

Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F

SEPT 2015

CHAPTER I MONTHLY GATHERING

> WHEN **1st Saturday** 8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

> > LOCATION

- From the Directors -

September 2015 So what happened to the summer?? Well, it was jam packed full of activities, that's what happened. I hope you all had as good a time as we did. We really enjoyed the rides with all the beautiful scenery and twisty roads. The many Chapter events were so much fun and seemed like they went on and on, but now they're becoming just fond memories. But memories that will last.

Most recently the month of August was packed full of activities. Our own Chapter I Picnic was a great success, even with the number of hoops we had to jump through just to get both our Hosts and Guests to the shelter house. Many thanks to Dan Maine for spearheading that operation and to all you DOD personnel for providing the shuttle services. The picnic would not have happened without your efforts. And a very special thanks to all our attendees for your patience.

Next was our Colorado District Convention in Montrose. Probably only the best District Convention I've had the privilege to attend. Hats off to everyone involved in

making this such a wonderful event. And I only wish I could adequately express my gratitude for the Bike & Light Show Team. You guys & gals are awesome!!! Another great pair of shows. Thanks so much! Until next time.....

> Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce Colorado Chapter I Senior Chapter Directors



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Chapter I 2015

Couple of the Year

Dan & Tiffany Maine

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Individual of the Year (IOY) - Ralph Clayton
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Chapter I 2015

Individual of the Year

Ralph Clayton









LAURIE CRUZAN Continued Best Wishes as you Recover

> CLIFF CHILDS A most successful surgery !!

Happy to See WALLY SHUTT -Looking Great !!

Dates to Remember

Sept 19 - PLP Facilitator Course

Sept 18, 19-KOA BOGO weekend

Also UTAH—Wing Stock III, Richfield, UT

Sept 26-Chapter Q-Fall ColorFull Fundraiser [flyer, pg 13]

Oct 2-3 NEW MEXICO-Taos, NM

Oct 10-Air Force Tail Gate party & game. Time to be determined; watch for emails. Glenn Goode—contact]

Oct 24-Leadership Training Program [pg 12]

Dec 5 - Colorado Multi-Chapter Christmas Party

Dec 12 - Chapter I Christmas Party

<u>Please refer to the Colorado District Calendar</u> <u>for more dates/events</u>

BE AWARE OF OTHERS

Summer is just about over with, but accidents are still being reported on the News. We need to be more aware of our surroundings, other vehicles and pedestrians.

Nearly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a driver violating a rider's right-ofway. Usually this is because the motorcyclist was not seen. To avoid this, YOU MUST RIDE AS IF NO ONE ELSE ON THE ROAD CAN SEE YOU! Be careful when you approach another vehicle. It's hard for drivers in oncoming vehicles to accurately judge how fast your motorcycle is moving. That's why it's up to you to make sure you can react safely if another driver suddenly turns or pulls out in front of you. Also, make sure you have plenty of space between you and the vehicles in front of you. The information stated below was gather by M.O.S.T. of Colorado.

Motorcyclist Fatalities

94 operators were killed in motorcycle crashes in 2014

- Motorcyclist fatalities represented 19% of Colorado's total traffic fatalities (94 of 488)
- Motorcyclist fatalities increased from 87 fatalities in 2013 to 94 in 2014, an 8% increase
- The 8% increase in motorcyclist fatalities is a larger change than observed for overall traffic fatalities, which increased by 1% in 2014
- 23 (24%) motorcycle operators killed did not have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license
- 74 (68%) motorcycle operators involved in fatal crashes were determined to be "at fault"
- 44 (79%) fatal crashes involved only the motorcycle and no other vehicle
- 26 (28%) motorcycle operators killed had a blood alcohol content (BAC) equal to or greater than 0.08
- 60 (63%) motorcycle operators killed were not wearing a helmet

Be careful and always ride safe,

Earl Edwards Rider Educator Chapter I



Safety Quiz & Other Statistics Presented by Steve Callicott 1) In the US, how many people die in motorcycle crashes each year? A) nearly 88,000 B) almost 2,30 C) over 4,800 D) close to 27,000 2) How many times are your more likely to be killed on a motorcycle than a car? D) 35 times E) 53 times A) 5 times B) 12 times C) 21 times D) 35 times E) 53 times

- More than half of motorcyclist deaths involved at least one other vehicle.
- 42 percent of two-vehicle fatal motorcycle crashes involved a vehicle turning left while the motorcycle was going straight, passing, or overtaking the vehicle.
- Of the 1,791 motorcycle deaths that involved only the motorcyclist,
 - 48% were speeding.
 - 42% had blood alcohol concentrations of 0.08 percent or higher.

POSSIBLE CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

•Poor weather conditions

- •Ignoring traffic conditions
- •Disobeying speed limits;
- •Not seeing a motorcyclist due to glare or other view obstructions
- •Inexperienced motorists
- •Vehicle defects
- •Roadway defects

BE VISIBLE

- •Remember...motorists have trouble seeing motorcycles
- •Use your lights
- •Flash your brakes
- •Be aware of other drivers blind spots
- •Don't be bashful about using your horn
- •Your wife said you can buy more safety chrome

APPLY EFFECTIVE MENTAL STRATEGIES

- •Constantly search the road for changing conditions
- •Give yourself (and others) space and time to respond
- •Watch for turning vehicles
- •Pretend your invisible
- •Don't ride when you're tired
- •Your wife said you can buy more safety chrome

continued

Safety Quiz & Other Statistics

Presented by Steve Callicott

ANATOMY OF A SAFE BIKER



KNOW YOUR BIKE & HOW TO USE IT

- •Get formal training...and take a refresher course
- •Practice! Practice! & Practice!
- •Develop your riding technique before going into heavy traffic
- •Ride solo for a while before adding your co-rider
- •Remember . . . Your wife said you can buy more safety chrome

FINAL SAFETY QUIZ

How many times did I say "Safety" today?

- A) 6 times
- B) 4 times
- C) 13 times
- D) It's Never Enough!!



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



WHERE'S THE WING ??

Do you know where the Wing in this photo is? <u>EMAIL RESPONSES TO</u>: co_Inewsletter@yahoo.com. <u>PRIZE</u>: 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



August Winner: 'Rocky' Rigby

Location: Elbert, CO



CO DISTRICT 'RALLYVENTION'—MONTROSE, CO COY & IOY 2015-2016



Congratulations!

Jim & Olga Wyman CO District COY & Christine Howland CO District IOY

2015-2016





CO DISTRICT 'RALLYVENTION'-MONTROSE, CO BIKE & LIGHT SHOW







Kudos to all Volunteers and Participants in another Outstanding District Bike & Light Show! 19 Bikes/trikes, 25 Volunteers













SPECIAL Congratulations!

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce Senior Chapter Directors & Chapter I 2nd Place—Chapter Growth



COMMUNITY SERVICE

It is almost that time of year when Chapter I delivers bags containing small cosmetics to charity organizations in Colorado Springs. Please collect small cosmetics such as bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes to be packed into the bags. If you are running out of storage space just bring the items to the meeting and someone on the committee will store them for you.

Also, Laurie will be providing a garage for making fleece blankets to be delivered for folks to use during the winter. Watch for sales of fleece material at fabric shops. The blankets require 1-2 yards of 2 colors and if you don't want to make the blanket yourself plan to get together with other members later (Oct-Nov) for a make-it party.

******Don't forget about the Food Pantry*****

We are working toward a poundage goal. So far we are short of our goal. Please bring food to the pantry during the meeting or any other time the pantry is open. Be sure the volunteers know it is donated by our chapter.

Thanks, Marsha, Laurie, Nancy L. Community Service Committee

That's right, Nancy Lockhart is checking out a new trike









LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM LIFE SKILLS MODULE

This leadership training module will cover life skills which include: Time management Stress management Managing change Listening and communicating Remembering names Public speaking basics Self esteem

Key to success Smart moves

When: Saturday, October 24, 2015 Time: starts--8:00 am—5:00 pm ---- Bring a sack lunch If you don't want to attend the complete module you can pick and choose Where: Poudre Valley REA 7649 REA Parkway Windsor, CO (Exit 392 off I-25, go ¾ mile east and turn right. REA is first building on left.)

If interested contact: Dick or Fran Williamson, 970-347-8855 or <u>refmwi@gmail.com</u> by October 18, 2015



Chapter Q's "Fall Colorful" Fundraiser

Enjoy a great Colorado Color Ride in the picturesque

San Juan Mountains!

Saturday, September 26, 2015 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

at

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park™ Camp-Resorts*

22045 S. Highway 550 (just south of Montrose, Colorado)

\$15 per person upon arrival (under 12 free) for a day of fun including:

• Lasagna Lunch

- 50/50
- Swimming Pool
- · Games with team competitions:

Ping Pong Horseshoes Badminton Sack Races Hula Hoop

Egg Toss Dizzy Run Scavenger Hunt Super Soaker Match**





Discounted camping rates: onsite at Jellystone Park (970) 249-6382 Days Inn (1417 E. Main Street, Montrose) (970) 249-4507 (Mention "Chapter Q Fundraiser when making reservations.)



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*Facilities courtesy of John & Jodi Barber, Resort Managers ** Bring your own water guns; bathing suits or raingear recommended!









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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.

Although Chris Ward wasn't present at this month's gathering, Chris had more votes for the 'Goofy' nomination than Jacque Callicott. Since Casey was at the gathering, Goofy was placed in Casey's care to take home to present to Chris. What a good sport Casey! Chris had some difficulty with 50/50 tickets and Jacque had some difficulty with a 3-leged chair.

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