

- From the Directors -

Hello Everyone!! Riding season is officially upon us! That was quite evident in the parking lot at our April Meeting. Thank you to all that joined Kraig and Chapter A on their "Follow the Leader" ride and then joined in with Ralph 'TB' Clayton for the after meeting "Follow the Leader to Lunch" ride. I didn't get to attend myself but I understand everyone had a good time. Please see Ralph's comments later in the newsletter.



I'd like to send out a hearty welcome to newcomer Pat Allen and his friend Dawna Hill (WY District Director). Thanks for coming by to visit with us. Hope you had a great time and that we'll see you again real soon.

Also like to issue a heartfelt "Welcome Back" to Doug & Marilyn Irish (Doug surgery) and to Barb Mellor (surgery). Hope to see you all mounted in the saddle as soon as possible. Welcome also to our Florida Snow Birds, Dean & Joann. It's really nice having you all home where you belong. Hopefully we'll have some more of our returning Snow Birds for the May meeting.

On that topic, remember our May meeting is Maintenance Day at Darrel & Laurie's. Breakfast from 8:00-9:00 followed by a short meeting, then maintenance as needed the rest of the day (weekend/month/season/etc). Seriously, if you're not familiar with Maintenance Day, ask around. This is truly a great day of fun, education & entertainment. Yes, we may get a little dirty, but motorcycle maintenance is one key to motorcycle safety and enjoyment.

Sunday May 5th, the day after Maintenance Day, is our Annual Bridge Ride at "The Bridge" here in Colorado Springs. I hope you'll join us in providing rides to some of the residents. We've done this several years now and they love to have us back each year. We can especially use trikes and side-cars for this event. Watch your email for more details.

May 11th is CO Chapter L's GPS Photo Hunt Fundraiser. I have already emailed the flyer for this event. Please plan to support them and enjoy the ride and, of course, the food that follows!

Lastly, the Region F Convention in St George, UT is Memorial Day weekend. Get your registrations in and your reservations made as this looks to be another beautiful ride and "F"un time for all. Those attending please remember that we'll need some assistance as Door Greeter and with Door Prizes. Let me and/or Randall know as soon as you can what days you could be available to help out. Thank you.

As usual, thank you all for another great meeting. It's because of you that we have such a good time!!
Until next we meet,

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce
Chapter I Directors

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- Couple of the Year (COY)** - Doug & Marilyn Irish
- Individual of the Year (IOY)** - Ralph Clayton
- Members of the Year** - Darrell & Laurie Cruzan

****ATTENTION****

Chapter I Meeting
May 4th
MAINTENANCE DAY

2715 Casden Circle
Colorado Springs

8:00 breakfast,
9:00 meeting, then work on bikes

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Dates to Remember

- Apr 13—Open House—Aurora Honda Chapter J, Free Food !
- April 17—Dinner Ride—Irish’s
- Apr 21 or 22—Laughlin River Run—check w/ Joe Carlson for details
- Apr 27- ERC
- MAY 4—CHAPTER MEETING/ MAINTENANCE DAY—Cruzan’s
- May 5—The Bridge Ride
- May 10-12—KOA BOGO, Royal Gorge Ride & Camp, Childs’
- May 11—Chapter L GPS Photo Hunt Fundraiser
- May 24—26—REGION F CONVENTION DIXIE CENTER, ST GEORGE, UTAH

Birthdays

- MAY
- 3—Ray Moravek
 - 4—Chris Erskine
 - 11—Ken Souther
 - 14—Sandy Shutt
 - 22—Ray Daniels
Laurie Cruzan
 - 26—Carol Farmer
Dave Wren
 - 28—Mark Damschen
 - 30—George Davis
 - 31—Myra Childs

Anniversaries

- MAY
- 7—Ralph & Bobbie Clayton
 - 14—Rich & Donna Noah
 - 16—Lamont & Faith Rigby

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RIDER EDUCATION



Chapter I Colorado Springs Safety Gram



April 2013

Motorcycle Safety

Spring Riding Season is here! Are YOU prepared? How about your motorcycle?

Getting Prepared To Ride

Many motorcycle owners across the country are preparing to awaken their trusty steeds out of winter hibernation as warmer weather approaches. Here are some inspection tips:

Remember **T-CLOCK**:

Tires and Wheels: Check tire pressure, check for dry rot or cracking sidewalls. How's the tread?

Controls: Levers, hoses, brake & throttle cables O.K?

Lights: Battery charged and lights work?

Oil: Fresh oils and levels good?

Chassis: Chain, suspension, chain/belt, fasteners, accessories tight?

Kickstand: Center and side stand work?

For more detailed information, visit: <http://micapeak.com/info/T-CLOCK.html>

Take It Easy The First Time Out

Remember, if you haven't been on your bike for a while, you should take it slow the first time out to re-energize your motorcycle muscle memory. Go to a parking lot to practice some of the basic skills of riding before heading out on the open road. Also, realize if you haven't been on your bike because of winter, all of those car & truck drivers aren't used to seeing bikes on the road, so they are driving blind and you are invisible.



Level I: **Safety by Commitment**- The first big step to success.

Level II: **Safety by Education**

Level III: **Safety by Preparedness**

Level IV: **Safety By Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness**



TOP 10

Motorcycle Safety Tips

In no particular order, here they are:

- 1) **Make eye contact** – never assume others see you.
- 2) **Read "vehicle language"** – even when you're seen by drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, they often misjudge your distance/speed. Don't rely on them to make smart decisions.
- 3) **Watch out for left-turning vehicles at intersections** – this is the most common type of motorcycle crash.
- 4) **Check behind when turning left from a highway** – check mirrors and make sure you have plenty of space behind you before you turn.
- 5) **Look out for hazardous road conditions** – wet roads, fluid spills, sand, gravel, railroad tracks, potholes and other road surface hazards reduce your traction.
- 6) **Take it easy on the curves** – slow down and choose the correct lane position before entering a curve.
- 7) **Wear a good helmet** – they prevent head injuries in 67% of crashes.
- 8) **Wear protective clothing designed for riders** – provides protection during a crash and shields you from the weather and debris.



- 9) **Protect your eyes and face** – flying insects, dust and debris can injure your eyes and face. The best protection is a full-face helmet with shield (unless you like eating bugs).
- 10) **Be visible** – wear bright, contrasting colored and reflective clothing....always keep your headlight on; consider adding auxiliary lights for extra visibility.

Motorcycle, ATV & 3-Wheeled vehicle riders are required to wear: Head Protection (a helmet, certified to meet Federal Motor Vehicle safety standards); Eye Protection (goggles, wrap around glasses or full face shield); Protective Clothing (wearing long sleeved shirt/jacket, long trousers, & full fingered gloves or mittens is required); Foot Protection (sturdy, over the ankle footwear that affords protection for the feet & ankles).

Two guys were roaring down the road on a motorcycle when the operator slowed down and pulled over. His leather jacket had a broken zipper, and he told his friend, "I can't ride with the air hitting me in the chest and this jacket flapping around." "Just put the jacket on backwards," his friend advised. So he did. They continued down the road but around the next bend, they lost control and wiped out. A nearby farmer came upon the accident. When the police arrived they asked the farmer, "Are they showing any signs of life?" "Well," the farmer explained, "this one was until I turned his head around the right way!"



Earl Edwards
Chapter Rider Educator

More Pics



EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES



When you sparkle, RIDE FOR KIDS sparkles too!

Join us for our ANNUAL RIDE FOR KIDS SILPADA FUNDRAISER (and April's 77th Birthday!) Instead of buying a gift for April, treat yourself or someone else you love to a little SPARKLE and help add SPARKLE to a deserving child and The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation!

Please join us for girlfriend time and NEW fabulous Silpada jewels!

Silpada has a to die for jewelry collection AND a brand new SPRING BLING Catalog!

Girls, you are going to FALL IN LOVE!

**Save the Date for Java & Jewels at
April Hansen-Kepler's Home!**

**Saturday, April 20, 10 am-Noon
1013 Meadow Run, Golden**

RSVP Adored: 303.384.0476 or pahkwing95@aol.com

Studies on being "Social" confirm that it makes people happier, boosts memory and improves health. Relax, have fun & be healthier and do a good deed!

Can't come? Don't miss out! Click the Shop Now button below to order online by 4/20& choose Catalog to shop and then RIDE FOR KIDS as your hostess to be included.

Spread the fun and love! Bring a friend!

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Newsletter Editor Note

My apologies for my lack of technological savvy in not being able to figure how to correctly attach the link for the catalog.

Please contact April for help with viewing Silpada's Catalog in case you're unable to attend this Fundraiser, however would like to help by placing an order.

EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES



Sweet

Surprises

Join us on May 11, 2013 for Chapter L's

GPS FUN raiser

Starting at 9:00 a.m.

Green Mountain Plaza Shopping Center.

12354 West Alameda Parkway,

Lakewood

OR

39.70387, -105.138208

\$15 per person includes lunch.

(if you can find us)

Don't have a GPS? Come anyway!

We will have maps for you.



EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

Buy One - Get One Free KOA Weekend - Pay for Friday night and get Saturday night free!!

When: Friday, May 10th through Sunday, May 12th

Where: Royal Gorge KOA - 559 County Road 3A - Canon City, Colorado

The entrance to the KOA is off of Highway 50 at the Royal Gorge turnoff

Cost: \$40 plus tax Friday night - Saturday night free

Sites: The sites held are 20 and 30 amp electric/water sites only. If you want full hookups, please tell them when making your reservation

Join us for a great weekend of camping, campfires, conversation and bean bag baseball

Call Royal Gorge KOA at 719-275-6116 and mention Cliff Childs, Chapter I to reserve one of the spots that have been held or make reservations for a spot with full hookups. Cabins may be available, if that is your preference.

Questions - call Cliff or Myra at 303-353-9502 after 6:00 p.m. or email at childs3153@gmail.com.



!! LET'S GET READY FOR CAMPING !!



You can always count on help setting up camp...
From **THE PEANUT GALLERY**

EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

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.

If you have questions, please give me a call or email. If you would like to join up and go on this ride, let me know. 405-326-2588 or email. Joe Carlson aka Deer Slayer

Follow the Leader to Lunch Ride

We all had a great time and the YELLOW Bike made a vast majority of the lights green!! Went down Austin Bluffs , then through Garden of the Gods, and Mesa Ridge back north and ended up going through Flying W Ranch Rd, giving everyone a view of the fire damage as well as the new & re-construction taking place.

Went to Famous Dave's BBQ for lunch and we had 31 folks. The manager kindly gave all a 15% discount and we said we would collect the difference for a donation for Ride For Kids; which we did and I think we got \$76.00.

I think everyone had a good time and thanks to YOUR expeditious meeting; we arrived at 11:55, GREAT TIMING!

Thanks for your help!!

Ralph 'TB' Clayton

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.

EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES



COLORADO GWRRA BLACK HILLS ALL CHAPTER EVENT

AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2013

KEMP KAMP CABINS AND CAMPGROUND

1022 OLD HILL CITY ROAD, KEYSTONE SOUTH DAKOTA

1.5 Miles from Keystone on County Road 323

TENT SITE - \$26.00 Per Day with no hookups for 2 people – \$3.50 for each additional person over age 7

PULL THRU RV SITE - \$44.50 Per Day with water, sewer, electric, satellite TV & Free Wi-Fi

CREEK SIDE RV SITE - \$44.50 Per Day with water, sewer, electric, satellite TV & Free Wi-Fi

ON SITE TENT CAMPERS - \$49.00 Per Day - \$5.00 for each additional person over age 7

Cabin - \$79.00 – 2 Double Beds with all facilities included – Sleeps 4

Deluxe Cabin - \$179.00 – 2 rooms with Queen Beds in each – Sleeps 4 - \$10.00 for each additional person over age 7 – Fold Down Futon sleeps 2

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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