



June 2009



Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I

Harder's Happenings

It's been great to see more and more goldwings out on the roads lately. Some of the riders we recognize while others we do not. That means there is a good potential for approaching those we do not recognize and inviting them to a chapter meeting. From there we would hope they would want to become members of this wonderful organization and join GWRRA.

Along with more bikes on the road enjoying the long days we've also noticed more vehicles of all different shapes and sizes. The summer travel season is upon us and with so many vehicles out there we need to be even more aware and defensive when riding.

In the past couple of weeks, there have been a couple more motorcycle accidents that have resulted in fatalities. Speed has been a factor as well as riding outside of your comfort zone and/or ability level. Do not ever ride outside of your comfort zone or ability level. Riding while scared or fearful will be a distraction from your good riding skills.

Some accidents are caused by drivers or riders around us who do not always use their best judgment out on the road. We've all seen that occasional rider smoking a cigarette while riding down the road. Or the "I'm so important" person talking on the cell with only one hand navigating the handlebars. The ones that can't always be detected until it's too late are the alcohol impaired drivers or riders.

The Colorado State Patrol issued a press release in May regarding this year's summertime campaign called "100 Days of Heat". This campaign will have an unprecedented level of summertime DUI enforcement between the Colorado State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies across Colorado. It will run from Memorial Day through Labor Day because more than one-third of all alcohol related fatalities in Colorado last year occurred between those two holidays. They stated that in 2008, 38% of all traffic fatalities in the state involved alcohol, killing 211 people. Even though we, as GWRRA members, do not participate in drinking and driving/riding that doesn't mean we won't encounter someone who shares that belief.

So please whether you are planning a short ride or a lengthy vacation on your goldwing, be aware of everything happening around you.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

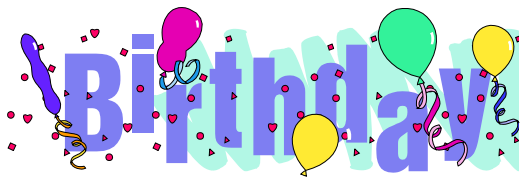
Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors



GPS adventures begin



Events



June 27—Mike Day
July—13 Steven Cox
July 14—Ken Kerbs

Dates to Remember

July 2-5—Wing Ding 31, Tulsa, OK
July 11—Chapter I meeting
July 18—Drive-in movie in Pueblo
July 24-25—Durango camping trip (Claude & Nancy Lockhart)
July 25—Chapter J Hummer of the Summer
August 21-22—District Rally, Salida

ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 8—Terry & Vonda Webber
(sorry ,I missed listing them last month)

Jun 22—Mike & Tammy Day
June 27—John & Bonnie Ebersohl
June 29—Bill & Marie McMin
July 3—Doug & Marilyn Irish
July 15—Earl & Laura Edwards
July 17—Ray & Bea McClellan
July 18—Ken & Delores Kerbs

Dinner Rides

July 16
Host needed

June 17
Hosted by Marsha Curry
Location to be determined

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June 7, 2009

Today was a great day at the Colorado Ride for Kids. We had 146 bikes and four survivors. There were more Harleys participating than we have had in the past in Colorado.

The ride manager, Robert, asks each of the top individuals/couples how they were able to raise their money and why they do it. One individual shared that she is a cancer survivor and feels very strongly about helping the children. One couple lost their 19 year old daughter two years ago to a brain tumor.

Many of you who have participated in past rides will remember Spencer. He was back and has started learning to drive.

There was one little girl and her parents who left before ride began or could be introduced to the bikers. Her parents just found out that she has a brain tumor – she is a little doll and only 6 months old.

The top dealer was once again Apex Sports, over \$12,000. Top chapter/club was GWRRA CO L, over \$12,100. And Pam McCombs, with over \$7500, as top individual. The total for today was just over \$49,100.

When I asked people to make a donation, they would ask, “what’s your goal?” My goal this year was not a monetary goal, it was to get more bikers to the ride and raise the awareness of this devastating childhood illness. PJ, the Task Force Leader, asked in each of her emails for people to bring three new riders to the ride. I meet PJ’s goal. I exceeded that goal. I was able to get 14 new riders. Over one-third of the riders today had never been to a Ride for Kids.

Today was ... It’s really hard to describe what today meant. For me to look up and see Butch leading almost thirty bikes was overwhelming. The group included Chapter N, Chapter I, Pikes Peak HOG Chapter #405, Green Knights Chapter 25, and friends.

Thanks to –
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The new riders
Fundraiser helpers
Fund donors

Linda

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Individual of the Year (IOY) - Linda Shelley



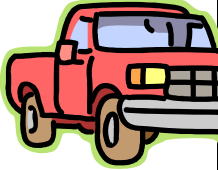
Rider Education—Earlology

Your Opponent



Now that we are ready for the summer riding season, we need to be aware of who is on the road when we are on the road. Keep in mind that is just a general idea of who may be on the road at certain time of the day or week. Vehicles, times and people may change. This chart gives you an idea of who's on the road, what type of vehicle they may be driving, and the time of day. This lets you know what you may encounter and why depending on the situation. This is not a guarantee, but just a guide that I made up of different factors that I have seen over the years. Hopefully this will help you in your travels during the summer. RIDE WELL, RIDE OFTEN.

Earl Edwards,
Chapter Ride Educator

Monday - Friday					
	6-9 AM	8-12 NOON	1130-1300	1300-1700	1600-1900
TYPE OF VEHICLE	All types: Sedans, SUVs, pick-up trucks	Older cars w/ chrome bumpers, luxury cars, mini-vans, SUVs	Sedans, SUVs, pick-up trucks	Older cars w/chrome bumpers, luxury cars, mini-vans, SUVs	All types: Sedans, SUVs, pick-up trucks
PERSONNEL	Military, rush hour crew (9-5), contractors	Seniors, stay @ home moms, contractors	Lunch bunch, rush hour crew	Seniors, stay @ home moms, contractors	Military, rush hour crew (9-5), contractors
DESTINATION	Work, Appts	Appts, visits, playgroups, work/ contractors	Lunch, errands	Appts, visits, playgroups, work/ contractors	Rush hour, appts, home, errands
Saturday/Sunday					
		0800-1700 Sat-Sun	1700-2200 SAT NIGHT	2100-?? SAT NIGHT	
TYPE OF VEHICLE		All types: Dad driving mini-vans, older cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs	Luxury cars, sedans, mini-vans, SUVs	Sports cars, luxury cars, 2 seaters, beaters	
PERSONNEL		Contractors, families, everybody	Seniors, dinner & movie crowd	Party crowd kids, older	
DESTINATION		Work, appts, errands, outings, fun	Movie, dinner, shopping, visiting	Party, club, movie	



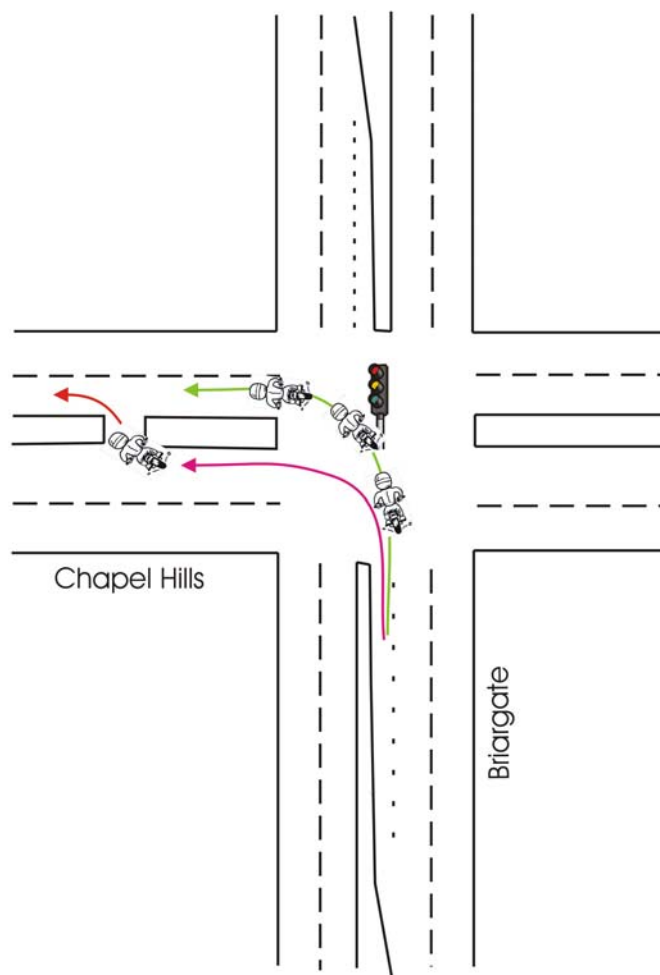
You Decide

Rider Education Exercise or Candidate for the “Goofy Award”

As you know after Junes meeting, Dean and Joann Hauser organized a GPS ride. I was leader of Group 2 and Dean was leader of group 1. Being that we didn't have enough people for 4 groups Dean had his group join George and me.

Everything was sort of going well. My GPS wouldn't talk to me but that is another story. Rider Operational error. We were heading to our 2nd stop, Pine Creek Golf Course. Went North on HW 25 and got off at the Briargate Exit. Went West on Briargate and were suppose to turn left on Chapel Hills.

Ok, this is where the controversy starts. I was trying to do a Rider Education Seminar on the road. The rest of the group thinks I just goofed. Now here you need to look at my drawing and I will explain after.



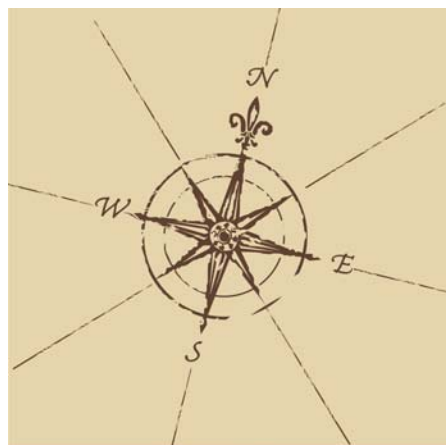
Now I'm always scanning, looking everywhere. We had a green light; oncoming traffic was a distance down the road. I looked to my left and noticed no one was in the southbound lane. I looked to my right and there was a girl wearing green shorts, brown top, white tennis shoes, walking her black poodle with a studded collar. Across the street to my left was a lady in a condo washing dishes at the kitchen sink. Off in the distance, in the air, was a man walking to the bathroom on a 747. I am always aware of my environment, as one should be.

Back to my defense. I thought to myself this would be a good time for a Rider Education exercise. We always hear “Who is responsible for your safety on a group ride?” You are, correct? So I wanted to see if the other members of my group would follow me or are they watching out for themselves? Well as you can see on the map I am the Rider following the red line. The rest of the group is the green line. So, they passed this exercise. Next, I thought, “What an opportunity to show them the weave maneuver”. I saw this opening in the divided highway. Push the right handle bar, push the left handle bar. A perfect weave. I ended up right where I started before the turn. Earl would be proud.

Now you will hear in the July meeting, I should be nominated for the Goofy award. I think not. This is my story and I sticking with it.

I want to thank Joann and Dean for the wonderful ride, which allowed me to give the impromptu Rider Education Seminar.

Chris Ward



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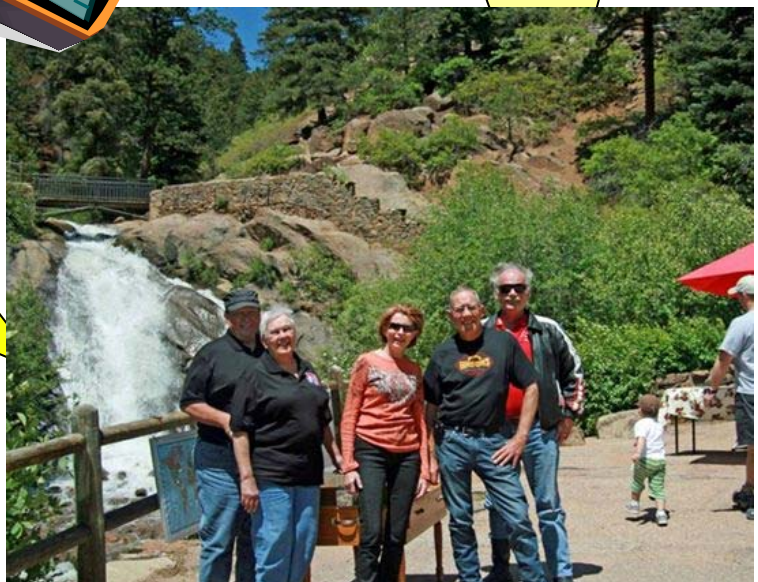


GPS Ride

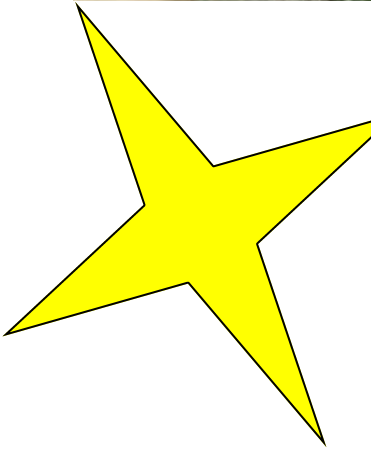
The GPS ride following the Chapter meeting on June 6 was a fun time enjoyed by all. Three groups formed at the church parking lot and headed out in different directions to unknown destinations. The weather was great and everyone located the five destination points by using coordinates, rather than addresses. Following the ride our hunger took us to the Old Country Buffet. Those that participated were: Ray & Nancy Daniels, Cliff & Myra Childs, Jim & Olga Wyman, Doug & Marilyn Irish, Kevin & Connie Dougherty, Dick & DiDi Reisler, Den & Deanna Roeder, Dean & Joann Hauser, Don Moller, Chris Ward and George Davis.



GPS Ride



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Chapter I

Bike Show/Ride

at " The Bridge" Assisted Living Center

Sunday, June 28th @ 1pm.

**This is a good time to show off your
Beautiful Wing**

**Rides may be given to residents on
Trikes and Doyne's Sidecar.**

**We have 2 Trikes , 2 Bikes and Bike
with Sidecar signed up so far. We need
at least 1 more trike and some show
bikes.**

**To sign up for this event, contact Claude and Nancy
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***July's meeting
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NOT the first
Saturday.***

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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