



## Springs Wings

January 2005



### *New Year's Day Ride*

By Rich & Donna Noah

Happy New Year! January 1st 2005. WOW!!! What a day for a New Years Day Ride. The weather had finally warmed up enough for us to get the Wings out of the garage. As Donna & I leave on our first trip on our new bike, (even though we've had it for six months) we wonder how many of our Chapter "I" members will be there. Leaving early we felt sure we would be one of the first to arrive at Apex Sports. HHHHHAAAAA!!!! HHAAAAA!!!!

We arrived at 8:45 AM to find the parking lot overflowing with cars, bikes and people milling around. The following hardy souls from Chapter I were there

ready to ride with full fuel tanks, empty bladders, and of course, HUNGRY: Rich & Donna, Darrel Cruzan & Laurie Schlosser, Eric & Debbie Hutchins, Terry Hillman & Dee Dee McCormick, Chris & Casey Ward, Gene Krull, Curt & Chris Matson, Roland Smith, Lewis Farmer, Mark & Sue Damschen, Bruce & Mel Partner, John Schweedler, Dan & Wilma Brown, Bob & Darlene Nyquist, Paul & Jeannie Bondurant, Criss, Ken & Andrew Carter, Niki, Suzanne, Jessie, Michelle, & Gary Manthei, Nancy, Dave & Kathy Wren, Tom & Monica Harder, Chris Erskine, and Ron & Marsha Curry. (Rich forgot to add us—Butch and Linda Shelley, probably because no one

recognized us on our new 2003 1800. We did sign one of the sheets that went around.) We left the parking lot promptly at 9:15 AM. We mounted up and divided into three groups of wings and one of cars.

Everything was going just great as we rolled onto I -25 and headed south for Pueblo when just as we passed Academy Blvd. we were met with what was to be our constant companion for the remainder of the ride-----what was the name of that song they call the wind Mariah-----Well what we had wasn't nearly as nice as the song!!! We all know how much we dislike riding in the wind.

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## *New Year's Day Ride (continued)*

We arrived in Pueblo with everyone really getting excited about the possibility of eating. We arrived at the Village Inn about 10 AM....Of course the following members from Chapter N & C were already there with their napkins in their laps ready to eat and awaiting our arrival. Bill & Joanna Argys, Ray & June Charron, Jeff & Kat Charron, Dale & Carol Pelter, Mike Rose, Janet Lennox, Bryon & Cindy Sturch, Steve ?, Lloyd Lubbers, Ron Pruitt, Bill & Mary A Nuehel, Dave & Diana Bradley, Ed & Bel Saffold, Charlie & Laura Welch, Rick & Cindy Bottie, Dave Grever, and Charlie & Barb Illiff. A special thanks to Mike Rose CD of CH N for procuring the room at the Village Inn. We had a total of 42 members from Chapter I and 25 from Ch N & C for a total of 67 members gathering to celebrate New Years Day!! I hope I haven't missed anyone from either of the three chapters...If I did, your name wasn't on the sign up sheet.

Everyone really enjoyed visiting together with friends and making new ones. The waitresses had their hands full taking eve-



ryone's orders and getting them all to the right folks, they did a great job. After a short meeting we all moved to the parking lot where some members went south, some went west, some went north, and a few went straight home.

We ended up going 20 miles south to Old Colorado City, towards Bishops Castle. There were 12 wings in our group and we were doing quite well fighting the wind and enjoying the ride until just past Bishops Castle, where we started to encounter lots of shadows on the curves and then shortly thereafter we ran into curves covered with ICE!!!

ride on.....we then came upon a curve which was covered with a sheet of solid ice.....We stopped just as our front tire entered the ice.....we pondered this for a moment and decided that the smart thing for us to do, would be to make one our famous U turns and get the heck out of there and not return there till spring. We all got turned around and went back on the same route, very carefully and got back on I-25 and high tailed it home, having learned a valuable lesson.....ICE and motorcycles do not play well together. Donna & I want to thank everyone for making the New Years Day ride a great success with such a large turnout.



We were just through the first curve, clutch in, throttle off, coasting through on ice when we heard on the CB "got one down" OOOHHH NO! Yep, we had one wing go down on that curve. Their name has been purposely left out to protect the one with wounded pride. Luckily, neither one was hurt, the wing nor the rider. We continued on for a short distance going through a couple more curves, yes they also had lots of ice but had at least one wheel track we could

### **LADIES !!**

We are also planning a Ladies Craft Day for February 12. We will meet at Kathy Wren's around 9:00 am. Bring a craft or hobby and enjoy the time together. Questions?

Call Monica 719-481-9044 or Linda 719-495-5741.



## The Curry Chornicles

We started off our first day as the new Chapter I Directors by trailering our bike down our hill so we could off load it and go on the New Year's Day ride led by Rich Noah! I think we had about 44 members of Chapter I present. Another 20 or so members of Chapter N joined us at the Village Inn on the North end of Pueblo for breakfast and a short meeting. Chris Erskine was on his shiny new black cherry 1800, but we missed Sandie Erskine, who was probably home polishing her new Silver Wing. It is good to have them riding with us again. We again congratulated our 2005 Couple of the Year, Tom & Monica Harder, and our 2005 Individual of the Year, Jeannie Bondurant. After the meeting Rich led 10-11 bikes up into the mountains for a very interesting ride! Thanks to the Noahs who have led this event since most of us can remember.

Lots of things have been happening since then. The Wrens, Damschens, Bondurants, Shelleys, and Monica accompanied us to the Colorado District Officer's meeting in Arvada on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January (Wards were also there as the Colorado Assistant District Directors). We turned in all the chapter paperwork required by GWRRA, welcomed in all the new Couples and Individuals of the Year, and listened to several briefings from the district staff.

Our Region Director, Rick Dyer, stepped down from his position prior to the meeting due to business and family health issues. Because of that there was some speculation at that meeting about the May combined

Colorado / Region F Rally, but I received final word today (the 12<sup>th</sup>) that the rally is definitely going to be held in Montrose in May. The district staff will be working hard to organize the rally within the next four months and they will be asking help from each of the chapters. If you would like to be the contact person representing Chapter I for rally planning, please let us know. We definitely need someone other than the Chapter Officers responsible for this. The Chapter ACDs will be very busy trying to implement a few other things for the chapter and the two of us are quite involved right now in getting out the next edition of the Region F Newspaper. Laurie Schlosser is also updating the chapter phone tree. If you'd like to be included in telephonic notifications, give us or Laurie a call or e-mail note.

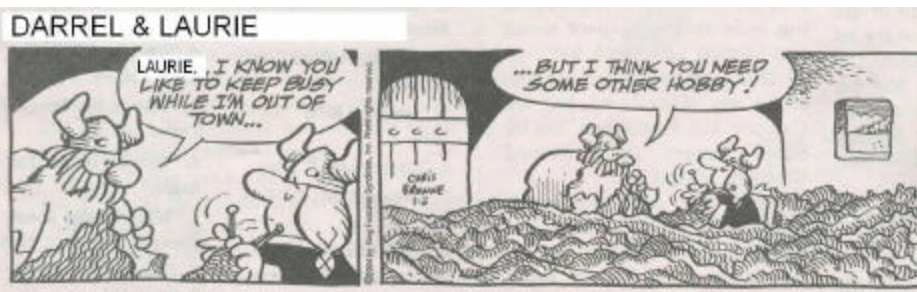
We have a social planned for the Wrens at the Lone Star Steakhouse the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, starting about 6:30 p.m. If you haven't already let us know you're coming, **please do so now** – we have to count tail feathers to make sure we have enough seating. This promises to be an entertaining evening - hope most of you can make it. The Wrens have been leaders in this chapter since we joined about seven years ago and have just completed leading our chapter as

Directors for the past three years. We personally thank them for all the time and effort they have invested in making this one of the best GWRRA chapters in Colorado. Their involvement in supporting our chapter is continuing as they take on the historian and camping special interest group responsibilities. Dave is *so serious* about his new position as the Camping SIG Coordinator, that he is off to Chicago to pick up a new bunkhouse trailer to pull behind his black cherry!

Monica Harder, our chapter Assistant Director, has recently been selected to also perform the duties of the Colorado District Lady Rider Special Interest Group Coordinator. That is quite an honor, and we are very proud of her selection!

Our game night scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> may get moved to another date due to Wingless Weekend being held in Canon City over the same weekend. Look for an e-mail notification on this. The Valentine Dinner is scheduled for February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Olive Branch downtown (23 S Tejon) – call Kathy Wren or Darlene Nyquist to reserve a spot. We hope to see all of you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry  
Chapter Directors



## *Idea for March Ride*

Hi Chapter I - I had a thought for a ride in March and wanted to see if there would be any interest. As I'm sure you are all aware, March means cranes and cranes mean . . . Monte Vista!! Where??? That's right . . . Monte Vista. That's the time when the 20,000+ Sandhill Cranes migrate from the south to north and they will be stopping in the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge to load up on fuel as they have done for over 2000 years. Apparently, it's quite a sight to see. Not only are there the Sandhill cranes to view, but also Whooping Cranes and even some wintering Bald Eagles to enjoy. They are asking for a donation for each person taking the sunrise/sunset crane tours and I can't imagine it to be more than \$5p/p.

I'm thinking it might be fun to journey down to Monte Vista (near Alamosa) on Saturday, March 12th and join in on the Sandhill Sunset Tour at 4 p.m. We would spend the night

there at one of the hotels available that isn't too expensive. The Dos Rios Restaurant is having a special dinner that night for \$12/pp but seating is limited. We could easily find somewhere else to eat if need be. Then we'd get an early start for the Sandhill Sunrise Tour on Sunday at 7 am. After the tour we could grab some breakfast and head on home nice and leisurely.

I've never been to Monte Vista but I understand that the town will be having a craft fair all that weekend as well as wildlife experts, local naturalists and biologists who will be offering some workshops. Must be the Monte Vista social event of the year!!

So if you have questions or interest, please email me. I've never done this before but it sounded interesting and different.

Thanks, Sandie Erskine  
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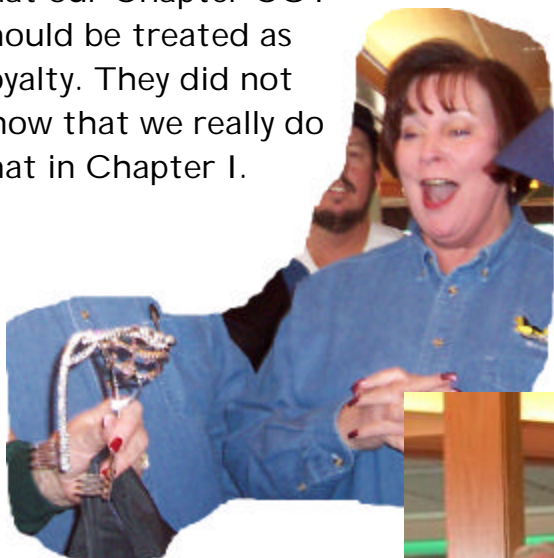
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We were told at the District Officer's meeting that our Chapter COY should be treated as royalty. They did not know that we really do that in Chapter I.



## *Bigger May Not Be Better At All*

There has been a trend over the past few years of ever bigger windscreens showing up on our bikes. You cannot attend a major rally without seeing at least one vendor of these 'super-duper', 'larger-than-life', 'aerodynamic', 'custom-made', 'co-rider-friendly' pieces of plastic.

I like having a good windscreen in front of me. I like cutting most of the wind that buffets me during a long ride. I like having the bugs hit something other than my teeth. I like rain drops splashing on the plastic and then sliding up and over my head.

But I do not like their cost in terms of gasoline mileage or top-end speed. I do not like banging my forehead (excuse me - my helmet) on the windscreen when I mount my motorcycle. I dislike greatly not being able to look OVER my windscreen when things around me get dicey or visibility gets poor.

I dislike reports of melted dashboards from leaving a bike in the sun at exactly the wrong time of day and pointed at the wrong angle relative to the sun.

As to 'aerodynamic', says who? Wind resistance is not just the angle at which you hit the wind. There is as much resistance caused by the vacuum behind your windscreen than from the wind hitting it in the front. The greater the 'apparent' surface area your windscreen has (the height times the width as seen from the front), the greater its resistance is, in one form or the other.

As to 'co-rider-friendly', what about 'rider-friendly' first? Have you ever driven at night and had difficulty seeing thru your windscreen because your dash lights are all being reflected back at you from your new 'super-duper-swept-back' windscreen MIRROR? And should you get

into an accident and find your head forced down by that windscreen that is levered over your head, what part of that new windscreen do you think your co-rider is going to hit first? (Notice how close the edge now is to her eyes?)

Like having that windscreen sweep around your grips? I guess you never did like the convenience of hanging your helmet using its D-ring and the peg that was designed to fit it?

Well, the larger screens look good. They are just right for some people. But do yourself a favor and take a ride behind one of them for a few hundred miles, day and night, before you decide to give up what you know works for one of these 'custom-made' monsters. The old one you already have just might be better than you think.

By James R. Davis



Although Chris bought his new bike at the Denver show, Butch did not. Two days after Christmas and our return from Texas, Butch decided to drive to Loveland just to LOOK. He did more than just look. He borrowed a trailer and brought this beauty home. I work with a guy that rides a Harley. When I showed him this picture he said (of all things), "it just ain't right to trailer a bike." Can you believe that comment? I told him that Butch had to trailer the bike because he did not trust the dogs driving through Denver at rush hour.



### *December's Group Outing*

December, motorcycle show time again. In colder climates this is the break in the riders winter. A reason to get out, see the new bikes and goodies since they can't ride until spring. For us it was just an excuse to get together. Saturday, December 18, could have been another riding day here in Colorado.

We decided to meet at Rosie's Diner in Monument. When Kathy, Mike and I arrived, Butch and Linda were getting out of their car, Bob & Darlene, Darrel & Laurie, and Tom & Monica were there. We had to expand the table two or three times and when it was all said and done we had 21 folks in attendance. Chris Erskine, John & Tischa, Dan & Wilma, Mark & Sue, Eric, Bob & Jan helped fill up the diner.

After a quick trip to Littleton we hopped the light rail to the convention center. Once inside we ran into Rich & Donna, Terry & Dee Dee, Glen and some Denver folks. For about three hours we sat on bikes, watched others try out their favorites, and talked to vendors. And we spent money at the vendors. Some spent even more on a new Gold Wing and Silver Wing.

After we got our fill of ogling all the new bikes, we walked to the Rock Bottom Brewery to have lunch. Then we boarded the rail back to Littleton. Next to motorcycling, that light rail is the way to go. As usual there were a lot of laughs, and more fun with the family.



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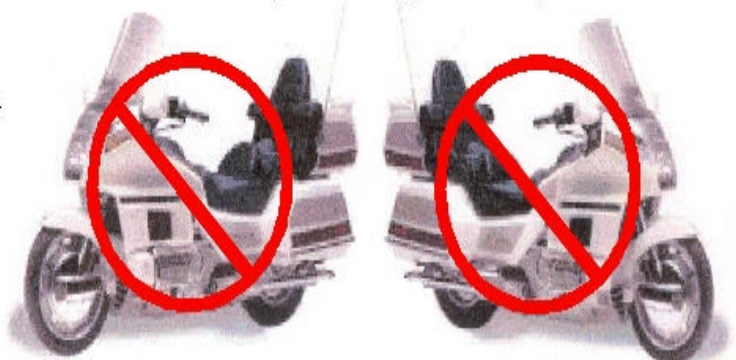
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