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## THE CURRY CHRONICLES

As usual, the editor is nip-pin' at me again to get her something in a timely fashion, so here goes.

This is a season of Thanks, Remembrance and Resolution ... We just came back from our 6<sup>th</sup> festive holiday party and have 4 to go ... it's also a season of festive endurance!

I think this final Chapter Director article will focus on **Remembrance**. We have a few days to go before we end our tour of duty as Chapter Directors and there are a few things we will remember for quite a while. I talked about this a bit at the last Chapter meeting, but it's challenging to encapsulate almost the last decade in a few sentences.

We joined this chapter about 9 years ago in hopes of making a few more friends; we've done that. It wasn't a primary reason to join, but we hoped to have a little fun in the process; we've done that, too.

Back when we joined I was getting back to riding after a long absence and hoped to find someone who could guide me a bit in getting my riding skills back up. Some of you may disagree, but I feel that we accomplished that. Although we'd ridden in our early years, we hadn't

developed the skills of riding as a couple ... at this point in my life, the bike doesn't feel right without her on the back, and Marsha's knowledge and involvement has added so much to the safety of each ride. I'm a firm believer that the co-rider is an important factor in finishing the ride with the shiny side up.

In reflection, I remember that when we joined this chapter we were so excited about finding a bunch of people who liked the same things we did! They had the same kind of bikes, they had many of the same life experiences we did, and they were so willing to share their knowledge and help us with the things we didn't know about. I can't tell you how much we appreciate all of you who helped us and shared your knowledge with us when we needed that guidance. You showed us places and things we'd never seen before!

I don't know where the years have gone, but now we're the old guys who've been there and done that. It actually amazes me that people sometimes ask *us* for advice. We take personal credit for the Meeker Sheep Dog Trials (first time we did that, the Wrens were the only other couple who came along ... in the rain), the Have a Friend for

Lunch rides, and the totally screwed up Mike the Headless Chicken Ride ... just gotta try something new and different every now and then or it gets boring! We've had an absolutely terrific bunch of members supporting us on the chapter staff ... mega thanks.

We've held just about every position in the chapter and it's now time for us to get out of the way and make room for the next Chapter Directors. We're also at that challenging part of our life where we lose a friend or two each year; that is a difficult part of this marvelous time on earth that each of us are privileged to live. We keep that thought in our rear view mirror as we continue our absolutely fantastic ride!

And we will continue to ride for a while; you aren't quite done with us yet. We intend to do some distance next year – if you can keep up, you're welcome to come along.

Hope to see you soon, and often.

Ron & Marsha Curry  
Chapter I Directors

Interesting facts about motorcycles from MSF (edited)

- 1885—First motorcycle
- 1903—Harley-Davidson Motor Company founded
- 1912—First white lines on roads
- 1914—First stop signal
- 1928—First front-wheel brakes on Harley-Davidson motorcycles met with skepticism
- 1939—First flashing turn signals
- 1940—First sealed-beam headlights
- 1945—198,000 motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- 1949—Harley-Davidson fits hydraulic front suspension
- 1949—Honda builds its first motorcycle**
- 1952—First hydraulic brakes on motorcycles
- 1953—Patent for protective helmet for energy-absorbing liner separate from the comfort padding
- 1953—Movie *The Wild One* released
- 1955—450,000 motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- 1957—Snell Memorial Foundation established to create helmet performance standards
- 1958—California Highway Patrol motorcycle officers begin using helmets
- 1958—Harley-Davidson introduces rear suspension
- 1958—Over 500,000 motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- 1959—First Japanese motorcycle manufacturer (Yamaha), enters U.S. market**
- 1962—646,000 motorcycles registered in U.S.
- 1962—"You meet the nicest people on a Honda" campaign launched
- 1965—1.4 million motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- 1966—First ANSI Z90.1 performance standard for motorcycle helmets
- 1967—Bell Helmets introduces the first full facial-coverage helmet
- 1969—660,000 motorcycles sold in the U.S.
- 1970—Movie *Easy Rider* released
- 1970—2.8 million motorcycles registered and 1.1 million sold in the U.S.
- 1972—FMVSS 123 standardizes motorcycle controls
- 1973—MSF created
- 1974—55-mph speed limit established nationwide
- 1975—5 million motorcycles registered in the U.S.
- 1975—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-3,265; passenger car occupants-37,897
- 1976—Harry Hurt begins study of motorcycle crashes at USC with NHTSA funding
- 1977—NHTSA funds rear-wheel-steering motorcycle project
- 1978—Stock motorcycles run quarter-mile in less than 12 seconds
- 1980—U.S. traffic fatalities peak: motorcycle occupants-5,144; passenger car occupants-27,449
- 1981—*Motorcycle Accident Cause Factors and Identification of Countermeasures*, (referred to as the [Hurt Report](#)) released
- 1985—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-4,564; passenger car occupants-23,212
- 1985—5.4 million motorcycles registered and 700,000 sold in the U.S.
- 1990—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-3,244; passenger car occupants-24,092
- 1990—Second International Motorcycle Safety Conference sponsored by MSF
- 1991—First antilock brakes on motorcycles
- 1995—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-2,227; passenger car occupants-22,423
- 1997—USC Head Protection Research Laboratory conducts feasibility study of updating FMVSS 218
- 1997—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-2,116; passenger car occupants-22,199
- 1997—Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development/Road Safety Committee 9 (OECD/RS 9) Technical Experts Group formed to develop common international methodology for in-depth motorcycle crash investigation
- 1997—MSF and NHTSA sponsor development of the *National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety*
- 1999—U.S. traffic fatalities: motorcycle occupants-2,472; passenger car occupants-20,818

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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  
Stone-baked pizza, including meat & vegetarian varieties  
Giuseppe's Rail Bread  
Roast Beef, au jus  
Mashed potatoes & brown gravy  
Garden salad with choice of 2 dressings  
Seasonal fruit platter  
All served with garlic bread

DRINKS - Coffee, Tea or Soft Drink (Wine or other alcohol is available from a Cash Bar)

TAX AND GRATUITY

D.J. AND DANCE FLOOR (mostly funded with chapter \$)

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.

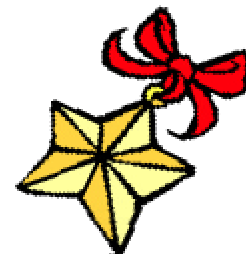
## "SUCH A DEAL"

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*





On January 1, 2007, we will meet at Apex at 9:00 am. Rich Noah will lead our annual New Year's Day ride. This year we will be heading to Beulah for breakfast/lunch. Contact Rich, if you haven't already, to let him know you will be joining the ride.

If the weather turns bad we will still meet same time—same place, but we will carpool with four-wheels to our destination.



# Have a safe and Merry Christmas



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**Chapter I meeting  
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**WHEN**

First Saturday of the month, 8:30  
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**WHERE**

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