



Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

We just got home from the last camping trip of the year. The KOA at Cotopaxi was great and the weather—a bit questionable at times. Friday night we sat around the campfire and enjoyed the fellowship. Sometime during the night it began raining and after the sun came up Saturday morning, we began having a combination of rain and snow. Yes, it was chilly but that didn't stop anyone from having a good time. Don and Cathy got permission to use one of the larger fire pits, so we all congregated around that for a wonderful taco dinner. There was a hayride (well, it was a wagon pulled behind a tractor, no hay), ice cream social, and prize drawings—all sponsored by the campground hosts. The campfire beckoned us back and we visited until the chilly temperature sent us in to find warmer surroundings. Once again, lots of fun and friendship shared by all.



Laurie and Darrel are home and continue to get better each day. We missed you on the camping trip.

Begin thinking about Chapter activities for 2012. We will meet sometime in December to plan the Chapter calendar for 2012. The District Officers' meeting will be late in January and we don't want to wait that long to work on our activities.

There are some fund raisers coming up in November for Chapters in the Denver area, we'll send out more info as we get it. Let's support the other Chapters and try to make it to their events (see Dates to Remember).

Linda REALLY needs members and officers to send articles, pictures, jokes, recipes, etc. for the newsletter.

Ride Safe

Butch and Linda

We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give. ~ Sir Winston Churchill



Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F

Dates to Remember

- Oct 19—Dinner Ride, Irish (page 5)
- Nov 12—Chapter E Turkey Dinner, \$10 (details on page 4)
- Nov 19—Chapter G Turkey Bingo
- Nov 24—Thanksgiving



Anniversaries

October

- 112—Bruce & Mel Partner
- 16—Ray & Nancy Daniels
- 20—John & Kim Athman
- 22—Jim & Olga Wyman
- 24—Kevin & Patricia Hales

Birthdays

October

- 3—Marina Krull
- 3—Patricia Hales
- 7—Nancy Lockhart
- 14—Don Cruzan
- 27—Ron Curry
- 28—Sue Damschen
- 28—Claude Lockhart



NOVEMBER GOODIES

Glenn Goode
Kathy Wren



Rider Education

KNOW YOUR MOTORCYCLE LIMITS

It pains me to hear that motorcycle riders don't know their limits or their motorcycle limits. Riders are doing maneuvers that have not mastered or practice on their motorcycle. Let's go back to Albuquerque, New Mexico, around Memorial Day, where a trike lost control in an exit curve trying to follow a motorcycle. We just had a recent accident where a trike lost control on a mountain curve trying to follow a motorcycle. NORAD road had a civilian personnel lose control when he took a turn too wide or going too fast and the motorcycle went down. These riders were probably good riders with decent skills.

Know your limits? What does that mean to you as a rider? How are your skills? Do you practice your skills? Braking, cornering and swerving. I'm not saying that you have to be in a parking lot everyday before going on a ride, but practice while you ride. If you use two finger to brake, practice using all four finger. Remember: Four to go, four to slow. Remember to use S.E.E. while your are riding, Search, Evaluate, & Execute. Check out your surroundings while you are riding. Practice your skills of braking in a corner and taking a corner as often and as safely as you can. Practice so that when you need the skill it becomes second nature to execute.

Know your motorcycle limits? What can your motorcycle or trike do? What limits does your motorcycle have? Let's look at lean angles for the Gold Wing. It may be less than on a sport bike. A trike can't lean like a sport bike or a Gold Wing. We can add all sort of floorboards, highway board, pegs, chrome, etc. from our motorcycle which can reduces the lean angle or cornering capabilities. We need to understand this concept, that the motorcycle will not be able to lean as sharply as a sport bike or a Gold Wing that does not have all the accessories hanging off of the lower half of the motorcycle. The Gold Wing is a large, heavy motorcycle, 118 horsepower with 125 torque at the rear wheel, if my facts are correct. For the size of this motorcycle it is very quick and agile. Keep in mind that we can't chase a sport bikes, sport cars and vehicles of the nature. You must know what you can do, what your motorcycle can do. What are you skills, are they sharp as they can be. Only you can answer these questions, be honest with yourself. NOTE: Part of this article was left off last month.



Earl Edwards
Rider Educator

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

District will now pay for Senior, Grand, and Life Grand Master Patches earned by members in Colorado District. Replacement patches will still have to be paid by the member. Any questions please feel free to contact me at the information listed below.

Thank You

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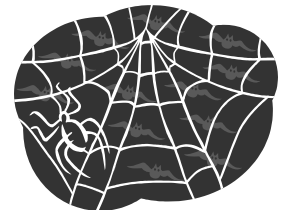
Couple of the Year (COY) - Dean & Joann Hauser

Individual of the Year (IOY) - Jim Wyman



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Couple of the Year

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Individual of the Year

Jim Wyman



Thank You

Laurie and I would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support from one and all after our incident August 21, 2011.

The CD made at our house was amazing!

Your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, calls, food, and visits are greatly appreciated.

My thanks go to all who helped get the house ready for my release from the hospital. I would be stuck in the bathroom without the modifications being made. The ramp from the garage has made getting from the car into the house simple.

Thanks to Dave Wren and Bob Nyquist for making the trip to Iowa and bringing back our bike and trailer. I know that is a long, boring trip. Hope you have caught up on rest.

We hope to be back with the group soon.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

Darrel Cruzan & Laurie Schlosser



2005 Gold Wing, Black Cherry, 22k miles, CB radio, etc., lots of nice chrome, great shape, etc. The Kelley Blue Book is \$13,375 without accessories, and because I need to sell it soon, I will list it for \$13k. We haven't ridden our bike at all this year for a number of reasons -- my eyes have been bad, and we've been trying to sell our house. The house finally has sold, and we're moving to FL. Contact Paul Beinetti at pbeinetti@aol.com

Chapter E will be having their annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, November 12th, from 5:00-8:00 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 7755 Wadsworth Parkway and Vance, Arvada. Price is \$10 per person. Turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share! This is also our November Chapter meeting, and we will be selecting our COY and IOY.



Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!

Chapter I

Blanket Collection

At the Oct monthly meeting I asked all of our members to help with blankets for needy families and individuals. The blankets can be of any material and design. They can be quilted, crocheted, knitted, handmade or store bought. They can be receiving blankets, baby blankets, children and twin size, full, queen or king size. They can be used blankets as long as they are clean, have no rips or tears and are not stained or soiled. Please wash or dry clean any blankets that have been stored away for any length of time. So many of these children have allergies or asthma and the dirt or dust would not be good for them.

The blankets will go to the Marian House for the community outreach program for families. Some will be used for the life support program and Marian house client services.

As we talked about, many of us have blankets put away we will never use and this is a way of cleaning out that closet and helping people in our community at the same time. One member asked me if they could bring new blankets. Certainly, that would be wonderful. Anything we can collect to help out these families is a blessing.



To make the project interesting, Doug and I will donate a fall basket filled with Thanksgiving type goodies and items. For every blanket brought to the Nov meeting and donated to Marian house you will receive 4 tickets (previously I had said 2 tickets). There will be a drawing at the end of the meeting and whoever has the winning ticket will take home the fall basket. So look for those blankets and hopefully we will get many blankets to help these families this winter.



Thank you for anything you can do to help.
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Happy October!! Your Sunshine Committee

The air is getting cooler I am sorry to say
Time to put the Goldwing away
I'm hoping for just one more good day
Sunshine, open road and time to play

When winter arrives I will miss the fun
Riding my Goldwing until day is done
Mountain curves and highways to
Friends to ride both old and new

I will look forward to summer and spring
All the excitement a new season will bring
Dream of the days when we ride again
My Goldwing, me and my best friend

The sunshine committee wants to wish all of you a wonderful fall and for those who will be traveling enjoy, be careful and send us a card. We will pass it on to the group and let everyone know of your travels and adventures. The rest of you please do let us know of any weddings, babies, and any other good stuff.

We certainly have had enough bad news this past summer and we all could use some news that makes us smile.

For postcards send them to Marilyn Irish, 2530 Talleson Court, Colorado Springs, 80919. For e-mails dougirish@msn.com and the phone number is 719-532-0290.

We do have good news this month in that both Laurie and Darrell are home recuperating. With therapy and great care they are doing as well as can be expected. They have many guardian angels caring for them. None more present than Don and Cathy who have just about moved in to Darrell and Laurie's home full time. Now that is brotherly love. Know that we all love you guys and are praying for your total recovery.

On the wedding news front. Olga and Jim Wyman held a wedding in their home this summer for their son and new daughter-in-law. Congrats on becoming in-laws and adopting a

daughter after all these years. Our best to all of you.

Babies what can you say. They make grandparents into smiling, cooing, silly messes. I'm sure the newest grandparents in the group will be no different. Dave and Kathy Wren are new grandparents to a handsome baby boy. His name is Michael David and he is the son of Dave and Kathy's son and daughter-in-law. We wish all the Wrens happy baby days and quiet nights.

To all of those who had accidents, surgeries, illnesses, and anything else we might have missed - we are so glad you are all home and working on recovery. Our prayers and best wishes are always with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club for the gift card and visit from Linda. Also thanks to everyone else for visits, plants, cards, phone calls, e-mails, and prayers after my surgery. A special thanks to Doug who took very good care of me, even taking over most of the cooking. He didn't get much time to ride his Goldwing being a caretaker but when he was in the garage I could hear him talking to it. I didn't hear it say anything back.

Enjoy the autumn weather, the colorful trees and take time to watch the leaves fall!!!

October Dinner Ride

(Planners Doug and Marilyn Irish)

Date: October 19

Location: Pueblo Viejo off of Powers Blvd

Address: 5934 Stetson Hills Blvd

Time: 6:30pm

We will need a count of people planning to attend by Monday, October 17. If you will be attending please call Doug or Marilyn at 719-532-0290 or e-mail dougirish@msn.com by Monday, October 17, or earlier if at all possible.

Hope to see you all there.



Cotopaxi Camping



Something strange is going on in Mel's Bunk House, can you guess what they are doing?. Nope they aren't looking for Termites. This is Mel's version of a Bunk U class - "How to deflate the Air Mattress - 101". Now, lets identify those BUTTS, from left to right -- Na, lets not go there!

Jim Moncrief as he enters the "Whose Got the Longest Beard Contest?"



Bruce needed to get away for awhile to figure out why Mel had three people on her air mattress

the beautiful area we were camping

Note from your Newsletter Editor

Thanks to the following contributors:

Marilyn Irish—articles
Dick Reisler—photos



Chapter I meeting

WHEN

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

LOCATION

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
4125 Constitution Ave.
in Hiller Hall



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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.

Goofy was not awarded to anyone at the September meeting, BUT there was a nomination and Goofy 2 will go to that person at a future meeting. In the meantime, Goofy 2 is spending another month visiting his predecessor in the Directors' living room.

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

Link to First Aid kits

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

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