

- From the Directors -

Let me start this month's article by saying Thank You!! Your participation has been simply amazing. Once again we had 33 at the January Dinner Ride. It was great to see everyone and a couple of us even road our bikes. A special thank you goes out to you for your "extra" participation in the meeting 50/50, marble and raffle. The coffers were sufficiently restocked. And let me not forget to thank Chris Ward for his donations for the raffle. Cathy is going to love her Valentines gift! I had hoped to hand out some Convention registration money at the meeting, however, we didn't get our twelve registrants on the giveaway sheet. I'm certain we have more registered than got their name in the drawing so we'll try it again in March. Hopefully we can at least get the two Region registrations given out. Don't forget to get your name in the drawing. A number of us are heading to Grand Junction this month (16th) to attend the Chapter B Valentine Fundraiser. It's not too late to join us. Check your emails for details and carpool opportunities. Hopefully we'll have some pictures and good news to bring back, along with some cash and trophies!! First, though, is our own Valentines Bunco, hosted by Ray & Nancy Daniels on Saturday the 9th. Everyone should have a great time and we get some funds put away for future CO-I events. Don't miss it if you can. There's never been a shortage of entertainment.

I want to give a shout out to Doug Irish who is home recuperating from surgery. He is doing well and we're looking forward to his return. Also want to remember Barb Mellor who was scheduled for hip surgery on the 5th. Barb, get well, riding season is just around the corner. Hope I've not missed anyone.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again at the March meeting, and hearing all about the activities we may have missed along the way.

Don & Cathy

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
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- Individual of the Year (IOY)** - Ralph Clayton
- Members of the Year** - Darrell & Laurie Cruzan

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Dates to Remember

- Feb 14-HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

- Feb 16-Chapter B [Grand Junction]
 Valentine Potluck/Auction Fundraiser

- Mar 2-Chapter Meeting
FOOD PANTRY
 Also **CO-RIDER SEMINAR** after meeting

- Mar 17-Happy St Patrick's Day
 [Wearin o' the Green]
- Mar 30-WY-B Birthday Party
 CO-District Leadership Trng
- Mar 31-Happy Easter

Birthdays

- Belated FEBRUARY
Birthday Wishes
- 5-Rich Noah
- *****
- MARCH
- 6-Earl Edwards
 8-Don Bush
 13-Sandie Erskine
 18-Gene Krull
 28-Wilma Brown
 30-Dick Reisler

Anniversaries

- MARCH
- 28-Donald & Maryann Roberts
 31-Cliff & Myra Childs

CHAPTER I MEETING

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

LOCATION
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 4125 Constitution Ave.

From the Newsletter Editor ~ PROFUSE APOLOGIES !!

Some 'mistakes' were brought to my attention in the January Newsletter. Good, although embarrassing, reminder for better proof-reading.

Ralph Clayton is our Individual of the Year — not Member of the Year

I am also terribly sorry that although Rich Noah's February birthday it is reflected in the 2013 calendar, I neglected to include it in the February birthday list. As you've seen, I've had to add Belated Birthday Wishes the past few Newsletters.

Thanks everyone for being to kind in bringing mistakes or omissions to my attention...

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Couple of the Year
Doug & Marilyn Irish
2013

Members of the Year
Darrell & Laurie Cruzan
2013



Individual of the Year
Ralph Clayton
2013

RIDER EDUCATION

F6B OR NOT 2 B

After the new F6B came out, I received a few emails and phone calls about the new motorcycle. People wondering if I'm going to buy one or what do I think of the motorcycle. Well, at the time I didn't know much about the motorcycle or have not seen it in person or ridden it. So I did a little research.

As I walk across the parking lot on numerous occasions, I have noticed many nice vehicles in the parking lot, i.e. Cadillac's Escalade, Toyota's Camrys & XLS, Lincoln's Town-cars, Lexus' ES & RX, Ford's Eddie Bauer Editions, also pick-up trucks with all the trimmings and loaded with extras. The vehicles have all of the bells and whistles i.e. heated steering wheels & seats, power windows, mirrors, seats & locks, ONSTAR, HomeLink, CD player, XM and Sirius radio, and on and on. I'm not angry with anyone that has all of these items...in fact WE all DESERVE them and worked hard to get them. We should and shall be comfortable with them. Now we have some of the same features on a Gold Wing, heated handlebars and seats, adjustable shocks, XM or Sirius radio, central locking, self-canceling turn signal, CD player w/ radio, & ABS brakes just to name a few items.

Now looking at the F6B...not so many features. Short windshield versus a tall windshield. No backrest for passenger (base model), smaller seat, no trunk or central locking to my knowledge. Now there is a REASON that we have a large windshield, there's a REASON that we have a back rest with trunk and central locking. Once again...creature comforts said it all. Keep in mind that this motorcycle kinda looks like the Pacific Coast between 1988 and 1998. Not a whole lot of features, more like a sport touring motorcycle all over again. Maybe just a little better than the Pacific Coast, in my opinion. Now, if you are the person that bought a Rune or a Valkyrie, maybe you will buy a F6B. If you enjoy all of the creature comforts that a Gold Wing offers, then you'll tip your hat and appreciate the F6B, another fine creation by Honda.

Earl Edwards
Chapter Rider Educator



CO-RIDER SEMINAR

PLEASE NOTE: CO-RIDER seminar after the 2 March meeting, roughly an hour

CPR CLASS

Hello All. The next CPR class will be on March 9, 2013 at the Air Force Academy @ 8 am. Keep in mind that you should be enrolled in the Riding program for the class to be free. The District is paying for the class if enrolled in the program. If your CPR card is about to expire or has expired, take the class to keep current.

"Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch". (taken from GWRRA web site)

There are only 12 slots available for this class.

Any questions contact Earl @ edwards_1500@hotmail.com . Thanks and ride safe.

Earl Edwards
Chapter Rider Educator

Chapter I Grand Lake Snowmobiling

What do Goldwing riders do in mid-January when the streets are slick and full of sand – go snowmobiling – and that’s just what 26 of Chapter I’s members did on January 18th thru 20th.

Everyone left Colorado Springs early Friday morning and made their way to Grand Lake to either check into the hotel, if they weren’t riding, or head out to On the Trail Snowmobile Rentals at Winding River Ranch. After being outfitted in snowmobile suits, boots, goggles/helmets and finding our gloves we were given specific instructions on what all of the buttons, levers and gadgets were on the snowmobile (handwarmers being one I particularly paid close attention to along with the “let’s go faster lever”). After initial instructions Don Cruzan, our fearless leader, climbed on the “high performance” machine and we were off. A group of 12 snowmobiles made their way up the mountain with Ray Daniels flying past all of the novices and showing his expertise. Within minutes, everyone was feeling pretty comfortable on the sleds and the fun began – big hills to climb and lots of snow to play in. We couldn’t have asked for a more beautiful winter Colorado mountain day – the temperatures hovered around 19 degrees but the skies were that beautiful Colorado blue and the sun felt marvelous. Glenn, Lexi and Myra only signed on for a 2 hour tour so split off from the main group about an hour into the expedition and made their way around the trails and, after several stops to refer to the map and guideposts, made their way back to On the Trail with Glenn leading the way. The remainder of the group played in the snow for another 2 hours; ran the trails, found the top of the mountain and were inspired by the 360 degree view of the beautiful Rocky Mountains. After a long afternoon of playing and riding, the group also made its way back to the hotel.

The hotel in Grand Lake, Gateway Inn, provided us with a large meeting room and Friday night everyone gathered for drinks and appetizers. We were having so much fun and everyone brought enough food that we never made it to dinner. There was lots of conversation, games and just enjoying each other’s company.

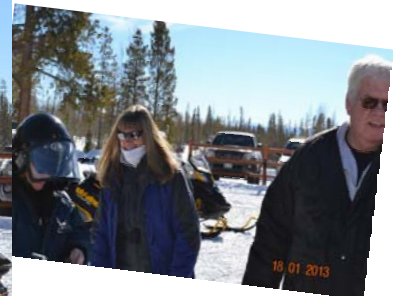
Saturday morning we found a restaurant able to accommodate those that went to breakfast – by then Don and Cathy were headed back to town to take care of Don’s little medical emergency. After breakfast, there was shopping in town, trips to Rocky Mountain National Park and the trip to the quilt store. But it wasn’t long before everyone headed back to the hotel to our lovely room where you could find people sewing, chatting and just enjoying each other’s company. Then the board games started coming out – there was a heated competition with the Sequence game (Nancy and Darlene the winners of that competition) and a lengthy afternoon of playing Mexican Train with Glen winning the 3 hour marathon game.

Saturday night was our “soup and salad supper” with 4 delicious soups and lots of side dishes to share. Nancy and Ray Daniels brought a huge sheet cake on Friday night and we were certain we’d never be able to eat it all but by Saturday night most of the cake had vanished – it was very tasty.

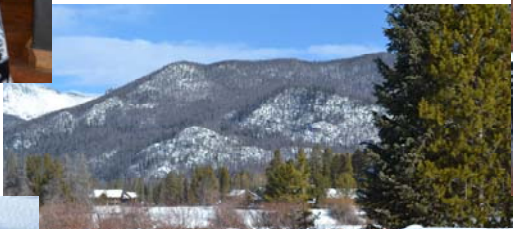
More cards came out Saturday night and there was a rousing game of “To Hell and Back”.

And then Sunday morning arrived and it was time to say goodbye to all of our wonderful snowmobile buddies and head back to Colorado Springs – but did we have fun!!!! Can’t wait until next time.

Myra and Cliff Childs



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IN CASE YOU EVER WONDERED-Interesting History

Where did "Piss Poor" come from?

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot. And then once it was full it was taken and sold to the tannery...

If you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor". But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot...

They **"didn't have a pot to piss in"** and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500's

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June.. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.

Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water.

The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water,

Then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children.

Last of all the babies.

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it.

Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath.

It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof.

When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. **Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."**

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house.

This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed.

Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. **That's how canopy beds came into existence.**

IN CASE YOU EVER WONDERED-Interesting History

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt.

Hence the saying, "Dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery In the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing..

As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. **Hence: a thresh hold.**

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.

Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers In the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day.

Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while.

Hence the rhyme:

"Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special.

When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off.

It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon."

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter.

Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death.

This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status..

Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle,

And guests got the top, or **the upper crust.**

IN CASE YOU EVER WONDERED-Interesting History

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky.

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They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up.

Hence the custom; "holding a wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people.

So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave.

When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell.

Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; **thus, someone could be, "saved by the bell" or was "considered a dead ringer."**

And that's the truth.

Now, whoever said history was boring!!!

Author Unknown

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members of Chapter I

Update of Events for Community Service the year

Just an update for all members of Chapter I detailing yearly events that we will be accomplishing for Community Service.

1. We are still collecting small toiletries to be bagged and delivered to various organizations that can use them for people in need. We can use the small soaps, shampoos, lotions, hair conditioners, small toothpastes, (remembering that Lori is collecting toothbrushes). You can bring the items to any meeting or we will be collecting until the end of Sept. and will email with a deadline when we will be organizing the items and bagging them for delivery. You are welcome to help organize, the place will be determined as we get closer to the time for delivery. Casey is collecting larger scraps of material to be used for the delivery bags. You can bring this cloth to any meeting. She has graciously volunteered to make those for our toiletries again this year.

2. We are planning the Bridge Ride for May 5, 2013. This ride will give the residents of the Bridge Assisted living an opportunity to see our bikes and take a short ride if they are able. The residents really enjoy this each year and Apex brings trikes to help us with this event. Anyone who would like to give rides to these folks is welcome or just come by and enjoy the fun. We ask anyone willing especially trike or side car riders to come by in the afternoon starting at 1PM to give a ride. Nancy Lockhart will head up this activity and keep you posted on where to meet for the ride to the facility.

3. We are also supporting the food pantry at the Lutheran church where we hold our meetings. This year we have set a goal of 1500 pounds of food for the total year's donation. We hope to donate much more than that set goal. Last year the donations totaled more than 1100 pounds. Members can bring food to the meeting on Saturday. We commit to bring in as much as we can each quarter to support the food pantry although you are welcome to bring donations to any meeting. Our next big month will be March and you will see the dates for food donations on your calendars.

4. Also in planning is a blanket making weekend, date and location to be determined, to construct and sew blankets for various organizations in need of warm blankets for the winter. Myra, our Assistant Director, has folks working on organizing that event.

Please contact Don, Kathy, Myra, Cliff or me if you have any ideas for Community Service that our chapter may want to consider in the future. Those ideas would need to first be considered the Chapter Staff before implementing.

Marsha Curry, Community Service Coordinator

EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

Fellow GoldWing Riders,

A couple of rides coming up that you may be interested in.

If you would like to join up and go on either of these rides, let me know. 405-326-2588 or email.

1. 40 to Phoenix - www.40tophoenix.org or on Facebook www.facebook.com/#!/events/282455391860405/?fref=ts

Plan is to ride from COS on March 12 to Moriarty, NM and join up with the main group that is coming in from El Reno, Oklahoma. Will leave COS at 0800 hrs to arrive in Moriarty about 1700 hrs –procession into Moriarty and then a dinner. Last year very enjoyable day and evening. 371 miles.

On March 13 ride from Moriarty, NM to Phoenix , AZ –dinner that night I believe is 1700 at the Deer Valley Airport Rest. Quite a ride – 481 miles

March 14 is tour the GWRRA Headquarters. Activities, group picture, tour of facility, etc.

March 15, 16, 17 – return to COS using whatever route decided upon. Pat Staffieri and I did this ride for the first time last year and we really enjoyed the ride and camaraderie.

2. Laughlin River Run www.laughlinriverrun.com

Plan is to leave COS on April 21 or 22 and return o/aApril 29th. The route and timing is dependent upon the weather. Stay in Laughlin the nights of April 25th and 26th. Laughlin is 902 miles from COS. Take the most scenic routes available – every year is different. This will be my 4th year to do this ride and I've enjoyed it each time. So far there are 5 of us going.

See you this Saturday. If you have questions, please give me a call or email.

Joe Carlson aka Deer Slayer

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.

Colorado

All Chapter Camp-out



Date: June 14-16, 2013

Location: Royal Gorge KOA, 559 County Road 3A, Canon City, CO 81212

Camping rates: The website for the campground is: koa.com/campgrounds/royal-gorge

You will all have to make your own reservation this year via the website. If you plan on attending and want to be updated on some fun things that we are planning, email me at jwilliams5@comcast.net. If you want me to take you off the email list, let me know. Make your reservation as early in January as possible to ensure a campsite and deposits are due by May 1st to the KOA. As part of the Gold Wing Road Riders camping group, you will receive a 10% discount at check-in time.

There are a lot of fun things to do at the campgrounds and surrounding areas. This should be another fun campout for our group and hope that you can join us.

Judy & Carl Williams

District Special Events Coordinators

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