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# RED ROCKS WINGS

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### Greetings from Your Directors

*Fred and Linda Fisher*

*Senior Directors*



Look out! Fall and winter weather is coming! This past weekend, the peaks in Breckenridge were having snow while we were there for the District Convention. Won't be long and things will be slowing down a bit.

The Chapter of the Year banner is getting quite a work out. Linda and I want to put together a scrap book that shows where the banner has traveled between Wing Ding 36 and Wing Ding 37 in Huntsville. We have taken it on the camping trip, picnic ride, Trial Ridge ride, and this past weekend to the District Convention. We will gather all the photos over the year and put them into a scrapbook. Just a fun way to keep a record of the year, plus we have it.

As mentioned above, the District Convention was this past weekend. A large crowd was there to welcome Chapter L's very own Andy and Sherry Smith as the new District Couple of the Year. The Friday night dinner (prom) had them introduced as the King and Queen of the prom. A fitting tribute to our new Couple of the Year. Oh, by the way; did I mention that they were also sworn in as the new Colorado District Directors.

The entertainment after the dinner was great. Magician Cody Landstrom strolled around the room during dinner doing close up magic at the tables. After dinner, he took the stage and did some really cool tricks. When you see Sherry Smith, ask her how the 5 of spades slid out of a flat piece of paper.

Chapter L also competed in the Chapter Challenge. We were required to build a flux capacitor from the *Back to the Future* movie. We were given a shoebox and then access to boxes of all kinds of odds and ends. Pictures were provided as a model to get an idea what we were building. Although we didn't win, a great time was had by all!

While the weather is changing, we still have things to do to finish out the year. One event is the Chapter L ride to the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta October 3-5. If you have never been to the Fiesta, this is a "don't miss" event. If you have been there, you know why we want to go back.

Please plan to attend this year's Multi-Chapter Christmas Party which is now scheduled for Saturday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming soon.

It is also never too early to start planning for next year's events. It was announced in Breckenridge that the 2015 District Convention will be held in Montrose, August 13-15. So add this event and date to your long term schedule.

Linda and I are planning to attend Wing Ding 37 in Huntsville Alabama. We have been asked to attend to pass along the Chapter of the Year banner to next year's winner.

So, be thinking of some things we might add to the calendar for next year. More info on next year's schedule to come from Assistant Director Bob King.

With that, I'll close for this month. Looking forward to seeing you at the September 8<sup>th</sup> gathering, if not before.

*Until Then, Ride Safe..... Always!*

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## ATG, ATT Means More Than Just Clothing!

**Bob King**

*Assistant Chapter Director*

Another busy month has past. This summer is going fast! The air is cool in the mornings and I have leaves starting to fall off the trees. I don't know about you but I am not ready for winter just yet.

This last month I was witness to some accidents on the highway, and it makes you think of the things you should get done before an emergency arises. On my way back from Sturgis we got caught up in a hail storm, the hail was about three inches thick on the road and you couldn't even see it until it was too late. I was fortunate enough to get stopped and get off the road but some other bikers were not so lucky. I watched four bikes go down and one even did three flips before coming to a stop on the side of the road. The best part about that event was nobody was hurt, just some damaged bikes.

A week later Christine, Greg Green and I were on our way to Cripple Creek when another accident occurred in front of us. This time a car had crossed the median and hit a truck in front of us. This time the outcome was not so good. A 20-year-old girl did not survive. Later we found out that there was a baby in the car buried in the twisted metal that we did not find. It too did not make it. We had an Angel watching over us, just a few seconds earlier we would have been the accident.

Being witness to these events makes you think long and hard about what you should get done before something happens. I thought of many things but here are just a few.

1. Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
2. Have emergency contact information on you, not just in your phone, on paper.
3. Complete a Will, and keep it updated. Some states don't recognize "old" documents.
4. Have a plan for your pets.
5. Have someone you trust know exactly where to find important papers and passwords to take care of things for you.

I know there are many more things that should be done and it can make your head hurt. Don't just think about them, DO THEM!



## Travels of the 'Other Larry'

**Larry T. Lion**

*Chapter Mascot*

This month Larry stayed home and his cousin, Laurence, travelled to Breckenridge. He went *Back to the Future!* In staying with the theme, Laurence rode his skateboard to the District Rally. Although he didn't take any prizes he was one fine looking boarder. He promises to visit the gathering of his friends in September.



We had a good time and got to meet new friends and reacquaint with old friends. See you next month!

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**All Stop!!**

*Andrew Smith*

*Chapter Educator (newly appointed District Director!)*



According to the [Hurt Study](#), in the single vehicle accidents, motorcycle rider errors were present as the accident precipitating factor in about two-thirds of the cases, with the typical error being a slide out and fall due to over braking or running wide on a curve due to excess speed or under-cornering.



Braking is probably the most important action that a rider can perform. Braking allows us to quickly slow down and come to a stop before hitting an obstacle.

Most riders do not fully understand the distance that is required to bring the bike to a full stop. Braking distance increases with speed, and unfortunately the increase is not linear.

A bike that is doing 30 MPH stopping in 33 feet doesn't mean that the same bike doing 60 MPH can stop in 66 feet. Actually, it will take 134 feet! For you technocrats, the increase in braking distance is the square of the speed increase.

Any reduction in the speed you are traveling will decrease enormously your braking distance. Motovike.com provides us with the following chart. Refer to it for a clear idea of braking distances, but be aware that this chart doesn't include your perception time or your reaction time (which will increase your braking distance considerably).

| Speed  | Braking Distance |
|--------|------------------|
| 90 MPH | 300 feet         |
| 80 MPH | 238 feet         |
| 70 MPH | 182 feet         |
| 60 MPH | 134 feet         |
| 50 MPH | 93 feet          |
| 40 MPH | 59 feet          |
| 30 MPH | 33 feet          |
| 20 MPH | 15 feet          |
| 10 MPH | 4 feet           |

Proper usage of the front and back brakes can be the difference between life and death in a close situation. In a normal situation, braking is pretty straightforward. Unless you are on a slippery surface, use both brakes to stop or slow your motorcycle.

Most of us already know that the front brake provides 70+ percent of the stopping power of a motorcycle. With that in mind, you want to practice using more front break than rear. An ideal situation is to have a balance between the front and rear brakes, with about 70 percent of the emphasis on the front.

**The ideal breaking situation:**

You apply both brakes (the front and the back) gradually and with almost equal force for the first phase of your braking. The weight will transfer forward as the front suspension compresses, and your arms bend, the front tire now bites into the pavement. There is now more weight on the front.

You now let off most - or all - of the rear brake and pressure increases on the front, which now has most or the entire grip. This middle phase of braking can be 100 percent to zero percent - if it is less than 85 percent front, you probably aren't braking near your bike's limits.

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The bike slows and the forces you are exerting through the brakes and tires diminish (the energy in the bike is proportional to the square of your speed). The front begins to rise back up on its suspension.

You taper off on the front brake - to prevent a slow speed lock up - and increase the rear brake pressure once more. (Braking technique courtesy of Hoddy Hodson. <http://www.msrgroup.org/TIP030.html>)

A number of things happen when you start to apply the front brake. First, the shocks will compress as the bike transfers weight to the front. This action puts weight and extra traction on the front wheel. At this point, you are doing normal braking. If you continue to squeeze the brake lever, the front brake will get more and more weight on it. Eventually, most of the bike's weight will be on the front wheel. At this point, you are fairly close to threshold braking. If you continue to squeeze, the front wheel will start to complain.

If you feel this, you are at maximum braking. What you are experiencing is caused by the tire locking for fractions of a second then rotating again, and the movement is the tire sliding just a fraction of an inch or so, then regaining its grip, then sliding again. If it didn't regain its grip, it would go into full lock and bad things would happen.

Just as when driving a car, braking on a slippery surface should be done with a lot more care. Start braking in time because it will take the same amount of weight a lot more time to stop on a surface with less friction than it would on a dry surface with high friction.

We know our Goldwings respond somewhat differently since we enjoy several additional safety features. We have a "Linked" braking system which will initiate friction on both the front & rear brakes simultaneously. And many of our newer bikes also employ ABS (a wonderful thing, those computers) which helps make sure we don't get to a "Locked-Up" situation with the bike. Even with these features, each of us is still the 'Brain's' of the bike. It is always up to each operator to ride within the limits of the environment and road conditions.

Ride Safe – Have Fun!

### Order of the Red Spoon



Fifty-six hungry members of the Colorado District turned out in force on Monday evening, August 25, at the Arapahoe and I-25 Dairy Queen to be inducted into the Order of the Red Spoon by Tom and Linda Mitchell of Chapter FL1-G. Of course, writer extraordinaire and world traveler Jim Griffin and his lovely bride, Barbara, were in attendance ( $56 + 2 = 58$ ) but were already sporting the unique Order of the Red Spoon patch on their vests.

Jim and Barb had taken the bull by the horns, or should I say, the ice cream cone by the napkin, and were inducted in a similar ceremony conducted by Tom and Linda at the Wing Ding in July. Jim and Barb were spared the gyrations involved in Monday's induction ceremony (since they had already done so in Madison, WI) but the remaining 56 danced, boogied, dueled, strolled, and who knows what else to call the crazy moves executed that night as they all made their way down the ever-growing gauntlet of red spoons to become official members of this very unique Order. My advice to those of you who have yet to earn your patch: TRY IT - YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!!

Go to the Florida Chapter FL1-G website to learn all about this wonderfully zany opportunity!  
<http://www.fl1g.org/>

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wingin' the Rockies – What a ride!!

*Mike & Rhonda Hottinger*

*Membership Enhancement Coordinators*

Well here I sit after a great time this weekend wondering where all the time went. It seems like it was just yesterday Rhonda and I had a great ride up the mountains with Dan and Vicki on the way to Breckenridge. Yes, there was some liquid sunshine this weekend but it did not dampen our spirits as it was a wonderful adventure.



We had representatives from 14 states and some visitors on two 1800 trikes, a 1500 trike and a Smart for-two car from Cancun, Mexico, that just happened to be in the area and was excited to see all the Gold Wing people. They decided to hang around and enjoy the festivities. Even with the language barrier these people had a great time and PARTICIPATED. They became GWRRA members on Friday and they voted on the bike light show, bike beauty show and mascots. They participated in the dinner and even one couple WON the dance competition. But, what about the other states you might ask? Well they were a blast to be around, also.

The guys from Florida that made the big voyage, via air transportation actually, brought fun and chances to win a new Goldwing that will be given away at their Florida District Convention next spring. The State of Alabama that came to support the convention, well maybe not the whole state, but there was a lot of them and they gave lessons on how to pronounce things southern style. There was the Texas entourage that brought a B-E-A-U-tiful trike and trailer with a patriotic theme that took prizes back home to Texas to show off to their home chapter. I don't remember all the states that were represented but we could definitely say our convention was ENHANCED by our brothers and sisters from the other states and country.

We fed about 170 people at the Couple and Individual of the Year reception on Thursday and that was amazing as we planned for no more than 130 people. If anyone left hungry, though, it was their own fault. Doc (from *Back to the Future!*) made his appearance with Marty McFly, Lorraine, George McFly and Biff. Rider Ed training was given and many took the opportunity to get their First Aid and CPR training, as well. The vendors ENHANCED the members with many great deals and opportunities to dress up themselves or their bikes. We had a large variety of door prizes to take our chance at winning, the daily 50/50 drawings and the grand prizes that were ever present to tempt us at chances to be big winners.

The bike light show turned out very well even with the threat of rain early. But it all ended up for the best. There were bikes with a nice glow, bikes with strings of lights, bike visible from the space station and even Don's wonderful GL 1500 with custom fiber optic lights that accented the theme and paint scheme. The bike show on Saturday was not quite so lucky as it rained lightly for a while; but, the bikes were very nice looking and made me dream of the possibilities my bike could benefit from. The Honda Stimulator--I mean Simulator--was there to test even the best rider's skills. There were tough scenarios! I know because I ran over a few pedestrians and I am sure the Breckenridge Police Department will have a warrant out for me soon.

There was so much to experience and I know others will recap it better than me, but I wanted to point out that this 25<sup>th</sup> *Wingin the Rockies Convention* is a perfect example of Membership Enhancement. Friendships were made, new members came on board, skills were improved, competitions were won, people were fed, recognition was given, hugs were shared, and there was laughter and tears. Even with a language barrier with the folks from Mexico, I was delighted to meet them. What can be better than this? We have to see what next year will bring in Montrose, Colorado, but more importantly, every week we should find a way to make someone else feel more special, a part of something more, and experience what GWRRA can bring them.

Share the passion and hug someone!

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## Greetings!

*Ralph Spencer  
Chapter L Greeter*

*Greeter: One who greets with some form of salutation or welcome; one who meets or receives.*

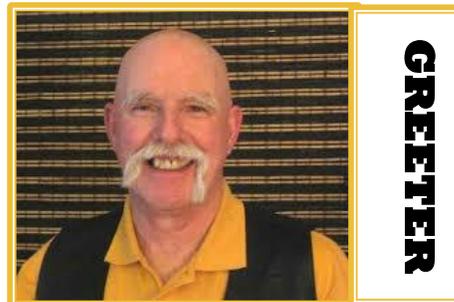
## The Golden Boy

Sunday, Aug 3 was the date of our once-every-two-year ride over Trail Ridge Road, led by none other than the Chapter L Golden Boy, Kenny Simons, and of course his charming wife, Lis, with an s. Kenny has been dubbed The Golden Boy by this author because of his perfect rides. Nothing ever goes wrong on Kenny's rides - excellent weather, no U turns, no dirt roads, no rain, perfect parking at our destination and everywhere along the way, great restaurants (Poncho and Lefty's in Grand Lake is a perfect example) and of course, a perfect Dairy Queen to top off the perfect day. His DQ on this day is on the left as you enter Erie, CO. This particular DQ was rumored to be under RE-NO-VA-TION as we approached the establishment but turned out to be open (of course) and almost empty (of course), with three charming baristas (of course) just waiting to process our orders. Now, don't get me wrong, stuff does happen on Kenny and Lis's rides, but nothing actually happens to Kenny and Lis themselves. On this Trail Ridge Road ride, Ron Evers and yours truly took a total of three bee stings for the team while Kenny and Lis escaped unharmed, despite the fact that I was riding directly behind The Golden Boy with Ron directly behind me. As we approached the Erie metropolis, we heard a variety of chatter on the CB radio. Words describing a short drag race, a wheelie, and an Erie policeman were attributed to those other H-bike riders entering Erie the same time as the Golden Boy and his minions. Kenny and Lis remained insulated from all these extracurricular activities and got all 18 of us (and 11 bikes) to the DQ in one piece with not a single guilty conscience in the group!

Just how does the Golden Boy accomplish these perfect rides season after season? Janet and I put our heads together one day and finally figured it out: Lis must be the one planning the rides, picking the dates, charting the routes, picking the parking venues, selecting the restaurants, and of course, deciding on the most appropriate Dairy Queen. It HAS to be Lis! The bottom line: Sign me up for any of Kenny's rides, morning or afternoon, long or short, east or west, north or south. Unless, of course, Lis cannot make it. In that case, I will have to work and won't be able to make the ride. Hey, I may be dumb, but I ain't stupid!!!

## Rubbin' Buttz

As Mike Ackerman cautioned me when I told him I would gladly lead the August Mystery Dinner Ride while he and Becky returned to Indiana for his mother-in-law's funeral: "Rubbin' Buttz is not an action, it's a place!" However, I'm getting ahead of myself. Six hearty souls (four bikes and one quadricycle) met at the Loaf N Jug on Saturday, Aug 16 and headed east on 6th Ave shortly after 10:00 a.m. Mom Fisher opted to meet us at our destination since she had a pack of errands to attend to and an AWOL husband! Dan and Vicky, Chuck Bellmeyer, Ron Evers and myself were in for quite a ride, which was not at all unanticipated since it had been scripted quite specifically by Mike and Becky! Two hours and thirty eight minutes (and 122 miles) transpired as we traversed over eastern Colorado, negotiating 24 left and right hand turns, and at one point coming to a dead stop on a desolate two-lane road while the dust from a farmer's tractor passed by in front of us. Much like the same cumulus nimbus clouds we have confronted in Colorado's high country, only brown instead of white. Chuck later admitted that the phrase "wild goose chase" had crossed his mind since he had just about convinced himself that we were heading for one of the overpriced restaurants at DIA. His instincts were not all bad - we had traversed somewhat close to the extreme northeast portion of the airport's 52 square mile boundary. And yes, extremely large 747s were passing in front of us as they made their final approach on a north to south runway during a brief period of the ride. At one point, we were heading west on a two lane version of 120th with an 18 wheeler coming east. All of a sudden, a pickup truck appeared in the west bound land as it attempted to pass the 18 wheeler. As you can tell by this article, my life and that of Ron Evers, directly behind me, were spared that day leaving both Ron and me very grateful! This event occurred shortly after a lady had pulled out of a side road - directly in front of Ron! He was forced



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to swerve to the left to avoid her on the two lane road. Luckily, no one was heading east at that particular moment. A classic case of "I never saw the motorcycle!" The highlight of the ride was the spotting of a bald eagle by eagle-eyed Dan Kirk at the precise location Mike had told all of us about in an email. Way to go, Dan. Unfortunately, Vicki was perusing a recently released shoe line on her phone at the time and did not get a picture!

The ride culminated in, surprise, Milliken, CO, just 6 miles east of I-25, and 2 miles east of Johnstown at mile marker 250. As luck would have it, Mom Fisher pulled up in her quadricycle just as we were dismounting our bikes in about 10 square feet of shade provided by the Milliken Fire Dept. building. We made our way across Main Street (Highway 60) to the Rubbin' Buttz BBQ Restaurant adorned with flags hanging from the ceiling representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, and a military discount for those with the appropriate ID. An excellent lunch, primarily beef, was enjoyed by all. The Chip Bag remained unclaimed as Dan and Vicky recounted their recent \$200 success with that same, elusive Chip Bag at the June Mystery Dinner Ride. We opted to return to Denver via I-25 and, for three of us, south on Hwy 287. Many thanks to Mike and Becky for their spot on directions! We could not have done it without you!

### It's a Right-Handed World

A sign for sale in a 'lefty store" in the Napa Valley read as follows: A guy invented a left-handed hammer. It didn't sell . . . no left-handed nails.

Now that's what I'm talkin' about!!!

### Name Lis' New Silver Can-Am!

Chapter L desperately needs a nickname for Lis Simons' brand new 2013 Can-Am! The name "Angry Bird" is already taken, so it's time to name the Angry Bird's little brother, big sister, or cousin!

Please email your suggestions to Randall Drake at [hookdondiz@aol.com](mailto:hookdondiz@aol.com) by Sept 21, 2014, so he can list the suggestions in the October newsletter. Lis will select the winner - or not - at the October 6 gathering.

The person who submits the winning moniker (if there is one) will receive something, we promise, but as of now we have no idea what!!!! Keep calm and submit those names!



### Sincere Thanks

*Becky & Mike Ackerman*

*Cherished Members of Chapter L*

Mike and I would like to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers over the passing of my mother August 10<sup>th</sup>. As some of you know, since January she had experienced some serious health problems, and, being 93 years old every setback was a real concern. We really expected we would be making a trip back to Indiana in January because she was seriously ill. But she pulled through and eventually bounced back. This last bout with pneumonia took its toll and brought on a massive stroke so we are thankful her suffering is over. She had a wonderful life and we feel blessed we had her with us as long as we did.

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*“Been There First in 2014”  
25 Down, 25 to Go!*

- Stan Smetana** – (3) WY, NE, KS
- Kenny & Lis Simons** – (3) CO, SD, IL
- Dan & Vicky Kirk** – (3) CO, SD, IL
- Randall & Janet Drake** – (3) HI, UT, ID
- Mike & Becky Ackerman** – (3) TX, OK, NM
- Carl & Judy Williams** – (10) MO, AR, CA, NV, UT, AZ, OH, MI, IN, Ontario
- Steve & Tami Bender** – (8) UT, NV, CA, AZ, OH, MI, IN, Ontario
- Bob King** – (3) NV, UT, AZ
- Vernon & Deborah Pate** – (5) NV, UT, AZ, IA
- Andy & Sherry Smith** – (3) MT, ND, MN

### Banner Events!



**At the Hummer of a Summer**



**At the District Rally**

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| Bill Douglas   | 4   | Fred Fisher   | 19 |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Barb Talbott   | 7   | Greg Tubac    | 22 |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Bob Smith  | 9   | Randy Berger  | 27 |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Marsha Jensen  | 13  | Stan Smetana  | 28 |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Phil & Barb Talbott  | 16  |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Mon 8  | Chapter Gathering   |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Sat 13   | <del>Durango/4 Corners</del> (CANCELLED)                          |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Wed 17   | Dinner Ride<br>Hosted by Vernon & Deb Pate                        |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Sat 20   | LTP Training at Jeffco Sheriff Off                                |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |
| Wed 24   | Ride to NM District Convention<br>Hosted by Randall & Janet Drake |               |    |                |   |               |    |              |   |             |    |              |   |            |    |           |   |              |    |               |    |              |    |                     |    |   |  |       |                   |        |  |        |  |        |                                    |        |   |

**Schedule of Nearby (relatively speaking, of course) District Conventions**

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| <p><b><u>August 29-31</u></b><br/>California District Convention<br/>Agoura Hills, CA</p> <p><b><u>September 12-13</u></b><br/>Kansas District Convention<br/>Abilene, KS</p> <p><b><u>September 26-27</u></b><br/>Iowa District Convention<br/>Storm Lake, IA</p> | <p><b><u>September 25-27</u></b><br/>New Mexico District Convention<br/>Carlsbad, NM</p> <p><b><u>September 25-27</u></b><br/>Oklahoma District Convention<br/>Shawnee, OK</p> <p><b><u>October 31-November 2</u></b><br/>Arizona District Convention<br/>Tucson, AZ</p> |
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**Colorado Chapter Gatherings**

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<http://www.coloradogwrra.com/Chapter/ChapterMeetings.htm>

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