



May 2008

Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

We are in a quandary as to which word to use...AWESOME or OUTSTANDING. Those are the two words that describe the past couple of chapter events.

The dinner ride on April 24th, organized by Dave and Kathy Wren, had over 40 attendees. Good food, good company and a big thank you to Dave and Kathy.

On May 3 we had our combination chapter meeting and annual maintenance day at Darrel & Laurie's house. Wow, what a turnout. We had 59 people, 28 bikes and 2 trikes. In attendance were our District Directors, Steve and Teresa Randolph. Steve announced his recent retirement and transition into house-husband duties. He gave us the scoop regarding June's All Colorado Chapter Meeting/Get-together on Saturday the June 14. It will be held at the park in Buena Vista from 12-5. Bring your own food, drinks, and anything else you would like to share with all attending. Now back to maintenance day...

We always look forward to this day and once again we weren't disappointed. Darrel graciously opens his "I want this" garage to anyone and everyone. There are no less than two bikes being worked on at any one time. A group of experts are nearby to render a hand, muscle, and/or opinion. Several sets of tires were changed as well as oil. Head light modulators were installed and one very special license plate frame was added.

We would like to thank all of you for analyzing our dilemma and for your opinions regarding Monica's Wing Bling. After several agonizing months trying to decide how to install this part, it was comforting to have everyone reach the same conclusion. Thanks again!!!

Laurie was feeling pretty punkie and tried to rest while we converged on their home but she didn't want anyone to go hungry so she made us a big pot of chili and pumpkin squares. A big thanks to Laurie for always taking good care of us.

Whether you are an experienced goldwing me-

chanic or a novice when it come to maintenance of your own bike, maintenance day is always a learning experience. We would like to thank all of you who participated and created that experience and we would especially like to thank Darrel and Laurie for graciously opening their garage and home to all of us.

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" were all exhibited at various times throughout the day.

This month has many rides planned with several opportunities to help various causes. There will also be rides for food, what a surprise. Dick and DiDi are planning this month's dinner ride on Tuesday the May 20 and Patricia's Breakfast Ride has been postponed until Saturday the May 24. Ray and Nancy Daniels are hosting a get-together for Cliff and Myra Childs on Saturday the May 31. Cliff and Myra are moving to the Denver area but will stay active in our chapter.

Please make sure to mark your calendars with all of these special events so you won't miss out on any of the fun. The weather is warming up and it's a great time to get out and smell the spring flowers.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors



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Events



May 22
Laurie Schlosser
Nancy Powell
Ray Daniels
May 26
Carol Farmer
Dave Wren
May 28—Mark Damschen
May 30—George Davis
May 31—Myra Childs
June 6—Tom Harder
June 10—Candy Paine
June 12—Suzanne Manthei



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ANNIVERSARIES



May 26—Roger & Pat Pittman

*June 11—Virgil & Marlies
 Collins*

*June 13—Dean & Joann
 Hauser*

May 20 Dinner Ride

Texas Roadhouse In Monument

I-25 north to Baptist Road Exit (158), go east to Jackson Creek Pkwy (first light) and turn left, continue going north until the next light (after you see Wells Fargo Bank) and turn left. After your turn, continue towards the big clock wall sign (with Walmart store to your right & Home Depot to your left). At the end of that short street, turn right, and you'll see the restaurant to your left. Reservation is set for 6:30.

Call Didi at 488-9359 or
 Email dickdidi@hotmail.com



Meet APEX at 0845 a.m on Saturday, 24 May 08. Kick-stands up at 0900 a.m.

We will break up into groups of 6 bikes and make our way up Hwy 24 to the Pikes Peak Hwy, and meander back into Green Mountain Falls. Breakfast at The Pantry.

I would like to get a head count of all those who plan on attending so the folks at the Pantry can plan ahead accordingly. Please respond to Me -- Patricia Hales, at my home number -- (719) 282-8263 as soon as you decide. The sooner the better. If I don't answer and a strange voice says "PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE", please do as it says and leave a short message letting me know if you and your significant other, or guest, plan on attending.

After breakfast we can continue on up Hwy 24, over Wilkerson Pass and keep on going and make it a day ride.



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2 ea. Jack stands

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4 ea. 6 foot ratchet tie down straps

2 ea. Motorcycle wheel chock kits

Original price - \$8402.00

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If interested call 719-598-7621



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Wanna go on a fun Poker Run and help the fire victims of Ordway area ??? Let's represent Chapter I!!!

May 18th (Sun), Registration is at 9:30 am (1st bike out at 10am)

O'Furry's, 900 E. Filmore

Entry Fee: \$10.00 with 50% pay-back to 1st, 2nd, 3rd best hand & worst hand gets ??????



The ride will be going out east of town stopping at 3 places to draw cards and the last card drawn at the Spirit Keeper off Black Forest Rd.

There will be a barbeque of burgers, brats and dogs with tator salad and beverages in the beer garden.

all bikes, trikes, trucks, cars, ATV'S, and horses are welcomed!!

Contact **Claude & Nancy Lockhart**
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Biker Sunday in Florence

Praise Community Church (215 Pikes Peak Ave., Florence, CO) will be observing "Biker Sunday" on May 18. Church services will start at 10:45. The praise team from Praise Community and 'out of time' band will be leading the up-beat music, that you will love. All activities held in Pioneer Park, on the corner of Pikes Peak and 3rd Ave in Florence.

Please bring lawn, camper chairs, or a blanket. Whatever will fit on your bike, of course. The praise and worship service will last about an hour, after this there will be a cook-out, blessing of the bikes by the Christian Motorcycle Association.

We invite and encourage all bikes and bikers to take a good ride to Florence on May 18 for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. Music will continue. There will be judging of bikes. Apex Sports is donating prizes.

Come on down for free burgers and dogs !!
Hope to see you.

Thanks, Pastor Wayne Dickinson
Praise Community Church (also, Royal Gorge "Chapter C" member)



**VETERANS RECOGNITION
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vetsride@gmail.com

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Meet and ride up to Heritage Square in Golden together
— ALL motorcycles welcome —

Meeting Place: King Soopers at Baptist Rd. & I-25

Time: 7:30, leaving at 7:45

There will be coffee, water, muffins, and port-a-potties when you reach Heritage square.

Registration begins at 8:00, closes at 9:45

Bikes leave on the escorted ride at 10:00

Light lunch will be served at the end of the ride – followed by the Celebration of Life.

For every **\$300** you turn in, you will receive a chance to **win**
a new Honda motorcycle or one of two other prizes.

May 31

Moving away party for Cliff and Myra
Childs, hosted by Ray and Nancy Daniels

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For those who ordered valve stems in our
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like to get one or two. They are \$2.50 each.
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This is from a motorcycle safety forum. It gives more information on the crash on 115 in mid-April.

News Story:

Highway 115 at Hitch Rack Ranch Road is now open in both directions after a fatal motorcycle accident Sunday afternoon. Just before 5 Sunday night (13 April), the motorcyclist reportedly collided with a semi truck just west of Fort Carson. The cyclist was pronounced dead at the scene. The condition of the semi driver is unknown.

And now for the rest of the story:

Ran into a friend of the family yesterday while out riding. Turns out the lady (a pastor's daughter) was riding solo on a sport bike in the right lane (two lane road at that point) and had a car in front of her and three behind her. Third vehicle back (a truck) decided to pass the two in front of him and either misjudged or didn't see the motorcycle until it was too late. Front bumper hit her rear end and sent her down, with her ending up off the road and her bike in the road. Guy who hit her didn't stop, but traffic behind her did. As she was wearing all the gear (including a full face helmet), she appeared a little disoriented (evidently) but otherwise ok (according to witnesses), as she stood up from the side of the road and went to check on her bike.

Semi driver saw the stopped traffic (multiple cars by now) and went to go around it and evidently never saw her as she stepped onto the road.

I'm sure all of our condolences are with the family. So far they haven't found the guy who originally sent her down, but they do have the semi driver.

While this whole thing stinks, driver impatience (cages not waiting for a passing lane to pass), and what appears to be the possibility of task fixation (wants to check on her bike after an accident, and I only bring that up because the motorcycle safety board would) contributed to this. Be careful out there, especially if you've been involved in an accident. When you've been shaken, that's when it's especially important to take a clear census of your surroundings.

Provided by Frank Flesch



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Appearances

An older man approached an attractive younger woman at a shopping mall.

'Excuse me; I can't seem to find my wife. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?'

The woman, feeling a bit of compassion for the old fellow, said, 'Of course, sir. Do you know where your wife might be?'

'I have no idea, but every time I talk to a woman with breasts like yours, she seems to appear out of nowhere.'

Political Quickie

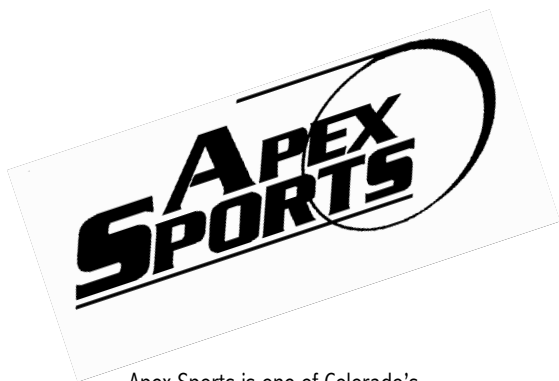
A busload of politicians were driving down a country road, when suddenly the bus ran off the road and crashed into an old farmer's barn.

The old farmer got off his tractor and went to investigate. Soon he dug a hole and buried the politicians. A few days later, the local sheriff came out, saw the crashed bus and asked the old farmer where all the politicians had gone.

The old farmer told him he had buried them.

The sheriff asked the old farmer, "Lordy, were they ALL dead?"

The old farmer said, "Well, some of them said they weren't, but you know how them crooked politicians lie."



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**TOWN PARK IN BUENA VISTA
NOON - 5PM**

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