



Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F

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The Region F convention in Pueblo is just around the corner, May 27-30.

They have chosen a Patriotic theme and have stolen the Couple of the Year basket idea from Colorado; therefore, each District's Couple of the Year must create a basket. John & Sue Ewing are Colorado's Couple of the Year and they are requesting donations from each chapter to fill their basket. John & Sue would like for part of the contents to be items made in Colorado, such as honey, salsa, wood carvings, Rocky Mountain chocolates, etc. They need to pick up any donation by our May meeting and they will make arrangements to pick up everything.



Dean, Joann, and Jim Wyman need to decide (**SOON**) on the theme for their District convention (Breckenridge) basket. The Chapter will need to begin providing goodies for the basket once the theme is announced.

Chapter I's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for March 26. It will be held at the Cimmaron Hills Fire Administration Building like last year. Cost is \$7 per person. Additional information will be dispersed as we get it. If you have a chili recipe you are proud of and would like to enter in the cook-off, drop Joann Hauser or us a line and we will sign you up.

Dick Reisler has made arrangements to host a murder mystery on March 24 at 6:30. The location is 7850 Goddard St., just off N. Academy. Cost is \$4 per person.

Laurie Schlosser is taking orders for new Chapter shirts. Please contact her at llhutz@aol.com.

All Chapters are being encouraged to have a Chapter patch to be placed on our vests and/or baseball caps (if you don't have a vest). Somewhere within our Chapter I family there must be some creative people who can design a theme or logo for our group. The patch needs to be between 2 and 3 inches in size. Some of us discussed a few ideas at the spaghetti dinner the other night, which seemed appropriate for our Chapter. We want to hear and see your ideas as well.

Everyone should have received their GWRRA Passport. The instructions in Wing World and on the GWRRA website do not really provide enough detail on how to use the Passport. (cont. on page 2)

Articles and photos needed for the newsletter.

Help fill the newsletter with Chapter activities, Chapter or personal travels, special interest, etc.

Please provide any information or photos about your trips / excursions.

This is a **CHAPTER** newsletter.

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Notes from the Directors (cont.)

The following information was taken from <http://gwrra.org/passport.html>:

The Passport Program is geared to encourage the Members of GWRRA to ride their motorcycles more to GWRRA events, rallies, Chapter gatherings, etc.

The Passport books have 64 pages, with 4 spaces on each page, for Members to get stamps/initials for each place they visit. GWRRA is providing this special website for this Program.

To capture those special travel moments, use this Passport when you go to GWRRA events like Wing Ding, the Trikes & Bikes Rally, your Region or District rally, or a seminar or OCP, etc. At each event (at any GWRRA booth), the Chapter Director, District Director or Region Director will apply a special stamp or initials (one per event) to recognize your attendance.

After completing the entire Passport, send it to the Home Office by July 31, 2012, for a chance to win a prize and have your name placed on this page. The winners will be chosen randomly from all entrants.

Paul Hildebrand, GWRRA's founder, states that "I am looking forward to seeing this Passport Program bring riding and camaraderie back to the forefront of GWRRA!"

We were able to speak with the home office and get clarification regarding their definition of events. An event includes: Chapter meetings, fundraisers, dinner rides, etc.; Officer Certification Program (OCP) training; ERC; CPR/First Aid; or any educational seminar offered at Wing Ding, Region or District conventions. Take your passport with you to any event the is GWRRA related/sponsored and you will receive a stamp or initials. This is an international GWRRA program, not related to our internal program (although it is very similar).

If you want credit in your Passport for attending the CPR/First Aid class on February 12, the Valentine Bunco, or the February meeting we will stamp your Passport at the March meeting. By the way, we will be meeting in the Fireside Room in March. That's the old meeting room on the West side of the church.

Thanks to Ray & Nancy Daniels for opening their home and hosting another great Bunco party.

Ride Safe,

Butch and Linda

You know you're getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Words from the Assistant Directors

February 13th, 2011 – Sunday Brunch Ride

Yep, you heard it right. A February ride to Johnson's Corner for a late breakfast. Granted, it was just two bikes, but a ride it was. At Bunco Night at the Daniels' Saturday evening the Lockharts had the bright idea to take this ride. Sounded like a fine idea to me so the invitations went out to the other riders. Many wanted to ride along but would not be able to get their bikes out of their neighborhoods. Then there was the one young fella that wanted to go but opted to stay home and spend his birthday with the family. We missed you Jim, but wish you a Happy Birthday. As for the ride, we started out just as Earl teaches, discussing safety. We determined our destination and the anticipated route, agreed on our CB channel, and reminded each other that there would most likely be sand to contend with and, as Earl told us at the meeting, our skills would need to be dusted off. That being said, we were off on our journey, and it was everything we expected and more. We did have sand, not much, but some. We also had unexpected water from the melting snow. We "enjoyed" the temperature changes with most of the ride ranging from the mid 50's to mid 60's, while enduring the mid 40's over the Palmer Divide. The point of this drawn out tale . . . It's February and we got to ride!!!! Sure there's the whole safety thing, having the bikes ready to go, going through the pre-ride check, and executing a successful ride. But really . . . we got to RIDE!!!! See you on the next one.

Don Cruzan



Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
Assistant Chapter
Directors

The Legend of the Guardian® Bell

Many years ago, on a cold December night, a crusty old biker was returning from a trip to Mexico with his saddlebags filled with toys and other assorted trinkets for the kids at a group home near where he worked.

As he rode along that night thinking how lucky he had been in life, having a loving riding partner that understood his need to roam the highways and to his trusty old pan that hadn't let him down once in the many years they had shared the road together.

Well about 40 miles north of the border, in the high desert, lurked a small group of notorious little critters known as road gremlins. You know, the ones who always leave little obstacles like, one shoe, boards, and pieces of old tires on the road, and also dig those dreaded potholes for bikers to run over and crash, thus giving the road gremlins a chance to rejoice over their acts of evil.

Well, as the lone wolf of a biker rounded a curve that moonlit night, the gremlins ambushed him, causing him to crash to the asphalt and skid before coming to a stop next to one of his saddlebags that had broken free. As he lay there, unable to move, the road gremlins made their way towards him. Well, this biker, not being one to give up, started throwing things at the gremlins as they approached him. Finally, with nothing else to throw but a bell, he started ringing it in hopes to scare off the dirty little gremlins.

About a half a mile away, camped in the desert, were two bikers sitting around the campfire talking about their day's ride, and the freedom of the across this vast country. In the stillness of the night air they heard what sounded to them like church bells ringing, and upon investigating, found the old biker lying along the roadside with the gremlins about to get him. Needless to say, being part of the biker brotherhood, they preceded to ward off the gremlins until the last ran off into the night.

Being grateful to the two bikers, the old road dog offered to pay them for their help, but as all true bikers do, they refused to accept any type of payment from him. Not being one to let a good deed go unnoticed, the old biker cut two pieces of leather from his saddlebags tassels and tied a bell to each one. He then placed them on each of the biker's motorcycles, as near to the ground as possible. The tired, old road warrior then told the two travelers that with those bells placed on their bikes, they would be protected from the road gremlins and that if ever in trouble, just ring the bell and a fellow biker will come to their aid.

So, whenever you see a biker with a bell, you know that he has been blessed with the most important thing in life—friendship from a fellow biker.



Submitted by Dean Hauser

Couple of the Year

Joann & Dean Hauser



Individual of the Year

Jim Wyman



DOES YOUR RIDING SKILL GET RUSTY?

I was going to work on Friday morning when the weather was going to be near 70 degrees in the afternoon. I saw a motorcycle going in the same direction as myself that morning. The rider was properly dress from head to toe with reflectors vest and reflective stripes on his arms and pant legs. When he got to Academy and Fountain, I noticed that he was stopping with just the front hand brake and both feet on the ground, dragging his feet to stop the motorcycle.

I followed him to the next stop light and he did the same thing. Keep in mind that I am on the right side of the motorcycle and I can see what position the right foot should be. Still both feet are dragging down the road to stop the motorcycle. He did the same thing at the next light. WOW!!! Are you kidding me??? Did we forget how to apply brakes during the winter? I surely hope not! He just needs **practice!**

So later on that day, I left early to go home. There were only three passengers on the bus as we left the tunnel. The bus driver, Bobby, states that I should have rode today, clear blue skies and warm temperatures near 70 degrees. He went on for a few minutes talking about the weather, how nice it was, and other people rode their motorcycles to the mountain etcetera. When I was able to get a word in edge wise, I said that **my skills are not as sharp as they were in October.** I still have maintenance repairs to do before I bring my motorcycle out for the riding season.

So at the next bus stop, all three of the passengers got off of the bus and headed to our vehicles to go home. Another man and I were walking in the same direction toward our cars and he told me that

he lived on a dirt road that was packed with snow and ice. He turned to me and agrees; **“My skills are not as sharp as they were in September either.”** Some riders need more practice than others. In short, we have a skill set that needs to be practiced.

Earl Edwards
Rider Educator



Thank You Note

Didi,

Thank you very much for your generous food donation of 534 pounds of food to our food pantry. It was greatly appreciated.

As we discussed today, I have talked to Joan, who does all the tallying of food donations for our pantry. She will send you an e-mail regularly (after you have donated and she does her report) telling you how many pounds you donated. I believe you should have received a thank you for last year's total donations. If not, I have included Marv Oltmann in this e-mail so he can e-mail you the total.

Again, thank you very much for remembering our food pantry and our neighbors in need. If there is anything else you need, please contact Joan, Marv or me.

Marcy Serby
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

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.

Celebrations, Events, & Fun

Birthdays

ERC CLASS

There is an ERC class scheduled for the April 16, 2011 at Wheels in Motion. The cost is \$50 per bike and we are doing 2 up. I (Earl) need 10 people to register for the class or it will be cancelled. This will be a full class. The class will start at 1 P.M. The location is at the N.E. corner of Academy and Hancock Blvd. Jet Wing Drive is the only way to enter the parking lot. We will be staging on the north end of the parking lot. Please call the Wheels in Motion office (719-393-7433) and talk to Keith or Denise to register and pay.

February

3—Bea McClellan
6—Terry Weber
10—Mel Partner
13—Jim Wyman
Gary Williams
20—Ralph Clayton
21—Ray McClellan
23—Jim Moncrief
25—Did Reisler
27—Cathy Luce

March

2—Mark Atwell
6—Earl Edwards
8—Don Bush
John Ebersohl
13—Sandie Erskine
18—Gene Krull
20—Connie Dougherty
30—Dick Reisler
31—Linda Shelley

Dates to Remember

Feb 19—Glenn Goode's cooking class
Mar 20—Chapter N pizza dinner @ DJ's Pizza, Pueblo West
Mar 23—Dinner Ride, Sandie Erskine
Mar 24—Murder Mystery, 6:30, 7850 Goddard St
Mar 26—Chapter I's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off
Apr 17—Chapters C, N, & I, lunch & Zio's in Colorado Springs
May—Region F Convention, Pueblo
July—Wing Ding, Knoxville, TN
Aug—Colorado District Convention, Breckenridge

Anniversaries

February

6—Dick & Didi
Reisler

March

16—Butch & Linda
Shelley
28—Donald & Mary Ann
Roberts

Points		
New	Old	
20	10	District/Regional/National events
15	n/a	Chair/co-chair - Fundraiser
10	n/a	Event (such as Dinner Ride, party, games or activity at District Convention, etc.) - host/organizers/volunteer
7	5	Out of Area - chapter events (examples, Pueblo CO-N, Canon City CO-C, Denver chapters)
5	3	Local (Chapter I) - chapter meeting/scheduled Chapter I events
5	n/a	Guest to meetings/events – to include inviting to and introducing at meetings, escorting out-of-town visitors on rides
4	n/a	Newsletter articles (chapter, district, national) motorcycle or chapter related
3	n/a	Ride after meeting
3	2	CPR
3	2	First Aid
3	2	ERC
3	2	Riding Skills – parking lot practice
3	n/a	Snacks for meetings—Signing up and providing

Participation Rewards Program

Written or photographic proof (with date) required within 30 days of occurrence.

Any event or activity must be scheduled, announced, and available to all chapter members. *This does not include last minute dinner plans while on a Chapter camping excursion, because this would limit participation to only those on the excursion.*

“one winner per household only”

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My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else in the class laughed.

My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, just like she'd asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." **Guess where I am now...???**

February 2011
Chapter I meeting

WHEN
1st Saturday
8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

WHERE
Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.
in Fireside Room

Link to First Aid kits

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

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