

## - From the Directors -

Happy Thanksgiving!! Hard to believe it's that time already. Seems like we were just having Butch & Linda's Farewell Party, which was a great time, by the way, and now we're getting ready for Thanksgiving. Which brings us to the point of this season, what is it that we are thankful for? Personally, I am thankful to have had the opportunity to know Butch & Linda and to call them my friends. I hope they know that I was serious about camping on their ranch down in Texas. I'm also thankful for our Chapter I family. Not surprisingly, you've been so supportive of Cathy & I as we transition into the Director role. And most importantly, I am so thankful that we've made it through the 2012 riding season without any serious motorcycle incidents, well, except for Doug & Marilyn's, but thankfully they weren't on it at the time. Cathy and I are looking forward to our new adventure as Directors. We anticipate many exciting and enjoyable times with you and the new friends we've not yet had the opportunity to meet. We hope to see you all at the December meeting and the 2013 Planning Meeting that follows. I'm anxious to see what you have in mind for us to do in the coming years. In the meantime, Cathy & I have a lot of work to do. It's really quite deceiving how easy Butch & Linda made this look. Not to worry, though, we have a great support group (yes, Chapter I, that's you!) and we intend to utilize them. Honestly, you guys are the best and it's an honor to serve you.

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce  
Chapter I Directors



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**Couple of the Year (COY)** - Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce

**Member of the Year (IOY)** - Nancy Lockhart

## Newsletter Editor Note

Janet Drake, District Director, made the formal announcement of Don Cruzan and Cathy Luce stepping up as our new Chapter I Directors with the departure of Butch & Linda Shelley who recently moved away from the area.

**Best Wishes for Butch & Linda's continued success in all their future endeavors!**

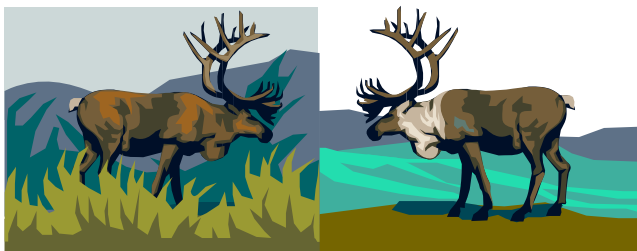
and ...

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to our New Chapter Directors, Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce, and Thanks for stepping into and taking on their new adventure!**

**Congratulations & Thanks also to Chapter I's new Assistant Chapter Directors—Cliff & Myra Childs !**

I also want to extend Thanks to John & Barbara Pons for not only coming to the Chapter I November meeting, but also for their putting together and facilitation of the recent multi-chapter meeting which resulted in some great upcoming multi-chapter ride & non-riding events! Details will follow at later time/s with dates/events planned.

# Springs Wings



**Cliff & Myra Childs**  
**Assistant Chapter**  
**Directors**

Just checking to see if you're paying attention...

Didn't have a picture of Cliff & Myra handy but I hope to have one for the next Newsletter.

- Couldn't resist the caribou -

## Birthdays

### DECEMBER

10-Neal Bondurant  
12-George DeBoer  
14-Nancy Daniels  
Barbara Mestas  
15-Dawn Klock  
19-Darlene Nyquist  
Bobbie Clayton  
20-Alexis DeCrescenzo  
24-Dean Hauser  
Lewis Farmer  
31-Kathy Carlson

## Anniversaries

### NOVEMBER

Belated Happy Anniversary  
20-Ken & Bonnie Kerbs

### DECEMBER

1-Joe & Kathy Carlson



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## Dates to Remember

Nov 11—VETERAN'S DAY- Never Forget

Nov 17-Chapter E -Turkey Bingo

Nov 22-HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

Dec 1 -CHAPTER I MEETING to be  
followed by RIDE PLANNING

Dec 8-CHAPTER I CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Sr Manuel's

### DECEMBER GOODIES

Cathy Luce  
Jim Moncrief

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## Couple of the Year

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce



## Member of the Year

Nancy Lockhart



## 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.

Ron Hall provided a great tip for adjusting automobile mirrors....

To adjust the driver's side mirror, put your head against the window and make the adjustment, to adjust the passenger side mirror, move your head towards the middle of the vehicle.

Doing the adjustment in this way can help provide for a better field of vision.

### Link to First Aid kits

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

# Monterey California Trip

Our trip to Monterey CA was uneventful and fun. This was the first time we have encountered extreme types of weather. We encountered temperatures of 98 degrees to about 48 degrees. It was a fun trip without rain this time. We left the Springs making our way to the Grand Canyon via I-25 south to I-40 west. Yes, it was a long day, about 50 degrees when we left to about 80 degrees. We ate at Flagstaff for dinner, before stopping at Williams, AZ for the night. The next morning we had breakfast and then headed to the Grand Canyon. It was massive, breath-taken views. The ride out was amazing as well. We only did the South Rim, as time was a factor. We had lunch, got some souvenirs, and headed back to Williams, AZ. We had dinner in the tourist part of Williams, AZ. While parking the motorcycle, (with led lights on) we caught the attention of a photographer taking our picture of our motorcycle. Wow! how about that. He also took our picture as we were leaving on the motorcycle as well.

The next day we left Williams, AZ and headed towards Bakersfield, CA. Hot, nothing but hot & dry. Nothing special in Bakersfield, just an overnigher. Now, on the way to San Simeon, CA and Hearst Castle. Laura and I spent about 5 hours looking at different artifacts, taking a tour and watching a movie of Hearst Castle. It was a very interesting, the history of the castle. (Remember Pattie Hearst from the 70's. There is a relationship with the name.) Any way, the castle was turned over to the state for tours. On to Big Sur and the Bixby Bridge. I always wanted to see that bridge due to the fact that it is used in commercials. The bridge is the most photographed features on the West Coast because of its location along the scenic Central Coast. Also keep in mind that is very windy along the coastline. I give credit to any co-rider that is taking pictures while keeping their balance on the Gold Wing. It is not easy.

Now on to Monterey, CA where we stayed at the Best Western Plus. Our room was a suite with bay windows on the top floor of the hotel. The next day we went to Monterey Aquarium. We spent all day looking at the different marina wildlife. The next day was a day ride into the city of San Francisco Bay. It was very cool to start off, but it soon got warmer by 10 a.m. We had lunch by the Bay before returning back to Monterey. Well, as the sun went down, it began to get very cool by the water's edge...duh!! But we made it home with no problems. Heat awaits us at the hotel. The next day was more of a relaxing day and a drive around the water's edge and around the city.

After we left Monterey, the next stop was Las Vegas, NV. This is one of our favorite cities to visit. We took in a show on the second night before heading home. We stopped in Rifle, CO. before heading to the Springs. We had a great trip with a total of 3400 miles. We also took beautiful pictures of the surrounding area of which we visited.

**I would also like to thank Don and Darrel Cruzan for the maintenance that they have performed with me on my motorcycle over the years. THANK YOU!!**

Earl Edwards  
Chapter Rider Educator

Since this is the Rider Ed page...also want to mention the discussions brought up in the Chapter meeting about getting out of the 'blind spot', especially watch out for those mini-vans & trucks, and especially drivers on cell phones, texting, putting on make-up, shaving, etc., we've all seen them! Other great tips & reminders mentioned:

If you can't see in front of them, you can't see what they might run over.

Also, look in their rear view mirror. If you can see their face, they should be able to see you...[but of course don't count on it].

**Welcome back Earl & Laura : I'd say a 3400 mile trip and safely home speaks for Safety & Awareness in itself!**

## MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA TRIP—pics



## QUILTING RETREAT

It was an awesome weekend and we've got to do it again!! Many Thanks to the Retreat Team who put it all together!!! Linda Shelley

Some pics of the quilting retreat. Some of the quilt making, riding the rail into downtown Denver, dinner at Cheesecake Factory, and breakfast at the hotel the next morning. It was a great weekend! Nancy Lockhart



### What an Event!!

15-20 women gathered to construct 35 Blankets to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House and a Nursing Home [sorry, I didn't get the name]

You Ladies Rock !!



# QUILTING RETREAT



## EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

Chapter I Ladies,  
As some of you may know I've been knitting scarves.  
I will have a table at the craft fair being held at Central United Methodist Church at 4373 Galley Road on November 10th from 9-2.  
Please stop by and also tell your friends and neighbors about this, the more the merrier.... :)

Hope to see you there!

Alexis

Hand Knitted Sashay Scarves by Alexis  
Alexis@SashayBySally.com

**I saw some of Alexis' handi-work with these scarves at the meeting and they are awesome! Would make great gifts !! Olga**



### SNOWMOBILE TRIP

**Snowmobile Rentals** - I spoke to Nick at On the Trail Rentals today. He has set aside 20 single sleds and 4 doubles for our trip on **January 18-20, 2013**. He has held them under my name so no one needs to make reservations at this time. At the December meeting, we will be asking for a commitment of the amount of time and the type of sled that you would like reserved in order to make certain that we have enough sleds reserved. You will need to call (On The Trail 888-627-2429) and put a reservation in your name on or after December 15th but no later than the first week of January in order to make certain that you have a sled reserved. On the Trail will take a credit card deposit of \$50 to apply towards the rental. Normally this deposit is non refundable but, with our group, Nick will work with us on any cancelations.

Currently, the cost is \$135 for 4 hours on a single and \$153 for 4 hours on a double - 2 hour rentals are available for \$90 for a single and \$110 for a double . The group will begin to ride at 12:30 and either ride until 2:30 or 4:30, depending on whether you chose to ride for 2 or 4 hours but all riders must be back by 4:30 in order to arrive back before dark. Everyone will need to arrive at On the Trail in Grand Lake for fittings and signup by 11:30 on the 18th.

**Hotel Reservations** - At the December meeting, an informational sheet will be distributed to determine who has made room reservations so we can double-check reservations and room types with hotel before our arrival.

This should be a great outing. Myra talked to the motel tonight and we already have 10 rooms reserved. (Gateway Inn 877-627-1352)

More info about other possible activities, meals, etc. will be distributed at the December and January meetings.

Please call with any questions - 303-353-9502

Cliff and Myra

## BUTCH & LINDA'S FAREWELL—pics



**MANY THANKS  
BUTCH & LINDA  
FOR THE  
TIRELESS EFFORTS,  
FRIENDSHIPS , FUN,  
AND ALL YOU DID FOR  
CHAPTER I AND THE  
ADVANCEMENT OF  
COLORADO GWRRA**

# Springs Wings

## EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

### FUTURE RIDES

Joe Carlson mentioned the following other rides for the upcoming year to consider planning for—

March 12, 2013    40 to PHOENIX [7 days or so]

April 22, 2013    LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

May 18, 2013    WARRIOR DART RUN

June 9, 2013    RIDE FOR KIDS

July 27, 2013    TOP OF AMERICA

**I'm taking liberty here, but I'm sure Joe would be happy to provide additional info regarding these rides, and no doubt will provide info for future newsletters as the rides get closer. Olga**

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