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Couple of the Year (COY) - Paul & Jeannie Bondurant

Individual of the Year (IOY) - Nancy Daniels

Chapter I is growing, in more ways than you can imagine. The Chapter is gaining new members; members are participating more and planning more activities; efforts are being made to visit and participate with other Chapters and Districts; members are reaching out to the local community through volunteering and donations to help organizations such as The Bridge Assisted Living, TESSA, Silver Key, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, and Ride for Kids (to mention a few); members are taking time to escort out-of-state visitors around the area on wonderful rides; and we are getting more and more out-of-state visitors wanting to come back for more fun and dining with our group the next time they visit.



We want to express our gratitude to everyone taking visitors out for day rides, and showing them the beautiful scenery of Colorado and the warm, hospitality and friendship of Chapter I. Some of our Chapter I tour guides include Doug Irish, George Davis, Jim & Olga Wyman, Dean Hauser, Darrell Cruzan, and Earl Edwards. We know there are others we haven't heard about and thanks to all of you. This summer we have had visitors from Louisiana, Indiana, Florida, Arizona, Illinois, and Texas. GWRRA is a very big family and as visitors come through, they become family members that we didn't know before but do now.

Plans for our Christmas party, December 11, are well underway. If you haven't signed up for the party and would like to attend, contact Joann at 579-9369. The cost of the dinner is \$12.50 per person and needs to be turned in to Joann by November 6 (meeting day).

October's dinner ride will be October 19. We will meet at Joe's Crab Shack, 805 Citadel Dr E (on the East side of the Citadel Mall), around 6:00 pm. We thought a seafood restaurant would be a nice change from BBQ and Mexican. If you don't like fish/seafood, they do have salads, steaks, and burgers.



Ride Safe,
Butch and Linda

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

Visit Chapter I at www.springswings.org

CHARITY WORK

Dear everyone in Chapter I,

I'm really very **happy** and **proud** of all our members. Our donation of toiletry items was VERY, VERY successful. The lunch meeting was held at our house (Reisler's) with Nancy Daniels, Kathy Wren, Jeannie Bondurant, Nancy Lockhart, Casey Ward, Rainy Moncrief, and Lauri Schlosser. Our task was to package all the toiletry items donated by all of you. I truly think this year was the biggest collection of goodies we've ever had. We put a few items in each decorated bag tied it with a ribbon and a beautiful I.D. tag which Nancy L. designed together with 3 small pictures of our riders on the Goldwings. That was sort of the 'icing on the cake'. We managed to present over 100 of these cute bags to TESSA - home for domestic abuse victims in the Myron Stratton Home on S Hwy 115.



In addition to the above bags, we did something extra (2 something extras). Marsh Curry and Casey Ward brought a collection of new, assorted sizes of personal/travel/make-up bags. Some in their designs could be for boys and some were for girls. We also filled them out with sample goodies together w/dental hygiene items, razors, etc. We put the ID tags on those too. These were brought to Urban Peak Homeless Teens on E. Cucharas St.

Kathy Wren brought over her Creative Memories / Scrap-booking materials to the meeting. The purpose was to give out some greeting cards made by us along with the bags. Aside from having fun with this and learning a little about this craft, we managed to make 10 decorated greeting cards, blank on the inside and a Goldwing stamp with GWRRA written on the last page. I gave that w/ a note to Jody, the Donation Coordinator in TESSA.

This was all delivered on Wednesday, 9/22/10. At each location, they showed such pleasure in receiving it, they loved the fragrance and amazed at the quantity. I can't say enough "Thanks" to everyone who brought items for this drive, the ladies who helped put it all together and to all of us for proving the truth to the saying "Where there is a will, there is a way."

Your all are the GREATEST!! Be proud of it !!
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Rider Education—The Weight of a Wing

O.K. guys and gals, get out your calculators, slide ruler, pen and paper, class is now in session. We are going to be talking about the average weight of a Honda Gold Wing 1800 and gravity. The other Wings 1500 & 1200, will roughly have about the same weight, give or take several pounds.

Dry weight of the 1800	+/- 791 lbs
Luggage carrying capacity	+/- 60 lbs
One passenger	+/- 125 lbs
Fuel capacity (6 lbs x 7 gals.)	+/- 42 lbs
Coolant capacity (8 lbs x 4 gals.)	+/- 32 lbs
TOTAL	1050 lbs



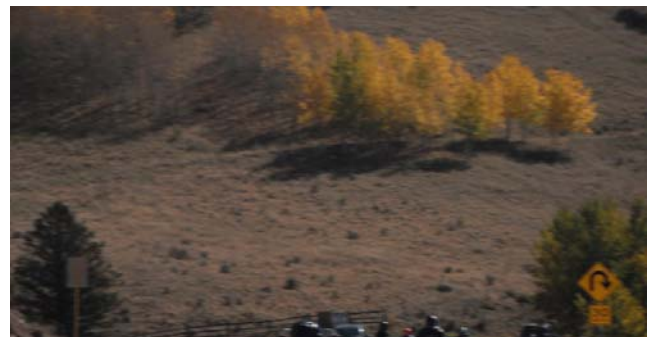
There may be other liquids that I didn't add in, but you get the gist of the weight of the wing, it's a heavy motorcycle when loaded to its capacity, plus or minus several pounds. I did not add in the rider on purpose. Now let's talk about a most familiar agent on earth, gravity. Gravity is an agent that gives weight to objects that have mass and causes them to fall to the ground when dropped. The bigger and heavier the object, the harder and quicker they fall. If gravity decides to take your wing, due to an error on your part, let it happen. If you are in a curve, making a turn or in a parking lot and you feel the wing start slide or fall, let it go. The wing is a well balance machine and once it starts falling past the point of no return, you cannot catch, hold or save the motorcycle from gravity.

CO-RIDERS – The motorcycle starts to fall while in a curve. What do you do?

1. Stick your foot out to help keep the motorcycle upright
2. Say "Crap"
3. Swing one of your feet over the Rider's head and abandon the motorcycle in style
4. Sit down, hold on, keep feet on floorboards, and hands on the passenger handles. Sticking you foot out is not a good idea. You cannot balance the motorcycle from the back seat. Most of us cannot touch the ground from the rear seat. Probably at one point in time, some of us could swing one foot over the Rider and jump off in style. But what you should really do is stay seated properly on the motorcycle. You could probably say "Crap" but that will not help you. You may ask "Why stay with the motorcycle?" Keep in mind that Honda built this machine to protect the Rider, Co-Rider and the motorcycle itself (to a certain extent). The engine guards are designed to give this protection. If the motorcycle was to slide in an accident or fall over, by being seated on the motorcycle, both you and the passenger can be protected from serious injury.

But **why** as Riders do we extend our foot out to keep the motorcycle from falling? The precious passengers that we carry, i.e. spouse, parents, grandkids, cousins, nephew, nieces, and friends. As Riders, we **never** want to see them get hurt or fall off of the motorcycle. We would want to protect them at all cost, but on the other hand they would not want us (Rider) to get hurt. In short, stay with the motorcycle if it starts to go down during an accident and keep all feet and arms inside the protective area of the motorcycle.

Earl Edwards
Chapter I Rider Educator



Upcoming Events & Celebrations

Birthdays



Oct 14—Don Cruzan
 Oct 27—Ron Curry
 Oct 28—Sue Damschen
 Oct 28—Claude Lockhart
 Nov 5—Glenn Goode
 Nov 5—Bruce Harris
 Nov 5—Vonda Weber
 Nov 20—Bruce Partner
 Nov 21—Paul Bondurant
 Nov 22—Kim Athman

Classifieds

FREE Yorkshire Terrier. 8-years old. Hateful little bastard. Bites!

FREE PUPPIES. Mother, AKC German Shepherd. Father, Super Dog..able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

FOR SALE Cows, Calves. NEVER BRED. Also 1 gay bull for sale.

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GEORGIA PEACHES California grown - 89 cents/lb

JOINING NUDIST COLONY! Must sell washer and dryer \$300.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE. Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie...

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, \$1,000 or best offer. No longer needed. Got married last month. Wife knows everything.

ANNIVERSARIES

October

16—Ray & Nancy Daniels
 20—John & Kim Athman
 22—Jim & Olga Wyman
 24—Kevin & Patricia Hales
 November
 26—Mark & Sur Damschen
 27—Chris & Casey Ward
 28—Bob & Darlene Nyquist
 29—Rod & Dawn Klock



Dates to Remember

Oct 19—Dinner Ride, hosted by Butch & Linda
 Joe's Crab Shack, Citadel Mall, 6:00 pm

Oct 30—Air Force Football tailgate

Nov 13—Chapter E Turkey Dinner Fundraiser

Dec 11—Chapter I Christmas Party



Chapter I COY & IOY



**Paul & Jeannie
Bondurant**



**Nancy
Daniels**



**Goodies for November
Darlene Nyquist
Linda Shelley**

September color ride

It was a beautiful fall day in Colorado when 27 members and 6 guests of Chapter I met for breakfast and a Sept color ride. The Safeway parking lot on 31st street was filled with sassy looking Goldwings and happy faces as everyone commented on the wonderful weather and such a perfect day. Doug tried to convince everyone that he had spoke with Mother Nature earlier in the week and had requested the type of weather he wanted but no one was falling for that one. We all know who was looking out for all of us.

At a 8:30 AM it was kickstands up and we rode for only a mile or so to the Stagecoach Restaurant for a great breakfast buffet. Everyone enjoyed the out door terrace and of course many returned for second helpings since it was all you can eat. Steve and the crew at the Stagecoach really went the extra mile to make us feel welcome and pleased that we were there. George Davis was very happy because they even had biscuits and gravy.

After breakfast everyone was having such a good time visiting it was hard to leave those that were not going on the ride but the colors were calling. Ready to ride, 25 of us and 15 bikes, trikes, and one car headed for the mountains. Jeannie and Paul had never been on a color ride and decided to join us. I have to say Jeannie did real well keeping up with the group. You don't suppose she's been on a few rides herself do ya?

We left Manitou and hurried on to Woodland Park and on to Divide. Cripple Creek



was next via the back road to Victor. As we passed the Llama farm I couldn't help but think of the children's book "Llama Llama Misses Mama". There sure were a lot of little and big Llama's enjoying the warm fall day.

The colors between Divide and Victor were the prettiest and had the most gold but all along our ride there were places that just took your breathe away. Colorful Colorado!!

Soon after we stopped for that all im-

September color ride (cont.)



Fall



portant potty break and a little water to keep us hydrated. Casey supplied everyone with candies to suck on and of course everyone swapped stories of their best color ride. At this point in the ride some decided to ride south to Canon City and on to Bishop's Castle. The rest of us headed toward Woodland Park. Arriving there part of the group headed north to Pine and up to 470 around to 105 and home. Those that were left came on home.

It was such a pleasant day and everyone so enjoyable it couldn't have been more perfect. In the words of our friend Dan Brown "Yahoo! What a Ride". We hope you joined us, Dan, on our fall ride. We miss you.

Thanks for all the e-mails letting us know you all had a good time, we did to. Marilyn

"Dan Brown was a member of Chapter I that passed away on Sept 29 a few years ago."

Chapter I Fun and Games



Goofy goes to Ray/Carole Marovek

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.

Seems that Ray was wanting to join the GPS ride last month. Carole told him we were meeting in the church parking lot. Ray headed into town with the information Carole had given him—the church is at the corner of Constitution and Palmer Park. But you know what, they don't cross. Ray called Carole to double check on the location. Once again, she gave him the same directions. Carole has been to a meeting at the church, but Ray has not, so Ray assumed she was right. Later, it dawned on Carole that the cross-streets were Constitution and Murray. UH-OH !!! Needless to say, Ray didn't make it to the GPS ride even though he drove right by the church as he was headed to church (which doesn't exist) at Constitution and Palmer Park (which don't cross).

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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To the members of Colorado Chapter I

Thank You



Thank You

Dawna and I would like to express our deepest THANKS for your thoughts, prayers, and contributions during my battle with cancer.

Dave & Dawna Hill



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Make that a THANK YOU note

I received a lot of submissions and photos for the newsletter this month. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We can always use more. Everyone enjoys reading about places others visit, activities we don't all get to attend, and pictures—everyone likes pictures.

This is **YOUR** newsletter. I just organize your pictures and thoughts.

Thanks again for all you have contributed. It makes my job a lot easier.

Linda

GPS Ride 2010



Fifteen 'coordinate minded' members had a great time finding 'points of interest' in four different cities on a beautiful fall Saturday, Sept 25. There were nine bikes/trikes that participated. Jim and Olga Wyman led a group that included Ray & Nancy Daniels, Doug Irish, Ben & Kathy Apple and Morris Snyder. The other group led by Butch and Linda Shelley included Bob & Darlene Nyquist, Dean & Joann Hauser and Don Bush. The leaders monitored their GPS' that were loaded with only coordinates for specific locations, only to find some variations in the exact route to take.... a few turns that were not needed. I still think Linda was telling Butch "there is a better way to get there" on a few occasions. After everyone toured the country side we all met at the Country Buffet for a delicious lunch. Since Jim & Olga's group was already eating when the last group arrived.... was there perhaps a location not stopped at due to hunger?? Huh Jim? We included a poker type play in the ride, with the High winning score going to Ray and Low to Dean. What a great way to spend a few hours on a beautiful Saturday.



GPS Ride Photos



This group had
WAY too much fun
at the playground.



I never did see pictures the
other group took. I think they
just left the church and headed
straight to the buffet.



Visitor from Michigan

On September 21, 2010 I received a call from Howard Barton and his friends to go on a ride through our mountains. Now Howard, Gary and his brother Danny are from Waterford, Michigan, Chapter E. They come out every year to go to the Balloon Classic in Albuquerque, NM. They drive a crew cab truck and pull a trailer with the balloon and basket, a blue GL 1800 trike, a red GL 1500 and a H.D. that belongs to the owner of the balloon. I missed them last year but they caught up with me this year. Howard said that Dave and Kathy Wren and Darrell Cruzan and Laurie Schlosser went to Bishop's Castle on Wednesday 22 September, but unfortunately it rained on the group. This I didn't know, but when I showed up for the ride that Friday morning to take the eager group to Bishop's Castle, they said that they went on Wednesday and got wet. I promise sunshine, a different route and a view from NORAD. (Danny has not seen the view from NORAD.)

We went south on I-25 to Colorado City and had breakfast at Max's Place. Then on route 165 to Bishop's Castle. It was a different route from Wednesday, plus it was sunny, warm and dry. J After arriving at Bishop's Castle, the group went up to both towers, something that was not done on Wednesday. The return route continued onto Hwy 115 and ended on NORAD Road for a view of the city. Fun and games had to come to an end as Howard, Gary and Danny had to pack the trailer with the motorcycles and travel to Albuquerque, NM for the Balloon Classic.

Earl Edwards



NM District Rally

On Friday, September 17, I left Colorado Springs to go to the New Mexico District Rally that was held in Las Vegas, NM. It took about 4½ hours to make that journey. The weather was warm and sunny. I took Interstate 25 all the way to Las Vegas. Finally made it to the hotel where the event was held. My favorite vendor was there, Accessory Pit from Albuquerque, NM. I talked to Rick Howell and his crew about accessories, L.E.D.s, and installation. I met a lot of new members and met a couple from VA that was visiting family in the general area.

When night fall came, I entered my motorcycle into the Bike Show and the Light Show. There was only one motorcycle in the 1500 and 1200 class. WOW!!! That was easy!! Everything else was 1800 and the competition was stiff. There were a lot of good looking motorcycles being displayed. After the Bike Show was the Light Show. There were eight motorcycles that entered the competition, 2 in moving lights, 4 in static, and 2 trikes/trikes with trailers. The competition was tough since 2 of the motorcycle had more lights than I. Never-the-less, I had fun and learned a lot from my competitors. The next morning, the District had a small parade through town with police escort. After the parade, I visited with Accessory Pit again to get more information on lighting and installation. Looks like I must up my game. I took Highway 518 up to Taos and then US 64 East to Interstate 25. The road through Santa Fe National Forest has beautiful scenery. The colors were changing. What a beautiful sight. It was better than taking the same route down.

Earl Edwards



**LOOKS LIKE THE TREES WERE
NOT THE ONLY THINGS
IN FULL COLOR ON
THE COLOR RIDE.**

Chapter I meeting
information:

WHEN

First Saturday of the month,
8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

WHERE

Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.



Goodies for November
Darlene Nyquist
Linda Shelley



Articles and photos needed for the newsletter.
Linda needs help filling the newsletter with
Chapter activities, travels, special interest, etc.
Please provide any information or photos
about your trips / excursions.
This is a CHAPTER newsletter.

We still need to fill the Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator position.

Link to First Aid kits

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

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