

# Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge







Chapter I Monthly Gathering

When 1st Saturday 8:30 am Coffee, 9:00 am Meeting

Location Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4125 Constitution Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80909

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> Couple of the Year (COY) - Don & Jackie Lacasse Individual of the Year (IOY) - Dorothy Tolliver

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#### ~ Thoughts from the Back Seat ~

Here we are already into the month off November. I Love November and December.... This is truly one of my favorite times of the year!

Thanksgiving will be here soon. What a special holiday! We not only get to enjoy lots of wonderful, delicious and traditional foods with our family and friends but most importantly. Thanksgiving causes us to pause and reflect on all our blessings. It is a wonderful time to remember, gather with and appreciate all those we love.

I am reminded of the first chapter I meeting that Steve and I attended......it was 6 years ago in August. We walked into the chapter meeting, looking for a group of folks that loved to ride, loved motorcycles, (particularly their Gold Wings,) and loved spending time together.

Did we find that? Absolutely!!.....that and so much more......

By October, Steve and I were your assistant chapter directors. After three years as your assistant directors and because of your love and gracious support Steve and I became your chapter directors.

As we are closing in on the end of our three years as your chapter I directors, Steve and I are feeling so very grateful. Belonging to our chapter I family has enriched us, stretch us and given us LOTS of opportunities to laugh, have fun and enjoy spending time with you.

When we started this journey, we did not expect to receive the warm and close friendships we have been given......we count those as a wonderful gift!!



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

Jacque Callicott Chapter I Director





Don & Jackie Lacasse Assistant Chapter Directors





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

Chapter-I 2018 Individual of the Year Dorothy Tolliver Birthdays November 2018 3-Pam Benuska 5-Vonda Weber Bruce Harris 8-Kevin Hales 18-Steve Callicott 20-Bruce Partner 21-Paul Bondurant 28-Don Curtice

Anniversaries November 2018

15-Dan and Tiffany Maine
20-Ken and Bonnie Kerbs
26-Mark and Sue Damschen
27-Chris and Casey Ward
28-Bob and Darlene Nyquist
29-Rod and Dawn Klock

Goodies November 2018

Glenn and Alexis Bruce and Mel Darrel and Laurie Claude and Nancy

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November 3 - Ch G Bingo Fundraiser December 9 - Chapter-I Christmas Party Spring 2019 - Rider Course Instructor Certification

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





### Bagging begins right after November Chapter Meeting



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### **Riding in Colder Weather**

Steve Callicott Chapter-I Director



Things to think about when riding in cold weather

- 1. Make sure you have the proper clothing layers are best for changing temps
- 2. Check tires for damage and ensure they are properly inflated. Remember cold tires can be under inflated
- 3. Be prepared for bad road conditions (i.e. pot holes, sand and ice)
- 4. Inspect your bike before every ride...things happen!







- 5. Use heated clothing if needed...warm toes makes a warm heart
- 6. Be prepared. Keep things with you that can help in the cold (i.e. anti-fog spray)
- 7. Wear reflective material and keep your lights on. Remember, there are less bikes out in the winter so you need to make sure they see YOU
- 8. Learn how to spell hypothermia and what it means...there will be a test
- 9. Be sure to keep hydrated as well. You may not notice how quickly you become dehydrated
- 10.It's OK to head home or find shelter if it gets bad out there. Just Look at the macho guy to the right...at least he has a safety vest on









#### Thank you Don & Pam for a great party!



Claude & Nancy Lockhart MEC Coordinators



Nancy and I sat down to plan a trip up the West Coast from above San Francisco to Vancouver Island taking highway 1 and 101. The plan was to cover the trip to our destination and back to Colorado Springs in 10 days. After calculating mileage where we wanted to stop and some of their sites that interest us, we decided 12 days would be a better solution.





We requested 12 days off from work and began the trip after a full day of work getting a little head start. We made it to Rifle Co for the night then started out early the next morning passing the Utah State border enjoying the sights of some beautiful Utah rock formations. Our next night we stopped in Ely Nevada to get a good nights rest. Just West of Ely is what's called "the loneliest highway in America" Hwy 50, a 247 mile stretch with only 2 very small towns. Well guess what? That road is not as lonely as advertised as we counted over 200 vehicles on road that day. Our next stop was in Eureka NV for a well deserved break and gas stop. We were getting a little hungry so we decided to stop for lunch in Austin NV, then more of Highway 50.

The 3rd stop was overnight in Fallon NV, where we ate dinner at a Casino and dropped \$20 in the slots but no luck. The next morning we drove thru Carson City NV on the way to Lake Tahoe. What a beautiful area in Lake Tahoe and a huge lake! This is when the Wing started hesitating. Guess our 2006 Wing didn't like this part of the country as she was sputtering and running rough, maybe because of all the smoke in the air from the fires in California. The state line is in the middle of South Lake Tahoe, so before we knew it we were in California, on our way to Sacramento. It was such a beautiful ride thru the mountains to the capital of Cali.





## Our 4020 mile Vancouver Island Bike Trip

Sacramento was fun to drive thru. We passed two groups of 5 Can Am's out for a ride on the Interstate. From there we went thru Napa Valley on Hwy 128. If you ever want to ride a lot of curves for a long distance then hop on this route to the coast. There were vineyards everywhere and just when you thought there were no more..Surprise! Grapes growing everywhere, on the level ground and even on the mountain sides. Every type of American brands of wine made is in this valley. You could smell the grapes in the vineyards and the wine fermenting in the wineries. That is always one of the great pleasures of riding on a bike. We stopped for lunch in St. Helena, CA, talk about a great place for wine lovers and we didn't drink any of it. Did make us think of Dan and Tiffany Maine though. (They had sent us on a wine purchasing trip last year in Traverse City, MI.) The town was filled with the aroma of gorgeous hanging flower baskets that lined the streets, food of every nation, and of course wine.



The rest of the trip was winding through the mountains with many hills and curves. In some spots the road was like a tunnel under the trees. We could tell we were getting closer to the Pacific ocean by the changing of the foliage. We loved the curves but by the time we got to Hwy 1 we were happy to see some straight roads. That night we stayed in the little town of Ft. Bragg CA at a Travelodge. After spending \$144 for a motel room we discovered it was not much larger than our Bunkhouse and much older too! The bathroom was almost as large as the bedroom. This town is known for "Glass Beach". We thought maybe the sand made this glass but soon found out that it got its name from people dumping their trash over the cliffs in the 50's. That was stopped just a few years ago. The waves broke all the glass into small pieces and the sand rounded the edges which made it beautiful on the beach. Guess this is one instance where Mother Nature recycled something nasty into something interesting. Many people have picked up the glass pieces and take them home so the beach isn't as much as a glass beach any longer.



# Our 4020 mile Vancouver Island Bike Trip



Our 5th night was in Eureka CA. where we visited Jacks' Seafood restaurant on the wharf for dinner with great food and we met some wonderful people. A couple from Oregon and California told us we be crossing many beautiful bridges on our way North. The Redwood National Forest North of Eureka was fantastic. As a childhood dream of Nancy's, we drove through Chandelier tree. It is 315ft tall, 21 ft diameter and 2400yrs old. The antennas from the bike touched the top part of the tunnel that people drive thru. A van was very hesitant about taking it on. Further through the Redwoods we came upon another Drive Thru Redwood Tree in Klamath CA so we took that on as well. Wow, two on one trip!

The 6th night we spent in Crescent City CA. The highlight of which was watching harbor seals played "King of the Pier". There was one big one that would not let a little one get close to him. We had some clam chowder at a little seafood place nearby and talked to a couple that were traveling the opposite direction as us and gave us some ideas of things to see. Why is it when you travel by cycle, you meet the friendliest people but when you are traveling by car it seems more difficult to strike up a conversation? As we made our way up the coast we enjoyed some of the roadside attractions along the way like the scenery, rock formations along the coast, the logging industry, the fog rolling in and out, dinosaurs and the lighthouses just to name a few.





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The next night we spent watching the sunset in Lincoln City Oregon and walking to a local seafood restaurant for supper. We would highly recommend the Comfort Inn there for a restful relaxing night. Next morning as the sun was shining, we gazed out our ocean view balcony door watching kites flying over the ocean and people enjoying the beach it although it was pretty cool out.



After enjoying breakfast we bid farewell and headed to Astoria OR. To cross over into Washington we had to cross the 4mile long Lewis & Clark Bridge, not fun if you don't like heights. Nancy enjoyed the view and took pictures while I kept my eyes on the road in front of me without looking down. At least I got to see what I had missed. It was a beautiful ride along the Washington coast we made it to Port Angeles WA for our 8th night. In the early morning we took a 3 hour ferry across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Vancouver Island. Motorcycles are the last vehicles loaded onto the ferry; where we had to tie down the bike because of possible waves that would tip the bike on its side. There were cars, travel trailers, RV's , semi's and 2 motorcycles including ours.



Welcome to Victoria, Capital of Vancouver BC. There were beautiful flowers all over the city and clean streets. The locals told us the average temperature year round is 74 degrees. Being a tourist city there was entertainment on every corner, Pedi carts, horse drawn buggies, even water taxis. Don't let me forget even their own China town and store owners living in their shops on the water. With only 1 day and 1 night to spend there we had a difficult decision on which attraction we wanted to do. We decided the city was full of gorgeous flowers and foliage so instead of the Garden we took to whale watching. The Whale Watching Tour we took guaranteed to see orcas or hump back whales. We bought tickets on the 4 Ever Wild Boat. Took a four hour boat ride searching for a pod then as we were entering a channel there was a pod of Orcas. 1 Orca jumped but we were looking the other way and missed it. We continued to follow them for a good 45 minutes. It was just amazing to see these creatures in the wild. The whales are protected, so we're not able to get closer than 100 yards but got some fantastic pictures. When we got back to Victoria, we spent our 9th night Arbutus Inn on the Island.



## Our 4020 mile Vancouver Island Bike Trip



The next early morning we boarded the ferry back to Port Angeles after going thru customs on the Island. It was another 3 hour tour back to the US then a beautiful drive to Edmonds to take another 30 minute ferry across Puget Sound to Seattle. Nancy asked me if we wanted to go around Seattle or drive thru the city. I chose to drive thru Seattle on I-5 because I never seen it before. Bad decision as it was rush hour on a Friday afternoon and everyone was trying to get out of the city for Labor Day weekend. As we were driving thru that mad rush hour traffic of 4 lanes each way, a semi truck driver yelled over and told us we had a flat tire on our cargo trailer. So we pulled on to the shoulder and changed the flat tire in rush hour traffic. We were able to pull off that task within 20 minutes by me lifting up the trailer enough so Nancy could pull the bad tire off and put the full size spare on. The jack was too high for where we were at. We continued on our way toward Spokane through the Cascade Mountain with a lot of traffic and some road construction. The Cascades were gorgeous with a lot of lakes here and there. The temperature was warmer the further we got away from the coastal regions. It took us 12 hours to travel from Victoria to Spokane with the ferry rides and just 3 stops in between. Now, our butts were numb by the time we got to our hotel in Spokane for our 10th night but a good night's sleep helped us to recover.

The next day was shorter and less stressful ride through Idaho's Coeur d' Alene to Missoula on I-90. We stopped in St. Regis Montana for lunch at a little burger joint that had everything homemade including milkshakes, fries and burgers. There was a fruit stand selling cherries and huckleberries. Having never eaten Huckleberries we bought some to take home. The Rainer cherries were a good treat for the rest of the trip. The 11th night was in Bozeman MT in the best LQ Inn we have ever stayed. They upgraded us to a suite with a private hot tub, 4 poster log bed with bear and deer decorations. Another hotel we would highly recommend if you are LQ Gold Members. The 12th night was free in the LQ in Casper WY. We met a couple who have been out since June riding on a BMW Sport tour bike. We spent the evening with them in our room talking, laughing and having refreshments. They were also coming back from Victoria but took different routes to get to Casper. They're from Florida traveling up the East Coast to Nova Scotia and had gone 10,000 miles already with more to go back home. They were planning to come to Colorado Springs to go up the top of Pikes Peak. We gave them our card but they never called. We got home the next day on Labor Day Home ready for our next adventure trip and the bike purrs like a kitten once again.









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#### A Letter from our Colorado District Directors

Over this past year or so, life responsibilities for Emma & I have changed to where we cannot be as active and/or participate in the Chapters within Colorado as the District Directors position requires and as you as a GWRRA member deserves. Because of this, we will be stepping down as the Colorado District Director effective November 1, 2018. I have been working with our President Anita Alkire for a replacement District Director that will be able to serve Colorado going forward. While the final approval has not been given to me in writing, I cannot find any reason that my request for our replacement will not be approved. So with that, I would like to announce that Joyce and Rick Elmore will be your new GWRRA Colorado District Directors.

Joyce & Rick Elmore have been members of GWRRA for over 20 years and are current life members. However, their motorcycling history goes all the way back to 1971 when they met cruising Central Avenue in Phoenix. In fact, they left their wedding on our Honda 750 in 1972 with "Just Married" pie plates on the back and streamers on the handlebars. In 1995 Rick bought his first Gold Wing and shortly after that they both joined GWRRA and it has been a whirlwind ever since. Joyce & Rick joined CA1F in San Diego, became their first COYs and quickly went from ACD to the CD position. Rick bought a Valkyrie in 1996 and he likes to say that he put the first 500 miles on it and Joyce put the next 85,000 on it. When the new GL1800 came out, Rick got the second one in town and Joyce found out that she REALLY liked it too. So, rather than lose his bike a second time Joyce got her own 2002 that she still rides today and has over 146,000 miles road time on it. She has almost 250K safe miles and Rick has over 500K. Rick attributes this in part to his philosophy of: Ride like you are invisible and everybody else is an idiot.

Joyce & Rick have held just about every position in GWRRA, including when Joyce was District Director of California for 3 years in the early 2000s. Just ask an old timer in CA about the "Queen of California", if you meet one. They moved to Colorado in 2010 and have been active in the state since then, while servicing as Assistant Region Directors until Regions went away recently. Besides their passion for motorcycling in general, they are very strong advocates of GWRRA. Joyce has been known to chase Gold Wings down in a parking lot to give them a card. As a result she has recruited over 45 members to the organization. When they look back over the last 20 years they have so many good memories of riding and socializing with our GWRRA friends that it's hard to keep track of them all. In fact, virtually all of the friends that they have met since then have come from being in the organization.

"Our goal in stepping up to be the Colorado District Directors is to do the best job we can to represent our members and to support them in every way possible. If you have any questions or concerns about the state of the state or even what is going on at headquarters, please let us know and we will try to provide an answer. In the meantime: Ride safe, don't look back and live every day to it's fullest!.....Joyce and Rick Elmore"

Please welcome and congratulate Joyce & Rick Elmore as the new Colorado District Directors.

Bryan & Emma Lape



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#### 1997 Kompact Trailer

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Bike comes with cover, battery tender, gloves and many other extras. Just installed 2 Dunlap Elite 4 tires and brakes. Bike has 106,000 miles and am asking \$15,5000. Call or text Ralph at 719-531-5054 -Winorider65@live.com









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