



May 2009



# Springs Wings

## Colorado Springs Chapter I

### Harder's Happenings

Even though the weather didn't cooperate for a "riding" Chapter Meeting & Annual Maintenance Day on Saturday, May 2, it was still a well attended event hosted by Darrel & Laurie. We had close to 60 people snugly fit into their garage and home. The drizzly morning began with a yummy breakfast that had so much variety it was difficult to choose which dishes to try. The biscuits and gravy were out of this world too. If you went home hungry, it was your own fault. The breakfast was a fundraiser for the chapter along with Laurie selling handmade embellished towels.

We held a brief meeting while everyone ate and discussed some important chapter news. Following the meeting there was only one bike that was in the garage for maintenance. After the new windshield was installed the garage turned into the usual gathering spot for mechanical minds.

We would like to take this opportunity to give a huge "THANKS" to Darrel & Laurie for always going above and beyond. They host this event annually and we always have a great turnout regardless of the weather. The funds earned at breakfast help the chapter to survive and continue. The next time you see them, please let them know how much you appreciate their efforts to promote the chapter.

The constant fundraiser for the chapter is the monthly 50-50 raffle and we would like to thank Patricia Hales for stepping up to handle this duty as Don & Cathy have decided to step away from this duty. It's been a pleasure having them help. Please make sure to show them appreciation for their efforts at the monthly meetings.

Another fundraiser that has been started at this month's meeting by John & Kim Athman is the colored marble raffle. They had this raffle at their previous chapter and thought it would make a good fundraiser for our chapter as well. So make sure to bring your dollars as this raffle will also be held monthly. The sky is the limit with this one and the pot could be substantial in a few months.

Bruce & Mel Partner are selling fun "Chica" bags for \$5.00 with \$2.50 going to the chapter for every bag sold. A sure way to make points at home is to buy your shopper one or more of these bags. They are reusable and can be stored in the bike easily for those unexpected stops to window shop. They have a great supply of bags in lots of fun colors so please make sure to visit them at the next chapter meeting.

We are excited about the interest taken by chapter members to fundraise for the chapter. Thank you to all who have brainstormed to find and host a fundraiser. Without you, the chapter would not be able to survive.

Let's start asking the sun and heat gods now for very warm weather in August as we will be selling water at the District Rally in Salida. Make sure to stop by the "watering" hole as this will also be a fundraiser for the chapter.

Every member counts,

*Tom & Monica Harder*

Chapter I Directors

June 7

Ride for Kids

8:00 Jefferson County Human Services Bldg

### 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**

# Events



**May 22—Ray Daniels**  
**Nancy Powell**  
**Laurie Schlosser**

**May 26—Carol Farmer**  
**Dave Wren**

**May 28—Mark Damschen**

**May 30—George Davis**

**May 31—Myra Childs**

**Jun 4—Billy Stewart**

**Jun 6—Tom Harder**

**Jun 10—Candy Paine**

**Jun 12—Suzanne Manthei**

**Jun 18—Mike Manthei**

## Dinner Rides

**May 19**

Hosted by Doug Irish  
GIUSEPPE'S OLD DEPOT RESTAURANT  
6:30

Doug has a ride planned before dinner. Those who can join him will meet at the Safeway parking lot on west Colorado at 4:45 pm, kick stands up at 5:00 pm.

**June 17**

Hosted by Dick and Didi  
Location to be determined



*May 26—Roger & Pat Pitman*  
*Jun 8—Virg & Marlies Collins*  
*Jun 13—Dean & Joann Hauser*

What's the difference between a northern fairytale and a southern fairytale?

A northern fairytale begins 'Once upon a time...' - A southern fairytale begins 'Y'all ain't gonna believe this shit....'

## Dates to Remember

May 19—Dinner Ride

May 24—Car show @ Rosie's Diner, Monument

May 30—Breakfast ride to Green Mountain Falls  
(Patricia Hales)

June 6—Chapter L Bike show at Colorado Mills  
Mall, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**June 7—Ride for Kids, Golden**

June 13—Ride to Bishop's Castle (Earl Edwards)

June 13—St. Jude Hospital Ride, Aurora Honda  
7:00 a.m.

July 2-5—Wing Ding 31, Tulsa, OK

## Link to First Aid kits

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

## ***Ride For Kids***

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!

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 7, Sunday) talk to friends, family, co-workers, etc. and collect funds to take with you to ride. Some employers will match funds you raise, so check with your employer to see if will participate.

The ride will begin at the Jefferson County Human Services Building 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 free 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 7) 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 7) and save it up for the Stars
- ▶ Recycle your aluminum cans and donate that money to the kids
- ▶ Go to [www.firstgiving.com](http://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](mailto:Lshelley@animail.net).

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

**What's the difference between a southern zoo and a northern zoo? A southern zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with... 'a recipe'.**

A little boy was sitting on the curb with a gallon of turpentine, shaking it up and watching all the bubbles. A while later a Priest came along and asked the little boy what he had.

The little boy replied, "This is the most powerful liquid in the world, it's called turpentine."

The Priest said, "No, the most powerful liquid in the world is Holy Water. If you take some of this Holy Water and rub it on a pregnant woman's belly, she'll pass a healthy baby."

The little boy replied, "You take some of this turpentine and rub it on a cat's rear, he'll pass a Harley Davidson."

A little three year-old boy is sitting on the toilet. His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up.

The little boy is gripping onto the toilet seat with his left hand and hitting himself on top of the head with his right hand.

His mother says, "Billy, are you alright? You've been in here for a while."

Billy says, "I'm fine, Mommy. I just haven't gone 'doody' yet."

Mother says, "OK, you can stay here a few more minutes. But, Billy, what are you hitting yourself on the head?"

Billy says, "works for ketchup."

## *Rider Education*

### **BRINGETH UR “A” GAME**

The warm weather is coming, sand and gravel is slowing being removed from the road and cycle fever is in the air. Everybody is getting there bike out and getting ready for the riding season. Although your bike may be at its best, i.e., brakes, tires, oil and other maintenance issues, you need to have your game up to par. What do I mean by “your game”? **Your Skills.**



I look at ourselves as an athlete, no matter what sport you like, when it come to the play-offs, you need to bring your best to the field, court, pool, or ice. So what is our game? Our game is motorcycling. It consists of braking, cornering and swerving. After being in other types of vehicles during the winter and bad weather days, our skill have gotten a little tarnished. Have we forgotten those skills? No, we have not forgotten those skills, but on the other hand we have not practiced those skills either. So I encourage all to get in some practice, even if it is just ten minutes for a few days. This wakes up your muscles and memory on what and how to do certain functions on the motorcycle.

This also gives you a chance to check out your motorcycle as well. Practice your skill so that they can be they can be at their best at any given time or place. Remember, this is the play-offs. This is the last shot or the last pitch...**Win or go home.**

The Parking Lot Practice that was held on April 25 was very successful even though we had bad weather. The participants had fun and learned a lot. One of the key factors that were learned was “turning your head” and “look where you are going”. The following people that attended were: Mike and Tammy Day, Kevin and Patty Hales, George Davis, John Ebersohl, Don Muller, and Glenn Goode. Next month, I will talk about U.G.O.’s within the Chapter.

Earl Edwards,  
Chapter Ride Educator



Now that riding season is upon us, subscribe to the chapter mailing list to send and receive messages from the others in the chapter. Send a message to [springswings-request@wings.cerskine.com](mailto:springswings-request@wings.cerskine.com) and then respond to the reply to get registered. Note that this list is to be used to communicate with the others in the chapter and **not** to forward the ‘joke of the day’ or ‘warning of the day’ messages.





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**Individual of the Year (IOY)** - Linda Shelley

## "Nine Errors" that could cause deadly results

1. Riding while impaired.  
 ☆ *Alcohol or medication*
2. Missing or not perceiving danger signs.  
 ☆ *Failing to anticipate the "worst case scenario"*  
 ☆ *Riding in "blind spots" where other drivers can't see you*
3. Taking unnecessary chances.  
 ☆ *Passing over double lines, weaving through traffic, etc.*
4. Speed too fast for conditions.  
 ☆ *Fog, rain, darkness, curves, traffic, etc.*
5. Failure to maintain motorcycle.  
 ☆ *Tires, tire pressure, brakes, cables, etc.*
6. Inattention.  
 ☆ *Not watching the road ahead*
7. Sleepy or fatigued.  
 ☆ *Long hours on the road without rest, especially overnight*
8. Improper braking.  
 ☆ *Failing to maximize stopping ability or use avoidance techniques*
9. Riding beyond your ability.  
 ☆ *Trying to keep up with better riders who push their limits*

## Chapter I Quilt

Joni is still in search of any & all types of Gold Wing patches and/or shirts. Must say Gold Wing or GWRRA on it somewhere, but does not have to say Chapter I. This is to make a quilt for Ride for Kids for June.

Call or text Joni at 719-619-9912 or email her at [docsalmo@yahoo.com](mailto:docsalmo@yahoo.com)

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## Something to remember for your next cruise -

An old lady was standing at the rail of the cruise ship holding her hat so that the wind wouldn't blow it away.

A gentleman approached her & said, 'Pardon me, madam, I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this wind?'

'Yes, I know,' said the lady. 'But I need my hands to hold onto my hat.'

'But madam, he said, 'you must know that you're derriere is exposed!'

The woman looked down, then back up at the man and said, 'Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old, but I just bought this hat!'

I'm just passing this thought along ....

Have you ever wondered if the one dollar bills in your wallet were ever in a stripper's butt crack? If not, you're wondering now.  
Have a nice day. 🤪



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