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# Springs Wings



## THE CURRY CHRONICLES

We started the New Year off right with the Noahs leading our traditional **New Year's Day ride** – and the weather was great! A bunch of bikes and a few 4-wheelers took off for the Village Inn in Pueblo, where we met up with Chapter N for breakfast. Then we split up with groups heading several different directions. Some rode a little, some rode a lot – and a bunch of the Chapter N riders followed the Noahs back to the Springs.

We signed up three new members at our January meeting: **Mike Wyman, Larry Rogers**, and **Patricia Hale**. Make a point of meeting these new folks and help us ensure they are included in all our activities.

At that meeting Laurie Schlosser reported that we raised \$380 for one of our members who needed a little help over the Christmas season. It makes us really feel good knowing that the chapter stepped up and gave so freely. We know the **help was appreciated** by the recipient.

We again do not intend to have a major chapter fundraising event this year, but we encourage all of you to think of some smaller events at which we might be able to raise a few dol-

lars for the chapter. For several years now we've been able to operate the chapter on the 50/50s we have within the chapter (and we've received recent revised guidance that it is ok to hold 50/50s as long as it is a closed GWRRA event with no outsiders participating). Every now and then it is good to have a little extra in the treasury to do some additional things. When we renewed with the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, we sent them a small donation – we'd like to send them another donation later this year; several of the other chapters have to rent their meeting place, and it usually costs them about \$50-60 per meeting. When we do something like purchase the chapter shirts, we have to have enough to order and pay for them. Scratch your heads and see if you can come up with **something fun to raise a buck or two**. If we get too much in the treasury, we will just have to have a party and spend some of it!

Marsha is encouraging us to participate in **Ride for Kids—Colorado** again this year, and to get a bit more serious about raising money for this worthy cause. One of our members from Chapter G raised over \$7,000 last

year, just by asking everyone she talked with for a small donation. It would really be great if the chapter could take up a sizeable chunk of change to help out the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. That ride isn't until **June 25<sup>th</sup>**, so we have plenty of time to get organized and start generating donations.

We also attended the **District/Chapter staff meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Elk's Lodge in Canon City. We were welcomed by the new Colorado District Directors, Gary and Jan Gardner. The District again took care of our \$50 annual chapter chartering fee – we turned in the required financial and chapter officer reports, went over the dates for major chapter events, and visited a bunch with our friends from all over the state. At the meeting we got the major fundraiser dates for all the other chapters, and hope to have our chapter event calendars ready by the February meeting. We have already signed up for the Colorado Rally in Cortez in September, and will be signing up for the Region Rally in Elko in May this week. You can find links to all that on the Colorado District web site ([www.coloradogwrra.org](http://www.coloradogwrra.org)).

We'll bring rally registration forms with us to the next meeting, and Linda may have them in this newsletter. We encourage you to register; this is how the District and Region raises their funds. A few of the 13 Chapter I members present even rode their motorcycles (again, another beautiful day). We stopped for a lunch break at the Goosberry Patch on the way back.

Please mark your calendars now for the **Combined Chapter I/Chapter B meeting in Gunnison, Colorado, on the 3d of June.** We're working with Boyce Baker, the Director of our Grand Junction Chapter B, to hold a combined meeting half-way between the two chapters. We both meet on the first Saturday of the month and at the same time. Cruzan/Wren are

also working to make this a camping outing for the chapter – and Chapter C is holding their annual campout over the same weekend. We intend to make it a day and stop by Chapter C for dinner on the way back. For those of you collecting chapter hanger bars, this is an opportunity to snag a couple in one day!

Those of you who are in the **Rider Education** program and are already at Levels II- IV need to **renew** if you haven't already done so. It's pretty simple and doesn't cost anything (a change this year). Just contact our Chapter Educator, Mark Damschen, and he can get you the form (or you can go to [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org), follow the Rider Education link and download the renewal form yourself. Please get these turned in to Mark soon – we all are sup-

posed to complete our renewals in January.

As you ride around this year, take your camera and send your best photos to Linda Shelley, our newsletter editor ([lshelley@animail.net](mailto:lshelley@animail.net)). You don't have to write a book (unless you want to) – give her a short paragraph explaining the photo and you also can become one of the **famous people writing for this newsletter!**

Watch your e-mails – we still have a few activities that might bloom later this month.

We hope to see all of you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry  
CO-I Chapter Directors



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All Wingers like to eat—so here is some food for thought:

- There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.

- Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

- Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

# Should something happen to the rider

By: James R. Davis

The general impression amongst motorcyclists is that a passenger would be totally helpless when it comes to controlling the motorcycle should something happen to the rider. Nonsense!

An accident occurred in Ohio, I believe, some years ago where a deer attempted to jump over a motorcycle from the side and hit the rider, knocking him completely off the bike. The man's wife was a passenger at the time and she managed to take control of the bike and get it off to the side of the road and slowed it down so greatly that it simply fell over (into the grass.)

Well, you argue, since there was no rider in front of her she was able to reach the controls.

In fact, even if the rider was still there having, for example, simply collapsed from a heart attack, the passenger can almost always still gain control of the motorcycle.

Two controls that the passenger usually cannot reach are the gear shift lever and the rear brake, but the two that he/she CAN reach are the clutch lever and the front brake. (And, not incidentally, the engine cutoff switch.) Thus, the passenger can steer the bike as well as control its speed.

Even with a rider backrest, a passenger can stand on his/her pegs and lean over the rider to gain control of the bike. Elaine and I have practiced this maneuver and demonstrated it to several motorcycle groups at rallies and other gatherings.

It does not take a rider (or anyone at all on the bike) to balance a motorcycle moving at any reasonable speed. Because of trail there is an automatic attempt by all motorcycles to get vertical and steer in a straight line. In other words, though

there will likely be some wild gyrations of the bike as it finds its way to a stable posture, there is TIME available to the passenger to get control of that bike.

First order of business is to slow it down. Second order of business is to get it steered to as safe a place as possible before it falls over, because fall over it will.

Before it falls over that engine cutoff switch should be turned off.

The passenger is certainly not helpless. Perhaps it would be a good thing to let him/her know it and even practice (at a dead stop, engine off, on the side stand) assuming control, no?

Following is a picture of Elaine and myself using my GoldWing in a Co-Rider Safety Demo showing her taking control of my bike even though I was still in the rider's saddle and there is a backrest between us. Note that she was not standing nearly as tall as she could have should she have needed to because I was not as far out of the way as I was in the demo.

[Need I add that this is another reason why a person who prefers being a passenger and never intends to ride a bike by themselves should be encouraged to attend the MSF?]

If you are the rider and find yourself in trouble (heart attack or substantial confusion, for example) then YOUR job is to TRUST YOUR passenger and give her control! Please note that if she lays on the rider she tends to keep him on the bike. A good thing if traveling at 70 MPH, no?





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# Classifieds



## New

Chapter I T-shirts  
Short sleeve—\$12.00  
Long Sleeve—\$15.00

Homemade trailer made from  
car top carrier. 8" wheels  
Call Paul & Jeannie at 599-8495

# Members



Larry Rodgers



Mike Wyman

Photo  
Not  
Available

Patricia Hale

Spread the Word !!!

We are hosting the Chapter C January In-house dinner at our house on January 28th at 5:53 p.m. sharp (if you want to be first in line). The menu includes homemade lasagna, salad, dressing, garlic bread, butter, coffee, tea and water, salt and pepper. Table service will be provided. Dessert is at this point undecided. All it costs is \$5.00 per Member, or \$5.01 per non-Member, with no further Member discounts appropriate. This is a fund raiser for Chapter C, so bring your appetite and come on up (we are 223 feet in elevation higher than Canon City). RSVP by 4:12 p.m. January 24th, 2006. No extensions without the express consent of the hosts.

Contact Bill Agnew at [agnewjan@msn.com](mailto:agnewjan@msn.com) if you plan to attend or need directions.

## Game Night Now Game Day

# Whoooooah!

We have a playoff team!!!

Here's the deal. No game night (didn't have any volunteers to host, anyway).

## Denver Broncos

in the playoffs against the *Pittsburg Steelers*

Sunday, January 22d at 1:00 p.m.

We're having a chapter playoff party, *but you don't know which end zone you're going to be in*. Monica Harder (Tom will be off playing with his company somewhere else) and the Currys are hosting.

Call or e-mail and let us know you're coming - we will assign you to an end zone (either the Harder's home or ours). **No fair giving us a bunch of names in one e-mail** - let's mix the chapter up a bit and hang out with some friends you haven't yet made. First e-mail/phone call goes to one end zone, next goes to the other, etc. Bring munchies. Bring beer and soda - tap water and toilet paper provided by hosts. Bring things to wave, horns to honk, hats, big number one fingers, etc. Broncos shirts, pants, and hats will be most welcome.

Show up about noon-12:30 at the end zone you are assigned. Root for your favorite team (**is there a question on that?**) and at the half time, just like the game, head for the other end zone - leave your food behind for the other half of the team to enjoy and take your chances at what is left behind on the other side.

Might even figure out how to get those who want together afterward for dinner.

*almost a Colorado Native*

Ron & Marsha  
CO-I Directors  
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## Letters to the Editor

To whom it may concern,

After reading Chris' response to some comments about his November letter, I find myself wondering why? The Ward's have given their heart and sole to the Chapter, the State and to GWRRA in general. There was absolutely nothing in his letter that was not genuine and honest. As a person who has walked a little in their shoes I find it terrible that a few of the "officers" got upset at what he wrote. And to say "Officer didn't want to talk to us anymore", is not the position ANY GWRRA Officer should take. As an officer you are to basically be professional and try to be the highest quality. Making a statement like that degrades all of us. Sometimes honesty is just not comfortable. I have watched and continue to see everything Chris mentioned. People do get burned out with all of the politics and personal time that involvement requires. We have forgotten that we are supposed to have FUN in GWRRA and the various chapters. This has not been the case for awhile now. It is not a dig against any past, present or future leader. It's just my opinion.

Chris & Casey, I have considered you my friends for many years now. I value your opinions and friendship. I will ride with you anytime!

John Csencsits – former Chapter Director



Check out  
this grin

Meet Dessie Douglass (my 94 year old grandmother). This was a lot of firsts for her— her first trip to Colorado, her first time to be on a motorcycle, and her first time to play the slots (my parents took her to Cripple Creek). She doesn't drive, but loves to travel. If you ask her if she would like to take a trip with you, she will have her bags packed almost before you can finish the question. I hope to be as healthy as Grandma when I'm her age.

Linda Shelley



### Sandie Erskine's Rum Cake

Note: I always make this cake about 1 or 2 days ahead of time. It allows the flavors to really set. This cake has a **STRONG** rum taste and is very good served with whipped cream to soften the rum flavor.

#### For the cake:

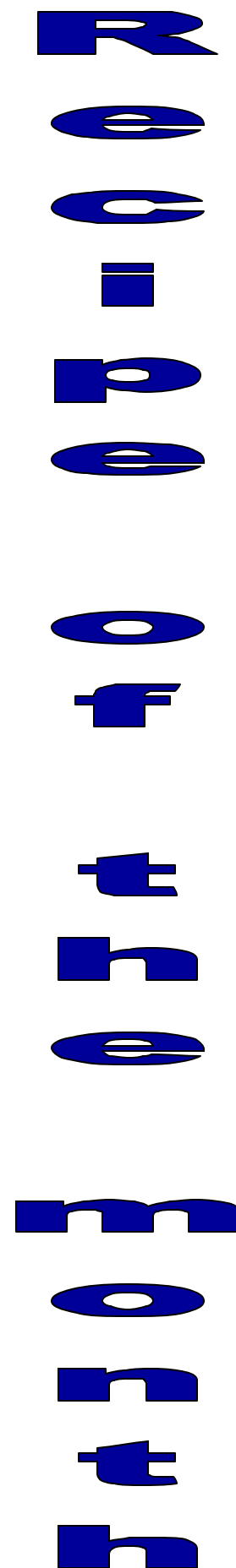
1 cup chopped pecans  
 1 box yellow cake mix (sometimes I use French Vanilla)  
 1 package of Jello instant vanilla pudding  
 4 eggs  
 1/2 cup vegetable oil  
 1 cup cold water/Bacardi dark rum mixture. This can be 1/2 water and 1/2 rum. I usually do 1/4 cold water and 3/4 cup of the rum. It's really to your preference.

Preheat oven to 325 Grease and flour a 10" tube pan. Sprinkle pecans over bottom of pan. Mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over the pecans in pan. Bake 1 hour. Set cake on rack to cool. When cooled, invert on to serving plate. Prick top of cake with long skewer and drizzle glaze over evenly.

#### For the glaze:

1/4 pound of butter  
 1/4 cup of water  
 1 cup of sugar  
 1/2 cup (or a tad more!) of Bacardi dark rum

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil for 5 minutes - stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in Bacardi dark rum. Drizzle over the cake.



*From all borders,*

*Wing your way to the Four Corners for the...*



Colorado District Rally  
In  
**Cortez, Colorado**  
September 2006



## Early Bird Registration Sale!

These prices good only thru February, must be postmarked by February 28, 2006  
(this form nor prices available after this date!)

Registration per GWRRA member	\$ 15.00 (nonmember \$20.00)
50/50 tickets –strips of 15 for	\$ 5.00
T-Shirts (long sleeved) S-M-L-XL	\$ 16.00
2XL	\$ 18.00
Specify: 3XL or 4XL	\$ 20.00
Polo shirts (short sleeved)	\$5 more all sizes*!

Rider: _____	Age _____	GWRRA # _____
Co-Rider: _____	Age _____	GWRRA # _____
Other: _____	Age _____	GWRRA # _____
Address: _____		
City: _____		
State: _____	Phone: _____	Estimated direct miles from home to rally: _____ mi.
ZIP: _____	Email: _____	

Make checks payable to:  
**Colorado GWRRA**  
Mail form & payment to:  
Gary & Jan Gardner  
PO Box 238  
Dolores, CO 81323  
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How many registrations do you need? \_\_\_\_\_

How many 50/50 tickets do you want? (1=15 tickets) \_\_\_\_\_

How many shirts do you want? \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt	Polo	Small
		Medium
		Large
		X Large
		2X Large
		3X or 4X Large

Circle type of shirt desired  
(circle the correct one)

Qty	Total
x \$ 15 =	\$
x \$ 5 =	\$
x \$ 16 =	\$
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x \$ 18 =	\$
x \$ 20 =	\$

**Grand Total: \$**

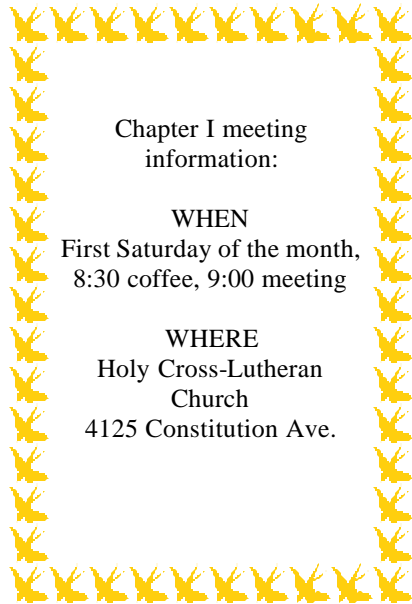
\* ADD \$5 per shirt for Polo shirt

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\*\*\*Exact location, lodging, schedule of activities and other information will be available at a later date. Colorado District Rally 2006





Chapter I meeting  
information:

**WHEN**

First Saturday of the month,  
8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

**WHERE**

Holy Cross-Lutheran  
Church  
4125 Constitution Ave.

## **Upcoming Rallies**

***Region F / Nevada - May 25-27 - Elko, NV***

**Utah - June 9-11 - Cedar City, UT**

**WING DING - July 3-6 - Nashville, TN**

**California - September 1-4 - Santa Clara, CA**

**Colorado - September 7-9 - Cortez, CO**

**New Mexico - Sept. 29–Oct. 1 - Alamogorda, NM**

***Region I Rally - August 2006 - Powell, Wyoming***

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