



## Springs Wings

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### *New Year's Day Ride*

Well, we made it through another chapter meeting ... and it was very well attended (I counted 54 members present), The Colorado Couple of the Year, Wayne and Dena Davis, graced us with their presence.

Darrel & Laurie distributed the new chapter calendars and brought in another box of chapter short and long-sleeved t-shirts for sale. If you would like either of these items COME TO THE NEXT MEETING! Cruzan/Schlosser are also keeping our phone tree up to date – call us or them if you'd like to be added.

We had a minor confrontation regarding the stature of certain chapter members (if you weren't there, you wouldn't understand), but other than that everyone *mostly* behaved themselves. Linda Shelley spoiled all of us with some delicious home baked goodies, and Tom Harder is the

hero of the event and the new official "keeper of the coffee" for the chapter. Tom is planning a "Mall Show" for the chapter as a method to attract attention to what we do and possibly bring in a few more new members. We've never done a mall show in the 7+ years we've been with the chapter, so it ought to be a fun experience.

New Members and visitors! Roger Pittman, Jerry & Shirley Barnes, Bill Aycock, and Bill Froeschle all attended for the first time. Glen Good (who doesn't yet own a Wing) attended, but I'm pretty sure I've seen him before. Bruce Harris, who I haven't seen in a very long time also showed up. Please take the time to visit with newer members and visitors and help us give them a good reason to come back and ride with us.

The ACDs ganged up to do something a little special for our Birthday boys & girls. Monica is starting to stir up interest (in one of her many positions) as the Colorado Lady Rider Special Interest Group Coordinator. Our Rider Educator, Mark Dam-schen, got us thinking about preparation for the riding season. He has parking lot practices, Experienced Rider courses, and a number of events

planned to help us become safer riders. Next meeting he will be conducting a Co-Rider Seminar immediately after the meeting (Riders – if you haven't attended one of these, it's a good thing for you, too). Although Mark Atwell isn't the Ride Coordinator this year, he's still a **Ride Instigator**, and shamed a few of our members into going on a ride with him after the meeting (his second ride of the morning)!

Every time you have a good photo you think should be part of the chapter history, send or e-mail it to Dave Wren – he's compiling a digital history that's going to win prizes. ... and while I'm talking about Dave, he's working to plan a camping trip for the chapter and a ride to Grand Lakes.

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*Reminder*  
Monday is Valentine's Day

### 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

## *The Curry Chronicles* (cont. from page 1)

Our District is preparing for the May 26-29<sup>th</sup> Region F and combined Colorado Rally in Montrose. For those of you who have never attended a Montrose rally, this is one of the most scenic areas of Colorado and the rally gives you the opportunity to go on some terrific day rides. For the rest of us who have been to several Montrose rallies, this one is going to be different! There are going to be many rider events – some educational, some competitive (I plan to practice, practice, practice, then embarrass myself as usual by participating in the Top Gunn competition – if you don't try, you never get better). We also expect several seminars and some entertainment at the rally.

Please go online ([www.coloradogwrra.com](http://www.coloradogwrra.com)) to download the registration form and to view the list of hotels/motels/campgrounds in the area – **rooms are booking up fast** – reserve yours now. We are looking for a chapter member/couple to be our primary point of contact for this rally – if you have an interest in doing that for the chapter, please give us a call.

In February we have the Valentine Dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> (call Kathy Wren). February 19<sup>th</sup> we have a Rally Planning meeting. We plan on riding or driving down to Canon City for the Chapter C meeting the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> – hope a bunch of

you can go with us – look for an e-mail on this. Dick & Didi are hosting game night on the 26<sup>th</sup> (let's make this one well attended – they're a bunch of fun).

We have a terrific chapter because we have a great bunch of people. Whatever your interest, someone else is going to like doing the same thing. If you have a good idea, bring it up at a chapter meeting and let the rest of us in on the fun.

Hope to see all of you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry  
CO-I CDs

### *Welcome to our family*



Bob and Cindy Crosby own a new red 1800. They recently moved here from Virginia. They missed our last two meeting, but we expect them at our next meeting.

*Ron  
attacked  
these  
couples  
in a  
parking  
lot.*



Roger and Pat Pittman own a beige 1200. Roger was able to attend our meeting Saturday, but Pat had to work. They are officially part of our 'gang', as Pat calls it.

## *Wren Roast @ Lone Star Steak House*

CHECK OUT THESE TWO MUG SHOTS !!!



Chris and Casey presented the Wren's with this new bike (above) and the three birdhouses (below). There is one birdhouse for each year of service.



There were over 45 people who attended the 'Wren Roast.' People recalled the first time they met Dave and Kathy. Others shared stories about traveling with Dave and Kathy. And yet others did the unthinkable—they made up FALSEHOODS. Can you believe anyone would tell an untruth about either of these two people? Well, it happened. Being the good sports that Dave and Kathy are they in turn told their sides to the stories. Their stories were just as false and funny.

If you weren't there you missed Dave telling everyone that he can now be himself. Then he ripped off his shirt to reveal a ——— **Harley T-shirt** ——— !

You thought it was going to be something naughty, didn't you?

Dave and Kathy—Enjoy your retirement from Chapter Directors. We all appreciate the work you have done.

**Linda Shelley**



## *Those Biker People at the Lone Star*



## 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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or 265-5962

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## January's Game Night

Those of you who did not make it to Game Night really missed the 3-F's (fun, food, and fellowship). We starting arriving at the Curry house around 6:30 Friday night. I guess you could call us '*the Dirty Dozen*,' which included Ron and Marsha, Dick and Didi, Mark and Sue, Tom and Monica, Bill Aycock, Sandy Swing, Butch, and myself.

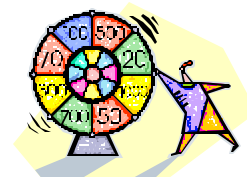


It's a good thing you got here when you did, I was starving.



The game for the night was Pictionary. Of course, none of us have ever played enough (if ever) to know the rules, so we read them as we went along (or either made them up as we went along).

Did you know that most everyone at the party went to the same class to learn how to draw stick people? Luckily, some of us were able to interpret the rough sketches or either we had a special telepathic connection with our teammates.



The women got **26** correct answers compared to the men who got **only** 16 correct.

Sandy and I discovered some additional rules about the time the game was over. We wanted to play again, but the men did not want to go through the agony of defeat again. The men thought they won just because they got to the finish box on the board before the ladies, but the rules DID say "if you don't guess the correct answer you do not advance." Both teams were advancing each turn whether they had guessed correctly or not. The women DID win since we had the most correct answers.



Maybe we should play something easier for the guys next game night so they can win.

**NO WAY**—the ladies will not allow that to happen. We are GOOD.

Game night is a wonderful way to get to know other members of the chapter and share laughs.

Our next game night and pot luck will be February 26 at Dick and Didi Reislers. Be there at 6:00 for the food—fun and games afterwards.

Ladies be prepared to win again.



Don't look—Ron has his camera out again !





The rules say ...

These guys don't recognize A.J. Foyt in his race car at the Indy 500?

Come on guys, it can't be THAT hard to figure out. It's just a stick figure in a box.

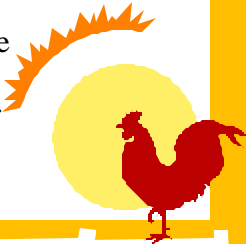


### MICROWAVE QUICHE

- 1 Cup Diced Ham
- 4 Eggs
- 1 Cup Swiss Cheese
- ½ t. Salt
- ½ Cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese
- 1/8 t. Pepper
- 1 ¾ Cup Milk
- Paprika
- ½ Cup Bisquick

Mix all ingredients together in 9" pie plate

Microwave full power 12 to 14 minutes.







**COY**



Tom and Monica Harder

**IOY**



Jeannie Bondurant



In my nearly 40 years of riding I can honestly say that only a handful of negative experiences have occurred while I have ridden in groups. Very soon after the first instance of unsafe practices around me which seems to be generally tolerated by the others in the group I announce that I 'must' leave, and do so. This happened most recently about a year ago when my passenger (Elaine) and I joined a ride in Houston hosted by a group we had not ridden with before and found that it was a free-for-all in terms of style and lack of discipline. At the first rest stop we announced that we had to leave (politely) and then left.

Similarly, we have joined a group ride with a local chapter of the GWRRA and left it half-way to the destination after experiencing 90 MPH curves which were apparently 'normal' for them, regardless of the unknown skill levels of everyone in the group. (This is extremely unlike the riding habits of any other GWRRA chapter we have ridden with either before or since.)

Perhaps it's just pride in how we do things in our group rides - or simply that we don't want to 'own' any responsibility for the loss of or injury to anybody that rides with us. And because of this we know that there are plenty of people that would find our style of group riding to be too 'confining' or of insufficient 'excitement' for them. But we are proud of the way we handle group rides and want to share 'our way' with the readers here.

The vast majority of our rides are planned by Elaine (as Road Captain) and I ride drag. (Nobody has ever complained that we fail to husband our

flock.) It seems to us that our 'job' is to do everything possible to make the experience on the roads as safe and pleasant for everybody in the group so long as they are together. When the group splits apart at the end of a ride our responsibilities end, of course, but even then it is not unusual to place a phone call or two when we get to our places to insure that everyone made it to their homes safely - particularly in bad weather or if someone had mechanical problems along the ride (in which case one or both of us might even escort that bike all the way to their home.)

We ride to the level of the least experienced/skilled in the group. We insist on discipline and hand signals being relayed and pit stops about every 75 miles.

We believe that you cannot enjoy tomorrow's ride unless you live through today's. And we believe it is the responsibility of each person in the group to insure that everyone does just that.

Nobody is allowed to leave the group without the drag bike knowing about it and, in the case of relatively inexperienced riders, offering to ride escort for them. Nobody other than the person designated by our road captain is **ALLOWED** to ride 'last' for any reason whatever. Among other things, this insures that we never lose anyone or leave a straggler unintentionally at a rest stop. Most importantly, this insures that the Road Captain has eyes at the rear of the pack and can be kept apprised about how the group is doing (speed-wise, cornering ability, etc.) in order to make adjustments in behalf of the group.

I confess that there have been a couple of the women that have felt that we do not travel as fast

as they would like - and they have left us. Good for all concerned. But never in the middle of a ride!

The Houston chapter of the Lone Star Ladies has been called the 'Cook and Sew' group by some of the other women's riding groups in town who prefer going icehouse to icehouse. We think that is a compliment.

Prior to any ride we host a "rider's meeting" during which we:

- ? **Review where we are going and what route we will be taking**
- ? **Describe how we handle lane changing and what to do if the group splits apart**
- ? **Specify which channel on the CB we will be using and that we ALL WILL USE hand-signals as well**
- ? **Demonstrate and explain each hand-signal we use**
- ? **Determine the riding experience of everyone that is new to the group**
- ? **Assign (to new people only) 'SLOT' positions that they are to ride in until the drag bike is satisfied with their abilities to handle their bikes**
- ? **Invite all the riders to do a 'walk around' their bikes to insure all is in order and then to take a quick look at the bikes on either side of them for the same reason**

As a result, there is no doubt who the Road Captain is and what her expectations are of the group. Authority is established and 'agreed to' by virtue of the participants getting into staggered formation.

Granted, our style of group riding and our practices are not for everyone, but those that join us



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