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Individual of the Year (IOY) - Nancy Daniels

A note from District regarding the District Rally—

It is not too early to start securing door prizes to be given away at the Salida Rally coming up soon. Chapter B in Grand Junction will be setting up and handling the door prizes at the rally this year in Salida. Each chapter has been asked to secure several door prizes to be given away. The suggested value of each prize should be around \$25.00 or more.

Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

Riding season is finally upon us. Be very cautious as you begin getting out on the streets and highways. There is still lots of sand and gravel, especially in the intersections, and even potholes large enough to loose a Mini Cooper.



Remember, our May meeting will be at Darrell and Laurie's. The meeting will be short so members can perform maintenance on their bikes or install their new toys, chrome, or whatever. Laurie will coordinate and provide break-fast before the meeting.

If you haven't heard, Nancy Powell is moving to California to be near her son. Thanks Nancy, for all you have done for the Chapter and for bringing sunshine into our lives. Since it's a bit far for her to make it back to our monthly meetings, we have asked Marilyn Irish to be our new Sunshine Committee.

Butch and Linda



Note from CO-Q—
Chapter Q currently has a bunch of GWRRA logo patches, etc., that aren't selling. Do you know if any of the other Chapters are looking for any of these. We'd like to see them get some use....

14 black/gold 10-inch "helmet" back patches without border;
2 red/gold 10-inch "helmet" back patches with border;
5 red/gold 4-inch "helmet" patches with yellow border;
4 red/gold 4-inch "helmet" patches with silver border;
4 black/gold 10-inch "helmet" back patches with border;
2 black/gold 2-inch "helmet" patches without border;
1 red "operations" rocker with silver border;
2 red "Chapter Director" rockers with silver border.

Nick Hoppner
Chapter CO-Q Chapter Director

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Maintenance is Forever

Spring has sprung and it time to do maintenance if you haven't already during the winter months. We all have heard of **T-CLOCS** and should use it to check our motorcycle before we ride. One of the items that we should check, but not listed on the list, is the air filter. (The air filter is not a pre-ride check). Now if you have an older motorcycle, i.e. 1000-1500 it may be a little easier to change/check the air filter. Now most of us have the newer 1800, and this may be a challenge to check or even change the air filter. I have check/change this air filter at least 3 times and every time I do so, it seems to get easier. (Yea, right!) Also keep in mind that the web site <http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>, hosted by Steve Saunders will give you helpful hints and suggestions on maintaining your Gold Wing. Bring your tires, oil, air filter, and brake pads to Maintenance Day and get your motorcycle ready for riding.

Ready to Roll!!!

Both bike and rider need regular maintenance for top performance. Whether you're getting ready for the riding season or get to ride year long, take a moment to clear out the cobwebs both mentally and on the machine.

Software upgrade. Look into taking a refresher course and see what bad habits you have developed, or resisted. Especially true if you have a new machine.

Gear check. No not your transmission, your riding apparel. Helmets expire over time, just like milk. Face shields get scratched and haze like safety glasses do. Replace them as needed. Leather needs regular cleaning and inspection at the seams.

Machinery wears out over time. Consumables like tires, brake pads, drive chains and fluids all degrade. Inspect and replace before a problem develops. Strange sounds or handling problems need immediate attention.

Seasonal riders will need a bit of time to get reflexes up to speed. Year round riders should beware of complacency as small problems can go un-noticed as they grow incrementally.



What is the Best Tire for Me?

Most every rider wonders what brand is best, which compound offers the best traction or mileage? Typically a compromise must be struck between mileage and grip, with cost thrown in there somewhere. An old racer's adage that I really liked was "there's nothing like new tires". It makes a lot of sense. Technology advances and new/better products are always coming out. Also, heat cycles age a tire and cause them to harden over time, so a new tire will always perform better than one with a few thousand miles on it, even if the tread still looks good. If your tires are more than two years old take a good look at them for signs of aging; cracks, blistering, and uneven tread wear. Then consider that you only have two of them keeping you glued to the road. Maybe a new set is just what you need to breathe some fresh life into your ride. But beware; new tires can be slippery for the first couple of hundred miles or so!

Earl Edwards
Chapter I Rider Educator



Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
Chapter I
Assistant Chapter Directors



April 10 ERC Class



ERC...FINALLY

Finally, after weeks of snow and cold weather, the Experience Rider Course/Advance Rider Course got underway on 10 April 2010. **Wheels in Motion** hosted the course, with instructors Rob Bunch and me. We had 10 riders showed up for the course, eight Wings, one Yamaha R-6, and one other bike, H-D. After all of the paperwork was done, we were able to mount up and ride. Braking, cornering, and swerving were the basic techniques that were covered during the day. Everybody did well as far as applying both brakes, head turns, keeping head and eyes up, etc... Everybody seemed to master the techniques and did quite well as the day progress. Everyone's favorites exercise...the U-Turn box. It's just a fun exercise that emphasizes head turn and throttle control. I want to thank the following people for having a good time and sharpening their riding skills: Bob Nyquist, Dave Wren, Chris Erskine, Chris Ward, Bruce Partner, Darryl and Don Cruzan, and Ron Curry. Hank B and Christi M were the other two riders in the class.

The next ERC class will be on 8 May 2010 at **Wheels in Motion** (719) 393-7433. Trike course is coming soon. The location will be at **Wheels in Motion** (719) 459-2426 **Trike only**. No date as of yet. This course will be GWRRA sponsored. Pass the word to our other Chapters.

Earl Edwards, Chapter Ride Educator

Upcoming Events & Celebrations

Birthdays



April
2—Casey Ward
5—Darrel Cruzan
MAY
4—Chris Erskine
8—Cindy Atwell
11—Ken Souther
22—Ray Daniels
Nancy Powell
Laurie Schlosser
26—Carol Farmer
Dave Wren
28—Mark Damschen
30—George Davis



ANNIVERSARIES

April
20—Tom & Monica Harder
30—Claude & Nancy Lockhart

May
7—Ralph & Bobbie Clayton
14—Rich & Donna Noah

Dates to Remember

Apr 26—Dinner ride, Didi Reisler
May 1—Maintenance Day (**Chapter I meeting**)
May 8—ERC class
May 9—Mother's Day
May 15—Progressive Ride/Dinner day, Moncrief
May 19—Dinner ride, Wrens
May 23—Ride for Kids in Albuquerque, NM
May 27-30—Region F Rally, Costa Mesa, CA

Chapter I Couple & Individual of the Year



**Paul & Jeannie
Bondurant**



**Nancy
Daniels**

GOOFY

Goofy goes to Chris Erskine

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.

Just before the April meeting began, there was a crowd around the breakfast pastries and coffee (no surprise here). But somewhere in the confusion, coffee jumped out of Chris’ cup and decorated Nancy Daniels’ clothing. Goofy went to Chris not because of the coffee spill, but because of his explanation for the incident. OOPS!



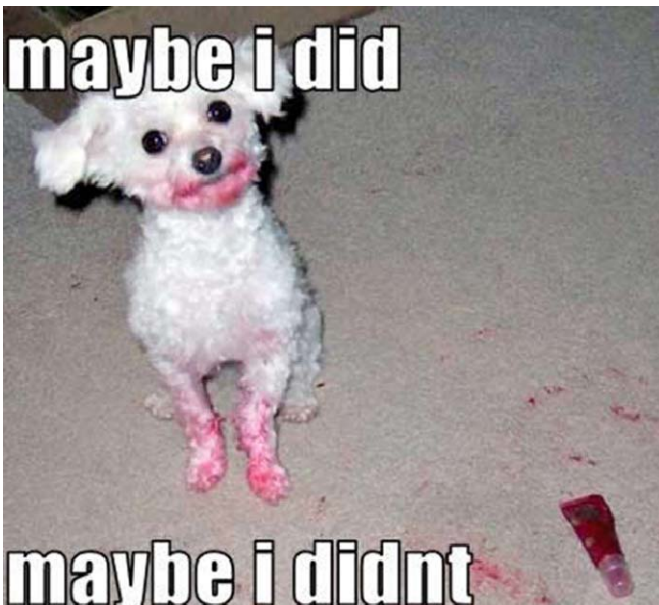
Notice the nice Bunny Slippers Jim added to Goofy

Goofy Retires

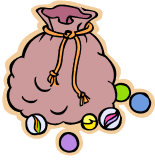


Goofy has gotten so heavy and full with fun memorabilia from goofy things Chapter members have done. Butch and I decided to retire him. No need to worry, we now have GOOFY 2.

Dick Riesler has offered to compile the history of Goofy. If you have had Goofy as a guest in your home because you were a bit goofy and one of your fellow Chapter members saw it, please provide Dick with your story.



Chapter I Fun and Games



Progressive Marble Game

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 one 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. 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.

We had a winner in February; therefore, we started over at the March meeting.



Computer Password Complexity Requirements

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password:

"MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGo ofySacramento"

When asked why she had such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

Da cat



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 two 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 bi-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.

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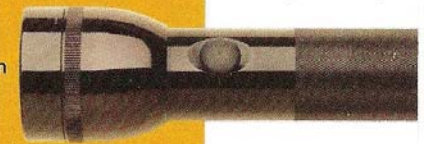
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Bob Strath

As many of you know Chapter I lost a family member in March, Robert (Bob) Strath.

Bob and his wife, Jan, were very active in the Chapter when Butch and I first joined. But Jan became ill and Bob spent much of his time taking care of her. Jan passed a few years ago.

I had a chance to spend time visiting with Bob before Jan passed away and learned they had been sweethearts since high school. Bob and Jan did not have any children, but they did have each other. It was amazing to see the love in Bob's eyes when he talked about Jan and their life together.

Bob, you will be missed.

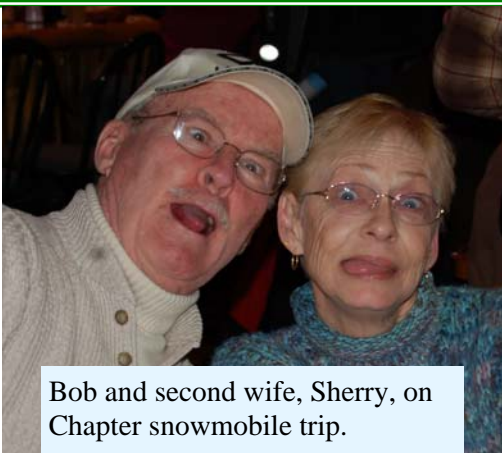
I too met Bob when I had cancer. He came over couple times to talk and share things. Brought me some motorcycle magazines he had and wanted to share. We had some great conversations. He will be missed.

Thanks, George DeBoer

During the April meeting, many of us shared fond stories and memories of Bob & Jan Strath. The story that stands out in my mind was told by Bob Nyquist.

One night, Bob told Jan we would like a chocolate cake. It was later in the evening, but Jan went into the kitchen to make the cake. A couple of hours later she came out with the cake only to have Bob tell her it was too late and he was going to bed. Jan being the good wife that she was didn't say anything.

The next day when Bob opened his lunch Jan had prepared for him, he found two pieces of bread with a big slice of chocolate cake in the middle.



Bob and second wife, Sherry, on Chapter snowmobile trip.



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GARDEN SNAKES CAN BE DANGEROUS...

Garden snakes also known as Garter Snakes (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) or grass snakes can be dangerous. Yes, grass snakes, not rattlesnakes. Here's why.

A couple in Sweetwater, Texas, had a lot of potted plants. During a recent cold spell, the wife was bringing a lot of them indoors to protect them from a possible freeze. It turned out that a little green garden grass snake was hidden in one of the plants. When it had warmed up, it slithered out and the wife saw it go under the sofa.

She let out a very loud scream.

The husband (who was taking a shower) ran out into the living room naked to see what the problem was. She told him there was a snake under the sofa. He got down on the floor on his hands and knees to look for it. About that time the family dog came and cold-nosed him on the behind. He thought the snake had bitten him, so he screamed and fell over on the floor. His wife thought he had had a heart attack, so she covered him up, told him to lie still, and called an ambulance.

The attendants rushed in, would not listen to his protests, loaded him on the stretcher, and started carrying him out. About that time, the snake came out from under the sofa and the Emergency Medical Technician saw it and dropped his end of the stretcher. That's when the man broke his leg and why he is still in the hospital.

The wife still had the problem of the snake in the house, so she called on a neighbor who volunteered to capture the snake. He armed himself with a rolled-up newspaper and began poking under the couch. Soon he decided it was gone and told the woman, who sat down on the sofa in relief. But while relaxing, her hand dangled in between the cushions, where she felt the snake wriggling around. She screamed and fainted, the snake rushed back under the sofa.

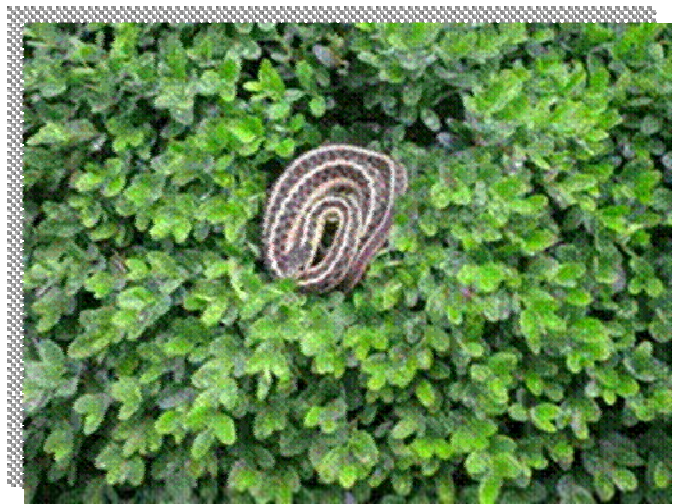
The neighbor man, seeing her lying there passed out, tried to use CPR to revive her. The neighbor's wife, who had just returned from shopping at the grocery store, saw her husband's mouth on the woman's mouth and slammed her husband in the back of the head with a bag of canned goods, knocking him out and cutting his scalp to a point where it needed stitches. The noise woke the woman from her dead faint and she saw her neighbor lying on the floor with his wife bending over him, so she assumed that the snake had bitten him. She went to the kitchen and got a small bottle of whiskey, and began pouring it down the man's throat.

By now, the police had arrived.
Breathe here...

They saw the unconscious man, smelled the whiskey, and assumed that a drunken fight had occurred. They were about to arrest them all, when the women tried to explain how it all happened over a little garden snake!

The police called an ambulance, which took away the neighbor and his sobbing wife.

Now, the little snake again crawled out from under the sofa and one of the policemen drew his gun and fired at it. He missed the snake and hit the leg of the end table. The table fell over, the lamp on it shattered and, as the bulb broke, it started a fire in the drapes. The other policeman tried to beat out the flames, and fell through the window into the yard on top of the family dog who, startled, jumped out and raced into the street, where an oncoming car swerved to avoid it and smashed into the parked police car. (cont. on next page)



GARDEN SNAKES (cont.)

Meanwhile, neighbors saw the burning drapes and called in the fire department. The firemen had started raising the fire ladder when they were halfway down the street. The rising ladder tore out the overhead wires, put out the power, and disconnected the telephones in a ten-square city block area (but they did get the house fire out).

Time passed! Both men were discharged from the hospital, the house was repaired, the dog came home, the police acquired a new car and all was right with their world.

A while later they were watching TV and the weatherman announced a cold snap for that night. The wife asked her husband if he thought they should bring in their plants for the night.

And that's when he shot her.

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Ride for Kids June 13, 2010 Golden, CO

Colorado District Rally August 27-28

Get those cookie recipes out
and start getting ready for the
cookie contest (sponsored by
CO Chapter C).



Chapter I COY/IOY need donations for
their entry into the COY/IOY basket
competition.

A photograph of a man and a woman, Marsha and Ron Curry, sitting together in front of a fireplace. The woman is standing behind the man, who is sitting in a chair. They are both smiling at the camera.

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Attention

Chapter I May meeting

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DAY**

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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.

- Ride Coordinator
- Membership Enhancement Coordinator

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