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Chapter I is off and running again in 2011. Activities just since the first of the year include CPR/First Aid classes, pot luck dinner and game night, Road Captain class, rides to Pueblo and Johnson's Corner, and visits to other Chapters' meetings. And this is only mid-March. Check the upcoming events on page 7.



At the March meeting, we learned how depleted the church food pantry is and a discussion began on what they will accept. Vonda Weber brought one of the pantry coordinators into the meetings so we could get first-hand information. The food pantry has several refrigerators and freezers so they can accept just about anything, including breads, eggs, dairy products, meat products, fresh produce, etc. They still need staples, canned goods, dry mixes, paper products, and more. We also learned that items such as tooth paste, tooth brushes, soap, coupons, and other non-food items are free items and do not count as part of the "food weight" the families can receive.

Someone suggested that, since the food pantry is so low and in need of help, we not wait until the next quarter to bring food—why can't we bring food each month. Everyone thought this was a wonderful idea. Members do not have to bring items for the food pantry each month, but items can be brought to the meetings any month. Our only request is that you bring the stuff into the meeting room so everything can be taken to the food pantry at one time. They weigh the food when it comes in and when it goes out. We would just like to know how much we are able to help as a chapter. Each one of us can make a small impact, just think what our whole group can do.

Chili cooks and judges get ready—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. 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) or give one of us a call and we will sign you up. Right now we have eight entries, we could use some more.

Dean, Joann, and Jim Wyman have decided on the theme for their District convention (Breckenridge) Couple/Individual of the year basket. Their theme is "A Family Picnic". The Chapter needs to begin

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.

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Notes from the Directors (cont.)

providing goodies for the basket, excluding wine, beer, or other alcoholic beverage.

Sandie Erskine is hosting the dinner ride, March 23. Details on page 6.

We have a murder to solve. 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. That's all the details he would give.

April 10, Jim Moncrief and Butch are planning a FUNdraising BBQ. Fun is an emotional response and has NOTHING to do with logic or reason. Rainy Moncrief and Linda will prepare the potato salad and coleslaw. Cost—1 bag of groceries per couple (or individual if that's how you come). Groceries will go to needy pantries in Colorado Springs.

Our May meeting is also Maintenance Day at Darrell and Laurie's. This is a good time to change the oil in your bike, make a repair, replace something that fell off (like a mirror missing a screw), or add chrome, lights, CB, whatever. Darrell has the lift, tools, and garage.

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

We have received several submissions and ideas for a Chapter patch. Jim Wyman, Cathy Luce, Don Bush, Casey Ward, and George Davis were chosen to work together, share ideas, and create a unique Chapter I patch. Can't wait to see what they come up with.

Ride Safe,

Butch and Linda

Age doesn't always bring wisdom.
Sometimes it comes alone.



Region F Couple of the Year Basket

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

New Member & Wing Owner

We would like to welcome Lamont & Faith Rigby to our GWRRA Chapter I family and congratulate them on the purchase of their new 2001 BLUE GL 1800.



A mechanic was removing a cylinder-head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike when the mechanic shouted across the garage.

"Hey, Doc, want to take a look at this?"

The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working on the motorcycle.

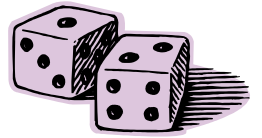
The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and said, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open its' heart, take the valves out, repair any damage, and then put them back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I make \$39,675 a year and you get the really big bucks (\$1,695,759) when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, smiled and leaned over, then whispered to the mechanic.....

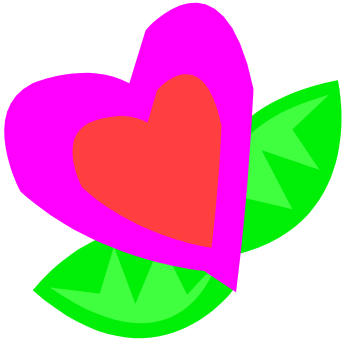
"Try doing it with the engine running."

Goodies for April
Chris & Casey Ward
Mel Partner

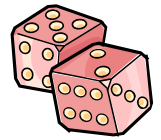
Valentine Bunco



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RAY & NANCY
THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN
FOR OPENING YOUR
HOME TO US.



Can you join me for lunch?

On Thursday April 28, I will be a Table Captain for CASAs annual Light of Hope benefit luncheon. The Light of Hope is their biggest fundraising event of the year and it is a beautiful and moving presentation. Last year there seemed to be just as many men at this community event as there were women, so guys . . . please feel free to join me! I have a table of 12 to fill and I'm almost there! If you would like to attend, please let me know and I will 'pencil you in'!

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are the voices for children in our court systems. CASA does not represent the attorneys, parents, or any governmental agency . . . simply the child who is in extremely difficult, disturbing and dangerous situations. CASA trains and supervises volunteers to represent the best interests of victims of child abuse, neglect, and severe domestic conflict. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to be a voice for these children in court and in the community. The desired result is that children be placed in safe, loving homes where they can thrive. The success rate of this program is very high.

Here are the luncheon details:

The luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the Antlers Downtown and parking is free in the underground parking lot of the hotel.

The CASA presentation begins promptly at 12:30 and will not go past 1:30. However, since so many people from our community turn out for this event, it is strongly encouraged that you arrive around noon in order to get signed in and find our table.

The delicious lunch is free – yes, that's right, it is free. However, a donation is much appreciated but there is no minimum or maximum expected. Give what you can – every dollar counts.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, here's where to find me:

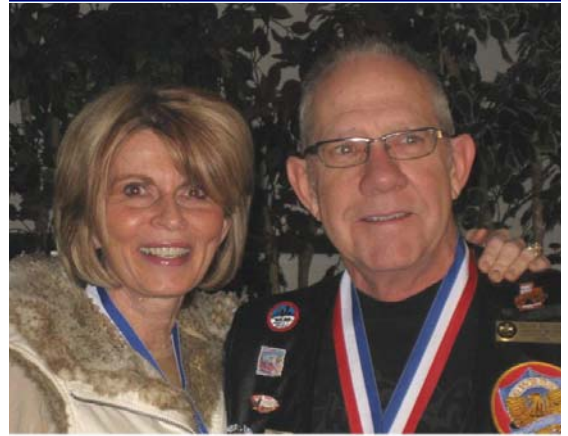
sandie@cerskine.com / 265-5962

Thanks very much!



Couple of the Year

Joann & Dean Hauser



Individual of the Year

Jim Wyman



A Touching Golf Story

Dave stood over his tee shot on the 450 yard 18th hole for what seemed an eternity.

He waggled, looked up, looked down, waggled again, but didn't start his back swing.

Finally his exasperated partner Ray asked, 'What the heck is taking so long?'

'My wife is watching me from the clubhouse balcony,' Dave explained. 'I want to make a perfect shot.'

His companion Ray said, 'You don't have a chance in hell of hitting her from here.'

March Rider Education

Congratulation to Jim Wyman for completing his Level IV Rider Education program. He is now a MASTER TOUR RIDER. Congratulations to Don Bush. He is now Level III.

Keep in mind that the next ERC course is 16 April, at 1 PM at the corner of Academy and Hancock, the north east corner. To sign up and pay for the class, you must call Wheels in Motion @ 719-393-7433 and talk to Keith or Denise. We **MUST** have 10 people for the class.

Even though is warm outside, we must pay attention to the traffic around us. The cagers (car & truck drivers) are not accustomed to seeing motorcycles during this time of the year. When you are out there, be more vigilant of your surroundings whether you are in your car on your motorcycle. There have been a few motorcycle accidents this year and we haven't even started the motorcycle riding season. STAY ALERT...STAY ALIVE

Earl Edwards
Rider Educator



GOOFY



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.

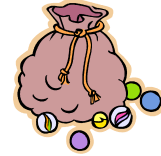
Believe it or not, no one did anything "goofy" last month. So Goofy 2 is spending the month visiting with Goofy 1 in the Director's living room.

Members, be on the look out for someone pulling a Goofy.

Progressive Marble Game



The game begins again. Nancy Daniels drew the orange marble at the March meeting and won \$60.



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.

March Dinner Ride

We've got a great group of people who have said they will be joining us for the March Dinner Ride! If you weren't at the meeting and would like to join us, here is the information:

When: **6:15 on Wednesday, March 23rd**

Where: **BJ's Restaurant**
5150 N. Nevada (in the Costco/Lowes shopping complex)

What: Wide variety of menu, with reasonable pricing

Why: Because we are **Goldwingers** and it is always a treat to get together

Who: **RSVP** to the Erskines
sandie@cerskine.com / 265-5962

As a final note: Final head count is needed by Monday, March 21. Due to our large group, a gratuity will be added to each check. Likewise, if you cannot make it and signed up, please give a courteous call to let us know. See you then ... if not sooner!

Celebrations, Events, & Fun

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.

Dates to Remember

- 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, 3:00 lunch @ Zio's in Colorado Springs
- Apr 19—Dinner Ride, Moncriefs
- May—Region F Convention, Pueblo
- July—Wing Ding, Knoxville, TN
- Aug—Colorado District Convention, Breckenridge

Anniversaries Birthdays

March

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

April

- 28—Claude & Nancy Lockhart

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

April

- 2—Casey Ward
- 5—Darrell Cruzan
- 23—Joe Carlson



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"

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"

**Happy St. Patrick's
Day from your
Chapter I
Sunshine Committee**



Congratulations to Linda and Butch Shelley. Linda's son Doug Casey completed and presented his thesis the first part of March. Everything went well and he passed. He will graduate with his Masters degree in Engineering from the University of



Alabama Huntsville on May 6. This very ambitious young man also has been a Teaching Assistant and AutoCad instructor while pursuing his degree. Mom is very proud as well she should be.

An Irish Blessing for all our members at Chapter I:

May your joys be as bright as the morning and your sorrows merely be shadows that fade in the sunlight of love.

May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet and enough trials to keep you strong.

Enough sorrows to keep you human and enough hope to keep you happy.

Enough failure to keep you humble and enough success to keep you eager.

Enough friends to give you comfort and enough faith and courage in yourself to banish sadness.

Enough wealth to meet your needs.
And one thing more: enough determination to make each day a more wonderful day than the day before.

Darlene and Bob Nyquist are now great-grandparents to a little baby girl named, Skyler. We wish Skyler and all her family the very best.



Remember if you have any news we would like to know. Call Marilyn at 719-532-0290; Nancy at 719-550-9267.

**2011 Colorado
Ride for Kids®**

Motorcyclist raised \$4.5 million for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation® (PBTf) in 2010. This amount was within 3 percent of 2009's results.

Since 1984, the Ride for Kids® program has raised \$54 million for pediatric brain tumor research, family support, and survivor scholarships. When we add that total with 2010, the PBTf's overall fundraising total exceeds \$61 million.

PBTf began their college scholarship program in 2002. The first year PBTf had only one applicant, but the numbers have grown steadily each year. Including the 154 for 2010-11, PBTf has offered 788 offered to students affected by brain tumors.

The Colorado Ride for Kids® is coming up soon and we could sure use your support. You can visit www.firstgiving.com/lindashelley to make a secure online donation. If you would like to make a donation but prefer not to use the internet, I will take a check (made out to PBTf or Ride for Kids) or cash and give you a receipt.

We also need volunteers to help the day of the event. You do not have to ride a motorcycle or know anything about motorcycles to help. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know and I will provide a description of the positions we need to fill.

If you ride a motorcycle (any make or model), consider joining us on June 12 at the Jefferson County Human Services building. Contact me or go to <http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/events/2011/colorado.html> for more details.

Thanks for your past support of Ride for Kids and hope you can help again this year.

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WHY VOLUNTEER?

Riding a Gold Wing....What a dream come true for many of us....Do you remember how really exciting it was in the beginning? It was for me. Then as the novelty wore off.....what happened then? Well, if you're reading this, my best guess is you found additional things to add to the experience. Mine was joining with all of you in the GWRRA, to experience the riding events, the rider's education, the friendships and of course the security of the GWRRA worldwide organization.

And then the volunteering opportunities came my way. Sure, I'll help coordinate a ride or two. Sure, I'll help new members coming into our chapter. Sure, I'll help at the fund raising events. Sure, I'll help coordinate vendors at our rally...Sure, Sure, Sure. Then the question was presented... Why do you do all this? Not that there's anything wrong with doing these things....The question was to make me think about the reason or better yet the motivation behind volunteering with no apparent compensation. A long time passed before the answers were clear.

I found a quote from Winston Churchill "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" HOW TRUE THIS IS.

When you give you receive the satisfaction of a job appreciated by other, and the recognition for your efforts to further a great organization like GWRRA. People volunteer for a number of different reasons, ranging from a desire to learn new skills, have fun or make a difference. Some are completely devoted to the cause, while others simply wish to do their bit where they can. People often find lifelong friendships through their volunteer work. Volunteers are bonded by their experiences. They share experiences that are uniquely theirs.

Somebody once said "I wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody"

The weekend of Jan 8 and 9th the Florida District held a leadership experience in Orlando with many great seminars arranged for our education. All as a result of many hours from dedicated volunteers. One session was on Motivating Volunteers. The message was to become not only a reliable volunteer but to understand why you are volunteering in the first place. Knowing ' WHY' really does help to remove obstacles on your way to learning 'How'.

So the long and short of it is we belong to a great organization that by-in-large is the sum of all things that is right about Selfless Volunteerism in the pursuit of the safe enjoyment of the freedom that riding a Gold Wing, or any bike for the matter can give you. At the end of it all, if you don't mount your motorcycles, ride it safely and have fun, then it is all a waste of time.

Your GWRRA chapter is what you make it. Every single member is important. Get involved and help us make it the sum of all it members.

If you think you CAN NOT make a difference, just remember the last time you where in bed with a mosquito

William Maze, Your Chapter MEC

Volunteering—the early years



<http://go.funpic.hu>

**Goodies for April
Chris & Casey Ward
Mel Partner**



Teamwork

April 2011
Chapter I meeting

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

WHERE
Holy Cross-Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.
in Hiller Hall

Link to First Aid kits

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

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