



September 2009



# Springs Wings

## Colorado Springs Chapter I

### Harder's Happenings

We want to begin this month's article by thanking each and every one of you who helped with the activities at the District Rally in Salida. We had at least 30 Chapter members come through at various times during the two day event in August. A big thank-you goes out to Sue Damschen who helped Monica with the set-up and decoration of the "Watering Hole" on Thursday and to all of you who offered to give breaks and sell water. Another huge thank-you goes out to Glenn Goode for helping Tom with the "Road Kill Game". They had to stand on the asphalt in full sun for the duration of the game. We would not have been so successful at the "Watering Hole" or had so much fun watching the participants of the game had it not been for each and every one of you.

Here's a recap of our activities at the Rally. Our Chapter held a fundraiser by selling water and flavor packets for two days. Bruce and Mel Partner added to the success by selling Chico Bags. We manned the Swap Meet tables that were set up next to the Water Hole. Tom and Glenn ran the Road Kill game in the parking lot. Linda Shelley participated in the District IOY program. Tom along with Earl Edwards and Mark Damschen became even more educated by taking more ride education classes that will enable them to teach seminars and classes.

During the road kill game there were just a few participants but they definitely had fun. A couple of them even played twice to better their scores. The first, second and third place ribbons were attached to unstuffed animals that resembled road kill.

The most exciting event at the Rally for our Chapter was the District Individual of the Year program. Linda Shelley stepped outside of her comfort zone and tackled this event head on. We had horns, noise makers and her picture mounted onto plates that were waved proudly in the crowd. She made us all so proud to be affiliated with GWRRA, District F, Colorado Region, Chapter I and especially with her as an individual.

An activity that was new this year was the COY/IOY Baskets. Each Chapter in the District was invited to participate in this activity. For those that participated, they made a theme basket and tickets were sold

for a chance to win the basket of your choice. Then a portion of the funds that were raised in selling the basket tickets was given back to the Chapters that participated. Those funds will remain in the Chapter's account with the specific use being promotion of future COY/IOY participants for reimbursement of pins/patches, mileage, lodging, etc. Our Chapter hasn't been active in these programs since Ron and Marsha's climb to compete at the International level. Hopefully our Chapter will regain some of its pride and participation in the COY/IOY programs. We would like to thank Randall and Janet Drake for implementing this basket activity into our District's Rally.

Our basket was called "Camping Colorado". It included a recreational map of Colorado, insect repellent, freeze-dried ice cream, sporks, mess kit, cooking forks, marshmallows, drink cozies, egg carrier, weather-proof matches, and a salt and pepper shaker. These items were all put into an ice chest and wrapped tightly for display.

It was very rewarding for us to be such an active participant in the Rally this year. Steve and Teresa Randolph, our Colorado District Directors, and their staff do such an amazing job organizing all the details.

Selling water was a great avenue to meet all of the people attending the Rally. They were at our mercy if they wanted water to drink. Maybe next year we'll have a stand-up comedy booth. The sharing of experiences and ideas is such an important aspect of any rally and ours was no exception.

Because we had so much fun, some of us are going down to New Mexico's Rally in Grants on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Ted and Kathy Bates, New Mexico's District Directors attended our Rally, supported our District and now it's time to return the favor. They have already planned some fun activities that we can hardly wait to participate in. Check out their website at [www.gwrri-nm.org/DistrictRally](http://www.gwrri-nm.org/DistrictRally)

Once again, thank you to all who made our participation fun and rewarding.

Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,

*Tom & Monica Harder*  
Chapter I Directors

# VERY COMFORTABLE MOTORCYCLE

*By Earl Edwards*

Back in March 2009, my friend Ron asked me if I wanted to go to Sturgis with his brother-in-law, Art, from California. I said "Yes". Since neither Ron nor Art has been to Sturgis, Ron wanted me to be a tour guide as well. This is going to be great. Hotels rooms in Sturgis and the surrounding area were very expensive, but Art was able to secure a room in Newcastle, WY. Art arrive Monday afternoon to pick up his rented 2009 Harley-Davidson Road King and stayed at Ron's house for the night. This is going to be Art's vacation. I arrived the next morning at Ron's house to meet Art and finalize the route. Now Ron has a 2003 Yamaha V-Star 1100 ccs. I figured we would have to stop at least five times due to the fact that Ron's bike had the smallest fuel tank at 4.5 gallon to include the reserve. The frequent fuel stop would give everybody a chance for a small rest before getting back on the road. At the first stop, Art ask if I was going to fill up. I said "No. I have a 6.7 gallon tank and I'll fill up in Cheyenne, WY." Most people are surprised that the Gold Wing has such a large fuel tank since some bikes have a 5 something fuel tank to the best of my knowledge. Us as Winger can push at least 230 or 240 miles, 2 up no trailer, at least on my bike. The Wing being a heavier bike than the ones I was traveling with can handle small gust of wind with no problem.

As we got closer to Newcastle WY, the sky began to get darker but no rain. I thought that we could make it before the rain, but no such luck. As the rain came down, so did very strong gust of wind that forced several motorcycles, to include us, to pull over to the side of the road for safety. We waited approximately thirty



minutes for the rain and the wind to calm down before continuing on our way. We spent all day at Sturgis the next day and went to the Mt. Rushmore night show. The next day we went back to Mt. Rushmore to visit it in the daylight. The next place was to Crazy Horse, Needles Highway and Custer State Park. Each night was approximately one hour back to Newcastle, WY. We had to watch out for deer lining the edge of the road. Friday morning we had breakfast and headed back to Colorado Springs.

As we traveled on, my every move was scrutinized by my friends traveling behind me. For example, giving my right hand a break, bike holding steady through small gusts of wind, having a larger fuel tank, a air-dynamic fairing, lot of luggage space (especially if you are one up), radio, CD player, AM/FM, WB, AUX. CB. We don't realize that the Gold Wing is a comfortable touring machine. We have customized windshields, \$800 seats, fancy heated hand grips, floorboards, electrics, navigation systems, XM radio, etc. When we get off our machines after riding tank to tank, most of us are as fresh as when we first got on. We really don't appreciate the first-class creature comfort of the Gold Wing until we ride with other type/brand of motorcycles. Other motorcycles are excellent if you like cruisers or sport bikes, but if you want to be pampered in the lap of luxury, I believe that the Gold Wing is the motorcycle of choice.

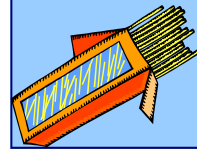






## Reminder

Please bring food pantry donations to the October meeting



## Sheer Nightgown

A husband walks into Victoria's Secret to purchase a sheer negligee for his wife. He is shown several possibilities that range from \$250 to \$500 in price -- the more sheer, the higher the price. Naturally, he opts for the most sheer item, pays the \$500, and takes it home. He presents it to his wife and asks her to go upstairs, put it on, and model it for him.

Upstairs the wife thinks (she's no dummy), 'I have an idea. It's so sheer that it might as well be nothing. I won't put it on, but I'll do the modeling naked, return it tomorrow, and keep the \$500 refund for myself.'

She appears naked on the balcony and strikes a pose.

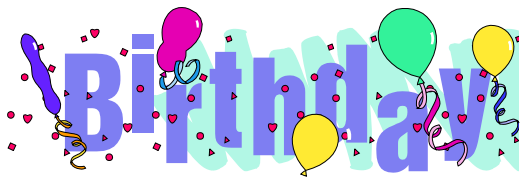
The husband says, 'Good Grief! You'd think for \$500, they'd at least iron it!'

He never heard the shot.

Funeral on Thursday at Noon. Closed coffin.



# Events



**Sept 25—Jeannie Bondurant**

**Sept 29—Doug Irish**

**Sept 30—Cliff Childs**

**Barry Lausman**

**Oct 3—Marina Krull**

**Patricia Hales**

**Oct 7—Bill McMinn**

**Roland Smith**

**Marie Schraven**

**Nancy Lockhart**

**Oct 12—Dee Morasky**

**Oct 14—Don Cruzan**



## ANNIVERSARIES

*Oct 2—Mark & Cindy Atwell*

*Oct 12—Bruce & Mel Partner*

*Oct 17—Ray & Nancy Daniels*

## Dates to Remember

*Sept 19—Sandie Camp at Grand Lake*

*Sept 20—Poker Run benefiting Cerebral Palsy*

*Sept 26-27—Color Ride, Mark Atwell*

*October—Halloween Party, The Daniels'*

*Nov 14—AF game & tailgate*

## Dinner Rides

**September 16**

Hosted by Dick & Didi

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## September Dinner Ride



Hi, all of you - Ride & Food Lovers,

We volunteered to lead the dinner ride this month, Wed., Sept. 16. We decided to do an encore visit to Dukes Steakhouse in Castle Rock. We had a good experience there with the food & the service and, of course, the ride there. I contacted the owners and confirmed the date and time. All seems great with them.

SOOOO, we'll meet, hopefully lots of you, at the Baptist Road King Soopers parking lot at 5:45 and plan to leave at no later than 6:00. With the good weather we 'ordered', the ride there should be fun w/ beautiful views too. The restaurant will be expecting us to arrive between 6:30 and 6:45. We hope that the timing would be ok for the working riders to join us for the group ride there. If not, the location of the restaurant is on the east side of I-25 on Tomah Road just before you get to Castle Road. So, you should exit I-25 at Tomah Road, turn right and immediate left onto Tomah (Frontage Rd). Continue riding north (about 3 miles) until you see the rest on the east side. If you see MedVed, closed dealership, you went too far.

WE DO HAVE AN IMPORTANT REQUEST; **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'LL BE GOING** SO WE CAN GET A HEAD COUNT. WE PROMISED THE OWNER TO GET BACK TO HIM WITH, AT LEAST, AN APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO SET UP FOR. Please respond to our e-mail: dick-didi@hotmail.com

Thanks everyone and hope to see lots of you for an always wonderful ride experience, surely with good company/conversation with friends and lets not forget the good food & service that await you there !!!

Think "GOOD WEATHER", see ya,  
Dick & Didi



The winner of the trip to Australia has been drawn and announced !!!

**BUT**

It wasn't anyone from Chapter I

## First-Grade

A first-grade teacher, Ms. Brooks, was having trouble with one of her students. The teacher asked, "Harry, what's your problem?"

Harry Answered, "I'm too smart for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. My sister is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and I'm smarter than she is! I think I should be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade too!"

Ms. Brooks had had enough. She took Harry to the principle's office.

While Harry waited in the outer office, the teacher explained the situation to the principal. The principal told Ms. Brooks he would give the boy a test. If he failed to answer any of his questions the boy was to go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and behave. She agreed.

Harry was brought in and the conditions were explained to him and he agreed to take the test.

Principal: What is  $3 \times 3$ ?

Harry: 9

Principal: What is  $6 \times 6$ ?

Harry: 36

So it went with every question the principal thought a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader should know.

The principal looks at Ms. Brooks and tells her, "I think Harry can go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade."

Ms. Brooks says to the principal, "Let me ask him

some questions."

The principal and Harry both agreed.

Ms. Brooks asks, "What does a cow have four of that I have only two of?"

Harry, after a moment: Legs

Ms. Brooks: What is in your pants that you have but I do not have?

The principal wondered why would she ask such a question!

Ms. Brooks: What does a dog do that a man steps into?

Harry: Pants

Ms. Brooks: What starts with a C, ends with a T, is hairy, oval, delicious, and contains thin, whitish liquid?

Harry: Coconut

The principal sat forward with his mouth hanging open.

Ms. Brooks: What goes in hard and pink then comes out soft and sticky?

The principal's eyes opened really wide and before he could stop the answer, Harry replied, "Bubblegum."

Ms. Brooks: What does a man do standing up, a woman does sitting down, and a dog does on three legs?

Harry: Shake hands

The principal was trembling...

Ms. Brooks: What word starts with an F and ends in K that means a lot of heat and excitement?

Harry: Firetruck

The principal breathed a sigh of relief and told the teacher, "Put Harry in the fifth-grade, I got the last seven questions wrong....."

### **PROGRESSIVE MARBLE GAME**

Back in May, Chapter "T" started a progressive marble game. This was started to help generate some funds for the Chapter. How the game is played is we started off with 12 marbles the same color and 1 of a different color in a bag. At each month's meeting for a dollar apiece you can buy a chance to have your ticket drawn to reach in the bag to see if can pull the different color marble and walk away with the amount in the kitty. Only one ticket is drawn each month. Half of the money that is collected goes to the Chapter and the other half goes in the kitty. We have been doing this for 5 months now and the kitty is growing. If no one draws the different colored marble, then we precede to the next month. If the different colored marble is drawn then we start over again. The fun of this game is waiting to see if the different colored marble is drawn, if not then the kitty keeps growing. At this time we have 7 of one colored marble and still the 1 of the different color. For the month of October the kitty is starting off with \$58.50 and we will add half of the proceeds taken in at that meeting. So if you want a chance to get your hands on the kitty, come out to the next meeting and buy a ticket and help support Chapter "T".

### Blonde Joke

A blonde-headed woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a female police officer who was also a blonde.

The blonde cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated.

"What does it look like?" the driver finally asked.

The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it."

The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is," she said.

The blonde officer looked at the mirror, then handed it back saying, "Okay, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."



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