



Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

Summer is definitely here, month is barely half over and already we have had lunch in Pueblo, ice cream in Beulah, the Bridge Ride, dinner ride to HuHot's, camping at Buena Vista and packing for Wing Ding less than three weeks away and it has quit snowing and I haven't even mowed the grass yet.



We would like everyone traveling to Knoxville to send us your travel plans—cells numbers, date leaving Colorado, date you plan to arrive, where you will be staying, return plans, and date you plan to arrive home. We make this request so we can distribute to everyone going and for safety and so we can find each other while we are there.

If you haven't registered for the District Convention in Breckenridge, Aug. 25-27, please try to register in advance it helps the District Team plan for events and make the convention more enjoyable.

The 25th anniversary for the Silver Key Run is June 25. The ride is to help restock the Silver Key pantry. Sandie Erskin is organizing a group if you would like to join us. If you haven't seen Sandy's emails give her a call. It doesn't matter what group organizes a ride, think about the reason for the ride—whether it's for kids, elderly, animals, to collect toys, or just for fun. The ride is what you make of it.

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 was on that page).

Don't forget that our next meeting will be at the Dinner Ride on June 19th. Location to be determined by the Hauser's, update coming soon.

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

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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

(If you find spelling errors, Arby was helping type this month.)

Our Assistant Chapter Director on Camping

For those who haven't noticed, camping season is well upon us. We've managed a couple of weekend campouts already with numerous excursions yet to go. Now I know, camping isn't for everyone and that's ok, but just for fun, let's ponder its merits. Personally, I enjoy getting away from civilization once in a while and just enjoying the great outdoors. You throw in a few of my closest friends and all of a sudden it's a block party in the wilderness. Just us and nature . . . roughin it . . . sleeping on the ground, nothing but the stars above us. Ok, I haven't done that since Boy Scouts, but it was fun. My camping experience since then graduated to a floor and four walls, sometimes even had a canopy over the front door. Replaced the foam bedrolls with a nice air mattress and now I was living the good life, albeit in a primitive setting. Oh yes, the days of tent camping, how sweet it was. It really is liberating to pick any State or National Park, pitch camp, cook over an open fire and simply enjoy nature at its best. Hiking in the woods, through the desert, around a lake or on the beach, it doesn't seem to matter. It's just the being there that wakes up your senses. Or maybe its sitting around the campfire, friends all in a circle telling stories and sharing experiences. It's a kind of fellowship you just cannot get within the confines of some manmade structure. Tent camping, now that's the life for me . . . well, ok, maybe not in the tent any more. I have reached a certain level of, let's say, maturity, yeah that's it, where I no longer desire to flop down on the ground for the night. More importantly, that getting 'up' in the mornings seriously aggravates my maturity level. Answer, the ever popular pop-up camper!! Ah, yes, mine is a Bunkhouse

with all the outdoors comfort of a tent, but I get to sleep above the ground. It pulls nicely behind the Wing or the quad-conversion to go with us wherever and however we wish to go. Setup takes just minutes and then we're off with our chairs and a cool one to sit and watch someone else set up. That's especially fun if we still have some tent campers with us. We will occasionally get out of our chairs and help, but try not to make a habit of it. Don't want to spoil them. Still, the experiences remain the same. We campers just have a great time, whether tent or pop-up or even those RV thingies (that stands for Recreational Vehicle), you know those folks can be a lot of fun, too. So if you're looking for some summer fun, don't expect to find us at home. Come on out to the campground, we'll find a spot for you.



Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
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Couple of the Year

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Report from The Bridge

Hi, Chapter I 'Angels',

Another successful and gratifying ride event at The Bridge at Colorado Springs, an Assisted Living Community!

What a GREAT turnout of both, riders and resident participants. It was scheduled for 1:00 pm after the residents' lunch, but they started lining up at 12:30 pm. We had some of the same residents who had rides last year, but had also new ones too. We found out, according to the activity director, that the word of "Fun Motorcycle Rides" circulated for quite awhile after the ride last year. It ends up being the topic of conversation among the residents for a long time, and they hope they'll have it next year.

The organizer for this ride from the Bridge is Cindy Howard, Activity Director. Pam Campbell, Fitness Coordinator, was also a big part in facilitating this ride. They thought of everything for their residents' needs and were so wonderful to all of them to include us. We had our favorite ice cream treat at the end, which everyone enjoyed. There was plenty of refreshing cold water through the whole time also. Everything could not have been any better to include the weather.

Many thanks and 'kudos' go to our members who participated: George Davis (trike), Claude and Nancy Lockhart, Patricia Hale, Gene Krull, Butch Shelley, Chris Erskine, Jim and Rainy Moncrief (trike), Ray and Carol Moravek (trike), and Dick and Didi Reisler. Special thanks go to Doyne (Apex Sport owner), Tom (Doyne's son), and Ted Stokes (father of Mike from Apex) – who came with side cars. They were so helpful and easier to use with some of the Bridge residents. We had **11** motorcycles/trikes and **21** residents (**1** from the Inn next door).

All together we gave **35** rides, and as you can see, some wanted to have encore rides to include Patricia's special rider who asked again to ride with her if she came. He was very delighted to hear that she was going to be there. I believe he was the oldest rider at 95 years old. Rainy and I had such a nice conversation with him and his wife before everyone showed up. Cindy and Pam took Rainy and I on a tour of the complex and, in talking to different residents, they knew we were coming and were very appreciative and excited about it.

Many thanks to all who came and volunteered their time for this ride! We'll attach pictures,

DICK & DIDI





Photos from The Bridge



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GOOFY

goes to Claude Lockhart



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.

Pay close attention to signs and directions when driving or riding. As Claude & Nancy were entering the campground property, Claude saw a sign with an arrow. He rode on in the direction he thought the arrow pointed. After a couple of miles on that rough gravel road, he came to another sign that said “Private Property” and he couldn’t see any of his fellow campers any more. He decided to turn around (on a road that is just over a lane wide and he’s pulling a trailer). Yeah, right! Claude had to unhook the trailer, turn the bike around, and hook the trailer up again. When he got back to the campground, he found the campground host who explained that she had been just across the way by the pool and showers. (Maybe it was her fault for the misunderstanding—you decide)

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



This is the third 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

26. Having your fat-ass brother (as a pillion) lean waaay over to the side to look at something on the ground while at a stop sign
27. Wife get foot caught in saddlebag while getting on before you
28. Rebuild carbs and treat bike like it still needs full gas away from a stop
29. Add bald tires, and a smattering of rain to #28
30. Look at the sand at the edge of the exit ramp rather than through the turn
31. Neither you nor your dad watching while he’s backing his car up to the woodpile to unload wood
32. Not putting the pin that holds the center stand all the way in and then trying to put the bike on the center stand
33. Trying to hold the bike upright before deploying the enter stand only to find your knees are too weak from riding
34. Park behind friend’s mom’s minivan figuring “If anybody goes anywhere, they’ll surely see it. ‘specially since there’ll be 5 of them getting into the van. Why can’t at least one of them look and see the motorcycle so plainly in view behind them?” “Damn!”
35. After getting fuel at gas station and holding the bike level with your legs in order to fill it completely, jumping off forgetting that your legs were holding it upright not the kickstand
36. Entering a decreasing radius turn at too high of a speed... This is especially dangerous when making a right turn where if you attempt to straighten up and brake, you’ll plow into oncoming traffic.
37. Trying to counter steer (or wheelie) your shaft driven bike?
38. Getting your boot/shoelace caught on the gear-shift. (I wear lace less boots now)
39. Attempting to kick start a cantankerous ‘84 CR500, while standing on a picnic table bench, and she kicks back!
40. Getting pissed off for dropping it in the first place, yanking it vigorously off the ground, only to have it dropped on the other side

2011 Colorado *Ride for Kids*® update



Parking Attendants



Thanks to everyone who volunteered and attended the ride on June 12.

We could not have asked for better weather on Sunday. At 8:15 there were more motorcycles and people at the event site than we had for the whole event in 2010. Bikes and people came in steady for the next hour and a half.

For those of you who left before the Celebration of Life, you missed a great time. The Stars shared their achievements, future plans, and goals.

- Tyler (8), at age 5, began racing cars and has even designed a race car. Visit www.tylersoap.com to see more about Tyler.
- Spencer graduated high school this year and now has his drivers license. He will be attending School of Mines in the Fall.
- James (13) is a published author and songwriter
- Ben is looking for an apartment and wants to start a doggie day care or dog rescue to help pay for his apartment
- Patricia is a Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation scholarship recipient
- Colin rode his new 250 cc scooter in the ride. He also has his own foundation, which collects used musical instruments and then distributes them to sick children in 38 states and 4 countries outside the US.

You also missed the Gold Wing chapters taking first through fifth place for club/chapter and, once again, Apex was the top dealer. No, I did not win the motorcycle!!

We raised over \$41,000.

**If you have any old instruments around the house and would like to get rid of them, let me know and I will give you Colin's information.



Bagpipers were back



Ride Within Your Limits

I was saddened to hear that one of our GWRRA Family members was killed in a motorcycle accident in Albuquerque, NM. After reading what happen, a trike lost control in a curve and ran off the road (to the best of my knowledge.) Keep in mid folks, a trike can't do the same thing that a 2 wheeler can do and vice versa. There were three riders on this trip trying to get to the staging area for the start of the day for the Run for the Wall group. I don't know if the trike was following or leading, either way he lost control of the trike.



So what does that mean to you?

Know the limits of your motorcycle.

Know your limits.

Know the road and the weather.

What type of motorcycle do you own? Touring, sport, cruiser. Each motorcycle will handle differently than the other motorcycle. A sport bike will have more ground clearance than the others, meaning it will lean more in a curve. Touring and cruiser will have highway boards and engine guards and saddlebags keeping it from leaning more without scrapping the chrome. Sport bike will be faster and lighter.

How do you know your limits? Do you practice regularly? Do you practice **braking, cornering** and **swerving**? Do you take classes to sharpen your skills? Do you deliberately practice those skills? Do you ride regularly or just occasionally? Do you get out on the highway or just poke around town? *Do you practice braking, cornering and swerving?* Find your limits and ride within them.

Know what type of road that you will travel. Concrete, asphalt or dirt. The road may be bumpy or have cracks in the surface. The road may have the black tar strips on the road that when the tar strips get hot, it will may become slippery. Try not to make any sudden moves on the black tar strips. Look for pot holes which will have an effect on the bike as well. Dirt and gravel roads will have an effect on any bike. You may lose traction on dirt or gravel roads. Reduce speed or take another route.

If you doubt your ability in any of these areas, the solution is to set aside time to practice and improve. A training course is the best way to do it, but you can also practice riding techniques on your own. Spend an hour or two, at least once a month, on an empty parking lot working on your low-speed turns and braking skills.

You can also work on your skills while riding. Before you head out, ask yourself: "What am I going to practice today?" Pick one skill at a time such as front brake use, keeping your eyes up, or looking through turns, and focus on improving that technique. Be careful in your travels and **always bring your "A" game to the road.**

Earl Edwards
Rider Educator

Anniversaries

July

3—Doug & Marilyn Irish
15—Earl & Laura Edwards
17—Ray & Bea McClellan
25—Jim & Rainy Moncrief
28—Chris & Sandie Erskine

Birthdays

June

23—Kevin Dougherty
27—Mike Day

July

12—Chongo Mestas
13—Steven Cox
14—Ken Kerbs
23—Butch Shelley

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A HuHot Time in the Old Town That Night!

June 16th was the Lockhart's Dinner **Ride**... well it was for 4 people. At 4:45 three bikes departed from Apex taking the scenic route lead by George Davis. Claude and Nancy followed along then Terry Weber took tail gunner position on a Harley. The warm climate made it an enjoyable ride thru Manitou Springs, Garden of the Gods, behind Rockrimmon then emerging thru Peregrine Valley. A couple of deer were spotted and a beautiful view of the city was breathtaking. The ride ended at HuHot at 5:55 and the four were greeted by 20 other hungry Wingers. In a private room, the service was efficient and friendly, the healthy food was plentiful, and the conversations amongst friends enjoyable.

For those of you who have never been to a Mongolian BBQ Grill here's a little explanation:

Pick up an empty bowl, fill it heaping with frozen raw meat, chicken, seafood of your choice. Next comes the raw vegetables, fruit, noodles of your choice. Then top it off with your choice of sauce mild to extreme hot. Once you are satisfied that you have everything you could want or fit in the bowl, you walk up to the half-round counter where the cooks take your bowl and dump it out on a big round grill. By the time you get around to the end of the counter, the cook slides your cooked food onto a plate and present that to you. Surprising how they can keep it straight ...just don't stray out of your place in line or you may mess up their whole system!

The evening was enjoyed by all that attended and left with full tummies and a smile on their face!



July 2011
Chapter I meeting

WHEN
July 19 (Tuesday)

LOCATION
To be determined by dinner ride
hosts (Hausers)
Reason for change— Director & As-
sistant will be on their way to Wing
Ding the first Saturday

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