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Springs Wings

~ From the Director's Desk ~

We hope you had a safe and sane'ish 4th of July celebration. Seemed a little odd this year with it being on Wednesday. We went to work on Monday and Tuesday. Had a great 4th of July day, and then went back to work for Thursday and Friday. Depends on how you look at it, we either had 2 Fridays this week, or 2 Mondays. The bit in the middle was like a Sundurday.

This next weekend (July 14th) is our Annual Chapter-I Picnic!! Great Food, great Friends and great Fun! We plan to kick off the event at 10:00 AM with our very own DJ Extraordinaire Glenn Goode playing all your favorite songs...with style. We'll have games and some great activities. The picnic is FREE this year, and we will still have 50/50 and the Marble games and possibly some great items to raffle off. In addition, we have a BEAUTIFUL quilt made by Laurie Cruzan that we will auction off. You will want to be at the picnic to get a chance to win, Win, WIN!!

There are a lot of events happening this July...

Chapter-J's Hummer of a Summer is the following weekend (July 21), and then the next weekend (July 28) is Chapter-G's Howl at the Moon. Both of these events have been Chapter-I favorites, and we hope you can make it.

Back at Chapter-I, Claude and Nancy have a couple great activities coming up in August... The first is the Lunch Ride & Lawn Mower Tractor Pull Competition on August 4th right after our Chapter meeting. I'm told these are no ordinary John Deere garden trackers...or maybe they were originally, but not anymore! Souped up, nitrous burning, screaming mulchers to be sure. This sounds like a delicious event...I think I'll get a **Pull'ed** pork sandwich before watching the Lawn Mower Tractor **Pull** Competition...now that's a mouth full to say and see.

Then there is the Overnight Mystery Ride on August 11th through the 12th. Everyone loves a great mystery. There are great mystery movies, there are great mystery Santa gifts, and there are even great mystery casseroles. So, if you love a great mystery (and who doesn't), then you need to get signed up and join the fun. I'm told that the ride is all the way out to...



Well, we hope you have a great time getting out and riding your bike, seeing good friends, and eating along the way.

We love being part of Chapter-I!!

See you on the road this year, Steve & Jacque

Springs Wings

~ Thoughts from the Back Seat ~

It is hard to believe that it is already July and time for our ANNUAL chapter picnic! As you know, we will be having our picnic on the second Saturday, July 14th. It is sure to be just as fun, just as filling and just as fantastic as always!

We hope everyone can join us! The BEST part, the picnic is NOT a fund raiser. It's FREE! YAY!

All we are asking folks to do is please bring ONE CAN GOOD for each person that attends.....not only will this help the Holy Cross food pantry and those in need in our community but it will get us that much closer to our 2,000 pound goal for this year \cong

We will also bring the food pantry bucket to the picnic for anyone who would like to contribute cash. I will be shopping with funds collected for the food pantry this month.

Steve and I also wanted to say a HUGE thank you to each and everyone of you who so generously signed up to help with the picnic! Whether you are bringing food, drinks, tables, chairs, grills, assorted supplies or you volunteered to help set-up, clean-up, cook or coordinate, we couldn't do this without you! We are tremendously grateful for all your wonderful support! Truly, what we do TOGETHER is what makes our chapter GREAT! Thank you so very much!

We are so looking forward to seeing everyone there, hoping for nice sunny weather and unlike last year, NO unexpected showers 😊



Steve and I LOVE being a part of our chapter I family!

Jacque Callicott Chapter I Director



Notes from MEC

Although we have been planning a lot of ride activities, we would welcome everyone to step up and plan some as well. Sometimes we would really like to be in the middle or back on a ride. Besides, I think we are running out of ideas....ha. Even if you don't want to lead a ride, you can plan it and ask for someone to lead. Don't forget you as a ride planner you are eligible to get 5 free 50/50 tickets if you have at least 5 bikes/trikes on the ride. You do not have to lead the ride to qualify.

The Road Captain course is a great way to become more comfortable with leading a ride. Check with Earl on class times. GWRRA is about Fun, Friends, Food, Safety and Knowledge. (Okay, the motto doesn't have "food" in it but that seems to be something that we all love to do.) Participation and volunteering is what makes a Chapter keep going. Although we enjoy planning ride activities ...we also enjoy just being a part of rides that others plan.

If you are not on the "Ride Contact Sheet" or if your info has changed, please get in contact with us so we can update the sheet and get it out to everyone. That way if someone wants to plan a ride 2 days ahead then it will give people time to get contacted about it. There are 3 methods of preferred contact: Phone, Text, Email ...please specify which method would most likely reach you the quickest then choose one alternate method also.

After the Aug. 4th meeting, we will be taking a ride to grab a bite to eat for lunch then on to Elbert Co. Fair for the Lawnmower Tractor Pull competitions. It is fun to watch and the town will also have craft vendors set up. Great riding, good food, exciting to watch and shoppingwhat more could you ask for?? Well, maybe sunscreen and a hat. lol Hope you can join us!



Claude and Nancy Lockhart MEC-Chapter I 719 310-1198





Don & Jackie Lacasse Assistant Chapter Directors





Chapter-I 2018 Couple of the Year Don & Jackie Lacasse

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Celebrations, Events & Fun!

July 14 - Chapter-I Picnic July 21 - Ch J Hummer of a Summer July 28 - Ch G Howl at the Moon August 4 - Lunch Ride & Lawn Mower Tractor Pull Competition August 11-12 - Overnight Mystery Ride August 18 - Ch Q's Summer Fundraiser August 28-September 1 - Wing Ding 40 Knoxville October 13 - Ch L Fundraiser November 3 - Ch G Bingo Fundraiser

Refer also to the Colorado District Calendar for other dates/events

Welcome Old and New Friends

Josephine (Claude's Mother) Chris Miller (Ken's nephew from Kansas) Jim Bird – 03 Red Gold Wing



Please bring your can goods to the picnic for the food pantry!!

Thank you



QUICK LUNCH - Earl Edwards

After June's Chapter meeting, Don Benuska, Don and Jackie Lacasse, and I went for a short ride and to have some lunch. Besides the regular itinerary to Cripple Creek, I did something a little different. We stopped in Florissant and had lunch at the Costello Street Coffee House. This is an old but charming little house that serves breakfast and lunch. The inside was adorned with a western theme. The furniture and atmosphere inside was very comfy and soothing. After lunch, we took Teller County Road 1 to Cripple Creek and then on to Victor. We took Highway 24 back home.

REMEMBER: Always protect the parts of your body you want to use for the rest of your life.



The Pantry Ride - Claude & Nancy Lockhart

The Pantry Ride was started a few years ago by Patty Hale (daughter of George Davis). It was a very enjoyable Breakfast Ride to "The Pantry" in Green Mountain Falls. Apex Sports was the meeting place to coordinate the ride. The Pantry has a beautiful, peaceful setting outdoors and serve a delicious breakfast buffet and sometimes made to order omelettes or eggs.

There are plenty of round tables with umbrellas sitting under trees and a creek running through the property. Usually after the tummies are full and great conversation is ending, those who would like to continue on for a ride in the mountains, would mount up and enjoy the rest of the day. Others who had things to do would head back home.

This year as in 2 years past, Nancy and Claude took over the tradition that Patty set forth. They were very pleasantly surprised by how many showed up at Apex this year. There were 17 bikes/trikes and 2 cars ready for a great breakfast! They headed up the pass in 3 groups with the 2 cars bringing up the rear. The tables were reserved and ready. The food was hot and delicious as usual. You couldn't ask for a better day. Not too hot, not too cool.....as Goldilocks would say..." it was jusssst right!" Conversations were plenty and there was even a guy playing a guitar his dog was singing. ha We could hear the gentle flowing of water over rocks in the creek even among the talking and singing. Some chose to continue the ride and enjoy the gorgeous weather. They rode to Deckers for ice cream then on to Hwy 285, back through Deer Creek Canyon to I-470 then Wadsworth and eventually onto Titan Road. What a way to end a great day!







On June 5th eight of our loyal fleece blanket makers met at the church for blanket making. We speedily whipped out 11 blankets in a short time. All of them are wonderfully made for contribution in the fall to charitable organizations. Our director guy was the only male present so he had to move tables and cut fringe along with the ladies (sorry some of you males missed the snacks and fun).

We will be meeting again in the fall to construct more blankets so you have not missed your opportunity to help in our community efforts. Please be looking for the sales of fleece as they occur because we need a lot more to complete our effort. Remember, 1 1/2 yards of two colors for a juvenile blanket and 2 yards of two colors for an adult blanket. We will keep you posted on our fall date when we will need help making the blankets.

Thanks again awesome makers!









RESIDENTIAL RIDING

Motorcycle safety is important anytime you are on the motorcycle, whether you are in a parking lot or on a highway. However, residential areas require you to be even more careful because there are often children and other members of the neighborhood walking, playing and riding bicycles. Many people are harmed or killed every year by people who are speeding or not paying attention when they drive through residential communities carelessly. Ride safely in residential area by staying alert to your surroundings, obeying the speed limit and not getting distracted while you drive.

Earl Edwards, District Educator





Be aware of your surroundings. Make sure to frequently check you mirrors to see what might be beside or behind you. Be alert as your surroundings can change quickly in residential areas. It's crucial to keep your head on a swivel when driving through a neighborhood. You should be applying S.E.E (Search, Evaluate, Execute) when coming across these obstacles in residential area. When travel through residential areas, here are a few ideas to look out for:

- Use your horn if you think others nearby are dangerously unaware of your presence.
- Watch for children who might be playing in or around the streets.
- Look for pets that may be running near the streets and pedestrians who may be walking or running on the sidewalks or in the road.

Consider these facts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Most speeders on local roadways live right in the neighborhood, If you hit a pedestrian: 1. At 20 mph 5% will die

- 2. At 30 mph 45% will die
- 3. At 40 mph 85% will die



Pedestrian fatalities increase by 3 times when moving from 25 mph to 30 mph zones.

Local roadways, including residential streets, have a fatality rate per miles driven over 2 times higher than on highways.

So when riding your motorcycle through residential areas, watch out for children, pets and pedestrians. They appear out of nowhere. Be safe and keep the rubber side down.





10th Annual Bridge Ride - Claude and Nancy Lockhart

For the past ten years, members have been dedicating a couple hours of their time to put some smiles on the faces of residents of The Bridge, an assisted living facility in Colorado Springs. How did this get started? Claude, Nancy, and Jeannie had a dear friend, Flora Holmes, who moved to The Bridge. She loved to hear about Claude and Nancy taking many trips on their Gold Wing and had mentioned to them that she would love to try riding. That was something that she had never done even though her life was filled with many trips and explorations on her own. The Lockhart's decide to check with the facility to see if this would be possible. No problem as long as a waiver was signed. To take it one step further after talking to Cindy, the activities director, they talked to the Chapter to see if others would like to join them and give other residents rides. The first year there were only 4 residents signed up to ride and 3 bikes and two trikes to give the rides. After other residents saw the type of bikes and watched the three mount up they decided to sign up as well. Soon that day 17 rides were given. The smiles and joy seen on their faces was greatly worth the little time spent on a Sunday afternoon. Then within the next few years after talking to Doyne at Apex Sports, he volunteered a sidecar or two. This is how it all started to expand.



One year there were 34 rides given on a beautiful afternoon. One little lady, KayKay, loved it so much she wanted another ride and to go faster. When Claude told her they had to stop as it started to sprinkle she said " I don't care ...a little rain won't hurt". She just wanted to ride. The next year she was no longer at that facility.

They have given rides between rain storms, on cool days, and on the warmest of days. It has always been on a Sunday in late May or June. Cindy advertises the ride in the facility and eager residents sign up. Even those who just come out as spectators end up wanting to give it a try.

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This year the weather was a little cool and clouds were coming over the mountain. Looked like rain in the distance but hopes were to give the rides before it hit. Not as many were signed up when the 1 Gold Wing, 1 Can Am, and 4 sidecars paraded into the parking lot. As always, Cindy had a big "Welcome Gold Wingers" sign out front and residents were just getting seated on the patio. There were 5 ladies and 1 gentleman eager to ride. Their ages ranged from 82 to 99. Most wanted to ride in the sidecars as it was harder for them to get onto the bike or trike. Leo, the 99 yr old, was ready to mount on the CanAm, so Ray Moravek did take him. This is the first year that Claude did not have anyone on his Wing but he lead the parade around Memorial Park. A couple of the residents did want to go around once again. Fern (89) rode in a sidecar and her daughter rode on the back seat of the bike that was attached to the sidecar. Leo (99) rode with a resident "friend", Maria (94) in the sidecar built for two. So Cute! Just as the last rides began the clouds were overhead and it started to sprinkle.

After they got back everyone went indoors to the recreation room for an ice cream social and a drawing for one of the tied-fleece blankets that the Gold Wing ladies make each year and donate to local organizations.

Fern was the lucky winner of the blanket and she really loved it! Just the right size for sitting down in a chair or wheelchair. Two ladies came in later as were sad they missed the rides but would like to go next year. One just celebrated her 100th birthday and the other will be 100 yrs. old by the next ride. It was promised that Chapter I will be there for their rides next year.





Many SPECIAL THANKS to Apex Sports Dennis Popp, 2 yrs volunteering; Doyne Bruner, 8 yrs volunteering; Tom Bruner, 7 yrs volunteering and Ted Stokes, 6 yrs volunteering. Also Chapter CO-I members; Claude and Nancy Lockhart ,10 yrs; George Davis, 7 yrs; Ray and Carole Moravek, 5 yrs; and Jeannie Bondurant for support team for 10 yrs. There have been many other volunteer members of Chapter CO-I throughout the years as well. Everyone who has volunteered to spend a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon has made a difference in the lives of many residents of The Bridge. It's the ride of their lives!

This event could not been possible without Cindy Howard's dedication on her day off. Thank you Cindy!

YOU ARE AMAZING. WHAT A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO US ALL. WE LOVE YOU! THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE RESIDENTS THE RIDES OF THEIR LIVES. THE LOVE SHOWS ON ALL OF US. BLESS YOU NANCY FOR DOING THIS FOR US FOR 10 YRS. AND ALL THE RIDERS.TOO

SINCERELY, CINDY HOWARD LIFESTYLES SERVICE DIRECTOR THE BRIDGE ASSISTED LIVING..





Campground & RV Park











DEFENSE DEFENSE DEFENSE

By Earl Edwards, District Educator

I was riding to work one morning, moving along with traffic as I do every morning. This particular morning was just a little different. A little different in the fact that I was the leader of the traffic pack or group of vehicles. As I came upon the changing light (changing to red) at the intersection, I started my braking procedure. As we all know, motorcycles can stop on a dime and give you nine cent change, all in pennies. Something told me to check my rearview mirrors to see what the traffic was doing behind me. As I look in my rearview mirror I saw the front end of the car in my lane dive sharply to start their braking process.

At the time, I didn't know if the car behind me could stop safely or not. I knew that I could stop. At this time I down shifted to a lower gear, checked the intersection, and went through the light. As I looked in the rearview mirror, all the traffic came to a stop. Was I wrong? Hind sight being 20/20, I probably could have stopped, but at the time it didn't look like the car behind me could stop safely. But what if they couldn't stop...then what? You already know "what". Let's talk about things that will help keep people / vehicles off of our rear end. These trick may or may not work for you, but it is worth a try.



One of the things that I like to do when I come to a stop behind another vehicle is to leave a cushion of at least one car length from the car in front of me. This gives me enough room to move left or right if the vehicle behind does not stop in time. Also the vehicle stopping behind me will also leave me more space or not. I will get the respect more times than not. I'm not looking for a car length, but a comfortable safe cushion behind me. In some cases, vehicles tend to come up behind us very quickly and then stop. By moving your hands to the handlebar, raising your left foot to get ready to shift and looking into the rearview mirror, will get the vehicle to stop and give you that cushion that you deserve. If the vehicle does not stop, you should already have your escape route, thus the car length in front of you. I also have mounted KISAN Modulating Brake Lights. By squeezing the brake lever or touching the rear brake pad and looking in the rearview, may get vehicles to stop and give you that space cushion that you deserve. These are just a few subtle tricks that I use to get vehicles to stop and give me more room. Most of the time this works and sometimes it doesn't, but once again, it works more times than not. Just another trick in my arsenal. What's in your arsenal?

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Ready for Mystery??? Ready for a Great 2 Day Ride?? Chapter I Sign up and Get Ready! OVERNIGHT MYSTERY RIDE & FRIENDLY PUNCH POKER FUN

> (optional) Aug 11th meet at Apex 7:00am

(leave @ 7:15am)

Have tanks full, bladder empty, Chan 33 on and ready for fun! OPT Poker: \$5 per person Best hand at end of destination will win the pot. (Just for fun.. not a fundraiser.)

Stops: lunch, snack break, gas stops, and bathroom breaks as needed

Hotel rooms will be under \$100 sign up with Claude at 310-1198 or clock0430@comcast.net





For registration visit wing-ding.org or call 1-800-843-9460 Aug. 28 – Sept. 1, 2018





Everyone,

This past Monday I had the opportunity to visit with Janet & Randall Drake, our Colorado District Treasurers. They let me know that due to some recent life events, they will be moving to Bella Vista, Arkansas at the end of this July. They have recently bought a home and are in the process of packing up Mickey, Minnie, Goofy and all of the Gang! This will create an opening with the District Treasurer's position that will need to be filled.

If you or if you think someone within your Chapter would be interested in this position, please let me know ASAP. While I can promise this is not "Just 15 minutes a month", it will not require any extensive time to accomplish this task.

For as long as I have been part of GWRRA, Janet & Randall have always been there, willing to assist, give input and help out wherever needed. They have always welcomed new members with a Colorado pin, a hug and/or a hand shake. I also know Randall has changed just a few tires for everyone along the line as well as changing brakes and assisted keeping our bikes running. He taught Emma how to solder and tin her wires when she was lighting her bike up! I remembered he called up and asked if he "could come over and play" when he heard she would be wiring her bike that day! They have always opened their home up for so many members when needed which truly tells you who they are.

I will personally miss them, but I also wish them the absolute best in their new home, their new town and the next chapter of their life!

Please forward any information on to me if you know someone who may be interested!

Thank you,

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4 Independence Monument July 4th Parade	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <u>Chapter-I Meeting</u> & Annual Picnic	
15	16	17	18	19 Ch-I Staff Meeting	20	21 CH-J Hummer of The Summer	
22	23	24 Dinner Ride	25	26	27	28 CH-G Howl at the Moon	
29	30	31					
		Notes: 6/29-7/1: Wyoming Rally 7/20-7/22: Washington Rally 7/27-7/29: Motana Rally 7/27-7/29: Motana Rally					





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			1	2	3	4 <u>Chapter-I Meeting</u> Lunch Ride Tractor Pull
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