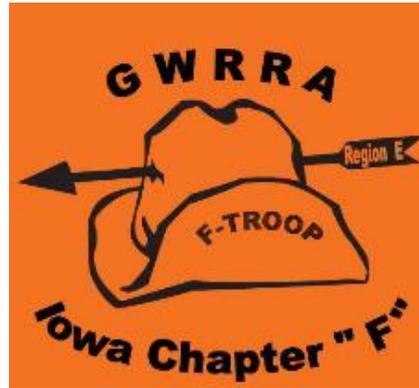




Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



Chapter F meets
The third Saturday
of the month
(except December)
at:
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3235 Oakland Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA
Join us for breakfast at 8 am
Gathering at 8:30am

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Important News about the Iowa District Rally

This email comes with a sad note. The Iowa District rally for 2020 has been cancelled. We discussed it with the team, and no one wanted to see the rally go as planned more than the team, BUT this feel was the best decision for the health and wellbeing of our members. Perhaps as time goes on and we understand this stupid virus better, we'll either have a solution, or an understanding of how to cope with it. Meanwhile, stay healthy and safe. Ride when you can and stay in contact with your chapter in any way you can - phone call, zoom call, or text message. Get together when you can and make smart decisions on how to stay safe together.

We will be posting this on our Facebook and the district web page.

Thanks,

John & Yvette Moravec
Iowa District Directors



Notes from your Chapter Directors

This Saturday, July 18, we our monthly gathering will be at St. Isadore Catholic Church in (603 6th Ave) Springville, Iowa. We will be meeting at 8 a.m. with a potluck breakfast. The chapter will provide coffee and paper products. Plan to spend the morning as we have scheduled some training with our District Trainer beginning at 9:30 a.m. Training will conclude before noon. Three topics will be

covered, which is relevant to all, but especially for the group heading to Colorado in August.

1. Team Riding
2. Mountains, Hills, and Curves
3. Trailering

The following weekend is our Annual Chapter Camp Out hosted by Brad and Kim Snyder. We'll be at the KOA in Lena, IL. As an attendee last year, I can attest that it is a very relaxing and enjoyable time. I can't wait to have a rematch playing cornhole.

While the skies disrupted our Wapsi River Valley Ride, all of us made it home without getting blown over or drenched. This ride was shaping up well and we are all curious on how the second half of the ride would have been. Dick and Tammy, we're tasking for a rain check.

As far as riding this past month, Cheryl has a couple of long rides on the new Wing (sweet bike) under her belt and Pete has been rediscovering the fun of riding our Classic Goldwing. Pete's currently adding a trailer hitch to the new bike in preparation for the upcoming group trip.

We as a Chapter have discovered the joys of riding motorcycles with friends. We have recently welcomed some new friends to the Chapter. We're Glad you're here. We hope you'll see why our GWRRA motto is Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge.

Pete and Cheryl Sayers
Senior Chapter Directors



Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Good evening Chapter F,

I'm not writing this from my favorite spot under my awning of my camper. This is my second favorite spot out the overhead door in the back of my garage. Life has been good through this whole virus thing and we keep plugging along. One thing that I always felt is family is very important. I feel that now more than ever. Our Goldwing family is very important to us also. This whole virus thing has driven a wedge in a lot of our plans for the summer but doesn't mean we have to get out of touch or quit enjoying our friends from the chapter. We are bad ones to be saying this as we have missed several of the last chapter activities. So this is coming from the heart as I speak from experience on this topic. Do what you feel comfortable with but please don't forget all the good friends and fun awaiting you when you feel comfortable participating.

We have some training coming up this Saturday along with a little breakfast. We have plenty of room to distance so would be a good time to come and get some training and a spirit lift from your friends.

Then the following weekend we have the much anticipated chapter campout! Should prove to be a really fun time. Good friends, good food, good times is what will be had by all who attend. We have a few things planned and Kim and I will be fixing pizza on the grill for Saturday's supper meal.

Hope to see you all soon!
Brad and Kim
MEC's Chapter F

A Few Lines from Eileen

Eileen has been busy! Dave had surgery on his foot and that is the reason we have not been riding with you people. No big deal he is walking just having to do the one-foot shuffle to shower. He survived and has taken his quota of ribbing over it. The guy across the street looked at him and shook his head seriously saying, "She got ya didn't she?" I love that ole Bob.

Let's talk about "Round Abouts". They are becoming the new thing in traffic control now. Does everyone know who you yield to in a Round About? My brother in law did not know. Answer to the question all together now "YOU YIELD TO THE PERSON ON THE LEFT." Yield to the person on the left. I really hope every one of those Amana workers knows the answer. In fact, we are going to sit on our deck when the traffic first starts coming through to watch bumper cars. We have a couple of places open for those that would like to watch with us. Anyone need a new vehicle? You could skirt around on this Round About for a while.

This scares me because I know those drivers do not care if there is a car coming at them or not when they need to get home they will pass. I have hit the shoulder a few times to avoid getting hit. Some of those drivers act like they just got their driver's license or maybe they act like they just lost their license I do not know. I pray that every motorcycle rider knows to watch right, left, behind for someone that does not know the rules. So, keep those eyes open for my brother in law coming at you. (BTW, he is retired from Amana).

My friend Sue Thompson is doing good. She is coming along, and I would say right at where she should be just coming through Liver Cancer Surgery. I stopped down there the other day to bring her dog some treats. It's funny because he comes flying out of her bedroom and starts sniffing Sue's hands to see what she had been eating, no she does not eat his treats. Do you Sue? Then he is at me looking to see what I brought him. I love that little critter. This way I don't have to clean up after a dog I can love on Sue's. Stop over and see her. I bet she can come up with something for you to do. She would love the company – face masks are recommended.

Dave and Eileen
Chapter F Treasurer

Chapter Anniversaries
August 11 –Pete & Cheryl Sayers
August 13 –Tom & Sue Wright



From your District Educator



The day that we will be seeing self-driving cars on our roads is supposedly just around the corner, and maybe down the block a little. There are 5 levels of automation, graduating from driver assistance to partial driver automation to a fully driverless vehicle where there is no steering wheel or accelerator and brake pedals. They are introducing Level 4 vehicles soon. But, Level 5 vehicles, the fully driverless vehicles will be quite a few years away, maybe a couple of decades. It is not just the technology that is holding us back. There are issues to be resolved with insurance, traffic laws, roadway design, the ability for nearby vehicles to communicate with each other, and to communicate to a centralized information center to inform the vehicle on traffic, weather, closures, and so on. But one of the biggest barriers is that the currently driverless vehicles do not handle poor road conditions well, such as snowy roads or rough pavement. They can be confused as to whether the bump was a pothole or something living. Human drivers are better able to analyze a traffic situation and determine, through their experiences, how to navigate through certain situations.

Even though computers can do highly complex calculations, there are certain tasks that the human brain is better equipped to do, though that may not be true for long. Driving involves many complex tasks and we have different parts of our brain that handle those different tasks. The temporal lobe handles memory skills and language recognition. The parietal lobe connects our senses to our perceptions, so it is very important to our visual and audible actions. The occipital lobe is the center of our visual perception system, which is essential to driving. The cerebellum is important to our motor skills and monitors emotions, such as fear and pleasure. The most important part of our brain when we are driving is the frontal lobe. This is the thinking part of the brain and we use it to monitor our motor skills. It is also important to our emotional maturity. Our frontal lobe is not fully developed until sometime in our late twenties. This lack of development is often the cause of many teenage crashes, more than just their lack of driving experience. It is the lack of emotional maturity that leads teenagers to be more likely to speed, drive recklessly and disobey traffic signs.

Yet, because we drive so often, and most everyone who is reading this article has certainly been driving for decades, we tend to underestimate what really goes on between the ears when we drive. So much of driving can be by rote memory, or "muscle memory". Driving a motorcycle is even more complex than driving a car, so we are probably more aware than car drivers of the importance of being alert and the mental effort we must make when riding. Muscle memory is important since this means that we do not have to overload our frontal lobe with decision making on every little aspect of my driving. I do not have to think about how much twisting of the throttle I need to achieve the speed I want. For most of the time, I am not thinking too much about how to steer the bike, until I come up on a challenge where my thinking brain must take over. That leaves more time for my frontal lobe to analyze traffic and other hazards.

The brain deserves appreciation for all the amazing stuff it can do and for all that it does. With that appreciation we should recognize how important it is that we take care of it. I always carry my brain inside a helmet when I ride. I try to make sure it gets plenty of sleep at night and is well rested before I go riding. I also make sure that there is nothing that will impair its functions when I ride. It is my buddy. I promise to take it with me on every ride. It seems to really enjoy it when I do that.

Have a safe one out there and I will catch you on the road.

Greg Hayes
District Rider Educator

CHAPTER EVENTS



Saturday, July 18—Gathering and Quarterly Training Event. St Isadore Church, 603 6th Ave, Springville. Potluck breakfast beginning at 8:00, training from 9:30 – 11:30. Social distancing and safe practices will be followed.

Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26—Chapter Campout, KOA, Lena, IL

Thursday, July 30—Ice Cream Ride. Dairy Mart, 2521 Vine Ave, Ainesworth Corners. Meet Marion Walmart Auto entrance at 5:45, kick stands up at 6:00

August 8 – August 16—Chapter Trip to Colorado

Saturday, August 15—Gathering. Location to be announced



EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

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INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



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Springfield MO
June 29 – July 3, 2021



Ramblings from a Wandering Mind



Well, guess who's back! Yep. I have survived the surgery for liver cancer and can say that I'm cancer free. However, I developed a nasty staph infection that has taken two months and two more hospital stays to beat. I just went back to work half time last Monday, the 6th, and was cleared for full time on the 15th. I'm still working from home, so still isolating.

I want to publicly thank Theresa Smith and Vicki Johnson for taking care of giving me IV antibiotics for a couple of weeks. Eileen Lathrop for pushing me into the shower a couple of times. June Detwiler for moral support (since she broke her arm and couldn't be here in person). And to those who cleaned up my back yard and stopped over to visit and bought food. Yes, visitors are welcome, but I will insist that you wear a mask, please.

I am still not getting out very much, occasional trip to Fareway is my big outing, and oh yeah, going to UIHC every couple of weeks. I will be staying pretty close to home until I get my last drain removed and the hole heals.

Please be a responsible adult and mask up when in public. You are not so much protecting yourself from others, but protecting others from you. You can carry the virus for weeks before you may get symptoms.

I will join you all sometime, but not quite yet. I will have to get the trike out this summer!

Until next time stay safe and travel safe.

Sue T

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Chapter Birthdays
July 24 – Alan Rohwedder
July 28 – Wright
July 30 – Harry Johnson
August 6 – Tom Leann Knupp
August 22 – Randy Schildmeyer

District Quarterly Training Event

University U.10	GWRRA UNIVERSITY TRAINING EVENT
District Hosting the University Training Event:	Iowa District and Chapter IA-F
Event Start Date:	7/18/2020
Event End Date:	7/18/2020
Street Address	603 6th Ave.
Name of Facility	St. Isadore Church
City	Springville
State / Province	Iowa
Postal / Zip Code	52336
Starting Time:	9:30 AM
Estimated Ending Time:	11:30 AM
Class Details	3 seminars - Running Mountains, Hills & Curves, Trailering, Team Riding.
Cost Per:	No Charge
Contact Person	Greg Hayes
Phone	1-515-229-1597
Email	hayeswing@gmail.com
Please RSVP on or Before:	7/17/2020
Additional Information:	There is a potluck breakfast at 8 am before the seminars. We will be observing social distancing and COVID-19 safe practices. Since we will be eliminating redundant information in the seminars we should be able to finish in two hours.
Will Lunch Be Provided?	No
Reminder	REMINDER: PLEASE BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE EVENT - THANK YOU !!!