



Springs Wings



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Harder Happenings

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who attended Ron & Marsha's Thank You/Appreciation Dinner. Your show of support and appreciation for them was reflected by the large turnout. Thank you!

Game Night at the Reisler's was a quaint evening for nine of us. Dick and Didi entertained us in their home theater with a showing of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour #2. This has become an annual tradition at their game nights. We were all laughing so much that tears were running down our cheeks. Let's hope that Dick and Didi continue to host a game night and that the comedians continue to tour.

Date Night was also a hit with many in attendance. We started off at Culver's enjoying many calories and fat grams. Then off to the movies we ventured. Some had already seen Wild Hogs but they had a variety of other movies to choose from. It was fun to do something different with the Chapter members.

Moving on to May...We will

have our annual Maintenance Day on May 5th. This event is hosted by Darrel and Laurie at their home. It is a great opportunity to learn and/or teach various levels of maintenance. The day begins with a fundraising breakfast served during the monthly chapter meeting. There will be a variety of breakfast foods to choose from and with Laurie at the helm in the kitchen, no one walks away hungry. After the meeting, all of the fun starts. The bikes line up in the driveway and the craft carts start rolling into the living room.

Whether you work on your bike or just sit and watch the day is full of valuable information. Darrel's garage, along with his many gizmos and gadgets, make even an experienced maintenance tech's knees buckle. With all of the knowledge in the Chapter, someone can always assist with a variety of maintenance tasks.

Please plan on attending either as a participant or a member of the peanut gallery. All are welcome and we guarantee you will ride away with a better understanding of your Goldwing.

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

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Ride for Kids (aka Linda's Soapbox)

June 11

Last year the state of Colorado came in next to last in funds it raised to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Other rides and totals are collected and reported by city or town (not state).

*We can do better, we **must** do better.* These are children that need our help.

The ride is fun, but that's not the reason for the Ride for Kids. The reason is to help raise money so these kids can survive.

Set a goal to bring more money to the registration table than just your \$35 registration fee. My personal goal is to bring more money than I did last year.

Talk to co-workers, neighbors, relatives. Get \$2, \$5, \$10 a person. Give up eating out a time or two. Put the money aside that you were going to spend on that gallon of ice cream, new pair of shoes, six pack, or chrome piece for the bike. It all adds up and it's all for the KIDS.

I'm not a 'people person', so and if I can talk to others about this surely all of you can, too.

I still have ride kits if you need one.

TAOS, NEW MEXICO RIDE

Hi everyone! I need to know how many people have made their reservations for the Taos trip next month. If you were at the April meeting and signed the sheet, you don't have to email me this. If you weren't at the meeting and are planning to go, let me know so that I can have an accurate head-count for the dinner on Saturday night.

- Accommodations are at Best Western Kachina Lodge (1-800-KACHINA)
- Block of rooms are held either under Goldwing or my name
- Rate is \$59 per night and that includes a hot breakfast

Plan to leave on Friday, May 11th

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS RIDE

I've reserved three RV campsites and the two remaining cabin cottages at the Steamboat Springs Campground. The three campsites reserved have already been spoken for but I believe that a few more are available if you act quickly. The campground is nearly full already! The RV campsites are \$34 per night and include water and electricity. The cabins **have a bathroom** in them as well as a small kitchenette and a TV. The fee is \$79 per night and they have 2 double beds in them. You must bring your own linens. If you are interested in staying in the cabin, let me know. The campground sounds nice – it has a heated pool, hot tub and access to the hot springs. They are located right on the Yampa River. Bus service is free and will take us from the campground into town on a regular basis.

If you are not into camping, please feel free to 'camp out' in a Steamboat hotel of your choice. We would still ride up together and meet for rides, etc on Saturday afternoon. The Rodeo is Saturday evening and there is a big bar-b-q before hand that would be our dinner. By the way, the rodeo is held right there in town. So you can either walk to it from the nearby hotels or hop on the free bus system.

As the time gets closer, I'll need to get a final count of people going so that I can get the tickets for the rodeo. But for now, could you let me know if you're planning to join us and if you'll be staying in the campground or in town.

Rodeo tickets are \$13 for presale or \$14 on the day of. I'd like to use the presale and have them ahead of time. Seating at the rodeo is general. The gates open at 5:30 and the BBQ starts about then. Cost for the BBQ runs anywhere from \$4.50 for a hot dog to \$14.95 for a big ol' rib dinner. Soft drinks, water, beer and wine will also be available for \$2.50 to \$4.25.

The rodeo goes on Rain or Shine!!

Steamboat Springs Campground: 970-879-0273 888-451-2243
www.steamboatcampground.com

Steamboat Rodeo info:
www.steamboatprorodeo.com

Thanks! Let me hear from you regarding Taos and/or the Steamboat trip.

Sandie Erskine serskine01@comcast.net 265-5962

Chapter I Members;

We cannot adequately express in this short note our appreciation for the dinner in our honor hosted by the chapter in March at the Ultimate Buffet. We appreciate the thought and all the really neat gifts you surprised us with. You are a very special group of people who have become exceptionally good friends over the years we've know you.

The positions we've held within the chapter, district, and region in the past 9 years were opportunities and challenges we enjoyed. We also enjoy just being members once more, and we are very pleased to see others, much better than us, taking up the challenges of trying to herd this bunch of cats we call riders and co-riders. In this terrific bunch of people we've gathered with a common love of riding, someone has always stepped up to lead when there was a requirement to do so. Some lead from the front, some lead from the side, and a very special few lead from the back. Those who preceded us built a solid organization; we simply tried not to screw it up too much during our time at the helm.

The future of this organization is evolving. There actually is a book about rats and a maze titled "Moving the Cheese" – rats did ok until they changed the maze and the food was in a different spot; they got all confused and had a hard time adjusting to the new pattern. Something like that is going on in GWRRA right now. We are in a season of change – and you just might want to have a say in how the cheese should be moved. Go to the Region and National rallies and find the people whose names are in the magazine and let them know what you think. Find their e-mail addresses and write them often with your opinions.

We have, for many years, had a strong chapter here in Colorado Springs – you have to travel to others to understand that. There are some other really good ones, but we're up there at the top. This is *our* chapter, and we – all of us are responsible for its success and continuity.

Don't just sit in the boat; pick up an oar and start rowing. If you decide not to row, you don't have much credibility when criticizing those who do – swimming is always an option.

Enough philosophizing. Love you all and hope to be riding with you soon, and often.

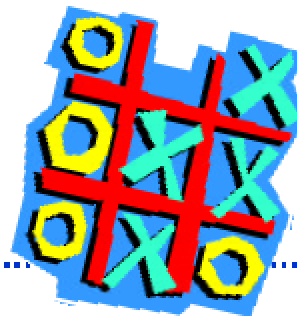
Ron & Marsha
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APRIL GAME NIGHT



Game night is scheduled for April 28 at the home of Ray and Nancy Daniels. Pot luck starts at 6:30 with Battle of the Sexes to follow.

Directions: North on I-25 to exit 161 (Monument exit). Go right (east), approx. 3 miles to Scottswood Dr. (Bent Tree exit) and turn right. Go one block to Pebble Creek Ct. and turn left. Go to the end of the cul-de-sac to number 830.





Friends vs. Biker Friends

FRIENDS:

Never ask for food.

Will say "hello"

Call your parents Mr. and Mrs.

Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

Know a few things about you.

Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

Would knock on your door.

Are for a while.

Will ignore this.

BIKER FRIENDS:

Are the reason you have no food.

Will give you a big hug and a kiss.

Call your parents mom and dad.

Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours give it back.

Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

Will kick the whole crowd's ass that left you.

Walk right in and say "I'm home!"

Are for life.

Will share this with other.

FOR SALE and Wanted

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We want to sell the trailer and bike as a unit, and are asking \$15,000 for the set. There are too many upgrades and accessories to list here and there are lots of items installed on the bike that you cannot see, such as headlight modulator, 4x4 firefly brake-light flasher (both on the bike and on the trailer), Progressive springs (front forks, fork brace, and Progressive magnumatic shocks on the rear), startron trailer wiring harness and lots of other items. Lots of items that are not stock items. Bike has just over 75,000 miles as well as the trailer. Trailer has new tires. Shocks have been rebuilt on trailer, brushes have been changed out on alternator, always garaged, never been involved in an accident, perfect condition, tires are in excellent condition. There is also a brand new 12 disk CD player installed in the trunk.

Call Rich at 633-0345 or email rdnoah@pcisys.net

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Survival secrets from Experienced Riders from Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center

- Don't forget to carry your motorcycle insurance card on your bike or in your wallet
- Be careful on railroad crossings that have the black rubber-style mats, as these can be very slippery, especially when wet
- Headlight angle is greatly affected when carrying a passenger. Have a spot on your garage door or wall, where the headlight normally shines with you sitting and when it's adjusted properly. (If you need to, make a mark of some sort in order to check your headlight aim periodically.) Now you can easily check and adjust your headlight if you carry a passenger.
- When riding with other motorcyclists with whom you haven't ridden with before, leave more distance between the bikes until you understand the differences in riding styles and comfort levels.
- When parking on blacktop, one way to prevent your sidestand from sinking in is to put it on a painted strip. The paint reflects the sun's heat and will be a firmer base for your stand.
- Buy a good quality tire gauge, and get in the habit of checking your tires before each day's riding. Proper tire pressure provides better traction, longer tire life, and better mileage. Plus, you can visually catch tire problems before they get out of hand.
- A rainy day riding is still better than a good day at work!
- Women riders: if you wear an underwire bra, in the event of an accident, the underwire may come out of the fabric and puncture the chest. In addition to piercing injuries, this may also result in a collapsed lung.
- Be cautious using engine braking when in traffic. Because your brake light does not come on when you engine brake, vehicles following you will be unable to determine your intentions. Always use your brakes when slowing down.
- If you don't have a fuel gauge or a low-fuel light, be sure to reset your trip meter every time you get gas and know the distance limits of your bike so you don't find yourself running out of gas.
- Get the best helmet you can afford.
- Tape some dollar coins in a safe place in case of emergency (good old duct tape). The coins are not affected by water so they don't need any special packaging.
- Pretend you're invisible. Assume everyone out on the road is trying to make you crash. That way, any surprises from other road users will be pleasant surprises.
- Wave to little kids. Not only does this increase your conspicuity, little kids think motorcycles are really cool. You'll totally make their day, and maybe improve their parents' image of motorcyclists in the process.
- If you can't see around something like a building or a fence, assume there's a left-turning vehicle there, and respond accordingly. To truly be in control, you have to take responsibility for everyone else's actions as well as your own.
- Go out of your way to avoid rent-a-trucks. (Remember the last time you moved?) You know that whoever's driving that truck is having one of the worst days of his life, and his mind is everywhere but on the road.

 * It's time to get out on the road again. So, get *
 * your cameras and you notepads. I need pic- *
 * tures and articles for the newsletter. Share *
 * places you have been, including restaurants, *
 * scenic roadways, museums, towns, etc. *
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 * Remember—this is **your** newsletter. I count *
 * on all of you to help me make this a winning *
 * newsletter for our chapter. *
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 * Thanks, Linda *

Region "F", Utah District, & GWRRA 30TH Birthday Celebration Rally May 25-27, 2007 Cedar City, Utah

Several people have been working very hard the past few months setting up for what will be a great rally in Cedar City, Utah on May 25-27, 2007.

Here are some of the reasons you will want to be there and join in all the fun:

1) Scenic area rides—Cedar City is literally on the edge of Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks which are some of the most scenic rides in this area. Zion is only a short ride away, too.

2) Meet many of your friends—We are expecting a great turn-out of approximately 1,000 Members for this rally, so most of your friends will be there looking for you. Don't disappoint them.

3) Safety Courses—For those who wish to take the Experienced Rider Course, Trike Course, Trailering Course on the bike or Medic First Aid and CPR Course off the bike, they all will be offered.

4) Thirtieth Anniversary Celebration—The National Office has some special events

planned to celebrate GWRRA's 30th birthday. This will include a special commemorative pin that you can get only by attending this celebration.

5) Delightful weather—The average temperature in Cedar City for Memorial Day weekend is 81 degrees. That is much more comfortable than the average temperature in St. George which is 97 degrees.

6) It won't be a great rally without you !! To make this a great rally you have to be there. You won't experience things that will be in your memory forever. You will never forget the people you meet and the rides through the scenic area that Cedar City offers.

See you there.

Bruce and Virginia Hauser
Utah District Director
2007 Rally Coordinator

Campground Information

COUNTRY AIRE RV PARK

Contact Denise 1-435-586-2550 (mention GWRRA)
(10% Discount for Good Sam members)

All sites full hookup \$32.00 + tax

40 Foot pull through sites (11)

30 Foot pull through sites (13)

28 to 33 Foot back in sites (8)

Small sites, good for pop-up trailers (9)

CEDAR CITY KOA KAMPGROUND

1121 North Main, Cedar City, Utah

435-876-9872 / 1-800-562-9873

WWW.CEDARCITYKAMPGROUNDS.COM

Full hookup sites \$44.00 + tax

Tent sites \$25.00 + tax

1 Bedroom camp cabins \$49.00 + tax

2 Bedroom camp cabins \$65.00 + tax

KOA will offer a 20% discount to those attending the rally. Identify yourself as a Gold Wing rider to receive the discount.

Additional Lodging not listed on the Rally Flyer

Hampton Inn

1145 S. Bentley Rd., 435-586-5000

\$89.00 + tax, 47 rooms + 5 suites

Motel 6

1620 W 200 N, 435-586-9916

\$50.14, 12 rooms

Springhill Suites Marriot

435-586-1685

\$109 + tax, 20 rooms

Amid Summer's B&B Inn

140 S 100 W, 800-325-5411

\$89 + tax, 8 rooms

Anniversary House B&B

13 S 100 W, 800-778-5109

\$89 + tax, 3 rooms

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