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Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

This month we would like to stray slightly from the normal content of our newsletter message and share some of our thoughts and wishes with you.

Recently many of us have been presented with challenges that have never reared their ugly heads before. Some are retired and on a fixed income and the stock market may not have been very kind. For others, the local real estate market and credit restrictions by banks may have created some difficult times. The holidays are also approaching and for many, dealing with this season is difficult. More and more demands are placed on us for simply our time and for many of us that time is very precious. Therefore, we must choose to spend it wisely.

One of the wisest ways to spend that precious time is with some of your GWRRA family and friends. These people are the most emotionally generous and giving people that we have ever met. Always willing to lend an ear and give a hug. Many times that's all it takes to bring someone out of a difficult period in their own life. We have all been touched by a variety of people in our lives and with today's environment it is even more important to stay in touch with our family and friends.

How many of us think of someone and wonder what they are doing or even how they are doing? But we get caught up in our own lives and never pick up the phone to call that person. Many times that person may be having a difficult time and just needs to know that someone cares about them. We assume the other person is aware of us caring but that is not always the case.

We have a wonderful organization that brought us all together because of our love for two wheels. When we ride we usually concentrate on our physical well-being. Are we too warm? Are we hydrated enough? Should we plug in the heated clothing? Not only is our physical well-being important but our emotional well-being is also important. The last thing we want to happen is have someone along on a ride distracted by various events in their lives. We would like to think that everyone is concentrat-

ing on the tasks at hand.

Our chapter is overflowing with great members who will always be there for others. So please, feel free to call someone and just say "Hi, how are you?" It only takes a few seconds and the benefits, for both parties, are much more lasting.

Our wish is that many of you take advantage



of the friendships offered by others in our chapter. With close to 200 members we're sure there is plenty of well wishing for all. Stay active with others during the winter months when we aren't riding as often. We have game nights, date nights and other social events that facilitate togetherness. If you don't see anything on the calendar and would like to plan an event, please do so. Just let us know the particulars and we will broadcast the message to all.

We hope to see all of you at the December meeting. Yes, we will be there and the ride planning meeting will be held immediately after our chapter meeting. Make sure to bring our ideas for rides and/or activities in 2009 so we can add them to the calendar. We wish you a warm and bountiful Thanksgiving!

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

Rider Education—Trailer Maintenance



Now that winter is beginning to settle in, we should be thinking about winter maintenance on our motorcycles and trailers. Just because the trailer sits behind our motorcycle, the trailer needs love and attention as well. Inspect your trailer this winter, ensure that it is up to standard and it is road worthy by the provided checklist (checklist is on GWRRA website). Also look at your owner's manual for maintenance tips as well. Remember: Prior planning prevents pitiful poor performance.

RIDE WELL, Earl

NOTE: Trailer checklist on page 3

Helping Others

At the next meeting, we will be collecting items for various groups.

Holy-Cross Lutheran Church, see Didi Riesler

- ▶ Canned goods
- ▶ Non-perishable food items

Women's shelter, see Nancy Daniels or Didi

- ▶ Women's clothing, especially coats
- ▶ Children's clothing, especially coats
- ▶ Any unused/unopened samples, hotel supplied or travel size toiletries
- ▶ Small boxes of laundry soap, fabric softeners

Ronald McDonald House, see Nancy Lockhart

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- ▶ Small boxes of laundry soap, fabric softeners

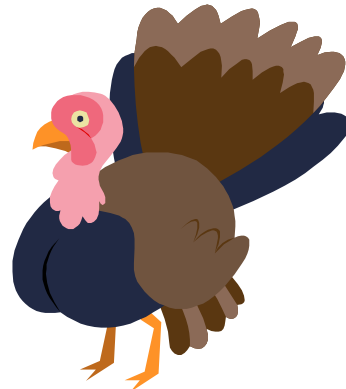
Cerebral Palsy Association, see Nancy Lockhart

- ▶ Empty printer cartridges
- ▶ Old cell phones
- ▶ Scratched DVDs
- ▶ Non working video games/consoles or controllers
- ▶ Non-working laptops

Giving this stuff to CPA helps keep it out of our landfills and environment, and its a way for CPA to earn money to help our local kids/families. If anyone knows where we can get a working overhead projector please let me (Nancy L.) know. This is for our CPACS board meetings to try to go green using less paper. We are non-profit group so we could write a tax receipt for the donation.



TURKEY BINGO



Chapter "G"

When: Saturday Nov. 22th

Time: 4:30 PM until about 9:00 PM

Eat before we play!

WHERE: REA (Rural Electric Assoc) Building,
Hwy 392, ¾ miles East of I-25 and the
Windsor Exit, on Hwy 392.

Bring turkeys and other white elephant gifts
Pot Luck, bring your favorite food to share!
Just come and have fun !

Any questions please call Ron at 970-481-1951
Or email white2008buffalo@yahoo.com

N.19 Trailer Check



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM TRAILER CHECK



Items to Check	Condition to Check	OK(Y/N)
Lights	Brake lights, turn signals, running lights	
Wiring	Breaks, cracks, pinches, chafing. Clean connections	
Tires	Tread, cracks, correct pressure (don't forget the spare if you carry one)	
Wheels	Rust, lug nuts (on and tight), wheel bearings	
Hitch	Locking shoe adjustment, pin or ball clamp, bolts and frame connections, rust, loose connections	
Ball or Pin	Unusual wear, cleanliness, lubrication	
Safety Chains	Adequate length, strength, rust, attachment hooks	
Suspension	Correct pressure in air shocks, rust, loose mountings, spring tension	
Chassis & Frame	Rust, cracks, broken frame members, cracked welds Tongue Rust, cracks, trailer frame bolts	

I have performed the above safety check. To my knowledge my Trike is ready for safe range operation. I certify the above statements are true and correct.

Print Name _____

Year and Type of Trailer _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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MISSION POSSIBLE

As some of you know, I have joined the Colorado Task Force for the Ride for Kids (RFK). I spent November 6-9 in Redondo Beach, CA, attending Task Force Leader (TFL) training sponsored by the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF). TFLs from all 37 ride cities attended the training.

I had the privilege and opportunity to join other TFLs in a tour of the Honda facilities on Friday morning. Our tour included Honda's distribution warehouse, their research and development area, mechanic areas that support Honda's road racing and motocross teams, the machine shop, and the Honda Museum.

Throughout the entire tour we all noticed the same thing – how clean everything appeared everywhere we went (well, except for the machine shop). While we were in the warehouse, one of the men in my group asked our guide if it is always that clean or if they tidied up just for us. The answer, "oh, it's usually much cleaner than this".

We also went inside the mechanic and courtesy trailers (which were also immaculate) they take to the races. The courtesy trailer was set up using toolboxes as the drawers and cabinets, all of which had labels so you know where to find everything. Both trailers are very tall, of course, but what amazed me was the courtesy trailer has a roof section they can lower. They drive a Honda Ridgeline truck on top so they have easy transportation when they reach their destinations. How cool is that?

Our tour ended at the Honda museum where they house various motorcycle models, ATVs, Red Riders, and personal watercraft in the warehouse area. Mr. Gary Martini (Honda) explained that the transportation housed in this facility is used for trade shows, advertising set-ups, and movies. The front part of the building is the museum. Here, we were able to get a close look at Formula One race cars, outboard motors, some of the first motorcycles Honda built, and, of course, early Honda cars through the new styles of today.

During the training, we heard from pediatric neuro-oncologists and surgeons, the co-founders of PBTF, magazine editors, American Motorcycle Association representatives, PBTF Board of Directors members, brain tumor survivors, and others.

For a long time I thought it was just me, but after this weekend I learned that most (~98%) of the people attending are just like me. One ride, just one, and we were hooked. Sitting through just one Celebration of Life at the end of the ride and we were hooked.

We all discovered it's not the ride it's the kids – the Stars. So many, like me, had never heard of the Ride for Kids until someone said, "hey, there's a ride on this date to help raise money for kids with brain tumors. How about joining us?"

We did the ride and thought, "this is a great ride, beautiful scenery." Then we got to the end of the ride where there's a tent set up and food (always a big draw for motorcyclists). We sat down for something called the Celebration of Life. This was where we got reeled in. The ride manager got up and told everyone about the PBTF and how the money we raised would be used; such as research and scholarships. A doctor or nurse got up and spoke. A parent talked about finding out their child had a brain tumor. Then, the Stars got up on the stage. The ride manager talked to each child and we got to know them a little – if they enjoyed their motorcycle ride that day, what they enjoy the rest of the time, trials they may have had, how they are doing that day, etc. We all walked away with a different outlook on life.

You go to the ride the next year and see the Stars again. You see how they have grown and matured. You hear stories of their past year. You see them living, surviving.

If you have not participated in a Ride for Kids...
If you have participated previously, but missed the last year or so...

If you participated last year...

Come join us on June 7, 2009 to put your knees in the breeze, raise some money to save a child's life, and celebrate the lives that have been saved.

I met so many new people and made new friends. All these people have a passion to help children.

Linda



Chapter I Christmas Party

Dec. 20, 2008

at



COCKTAILS AND SOCIAL HOUR
5:00-6:00, CASH BAR

Dinner served at 6:00

BUFFET MENU

Fruit Ambrosia Salad
Tossed Salad Greens & Condiments
Macaroni Salad

Glazed Carrots
Mixed vegetables in a cheesy sauce
Roasted red potatoes

Baked chicken
Rot roast

Served with fresh baked biscuits, butter, & jelly
Coffee and tea

As tradition would have it,
bring your favorite dessert to share.
A table will be provided.

Cost per person—
\$23.50



*Music and dancing
7:00-9:00*



Payment will be collected during the December meeting.
Contact Linda or sign up at the December meeting.

Grand Lake 2nd Annual Snowmobile Trip January 16-17, 2009



Lodging-Western Riviera in Grand Lake

Check-in at 11:00 and ride from Noon until 4 p.m. - Friday

Cliff & Myra are planning something different for one night during the trip—a chili cook-off and dessert bakeoff.

Put your best recipe forward.

Prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.



Events



Nov 19—**Scott Paine**
 Jim Morasky
 Nov 20—**Bruce Patner**
 Nov 21—**Paul Bondurant**
 Nov 22—**Kim Athman**
 Dec 10—**Neal Bondurant**
 Dec 14—**Nancy Daniels**
 Virg Collins
 Dec 15—**Dawn Klock**
 Dec 18—**John Csencsits**
 Dec 19—**Darlene Nyquist**
 Bobbie Clayton
 Dec 20—**Alexis DeCrescenzo**
 Dec 22—**Donna Noah**
 Dec 24—**Dean Hauser**
 Lewis Farmer
 Dec 31—**Gary Durfey**

ANNIVERSARIES



Nov 24—**Jim & Dee Morasky**
 Nov 26—**Mark & Sue Damschen**
 Nov 27—**Chris & Casey Ward**
 Nov 28—**Bob & Darlene Nyquist**
 Nov 29—**Rod & Dawn Klock**
 Dec 22—**Bill & Marie Schraven**



Dec. Goodies
Lewis & Carol
Paul & Jeannie

Dates to Remember

Nov 22—CO G Turkey Bingo Fundraise
 Nov 27—Thanksgiving
 Dec 6—Vote for Couple of the Year and
 Individual of the Year
 CO I Ride Planning after monthly
 meeting
 Dec. 20—CO I Christmas Party
 Jan 1—Rich & Donna's New Year's Day Ride
 Ride / breakfast

Woman's Motto

Live your life in such a way that when your feet hit
 the floor in the morning, the Devil shudders & says...
 'Oh shit...she's awake!!'

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Check your humor

One evening a husband, thinking he was being funny, said to his wife, "Perhaps we should start washing your clothes in Slim Fast. Maybe it would take a few inches off of your butt!!"

His wife was not amused, and decided that she simply couldn't let such a comment go unrewarded.

The next morning the husband took a pair of underwear out of his drawer.

"What the heck is this??" he said to himself as a little 'dust' cloud appeared when he shook them out.

"April," he hollered into the bathroom, "Why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?"

She replied with a snicker... "It's not talcum powder..... It's 'Miracle Grow'."

Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine

If you can get going without pep pills

If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it

If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment

If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend

If you can conquer tension without medical help

If you can relax without liquor

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

New Motorcycle Giveaway Announced

RIDE FOR KIDS® ANNOUNCES NEW MOTORCYCLE GIVEAWAY

Partners with *Cycle World* International Motorcycle Shows, American Honda and Roland Sands Design on "The Mission"

Last year's Ride for Kids®/*Cycle World* International Motorcycle Shows motorcycle drawing raised more than \$84,000 for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF), more than any bike in the drawing's history. Looking to build on that success, *Cycle World* and the Ride for Kids® program approached Roland Sands Design (RSD) about doing a third bike for the annual drawing.

Starting with a Honda CBR1000RR again as the base, RSD created an entirely new look, an aggressive, yet clean, bike they have dubbed "The Mission." Drawing tickets are [available now online](#) and at all 13 stops on the [Cycle World International Motorcycle Show circuit](#).

"I was amazed to hear that we set records with last year's bike. It pushed me to want to create a bike that everyone would want to win, a bike to break our own records," says Sands. "With 'The Mission' we have a chance to record the greatest amount of donations for a giveaway. And all for a cause I truly believe in."

This is the ninth consecutive year that *Cycle World* has partnered with Ride for Kids® for the drawing. All the proceeds from the ticket sales benefit the PBTF, which funds medical research and family support programs for children with brain tumors.

The Mission will be given to a winner drawn at random on May 1, 2009. Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$20. [Buy yours today online](#) or call 800-253-6530.



About the PBTF Ride for Kids®

Since 1984, the national [Ride for Kids®](#) program and the [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation](#) (PBTF) have promoted childhood brain tumor research and provided family support through free literature about brain tumors, educational newsletters, online conferences and college scholarships. With the help of America's motorcycling community, the PBTF has become the world's largest non-governmental source of funding for childhood brain tumor research.

Innocence

.... Ahhhhh.. The joys of having Girls... My mother taught me to read when I was four years old (her first mistake).

One day, I was in the bathroom and noticed one of the cabinet doors was ajar. I read the box in the cabinet. I then asked my mother why she was keeping "napkins" in the bathroom. Didn't they belong in the kitchen?

Not wanting to burden me with unnecessary facts, she told me that those were for 'special occasions' (her second mistake). Now fast forward a few months. It's Thanksgiving Day, and my folks are leaving to pick up my uncle and his wife for dinner. Mom had assignments for all of us while they were gone. Mine was to set the table.

When they returned, my uncle came in first and immediately burst into laughter. Next came his wife who gasped, then began giggling. Next came my father, who roared with laughter. Then came Mom, who almost died of embarrassment when she saw each place setting on the table with a 'special occasion' Kotex napkin at each plate, with the fork carefully arranged on top. I had even tucked the little tail in so they didn't hang off the edge!! My mother asked me why I used these and, of course, my response sent the other adults into further fits of laughter. 'But, Mom, you said they were for special occasions!!!'

Life is too short for drama & petty things, so kiss slowly, laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly and for heavens sake, use the good napkins whenever you can.

Springs Wings Mailing List

From Wikipedia: An **electronic mailing list** (sometimes written as **elist** or **e-list**) is a special usage of [e-mail](#) that allows for widespread distribution of information to many [Internet](#) users. It is similar to a traditional [mailing list](#) — a list of names and addresses — as might be kept by an organization for sending publications to its members or customers, but typically refers to four things: a list of e-mail addresses, the people ("subscribers") receiving mail at those addresses, the publications (e-mail messages) sent to those addresses, and a reflector, which is a single e-mail address that, when designated as the recipient of a message, will send a copy of that message to all of the subscribers.

The Springs Wings Mailing List has been created as a method to improve communications among members of GWRRA Chapter I. It is designed to allow messages from a member to be distributed to all subscribed members in an automated manner. In order to prevent spam, you must subscribe to the list be able to send/receive messages to/from other subscribers of the mailing list. This list is to be used for communication purposes with other members and NOT to forward mail you've receive to everyone else. Therefore, if the list is used to forward mail, the sender will be removed.

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The system will respond with a reply to you confirming your wish to subscribe. You must then respond to the confirmation to be subscribed to the list.

Once you are subscribed to the list, **to send messages** to the other participants, send your message to: springswings@wings.cerskine.com. This message will be sent out to all members of the mailing list.

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As such, you will want to add them to your junk mail filter if you have one.

Black Bean Dip

Combine item below and let sit overnight.

3 cans black beans, rinsed and drained

½ red onion, finely chopped

4 stalks celery, finely chopped

1 green bell pepper, finely chopped

1 jar salsa (your choice)

This would be a great & healthy dip for the holidays. You can always add some red bell pepper for color.

No Sugar Pecan Pie

3 eggs

5 tsp sugar substitute for baking

1 c sugar free breakfast syrup

1/3 c butter, melted

1 c pecan halves

9-inch pie crust

Preheat oven to 350°F. Mix eggs with sugar substitute. Stir in the breakfast syrup and the melted butter. Stir in pecan halves. Pour into pie crust. Bake for 25 min. with edges covered with foil. Remove foil from the edges and bake for another 25 min. or until you can insert a knife and have it come out clean.

Easy Pea Salad Recipe

1 10 oz. package frozen baby peas, thawed

1 C. chopped cauliflower

1/4 C. diced green onions

1 C. diced celery

1 C. chopped cashews

1/2 C. sour cream

1 C. ranch dressing

bacon, cooked and crumbled (optional)

Combine all ingredients. Chill. Garnish with crisp crumbled bacon just before serving, if desired.



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Thanksgiving is that wonderful
time of the year when nobody
expects you to stick to your diet.



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December Goodies
Lewis & Carol
Paul & Jeannie



Chapter I meeting
information:

WHEN

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

WHERE

Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.

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