



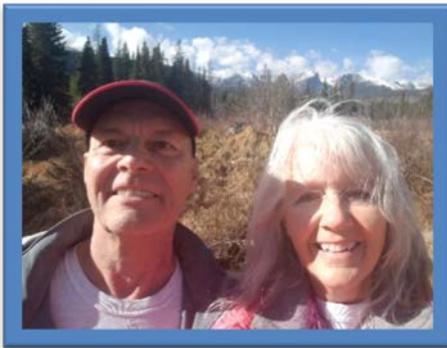
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December 2018

"Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge"

Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Region F, Colorado District, www.coloradogwrra.com



Directors' Greeting

By Joyce & Rick Elmore, District Directors

Merry Christmas! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and maybe even find something under the tree that fits on your motorcycle!

Have you had a good year of riding your favorite roads? Maybe you found a new route and shared it with your Chapter members or they found one and shared it with you. Were you able to put a bunch of miles on your bike riding to Wing Ding? If not, maybe you can ride to Nashville this year and have a new adventure. We hope you'll have an adventure in August when you ride to Ignacio, CO for our Multi-State Rally.

Are any of you interested in becoming a University Instructor so you could teach some of our fun classes? If you are, please let your Chapter Director know, and we'll set up a training class you can take at our Rally in August. If you would also let them know what classes you'd been interested in having available for you to

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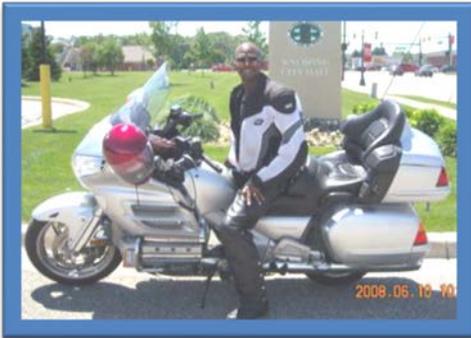
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take at the Rally, let them know that too. We'd love to accommodate you, in almost any way we can, at your District Rally and still leave you plenty of time for riding in that beautiful area.

We wish you all again, a very Merry Christmas. Our hope for you in 2019 is that you are healthy, happy and can enjoy your motorcycle with your family and friends. Also, that you can put lots of safe miles on your bike.

Hope to see you sometime soon or on a ride.





Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2019!

By Earl Edwards, District Rider Educator

Happy Holidays to all! Laura and I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and a safe New Year.

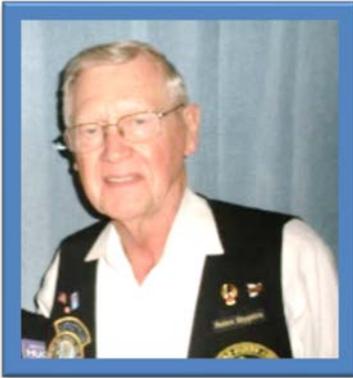
Chapter I had their Holiday Party last week and a good time was had by all. As we hustle and bustle throughout the holiday season, we would like everybody to be safe with family and loved ones wherever they may be.

As we build our training with an eye toward the future in the New Year, Inez Scholbrock, District Leadership Trainer, and I have scheduled some training classes. CPR/First Aid and Co-Rider Classes have been scheduled for at least the first three months of the year all along the Front Range from Colorado Springs to Ft. Collins. The classes will help members and new members with the Rider Education program. For information on these classes, see your Ride Coordinator, Chapter Directors or see the flyers in this newsletter.

...*see you down the road*...

Be safe and see you down the road. Remember: Always cover the parts of your body that you wish to use for the rest of your life.





What More Can Be Done to Reduce Motorcycle Fatalities?

By Peter Keppler, District Motorist Awareness Officer

Last month, we referenced the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) report on *Motorcyclist Traffic Fatalities by State: 2017 Preliminary Data*. The report ends with a discussion of what more can be done to reduce motorcyclist fatalities. Following are some of the highlights of this discussion.

First point is increasing helmet use through the adoption of universal helmet laws. States that don't have a mandatory helmet law reported that universal helmet laws would likely decrease motorcyclist crashes and fatalities. Mandating helmet use, skills testing and training for all riders are considered the greatest needs and the most important factors influencing the number of motorcyclist injuries and fatalities. *(Ed. Note - One of our goals should be to have the Colorado legislature enact a mandatory helmet law which we had in the State until it was repealed in 1977. Currently, Colorado only requires all riders under 18 to wear a helmet.)*

"...Chapter G has been doing a great job..."

Second is support for motorcycle safety features, such as ABS. The GHSA report states that the rate of fatal crashes is 31% lower for motorcycles equipped with antilock brakes than for the same models without them. The Highway Loss Data Institute reports that collision insurance claims for motorcycles with ABS are filed 20% less frequently than for motorcycles without ABS, and 31% when the ABS bikes have combined controls.

Third is increased education, awareness and training. As noted in the report and we can attest, certain types of motorcycles can be riskier than others depending on skill level and the physicality of the rider.

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Education and awareness of the differences between various types of motorcycles and the skill level required for these different bikes is important when purchasing a motorcycle, especially for new or returning riders. The need for increased training and education was a common response from states. Several states reported that with the increased popularity of three-wheeled motorcycles, there is also a need for specific education and training for these vehicles.

Most states reported that current education, public information and focused enforcement efforts combined with media messaging were insufficient for their needs. Increasing awareness campaigns with focused messaging to "Look Out for Motorcycles" during known riding seasons was suggested. Pennsylvania suggested that early education efforts including motorcycle awareness in new driver training classes and other school curricula would increase overall motorcycle awareness. *(Note: Chapter G, specifically Inez Sholbrock, has been doing a great job in teaching motorcycle awareness in the driver's ed classes in local school districts.)*

Fourth is reducing impaired riding fatalities. A major development in this regard is ignition interlock use for motorcycles. A recent NCSA study examined the

feasibility of ignition interlock use for motorcycles and found that adequate and safe motorcycle interlock programs are possible with existing equipment. Nine states (not Colorado) currently mandate interlocks for motorcycles under specific circumstances. What is required for passenger vehicles is required for motorcycles and the GHSA report states that manufacturers are modifying motorcycle devices to comply with these state regulations. It goes on to state that states may need to consider accommodations for the interlocked motorcycle, such as examining the safety of rolling retests for motorcycles, to implement motorcycle interlock programs as a viable countermeasure to reduce motorcyclists' impaired riding crashes.

More discussion points for reducing motorcyclist fatalities from the GHSA report next month. Have a safe and happy holiday season and new year - we want to see all of you in one-piece next year!

Ride Like Your Life Depends on It!





Christmas in Colorado

By Paula Campbell, District Membership Enhancement Coordinator

Parades and parties and toy runs, oh my! It must be Christmas in Colorado, because Gold Wings across the state are staying busy with cold weather activities.

It seems that one of the things that makes our organization unique is the sense of family that extends beyond the bikes. Everywhere you look, you'll see folks who take the "Friends for Fun" part of the motto seriously.

I know that for Chapter B, those who were able participated in the Toy Run the first of the month. (Winter weather leading up to the day made it an unsafe activity for those of us living at a distance.) Our annual Christmas party was a great time at a local restaurant complete with a gift exchange. One couple managed to fit in an appearance at a town parade, complete with Santa and his sleigh.

I hope that everyone has found a way to bide their time during these cold, dark days of winter, with friends and family. If you've found your way to warmer weather this winter, soak up some of those rays for me!

Have a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year!

"...cold, dark days of winter..."



About the Poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas"

By April Hansen

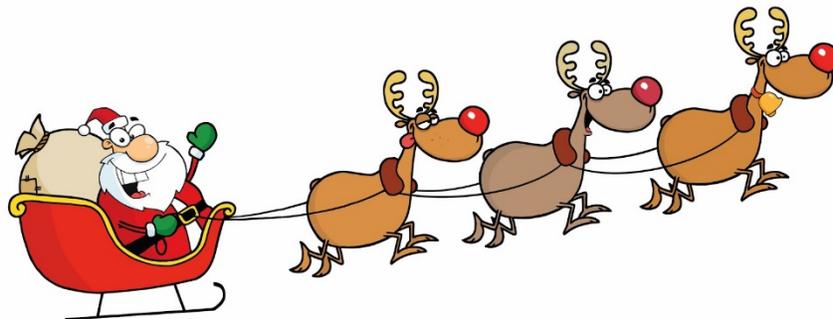
Nothing depicts the spirit of Christmas giving more than the poetic tale of Santa's visit entitled "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" (or "A Visit from St. Nicholas") by Clement Clarke Moore.

Moore was born in 1779 to a well-known New York family. His father, Reverend Benjamin Moore, was president of what is now Columbia University and was the Episcopal Bishop of New York. Moore's father also participated in George Washington's first inauguration and gave last rites to Alexander Hamilton after Hamilton was mortally wounded in an 1804 duel with Aaron Burr. Moore himself was also an author, a noted Hebrew scholar, spoke five languages, and was an early real estate owner and developer in Manhattan. Despite his accomplishments, Clement Clarke Moore is remembered only for "'Twas the Night Before Christmas."

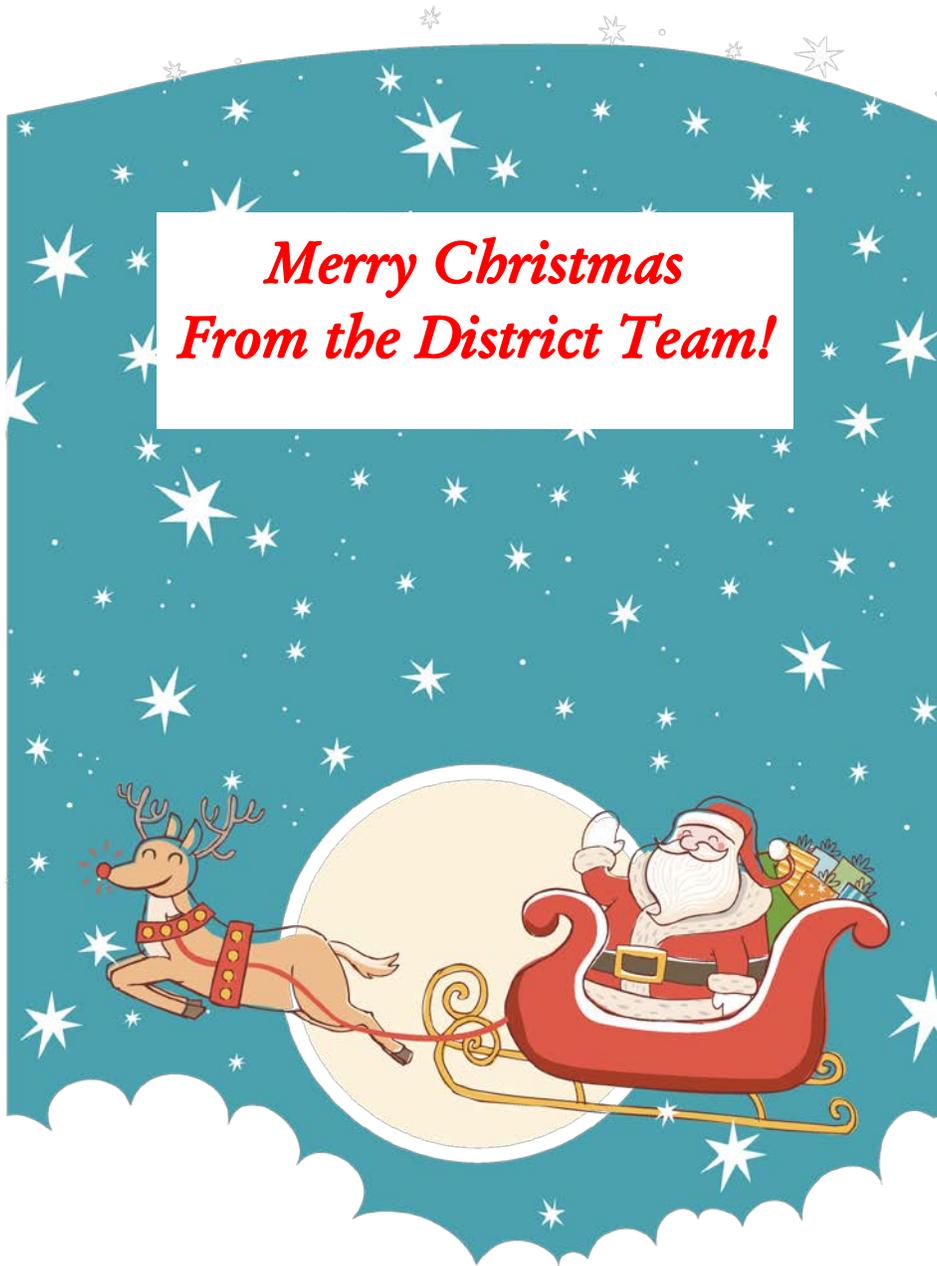
Until recently, it was believed that this ballad was written in 1822 for Clement Clarke Moore's two daughters, Margaret and Charity, and later anonymously published in the Troy [New York] *Sentinel* on December 23, 1823. But, according to University of Toronto English Library, in 2000, Don Foster, in his book *Author Unknown: On the Trail of Anonymous* (New York: Henry Holt, 2000) was able to demonstrate that Moore could not have been the author. Foster concluded that it was probably written by Major Henry Livingston Jr. Also according to sources cited at the University of Toronto English Library, the last two reindeer were originally *Dunder* and *Blixem* and were later revised to *Donner* and *Blitzen* by Moore when he took credit for the poem in 1844. Whatever the authorship controversy ultimately determines, this work has become a Christmas favorite and defines our now timeless image of Santa Claus.

The names of Santa's Reindeer are *Dasher*, *Dancer*, *Prancer*, *Vixen*, *Comet*, *Cupid*, *Donner*, and *Blitzen*. FYI, "Blitz" is German for lightning. "Blitzen" is the verb form of "Blitz," and "Donner" means thunder in German.

Although he's a good friend of Santa's, Rudolph was NOT one of the original reindeer. He came later with the popular Christmas song, "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" sung by Gene Autry as an advertising song for Montgomery Ward.



*Merry Christmas
From the District Team!*



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2018-2019 Couple of the Year

John & Barb Romans (CO-B)

District 2019 Events

Jan. 19 - CPR/1st Aid, Colorado Springs Police Station

Jan. 26 - Annual District Officers' Meeting, Ridge Recreation Center, Littleton

Feb. 9 - Rider Ed Seminar, Fay Myers' Motorcycle World Clubhouse, Greenwood Village

Mar. 16 - CPR/1st Aid, Johnson's Corner, Johnstown

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COLORADO DISTRICT

CPR/FIRST-AID CLASS

When: Saturday, January 19, 2019

Time: 8am - 12pm

Cost: \$25.00/person

Where: Colorado Springs Police Station
7850 Goddard St.
Colorado Springs, CO. 80918

Lunch will not be provided.

Questions: Contact Earl Edwards
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COLORADO DISTRICT

RIDER EDUCATION SEMINAR DAY

When: Saturday February 9, 2019

Time: CPR/First Aid 8:30-12:30 PM

Cost: \$25.00/person

LUNCH

Co-Rider Seminar 1-2:30 PM

Riding Mountains Hills/Curves 2:30-4 PM

Where: Fay Myers Motorcycle Clubhouse

9700 E. Arapahoe Rd.

Greenwood Village, CO. 80112

Lunch will not be provided.

Questions: Contact Earl Edwards @

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**Colorado District
CPR/first aid**



When: March 16, 2019

10:00am-2:00pm We will begin shortly after our gathering is completed.

**Where: Johnson's Corner
2842 SE Frontage Road
Johnstown, CO**

Cost for CPR/ first aid is \$25.00 per person and is open to ALL GWRRA members.

10:00am-2:00pm CPR/First Aid space will be limited so contact Earl to reserve your spot.

Lunch will not be provided, but you may purchase lunch from Johnson's corner menu.

CONTACT: District Educator EARL EDWARDS TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE AND/OR ASK QUESTIONS:

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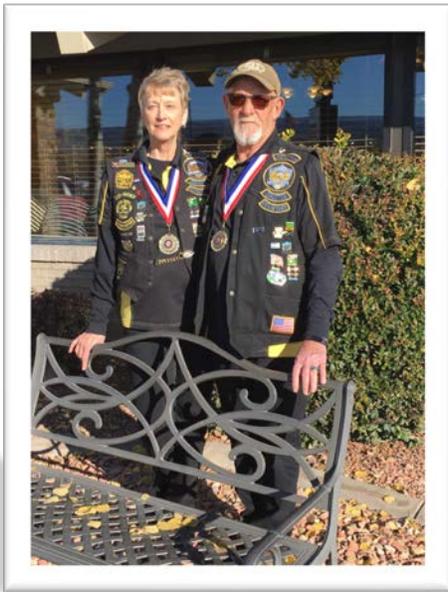
❖BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WITH YOU TO THE EVENT-THANK YOU❖

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Welcome to the T.E.A.M. Announcement!

District Directors, Joyce & Rick Elmore, enthusiastically congratulate John and Barb Romans as our new Colorado District Couple of the Year. If you are able to make it over to the Western Slope, you will find them actively supporting Chapter “B” and the District Team. Please congratulate them as they take on their newest role as the **Colorado District Couple of the Year**. Below is a short Biography for John & Barb:



John Romans first attended a Chapter B gathering by himself a few years ago, ‘just to check it out’. He must’ve liked something he saw, because he came back another month and brought Barb! Our understanding is that Barb was reluctant to come with him, stating that they weren’t going to get involved in one of ‘those’ groups, and the rest is history.

Not only did they get involved, they jumped in with both feet. Both John and Barb have the ability to see something that needs to be done, and set about to do it. (They are the foster parents of ‘B-Bear’ and ‘Honey-B’, the chapter mascots. On group rides you’ll see one or both of the mascots riding on the back of the Romans’ Gold Wing, and frequently, like children, they’ll be allowed to attend ice cream forays, if they’ve been good.) They are an invaluable asset as Chapter Assistant Directors.

This couple brings a skill set to the Chapter that infuses it with life. Barb makes everyone instantly at ease, and no one has had quarter from her fun-natured teasing. ‘Stranger’ isn’t a word in her vocabulary. Her camera is her constant companion, and we’ve all been targets of her affection with it! John is a source of much knowledge, be it ride routes or mechanical questions. He is a skilled rider and Ride Leader. Anyone who has ever ridden behind the Romans has come to the conclusion that Barb is double jointed at the waist! Like an owl, she can turn 180 degrees to aim her camera directly at the bikes behind them. She wasn’t pleased to be told during their two-up ARC course that she had to put the camera away. John & Barb have been GWRRA members since September of 2015.

We feel honored to call these two friends, and know that they will represent the Colorado District well.

We look forward to serving our GWRRA members, friends and family as the Colorado District Couple of the Year!

Congratulations! John & Barb

Joyce & Rick Elmore

Colorado District Directors