



## Shelley Shenanigans - Notes from the Directors -

Winter and cold weather are coming fast, but there are still lots of activities for everyone to enjoy. Dinner rides, ladies nights out, football games, etc. Chapter E has their Thanksgiving party that everyone is invited to attend (see attached flyer). Chapter I's Christmas party in December.



For those of you not at the meeting Saturday, Oct 6, we announced that would be our last meeting with Chapter I. We both received job offers on Friday, thus the short notice. As Chapter Directors for the last three years, we have had the pleasure of getting to know our members better, of leading you to enjoy/participate in outside activities (including those sponsored by other motorcycle groups), and in helping those in need (within our family and community). At times it may have seemed like we were sending a LOT of emails out to everyone, but we believe in keeping the lines of communications open and ensuring that everyone stays informed.

We will have an extra bedroom if you happen to be passing through the area. (We just don't know the exact location yet.) We wish everyone the best and hope you continue to have fun and be safe and those haven't been so lucky will get well soon.

### *Butch and Linda*

Chapter I Directors

"It must be autumn. The birds and the grandparents are starting to migrate south." – Contemporary Comedy

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# Springs Wings



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## Dates to Remember

- Oct 17—Dinner Ride—  
Ultimate Buffett, 6:30 Ken & Bonnie Kerbs
  
- Oct 18—Chapter I Ladies Social  
The Warehouse Restaurant 4:30 pm
  
- Oct 20- Butch & Linda Going Away—  
Chris & Sandie Erskine's Home
  
- Oct 31-HAPPY HALLOWEEN
  
- Nov 3- CHAPTER I MTG
  
- Nov 5—Chapter I Toiletry Work Day  
Curry's House
  
- Nov 11—VETERAN'S DAY- Never Forget
  
- Nov 22-HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

## Birthdays

### NOVEMBER

- 5- Glen Goode  
Bruce Harris  
Vonda Weber
- 20-Bruce Partner
- 21-Paul Bondurant
- 22-Kim Athman
- 19-Jim Morasky

### October Birthday Missed

- 12—Dee Morasky

## Anniversaries

### NOVEMBER

- 24-Jim & Dee Morasky
- 26- Mark & Sue Damschen
- 27-Chris & Casey Ward
- 28-Bob & Darlene Nyquist
- 29-Rod & Dawn Klock

### NOVEMBER GOODIES

Glenn & Alexis Goode  
Cathy Luce

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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.

**CHAPTER I MEETING**

**WHEN**

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

**LOCATION**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
4125 Constitution Ave.

**Link to First Aid kits**

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



## BRAKES

Their Real Job Is NOT To Stop - it is to SLOW the bike.

For some reason most motorcyclists seem to think that the job of brakes is to stop their motorcycles. Wrong! If all the brakes had to do was stop you then all they would have to do is lock your wheels when you applied them, clearly not an optimum use of their enormous power. Indeed, from a safety point of view more often than not your challenge when using your brakes, particularly the rear brake, is to prevent the wheel from stopping (locking). By far the most important job of your brakes is to SLOW you down. In other words, your brakes are a negative accelerator. Unlike your throttle, you can vary your speed all the way from the bike's top speed to zero without having to shift gears, in less time than it took to get from zero to that top speed. This demonstrates very easily that they are far more powerful than your engine. Yet if used properly, they can be just as subtle in controlling speed as your throttle and clutch lever combined. Since you can generate nearly 100% of your stopping power with the front brake on almost any contemporary motorcycle (meaning that you can reduce traction of the rear wheel to zero via load shifting), there is a strong argument that can be made that you should focus your entire braking attention to the task of using it and ignoring the fact that you even have a rear brake. I would not go that far, however. The use of both brakes together will invariably slow you down more quickly than using just one of them. The use of both brakes together results in MORE weight transfer than does using just the front one. (Assuming equal total braking force applied.) Use of both brakes tends to lengthen the life of your front brakes. If you need to stop or slow down on slick or gravel surfaces, the rear brake is perfect (in combination with a very gentle hand on the front one). If you are going less than 20 MPH then both brakes are effective (and relatively safe) In very slow maneuvers, the use of the rear brake alone often provides added stability and control of your motorcycle.

The most dangerous control you have on your motorcycle is your rear brake!

This is easy to STOP your rear wheel with it. The restoring force produced by a moving motorcycle's front end trail reacting to a change in steering angle is what provides the majority of your bike's stability. However, the gyroscopic effect of a spinning rear wheel is imposed on the frame of the motorcycle and substantially determines the attitude or stability of the entire bike except for its relatively insignificant front-end. To lock the rear wheel is, by definition, to remove a substantial amount of its attitude control and stability. There is NEVER a time while riding a motorcycle that harsh use of the rear brake is anything but dangerous and wrong-headed.

While harsh use of the rear brake is dangerous, there is one thing that is asinine. Using your engine to 'assist' during a panic stop. Your engine is NOT A BRAKE! Furthermore, it only affects the rear wheel which we have already seen is easily stopped (locked) with even modest rear brake usage by itself. In other words, during a panic stop situation you want your clutch lever pulled all the way to the grip. In no way is this to be taken as a suggestion not to use normal engine braking resulting from throttle roll-off.

Use of the rear brake requires a gentle, controlled touch - EVERY TIME!

Earl Edwards  
Chapter Rider Educator



## EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

Hello,

I have reserved the back room again at the Ultimate Buffet off N. Carefree and Powers for 6:30 PM, Wed., Oct. 17th.

Please RSVP and we look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it.

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Ken 719-641-5130

Hello ladies!

We will gather again next Thursday, October 18th at 4:30pm at The Warehouse Restaurant for our ladies social. Those that attended last Thursday enjoyed it so much that we all agreed to meet there again next time. The address is:

25 West Cimarron Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903

(719) 475-8880

There's lots of free parking and easy access off I-25, centrally located for everyone. Many beverages are half price and all of the bar appetizers are half price from 3:00-6:00pm.

Hope to see you there!

Joann

Toiletry Work Day

Chapter I

We will be having a work day to assemble the small toiletry bags on Nov. 5, Monday, starting at 10AM.

We will meet at the Currys house, 1350 Deby Place.

I will be providing coffee and tea. Casey is graciously providing the gift bags. Thanks Casey.

Anyone who can come to help will be welcomed with open arms. I will send out a reminder as the date gets closer.

Marsha

Nancy L.

### Newsletter Editor Note

Chapter I Ladies Retreat/Quilt Weekend, Oct 13th

Kudos to all you wonderful ladies who participated in this event, and especially to those who put together such a wonderful plan, filled not only with purpose, but with loads of fun and camaraderie !

Hope to have an article & possibly photos for the next Newsletter !

## FARE-THEE-WELL

Please join us as we gather to wish our  
good friends and amazing Chapter Directors goodbye!



Doug & Marilyn Irish,

Claude & Nancy Lockhart,

along with Chris and Sandie Erskine

are hosting a fare-thee-well party for Butch and Linda Shelley.

Sadly for us, they are moving to Texas in early November.

**WHEN: SATURDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> at 5:30**

Drinks and light snacks / appetizers will be served (generously donated by your Chapter!)

Should you like something a bit more 'spirited',

by all means please feel free to bring your favorite beverage.

**Chris and Sandie's home will be the gathering place.**

**6955 Oak Valley LANE – in Rockrimmon**

**Here's how to find us:**

I-25 to Woodmen Exit – go west through 5 traffic lights(Woodmen becomes Rockrimmon Blvd.) Turn right onto Allegheny Drive and go approximately 1 mile – you'll go over 5 speed bumps. Immediately after the 5<sup>th</sup> speed bump, turn right onto Oak Valley Lane. We are at the end of the cul-de-sak #6955. Rock wall is out front.

Note: let's leave the driveway available for those who need closer parking.

We'd love a good turnout to honor Butch & Linda who have steadfastly given their time, efforts, and so much more to lead our Chapter these past three years!

We hope all of you can make it! An RSVP would be greatly appreciated!

Have questions? Here's who to call:

Doug and Marilyn – 684-4769

Claude and Nancy – 550-9267

Chris and Sandie – 265-5962

“We only part to meet again.”

# MILLER FARMS

A short "Farm Story",

It's been almost a week since we ventured on our trip to Miller Farms in northern Colorado for the Fall Harvest event, and I'm still processing the veggie 'loot' we came out with. In the picture you can see the 6 'Farmers for the Day' participants, John & Kim Athman, Mark & Sue Damschen and Dick & Didi. It was quite the fun & interesting experience. The timing & weather were absolutely great; early enough to beat the crowd and cool for the physical work of picking the veggies. We got a good discount on the admission (\$13.00/ea. and allowed us 5 bags each to fill out, meaning 10 bags for each couple. You can see why it has taken me so long to process of freezing & canning.

Our long wagon was pulled by a big tractor with 2 side rows and one middle row of Hay to sit on. We made friends with other pickers and enjoyed the humor as stuff was happening. For example: At the stop where we were picking the Celery & the Leeks, it was getting hot and the sprinklers were running. I took advantage of it and went under and got wet to cool myself. When we got back to the wagon, I was excited and shared with the others that I took a 'shower.' Without hesitation, Dick blurts out and says, "And I took a Leek."

Our driver, Salvador, volunteered his help with picking & digging, with his big shovel & motorized equipment, for all of us. We stopped for corn ('peaches & cream kind), green beans, beets, carrots, potatoes (Yukon Gold & Red), leeks, celery, pumpkins, onions, tomatoes, bell peppers (green & red), long & skinny hot peppers, turnips, cabbage. The crop for picking changes with the season, but this harvest is open through October and into November, You can check out their web site for more details.

The trip was 75 miles north, exit 243 from I-25 and 5 miles east until you see the signs of Miller Farms. By the time we finished, close to 2 hours, it was much hotter, the parking lot was full and so were the wagons. We were puzzled by how they would put all the veggie bags in the wagon with all the people. We were running out of room in the wagon and kind of jumping over bag hurdles at a few last stops. So, if you plan to go, go early. We got there at about 10:45 and started around 11:00.

Well, I hope I gave you a good vision of our 'day at the farm'.

Dick & Didi



## SPECIAL NOTES & KUDOS

### Special word from Linda –

**I encourage all of you to become more involved and support the Colorado Ride for Kids event. Involvement and support can include any (or all) of the following:**

- **Donating money and/or time**
- **Planning and holding a fundraiser for the event**
- **Joining the Task Force**
- **Volunteering to help promote the ride (handing out ride kits/posters, inviting others to come to the ride, sharing your RFK experience, etc.)**
- **Volunteering to help the day of the ride**

**Participating in the ride and staying for the Celebration of Life**

**When you go to the ride, meet the survivors, and see what they are doing with their lives, you will have a better understanding why we need to support this event and these kids. These young people are our future.**

**Please help keep this ride growing.**

To: butchshelley157@msn.com

Subject: **Thank You To One of Your Members**

From: myjdub@aol.com

Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2012 20:33:08 -0400

My wife and I were on vacation in Colorado a couple of weeks ago and two of your members went out of their way to assist us. What they did for us deserves a thank you with an audience. I hope you will share this with your chapter.

I experienced rear tire damage that I couldn't repair in Walsenburg (to a tire with 1,500 miles on it). This was on a Sunday on the second day of our vacation. I believe my first call was to Paul Rygg (by way of the GWRRRA Blue Book), who suggested I call Darrel Cruzan for help. After calling for roadside assistance through the HondaCare Plan, the call to Darrel was very helpful under a stressful situation. My 2008 Goldwing was loaded onto a roll-off flatbed and away we went to Colorado Springs....by we, I mean our cargo trailer attached to the bike, me in the cab of the truck and my wife following us on her bike.

Upon arriving at the Cruzan residence we were greeted by Darrel and Laurie standing in their garage with the door open, lights on and the "open" sign flashing away. A little air in the back tire before backing off the truck and onto the ramp I went. Tie downs in place, bike hoisted up and then a helper arrives - David Wren. David removed my tire and wheel, replaced them with a spare that Darrel had lying around and off the hoist I went. All before the tow truck driver had finished his paperwork! Great directions to help us out of town headed toward Buena Vista to our goal of meeting friends for a few days of riding the mountains. Without their support, my bike would have sat in a parking lot until Tuesday and we would have lost two days of our precious vacation time. Instead we were able to experience riding forty or so miles in the dark to get to Buena Vista, heavy snow over Independence Pass on Monday and hail at Arches National Park on Tuesday....no complaining by us as we enjoyed it immensely. The rest of the week south to Taos and then home.

A thousand thank-you's to the three of them for saving our vacation. They took time out for complete strangers and we would consider them new friends (and this was during the Broncos game!).

We owe you one,

John and Jane Wehr

Olathe, Kansas

Kansas Chapter B Members



# Maintenance Day

By Tom Denny, GWRRA 153500, WA-L Rider Educator

In September 2012 my wife Santana, my brother Jerry, my son Tim and two of our friends, Bonnie and Fred and I all rode from Kennewick, WA to Colorado Springs, CO to take part in the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial. The ride down took us two days, spending the night at Ogden, UT and was without drama or excitement.

It was chilly the second morning when it got down to 30 degrees near Evanston, WY but basically the whole ride down and back was done under fair skies and mild temperatures with the exception of that cold morning and a little rain the evening we pulled into Colorado Springs. As we rode into the city it was misting heavily, a very fine light rain like one finds in Seattle but that was all the moisture we had to put up with on this trip. The next morning dawned clear and bright and the weather remained sunny and warm for us for the rest of the trip.

While we were in Colorado Springs we rode the cog-rail train to the top of Pike's Peak. That was an awesome experience and I highly recommend it if you get to Colorado Springs. Santana, Fred, Bonnie and I rode through the Garden of the Gods, which is full of red sand stone naturally sculptured by millennia of weather. Amazing. Of course we attended the Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial on Saturday and we took part in the street party in downtown Colorado Springs on Friday evening. Let me tell you, the experience of standing in the middle of the block while fire engines lead the fire fighter's bag pipers and drums down the street is one that will stay with you forever.

We took two days to ride home and again we had really good weather. However, the second morning as we left Ogden, UT we ran into smoky conditions due to numerous fires around the Pacific Northwest. By the time we got to Twin Falls, ID visibility was down to just a few miles due to the smoke and the smoke stayed with us all the way home.

What does any of that have to do with maintenance? Well, while in Colorado Springs I noticed that my bike was making a "Swish, swish, swish" sound while riding. My son Tim and I thought it was coming from the rear of my bike. With just over 100,000 miles on the odometer and with many of those miles pulling a heavy tent trailer I thought perhaps my final drive was on the verge of failure. So I got out the Gold Book and called Colorado Springs' Darrel & Laurie Cruzan of Chapter CO-I.

As it turns out Darrel's home is the site of Chapter CO-I's maintenance days and I could not have called anyone in the area better than Darrell. When I got to Darrel's house I found him and his brother Don (Assistant Chapter Director for CO-I) waiting for me. Within minutes my bike was on Darrel's lift with the rear tire removed where, lo and behold, it was discovered that the rivets holding the rear brake disc to its carrier were all loose and the disc itself had 11 cracks in it! The final drive appeared to be good but it was in dire need of a fluid change.

Darrel got in touch with his friend, George Davis, who was able to find a rear brake disc for my bike, a take off from a trike conversion and in no time at all I had a replacement rear brake disc installed and the fluid changed in my final drive. After re-installing the rear wheel I took the bike out for a test ride but the "Swish, swish, swish" noise that concerned me in the first place was still there. George took my bike for a test ride and when he came back he announced it sounded like the noise was coming from the front wheel.

Back up on the lift went my bike where it was discovered that both of my front fork seals had failed. I knew that I had one seal weeping a little fluid before I left home but somewhere between here and there both had failed putting oil all over the front brakes. While disassembling the front suspension we found that in addition to my front brake pads being contaminated with fork oil they were worn to the point of needing imminent replacement as well. How embarrassing! Hey, at least I check my tire pressure regularly.

Tim and my brother Jerry went to the Honda shop and picked up front brake pads and fork seals for my bike as well as some brake pads for Tim's bike, a Honda VFR. While Jerry was there he decided to purchase a new rear tire and have the shop install it the next day. I was on the phone with Tim while he was at the Honda shop and when Don and Darrel heard me talking about Jerry's rear tire they said, "Tell him to get his tire and bring it over here, we'll put it on for him!" So he did.

## SPECIAL NOTES & KUDOS

[continuation...]

Santana and Laurie went to KFC and got lunch for everyone. After lunch Don and I put my bike's front suspension back together (I couldn't let Don do all the work!) and then Jerry's bike went up on the lift to get his rear tire changed. Tim laid his bike over on its side in Darrell's driveway and replaced the front brake pads on his Honda VFR. By mid afternoon my bike had the rear brake disc replaced, new fluid in the final drive, both front fork legs rebuilt with fresh fluid, new seals and new front brake pads. Jerry's bike got a new rear tire mounted, balanced and installed and Tim replaced his front brake pads. Wow! That is what I call a maintenance day!

I simply cannot adequately express my gratitude for Darrel & Laurie Cruzan, brother Don Cruzan and George Davis of CO-I for their help and wonderful hospitality. They flatly refused any offers of money for their time or the use of their tools, their shop or shop supplies. Their technical skills and knowledge of Goldwings are amazing and they truly enjoy helping people. At one point Don looked at me with a grin, held up his hands and said, "You know it's a good day when you've got grease on your hands". The Cruzans and their friend George represent the best of what GWRRA is all about, friends helping friends.

If I had not had the Gold book with me my options would have been severely limited and exponentially more frustrating. Being a member of GWRRA with a Gold Book turned the potentially disastrous situation of impending brake failure 1200 miles from home into an altogether pleasant thoroughly enjoyable day, and I made new friends. How could it possibly get any better than that? Thank you Darrel, Laurie, Don and George. You are great ambassadors for GWRRA and especially for Colorado Chapter CO-I.



Darrel and Don Cruzan work on my bike while Laurie Cruzan and I supervise

## WING DING PROMO INFO

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September 12, 2012

I am pleased to announce a special Wing Ding 35 Promotion in conjunction with our Home Office.

We will be giving away a four night stay and two registrations, (one from each Region-US and Canada) along with one winner from overseas.

All full registrations received by May 1, 2013 will be eligible for a drawing to be held at Home Office and winners will be notified as to their hotel location and full registrations will be refunded.

I encourage everyone to get their registrations in early as Wing Ding 35 in Greenville, SC will be an outstanding Wing Ding!

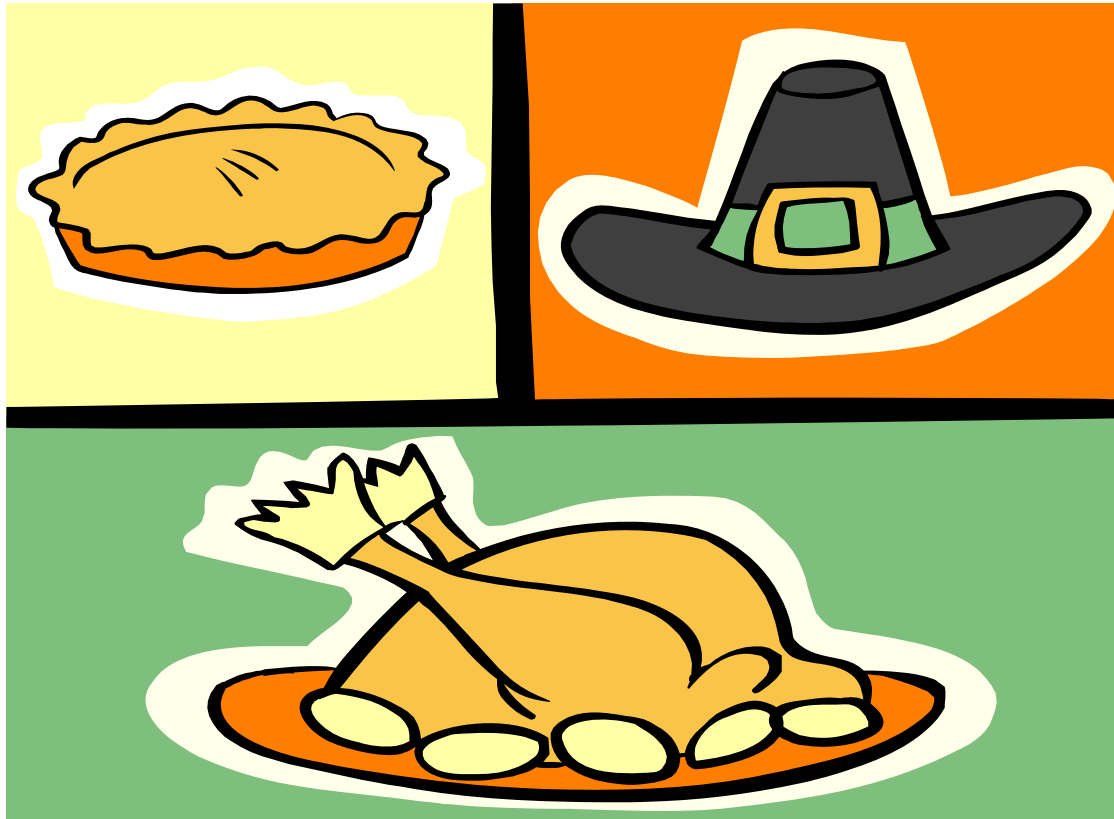
Mark your calendars and don't be tardy; it's a grand old time at the Wing Ding Party!

Sincerely,

*Jere D. Goodman*  
Director of GWRRA

## EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

*Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone!!!*



Chapter E will be having their annual Turkey Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday November 3rd, from 5:30-8:00 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church 7755 Wadsworth Parkway and Vance, Arvada. Price is \$15 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 Chapter COY and IOY. Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!



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