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Harder Happenings

As the weather gets nicer, more motorcycles are out on the roads. We hear a variety of stories on the news regarding motorcycle accidents and deaths. We also hear whether the rider was wearing a helmet, speeding and had been drinking.

We, Gold Wing riders, belong to a special group of motorcyclists who take pride in their rides, appearance, knowledge and attitude or lack thereof (attitude that is). Our GWRRA creed is "Fun, Safety & Knowledge". We are driven by our rider educator and the association to complete our rider education requirements as well as our training for First Aid/CPR certificates. Having met the criteria not only benefits ourselves as riders but also those who make the choice to ride with us.



We can't tell you how many times we drive by a variety of local taverns and see a line of bikes parked. You've seen this many times too. However, Gold Wings are not usually in these parking lots and we would be surprised to see one in the mix. There are many taverns that be-

gin and/or end poker runs from their locations all the while hosting a discounted drink special for the participating bikers. As most of us are well aware...it is hard enough to navigate on our roads and highways without being impaired let alone after a couple of cold ones.

Recently, we heard a story of a biker who had crashed and his riding companions stopped to ask others to call 911. They then proceeded on their way while their riding companion lay on the side of the road and died. You can draw your own conclusions as to why they didn't stick around for emergency services and the police. They went on about their business and didn't even try to help him. We were mortified to hear this story. Any one of us can not even comprehend doing this to one of our riding companions. We are trained to help each other in the event that one of us goes down.

A few times on our commute home we will hear of an accident involving a motorcycle. We will actually drive to the scene to see if it's a fellow Gold Wing rider and to see if we can help. So far these accidents have

not involved any of our riders and there has been plenty of help around for the riders and bikes at the accident scenes.

We never leave home without our phone tree listing, whether we're heading out on 2 wheels or 4 wheels. Even if you don't participate in the phone tree and you're not on the list, it is a tremendous resource if you should find yourself needing some help.

As motorcycle riders, we are so blessed to be a part of such an awesome group of riders and co-riders. Always trying to help others with technical assistance and/or lessons from experience is worth its weight in GOLD. That's why we are proud to belong and participate in the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors



A Word (Or Two) of Thanks

Chapter I have done it once again. You all showed your generosity and kindness in such a big way and Chris and I are so appreciative. Last year at the Ice Cream Social to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, \$500 was raised. That was admirable and a wonderful contribution from those sharing a bowl of ice cream and slice of pie. This year, you braved the rain soaked evening and arrived in coats and jackets with smiles on your faces. Once again, you showed your true colors and gave to the cause in a very big way. **A total of \$852 was raised** to be donated to the Ride for Kids - awesome!

Special thanks to Jeannie Bondurant for bringing along her delicious cream pie - I have a feeling that was a leading draw for people to attend - especially Ducky Bob. Thanks also to Marsha Curry for her yummy (and potent) margarita pie which some of you probably didn't get a chance to try as I put it in the freezer to 'firm up' and then left it there! I'm so sorry Marsha! However, Chris and I were quick to get our slices before the Curry's left for the night. Butch and Linda also brought along a couple of special treats for which we're grateful.

A huge appreciative hug goes out to Spencer. I had the pleasure to sit and talk with him about the ordeal he's been through and he's really quite an amazing young man. He can look back on his chemo and radiation treatments with humor and strong sense of accomplishment. He's very calm and accepting of the injections he's currently taking which I'm sure would make most of our knees buckle (mine especially). I was completely impressed listening to him and would really enjoy talking with him more. He showed me the two holes that were drilled into his head (gross!) and allowed me to feel his pulse beating through these holes (way cool!). As he prepares to start high school this fall, I can't help but feel that this guy is going places in the world and I wish him only the very best. Would love too to hear him play the trombone sometime!

So a huge round of thanks to our very supportive and bighearted Chapter I - thanks for coming to our home Saturday night; thanks for smiling during the drizzle; thanks for opening your wallets and sharing the hope.

Sandie Erskine



* It's time to get out on the road again. So, get your cameras and you notepads. I need pictures and arti- *
* cles 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 *



RFK escort

Registration



**Lined up and ready
for a long beautiful
ride.**



Ride for Kids—photos

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Chapter I - picture perfect
(as usual)



During our ride on
a gorgeous Sunday
Morning





Our ride comes to an end

Lunch is served

Dr. Dan made it to the Celebration of Life even though his motorcycle didn't !



**The stars
of the day**

Those of you that have been to the rides in previous may remember Spencer in a baseball cap and a big smile. He's been in remission for a year now and has a full head of hair.

And Ben has improved enough that he was able to walk up on stage with help and WITHOUT his wheelchair.

Steamboat Ride

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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 or 888-451-2243 www.steamboatcampground.com

Steamboat Rodeo info: www.steamboatprorodeo.com

Thanks! Let me hear from you regarding the Steamboat trip.

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Ride for Kids Report

Greetings Everyone!

We had a great ride to Golden for the Ride for Kids. You couldn't ask for better weather, organization, and a wonderful bunch of people to ride with. (Well would of been nice if everyone from our Chapter could have made it, :-) The total ride took in \$ 49,205. to benefit the kids and research for brain tumors. That couldn't have been possible without the money our Chapter raised. Great going everyone! Linda Shelley won a new motorcycle from Honda. Claude and I put on around 250 miles from our house roundtrip and the ride thru the Golden Gate State Park area was gorgeous. The day wound down with our group invited over to Ray and Nancy's home for Pizza. That really topped off a marvelous day!

Spencer draws the first prize ticket ...



... from his home group

Nancy and Claude Lockhart



Wet & Wingless Dinner Ride Or *The Rain in Spain Falls Mainly on the Plains of Colorado Springs*

Sorry if there are some water spots on this article, but my umbrella was leaking.

It was a slushy night on Tuesday, June 12th so Didi changed the message on our answering machine to say:

“Hi, this is Dick and Didi, please listen carefully because our menu has changed.

We will not be arriving by bike
Because the water has filled the dike,
And we are trying to find higher ground, Yike!
There must have been an electrical spike,
If only we had a trike.

But have no fear,
Our auto is near
With windshield wipers,
We can see clear!

We had a small group meet us at the Red Rocks Safeway and rode (our cars of course) up through Garden of the Boggs (I mean Garden of the Gods). Up thru Flying Ranch Road, into Peregrine, over to the Interstate and up to Glen Seagull – (I mean Gleneagle), to Barracuda Bobs.

George Davis thought we were going too slow, but no one hydroplaned and the Wrens were at home going that slow anyway. Kathy kept telling Dave to go faster, but he was mumbling something about the fact that his car didn't get 42 MPG's like his wing. (And you thought we couldn't hear you with the window rolled up, huh?)

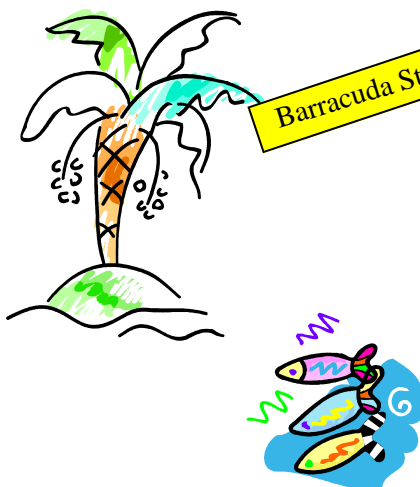
The smarter bunch, and that was most everyone, just came to the restaurant. We had a good turnout, about thirty of us. Nancy Daniels was happy Didi called to remind her, but it took her an hour and a half to get down to Monument from Denver. Hey, I wasn't the only one driving slowly, was I?

The food and service was very good. We only heard nice things, and most importantly, we were in the company of good friends.

Here is just a little history on Barracuda Bob's owner. Steve was a former neighbor of ours. He was a practicing attorney who wanted to live his dream of owning a small restaurant featuring, “Beach Food”. He traveled to Australia a few years ago to take courses at a very famous Culinary Institute. He left the Law behind (hey that doesn't sound right does it). He retired and opened up Barracuda Bobs.

Of Course the next night was beautiful,
a great night for a dinner ride

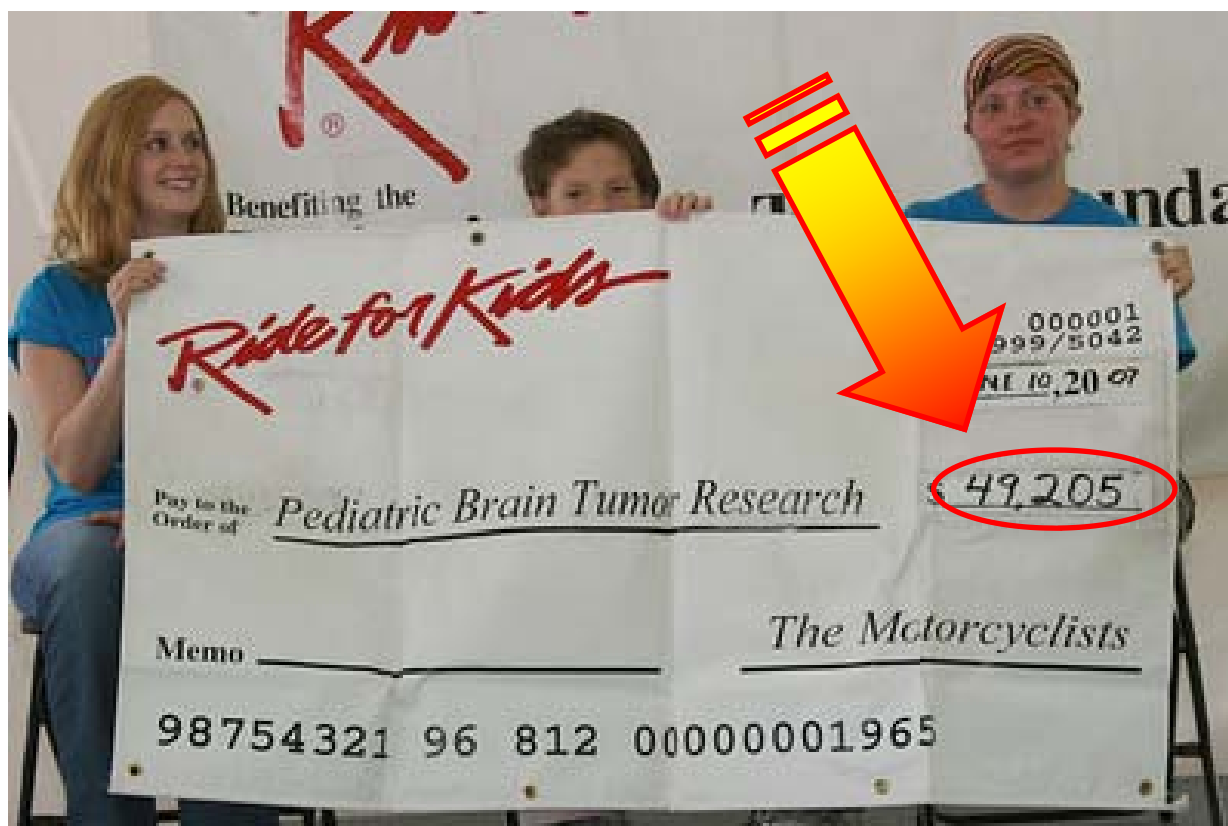
Dick and Didi





Pictures from Ride
for Kids provided
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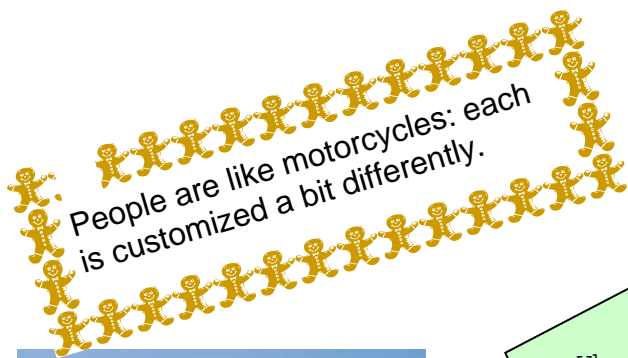
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When you're riding lead, don't spit.



Don't lead the pack if you don't know where you're going.

See you
at
WING Ding

There are two types of people in this world, people who ride motorcycles and people who wish they could ride motorcycles.



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Colorado District Rally
In
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Registration

Registration per GWRRA member \$ 20.00 (nonmember \$25.00)
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Chapter I meeting information:

WHEN

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

WHERE

Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.

There will not be a regular meeting in July, because sooooo many of us will be attending Wing Ding.



See you at the dinner ride later in the month and our annual picnic at the Air Force Academy on Aug. 4.

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