



## Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F

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**Couple of the Year (COY)** - Paul & Jeannie Bondurant  
**Individual of the Year (IOY)** - Nancy Daniels

### RIDE PLANNING

Please check your information in the 2009 calendar. Let me know of any changes I need to make for birthdays and anniversaries.

Chapter I's Ride Planning meeting will be on Jan. 10, our house, at 3:00. We will have appetizers/snacks, water, tea, and coffee. You can bring food if you like, but it isn't necessary. If you need directions, call or email us.

Come with ideas for rides (including day rides, overnight, camping, etc.) and other activities.

Linda



The new year got off to a good start for Chapter I – beginning with our annual New Year's Day ride led by Rich and Donna Noah. We had 20 people on the ride including Rich/Donna Noah, George Davis, Paul/Jeannie Bondurant, Dean/Joann Hauser, Butch Shelley, John/Kim Athman, Mike Wyman, Mike Manthei, Richard Millard, and Mark/Sue Damschen.

January 2 we had a full house with 50 members and 3 guests for our first official meeting as Chapter Directors. Butch announced our Couple of the Year (COY) – Paul and Jeannie Bondurant and Individual of the Year (IOY) – Nancy Daniels. Congratulations !!

We have a full month of activities:

- Jan 9—District Officers meeting at the Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St, Lakewood, CO 80214. The meeting will begin around 8:00 with a social meet and greet. We will meet at the Monument Park and Ride at 6:30, leaving at 6:40. Let us know if you are going so we don't leave you behind and they can plan donuts and coffee.
- Jan 10—Chapter Ride Planning Meeting, 3:00 at Butch and Linda's
- Jan 12—dinner ride hosted by Sandie and Chris Erskine
- Jan 30—Bunco night at Ray and Nancy Daniels'

Joann Hauser and Sandie Erskine discussed arrangements for the Chapter I 2010 Holiday Party. Everyone was in agreement with their proposal; therefore, they will be making final reservations for the location, caterer, and DJ this week. We will be having various fund raisers during the year to offset costs, including another fun night of Bunco at Ray and Nancy Daniels' home on January 30 at 6:00. This will be a potluck dinner and \$5 per person to play Bunco. Nancy needs a head count for those planning on attending so she can have enough tables, chairs, and supplies for the game. Contact Nancy at [raynan80@comcast.net](mailto:raynan80@comcast.net).

Nancy Lockhart, Kathy Wren, and Sandie Erskine volunteered to arrange and coordinate our Valentine Dinner for February. As the ladies get details such as date, location and time, we will pass the information on to everyone.

Nancy Lockhart is updating the phone tree. Please contact her at [Clock0430@comcast.net](mailto:Clock0430@comcast.net) to ensure she has your name and correct phone number.

Butch introduced our new Participation Awards Program.. See page 7 for rules.

Big Thanks to Don Cruzan and Cathy Luce our new Assistant Chapter Directors.

*Butch and Linda*



# NEW YEAR'S DAY RIDE



Start the New Year with a smile, Gene.





## NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH PUEBLO FRIENDS



Now this is starting the year off  
on the right foot—uh, hand!

# FIRST AID/CPR AND RIDING LEVELS

Now that Holidays are over, it is that time of the year to concentrate on updating our Riding Levels and First Aid/CPR courses. "The purpose of the GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP) is intended to make the motorcycle environment safer by reducing injuries and fatalities and increasing motorcyclist skills and awareness." A lot of members have already achieved the some of the levels and just have to be updated due to expiration. Some need to renew their first-aid/CPR or take a Motorcycle Safety course or both. Some companies that we work for offer free First-aid /CPR courses. Most of the times those course are free because our employer wants us to take it to benefit others around us and in our daily lives. Depending on what First-aid/CPR course that your take (Red Cross, American Heart, or Medic First-Aid) depends on when your card will expire. If you have the opportunity to take a free course, by all means take it, you will only benefit yourself and maybe others that you may come in contact. When you take the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, that card will expire within 3 years.

Listed below are several benefits of a fully implemented GWRRA Rider Education Program at the Chapter level:

- Increased rider knowledge
- Increased rider safety skills
- Prevention of accidents
- Reduced injuries
- Reduced fatalities
- Improved general public image of motorcyclists

Enhanced enjoyment of motorcycle riding

There are four levels in the Rider Education Program. A lot of people don't want to pay for patches or they just don't like them. But for the first three levels, no patches are required and it cost you nothing to sign up. WOW!!! What a Deal? Level IV is the most prestigious riding level and is named the Master Tour Rider/ Co-Rider level. Listed below is a detailed list of all the different levels.

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## Level I: Safety by Commitment—*The first big step to success*



Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as **Safe Miles**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.



Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.



Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals.

Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times.

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$6.00 per participant

Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker, and mileage pin.

## Link to First Aid kits

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



# FIRST AID/CPR AND RIDING LEVELS

## Level II: Safety by Education



Level II of the REP is also referred to as **Tour Rider**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses and Parking Lot Practice programs. (See note in the Rider Education Manual on PLP.)

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs with the exception of the PLP are taught by qualified and Nationally certified instructors. PLPs use our Facilitators to administer the program.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant

Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant.

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## Level III: Safety by Preparedness



Level III of the REP is also referred to as **Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider**. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch

Visit Chapter I at [www.springswings.org](http://www.springswings.org)

# FIRST AID/CPR AND RIDING LEVELS

## Level IV: Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness



Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as **Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider**. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in **both** First Aid **and** CPR.. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to everyone of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally, and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times.

Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00)

Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

**Note: all Level Program Patches are also available in "Black and Gold" at a charge of \$1.00 extra per level for levels I, II, and III.**

**So there you have the program structure:**

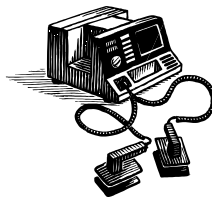
**Level I Safety by Commitment**

**Level II Safety by Education**

**Level III Safety by Preparedness**

**Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness**

Earl Edwards  
Chapter I Rider Educator



## January Dinner Ride

**Dinner Ride**  
**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Café El Paso**  
**3840 N. Nevada – Across from the**  
**dog track**

You **MUST** let me know  
([sandie@cerskine.com](mailto:sandie@cerskine.com)) by Friday  
morning – January 8<sup>th</sup>.  
That way they can schedule their staff  
more efficiently.

**Thanks everyone – hope to see you on**  
**Tuesday.**

## Goofy and George



Goofy is awarded to one Chapter member who has done the goofiest thing since the last meeting. Goofy gets to spend the next month with that person. The person receiving Goofy must add or attach something that represents their “goofy” stunt.

George was nominated by his loving daughter Patricia.

## 2010 Participation Reward Program Rules

**Program is open to current Chapter I  
GWRRA members only.**

**Program lasts from January 1 to December 31,  
2010.**

Points will be awarded to each person attending events or activities by the following schedule:

- 2 pts – CPR, First Aid, ERC, or Riding Skills classes or seminars (not parking lot practices).
- 3 pts - Local organized events (meeting, lunch/dinner rides, day rides, etc).
- 5 pts - **Out of Area** events (other chapter meetings, events, fund raisers, etc)
- 10 pts – District, Region, or National GWRRA meetings, events or rallies

Attendance for local events will be recorded from the sign-in sheets. Proof of attendance for other than Chapter I events must be provided to the Chapter within 2 months (60 days) of attending the event to receive credit. Proof of attendance must be something that proves of actual attendance of the event, such as signed note from meeting director, copy of sign-in sheet, or photograph at the event; gas or meal receipts are not acceptable.

Current scores to be published monthly in the chapter newsletter.

Prizes to be awarded at the January 2011 Chapter meeting. Prizes will be first place \$100, second place \$50, third place \$25 if possible. Gift certificates may have to be substituted for tax reasons, determination pending.



## COUNTING CALORIES??

What, eating Christmas cookies and counting the calories. How foolish would that be. Especially when you have a beautiful table decorated for the holidays and filled with plates of delicious cookies and candies.

Chris and Sandie Erskine opened their home on December 14<sup>th</sup> for the annual Cookie Exchange. Everyone who came brought a dozen each of three different cookies. There were several who brought many more - probably to get the calories out of their own homes. There was no way to even begin to taste everything - although I believe most of us gave it a good Gold Wing try. Those attending were, of course Sandie, Mel Partner, Casey Ward, Darlene Nyquist, Joanne Hauser, Susan (sorry I never heard your last name other than I know she is fairly new to our Chapter), and myself - Kathy Wren. Cathy Luce and Nancy Lockhart couldn't stay but did bring great trays of goodies.

We all had a great time visiting and talking of our plans for the holidays ahead. When we thought we had had our fill, we packaged up the remaining goodies for Sandie to take to The Springs Rescue Mission. I would guess there were close to 15 - 20 dozen cookies that she delivered. Sandie said they were so very thankful to receive them and I'm sure there were many smiling faces that day at the Mission, thanks to the ladies of Chapter I.



### Progressive Marble Game

Back in May 2009, Chapter "I" 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 8 months (no meeting in December) 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 4 of one colored marble and still the 1 of the different color. For the month of February the kitty is starting off with \$118.50 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 "I".



# For Sale

I just listed my Wing with GWRRA and thought I'd forward pics to you locally in case you know someone who might be interested. I am currently living in C. Sprgs. but will be moving to the mountains in SW CO in the spring. Unfortunately we can make more use with a Jeep than a Wing so reluctantly we are offering it for sale at \$3,000. 1988, 1500 always garaged and serviced with 130K good highway miles. Anyone can reach me at 710-459-0514 or [jmd519@msn.com](mailto:jmd519@msn.com)



Thanks,

Jerry  
Dierks



Goodies for February

Kim Athman  
Rich & Donna Noah





**HELP**

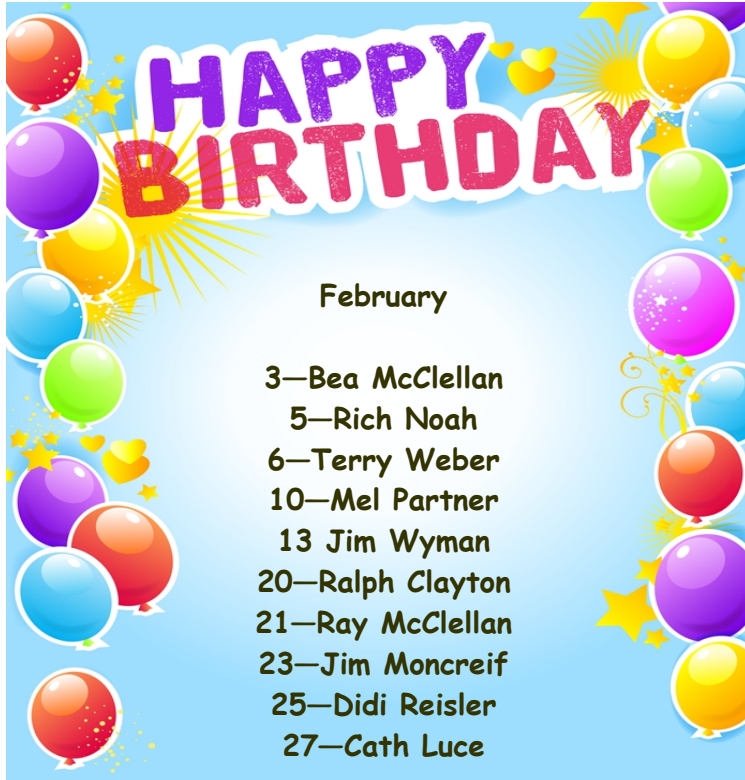
**WANTED**

As the new year begins and we step up to our new positions as Chapter Directors, we still need help filling vacancies on our staff.

- Scrapbook/Historian
- Ride Coordinator
- Membership Enhancement Coordinator
- Camping SIG (Special Interest Group)
- Community Service Coordinator
- Chapter Photographer



# Upcoming Events & Celebrations



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 3—Bea McClellan
- 5—Rich Noah
- 6—Terry Weber
- 10—Mel Partner
- 13 Jim Wyman
- 20—Ralph Clayton
- 21—Ray McClellan
- 23—Jim Moncreif
- 25—Didi Reisler
- 27—Cath Luce

## ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 6  
Dick & Didi Reisler

Feb 14  
Wolf & Tia Wendell

## Dates to Remember

Jan 9—District Officer's Meeting  
Jan 10—Ride Planning  
Jan 12—Dinner Ride, hosted by the Erskines  
Jan 30—Bunco night at the Daniels'



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