



Springs Wings

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THE CURRY CHRONICLES

It's starting to feel like motor-cycle season!!! The sun is out, don't have to wait for the snow to melt to ride, can lean the bike in the curves without worrying too much about sand and gravel ... we're starting to get back into being a riding organization again!

The big news over the past month was the **Region F/Colorado District Rally** in Montrose at the last part of May. We had 697 or so in attendance – a terrific turnout! By Bill Agnew's count (the Region Director) we had 36 registered from Chapter I! There were talent shows, vendors, seminars, skills events, CPR and First Aid classes, pie rides, light show, and the Region Couple and Individual of the Year selection. We had a great time riding some of the most beautiful routes in Colorado with a couple of our friends from California and added a couple of lizards to our collection. Getting back together with friends from all over the region is one of the reasons this organization continues to be special to us.

Wayne and Dena Davis from Colorado Chapter A were selected as the 2005-2006 Region F Couple of the Year and Chuck Lee from Arizona is the new Region F Individual of the Year. Congrats to all of them and to Pam McCombs from Colorado Chapter G who turned in a very credible performance in the Individual of the Year selection process.

Oh, by the way – **Linda Shelley's Chapter I newsletter won the best newsletter competition at the rally!** We never had any doubt, but I guess the pressure is on to keep up the quality for next year's competition. Please send Linda any articles you'd like to contribute to

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and give her a hug and pat on the back the next time you see her.

Darrel Cruzan told an interesting story at our chapter meeting about having to replace a leaking rear tire while at the rally. He had some wobbling trailer issues on the way home that he finally discovered were the result of the Montrose Honda dealer installing a Valkyrie tire on his Gold Wing. *Lesson for all of us here.*

Speaking of trailers, mad man Mark has stories to tell about the trailer he's built to haul a second motorcycle behind his Gold Wing. Mark tested out his new invention by riding up to South Dakota,

mounting the second bike with Cindy, and then busting out over 200 miles of dirt and gravel roads. We think this might be a good entry for "Ripley's Believe it or Not."

After the meeting, a few of us rode down to the Gooseberry Patch for lunch, then back to Apex for a 2 p.m. presentation from our District Directors, Terry and Shirley Hawkins, to Doyne Bruner, the owner of Apex Sports, for all the many things he has done to support GWRRA and our District. C2 had a hand in the marvelous crafted wooden framed clock presented to Doyne.

On the Sunday after our meeting Larry Doan, Danny Williams and Mary Karr (new members) and I rode the route we have planned to get to the **Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation's Ride for Kids (RFK)**. Danny and Mary have a son, Spencer, going through treatment right now for a brain tumor. **Spencer wants Chapter I to be his escort during the Ride For Kids** and because of that we are probably going to be up in the front of the pack with Spencer. We talked about this a bit during the meeting, and Danny recently sent me a note confirming the RFK acknowledgment that we're up front with Spencer! We handed out a bunch of RFK registration kits at the meeting. Larry Doan is heading up this ride for the chapter. There are a few chapter members heading up Saturday, the 25th, to attend the Chapter L ice cream social in Golden the night before. That is also a fundraiser for



RFK. If you're doing this, contact Larry or us so we can group up before we enter Heritage Square the next day. We plan to gather at the I-25/Baptist Road King Soopers parking lot at 6:30 or so on the **26th of June (Sunday)** and depart for Heritage Square in Golden promptly at **7:00 a.m.** If you have friends who ride bikes of any brand, invite them along. We plan to ride straight up without potty breaks or gas stops, so show up with a full tank and empty bladder. Apex has another group departing Apex at 7 a.m. and we'd like to stay in front of them. Please complete your registration and have your check or cash ready before we leave – that will expedite registration. The registration at Heritage Square starts at 8 a.m. (it will take us 1- 1/2 hours to get there) and registration closes at 9:45 a.m. Registration is a minimum of \$35 per bike; many of us are going around to friends and businesses to collect a few dollars as contributions. The more you gather in donations, the more goodies you get as rewards (shirts, jackets, caps ...). We didn't do hardly anything last year and managed to collect \$300 in just a couple of

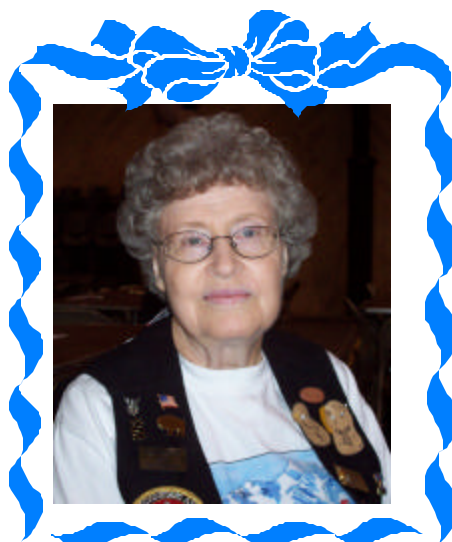
hours – if you don't ask, you won't get the donations. This is a very worthy cause and a terrific way to advertise that we give a care about our community and this serious childhood issue. **Please help us make this a major chapter event by showing up and riding with us.** Last year the ride concluded with a sack lunch and award presentation. We plan on splitting up in groups to come back (some straight back, some taking a more scenic, twisty route back).

Please go to
www.springswings.org

and check out the ride section of Lewis Farmer's Chapter I web site. Get in the habit of checking the ride calendar frequently and posting any ride you happen to be going on. Some of our members can only ride during the week days – this is a great way to get the word out and it is very easy to post your rides there.

Hope to see you soon, and often.

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Pete Beinetti

See picture of similar trailer below



A Rally Rally Good Time

Hats off to Chris and Casey Ward for their hard work and dedication to making the Montrose Rally a success. We hadn't been to a rally in a long, long time and it was a great weekend getaway for us. What a perfect way to meet new people, win a few Mama Bucks and view some glorious countryside that Colorado has to offer. We were especially fortunate to meet and talk with a couple from California (Jim and Cindy) who are members of the Chapter Tom and Monica belonged to. Thanks for the introduction Monica!

I went back and forth in my decision whether to co-ride up on Chris's bike or take the Silver Bullet on my own. On Friday morning the Bullet won and I'm very pleased to say that I really enjoyed the little bike. It had all the power I would want and took to the curves like the big boys. The satellite radio kept me singing the whole time and nobody could hear me – it doesn't get better than that!

I did have one tiny mishap while in the Salida WalMart parking lot. I wasn't paying much

attention to what I was doing and as we were leaving the parking lot, I dropped the bike. Just like that – it fell right over. A WalMart at any time is a busy place, but on a holiday weekend, the place is absolutely packed and boy, was I embarrassed. I called Chris on the CB to come help me and he soon got me fixed up and ready to roll. I was never so grateful to pull out of that parking lot!

I guess that wasn't my only mishap. On our way home from Montrose and heading into Gunnison, I was happily singing away while zipping down the road when Chris came on the CB to inform me that we were being pulled over. YIKES!! Turns out the patrolman that we had passed (and I smiled at) did a quick u-turn in the highway to flag us down for speeding. Yes! The Silver Bullet can go at excessive speeds! Luckily for us, the guy was very nice and just issued a warning. Granted I noticed some serious money passing between Chris and the patrolman and that probably helped. Just kidding!

Casey had told us about taking Highway 114 from Gunnison to Salida and how beautiful a route that was. We decided to do just that on our way home and I have to say, it was one incredible ride. If you've not been on it, it's well worth the extra time. I'm glad we did it when we did, first thing in the morning. We had the road to ourselves for much of the time where we could truly appreciate our fortune of living in Colorado. By the time we reached Buena Vista, the clouds turned dark, the rain came down and oh, how the wind did blow for the rest of the ride home. The Silver Bullet was put to the test on that part of the trip! But the good times and beautiful stretches far outweighed the wind and the rain and we made it home with some great memories. And isn't that what it's all about?

Happy trails, Sandie Swing



Boat trailer

What is that you are sitting on?



I must remember—if it's not yellow I can't have it!

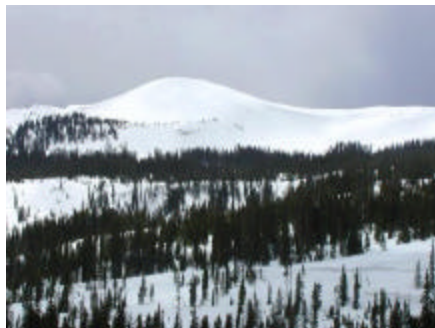


If you can't tell—this is a moose



GWRRA Ride to Page, AZ

May 6-9, 2005



Our next stop was Page, AZ. Lake Powell is the most famous local attraction, but a few of the group managed to see Antelope Canyon, an out-of-the-way slot canyon run by the Navajos. Part of the group headed west for a late afternoon ride to take advantage of the now perfect weather.

How does a bike trip to Deadwood, SD turn into a bike trip to Page, AZ? One word—*weather*. What would we do without weather.com?

Terry and Dee Dee Hillman, Mark and Cindy Atwell, Bob and Jan Strath, Bill and Marie McMinn, and a lone Harley rider, Anna Trujillo, decided NOT to brave the elements in South Dakota and decided instead to head to Arizona. The trip started in the Springs with the first night in Cortez, CO. Even that leg of the trip was not without its excitement. While traversing Wolf Creek Pass with a temperature hovering in the low 40's, rain and snow pellets greeted us.

Cortez, however, rained sunshine on the group as we pulled in around 5 that afternoon. Weather was not supposed to be an issue for the next three days, but the next day we donned our rain gear for about 30 minutes before finally breaking out into the sunshine. Our first rest stop after leaving Cortez was Four Corners for pictures, as Mark managed to get one limb in each state. There has to be a joke there somewhere.



The next day, our destination was Moab, UT. The road took us through Monument Valley on the Arizona-Utah border. We stopped at the visitor center located on a large knoll inside the park for a better vantage point of the vistas. After ice cream, the group headed out for probably the adventure of the trip. Mark wanted to take a road he had not seen before (SR 261) that took us up and over, quite literally, from a dry valley floor up and over a mesa over a three-mile, heavily switchbacked, gravel road. The curves were paved, surprisingly, which made for a relatively easy passage. Once on top of the mesa, we could see 100 miles or more back into northern Arizona, and the terrain in front of us had changed from desert floor to national forest.



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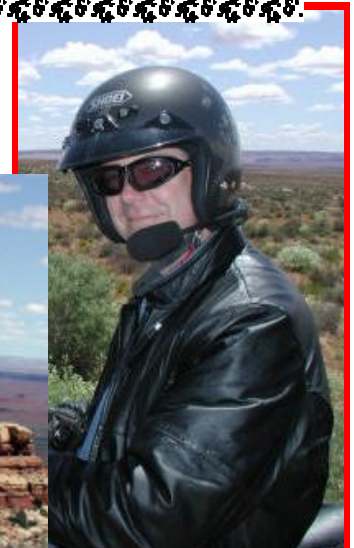
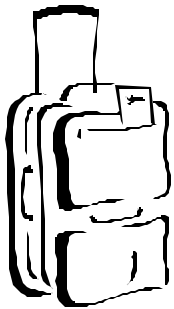


We arrived late into Moab. Most of the group sought the comfort of the hotel pool. But the rest of the festivities were just beginning. Cindy's 40th birthday was celebrated in fine fashion at a local restaurant, and a grand time was had by all.

Our last day was the homeward bound leg through Naturita and past the Blue Mesa Reservoir in Gunnison. By the time we reached the Springs, temperatures were in the 80s—the warmest we'd had the entire trip. And, we were all glad our South Dakota Trip turned into an Arizona trip!



GWRRA Ride to Page, AZ—Photos



Since our originally planned Deadwood/Black Hills trip in early May was changed due to weather Cindy and I decided to go to the Black Hills for Memorial Day weekend. I wanted to bring the Suzuki DR650 dual sport bike with us so we could ride on the many gravel and dirt roads in the area so we carefully loaded it onto the Harbor Freight kit trailer that I built.

We left at 6 AM on Saturday morning and headed up I-25. With about 40 pounds of tongue weight the 550 pounds of trailer and contents actually towed well behind the Goldwing. A couple of bumps and curves through the Denver construction were handled just fine and up through Wyoming we went. At Sundance, WY, we veered northwest to see Devil's Tower. It is impressive. While stopped there we talked to numerous other motorcyclists who were all amazed to see that Suzuki on a trailer behind the Goldwing. Several took pictures. We got in to the Holiday Inn in Spearfish at 5 PM having ridden 560 miles that day. The cool temperatures made for great riding and no heat fatigue.

Sunday morning we left very early on the Suzuki. It was in the 40's and we rode through Spearfish Canyon before hitting some local gravel and dirt roads. We got breakfast right about the time my hands were going numb. After that continued on gravel roads and worked our way south to a nice out of the way lake. Later we stopped at a lookout



Mark's new Harbor Freight trailer that he built in his living room.



Needles Highway

tower in the middle of the woods. The view from the top was great and you could see out over the Black Hills for miles. We emerged onto pavement again and went to see the Crazy Horse Monument. The monument still going slowly but it is impressive and will be absolutely amazing when it is finished someday.

About that time some light drizzle started but it slowed and we then rode through Custer Park's wildlife loop. We saw lots of buffalo and antelope and stopped at the visitors' center. Next we rode the Needles Highway. That is a terrifically curvy and scenic ride on any bike (my FZ1 sure would have been fun!). After some photos we started working our way north to Spearfish. The weather was damp but we had the proper gear so no one got wet. We finally got back to our motel late afternoon after 231 miles on the DR650. Let's just say its Corbin aftermarket seat still has a long way to go to compare to our Goldwing/Barcalounger's seat.

Monday morning we went to Sturgis and had breakfast there. It's a pretty sleepy little town when the rally isn't going on but they still had 2005 Sturgis shirts ready for us to buy even though we were a bit early. Leaving Sturgis and heading





By the lake

back into the Black Hills it seemed the rain was determined to follow us. So, we headed to Deadwood, parked the Wing and spent a few hours seeing the sights and doing a little shopping. We ended up back at the motel by 2 PM and Cindy was ready for the hot tub.

But you know me, I just had to get the DR and go back out, except it wouldn't start. The battery was dead as a doornail, probably from leaving the key turned too far (parking light!) when it was locked the night before. After a few poor tries at jump starting I ended up down the hill from the Holiday Inn and walked back to get the Wing. A bit later the DR was successfully started, the Wing was left in an Applebee's parking lot, and I was left riding a drizzly 30 miles on the DR in the woods on gravel roads south of Spearfish. Later, Cindy said she'd looked out the room's window and saw only the trailer in the parking lot. She said she wasn't sure how I'd ridden off on two motorcycles!

Tuesday morning saw us depart at 6 AM into a light rain and low 40's temps. But as we headed west on I-90 to Gillette, WY, the rain stopped and after breakfast we had a nice ride all the way back down to Colorado Springs. Excepting for the L bracket that held the trailer's lights and license plate needing to



Lake of Needles

be "modified" (it broke) we had a rather uneventful ride home. Denver was a breeze and the worst traffic we saw was within two miles of our Woodmen exit. Go figure.

I did learn a few things on our trip.

1) The Black Hills area is a "must see" for anyone who has not been there before (it had been many years for us) and I could go there and easily spend a week the next time.

2) A Honda Goldwing is capable of pulling a motorcycle on a trailer very competently (even at highway

speeds).

3) Having a bike capable of going comfortably onto gravel and dirt really enables you to see a lot of places most tourists never get to. And because of that,

4) I see this as the first of many more trips to come where both our Goldwing and our Suzuki get to go explore the most beautiful areas in our country!

Mark's Motto:

Never do less than forty miles before breakfast.



Crazy Horse

Ride for Kids—Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation

Golden, Colorado
June 26, 2005

The ride will start at
Heritage Square
18301 W. Colfax Ave.

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and closes at 9:45 am.

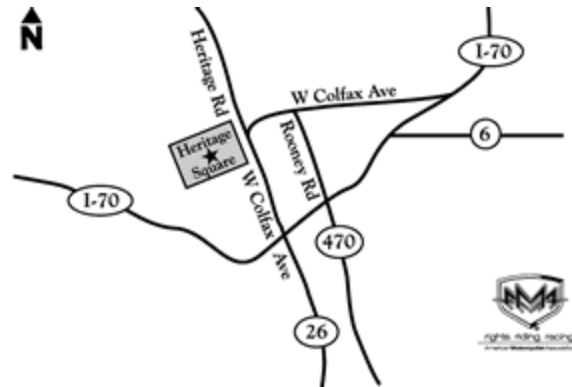
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**Please refer back to Ron's article regarding
our meeting time and place for this special
event.**

**If you can't participate, please find a mem-
ber who is going and make a donation.**



2005 marks the 22nd season for the Ride for Kids® which
benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, whose
mission is to:

- find the cause and the cure of childhood brain tumors through the support of medical research
- provide hope and emotional support for the thousands of children and families affected by this life-threatening disease.

We invite you to get on your motorcycle and ride with us to help these brave kids and their families. We promise you that once you have met the young brain tumor patients and their families, you will understand why many of us have been riding for kids for such a long time!

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**Tom and Monica
Harder**

Recipe of the month

Six Can Chicken Tortilla Soup

- 1 (15 oz) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth
- 1 (10 oz) can chunk chicken
- 1 (15 oz) can black beans
- 1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, drained

Open the cans. Pour everything into a large saucepan or stock pot. Simmer over medium heat until chicken is heated through. Serves 6.



If the person in the next lane at the stoplight rolls up the window and locks the door, support their view of life by snarling at them.

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There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.



See how many you can find.
Let me know if you like this addition to the newsletter.

Way too much fun !!!



Who's that behind those Foster Grants?

Note from the Editor:

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our newsletter this month. And I do mean OUR—if it weren't of your articles and pictures the newsletter would be a lot smaller and not as interesting.

Remember, when you send me items to go in the newsletter please expect a reply back from me acknowledging that I have received your email. If you do not receive a reply, please call me or resend your email.

Linda





California chapter



Gypsy Rose Lee,
I presume?



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