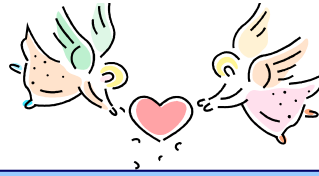


# Springs Wings

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## Harder Happenings

February's meeting was well attended and we did have some guest visitors as well as some new members. It's always comforting in the cold weather to see so many come and share ideas in the meetings. The 2008 chapter calendars were distributed and they look great. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Don Cruzan aka Calendar Man along with Darrel Cruzan, Laurie Schlosser, Dave & Kathy Wren and Cathy Luce for being the master assemblers. Also, thank you to Nancy Lockhart for the cover photo contributions. We will have calendars available at the monthly meetings.

As you flip through the pages you will see many rides, trips and events planned for this year. It is exciting to see so many members take on the planning and organization of upcoming events.

Chris and Sandie Erskine passed around flyers for two separate camping trips that they have planned. The first one is in Steamboat Springs on July 25-27 and the second one is in Grand Lake on August 8-10. Rich Noah and Cliff Childs are busy planning a Black Hills ride at the end of August over the holiday weekend. Doug and Marilyn Irish are also planning a camping trip in July immediately following the week of the July 4. As soon as the details for these trips are known, we will forward them to all of you.

We have been invited by the Montrose chapter to attend the Olathe Corn Festival with them in August. It may fall on the weekend that is traditionally our annual picnic. If so, we will reschedule the picnic.

As you can see there is plenty of fun planned for this year. So don't delay! It's time to dust off those riding clothes, polish up that safety chrome and check your fluids. We are going to be riding every opportunity we get this year. And for those of you who like pick up rides/spur of the moment rides, please make sure your name and number is on the phone tree. That is the simplest way other than e-mail to let you know about a ride.

The March meeting will NOT be at the church. We were notified that all of their rooms will be busy so we are moving the meeting to TOWN HALL in MONUMENT located at 166 2<sup>ND</sup> St, Monument. Please join us at 8:30 for coffee and treat followed by the meeting at 9:00.

Remember we are Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder  
Chapter I Directors

*valentine's dinner*  
*Feb. 16*

The Olive Branch Restaurant  
23 South Tejon Street

Time: 6:00 PM Cash Bar  
Dinner: 6:30 PM

Ride for Kids is coming up  
fast.

It's never too early to begin  
raising money for the kids.

If anyone needs ride kits,  
please let me know.

*Linda*

Since the Colorado District rally is in the planning stages, I thought now would be a good time to share some ideas that Butch and I gathered during our visit to the Oklahoma District rally.

To help promote the COY program - each couple put together a themed gift basket. That is the couple selected a theme and the chapter donated items to go into the baskets. Once all the items had been collected the couple built, bought, decorated, etc. the baskets (pictures below). Then during the rally, containers were placed by each basket. COYs sold tickets that could be placed in the containers for the drawing during the closing ceremony. Also, the COY with the most tickets for their basket was given a percentage of the money raised from the sales. This money went back to the chapter of the winning COY.

There were several games during the weekend, also.

- Tables were set up for board games (e.g. checkers, Chinese checkers, Sorry, etc.). This was to get people to mingle more.
- Okie Horse Shoes - the horse shoe posts were pieces of PVC pipe and the horse shoes were toilet seats
- Scarecrow races (that's because it was 'Hallo Wing') - a large square was drawn in divided into 10x10. The scarecrows started on the same side and person facilitating the race had a pair of big fuzzy dice. If the scarecrow was in lane 2 and a 2 appeared on one of the dice when rolled, they moved the number of squares that appeared on the other die. If the number of their lane did not appear, then they did not get to move. Whoever reached the other side first was declared the winner.

Everyone that participated in any of these activities received participation ticket that could be placed in the door prize envelope of their choice. They did not sell door prize tickets in Oklahoma, they just issued participation tickets.

There's more, but that's enough for now.

*Linda*



## Filing a 'Flight Plan'

Very savvy self-defense

By: James R. Davis

Yesterday I took an impromptu 130 mile solo ride on the Gold-Wing. The trip was uneventful. Still, it was not the smartest thing I have ever done.

It has been a practice of mine to always let someone know where I was going, probable route, and expected return time if I took off by myself. Filing that 'flight plan' makes more sense if traveling on back roads than it does if traveling on freeways (which is what I did yesterday) but the fact remains that if I had had an accident 60 miles away from home it could have been a long time before anybody realized I was in trouble.

As many of you know I always wear an emergency tag which includes among other things the name and telephone number of the person I would want to be contacted in case of trouble. That served as my backup plan instead of the 'flight plan' idea posted above. In other words, because I was NOT traveling on the back roads I relied on the emergency tag.

But the fact remains that letting someone know where you intend to be, the route you plan to take, and your expected return time is a very savvy thing to do, tag or no tag. I simply forgot to do so.

Cash, my regular riding partner, chewed my leg off about 8 hours later when I mentioned that I had taken that little trip without letting her know. Mea culpa!

By the way, you file a 'flight plan' with someone who EXPECTS to hear from you when you return. One person DID know where I was going and when but did NOT expect me to call him when I had returned - this was not an example of the 'flight plan' idea described above.

Now reasonableness is a subject that comes to mind. Is filing a flight plan a 'safety issue' when you are traveling freeways from one location to another near home? I mean, as has been pointed out by others, if you are involved in an accident on a freeway or other well traveled surface streets, you are not likely to end up undiscovered for hours or days.

In that case a flight plan is merely a courtesy posting. It could be as short as: "I'm going to take the bike to Honda of Houston and expect to be there about 2:30." That's a courtesy message.

But if I'm out on a camp-out and decide to do some trail riding, or plan to ride some back-country roads, or it's a multi-day trip, I will file a much more detailed plan. Then it's a safety issue.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

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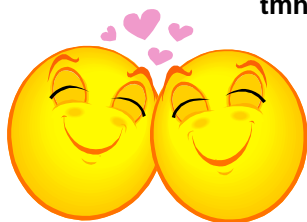
Scarecrow races



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