



April 2008

Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

Our chapter appears to be growing by leaps and bounds. Several of the new members and returning members that attended the March meeting came back for more fun at April's meeting. Many participated in the dinner ride to Indigo Joe's which we heard was a huge success. Close to 40 people showed up, ate good food and visited with others. That's what dinner rides are all about...the camaraderie with fellow chapter members as well as, weather permitting, actually riding to the restaurant and back home. We would like to thank Donald and MaryAnn Roberts for putting together the dinner ride.

Spring began on March 20th but you wouldn't recognize it when looking outside. Even so we were able to get out and take advantage of the nicer weather over the past few weeks. As most of you can attest to, riding through the canyon along the Arkansas River to get to Salida for lunch can be somewhat of a "moving" experience. Bruce & Mel asked us to join them (it's a yellow bike thing) in showing John & Kim the way to Salida. They don't have their bikes here yet, having just moved from Maryland in February. Now they are very anxious to ride the canyon. It just wasn't the same for them leaning inside the vehicle through the turns. The cobbler was a hit, as usual, so we know there will be many more rides through the canyon for lunch. Here's a heads-up...on the turn leaving Canon City going towards Salida and also coming from Salida back to Canon City, the road is covered with "tar snakes". It will get very slippery there in the summer with the sun beating on it all day. Please take that turn very carefully.

Thanks to Bill and Marie McMinn who organized the lunch ride after April's meeting. Many of us discovered a great Mexican restaurant in Elizabeth named Los Volcanos. There were a lot of us so we split up into two groups of riders and had a very enjoyable ride out to Elizabeth and back through Elbert into Colorado Springs.

Now on a sad note we lost one of our honorary

members from our past chapter in California. Helen Polgrean passed away in her sleep on Easter night after a wonderful Easter dinner with family and friends. Helen will always be remembered as someone who would do anything in the world for you and she loved to stir the pot to get people to interact. She will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her husband LeRoy and their family.

In closing we would like to share some thoughts with you. Take every opportunity you have to ride, with or without others. If riding with others, try to make sure they know just how much you appreciate the opportunity to join them, no matter where the destination. Besides you might be able to catch them in a "goofy". We all have our own little quirks and that's what makes us all so special. Let others know that they are special to you and don't wait for tomorrow, as tomorrow may be too late to show that appreciation.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for being a part of this great chapter. Even if in a very small way, every single person contributes something to this chapter. Without the combined efforts of all, we would not have this avenue to Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

Maintenance Day



May's meeting will be at Darrell and Laurie's
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Amazing Race Road Rally

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Do you want to do something challenging and fun while going on a nice ride??

Sign up for the Amazing Race Road Rally!!

Amazing Race Road Rally

May 31, 2008

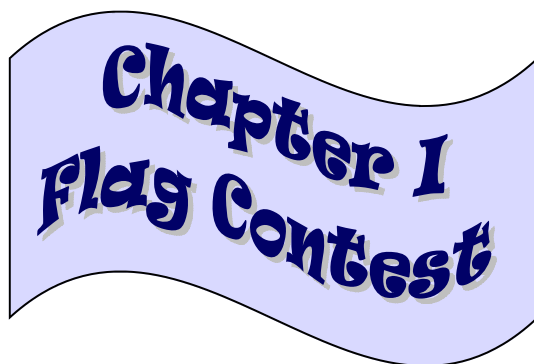
- Meet at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church parking lot at 8:30am
- Cost: \$20.00 (half will go toward Ride for Kids) other half toward prizes
- Race will start promptly at 9am
- A Team (a vehicle) must consist of a driver and navigator (for safety reasons-driver must keep eyes on the road)
- Only the first **30** vehicles to pre-sign up with Claude and Nancy Lockhart will be allowed to participate. (vehicle can be 2, 3, or 4 wheels)

- Food / punch will be served at the end of the race and awards given
- Bring a dessert if you would like to show off your culinary skills!
- Make sure you put on your thinking caps for the challenges!!

Those of you that would like to help take part in setting up the event, please contact Misty Young at 638-1775 eves. or email her at: misty.young@judicial.state.co.us

This event is open to all.

To sign up for the race: email Claude and Nancy at : clock0430@comcast.net or sign the sign up sheet at the next Chapter meeting at Darrel's.



At this past meeting, the members decided to make a new antenna flags for our Chapter. Put your imagination and designing talents to good use!! Design an antenna flag and bring it to next months meeting at Darryl's. (or email the design to Claude and Nancy at: clock0430@comcast.net)

The designs will be compiled and voted on by the members. Once a design has been selected, Claude and Nancy Lockhart will look into the cost of getting them made thru Flag People and locally. Once a vendor has been selected, an order sheet will be sent around along with collecting money for them. This is a fabulous way to show our pride for our Chapter locally and at events.

Flags will cost \$16.95 each.

Ride with Rocky!!

Exercise for People over 50

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each sack.

Events



April 2—Casey Ward
 April 5—Darrel Cruzan
 April 27—Laurie Emery
 May 1—John Trower
 May 3—Joni Salmon
 May 4—Chris Erskine
 May 8—Cindy Atwell
 May 10—Marlies Collins
 May 12—Roger Pittman



Mother's Day

May 11



Don't forget this includes Grandmothers, Great-grandmothers, and Great-great-grandmas, like the one above.

This is my Grandma (Dessie, 96) with my grandson (Ethan, 6 months).

Anniversaries

April 20—Tom & Monica Harder

April 30—Claude & Nancy Lockhart

May 5—Scott & Candy Paine

May 7—Ralph & Bobbie Clayton

May 14—Rich & Donna Noah

April 25 Dinner Ride

Pueblo Viejo

Dinner at 6:30. Good family Mexican food. Tasty beverages, private room, separate checks. Just South of Vickers on Academy. From North, first street south of Vickers is Anglo. Turn in there, driveway at rear of restaurant. From South, turn left onto Vickers, left onto Saxon Ln, left on Wales Dr., left on Anglo and into parking lot.

It isn't as hard as it sounds, and worth it. Room holds up to 50. Like to see you there. Please RSVP to

dewglwren@comcast.net

Thanks

Dave and Kathy

Group Stem Buy

For those who ordered valve stems in our 'group buy'... they're in.

If you're not in a hurry, I'll bring them to maintenance day at Darrel's garage. If you need them before May 3rd, contact me at mmanthei@juno.com and I'll get them to you.

We got enough orders so they're only \$2.50 each (5 bucks a pair)
Thanks!
Mike



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



For Sale

This just in from the Western Side. Pass it on if you can.

2002 (Pearl Orange) Goldwing 1800
28000 miles

ABS, CD player, CB, heated hand grips, Hartco seat, new battery, bra (kind of old), and custom Tulsa and stock windshields. Bushtec hitch installed, covers, and an extra set of new tires.

We will sell with the Bushtec for \$17,000.
Without \$14,000.

The Bushtec was over \$4100 new and we had it painted by Derek to match the 1800. It has a bra, the cooler package, and spare tire.

Please contact Irene at 970-240-1633 Or triker-chick@hughes.net

2005 Keystone Raptor Toy hauler travel trailer
Sleeps 8-10, holds 3 large ATV's or 2 motorcycles, 3 queen beds, 100 gallon fresh, 50 gallon black and 50 gallon gray tanks. 25 gallon fueling station. 8500 dry weight. Weight distribution hitch included.

Warranty until 2012.
\$33500 must clear note.

Will also sell 2005 GMC Clubcab Duramax (heavily customized - show truck) with the trailer for \$75k (for both).

Total value for both is \$120k.

Contact:
JohnP.Csencsits@hp.com

WFH = 719-886-4765
Home 719-282-7848

A guy who purchased his lovely wife a pocket Taser for their anniversary submitted this.

Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse-sized taser. The effects of the taser were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety. WAY TOO COOL!

Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home.

I loaded two triple-a batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that if I pushed the button AND pressed it against a metal surface at the same time; I'd get the blue arch of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs.?? **AWESOME!!!!**

Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave!

Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two triple-A batteries, right?! ??

There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh & blood moving target. I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assur-

ance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong???

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and taser in another.

The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; a three-second burst would reportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries? All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5' long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference; pretty cute really and (loaded with two itsy, bitsy triple-A batteries) thinking to myself, 'no possible way!

What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best...

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side as to say, 'don't do it dumbass,' reasoning that a one-second burst from such a tiny little ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one-second burst just for heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button and... **HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION!!!**

I'm pretty sure Hulk Hogan ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be

found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs!

The cat was standing over me making meowing sounds I had never heard before, licking my face, undoubtedly thinking to herself, 'Do it again, stupid, do it again!'

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a taser, one note of caution: there is no such thing as a one-second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor. A three-second burst would be considered conservative.

SON-OF-A-%%#... That hurt like %% !!!

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape. My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. How did they get up there??? My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs.

I'm still looking for my testicles! I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!!

P. S. My wife loved the gift, and now regularly threatens me with it!

If you think Education is difficult, try being stupid !!!

Ride for Kids is a motorcycle ride sponsored by Honda to help raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF).



Childhood brain tumors are a very devastating disease (number one cause of death by cancer for children and adolescents in the US). This disease impacts the entire family—financially and emotionally.

Until the late 1980s very little research was being done, but the PBTF is changing the picture. Leukemia used to be the number one killer among children, but now it has a survival rate in excess of 80%. The difference is research. Research is very expensive!



Based on a three year average, the 2006 external audit shows that 86.6% of the funds raised for PBTF were spent on the foundation's research and family support program.

You can help support the Ride for Kids stars (children and adolescents who have survived a brain tumor or are going through treatment) by participating in the Colorado Ride for Kids. Between now and the ride (June 8, Sunday) talk to friends, family, co-workers, etc. and collect funds to take with you to ride.

The ride will begin at Heritage Square in Golden. Registration opens at 8:00 am and closes at 9:45 am (donuts, coffee, water, and juice will be provided). The 90-minute escorted ride will begin at 10:00am sharp. After the ride, there will be a Celebration of Life where PBTF representatives, Stars, and family members present insight into the foundation and the benefits it provides.

I have posters and ride kits for anyone needed extra to pass out to co-workers.

Ideas to help raise money for the kids:

- ▶ If you know anyone who rides, mention the ride to them and give them a ride kit.
- ▶ Skip that cup of coffee, soft drink, or beer once a day (between now and June 8) and put it in a jar, then turn that money in at registration.
- ▶ Take the money you would spend eating one meal out each week (between now and June 8) and save it up for the Stars.
- ▶ Recycle your aluminum cans and donate that money to the kids.
- ▶ Go to www.firstgiving.com and set up your own fund raising page. It's quick and easy. Check out my page at <http://www.firstgiving.com/lindashelley>

For additional or more detailed information, please call me at 495-5741 or email Lshelley@animail.net.

There is less than a month and a half until this year's Ride for Kids. Let's make a big showing for the Stars this year.



Last year we watched Ben get out of his wheelchair and, with help, walk up on stage. Wonder what surprises we will see this year ? ! ? ! ?



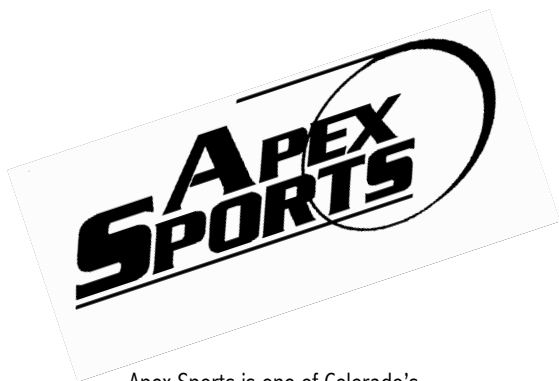


We have been given 4 hand-made quilts to raffle off for the Stars.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.

Contact Linda at 495-5741 or Lshelley@animail.net if you would like to purchase tickets.





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Chapter I May Meeting Maintenance Day



May's meeting will be at Darrel and
Laurie's
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May 5, 8:30 coffee



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