

Harder's Happenings

August has always been a busy month for our chapter. It starts off with the annual picnic on the first Saturday of the month followed by a couple of weekends of rides and/or camping. Then it's on to the District Rally in Salida on Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd.

This year's picnic was well attended with other chapters joining in on the fun. As always, the variety of side dishes was wonderful and everyone had a great time catching up with fellow chapter members that we don't see too often anymore. We want to thank everyone to taking time out of their busy schedules to join us in making this event such a successful fundraiser.

Another annual event that's a must this month is the District Rally in Salida at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. Please help support your District as well as your chapter by attending. There will be several must do's this year. One of which is the Chapter I Road Kill game currently scheduled for Saturday morning at 9:00. This game is open to anyone who wishes to participate with a co-rider. We guarantee that you'll have fun. Our chapter is also manning the swap meet tables which will be set up next to the Chapter I Watering Hole. Yep, we said Watering Hole. We will be selling water all day Friday and Saturday as another fundraiser. So whenever you get thirsty make sure to come into the vendor building and support your chapter.

We do ask everyone from Chapter I who is attending the Rally on Saturday to be part of a very special event that will include one of ours. At 8:00 there will be a special event taking place...It's the annual COY/IOY (Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year) selection for the District. This selection process allows anyone who is currently the Chapter's COY/IOY to throw their hat into the ring. Our very brave Individual of the Year Linda Shelley will be up on the stage representing our chapter in this amazing selection process.

For those of you who are new to the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, here is the official information regarding the Couple of the Year/Individual of the Year programs. The COY program was established in 1988 to recognize couples for their dedication, accomplishments, and participation; couples who typify the GWRRA image of "fun, safety and knowledge". Each year couples are honored by being selected as Chapter, District, Region and International COY's. COY's are active and enthusiastic about GWRRRA and committed to GWRRA ideals. COY's promote GWRRA both within the association, helping with retention, and outside the association, helping to attract new members into the GWRRA "family". The COY at each level should be a couple that you would be proud to have represent you and the Association. The IOY will have to meet the same criteria as the COY. However, this person can only be honored at the Chapter and District levels. At the present time, the Region and International levels do not have such a program.

Ron and Marsha Curry were the last Couple of the Year from our chapter to participate a few years ago up through the ranks to be in the selection process for International Couple of the Year. It was quite an accomplishment and we were so proud to follow them on their journey through the ranks.

Now it's time for us to be the biggest and loudest cheerleaders in the District to promote Linda. In our opinion, she is what the IOY position is all about. It's great to see someone from our chapter wanting to be active in the selection process and we will be there with bells on to support her.

We hope all of you have had a nice summer and were able to ride as much as possi-

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ble. The weather hasn't been very cooperative for some of us but on those nice dry days it sure does feel good to ride. If you haven't already registered for the District Rally, please do so as soon as possible. Hope to see everyone in Salida.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

Tom & Monica Harder Chapter I Directors



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 <u>until August 7</u> 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 <u>www.windingriverresort.com</u>.

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 <u>www.onthetrailrentals.com</u>. 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





August 27—Bob Strath August 29—Olga Wyman Sept 2—Marilyn Irish Sept 5—Tia Laudonio Sept 6—Wolf Wendell Sept 11—Tammy Day Kathy Wren Sept 12—John Athman Sept 18—Larry Doan Sept 19—Bonnie Ebersohl Eric Hutchins



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ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1—Gene & Marína Krull Sept 3—Dave & Kathy Wren Sept 8—Neal & Barbara Bondurant

Dates to Remember

August 21-22—District Rally, Salida

August 29-30—Estes Park, Patricia Hales

Sept 9-13—Meeker Sheep Dog Trials

Dinner Rides

August 18

Hosted by Marsha Curry Location to be determined

September 16

Need someone to host

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Charity Work

Dear Everyone at GWRRA Chapter I,

I'd like to summarize , in writing, the chapter's work for Ronald McDonald House and the New Hope Homeless Shelter.

Much appreciation goes to all our members for donating many items of need to help the families at Ronald McDonald House and the New Hope Center. Special thanks go to Lauri Schlosser for donating two of every item listed.

All was put together, very creatively in cute little bundles, at my house by Nancy D., Joann, Nancy L., Marilyn, Jeannie, Casey, Vonda and me. Of course, we had to nourish ourselves with lunch first. MANY THANKS, LADIES!!

The most fun was to deliver the packages, Casey, who had designed **so artistically** the gift cards, and Nancy D. in one car and Nancy L. and Vonda (the GPS Team) in the other car. Six big packages were delivered to Ronald McDonald House, across Memorial Hospital, and Five packages were given to the New Hope Homeless Shelter. It was heartwarming to feel the elated and overjoyed reaction by the people there.

Thanks again to all our gracious members for donating from your hearts,

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A man was driving when a traffic camera flashed.. He thought his picture was taken for exceeding the speed limit, even though he knew he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. He thought this was quite funny, so he slowed down even further as he drove past the area, but the traffic camera flashed yet again. He tried a fourth time with the same result. The fifth time he was laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five traffic fine letters in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

Men





CHAPTER I SEPTEMBER MEETING

○ LOCATION CHANGE ⊙

We will be meeting at Limbach Park in Monument on Saturday, September 5th.

We will have coffee, juice and treats beginning at 8:30. If you want to sit on something, bring it.

The meeting will start promptly at 9AM!!!

This brief meeting will be followed by a ride to Deckers along Hwy 105 & Hwy 67 and back down through Woodland Park.

Limbach Park is located on the southwest corner of Second Street & Front Street.

This change is due to the lack of availability at the church.



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