



# Springs Wings

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## THE CURRY CHRONICLES

### *I miss John Denver and his music.*

As usual, Linda is after me to get this article finished as I get ready to leave tomorrow for my annual pursuit of elk at altitudes and distances I don't care to think about at my advanced age. But as always, I'm looking forward to *"Sunshine on my Shoulders"* and I really get off on this escape into the *"Rocky Mountain High"* each year ... if you haven't experienced it first hand, you wouldn't understand. As I sit down at the computer to try to crank out something that is, hopefully, worth reading John Denver again comes to mind. I have his tunes on as I'm writing this. Might have something to do with the Shelley's hippie outfits at the Halloween party and my formative years. A couple of days ago while a few of us were reminiscing about Dan, Kathy Wren made a comment about doing what we really want to do while we still have the ability to do so.

John Denver had his share of troubles in this life, but his songs and words come back to me often. The words immediately on my mind right after

Kathy made her observation were those from *"Poems, Prayers, and Promises."* John has some magic lines in this one that really stuck with me. *"I've been lately thinking about my lifetime ... spent a night or two all on my own ... had myself some friends ... it's been a good life all in all ... talk of things we believe in ... all the memories we share ... days pass so quickly now ... it turns me on to think of growing old ... there's still so much to do ... lie there by the fire and watch the evening tire ... talk of poems and prayers and promises and things that we believe in – how sweet it is to love someone, how right it is to care."*

We have a really great chapter – a lot of the philosophy in this John Denver tune is alive and working in this group of very special group of friends we've all gathered around us here in the Colorado Springs area. Marsha and I have been in the chapter about 9 years now and have seen a lot of different leadership styles and many activities that either worked really well or just were a good attempt not worth repeating – but through all the different personalities and varied venues, this *caring* thing is always there. It

shows up in the middle of a long ride, when we get ready to saddle up in the morning, when we have someone new who needs a little coaching or assistance. It really shines when someone needs a little help. Those of us who stick around this group pretty much believe in the same things, and friends are important to us. *"Friends"* is the first word in the GWRRA motto – whatever else you think about the GWRRA organization, they got that part right. *(John Denver ... "Friends with you")*

So – with that philosophical prelude, what has this chapter been up to?

- We had about 60 people at our November meeting – old members, new members, and visitors.
- Morasky, Childs, and Curry took a one up Abate Experienced Rider course. Nobody dropped their bike and we all came out of it a little bit better than we were going in.
- Ray and Nancy Daniels hosted our annual Halloween party at their home up north. I hope Dave Wren sends in a bunch of photos so you can see how silly we got and how much fun we had. Thanks a bunch to Ray and Nancy for opening up their home to us.
- Mark Damschen, our own

Chapter I bud, but now State-Wide recognized District Rider Educator, hosted a CPR/First Aid course for a full house. We are very lucky to have someone like Mark who has taken the time to get certified to provide this valuable training to the rest of us.

- The Harders (Chapter I Assistant Directors) announced they were hosting the 2007 event and ride planning meeting at their home the 11<sup>th</sup> of November – a pot luck was also in the plans.
- We talked about participating in the Chapter E Thanksgiving Dinner Friday the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Didi gave us an update on the Chapter Christmas party the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at Giuseppe's (call Didi if you need more information – she needs your \$\$\$ now to lock in the reservations).
- Hotel/motel reservations for

Wing Ding in Billings, Montana, are starting to get scarce. Members were encouraged to go to [www.gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org), click on the link to Wing Ding 2007, and make their reservations now. Billings is one of the best Wing Dings we've attended and we hope to see a lot of you there over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July next year. A few of us are taking a break at the Bighorn River on the way up (*John Denver ... "Wild Montana Skies"*).

I'd like to conclude this monthly missive with special thanks to Dave Wren. Dave continues to provide us a monthly digital video update that is well worth watching. If you see that television in the corner of our meeting room circulating photos of members, events, and embarrassing and amusing moments from our chapter, that's Dave's creative work and it's truly a

history of the chapter in progress. Dave is one more of the very special people who make this chapter just a little bit different and just a little bit better.

So, while I'm up there at about 10,500-11,000 feet, waiting in the quiet solitude of the high mountain dark timber for hours and hours for that big elk to walk by, my mind will occasionally drift quietly back to *poems, prayers, and promises – and friends that I believe in*. If I'm daydreaming a bit and miss a shot, it's going to be because of you, my friend.

Hope to see you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry (*John Denver ... "My Sweet Lady"*)  
Chapter I Directors



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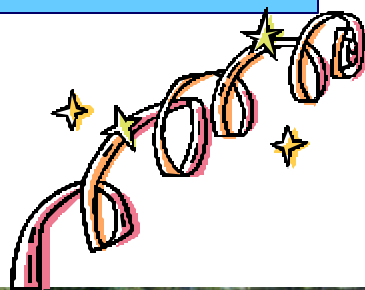
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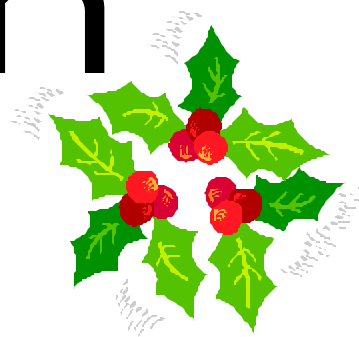
# It's



# Party



# Season





Greetings to everyone!! **CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS FLASH** on more complete details from Dan, Wilma, Dick and Didi.

At the last Chapter I meeting, we have introduced the plans for this year's Christmas party. It was well liked with quite a few signatures from our members. We were lacking a few details and added a couple of suggestions.

Now, we can fill some of the blanks and, at the same time, announce this to the members who were not in attendance.



The charge is \$ 20.00 per person, which includes -

Giuseppe's Express Buffet (with plenty of time to eat) with:  
 2 pastas - Linguini and Fettuccine with Alfredo, Marinara and Meatball sauces  
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 Giuseppe's Rail Bread  
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DRINKS - Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink (Wine or other alcohol is available from a Cash Bar)

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This rate also includes all that is needed to serve the desserts that some of us will sign up to bring.

We'll have the two south baggage rooms, so it should be pretty comfortable.

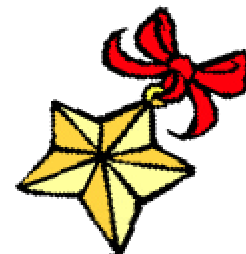
## "SUCH A DEAL"

We'll need to start collecting the \$ from you at the next Chapter Meeting in October. If you are planning to pay with a check, please make check payable to GWRRA - Chapter I with "Christmas Party" on the 'memo' section.

If this is the first time you hear about this event, please send an e-mail back so we can add you to the list.

This is all folks ....Hope you like it !!

*Didi*



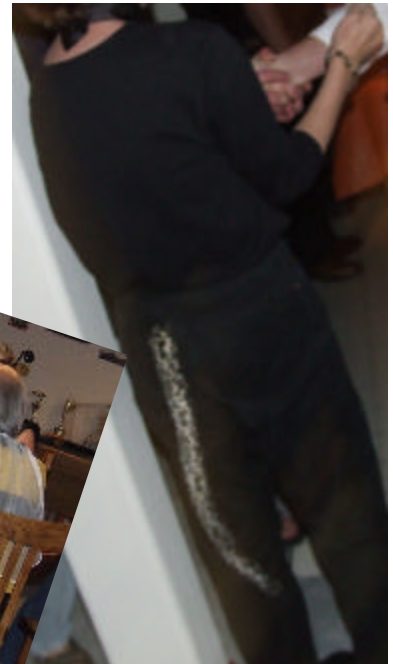
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*December 8, 6:00 PM:* It started to snow. The first snow of the season and the wife and I took our cocktails and sat for hours by the window watching the huge soft flakes drift down from heaven. It looked like a Grandma Moses Print. So romantic we felt like newlyweds again. I love snow.

*December 9:* We woke to a beautiful blanket of crystal white snow covering every inch of the landscape. What a fantastic sight! Can there be a lovelier place in the whole world? Moving here was the best idea I've ever had. Shoveled for the first time in years and felt like a boy again. I did both our driveway and the sidewalks. This afternoon the snowplow came along and covered up the sidewalks and closed in the driveway, so I go to shovel again. What a perfect life.

*December 12:* The sun has melted all our lovely snow. Such a disappointment. My neighbor tells me not to worry; we'll definitely have a white Christmas. No snow on Christmas would be awful! Bob says we'll have so much snow by the end of winter, that I'll never want to see snow again. I don't think that's possible. Bob is such a nice man. I'm glad he's our neighbor.

*December 14:* Snow! Lovely snow! Eight inches last night. The temperature dropped to -20. The cold makes everything sparkle so. The wind took my breath away, but I warmed up by shoveling the driveway and sidewalks. This is the life! The snowplow came back this afternoon and buried everything again. I didn't realize I would have to do quite this much shoveling, but I'll certainly get back in shape this way. I wish I wouldn't huff and puff so.

*December 15:* Twenty inches forecast. Sold my van and bought a 4x4 Blazer. Bought snow tires for the wife's car and two extra shovels. Stocked the freezer. The wife wants a wood stove in case the electricity goes out. I think that's silly. We aren't in Alaska, after all.

*December 16:* Ice storm this morning. Fell on my rear on the ice in the driveway putting down salt. Hurt like the dickens. The wife laughed for an hour, which I think was very cruel.

*December 17:* Still way below freezing. Roads are too icy to go anywhere. Electricity was off for five hours. I had to pile the blankets on to stay warm. Nothing to do but stare at the wife and try not to irritate her. Guess I should've bought a wood stove, but won't admit it to her. Gosh, I hate it when she's right. I can't believe I'm freezing to death in my own living room.

*December 20:* Electricity's back on, but had another fourteen inches of the \*##! stuff last night. More shoveling. Took all day. Stupid snowplow came by twice. Tried to find a neighbor kid to shovel, but they said they're too busy playing hockey. I think they're lying. Called the only hardware store around to see about buying a snow blower and they're out. Might have another shipment in March. I think they're lying. Bob says I have to shovel or the city will have it done and bill me. I think he's lying.

*December 22:* Bob was right about a white Christmas because thirteen more inches of the white stuff fell today, and it's so cold it probably won't melt till August. Took me forty-five minute to get all dressed up to go out to shovel and then I had to go to the bathroom. By the time I got undressed, went to the bathroom and dressed again, I was too tired to shovel. Tried to hire Bob who has a plow on his truck for the rest of the winter; but he says he's too busy. I think he is lying.

*December 23:* Only two iches of snow today. And it warmed up to 0. The wife wanted me to decorate the front of the house this morning. What is she nuts?!! Why didn't she tell me to do that a month ago? She says she did but I think she's lying.

*December 25:* Merry Christmas. Twenty more inches of the slop tonight. Snowed in. The idea of shoveling makes my blood boil. Gosh, I hate snow! Then the snowplow driver came by asking for a donation and I hit him over the head with my shovel. The wife says I have a bad attitude. I think she's an idiot. If I have to watch "It's a Wonderful Life" one more time, I'm going to kill her.

*December 26:* Still snowed in. Why the heck did I ever move here? It was all HER idea. She's really getting on my nerves.

*December 27:* Temperature dropped to -30 and the pipes froze.

*December 28:* Warmed up to above -50. Still snowed in. The wife is driving me crazy!

*December 29:* Ten more inches. Bob says I have to shovel the roof or it could cave in. That's the silliest thing I ever heard. How dumb does he think I am?

*December 30:* Roof caved in. The snowplow driver is suing me for a million dollars. The wife went home to her mother. Nine inches predicted.

*January 8:* I feel so good. I just love those little white pills they keep giving me. Why am I tied to the bed?



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