



February 2009



Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I



Harder's Happenings

It has become evident after hearing about the responses from the Holiday Party Survey that Rich & Donna Noah handed out, we need to review with you the ins and outs of the chapter finances. The majority of surveys they received back with comments suggested that the chapter subsidize the dinner as well as cover the expenses for the DJ. For the past couple of years, the chapter has covered the expenses related to the DJ but not subsidized the meal. Therefore, the chapter's funds are depleted to an amount that will **not** be able to cover those expenses this year without a significant fundraiser.

There are a couple different ways that the chapter earns funds. At every meeting we hold a 50-50 raffle where half of the money contributed goes to the chapter and the other half is raffled back to the members. In 2008, our 50-50 raffles averaged \$75.00 a month. We also have a straight raffle periodically where someone brings in items to be raffled off with the chapter keeping all of those funds. Another avenue for a very small amount of income has been the pin and patch sales, however we are now being charged shipping so this is no longer a viable source. Other sources of income are selling advertisements in our monthly newsletter and selling the chapter t-shirts/caps. The best avenue for raising money for the chapter is through a fundraiser. Fundraisers need to be well planned and can be time consuming and labor intensive.

There are various expenses that the chapter incurs. We make an annual donation to the church for use of the meeting room/building. We also reimburse members for supplies such as the coffee, cups, etc. and supplies for the Sunshine Committee. The largest expenses that we have annually are for the picnic and the holiday party. Another fee they we are liable for is the annual chapter charter fee. However, district has been paying national on our

behalf. District will continue to pay this fee for the chapters as long as they have the funds available.

Over the past several years, our expenses have surpassed the income being generated. In 2008, we spent close to \$800 more than we took in. This has been the pattern for several years, thereby gradually depleting funds that would otherwise be available to pay for events.

One of the events that we are thinking about revamping is the annual picnic. We don't charge anyone for anything to come to the picnic. We have people come to the picnic with their entire family and/or bring friends who haven't been in attendance at any of the meetings. That means these people have not been supporting the chapter by participating in the raffles that fund the picnic. Our intention with this information is not to be cruel however we are trying to get you to see the dynamics of the chapter through our eyes. Even if we do decide to charge a small fee for the picnic, it will only be enough to cover the expenses incurred. It will not be enough to cover the holiday party expenses.

Therefore, we are issuing a challenge to all of you, especially the ones who would like the chapter to continue to fund events, to put your heads together and plan a fundraiser or several fundraisers. However, before announcing it to the chapter, we along with Butch and Linda would like to review the plans to make sure the presentation will be upfront with the chapter members regarding time involved and possible expenses that may be incurred.

Every member counts,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

Link to First Aid kits

<http://www.first-aid-product.com/industrial/vehicle-first-aid-kit.htm>

Events



Feb 20—Ralph Clayton
Delores Kerbs
Feb 21—Ray McClellan
Feb 25—Didi Reisler
Feb 27—Cathy Luce
Mar 2—Mark Atwell
Mar 6—Earl Edwards
Mar 7—Terry Hillman
DeeDee McCormack
Mar 8—John Ebersohl
Mar 11—Robert Tavernier
Mar 15—Mike Wyman
Mar 18—Gene Krull

ANNIVERSARIES



Mar 16—Butch & Linda Shelley
Mar 28—Donald & Maryann Roberts
Mar 31—Cliff & Myra Childs

Dates to Remember

Feb 25—Dinner Ride - Golden Corral, Palmer Park and Powers Blvd
March 19—Dinner Ride, need volunteer
March 20-28—Cookie Ride to Arizona
March 21—Arizona Chapter A Chili Cook-off and Charity Ride to San Xavier Mission
March 21—Bunco @ Ray & Nancy's, Potluck dinner prior to game



Valentine's Dinner
Feb. 14
Mimi's Café
N. Academy @ 5:30

February Dinner Ride

February 25, 6:30

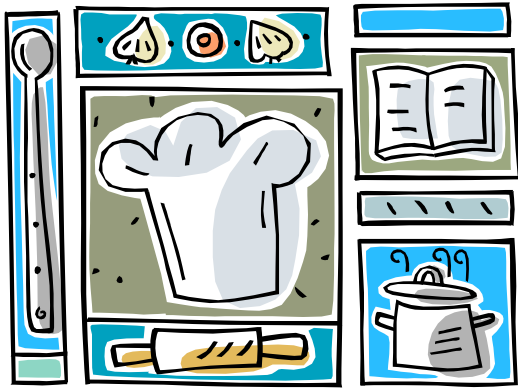
Jim & Olga Wyman have booked a room for us at Golden Corral, 1970 Waynoka Rd at Palmer Park and Powers Blvd.

Cost is \$10.19 plus 15% gratuity.

Please RSVP to the Wymans at either jimolga2000@yahoo.com or phone 683-7814.

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Call to all cooks, chefs, food connoisseurs

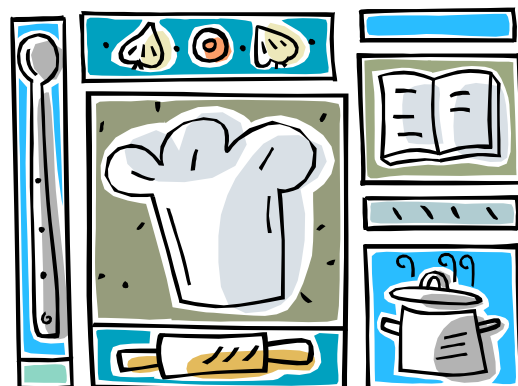
Pull out those recipes you enjoy making. The ones your family always ask you to make. Your traditional dishes or new discoveries. Those recipes written on a napkin or the back of an envelope. The ones handed down from generation to generation.

I am going to begin putting a Chapter I recipe collection together.

Once complete, this will be a great fund raiser that we can sell year round.

Send recipe contributions to Lshelley@animail.net or give me a copy when you see me.

Linda



Sharing Peanuts

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch again he asks the little old lady, "Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?"

"We can't chew them because we've no teeth," she replied.

The puzzled driver asks, "Why do you buy them then?"

The old lady replied, "We just love the chocolate around them."

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The Log Cabin

A social worker from Boston recently was transferred to the Mountains of North Carolina and Georgia and was on the first tour of her new territory when she came upon the tiniest cabin she had ever seen in her life.

Intrigued, she went up and knocked on the door. "Anybody home?" she asked.

"Yep," came a kid's voice through the door.

"Is your father there?" asked the social worker.

"Pa? Nope, he left afore Ma came in," said the kid.

"Well, is your mother there?" persisted the social worker.

"Ma? Nope, she left just afore I got here," said the kid.

Thinking she had her first violation to report, she persisted, "But are you never together as a family?"

"Sure, but not here," said the kid through the door. "This is the outhouse!"



March Goodies
Delores Kerbs
Jeannie Bondurant



Rider Education

TRIKES CHARACTERISTIC

There are some differences between motorcycles and trikes. I will try to explain some of the differences as they were explained to me by Alan and Debbie of Chapter J. Without ever riding a trike I know that there is no lean angle on a trike, therefore you don't have to worry about a side stand. How do we turn a trike? The trike is turned by pushing your handlebar either to the left or to the right...much like a riding lawnmower or an ATV. The turning is done carefully...NO SUDDEN MOVEMENTS. A small movement of the handlebar will do a lot; the trike is very responsive to the moves in the handlebars. So, start out your test ride very slowly and remember this...the faster you go, the less cumbersome the trike becomes. It will feel heavy and it's a handful while riding slowly but when you're at cruising speeds, the trike lightens up. (hondamotorcycles-usedmotorcycles.com). There is no weight transfer when braking is involved. Since the rear end has more weight, there will be no weight transfer. The rear end will not be as light as it would be on a regular motorcycle. The effects of the crosswinds on a trike are a little different versus a motorcycle. If you have a crosswind on a motorcycle, you just lean into the wind and try to hold the bike steady and be ready for a change of wind direction. On a trike with the crosswind, you would steer into the wind instead of a lean with a motorcycle. You can have more control on control on wet weather and wet roads by being on a trike versus a motorcycle. Just keep in mind that you're braking, cornering and swerving is going to be different.



FIRST AID / CPR CLASSES

Some of us work on military installation and have access to the fire station and medical facilities in which those personnel should be trained in first aid and CPR. I asked a fireman at NORAD who instructs the first aid and CPR classes for them. With that information, it leads me to the person that instructs classes for Lockheed Martin. **Somebody on that installation is instructing.** If you are retired military or a government contract, you can do the same thing. If you can't get on a military installation, you can sign up with Pike Peak Red Cross at www.pparc.org. These classes are given at fire station or churches throughout the city. For exact location, contact the Red Cross. There classes are \$45 and you sign up on line. The last choice will be through American Heart. Refresher course, \$25, and non- refresher course will be \$40. (8 hours). I will need six people for him to do this and most likely it will be on Saturday. Time and date to be determined.



ERC CLASSES

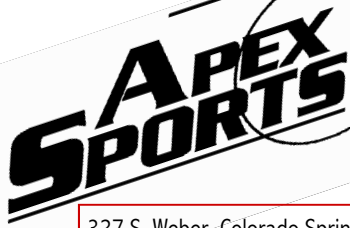
Abate of Colorado at Pike Peak Community College will teach the Trike course. They are the only authorized school in the area at this current time. Wheels in Motion will teach 2 up classes for those interested 393-RIDE. Any questions, please feel free to give me a call. 637-0908.



Life is good

Earl Edwards,
Chapter Ride Educator





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Criticism

Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain - and most fools do.

Dale Carnegie (1888-1955)

How To Win Friends And Influence People, 1936

Part I "Fundamental Techniques in Handling People"

Chapter 1 "If You Want to Gather Honey, Don't Kick Over the Beehive"

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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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