirts for sizing. T-shirt color will be red (Chapter color).

Both Men's & Women's shirt come in long & short sleeve options.

Short sleeve shirts will be \$15. Long sleeve shirts will be \$18. XXL sizes would be \$2 more. Men's shirts have a 'with pocket' option for \$2 more.

We hope to place this order no later than right after the January meeting.

We need to get at least 48 shirts in order to secure the discounted price.

**A variation of this Chapter patch is what will be on the shirt front.**  
It's not clear  
On the mock up.



# RIDER EDUCATION

## DRIVING DISTRACTION

### Has this ever happened to you?

You go to your vehicle, unlock the door, start the engine, drive off, and 20 minutes later, when you arrive at your destination, you can hardly recall what happened during your ride. If you answer **YES**, then you should really focus on these following questions:

### Were you actively tracking traffic and road conditions OR were you focused on other tasks?

Let's go back to our situation; you may hardly recall what happened during the 20 minute ride from home to work. Yet, perhaps during this ride you were checking directions, enjoying breakfast, using your information system, talking or texting on the phone and doing all of this while navigating through rush hour traffic. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) 2013 report, drivers engaging in visual-manual tasks, such as dialing or texting, increases the risk of being involved in a crash by three times.

### **YES IF YOU HAVE NOT FIGURED IT OUT YET - DRIVING IS CERTAINLY A DANGEROUS BUSINESS.**

Distracted driving is a serious safety challenge for today's drivers and puts everyone at risk. This innocent loss of information is known as **"INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS"**. Recent studies have also shown that drivers regularly experience this phenomenon especially when they are engaged in phone conversations. So far, we have all seen/read statistics about distracted driving for example texting and driving. Now, there is emerging consensus amongst scientists and data to prove that even simple activity such as talking on a phone (even hands free ) can cause driver's performance to diminish. In a AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety 2013 report, researchers found that a driver's level of cognitive distraction is about equal when using either hands free or hand-held cell phones.

### **WHAT IS INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS?**

Studies from major universities have shown that when you speak on a cell phone (including hands free phone calls), this inattentional blindness occurs. This is a person's ability to perceive things that are in plain sight because the brain has prioritized and assigned its processing capacity elsewhere. Scientists have already concluded that people have a limited attention capacity. So, as you unintentionally allow your mind to switch priorities from safe operation of a vehicle to some other secondary activity, critical details of your surroundings disappear from your mind's eye.

So, next time, when you take that call while driving, engrossed in a conversation (even hand free), you may miss many critical safety details. Maybe it's a child running into the street chasing a ball, a school bus that stopped in the middle the traffic to pick or drop children or a traffic light turning red.

# RIDER EDUCATION

It's not about texting and driving anymore. Every time a person drives and engages in a cell phone call conversation, the driver and everyone else sharing that road with this person is at risk. The latest crash statistics as reported by the National Safety Council now show that distractions are contributing factors in 1 out of every 4 crashes.

**DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DRIVE THIS BLINDLY?**

**DO YOU WANT YOUR WINGMAN, FAMILY & FRIENDS DRIVING THIS WAY?**

Of course not!!! So, take responsibility and spend a moment now to reflect on your driving habits. If you allowed yourself to engage in cell-phone conversations or other non-essential activities, then make no mistake my friend- **YOU ARE AT RISK**. Make a commitment to yourself to eliminate distractions when you are driving.

Let's face it, temptation to engage in cell conversation will always be there, but the decision and responsibility to stay safe is totally **OURS!!!**

I just wanted to share this article with you all. This article was the courtesy of Aerospace and Operational Physiology, Vol. 14 Issue 12, Dec 2014.

## Be safe and Happy Holidays

Earl Edwards  
Chapter I  
Rider Educator



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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Colorado Chapter I members are generous and AWESOME!

On November 12, 2014 Laurie Cruzan and Marsha Curry delivered 38 blankets and 120 bags containing small toiletries, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Thanks to all who volunteered time to make blankets and all of you who contributed to this effort. Charitable organizations, Salvation Army, Springs Rescue Mission and Urban Peak were very grateful for all the items. They could not believe how much we contributed. Thanks to Darrel for making tags which were placed on the bags showing that Springs Wings was the contributor.

Your Service committee looks forward to future projects. Don't forget the food bank in December. They can still use our help even though we have reached our goal of 1500 pounds.

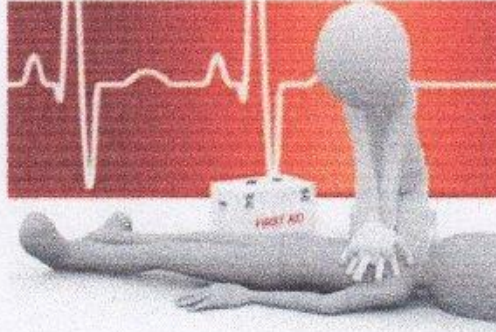
Marsha, Laurie, Nancy L.

Texas Creek  
Breakfast Ride  
December 7th





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## MFA/CPR Course

**Sponsored by CO-I Springs Wings**

**When: Saturday, January 10, 2015**

**8am –1pm**

**Where: Stetson Hills Division Police Department**

**Community Room**

**4110 Tutt Boulevard**

**Colorado Springs, CO**

**Cost: \$20 for Colorado GWRRA Members**

Here are the guidelines for taking the Medic First Aid/ CPR Classes to receive the special \$10.00 fee.

1. Your membership must be current and assigned to a Colorado Chapter
2. Members must be enrolled in the Levels Program
  - If Level I, show your intention to be level three within a short period.
3. Your current Medic First Aid/CPR expiration should be within 90 days, or already expired
  - Remember that Level II requires an ERC course for the rider or Co-Rider Seminar for the co-rider. Level III Requires Medic First Aid/CPR.
  - If you have any questions about where you are in the Levels program, please feel free to call or ask your Chapter Educator

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## **RIDER/CO-RIDER TRAINING MORNING**

- **Motorist Awareness Seminar**
- **Co-Rider Seminar**

**When: Saturday, February 14, 2015**  
**9am – 11am**

**Where: Stetson Hills Division Police Department**  
**Community Room**  
**4110 Tutt Boulevard**  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

**Cost: FREE**

**Sponsored by CO-I Springs Wings**

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## GOOIFY



Goofy is awarded to one Chapter member who has done the goofiest thing since the last meeting. Goofy gets to spend the next month with that person. The person receiving Goofy must add or attach something that represents their õgoofyö stunt.

Members, be on the look out for someone pulling a Goofy.

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