



July 2009



Springs Wings

Colorado Springs Chapter I

Harder's Happenings

We threw all caution to the wind on Sunday, July 12th and decided to join a group of bikes that were riding to benefit the Silver Key Organization for seniors. Linda Shelley had brought flyers describing the ride and a list of needed items by the seniors to our chapter meeting. The needs list touched us as the seniors had listed items to help them live and survive day-to-day.

The day started with registration at the motorcycle dealership where we met up with Butch and Linda. They introduced us to several of the other riders and while waiting for the ride to begin we were given flyers for upcoming benefit rides. Then off we rode to crisscross the Pikes Peak region and shop for the senior's needs at area Safeways. We rode to five different stores and bought items from the list. At each Safeway, there were volunteers waiting to take your goods and in exchange you drew a card for your poker hand. At the end of the ride, we all met around the corner from Silver Key to stage for the unloading, fire brigade style. The news media was there to interview and take pictures of us and the sight of all of the bikes that had helped with this need was astonishing. We lost count of how many were in the two very long lines but it was well over 40 bikes. The unloading at Silver Key took over 20 people about 30 minutes. We heard that we delivered over 4,000 lbs of supplies to them.

The organizer (T-Bear) of this run, for the past 23 years, gave a short speech on the benefits of lending a helping hand to this community of seniors. He also brought up the fact that we will all get old someday, hopefully, and we may need Silver Key's assistance.

Another aspect of this ride is that you could spend as much or as little as you could afford. There was no pressure to see what you had purchased at each store. They just added your bag/bags to the increasing pile in the trailer.

We aren't sure how many official members this group has, but it seemed as if the entire group was behind this benefit. At every stop there were at least

three members waiting to take your bags and have you draw a card. Then they would mark your drawn card on your registration form and off we rode to the next stop.

It was such a rewarding experience, that we are considering future rides with this group.

The weather was beautiful for most of the day and as we rode home we had such a great feeling that we had helped an important part of the community. It would be nice for our chapter to plan and organize such a ride. However, with any ride of this magnitude it takes some work in the planning stages and many volunteers to implement the plans and to man the stops. Please think about the who, what, when and where we could do such a benefit ride. The most important aspect of the ride would be a beneficiary that everyone would think was worthy. Give it some thought and let us know what you come up with.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder
Chapter I Directors

The Story of Four Horse

A man asked an American Indian what his wife's name was.

The Indian replied, "She called ""Four Horse.""

The man said, "That's an unusual name for your wife. What does it mean?"

The Old Indian answered, "It old Indian Name. It mean, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!"

Events



July 23—Butch Shelley
 July 24—Debbie Hutchins
 July 28—Pat Pittman
 July 30—Bill Schraven
 August—Chris Ward
 August 6—Beverly Cook
 August 7—Rod Klock
 August 16—Laura Edwards
 Deb Wyman
 August 22—Phil Kennedy

Dinner Rides

August 18
 Hosted by Marsha Curry
 Location to be determined

ANNIVERSARIES

July 28—Chris & Sandie Erskine
 August 11—Joni Salmon
 August 19—Bob & Sherry Strath
 August 22—Phil & Golden Kennedy

Dates to Remember

July 24-26—Durango camping, Lockharts
 August 1—Chapter I Annual Picnic
 August 7-9—Sandie Camp, Monument Lake Resort
 August 8—Chapter Q Porker Run & BBQ
 August 21-22—District Rally, Salida
 August 29-30—Estes Park, Patricia Hales
 Sept 9-13—Meeker Sheep Dog Trials

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Some days you're the bug; some days you're the windshield.

Link to First Aid kits
<http://www.first-aid-product.com/industrial/vehicle-first-aid-kit.htm>

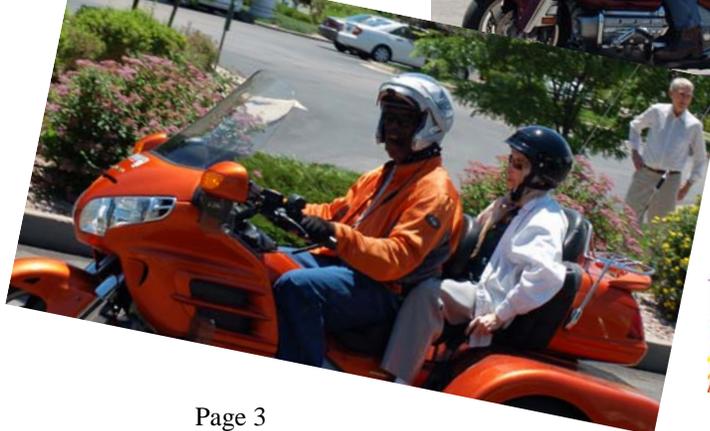
"The Bridge" visited



June 28th was the most beautiful warm and sunny day. What better day to go to "The Bridge" Assisted Living Center and fulfill some desires and dreams. Two trikes and three bikes were privileged to be a part of this event. We rode into the parking lot together, where they had part of it blocked off just for us and were greeted by a big Welcome Gold Wing Road Riders Association sign above plenty of beverages. Originally only three residents had signed up to go for a ride on a Wing but by the time we had those three loaded up more started coming out for a ride also. Even the ones not able or wanting to ride were sitting out in the shade watching the event. There were 17 rides given amongst 5 wings. One little 89 yr young lady wanted to go faster and another did not want to get off...even when it started sprinkling toward the end of the hour and half we were there. The fun experience was enjoyed by us Wingers as well as by the residents. They have asked us if we could come back next year for a repeat performance. With that in mind, maybe we could combine it with an ice cream social!

Many thanks to the Wingers that made this day possible: Chris and Sandie Erskine, Terry Weber,

Steve and Sheri Sullivan, Claude and Nancy Lockhart and Donald Roberts! And a special Thanks to resident Flora Holmes and Activities Director Cindy Howard at the Bridge who gave us this special opportunity.





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



Adventure to Wing Ding

Our adventure began the day we were leaving. Butch checked the rear tire and brake on the bike. He discovered it had bubbles and the brake pads were bad, so bad they had eaten into the rotor. He went to Apex to get a tire and pads, only to find out that Apex couldn't mount the tire until the next week. We talked about it and decided to call the dealer in Amarillo. They had a tire and could get it mounted the next day (Saturday). Butch put the new pads on the bike, loaded the bike in the trailer, the dogs in the RV, and off we went.

As nature would have it, the dogs had to stop. Before I could let them out I had to put leashes on everyone. When I leaned over to hook one of the leashes, I cut my head on the metal clamp around the fire extinguisher. The next morning as I was getting the dogfood out, I lost my balance and cut my eye on the cabinet door handle.

We settled into the campground in Mansfield, TX. Butch put the awning out on the RV to help make things a little cooler. I was walking the dogs and looking back over my shoulder when, you guessed it, I ran into the awning brace and whacked the other side of my head. If that isn't enough—later, I was trying to get Travis into the RV and the wind caught the camper door. Yep, right into the back of my head knocking me off balance and putting yet another injury on my head. It's a good thing I had a hard head (I know many of you, especially Butch and my mother, were already thinking the same thing.)

Things seem to level out after we left Texas and got into Oklahoma.

I had more fun at this Wing Ding than the others we have attended. Oklahoma was actually cooler than Texas.

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Returning from Wing Ding

It was great to return to cooler weather from Tulsa, OK. It's only 721 miles to our hotel from the Springs. We made it there just in time for the light show on July 2. I met a lot of people with different LED lights and got some new ideas. And Rich and Donna Noah won 1st place in their class of motorcycle. Picked up a few odd and ends at the trade show and tried to stay cool in the hotel. After Tulsa, Laura and I went to New Orleans, LA, for a little jazz and to tour the French Quarter. That was another 760 miles day in 98 degree heat. New Orleans was very hot and humid, but the French Quarter area was alive and festive. We had some good Cajun food and listened to some jazz. The city had closed off Bourbon Street and all the different night clubs had jazz playing out of their front doors. Occasionally, a brief shower would come to cool things off, NOT. Moving on to San Antonio, TX, the home of the Alamo, and the Riverwalk, this drive was shorter, only 635 miles. But before we went to San Antonio, we took a detour to Lockhart, TX for some BBQ. Lockhart is located north of I-10, approximately 15 miles, one hour east of San Antonio. In Lockhart, there is a restaurant called Kreutz (Krites), which is famous for their BBQ according to Texas Tour Guide.

The meat was very tender and moist. We had beef shoulder along with some side dishes. The next day we went downtown to the Riverwalk and the Alamo and toured the city. The heat index was extremely high that day as every other day that we traveled.

After San Antonio, it was time to head toward cooler weather. The next stop was Edmond, OK. which is just north of Oklahoma City. This trip was about 500 mile and the final leg of the trip was 675 miles back home. Total mileage for this trip was approximately 3500 miles.



Earl Edwards,
Chapter Ride Educator

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June Dinner Ride

For the Food **Connoisseurs** of Chapter I members, (try and spell that word w/o a dictionary!!)

Just a little summary of our June dinner ride - a nice ride to a fun eating place.

We took off from the Park-N-Ride in Monument in 2 groups at 5:45 PM, after our call, confirming with the resaurant for the third time the number of people coming . Ray & Nancy Daniels lead Group 1, and Dick & Didi lead Group 2. The route was Hwy 105 to Castle Rock. Along 105 Dick almost 'bumped into Bambi'. Fortunately, the deer's brakes were better than those on the Wing, and he stopped from crossing the road. Louis (tailgunner), however, got a close-up look as the deer crossed the road in-front of him. From Castle Rock we rode on Hwy 86 to Franktown and continued on Hwy 83 to Parker, CO. It took about an hour, and one can imagine how hungry we got by that time.

The destination was The Hickory House on Parker road. The manager assured us that Wednesday would

be a slow night and accommodating a big group will not be an issue. Well, 'Murphy's Law' came into play that night. It looked like all of Parker was there wanting some of that yummy BBQ, even the Lakewood GWRRA chapter members were there. Anyway, the manager acknowledged us, and thanks to Cliff & Myra who showed up earlier putting our names on the list, our wait wasn't as long.

Aside from the extra wait, they seated us all together in one long table. There were 23 of us (too many to list) some may still be licking their fingers. We had some guests who joined us for this event. All in all, we think (hope) everyone enjoyed the ride to dinner, the food, the company & conversation at the table.

Well, are we ready to go again? YES!

See you at the next dinner ride :))

Dick & Didi

August Sandie Camp

Hi everyone – if you'll notice on your Chapter calendar in August there is a weekend noted as **Sandy Camp**. So here's the low-down!

The Monument Lake Resort is located on the spectacular Highway of Legends in between La Veta and Trinidad. Cliff and Myra told me about this place and it sounds wonderful - beautifully situated on a large lake.

The weekend selected is August 7 through 9. Chris and I will be heading down on the 7, but as it's not such a far distance, others may choose to just come down for a one-nighter. (How many of you are familiar with one-nighters??)

The resort offers all sorts of amenities and after speaking with Esther at the resort this morning, there are still several sites available including cabins, full hookups, partial hook ups (just water and electricity), tent sites (w/o any water or electricity) and even lodge accommodations. You name it, they've got it.

So here's what you need to do:

- Check out their website for pricing – www.monumentlakeresort.com

- Call 1-719-868-2226 – (they do **not** offer on-line reservations!)
- Tell them you'd like to be near Sandie Erskine (that is, if you'd like to be!!!!)

Let me know if you've made reservations so I can keep track of who is planning to go.

This looks like a great place to hang our helmets for a weekend – huge lake with boat rentals, great biking along the fantastic Highway of Legends, possible shopping/wandering in Trinidad, and if I remember correctly, some of the yummiest pie ever in La Veta.

So come on everyone . . . book your reservations NOW!!

Any questions, just let me know.

Thanks
Sandie Erskine



CHAPTER I ANNUAL PICNIC



When - Saturday, August 1st
10AM - 2PM

Chapter Meeting at 10:00AM
BBQ's will fire up at 11:00 AM

Where - Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs
Picnic Area 2 - Comfort Station
(see next page for map and AFA rules)

This year's picnic will be a fundraiser for the chapter.

Adults - \$5

Kids - Free

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share.

Chapter will provide meat, buns, condiments, paper goods,
& eating utensils along with water & sodas.

RSVP to Tom & Monica Harder at

tmharder@comcast.net or

call 719 481-9044

with your head count (**no later than Wed.7/29**).

You know how cranky goldwingers can get when you run out of food.

CHAPTER I ANNUAL PICNIC

Please remember that **PROPER** riding attire is required to enter the Academy.
For those of you needing a definition of **PROPER** riding attire here it is -

Helmet

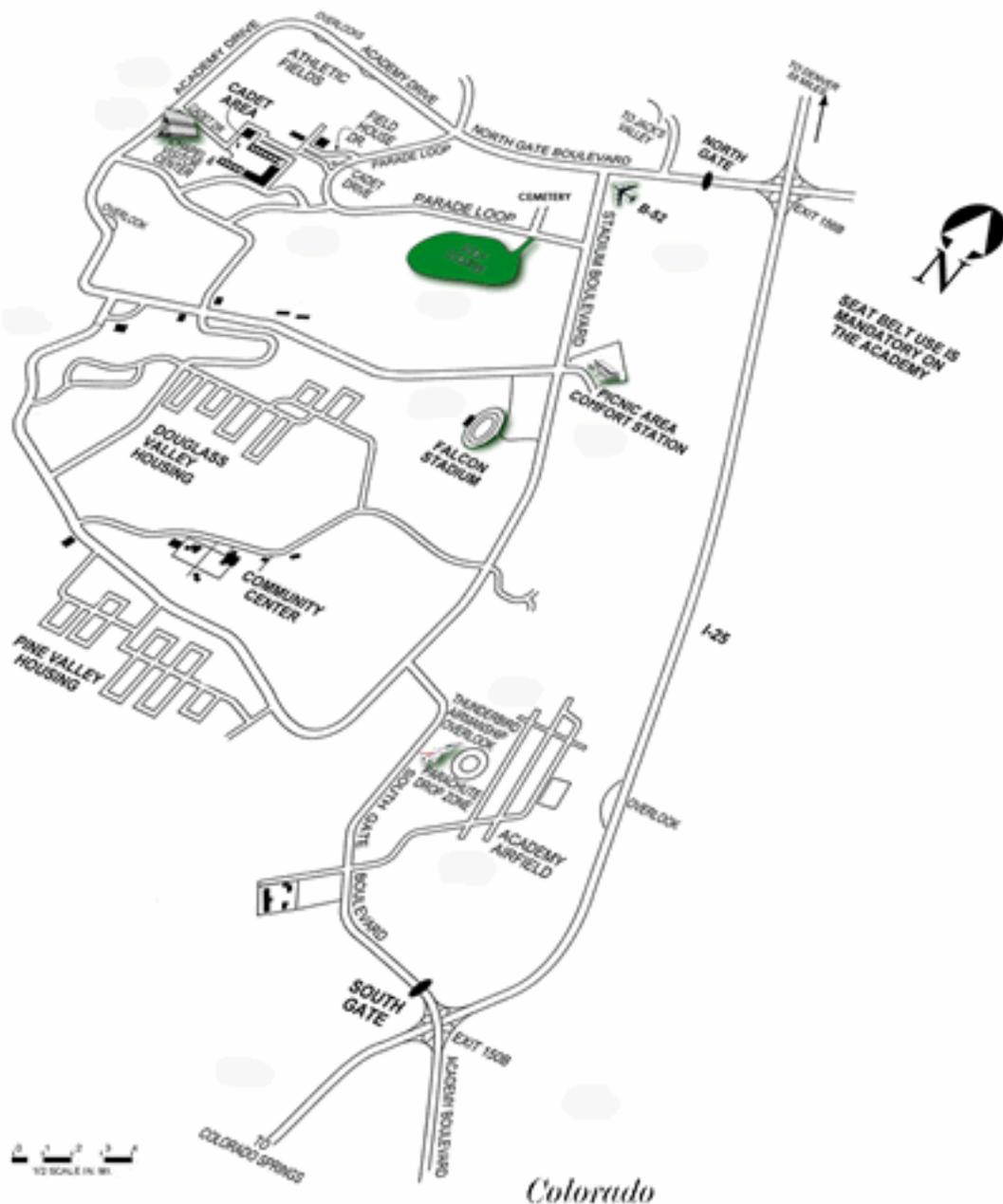
Long sleeved bright colored jacket and/or shirt

Gloves

Long pants

Appropriate shoes/boots (above the ankles)

If you do not want to wear **PROPER** attire, please come in your vehicle.
Also, the use of cell phones is prohibited while driving on the Academy grounds.



September Sandie Camp

Hi Everyone!

I have reserved several places at the Winding River Resort in Grand Lake for the weekend of September 18th through 20th. This is a beautiful spot in Colorado where Estes Park is just a quick ride away; the Lake is minutes away; and ATV rides are just down the dirt road.

Currently I have reserved 4 sites that are set up with electricity and water and YES! they are near the bathrooms!!! Lesson learned from last year. These sites are numbered (and lettered) 47, 48, 49, and A. Three full hook-up sites are on hold and they are numbered 3, 4, and 5. The Little Log cabin is also on reserve under my name. All of these camp sites are near each other. These sites will be held **until August 7** so check your calendars and make your plans!

The resort also offers larger cabins sleeping 5 and 8 people. I DID NOT reserve these but they are currently available some of you would like to bunk together. Same is true for tent sites without utilities.

For further information on the Winding River Resort, check out www.windingriverresort.com. That will provide you with pricing for the sites/cabins.

Also, *On The Trail* ATV Rentals is an easy walk down the dirt road. They offer one-up and two-up rentals and you can tear around the well marked trails for hours at a time. This is the same place where we've rented snowmobiles in the past and had a great time. Information about pricing of the ATVs is at www.onthetrailrentals.com. Once we get an idea of how many are interested in ATVing, a time on Saturday can be arranged.

It might be a little early, but might also turn out to be a pretty color ride in the mountains that weekend. So if you're interested in a little get-away in beautiful Grand Lake Colorado, please call the Resort and tell them you are using a site reserved in my name. The person I spoke with for the reservations was Brittany, but anyone can help you. Once you've booked, let me know too!

If you've got questions, you know where to find me.

Thanks!
Sandie Erskine



Food for thought

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories a hour (Don't try this at home, maybe at work)

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. (What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump. (Okay, so that would be a good thing)

Butterflies taste with their feet. (Something I always wanted to know.)

Starfish have no brains. (I know some people like that too.)



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