

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year !!!

Another year has come and is quickly leaving us. Also coming to an end is mine and Cathy's tour as Chapter I Directors. It seems an appropriate time to extend our deepest gratitude for everything you all have done for us over the last three years. It has truly been a pleasure to serve you, but we could not have accomplished anything during this time without the help and support of our Chapter I family. It has been an honor and privilege to work with you in everything we've done. Ok, so that being said, and before you start your teary goodbyes..... We're not going anywhere!! Just stepping down to take our place as JAM's.

Remaining this year is our Chapter I Christmas Party. So looking forward to another great time with sixty of our closest friends. For those who are unable to join us, you will surely be missed, but have a nice time wherever you are.

> We will still be having our annual New Years Day Ride. Watch your emails for all the info. See you soon!

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



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Steve & Jacque Callicott Assistant Chapter I Directors



Chapter I 2015

Couple of the Year

Dan & Tiffany Maine

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Individual of the Year (IOY) - Ralph Clayton

Chapter I 2015

Individual of the Year

Ralph Clayton





Welcome New Friends

Don & Pam Benuska Don & Colleen Curtice Frank & Patty Riley James Amato



Dates to Remember

Dec 12 - Chapter I Christmas Party

Dec 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL !!

Jan 1 - New Year's Day Breakfast/Ride

Jan 9 - Medic 1st Aid - CO-I

Jan 16 - MAD Seminar - CO-G

Jan 23 - Leadership Bar (Chapter Life)

Jan 30 - Annual Officer Meeting

Mar 12 - Multi-Chapter Bowling - CO-L & CO-A

Mar 19 - WY-B Birthday Party

Apr 24 - CO-A Fundraiser

Aug 31-Sep 3, 2016 - Wing Ding 38, Billings, MT

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



LOOKING AHEAD...

Ever since the very first day Jacque and I made Chapter I our home 3 years ago, we have enjoyed getting to know the great people that make up this chapter. Everyone here has made us feel like we've been a part of this group for most of our lives. What an amazing ability, and it seems to pour out of everyone. Not surprisingly, when you couple this

with folks that have a tremendous desire to get involved and serve, it's no wonder that Chapter I is such a great chapter within GWRRA.

Jacque and I have been riding together all of our married life. Shortly after we were married, our motorcycle became the family car for nearly a year. Jacque is fond of telling folks that we would grocery shop with the bike. The picture of us riding out of the Safeway parking lot on a snowy morning with bags of groceries in front and behind both of us on the bike is one that I will always remember.

We have had many different kinds of bikes over the years, but we both agree that the Goldwing is our all-time favorite. It's this common bond of riding our "wings" that has brought us together as a group of great friends.

Naturally, as we prepare to move into our new position as your directors, we are both excited and apprehensive. Don, Cathy and the staff have done a fantastic job making Chapter I a great place to call home. As they say, it's going to be a hard act to follow for Jacque and I. It is our hope that our Chapter I officers (Doug, Earl, Olga, Glenn, Laurie, Marsha, Claude & Nancy, Jeannie, Nancy and Marilyn) will continue into next year with us. There are so many others that have contributed their valuable time and efforts to our chapter. Each and everyone one of you are so important and have made such a big difference.

We'd like to thank Bonnie for her contributions as our Membership Enhancement Coordinator. Bonnie was one of the first people we contacted when we wanted to join the chapter. We are very glad that she helped us get connected to Chapter I. We plan to announce Bonnie's replacement during our first meeting in January. Going forward, we have several staff positions open including Ride Coordinator and Assistant Director(s). Please let us know if you have any interest.

It may just be us, but Don appears to be excited to hand over the reigns to Jacque and I; however, we know that his heart is to continue to be involved and to support the staff. We've enjoyed working with Don and Cathy, and look forward to their continued input and support. As we look ahead, we would like to ask you all to please provide any suggestions and your expertise on how we can continue this momentum that makes Chapter I great! We look

forward to serving with you and continuing the tradition of; Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. Steve & Jacque Callicott

Myth : Loud Pipes Save Lives

Yeah, there are a few situations like where you are right next to a driver with his window down who is about the to change lanes where full-time noise-makers might help a driver notice you, but all that noise directed rearward doesn't do much in the most common and much more dangerous conflict where a car turns in front of you. Maybe it's the fatigue caused by the noise, maybe it's the attitudes of riders who insist on making annoying noise, or perhaps loud bikes annoy enough drivers to make them aggressive. Whatever the reason, the research shows that bikes with modified exhaust systems crash more frequently than those with stock pipes. If you really want to save lives, turn to a loud jacket or a bright helmet color, which have been proven to do the job. Or install a louder horn. Otherwise, just shut up.

Earl Edwards Rider Educator Chapter I



WHERE'S THE WING ??

Do you know where the Wings in this photo are?

EMAIL RESPONSES TO: 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



November Winner: Dan Maine

Location: Blue Mesa Reservoir/ Hwy 50

Lots of correct responses with this one; and a couple that were incorrect; but great possibilities !!



CHAPTER SHIRT EXAMPLES



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Front Only

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dear Chapter I,

As you know the Chapter usually prepares fleece blankets and hygiene (cosmetic) bags for delivery to charitable organizations. On November 30 three of us (Laurie, Jacque, and Marsha) met to put these bags together with items generously donated by our Chapter I members. We were able to stuff 89 bags. Thanks to all who contributed small shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and some other items to this effort. Also, at Maintenance Day and at another time in Laurie's garage we made over 50 blankets.

On December 4th Laurie and Marsha took these donations to The Salvation Army, The Springs Rescue Mission and Urban Peak. All things were received with hearty thank-yous. Our Chapter has again proved how generous they are and The Community Service Committee (Laurie, Nancy L., Marsha) wants to thank you again.

In January we will begin again to give back to or community. If you have small hygiene items that you were unable to bring to a meeting, please save them and bring in to contribute. Watch for fleece on sale at local fabric stores and begin to purchase it for blanket making.

Your Community Service Committee



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Blankets:

Here are photos from our Chapter I blanket making get together on October 27. *Apologies from your Newsletter Editor for not having gotten these included with the article in last month's Newsletter*. Always a fun time!



Springs Wings COLORADO CHAPTER I 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12th, 6:00pm - Buffet 6:30pm

ENTRÉE CHOICES Spiral Ham with Spiced Apple Glaze Roast Beef with Mushroom Demi Glaze all entrees include: Fresh Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressing Fresh Rolls with Whipped Cinnamon Honey Butter

> Choice of Two Sides Garlie Herb Mashed Potatoes Broccolini with Almond Slivers

Buffet Includes a Festive Display of Holiday Sweets, Coffee, Tea, Decaf & leed Tea

This \$30 festival is just \$15 per person for Chapter I Members and their families!!

Please loin Us at: Colorado Springs Airport Radisson 1645 N Newport Road (just gast of Powers & Fountain) yes, our favorite PJ.

will be joining us as well







MFA/CPR Course

Sponsored by CO-I Springs Wings When: Saturday, January 9, 2016 8am –1pm

 Where: Colorado Springs Police Department Falcon Sub Station
7850 Goddard Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
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

RSVP: Earl Edwards <u>Edwards 1500@hotmail.com</u> 719-637-0908 (h) 719-459-2426 (c)

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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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