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#### APRIL 2015

## **Springs Wings**

### - From the Directors -

HAPPY EASTER !!! Hope everyone had a great holiday weekend with family & friends. Speaking of family & friends, wasn't that a great Eatin' Meetin' the other night!?! It was so nice to see such a great turnout, with such good food and fun. I can't thank our new friends with the Saturday Evening Post enough for their entertainment. I also want to extend a hearty welcome to visitors Mike & Janet and the other Mike. So glad you all could make it and we look

forward to seeing you again!!

Now looking forward, our riding season is just getting rolling, so to speak. There are a number of riding opportunities already on the calendar and many more that have not yet been planned. Remember to watch your emails.

> So as usual... Keep the Shiny side UP and the rubber side down!!

Don Cruzan & Cathy Luce Colorado Chapter I Directors



Colorado Springs GWRRA CO-I Region F



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### **Chapter I** Monthly Gathering

\*\* MAINTENANCE DAY \*\* Saturday, May 2

> LOCATION 2715 Casden Circle

See our Website for details...

Visit Colorado Chapter I at <u>www.SpringsWings.org</u>



Steve & Jacque Callicott Assistant Chapter I Directors

## **Birthdays**

### <u>APRIL</u>

1—DJ Morasky 2—Casey Ward 5—Darrel Cruzan Jacque Callicott 23—Joe Carlson

Anniversaries

5—Steve & Jacque Callicott 30-Claude & Nancy Lockhart

April





Chapter I 2015

Couple of the Year

Dan & Tiffany Maine

Chapter I 2015

Individual of the Year

**Ralph Clayton** 



## Welcome New Friends

Mike & Janet Hall

Mike McCall

Thanks for Visiting & Come Again

#### **Dates to Remember**

Apr 25 - Rider Education Training

April 26 -Goldwing Training Day-Bike & Trike- Iron Buffalo

May 2- Chapter I Gathering - Maintenance Day & Breakfast- Cruzan's

May 9- Road Captain @CO-G [flyer, pg 8]

**COTOPAXI KOA Camping** [contact-Glenn & Alexis]

May 22-24 - Region F Rally - Tucson, AZ

Jun 14- RIDE FOR KIDS

Jun 19-21 - Multi-Chapter Campout - CO-MEC [flyer, pg 13]

Jun 27- Chapter E Fundraiser

Jun 28- The BRIDGE RIDE

July 25 - Hummer of a Hummer - CO-J

Aug 1 - Chapter I Annual Picnic Fundraiser

Aug 13-15 - Colorado District Rally - Montrose

Aug 29 - Howl At The Moon Ride - CO-G

Sept 3-6 - Wing Ding 37 - Huntsville AL

Dec 12 - Chapter I Christmas Party

Colorado District Calendar

### **MAINTENANCE IS FOREVER**

Spring has sprung and it time to do maintenance if you haven't already during the winter months. We all have heard of <u>T-CLOCS</u> and should use it to check our motorcycle before we ride. One of the items that we should check, but not listed on the list, is the air filter. (The air filter is not a pre-ride check). Now if you have an older motorcycle, i.e. 1000-1500 it may be a little easier to change/check the air filter. Now most of us have the newer 1800, and this may be a challenge to check or even change the air filter. I have check/change this air filter at least 3 times and every time I do so, it seems to get easier. (Yea, right!) Also keep in mind that the web site http://www.goldwingfacts.com/ hosted by Steve Saunders will give you helpful hints and suggestions on maintaining your Gold Wing. Bring your tires, oil, air filter, and brake pads to Maintenance Day and get your motorcycle ready for riding.

#### Ready to Roll!!!

Both bike and rider need regular maintenance for top performance. Whether you're getting ready for the riding season or get to ride year long, take a moment to clear out the cobwebs both mentally and on the machine.

- **Software upgrade.** Look into taking a refresher course and see what bad habits you have developed, or resisted. Especially true if you have a new machine.
- **Gear check.** No not your transmission, you're riding apparel. Helmets expire over time, just like milk. Face shields get scratched and haze like safety glasses do. Replace them as needed. Leather needs regular cleaning and inspection at the seams.
- **Machinery** wears out over time. Consumables like tires, brake pads, drive chains and fluids all degrade. Inspect and replace before a problem develops. Strange sounds or handling problems need immediate attention.
- Seasonal riders will need a bit of time to get reflexes up to speed. Year round riders should beware of complacency as small problems can go un-noticed as they grow incrementally.



#### - What is the Best Tire for Me?

- Most every rider wonders what brand is best, which compound offers the best traction or mileage? Typically a compromise must be struck between mileage and grip, with cost thrown in there somewhere. An old racer's adage that I really liked was "there's nothing

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like new tires". It makes a lot of sense. Technology advances and new/better products are always coming out. Also, heat cycles age a tire and cause them to harden over time, so a new tire will always perform better than one with a few thousand miles on it, even if the tread still looks good. If your tires are more than two years old take a good look at them for signs of aging; cracks, blistering, and uneven tread wear. Then consider that you only have two of them keeping you glued to the road. Maybe a new set is just what you need to breathe some fresh life into your ride. But beware; new tires can be slippery for the first couple of hundred miles or so!

So get your motorcycle out, get parts for it and come to the meeting. After the meeting, learn how to put parts your motorcycle and have fun. Remember ...meeting at Darrel & Laurie's house.

Earl Edwards Chapter I Rider Educator



### WHERE'S THE WING ??

Do you know where the Wing in this photo is? <u>EMAIL RESPONSES TO</u>: co\_Inewsletter@yahoo.com. PRIZE: The first correct email response will win 5 -50/50 tickets at the Next Month's gathering. <u>Email your answer to: co\_Inewsletter@yahoo.com</u>



#### **Correct respondent for the March Gathering was Donna Noah:**

In the parking area in Thermopolis WY.

There were no correct responses for this one.

This was the North Cochetopa Pass. Nice Ride !!



## FOR SALE

1999 Cycle Mate CMT 2000LTD Cargo Trailer
22 cu. ft storage - bra on front - partially lined
New suspension and tires
Color - Bone - maroon pin striping
Spare tire + tongue bracket
\$ 749.00
Contact Bruce - (icepuffin1@yahoo.com - 719 - 339 - 5938)



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## "SPRING BLOSSOM BUNCO"

Food... Nine Playing Tables... Food... Thirty-Six Able Competitors... Food... Twenty-Seven "Legal" Dice... and Tables of FOOD !

All that's left to say is:

**!!!! You Should Have Been There !!!!** 

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### ROAD CAPTAIN / CO-ROAD CAPTAIN TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, May 9 10:00 am

REA in Windsor 7649 REA Parkway Windsor, CO

### Road Captain/Co-Road Captain Course (hosted by CO-G)

- 10:00 Registration/Sign-in
- 10:30 Bike inspection (MUST pass T\_CLOCS inspection)
- 11:00 Road Captain / Co-Road Captain Course Classroom

12:30-1:15 Lunch

1:15 Road Course

2:45 Wrap up/ Course Evaluation

### YOU MUST HAVE:

- 1. A Drivers' License with a Motorcycle endorsement.
- 2. A GWRRA Membership Card.
- 3. Proof of Insurance and current motorcycle registration.
- 4. FULL RIDING GEAR
  - a) Helmet
  - b) Long sleeves
  - c) Over the ankle boots or shoes
  - d) Full fingered gloves

The first (3) items must be current/not expired!

THESE RULES WILL BE ENFORCED!

#### **RSVP by May 1**

Road Captain Course - Dick & Fran Williamson refmwi@gmail.com 970-347-8855

Road Captain and Co-Road Captain Patches will be available for purchase (\$4.00/each) at the completion of the course



### CHAPTER I'S SEARCH FOR MEMBERS IN COSTO MAYA, BELIZE & COSUMEL

Rich & Donna Noah, Ray and Nancy Daniels, Mark & Sue Damschen and Dick & Didi Reisler, being the dedicated GWRRA members that we are, on 3/1/15 set sail on the Emerald Princess in search of other lost and perhaps ship wrecked members in the Western Caribbean. Our departure was delayed one day due to a dense fog that closed the Houston/Galveston Channel. When we did leave, we were still in foggy conditions and the Captain was sounding his fog horn frequently, the sound would go through your skin and bounce off your bones. Rich tried to buy the horn for his Goldwing, but the Captain declined his offer. The one day delay worked to our advantage weather wise, we missed some rain by reversing the order of the ports.

Each night we would meet up at the restaurant and discuss the day's events over dinner, then take in a show at the ship's theatre.

Never did find any shipwrecked GWRRA members but **had tons of fun looking!** The thought of re-visiting the idea of cruising adventure with chapter friends was unanimous by all of us.



Hey! they have wings - but not GoldWings!















### **RIDER EDUCATION**



#### FROM THE COLORADO DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

### Who wants to win one of two \$50.00 gift cash cards?

Rules:

- > Open to all Colorado GWRRA members
- Must be current through December 2015 in your membership
- Anyone who takes any Rider Education Seminars, Medic First Aid/CPR classes, will get a chance to win. One seminar = one entry, two seminars =two entries, so on and so forth. The classes can be taken at any GWRRA event (rally, gathering or convention) around the USA. Any riding courses such as ARC, TRC, ERC will also earn you a entry. A completion card or proof of attendance is required, and must be presented to your Chapter Educator

Drawing will be held January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

This challenge will run from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015









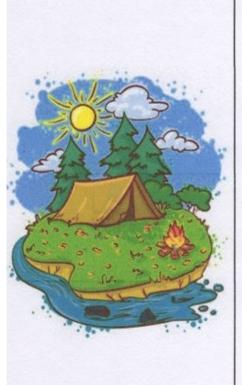
# Colorado Chapter I Maintenance Day May 2nd

See www.SpringsWings.org for Details



## **Multi-Chapter Camping Trip**

## Colorado MEC Program and Chapter I – Colorado Springs



When: Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> Through Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Where: Royal Gorge KOA – Canon City, CO

Campsites with electric/water: \$36-\$40 per night

Campsites - 50 amp - \$54 per night

Cabins starting at \$63.00 per night and up

Phone # for reservations - 559 County Road 3A, Cañon City, CO 81215 Phone:(719) 275-6116

### **Need more information**

Contact: Cliff/Myra Childs - 303-353-9502

### Come join the fun sponsored by the

Colorado District MEC Program & Chapter I – Colorado Springs

\* Friday Night Progressive Dinner \*
\*Saturday "Treasure Hunt"\*
\* Saturday Afternoon picnic/games \*
\*Planned rides \*

Other Upcoming Ride Opportunities

## **UP COMING RIDES**

40 to Phoenix - Mark Damschen, Pat Staffieri, Joe Carlson,

Leave April 14th 0800 hours to join 40 to Phoenix ride in Moriarty, NM. 375 miles April 15th Moriarty to Phoenix - 457 Miles April 16th Tour GWRRA Association HQ's and activities April 17 head west / back to COS who knows - would like to circle back via Death Valley and go to Laughlin River run on April 23 / 24,

http://40tophoenix.org/ also on Facebook

VFW Warriors Dart Run - April 25<sup>th</sup> Supports Service to Veterans projects.

**Defenders of Freedom Recognition Ride - May 17<sup>th</sup>** Supports El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition (EPCHHC) which operates the "Stand Down" (October 20<sup>th</sup>) and a Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Initiative.



http://www.brianwess.com/VeteransRide

**Good News Jail and Prison Ministry Ride - June 13<sup>th</sup>** Supports the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry which provides chaplains to incarcerated prisoners here in Colorado.

http://local.goodnewsjail.org/canon-city/

**Vets4Vets Poker Run and Bike Rodeo - September 12<sup>th</sup>** Supports El Paso County Homeless Veterans Coalition (EPCHHC) which operates the "Stand Down" (October 20th) and a Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing Initiative.

VFW Warriors End of Summer Run - September 26<sup>th</sup> Supports Service to Veterans projects.

Info – contact Joe Carlson aka Deer Slayer 405-326-2588 jcarlsonretired@aol.com









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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.

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

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