



Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

It's definitely May in Colorado. One day we have 70 degrees and the next it's 32 degrees with 4 inches of snow in the yard. The only predictable constant at our house is the wind, which is usually between 20 and 50 mph. URGH!!

Luckily, we had beautiful weather for maintenance day and a huge crowd. Visitors for the day included John & Sue Ewing (District Couple of the Year) and Guy & Debra Welch (Debra was Dave Wren's nurse during his physical therapy).

After the meeting June 4, Chapter I will head to Pueblo for lunch at Angelo's Pizza on the Riverwalk. We will then continue our journey on to Beulah for ice cream with Chapters N and C. The food, ice cream, and scenery are great.

There are several camping trips coming up during the summer, so watch your email or check with some of the other campers in the chapter.

Joann, Dean, and Jim Wyman are collecting items for their Couple and Individual of the Year basket. Remember to bring your items to the meeting. If you don't know what to bring, please get in touch with Joann, Linda, or Olga.

Region F's convention is coming up May 27-29. Region has expanded Chapter I's job/responsibilities at the convention. Several good rides are planned for Friday and Saturday. (Chapters I and N are in charge of planning and leading the rides. Let us know if you want to ride or help). There are supposed to be several good vendors at the convention for those hunting more chrome, as well as lots of classes and training for any that are interested. Chapter I is scheduled to sell 50-50 tickets, Saturday afternoon, 12:00 until we get relieved (hopefully 4 or 5). We can use all the help we can get, so if you can spare a couple of hours please let us know.

Don't forget Wing Ding in July and the District Convention in August. Of you are going to either and haven't made reservations you need to make them soon.

Somewhere in this newsletter is a member number. You can get five 50/50 tickets at the next meeting if it belongs to you. The catch - you must be able to tell the 50/50 person where you found the number (page number and what else



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was on that page). The person (Tammy Day) having the number in the April newsletter can collect their additional tickets at the June meeting since we did not have them available in May.

We hope everyone is planning a big summer and has lots of riding planned. Remember if you are going places, take lots of pictures and keep in touch with someone when you are traveling. Maybe we are all just nosey, we want to know where you are and enjoy where you have been with you.

Ride Safe, *Butch and Linda*

If your horse dies, I suggest you dismount.

- *Teddy Roosevelt*

Our Assistant Chapter Director on Tires

Good morning Campers! That's my initial thought as I sit here at the KOA, sipping coffee, watching the sun come up, and reflecting on last week's Maintenance Day. Man, what a great day, 60+ people and 30+ bikes, trikes, and yes, the occasional HD. All are welcome and we had a great time. Thank you Chapter I for such wonderful camaraderie.

Now to the topic at hand . . . tires. There's been a lot of discussion about the tires we run on these big bikes. My own interest in getting more miles for my dollars has prompted me to investigate the use of car tires on the rear of the 1800. (Disclaimer: this article does not intend to promote or discourage the use of non-motorcycle tires on motorcycles. It is merely an avenue to discuss the possibilities.) That said, I have found there to be a large number of riders now using car tires. They even have a forum online where they discuss their results, their preferences, and their future plans. There is not frivolous research by any means. Features considered include tire size – to match the height and rim mount ability of the GW wheel, tread design – differing choices for number of water moving grooves, traction pattern, rubber compound, sidewall strength & flexibility, and so forth. Then comes testing – as you might expect, these guys have mounted cameras on the bottom of their bikes in order to see the tires in action. The primary concern to the opponents to car tires is the contact patch that is presumably lost when leaning a car tire into a corner. I think that's what most of us would think of first. The research doesn't seem to uphold that theory. The videos I've seen appear to show as much, if not more, rubber on the road with the car tire. A little surprised, I was. Ok, so what about the front tire? Well, these dudes have taken to mounting a sport bike rear tire backwards on the front wheel. That's an odd concept until you consider the way the tires are designed to take the force of the road (rear tire pushes while the front tire is being pushed) and it starts to make a little more sense.

That's some of the research, so what are the perceived advantages. The initial drive was to get more miles out of a tire for less cost. Not bad when you consider a \$100 tire running 50,000 miles versus a \$200 tire running 10,000. What was not so much

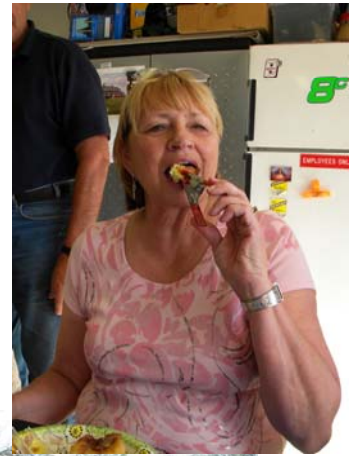
expected was the improved traction overall, including cornering and especially on wet surfaces. So, what's the down side? Well there's the obvious, it's not a motorcycle tire. It was designed to run on a 4-wheeled sports car, not a 2-wheeled bike, is it really safe? Second, is liability . . . the tire warranty is immediately invalidated as soon as it's mounted on a vehicle it was not intended for. In addition, should there be any mishap while riding the bike, the insurance company will, more than likely, want to blame the tire in order to avoid having to pay the claim. No such claims have yet been tried, but the possibility remains.

So what shall it be, car tire or motorcycle tire?? Every rider must make his/her own determination. Most would never consider moving away from the motorcycle tire, after all, that's what it's made for. As of this writing, however, my car tire and front tire are on order, as is the rear car tire for my co-investigator, Jim Wyman. Thanks for your help, Jim. I'll let you know more after I've taken my ride on the "Dark Side".



Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
Assistant Chapter
Directors

Maintenance Day (of course, began with FOOD)



Sausage Hash Brown Bake

- 2 lbs bulk pork sausage
- 2 cups (8 oz) shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 cup (8 oz) sour cream
- 1 carton (8 oz) French onion dip
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- 1/8 tsp pepper
- 1 package (30 oz) frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed

In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium heat until no longer pink; drain on paper towels. In a large bowl, combine 1-3/4 cups cheese and the next seven ingredients fold in potatoes.

Spread half into a greased shallow 3-qt baking dish. Top with sausage and remaining potato mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Cover and bake at 350° for 45 minutes. Uncover; bake 10 minutes longer or until heated through. **Yield:** 10-12 servings

*Provided by Laurie Schlosser
(I used ham, instead of sausage)*



Maintenance Day (next, the meeting)



Visitors—Guy and Debra Welch



Ray had shoulder surgery (brought about after the Daniels' MC accident in 2010)



Our sympathies to Bob and Darlene. Bob's brother passed away last month.

Maintenance Day Photos



From The Doo Drop Inn

We had a great turn out for maintenance day and our annual breakfast. The fund raiser was a great success! We raised \$275.00 for Care and Share and it was delivered to them on Tuesday, May 10.

It was a fun filled day of tire changing, air filter changing, brakes, fork seals, rear shock fixed, CBs installed, wiring for trailers, progressive springs, and rim washing, etc. We hope everyone had a great time and got done what they needed to get done to have a safe riding season.

We would like to thank Nancy L, Darlene N, Kathy W, Sandie E, Marsha C, Mel P, Connie D, and whoever brought the donuts for helping with the breakfast. Hope we didn't forget anyone.

It was a great day and we had some new people friends come and check us out, Guy and Debra. We also enjoyed Sue and John Ewing from Denver. It was nice to see everyone again. Ride safe and see ya next time.

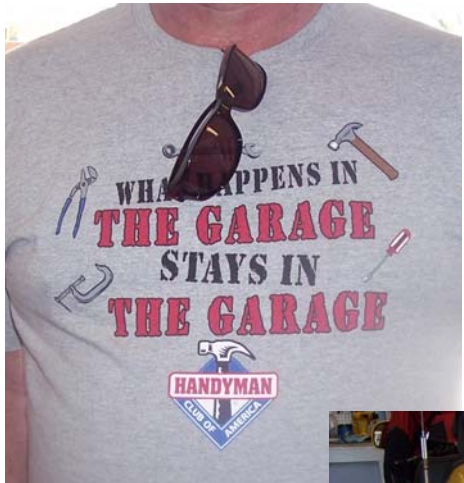
Darrel and Laurie

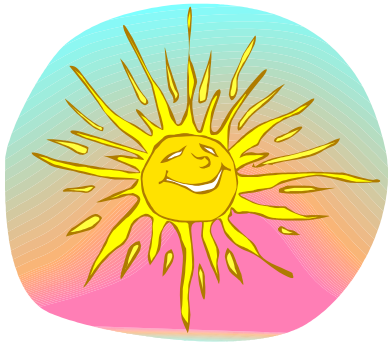


Maintenance begins



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Sunshine Committee Report

The Sunshine Committee had a busy month in April. I hope we did not miss anyone needing a gift, card, hug or prayer. Thanks to Nancy and Vonda for visiting Dave Wren in rehab and Butch and Linda for visiting Ken Kerbs in the hospital while I was in Arizona.

Thank you to all of those who took time to let us know who needed to be remembered.

There have been lot's of compliments about the new system and we hope everyone agrees and will continue to keep us informed.

Nancy is working on the telephone tree and getting it all in order and up to date. Soon we'll be able to keep everyone up to date quickly on important information as it is reported.

Linda sent me the names, addresses, birth dates and anniversary dates of those who signed up or gave personal information at the last meeting and I have added those to our list. If you have not done that and wish to give us that information please call me or give it to Linda at the next meeting.

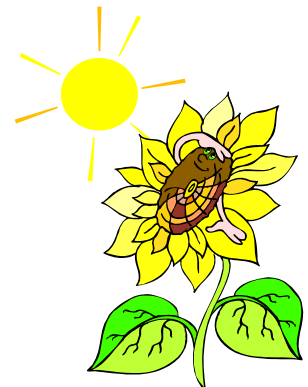
We do have a couple of announcements at this time:

Casey Ward's sister-in-law passed away in Ohio. She and Chris are on there way there. We send our deepest sympathy to her family and wish Casey and Chris God's speed on their trip to Ohio and back.

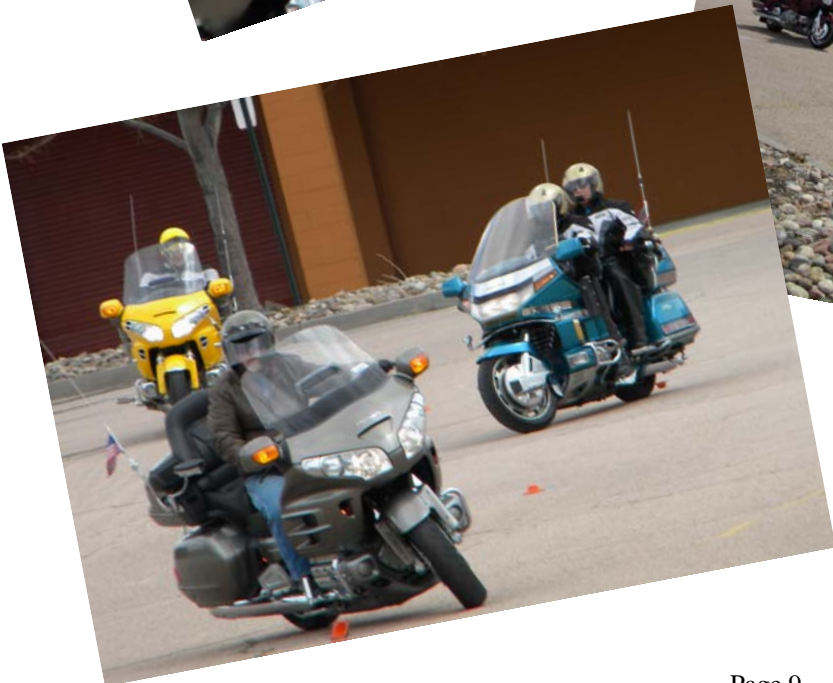
Jim and Rainy Moncrief are grandparents to a little granddaughter named Juliet Annelise. She is the daughter of Jim's son and daughter-in-law who live in Kansas City, Missouri. This is Jim first grandchild and believe me Grandpa is proud as he can be. Congratulations to Mom, Dad, Grandpa and Grandma.

Guess that is all for this news letter. Remember to give us a call if you have news.

Marilyn Irish 532-0290/ Nancy Lockhart 550-9267



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HOLD THE MUSTARD

While standing in the line at the favorite local McDonalds, I noticed that everyone had different preferences on what to consume for lunch. Some wanted "extra"; some wanted the clerk to "put it in your pocket"; and some wanted condiments that weren't even offered.

As I stood there waiting my turn, I thought how much this fast-food establishment reminded me of GWRRA rallies (conventions). Hamburgers..... Rallies.....How crazy can you get?

Every rally has a "bun". This is the facility that holds it all together. Each rally has the meat! Where's the beef?? It consist of the good ole' standbys that every rally has, ie; registration, bike show, field events, and seminars. But where are the ketchup, mustard, pickle, and onions? All of these provided for each participant's enjoyment. They consist of differently themed parties, dances, talent shows, and any other activities provided.

Each person can choose the interesting activities, and rally planners should realize that each individual would like different aspects of the Rally. Rally organizers know that everyone will pick and choose, and no one will indulge in all activities. Individuals are creatures of habit; their interests remain the same from rally to rally. With a little help, this can also change. New activities can become interesting, and habits can take a different path. Provide all sorts of activities, and let the individuals tell you what they want and don't want. Participants should try different things provided for them. Besides; who wants to eat the same burger every day? Rallies vs. Hamburgers?? Work with me here!!! And.....**HOLD THE MUSTARD!**

Submitted by Dean Hauser

(And good timing with the Region Convention this month)

Southwest Sausage Bake

6 flour tortillas (10 inches), cut into 1/2-inch strips
4 cans (4 oz each) chopped green chilies, drained
1 pound bulk pork sausage, cooked and drained
2 cups (8 oz) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
10 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp each salt, garlic salt, onion salt, pepper, and ground cumin
Paprika
2 medium tomatoes, sliced
Sour cream and salsa

In a greased 13-in x 9-in x 2-in baking dish, layer half of the tortilla strips, chilies, sausage, and cheese. Repeat layers. In a bowl, beat the eggs, milk, and seasonings pour over cheese. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 50 minutes. Arrange tomato slices over the top. Bake 10-15 minutes longer or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting. Serve with sour cream and salsa. Yield: 12 servings

Provided by Laurie Schlosser

Note from your Newsletter Editor

Thanks to the following contributors:

Laurie Schlosser—recipes, photos
Darrel & Laurie—article
Nancy Lockhart—photos
Chris Ward—joke
Dean Hauser—article

Monster Cookies

6 eggs	1/2 lb. butter
1 lb. brown sugar	1-1/2 lb peanut butter
2 cups white sugar	9 cups oatmeal
1/2 Tbsp vanilla	1/2 lb chocolate chips
1/2 Tbsp syrup	1/2 lb M&M candies
4 tsp soda	

Mix in order given. Drop on cookie sheet and flatten. Bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes. Do NOT overbake.

Provided by Laurie Schlosser

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Couple of the Year

Joann & Dean Hauser



Individual of the Year

Jim Wyman



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I Road the Bike up to Cripple Creek on Saturday. There I was sitting at the blackjack table distressed and wondering what I was even doing there. Just then, I remembered seeing a sign in the casino that read, "If you have a gambling problem, call 1-800- GAMBLER."

I pulled out my cell phone and made the call.

"Gamblers' Anonymous, how can I help you?"

"I have a gambling problem."

"It is good you called I want to acknowledge you for taking a step in the right direction. Now, let's get a bit more specific about your problem."

"Okay. I have an ace and a six. The dealer is showing a seven. What do I do?"

From Chris Ward

This is the second in a series—

There are a number of ways to drop your ride. You may think it's more likely to happen to short folks, but take heart short ones - long people drop their bikes too.

100+ Ways to Drop Your Motorcycle

16. Ignoring the sand that build up in the spring at the side of the road and in places that get sand and salt in winter. (watch out for all the sand at the end of your driveway.)
17. Kicking your kickstand in a cool fashion and having it bounce back up instead of staying down
18. Getting off your bike while it is running and forgetting that it is in gear
19. Trying to kickstart your first bike over and over 'cause you didn't realize that it was really out of fuel, and getting the goofy metal ring on the side of your boot caught in the kickstarter, causing you (and the bike) to go over on the right side
20. Starting your brand new electric-start trail-bike, riding around an ornamental shrub on full left lock, throwing it to the right and accelerating to wheelie over the curb onto the street and then discovering that you hadn't unlocked the steering-lock
21. On same bike, getting the dual-range lever caught inside your jeans as you come to a stop
22. Having your boot/jeans catch the gear-lever and putting your running bike into first gear whilst reaching for the side-stand, which is why I now automatically pull in the clutch whenever deploying or retracting the stand
23. Having "green" racing linings which have much higher coefficient of friction on the slight rust that forms on the polished drum when you've not ridden for a few hours, and lose the front-end holding the brakes on against the throttle to wear off the rust, with your brother on the back...
24. Having a three-cylinder two-stroke that's so smooth you think you're in second when you're actually in first, so you spin out when the under carriage touches don in a tight corner passing a car and you think "Just a bit more throttle will help here..."
25. Revving bike in impressive squidly fashion at red light, thinking it's in neutral; dropping clutch and standing in place while bike wheelies and backflips into intersection

Dates to Remember

May 18—Dinner Ride, Earl Edwards
 May 27-30 —Region F Convention, Pueblo
 June 4—Lunch (Pueblo) & ice cream social with Chapters N & C
 June 5—The Bridge ride, 1:00
 June 11—Breakfast ride—Patricia Hales 719-282-8263
 June 11—Dinner & silent auction benefitting Ride for Kids, Hampton Inn, Golden
 June 12—**RIDE for KIDS**
 June 18-19—Jimmy Camp, Jim & Olga Wyman coordinators 719-683-7814
June 25—Silver Key Run
 July—Wing Ding, Knoxville, TN
 Aug—Colorado District Convention, Breckenridge

Birthdays

May

3—Ray Moravek	26—Carol Farmer
4—Chris Erskine	26—Dave Wren
9—Diana DeBoer	28—Dark Damschen
11—Ken Souther	30—George Davis
22—Ray Daniels	31—Myra Childs
22—Laurie Schlosser	

June

23—Kevin Dougherty
 27—Mike Day

Anniversaries

June

8—Terry & Vonda Weber
 13—Dean & Joann Hauser
 22—Mike & Tammy Day
 27—Chongo & Barbara Mestas

GOOFY

goes to Dave & Darrel



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.

Dave Wren & Darrel Cruzan made a trip on the bikes to Kansas and that’s probably about all that needs to be said. Anyone who knows these two guys is well aware that trouble and antics follow. As they headed back to Colorado a huge snowstorm struck KS and CO. D² thought, “this isn’t bad, we can ride home.” (yeah, right) They got stuck in KS because the roads were closed coming home.



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

2011 Colorado Ride for Kids®

The Colorado Ride for Kids® is coming up soon (JUNE 12) and the kids (our STARS) could sure use your support.

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. (330139)

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.

June 11, the Colorado Task Force is having a dinner and silent auction at the Ride for Kids® host hotel—Hampton Inn, Golden. Dinner tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 at the door. There is camping at Jefferson County Fairgrounds and Dakota Ridge RV Park.

Linda
 Colorado Ride for Kids® Task Force Leader
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Spring Riding Tips

Chances are good with the incredibly cold weather this winter your motorcycle has found itself traveling no further than the garage. Following are some quick tips & suggestions for bringing your bike back out on the road after its long winter's nap.

Check Your Machinery

Even though your bike may have been stored following winter storage guidelines and was in good working order when you retired it, a thorough check is an important part of that first spring ride.

Pay particular attention to the following areas:

- Brake & fluid
- Tire conditions & pressure (check when cold)
- Oil & other lubricants
- Drive belt, chain, or shaft
- Lights
- Check your batter terminals (clean if necessary)
- Check, charge, or install the battery
- Check cables & lube



Be Aware of Road Conditions

Spring riding brings a whole new variety of road hazards to be aware of. Especially on that first spring ride, be sure to watch out for:

- **Ice and snow** It may be 50 degrees in the valley but as you ride in higher elevations, there is a good chance there will still be ice and snow, especially in shaded areas
- **Sand & Gravel** Be aware of sand especially. All winter long, snow trucks have been depositing sand on the road. Sand and gravel tends to gather in corners.
- **Rocks on the Road** Again, winter conditions cause the roads to be littler with debris, especially in less traveled areas. Be alert, or avoid the back roads the first few times out.
- **Mud** As things begin to thaw, be aware of mud near construction sites and fields. The trucks at these site drop mud, rocks, & debris on the road when exiting. At nighttime, when spring temperatures drop, the mud on the road can freeze, turning mud chunks into fairly substantial ice blocks.
- **Temperature Extremes** Spring weather is still very unpredictable. Be sure you pack or wear your cold weather and rain gear.
- **Other Drivers** Car and truck drivers are a short-memorized bunch. They have spent the last four months on road that have been virtually motorcycle free. They are out of the practice of watching out for two-wheeled vehicles. Be sure to exercise extra caution and alertness.
- **Your Riding** Be aware of your own lack of practice. If you haven't ridden all winter, chances are you're a bit rusty. Like roller skating or riding a bicycle, this too will pass. Your first time out re-familiarizes yourself with your vehicle functions & hand controls and consider taking a shorter route.

Attitudes & Behavior

There is always risk when you get out and ride. Poor preparation amplifies that risk. Springtime is a notoriously challenging time for motorcyclists. It is wise to remember that it may take a few weeks back in the saddle to resume a high skill level and even longer to recover the skill attained at the end of last year's riding season. Riding, while incredibly free and rewarding, comes with a level of responsibility.

Earl Edwards
Rider Educator

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Thank You Notes

g'day Butch & Linda

Wanted to touch base and let you know that after settling our house in Surprise AZ early January, then 2 months in Australia & New Zealand (Golden joined me for the last couple of weeks - great honeymoon destinations). we arrived back and got stuck in to settling in and moving forward. planting the desert landscape and the odd dip in the pool.

Anyway, I want to share with you guys and the rest of the Chapter "I" how much we miss ya. I am sure there isn't another chapter in existence like CO "I".

We made some life-long friends, especially you folks, Darrel & Laurie (I would have frozen my "butt" off on a ride from COS to Surprise AZ mid January without their insistence). Don & Cathy, also George, and there are others we have learned to love. You know, I have been in many organizations, none have had the comradeship that chapter "I" offered and gave us. I would have also still been packing the bl... truck to make the move, if not for the above-named and some....

There is a very comfortable spare bedroom, friendship and very good "tucker" here in our new abode for any of our chapter. A warm welcome awaits them, please pass this on.

I still have my 03 GW here with me and take the occasional ride with the American Legion. i think they will let me join, first foreigner - yes breaking new ground. I have contacted the local GWRRA chapter and will join them for a meeting 3rd Saturday this month. Golden and I are dreaming/ planning to be in Breckenridge late Aug, the week of the GW District rally/convention. Golden & I also hope to ride to Wing Ding from here. Is anyone heading over and what route? we might try to link up??

Miss you Darrel, have a low beam bulb blown....

You guys are all awesome and we THANK YOU and THANK YOU and miss you. Please stay in touch, please continue to send the monthly newsletter.

Phil and Golden Kennedy

I would like to thank everyone that sent, brought, had delivered; cards, balloons, candy, cookies, nuts, prayers and best wishes while I was lanquishing (is that a word?) at the Centennial @ Centennial home for the aged and invalid. My lovely Bride rescued me this morning. I and my new knee appreciated the goodies and the attention. It has been 2 1/2 weeks since the first cut, and I am walking without cane, but still with some pain. That, too, will be gone. I think a few times through the garage looking at the red bike will motivate me.

Thank you again, it is nice to be thought of.....

Dave W.

I am Marv Oltmann. I am the volunteer director for the Holy Cross Food Pantry. My phone # is 719-636-1550.

Linda, I met Butch last Saturday before your club meeting. He told me that your club is having a BBQ for its' members next Sat (4/9/11) and the price of attending for club members is a bag of groceries. He said this is a food drive to support the Holy Cross Pantry. This is fantastic to support the pantry in this manner. Your timing for this donation couldn't be better as we are experiencing a significant decrease in food donated by Care & Share. It is difficult to keep the shelves stocked to meet the needs of pantry patrons. To compensate we've decreased the allotment for a patron from 6 #'s to 5 #'s/ visit.

Butch indicated that the donations may include perishables such as milk and will need to be refrigerated quickly. While the non-perishables can be put into the pantry Monday, but the perishables should be put in the pantry refrigerators quickly after collection.

Call or e-mail me to let me know when perishables will be available to place in the kitchen and I'll be there to open the church and pantry. I am at the church on Sunday mornings from 8:30-12:30PM.

Thanks to your club for the food donated last Saturday. It was 141 #'s. Thats great. We appreciate it very much.

Thank you.

Marv

Linda and Butch, thank you very much for the donation of 232#'s of groceries collected 4/11/11 and donated to the Holy Cross food pantry. Please convey our thanks and the appreciation of the pantry patrons to your Road Riders Club for this generous donation.

These donations are always appreciated, especially now, with food donations down (especially from Care & Share) and requests for food increasing.

Your personal delivery of the groceries to the panty was a pleasant surprise. This generous act is appreciated very much.

Blessings.

Marv Oltmann,
Volunteer Director
Holy Cross Food Pantry

June 2011
Chapter I meeting

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

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



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