Colorado Springs

May 2007

Chapter I



Harder Happenings

The month of May promises to be a busy riding month. You just have to grab it by the handlebars, put on those chaps and go. There are several chapter events planned and the majority of them involve some sort of riding.

After our meeting on the 5th we headed down to Pueblo, accompanied by Bruce and Mel Partner, for Chapter N's meeting at Country Buffet. Unfortunately we weren't able to ride down due to the hail/snow storm that had moved into the area right before we left. Many members from Chapter C (Canon City) were in attendance also. Tony gave us more information about the statewide chapter meeting being held on Saturday, June 16th at Chapter C's Luau Dinner fundraiser. We found out that lodging space is limited with other accommodations filling up quickly as well. Therefore, we sent out the flyer again and asked for you to notify us if you plan on attending. The deadline to let us know is June 1. It is imperative that we get a head count for Tony as this is the first time for a statewide meeting at a fundraiser. We want to help them make this a successful fundraiser.

We have implemented a new informational e-mail that is distributed every Monday covering the upcoming two weeks. For those of you not having email we are snail mailing it to you. It lists details of chapter events and social gatherings.

With the weather cooperating for us this last weekend we put on some serious seat time to get us ready for our longer treks planned later this year. Bruce and Mel Partner joined us in this adventure so they could toughen up too. Late Saturday morning we headed up through Palmer Lake and on to Sedalia along Hwy 105. If you have never taken this route it has lots of nice scenery and makes for a nice ride. After a brief pit stop in Sedalia we continued north and continued north some more to Windsor. Bruce was quite sure we were in Canada before we stopped again. From there we headed back southwest to cut across Denver and head east to Kiowa. I was told by one of my customers about a new steakhouse in Kiowa. It appeared out of nowhere on the side on the road - Western Trails Steakhouse and Lounge. The atmosphere was casual and the service was excellent. The servings

were generous and the dinners include a salad bar. They will accommodate a large group so maybe it can be a destination for a weekend dinner ride. We rode home via the Elbert Hwy and that was another scenic ride.

On Sunday morning we headed out to the Rush Café along with Bruce and Mel to make arrangements for this week's dinner ride. All thought that Thursday being the All-You-Can-Eat night would be perfect for the group. Bruce then guided us back through the Springs and out Hwy 50 to Canon City. We turned towards Guffey and down through Florissant were we took a brief pit stop. Then back to the Springs via Woodland Park.

We got sprinkled on a couple of times over the whole weekend but actually it was quite refreshing. We certainly dodged a large storm on Saturday up near Windsor and again while eating in Kiowa.

Hopefully the weather will cooperate for us this coming weekend on our trek to Cabela's in Sidney, Nebraska. Some of us are going for the day and some will be staying over. On Sunday the Colorado Springs Touring

Harder Happenings Cont.

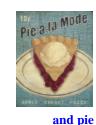
club is having their 19th Annual Poker Run. We have had fun participating in this event in past years. The following weekend many of our chapter members are heading to Utah for the Region F Rally that starts on Friday, May 25.

We hope to see you out riding and please be safe.

Tom & Monica Harder Chapter I Directors







Ride on over

enjoy some ice cream

WHEW! AFTER A DAY ON THE BIKE (OR PER-HAPS A DAY CHASING THE LAWN MOWER) WHAT COULD BE BETTER THAN A LONG, TALL COLD ONE??

That's easy ... a smooth, sweet ice cream treat!!

We're doing it again – Saturday, June 2nd

Last year \$500 was raised - Can we top that?

Here's what's needed: Show up HUNGRY with a much-appreciated donation in your wallet.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE RIDE FOR KIDS!

We'll provide the ice cream, pies and other sundries so that ALL proceeds to directly to the cause.

> Saturday evening, June 2nd starting around 6:30 6955 Oak Valley Lane At the Erskine's home – 265.5962

Directions: From I-25 go west on Woodmen Road (it turns into Rockrimmon Blvd.) Head west on Rockrimmon for about 5 traffic lights. Turn right on Allegheny (it's the only way you can turn). Stay on Allegheny and you will go over 5 speed bumps. Immediately after the 5th speed bump, turn right on Oak Valley <u>LANE</u>. We're at the end of the cul-de-sak, there's a rock wall out front, #6955. See Ya!

Thank You GWRRA Family

Your Thoughts, Prayers, and Sympathy on the passing of our sister are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Laurie Schlosser Darrel & Don Cruzan

Ride for Kids (aka Linda's Soapbox)

June 10

We have just over two weeks before the annual Ride for Kids. 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 coworkers, 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 still have ride kits if you need one.

Tom Harder has volunteered to lead Chapter I to Heritage Square where the ride will begin. I will send out an email with details for meeting.

May's Dinner Ride

THURSDAY, May 17th

Meeting at Powers & Palmer Park, south-east corner (K-Mart/7-11) parking lot.

Leaving at 5:30 for the Rush Café in Rush

This Thursday's All-You-Can-Eat Special is Chicken Fried Steak

Includes Soup and Salad Bar - All for just \$8.95

Or if this sounds like too much food you can always order off the menu.

They take credit card now, too !!!

We need a headcount no later than Wednesday night since we need to call them Thursday morning with the number. Please let us know if you plan on going so they can set the tables and have enough food for all.

<u>tmharder@comcast.net</u> or 481-9044 Hope to see you Thursday night!

Tom & Monica Chapter I Directors

CABELA'S RIDE

5/19-5/20 CABELA'S RIDE (SIDNEY, NEBRASKA) Ride led by George Davis – many going for just one day Leaving from King Sooper's @ 7:00AM I -25 & Baptist Rd (exit 158) Breakfast in Limon Shop 'til we drop-ride back or stay overnight Lodging info – Main reservation #1-800-884-9332 Or AmericInn Lodge & Suites – 308-254-0100 Comfort Inn – 308-254-5011 Motel 6 – 308-254-5463 Camping Reservations – 308-254-7177

Butch & Linda will be at the Cabela's campsite

Steamboat Ride

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 kitch-
• enette and a TV. The fee is \$79 per night and they have 2 double beds in them. You must bring your
won linens. If you are interested in staying in the cabin, let me know. The campground sounds nice – it
a 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.
 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
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• would still ride up together and meet for rides, etc on Saturday afternoon. The Rodeo is Saturday eve-
* ning 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 in need to get a milar count of people going so that I can get the needs 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
•• <u>campground or in town.</u>
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Rodeo tickets are \$!3 for presale or \$14 on the day of. I'd like to use the presale and have them ahead
a 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
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Steamboat Springs Campground: 970-879-0273 888-451-2243
www.steamboatcampground.com
Steamboat Rodeo info: <u>www.steamboatprorodeo.com</u>
Thanks! Let me hear from you regarding the Steamboat trip.
Sandie Erskine serskine01@comcast.net 265-5962
Taos Ride Report



We had a wonderful time in Taos and riding with everyone who went. That was our first group ride and we really learned alot about our bike, how to ride in a group, our CB and of coarse the great people that we were with. It was so good to learn more about the people in our group. The ride was led by Mark and Cindy and it went smooth and a lot of fun! He took us on a day ride around the Chama loop and we had lunch in Chama.

Everything about the whole trip was smooth and relaxing. Great food, awesome people, fabulous scenery, exciting curves and wonderful weather.

Kudos go out to Sandie also for getting it all set up. There were 9 bikes and 16 people. Three chose to stay and shop while the rest of us went on the day ride then back to shop later.

Nancy and Claude Lockhart

Taos Ride photos



Trip Planning

It is the time of year to be traveling or planning to travel. For us it is on the bike or taking the bike be it a long trip or a short one. Any trip you take should involve some planning, usually a little more than we expect. Almost any trip involves concern about road, weather, traffic, safety, and things to see or do. AAA, Good Sams, Mapquest, and several others provide trip routing to get from place to place, here are a few places I have that might be of help with more serious planning:

For weather conditions see: http://www.crh.noaa.gov http://www.weather.com

For traffic and road closures for any state: http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo/index.htm

A great help with trip planning, things to see and do and scenic drives. www.AllGetaways.com Mostly links to other sights on trip planning, scenic rides and tours and other interesting travel info. www.openroadjourney.com

Info and how-to on planning motorcycle trips http://www.sojournchronicles.com

For the "interesting", the (almost) forgotten, out of the way gems, and downright weird places to see. http://www.<u>RoadsideAmerica</u>.com

How to plan a motorcycle trip. http://www.verrill.com/moto/rants/2005rants/verrill_071505rant.shtml

"Cruiser Magazine" lots of articles on motorcycle travel, destinations and and safety. Has a very good article on how to avoid deer and other animals, not very optimistic but some very good ideas. http://www.motorcyclecruiser.com/rideanddest/motorcycle_travel_safety_tips/

Lots of good info for wing owners, trip discussions and tips. http://gl1800riders.com/

Best of luck and good riding to everyone this summer and bring home pictures.

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Wanted

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It's time to get out on the road again. So, get your cameras and you notepads. I need pictures and articles for the newsletter. Share places you have been, including restaurants, scenic roadways, museums, towns, etc.

Remember—this is **your** newsletter. I count on all of you to help me make this a winning newsletter for our chapter.

Thanks, Linda

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY ...

- 1. Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- 2. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
- 3. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- 4. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- 5. The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
- 6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman: "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- 7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- 8. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- 9. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
- 10. Is there another word for synonym?
- 11. Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all"?
- 12. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- 13. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- 14. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- 15. Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- 16. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- 17. Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

- 18. If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- 19. Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
- 20. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- 21. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- 22. One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- 23. Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
- 24. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- 25. How is it possible to have a civil war?
- 26. If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?
- 27. If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- 28. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- 29. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have an "s" in it?
- 30. Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
- 31. Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- 32. Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- 33. If you spin an oriental man in a circle three times does he become disoriented?
- 34. Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

How to Stay Young

- Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight, and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them."
- Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
- Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
- Enjoy the simple things.
- Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
- The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move

on

- The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
- Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
- Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
- Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
- Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

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 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.CEDARCITYCAMPGROUNDS.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

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