MARCH 2015

Springs Wings

- From the Directors -

Here we are, the first day of spring is just around the corner and its time to get ours rides ready for a new and long riding season. So what does that mean? In its simplest form it means that we evaluate our machines for readiness. After all, we should know them best and already have a good idea what we need to be properly prepared for an enjoyable and safe summer. On the short list, how are those tires and brakes? How about an oil & filter change? And when was that last time we checked all those other fluids? Wouldn't hurt to check out all the lights while were on it. Do we need to clean any of those buttons & switches? Just food for thought...

Don't wait till your out on the road to find out you needed just a little maintenance done.

- Think it through
- Check it all out
- Plan & perform the necessary maintenance
- Get out there on the open road and enjoy yourselves until you just can't stand it anymore!!!

See you soon...

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce Colorado Chapter I Directors



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Couple of the Year (COY) - Dan & Tiffany Maine

Individual of the Year (IOY) - Ralph Clayton

** ATTENTION **

Chapter I Monthly Gathering Change

> <u>TUESDAY EVENING</u>-April 7 - 6:00 pm

LOCATION Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4125 Constitution Ave

Visit Colorado Chapter I at <u>www.SpringsWings.org</u>



Steve & Jacque Callicott Assistant Chapter I Directors

Birthdays

MARCH

6-Earl Edwards 8-Don Bush 13-Sandie Erskine 18-Gene Krull 28-Wilma Brown 30-Dick Reisler



Members to Remember

Nice to see Paul Bondurant at this Month's Meeting. Looking Good Paul.! Stay well.



Chapter I 2015

Couple of the Year

Dan & Tiffany Maine

Chapter I 2015

Individual of the Year

Ralph Clayton



Welcome New Friends

Thanks for Visiting & Come Again

Dates to Remember

Mar 15-CPR @Chapter G [flyer, pg 8]

Mar 21– Wyoming B Birthday Party [flyer, pg 13]

Mar 28 - Chapter L Fundraiser [info on dist & Chapt L websites]

Apr 7 - <u>Chapter I Evening Meeting</u> 6:00pm

Apr 11- SPRING BUNCO—[Ray & Nancy Daniels]

Apr 12 - Chapter A Fundraiser [flyer, pg 14]

Apr 14-24 40 to Phoenix & Possibly Laughlin River Run [more details, pg 16]

Apr 25 - Rider Education Training

April 26 -Goldwing Training Day-Bike & Trike- Iron Buffalo [flyer, pg 9]

May 2- Chapter I Gathering - Maintenance Day & Breakfast- Cruzan's

May 9- Road Captain @CO-G [flyer, pg 10]

COTOPAXI KOA Camping [contact-Glenn & Alexis]

May 22-24 - Region F Rally - Tucson, AZ

Jun 14- RIDE FOR KIDS

Jun 19-21 - Multi-Chapter Campout - CO-MEC [flyer, pg 15]

Jun 27- Chapter E Fundraiser

Jun 28- The BRIDGE RIDE

July 25 - Hummer of a Hummer - CO-J

Aug 1 - Chapter I Annual Picnic Fundraiser

Aug 13-15 - Colorado District Rally - Montrose

Aug 29 - Howl At The Moon Ride - CO-G

Sept 3-6 - Wing Ding 37 - Huntsville AL

Colorado District Calendar

I HAD TO LAY IT DOWN ... REALLY !?!

I have heard over the years from a few riders, none of them are Gold Wing Riders, say "I had to lay it down". I asked these riders, "Did you brake? or "Could you have swerve?" The answers are all the same..."No time to brake", "Couldn't swerve because someone was next to me". Excuses, excuses, excuses. If you are not paying attention to your surroundings, traffic, and looking 4 or 12 seconds ahead, your going to get caught short. In other words, you won't be able to react to the situation at hand. If you have to lay the motorcycle down, you have <u>lost control</u> of the motorcycle.

Below is a copy of an article that I received about laying down a motorcycle that was written by Bob Frank from Denver. He puts this in great perspective.

This was written by Bob Frank, an RCT and owner of Black Bag Motorcycle Training in Denver:

IMO, 'laying the bike down' is code for: I over reacted, I over braked, I skidded out of control, I lost control, I screamed like a little girl, I pee'd myself, I wrecked my bike.

Saying I 'had to lay 'er down' sounds so much cooler to the uneducated motorcyclist and makes it appear that the 'biker' saying it has some magical prowess that the normal person lacks but wants to have.

So most students are indeed interested in finding out about 'laying the bike down' because so many riders have 'unintentionally' done so and tried to make it sound as if it was something they had planned for and previously practiced on doing.

When in reality, again IMO, the only categories of experienced motorcyclists that do indeed know how to 'lay it down' are: 1. Trained Police Motor Officers, 2. Stunt Men, and 3. Professional Racers that do it as part of legitimate training schools.

For the rest of us, 'laying the bike down' is not something that we practice or are really prepared to do. If the average rider had the time to mentally process the act of laying the bike down and actually did so on a calculated basis we would also have the time to properly brake or swerve.



Remember: Stay in control..."Keep the shine side up and the rubber side down".

Earl Edwards

Chapter I

Rider Educator



WHERE'S THE WING ??

Do you know where the Wing in this photo is? <u>EMAIL RESPONSES TO</u>: co_Inewsletter@yahoo.com. PRIZE: The first correct email response will win 5 -50/50 tickets at the Next Month's gathering. <u>Email your answer to: co_Inewsletter@yahoo.com</u>



Last Month's correct respondents were not present for the March monthly Gathering. Correct answer was: In the parking area in Thermopolis WY.

There were no other correct responses for this one. Guess we need to keep it within CO, or possibly well-known National or Historical Monuments and Parks.



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Who's Goldie??

In case you haven't guessed yet, the answer is 'Terry & Vonda Weber'.

Happy & Safe Riding !



From your Webmaster:

still looking for pictures to add to the website ...

Here's a few of options:

1. email them to Glenn at <u>glenn@goodewoods.com</u>

2. bring a CD of pix or bring a flash drive or memory stick or anything else to the next gathering.



MFA/CPR Course

Sponsored by CO-G When: Sunday, March 15, 2015 10:30am (following CO-G gathering)

Where: Johnson's Corner I -25 at Exit 254 Johnstown Cost: \$20 for Colorado GWRRA Members

Here are the guidelines for taking the Medic First Aid/ CPR Classes to receive the \$20.00 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
- 5. Reserve your space, limited to the first 24 members.

RSVP: Dick & Fran Williamson <u>refmwi@gmail.com</u> 970-347-8855





ATTENTION: All GWRRA Members

Iron Buffalo Motorcycle Training is going to put on a special

2nd Annual GOLDWING TRAINING DAY

- Sunday, April 26th will be the BRC2 Course (ARC) RAIN date, Sunday, May 3rd There are 24 spots available
- Sunday, April 26th will be the TRC Course (Trike) Trike class will be held rain or shine There are 12 spots available. <u>MUST HAVE</u> at least 6 trikes to hold the class.
- The Courses will be at Dicks Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, CO
- Iron Buffalo is giving GWRRA members a discounted price
- Prices for the TRC Class will be <u>\$60.00 minimum suggested donation (normal</u> <u>cost \$134)</u>
- Price for BRC2 Class will be <u>\$60.00 minimum suggested donation (normal</u> cost \$134)
- Iron Buffalo will be giving a donation from the proceeds of these 2 classes to Ride For Kids
- All class participants need to take the written/riding tests so Iron Buffalo can be reimbursed from the State of Colorado

Get registered by calling Iron Buffalo at 303-751-3741 and talk with William, or email: william@ironbuff.org



ROAD CAPTAIN / CO-ROAD CAPTAIN TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, May 9 10:00 am

REA in Windsor 7649 REA Parkway Windsor, CO

Road Captain/Co-Road Captain Course (hosted by CO-G)

- 10:00 Registration/Sign-in
- 10:30 Bike inspection (MUST pass T_CLOCS inspection)
- 11:00 Road Captain / Co-Road Captain Course Classroom

12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15 Road Course

2:45 Wrap up/ Course Evaluation

YOU MUST HAVE:

- 1. A Drivers' License with a Motorcycle endorsement.
- 2. A GWRRA Membership Card.
- 3. Proof of Insurance and current motorcycle registration.
- 4. FULL RIDING GEAR
 - a) Helmet
 - b) Long sleeves
 - c) Over the ankle boots or shoes
 - d) Full fingered gloves

The first (3) items must be current/not expired!

THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED!

RSVP by May 1

Road Captain Course - Dick & Fran Williamson refmwi@gmail.com 970-347-8855

Road Captain and Co-Road Captain Patches will be available for purchase (\$4.00/each) at the completion of the course



FROM THE COLORADO DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Who wants to win one of two \$50.00 gift cash cards?

Rules:

- Open to all Colorado GWRRA members
- Must be current through December 2015 in your membership
- Anyone who takes any Rider Education Seminars, Medic First Aid/CPR classes, will get a chance to win. One seminar = one entry, two seminars =two entries, so on and so forth. The classes can be taken at any GWRRA event (rally, gathering or convention) around the USA. Any riding courses such as ARC, TRC, ERC will also earn you a entry. A completion card or proof of attendance is required, and must be presented to your Chapter Educator

Drawing will be held January 1st, 2016

This challenge will run from January 1st, 2015 - December 31st, 2015





WELCOME SPRING TIME !



GWRRA



Multi-Chapter Camping Trip

Colorado MEC Program and Chapter I – Colorado Springs



When: Friday, June 19th Through Sunday, June 21st, 2015

Where: Royal Gorge KOA – Canon City, CO

Campsites with electric/water: \$36-\$40 per night

Campsites - 50 amp - \$54 per night

Cabins starting at \$63.00 per night and up

Phone # for reservations - 559 County Road 3A, Cañon City, CO 81215 Phone:(719) 275-6116

Need more information

Contact: Cliff/Myra Childs - 303-353-9502

Come join the fun sponsored by the

Colorado District MEC Program & Chapter I – Colorado Springs

* Friday Night Progressive Dinner *
 Saturday "Treasure Hunt"
 * Saturday Afternoon picnic/games *
 *Planned rides *

Other Upcoming Ride Opportunities

UP COMING RIDES

40 to Phoenix - Mark Damschen, Pat Staffieri, Joe Carlson,

Leave April 14th 0800 hours to join 40 to Phoenix ride in Moriarty, NM. 375 miles April 15th Moriarty to Phoenix - 457 Miles April 16th Tour GWRRA Association HQ's and activities April 17 head west / back to COS who knows - would like to circle back via Death Valley and go to Laughlin River run on April 23 / 24,

http://40tophoenix.org/ also on Facebook

VFW Warriors Dart Run - April 25th Supports Service to Veterans projects.

Defenders of Freedom Recognition Ride - May 17th Supports El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition (EPCHHC) which operates the "Stand Down" (October 20th) and a Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Initiative.



http://www.brianwess.com/VeteransRide

Good News Jail and Prison Ministry Ride - June 13th Supports the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry which provides chaplains to incarcerated prisoners here in Colorado.

http://local.goodnewsjail.org/canon-city/

Vets4Vets Poker Run and Bike Rodeo - September 12th Supports El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition (EPCHHC) which operates the "Stand Down" (October 20th) and a Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Initiative.

VFW Warriors End of Summer Run - September 26th Supports Service to Veterans projects.

Info – contact Joe Carlson aka Deer Slayer 405-326-2588 jcarlsonretired@aol.com









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GOOFY



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 "goofy" stunt.

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

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