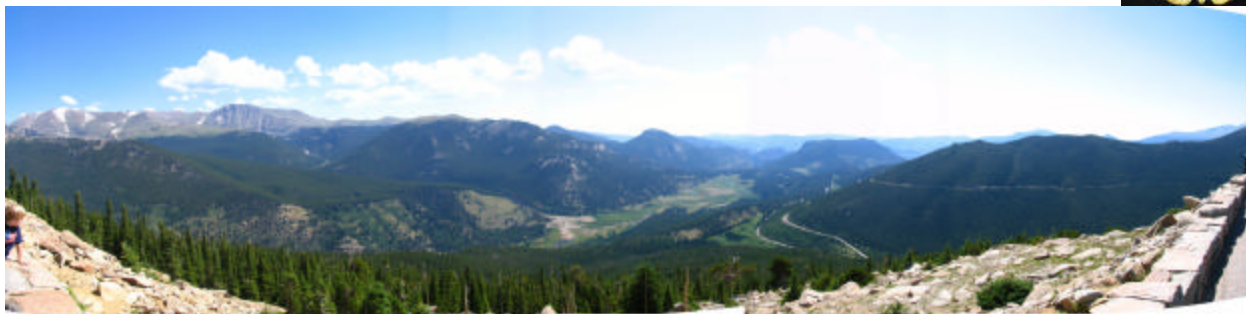


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# Springs Wings



## THE CURRY CHRONICLES

We had a terrific March meeting!!

Marsha was in Houston, visiting her sisters, so I called Tom & Monica and asked them if they'd run the meeting. They agreed, and I had the opportunity to visit, drink lots of coffee, and eat a bunch of the goodies. *I think I like this!*

Laurie Schlosser (*our chapter crochet-a-holic*) brought all kinds of things she'd made to sell to help put a little money in the chapter coffers. Can't tell you how much we appreciate Laurie and those like her who do things like this to help the chapter out any way they can.

For you newer chapter members, there are no dues at the chapter level. The only dues you are required to pay to belong to our chapter are those required to keep up your national GWRRA membership. We exist on fundraisers, 50-50 drawings, and the like. This chapter has evolved over the past several years from having major fundraisers to learning that we do ok with the 50-50 drawings and things like Laurie is doing to have just enough money to do the things we feel necessary. Chapter I is currently on more of a pay-as-you go phi-

losophy. If we want to have a fancy, expensive event, that's ok – those who want to come pay to come. Most of the things we do are simply a reason to get together to see our friends, and it usually doesn't cost a bunch to do that.

There seems to be a transition going on within this District (State of Colorado). All the chapters used to have major fundraisers, and there was an implied obligation to travel to those chapters for those events because they would do the same for us. We still think it is fun and worth the trip to get to as many chapter fundraisers as we can – most of those things are entertaining and a great reason to get back together with the friends we've made over the years. But we feel that it is our responsibility within our own chapter to raise the funds we need to do the things that are important to our chapter members – we shouldn't count on our friends from the rest of the District to support those goals. We don't have a fundraiser on our calendar this year on purpose. We'll do quite well with people like Laurie doing things like she does – we welcome any spontaneous fund raising ideas the rest

of you might want to come up with.

Having said that, we really want to get out to the other chapters, have a bunch of fun with them and enjoy their companionship and share in the emotional bond of being Gold Wing Riders and Co-Riders. In my opinion, the best fundraiser in Colorado is Chapter J's Hummer of a Summer – pretty simple event, **but you have to ride to get there!** That's the whole idea behind our combined Chapter I and Chapter B meeting in Gunnison in June. It isn't a fundraiser – just a reason to **RIDE** a bit to get together with our friends from the other side of the ridge.

Enough philosophizing.

Tom did a fantastic job running the Chapter meeting. Very efficient, didn't insult too many people, and was done in record time without boring anyone. ... and there was coffee left over after the meeting!

We had a fun time at Sandy Swing's for the February game night. Our next game night is March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Harder's – watch for an e-mail.

The phone tree will be updated fairly soon – we'll get it out and ask for corrections and



This person came out of this mishap just fine, thanks to his full-face helmet. No facial reconstruction was needed. In fact he was wearing full protective gear and was able to ride home! What would've happened had he been wearing a three-quarter helmet or, worse yet, a "shorty?" Be smart in the selection and use of Personal Protective Equipment.



## Chapter I

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Wife won't ride with him and, like most of you, he doesn't want to ride alone.

## 'Skill' is often no more than CONFIDENCE

Some time ago I was riding with a group down a back-country road when our group leader decided that we needed to perform our 'mandatory' U-turn. The road had two lanes (one in each direction) and there was no oncoming traffic.

With only one exception everybody made a 'three-point' maneuver. That is, we turned across the road and stopped when we could not keep going without running off the pavement, then backed up after turning the front wheel, stopped and turned the front wheel again and proceeded to complete the maneuver.

There was, as I said, one exception. This rider was on a relatively new Gold Wing and he was carrying a passenger. Further, he is a BIG man - well over 6' tall and well over 300 pounds.

This man simply aggressively leaned his bike over and drove his bike through the entire 180 degree turn without needing to stop or running out of pavement.

The chatter on the CB was filled with compliments relative to his profound skill with his bike. Those compliments started again at our next rest stop. They were well deserved compliments. But they were misdirected.

That is, what should have been complimented, in my opinion, was the rider's CONFIDENCE rather than his skill.

Don't get me wrong - the man demonstrated lot's of skill. He had demonstrated a mastery of his clutch, his throttle, and his HEAD!

With even modest skill almost anyone can lean a bike far enough in a slow-speed turn to drag a peg - but very few of us want to or would even try to get close to that big a lean because we do not KNOW that we can do it successfully. Why? Because we lack confidence in either our machine or ourselves. So, we compromise and do what we KNOW we can do - we make a three-point U-turn on a narrow road.

And how is it that this BIG man developed the confidence to make that slow-speed hard lean needed to complete his smooth U-turn? He had lot's of experience. Experience gained from lot's of practice.

Whether you call it skill or confidence, this man handles his bike very well indeed. He deserves recognition and regard, and he certainly gets both from me. Further, his U-turn maneuver took substantially less time than mine did. In other words, he was at risk for far less time than I was. THAT aspect of the value of experience never occurred to me before - confidence can reduce time at risk.

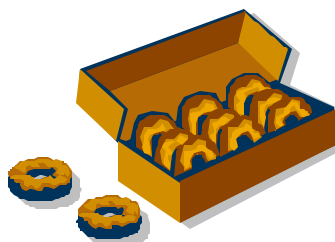
So, schedule some time on a regular basis and go out and practice, practice, practice. Earn the respect and regard of your friends by increasing your confidence/skills. Potentially reduce your at-risk time while on the road.

Practice increases confidence. Confidence shows as 'skill.' Over-confidence, however, can kill. The difference between the two, of course, is that being confident means you *know* you can do something, being over-confident means you *think* you can.

Making a U-turn like my friend did may not be the most important thing you will ever have to do, but failing to negotiate a curve at high speed because you lack confidence enough to lean the bike just a bit more is simply unacceptable motorcycling.

## PRACTICE, PRACTICE PRACTICE

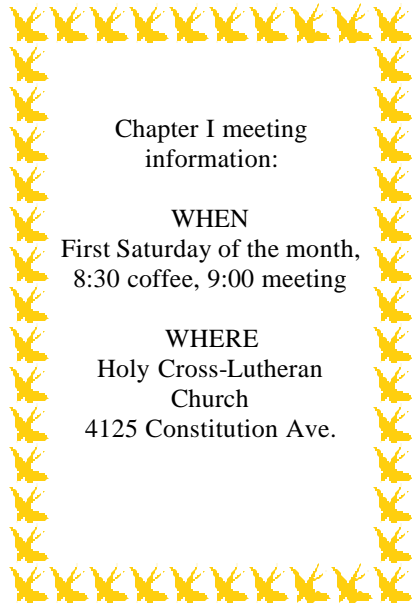
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### *Breakfast Goodies*

Deedee and Terry  
and  
Dave and Kathy





Chapter I meeting  
information:

**WHEN**

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

**WHERE**

Holy Cross-Lutheran  
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**Utah - June 9-11 - Cedar City, UT**

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