

Springs Wings

September 2004



Wren's Wramblings . . .

This Wren's Wramblings was held over from August do to Editor's travels.

August, and it feels more like October. I haven't been able to ride my scoot to work for over three weeks now. The rain that we need seems to be coming all at once, running off, and keeping me from riding. And my furnace came on Thursday evening.

OK, whining is done. In spite of the weather, we have been able to have another busy month. The weather cooperated for our 'Ron and Marsha's Thank You For A Job Well Done' party. We had between 25 and 30 folks there to let them know how much we appreciated them going the distance to represent the Chapter, District, and Region at the International Couple of the Year competition at Wing Ding. Thanks again, Currys, you really are special to us.

The next event could have had more participation from our huge Chapter, and it involved riding!

The Second Annual 'Ride Colorado' was attended by twelve Chapter members. Come to think of it, that was almost half of the total participants drawn

from the District of Colorado. Hopefully it will grow in the future. Mark Atwell mapped out a really wonderful ride covering a lot of curves and scenery. The Atwells and Currys did the entire three day ride. The Nyquists, Damschens, Wrens, and a new couple, Tom and Nancy Harder-Powell attempted to join the group in Silverthorn on Saturday morning. Our planning was off by no more than 10 minutes so they left without us. Although our feelings were hurt, we managed to force ourselves to continue the ride in our small, forsaken group. We found out later that we just missed them more than once. We motored on to Steamboat Springs, lunched in Craig, and continued on to Meeker. (Home of the sheepdog trials. But that was another trip.) We then took the valley ride to Rangely, then over Douglas Pass to Grand Junction. What a beautiful ride over Douglas!!! We managed to meet with the larger group at the motel, and arranged to have dinner. Two groups departed the next morning for the Grand Mesa and eventually Carbondale. If you like curves and views, that is an absolutely perfect ride. We regrouped in Carbondale and headed our separate routes home. We opted for Glenwood

to Minturn, Leadville, Buena Vista then home. It was a great way to polish the square corners off the tires.

We had a really great turnout for the Chapter Picnic. Somewhere between 50 and 60 hungry folks showed up for a free lunch. (I thought there was no such thing as a free lunch.) I would like to thank Mark Damschen again for arranging for the facility and bringing the grill. It really is a nice place to meet, eat, kick tires and renew old friendships. Thanks to Bob Strath and Mark D. for cooking, and anyone else that I didn't happen to see singeing their eyebrows. We were really happy to see all the folks from Pueblo, and hope they enjoyed themselves. We introduced a new couple, Jim and Judi Halstead, who sent off their GWRRA application that evening. Was good to see Dennis and Karin again, and some others we hadn't seen in a while.



Wren's Wramblings (cont.)

John and Ashley, Earl, Glenn and Nancy, Rick and Fran. There are still more of you out there in email land that we hope will be able to join us again soon.

Wednesday night we had a dinner ride hosted by Ray and Bea McClellan. We went to a Mexican restaurant in Monument, La Casa Fiesta, I think... Mark D. suggested the place to Ray. Probably so he could walk instead of drive. Over 30 managed to squeeze into the room. As usual, we were our noisy selves until the food came. Then you couldn't hear a fork drop. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and conversation as much as Kathy and I did. I really do like it when lots of folks turn up for events like the picnic and dinner rides. Friends is the first word in GWRRA's slogan, and it makes me feel good to think that I can call everyone there a friend. I hope you feel the same.

I have mentioned a few times that we are working on plans for the color ride. Of course the trees will determine the schedule, either late September or early October. Hopefully we can get close to the peak of the colors. We are looking at Carbondale for the first night. Maroon Bells the next morning then Redstone, Marble?? Delta or Grand Junction may be the next night, then either Grand Mesa or another way to the North Rim of the Black Canyon, Gunnison and home. Just some thoughts, and more to follow.

Don't be a stranger!!!!!!



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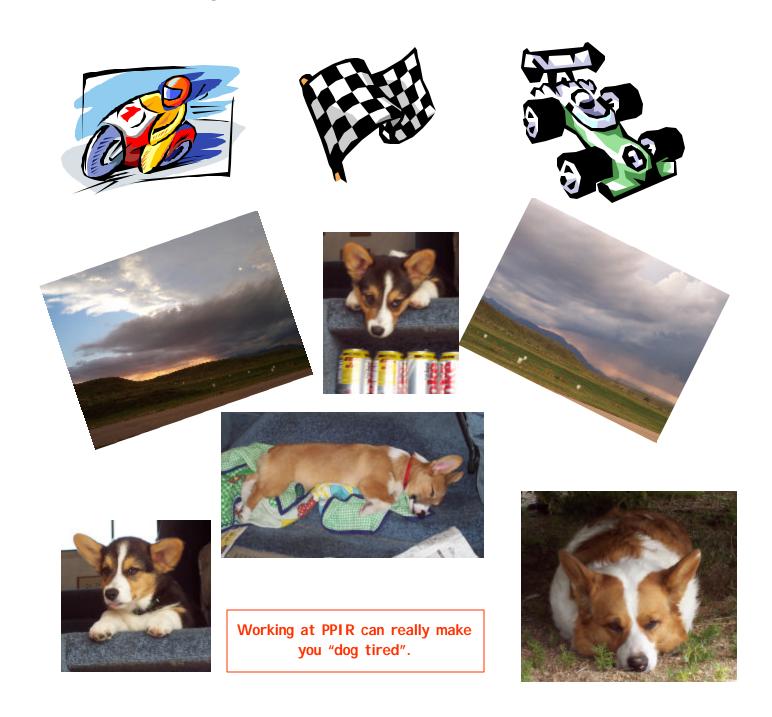
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Picture above was provided by Mark Damschen. He took this in May during a ride over Independence Pass.



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В	Mike & Robin Bradbury	970-241-3933	1 st Sat 8am Grand Junction
C	Curtis & Janet Lennox	719-372-3086	3 rd Sat 9am Canyon City
D	April & Ed Lugo	970-389-1352	1 st Sun 12pm Holiday Inn, Frisco
E	Vince & Janet Hauk	303-430-8929	2 nd Fri 7pm Arvada
G	Monty & Cindy Loftus	970-686-9731	3 rd Sun 8am Ft. Collins
I	Dave & Kathy Wren	719-591-2739	1 st Sat 9am Colorado Springs
J	Bob Anderson	303-750-7928	2 nd Wed 7pm Aurora
K	Robert Van Winkle	970-330-1301	1 st Sat 9am Greeley
L	Al & Jeannie Plumhoff	303-670-0318	1 st Mon 7pm Lakewood
N	Mike & Debbie Rose	719-485-3535	1 st Sat 5:30pm Pueblo
О	Ron & Rita Sweetin	303-776-0081	3 rd Sat 8am Berthoud
Q	Derek & Laurie Fuller	970-874-0961	3 rd Sat 8:30am Delta
T	Gary & Jan Gardner	970-882-7998	4 th Sat 8am Christina's

Sept / Oct 2004									
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
5		6	7	8	9	10 Color	11 rado Rally in Montrose		
12	Colorado Rally In Montrose	,13	14	15	16 Dinner ride	17	18		
19		20	21	22	23	24	25		
26		27	28	29	30	1	2 Chapter I meeting—It's anyone's guess as to where it will be		

Upcoming Rally Guide

2004 Region F/CA District Rally

Colorado Rally ... Sept. 9-11, Montrose, Colorado http://coloradogwrra.com

New Mexico Rally ... Oct. 8-10, Roswell, New Mexico hrrp://gwrra0nm.org

Arizona Rally ... Oct. 22-24, Location to be announced http://gwraaz.com





Steve Munter has three Gold Wing related training videos that he would be happy to loan out. 719-536-0315

- Gary Sanford's Slow Speed Cycling Seminar
- Touring and Braking
- Co-Rider

Steve has also ordered a copy of the History Channel documentary broadcast a few months ago regarding how Gold Wings are built at the factory in Ohio.

Butch Shelley has

- Colorado on 2 Wheels—VHS
- The Unofficial History of Harley-Davidson Motorcycles –DVD

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