



Springs Wings



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Harder Happenings

It's that time of year when the sun begins to set earlier with every passing evening, the mornings are crisp and cool and the leaves on the trees are turning beautiful autumn shades. It's also that time of year to begin thinking and planning next year's rides and events.

Every year, in November, we have a ride planning meeting. At this meeting we go through next year's calendar week by week. We discuss day rides, weekend rides, extended rides, dinner rides, game nights and fundraisers.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting whether you have a ride/event idea or not. We start the evening with a potluck dinner, then move on to the planning stage and once that's done, then it's on to dessert.

If you do have an idea but aren't quite sure how to logistically plan it, please come anyway. We have quite a few members who can help or

give ideas regarding blocking hotel/motel rooms, making dinner reservations, etc.

We also need input and ideas about our monthly game night get-togethers. This year's game nights fizzled in attendance. We aren't clear as to why when in past years the participation had been good. It might have been the location since all of the game nights were hosted by members in the Monument area. Recently at the District rally, a long time chapter member was overheard commenting "Game nights used to be fun!" Let's make them fun again. In order to make them fun again, we need your ideas and participation. For many of us during the winter months, our chapter meetings and game nights are the chance we get to socialize with everyone. So please let's keep those dice rolling and those hands drawing.

Let's get our ideas and dates ready for the ride plan-

ning meeting in November. Then after we return from the Officer's Meeting in January, we will be ready to compile all of the other chapter's events/fundraisers into our calendar.

Get those thinking helmets on!!!

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors



October Goodie Patrol
Dave & Kathy Wren
Dick & Didi Reisler





Jewelry Fund Raiser

Sponsored by: the Christmas Party Committee

When: Saturday, Sept. 22nd at 1:00pm

Why: Because 20% of all jewelry sold will be used to shave off the price of every persons Christmas Party cost. Whatever you purchase you can wear to our Christmas Party!!!

Where: 3918 Alameda Place, Colo. Spgs., CO 80918

Directions: Off Academy blvd. go north on Meadowland (past Keller Grade School, Russell Junior High & the City park). Turn left on Alta Loma. Turn right on Alameda Circle. Alameda Place is the cul-de-sac off the cul-de-sac.



Do not bring anything but your desire to have FUN and play with jewelry until you find that special piece just right for you. Punch and food will be supplied. See you there.....

RSVP to Nancy Daniels at Raynan80@comcast.net or 719-488-8841 (so I know how much food and drink to supply). Thanks!



VEGETABLE RIDE and/or BLACKHAWK

Do one or both of these events!

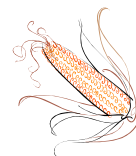


When: Saturday, September 29th

Where: Meet at the Village Inn in Monument at 7:45am to have breakfast with the group. If this is too early, we will not be leaving the Village Inn for the ride until 8:45am. Meet us then!

We will be riding north for about 2 hours to Miller Farms on mostly state roads. Bring \$6.75 for the tolls on E-470 to keep us off I-25. At Miller Farms we will be put on hay wagons that should hold up to 40 bodies, and move to different fields to dig, pick or gather as many vegetables as are allowed. Bags will be supplied for our bounty. Miller Farms bring their vegetables to the farmers market in Colorado Springs. You would spend upwards of \$50.00/\$60.00 on these groceries at the farmers market per person. Our cost will be only \$10.00 per person. (Bring a hand shovel & gloves) After we have finished, we can purchase lunch (hot dogs, turkey legs, etc.) and eat under covered picnic tables.

(Ray will be supplying a truck with bags/boxes. You can load your vegetables onto the truck and label them for transport back to Ray's house in Monument: 830 Pebble Creek Ct. For pick up: anytime after 3pm Sunday.)



Afterwards, we will ride for approx 2 hours to Blackhawk, where there will be a block of rooms held at Colo. Central Station (walking distance from everywhere) until 9/22. The cost will be \$169.00 a room, if we can get 10 rooms booked. All parking is covered and free. There will be a dinner held in a private room in our hotel at 6pm. Sat. We will eat, drink, gamble, and have fun all night if we can handle it!! The ride home will be at 11:00am Sun. morning for those that wish to leave.



If you haven't signed up and would like to go—RSVP, please, to Ray Daniels at Raynan80@comcast.net or 719-488-8841. Thanks!

HOW TO OPEN A LOCKED GL1800 FROM 530 MILES AWAY FROM HOME

That's right, you read the title correctly. I was able to unlock my GL 1800 trunk from 530 miles away. Want to know how I did that? Just keep reading.

Didi and I were on a trip to Seattle and from there we would fly to Fairbanks Alaska for a land and cruise trip on the Princess Cruise Line south bound through the inner passageway of Alaska ending in Vancouver, Canada.

We decided to extend our trip and ride on the GL 1800 from Colorado Springs out to Seattle and back. We left early on Saturday, August 18th, from our son's home in Ft. Collins, CO. He and his wife were expecting their first baby, and that would probably happen while we were on this trip. Not the best planning, but that's how it would play out. We were hoping to be there for that miraculous event.

So we drove up to Fort Collins and stayed with them for a while before we left. The first leg of our trip would take us from Ft. Collins to Billings, Montana (Gee, a not so long ago familiar trip). That's a Gold wing friendly place, we thought, and this time of year there should be lower motel rates with the kids going back to school. The weather was still warm, but not as warm as during Wing Ding. The temperatures were in the low 90s. About 200 miles before reaching Billings we cooled off by driving through a rainstorm. It was a pretty fast moving cell and the rain felt good. We didn't stop to put on rain gear.

Once in Billings, we stopped at a few motels, only to be

turned away. They were full----- Montana State fair----- who knew!

We finally found a room at the Kelly Inn. It didn't help to be old (AARP) or road worthy (AAA). No discounts during State fair at events. We felt lucky to get a room, and I was tired.

Because we were going to go to Alaska, and we would need heavier clothing, we were towing our Starlight trailer filled with luggage. We had one small bag for our motor cycle trip and that was trapped on by bungee cord to the luggage rack of the trunk of the Gold Wing 2 inside the trailer and one covered & strapped on top of the trailer. Never thought we could carry that much. Of course, Didi insisted that each piece of luggage be taken to the room for safe-keeping. And, of course, it was a second-floor room, nowhere close to a staircase. But, hey, after a long ride a little aerobic luggage lifting isn't a bad idea.

What was a bad idea is opening the trunk of the GL 1800 and closing it with the keys still inside with the remote control key. It seemed to have locked the bike automatically, at 6 p.m. on a Saturday night, 530 miles away from home with motorcycle shops closed on Sunday and Monday, and you have a flight to catch that still 700 miles away. Now that's a bad!

So how do you open a GL 1800 trunk from 530 miles away? You use your cell phone and call Darryl. Didi remembered the phone number since, for the first time she didn't take the MC spare key or the Calling Tree, told him our dilemma. He didn't know of any trick of

opening the trunk w/o the key. At that point Didi asked for names of GWRRA members in Billings. Phone calls were made to all those names to find only one guy home (State fair is big time there). Calls were made to different locksmiths with the same kind of luck. The GWRRA member was really trying to help, but he didn't know much more since he had 2- 1500s at home.

Well, thank god Darryl didn't stop there and called Rich Noah, and between the two of them and some research on the Internet, they came up with step-by-step instructions for unlocking the trunk. Thank god that Darryl had my cell phone from the Wing Ding summary info.

So, now these were Darryl's instructions: get a coat hanger, a piece about 8 inches long, Bend a right angle piece about half an inch down from the top. I was to position myself underneath the trunk. I did this by lying down on my back on driveway, placed the coat hanger with the right angle facing towards the rear of the motorcycle and between the left saddlebag and the trunk release, work the coat hanger up around 7 inches in between those release handles. The bent part of the top of the coat hanger faces towards the rear of the trunk and you pull down. This manually bypasses the mechanisms that the key works to unlock your trunk. It worked well for us and we were able to continue on our journey. I'm sure glad I didn't break the lock, as I planned of doing in the beginning.

We had a wonderful time in Alaska. I highly recommend that trip to anyone. Alaska is a

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beautiful State. We saw bears, reindeer, caribou, eagles, whales, dolphins. Oh, yeah, we also will see Roger and Linda Preston. They were working in Denali Park. We had drinks with them. This is their second season there, and they plan on coming one more time next year. Then, they plan on living at their home in Arkansas. They send regards to everyone in Chapter I.

We send a special Thank You to Darryl Cruzan and Rich Noah for their help.

Dick and Didi



Under a bridge hiding from a hail storm on the way to our Alaskan trip

***Motorcyclists are all
bound together by a
brotherhood tie through
their love of the sport
and what difference does
it make what make of
machine he rides as long
as he belongs to the
clan.***

Walter Davidson, 1920

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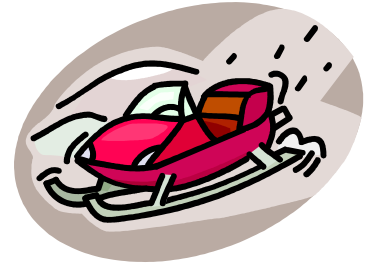
Winter Fun Trip—January 11-12, 2008

After a quick and adventurous trip to Grand Lake on Saturday, ten Chapter I members have made reservations for the January trip and there are 11 additional rooms for you to choose from at:

Western Riviera Hotel in Grand Lake Colorado (Phone 970-627-3580) on January 11th and 12th. The first night is full price with the second night's lodging at half price.

Available rooms: (Mention Chapter I to get the discount on the second night. Please make room reservations as soon as possible as the motel will not be holding them for long):

- 2 with one queen and one double bed - \$95.00 first night/\$47.50 second night
- 2 Suites - \$125.00 first night/\$62.50 second night
- 2 with a King bed - \$80.00 first night/\$40.00 second night
- 4 with 2 double beds - \$90.00 first night/\$45.00 second night
- 1 with one queen bed - \$70.00 first night/\$35.00 second night



(Cliff and Myra Childs have rented the one bedroom apartment so the group will have access to a refrigerator, stove, and plenty of room for gathering)

Snowmobiling: The snowmobile operator is not open yet but we are working on discounts.

Other Activities: Within the next month, we'll have firm prices and arrangements for sledding, sleigh rides, hot springs pool and anything else the area has to offer.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS or call Cliff/Myra Childs at 266-0258

Christmas Party Information

Hi Goldwingers

Even though the days are bright and sunny right now, plans are already underway for the annual Holiday/Christmas Party in December and we need your input. Please take a moment to answer a couple of questions so that the planning committee can make further plans.

So far, details include dinner on December 22 at Giuseppe's Restaurant. Mark your calendars now!! Cash bar will be available. Members will be encouraged to bring a dessert to share. This helps keep the cost considerably lower and we've got some fantastic cooks in the ranks.

Last year a DJ and dancing were provided and the cost per person was about \$13.00 per person for Chapter members. This year it is our intention not to exceed last year's cost – maybe even lower it with funds from the Chapter's coffers. After all, it's your party!

Okay, so here's what we need to know:

- Would you like to have a dance floor and DJ available?
- Would you prefer to not have a dance floor, but have a DJ for music only?
- Would you rather we skip the dancing and DJ all together and just have dinner?
- Do you have another suggestion?
 - You don't care.
 - You want to volunteer to be DJ since you've got a record player down in the basement that hasn't been used in years.

Please email me at serskine01@comcast.net well before the October meeting. Or give me a call at 265-5962 with your thoughts. Thanks. Your comments are much appreciated. Sandie Erskine



Momma Grizzly and her
two kids in Denali
Nat'l Park

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**Chapter I meeting
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WHEN

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

WHERE

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