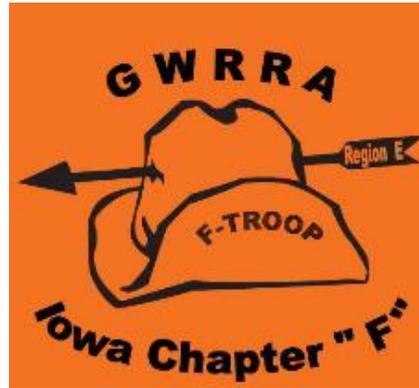




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Chapter F meets
The third Saturday
of the month
(except December)
at:
Hy-Vee
3235 Oakland Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA
Join us for breakfast at 8 am
Gathering at 8:30am

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*****ANNOUNCEMENT*****

Officers and Staff Members of GWRRA,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to encourage you to postpone all Chapter and District gatherings for the time being. We are aware that many of you have already done so, but felt it was important to reiterate the message for any of you that have yet to do so. Unfortunately, due to the fluidity of the situation, we cannot begin to estimate the length of time this request will remain in effect. But we can assure you that we are in continued communication with health entities and municipalities across the country for the most up to date and accurate information.

We would also like to mention, that at this point, Wing Ding, which is to be held in Springfield, MO, from 6/30-7/4/2020, is NOT being postponed and/or cancelled at this time due to it still being several months away.

The health and wellness of our members is of the utmost importance as an association, and appreciate your support and understanding of the current situation. If you require any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Home Office at 800-843-9460 or memberservices@gwrra.org.

Additional information can be obtained from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) including steps to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Abel Gallardo
CEO, GWRRA

*Sincerely,
Jere & Sherry Goodman
Directors of GWRRA*



Notes from your Chapter Directors

Now everyone in the world is adapting to the norms of dealing with life during a Pandemic. We can't guess when it will be behind us, and what life after Pandemic will look like, and when it might strike again. Something we know as motorcycle enthusiasts; Once this is over, there's still going to be good riding out there for us!

Please bear in mind this is only a discussion of one set of possibilities for your chapter F, meant to stimulate further conversations. We're not proposing to change anything because we value our members input greatly. In our search for answers to the question; "Once GWRRA clears us to resume activities, what does riding after a Pandemic look like?" we considered the following aspects; 1) Health – Potential to spread illness to others, or to catch an illness, 2) Safety – What if it becomes necessary to deal with emergency personnel?, 3) Food and Rest stops, 4) Fuel stops. There are other considerations, but these seem to be the major ones.

It is conceivable that public gathering size restrictions may exist for some time after the Pandemic has been cleared. This could impact our team riding activities by limiting the size of groups. In that case, we could have multiple team leaders, with staggered starts or converging routes to provide for limited size, and it seems like a safe and fun way to ride.

Fuel stops: In order to avoid overwhelming our fuel stops with people, we could employ a staggered approach, or assign multiple locations. Stations with pay-at-the-pump capability would avoid people coming indoors.

Rest / Comfort stops: For rest stops, rather than all of us converging on the indoor restrooms at fuel stops, we could plan these stops at public parks and rest areas designed for travelers or park visitors. These are funded by our taxpayers and are available for us. Utilizing these allows us to enjoy the natural beauty of our public spaces, while reducing traffic through indoor areas where food is being served to people.

Food / Dining stops: Our group enjoys getting together to eat good food! This might take on a new look following the Pandemic. Instead of eating all of our meals at restaurants, we could enjoy our own picnic lunches. Dining outdoors at a park or rest area is another way we can enjoy the natural beauty of our outdoor public areas. Instead of Ice Cream rides where we go in to a shop to eat, we could take turns bringing a dessert to share with the group at a public location outdoors.

Safety: What if we encounter an accident? Many of our members are certified in CPR and First-Aid, which implies they are willing to get involved. Those of us who carry first-aid kits could check through their kits to ensure they contain items to prevent transmission of disease between themselves and those to whom they are providing help.

Our passion for motorcycle touring is something that will not change. There's so much to see in this country, and we want to see the best of it from the seat of a motorcycle!

In conclusion; It's important to emphasize that we will not be able to resume our group activities until GWRRA recommends that its safe to do so, but we must anticipate the environment for Pandemic will remain with us for the future. Without being mindful of that potential, history is bound to repeat itself.

Pete and Cheryl
Directors, Iowa Chapter-F



Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello F Troop,

The weather is warming up and I am itching to ride. The bbq we hosted was attended by 16 hardy souls including my wife and I and our youngest daughter for a count of 16. We were really grateful for everyone that came out to enjoy the good food and lots of laughs.

In the safety of us all we regret that chapter activities are cancelled for the time being. We had some fun ready for this next get together but we will hold on to it for the next time. We just want everyone to be safe and see us on the other side of this thing.

We had a good time on our cruise. Looks like we just sneaked it in just in the nick of time. Let me tell you playing bean bags and ping pong on a ship that is slowly rolling is a challenge. The food was good, company was awesome, and we really enjoyed ourselves. Snorkeling was a fun experience and could be really fun with some good gear. I could get into the snorkeling if I was in the area more and had better equipment. Might do another cruise sometime but might be in the Alaska direction.

Spring is around the corner so keep your head up. We have lots of robins in the yard so I know it's here. Enjoy each and every day God has blessed you with. We hope to see you all when it is safe.

Brad and Kim
Chapter F MEC'S

A Few Lines from Eileen

We are coming home. I need to get home. We should be home Wednesday.

Last week we drove to San Antonio to see some of the sights. While there we visited the River Walk. What a beautiful man-made world-renowned urban waterway. We saw rock waterfalls and freshly hatched baby ducks (just hatched that morning) swimming around. Plenty of side artisan wear for sale along this path. Man-made crosses that were placed there from long ago. Ate lunch at Dave and Busters, remember that from Lindale Mall? If you have never visited the River Walk, we highly recommend it. Take the boat with the narration, they tell you everything you will ever want to know about this River Walk.

The Alamo was another site that we visited. The church and fort were what we toured. They included names of the casualties. A couple of people from Canada, James Bowie and Davey Crockett from Kentucky to name a few. They had centuries old trees that swooped down almost to the ground. Parts of the trees were supported by concrete and wood that never distracted from their beauty. A smoking campfire with a tripod over it with a meal being cooked for some men walking around in buckskin long pants and shirts. Have you ever smelled fresh leather? HMMM

Since we had time, the temperature was in the 90's and we were planning on showering that night, we visited the San Antonio zoo. I really love zoos. (side note: The Brownsville Zoo has a new baby giraffe delivered while we were there.) After walking around for what seemed like hours and hours, they

announced over the loudspeaker that they were closing. It was only 5:00 pm. We couldn't figure out what was going on. After getting back to the hotel and some TV we discovered the story of the century. The COVID-19 Virus.

By the time we got back to our community the shelves at the grocery stores were empty. We grabbed what we could – still no eggs, no milk, no bread. We have tortilla soft shells. NO powered milk yeck!!!!!! Gag!!!!!! Not even for cooking!!!!!! They closed our community center and people have been very mindful of meeting in smaller groups. Everyday we watch a few more slip out of here to head for home. This has been one for the book's ladies and gentlemen. History is being written. We are in a community for 55 and over just to give you an idea of what we are working with. Not one case in our locked community. One man told us that even when they say we will see you next year you really don't know if they will be back. Man, that really sobered me up. So many new friends we have played cards with, socialized with, shared laughs this is so real. I am seriously scared. Will you keep the lights on in Iowa until we get home? Thank you.

Dave and Eileen Lathrop

Chapter Treasurer



From your District Educator



In my last newsletter article I discussed the new chapter position called the “Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor.” This is not a required position in a chapter and is not an officer position. It could be something one of the existing chapter officers does, or any qualified person in the chapter. We do want that person to be active in the Levels program and to be at least Level 2. One of the functions that this person could perform is to help organize motorcycle skills practice events at the chapter level. I mentioned some of the other functions last month. So, I would like to focus this article on discussing what a motorcycle skills practice event is and how to put one on.

We use to have a Parking Lot Practice program, which hasn't been done in the Iowa District for many years, and this is somewhat similar. It is important to remember that any of our motorcycle skills practice events are not rider courses. There is no instruction to these events. People looking to get instruction should take one of the GWRRA Rider Courses (ARC, TRC, etc.) or a similar course through a motorcycle school.

A few years ago GWRRA had developed 15 Shiny Side Up exercises. Diagrams and descriptions of each exercise is available on the GWRRA website. Here is the webpage:

<http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/League-of-Aces2.html>.

You can also drop me an email and I can help you find this, or email you the pdfs. Note that 15 exercises are a lot! What you want to do is to select only a few exercises, maybe 3 or 4. This can be just a fun event where the course is set up with cones and people take turns doing each exercise. This can be for 2 wheel or 3 wheel motorcycles. Or, this can be competitive with scoring done with demerit points. So, you would receive points for crossing a line, hitting or skipping a cone, putting a foot down, etc. You can also use timing and the demerit points would be the equivalent of so many seconds added on to your time. The way you set up the scoring is up to whoever puts on the event.

I don't have the space in this article to describe each exercise, but I will be discussing this further at the District Ops meeting in March, and would be happy to come to a chapter meeting to discuss these or to help out. Some of the exercises include making quick stops, weaving, obstacle avoidance, slow riding, U-turns, tight slow speed circles, turning from a stop, and a brake and evade exercise. Although the exercises are set up to practice motorcycle skills, we want these events to be safe and without injuries or damage to our vehicles. So, people should challenge themselves to a degree but still ride within their skill or comfort level. The two goals of the event are to gain practice on important skills we otherwise don't practice often in our normal riding, and to have a fun time with our friends.

Four important rules to follow in conducting these events:

1. Get permission to use the parking lot that you intend to use. Find one that has a decent surface and open enough that you don't have hazards that could be a problem with riding an exercise. You will want a way to block off the area so that you don't have to worry about other vehicles.
2. Because this is a chapter event you need to have each person participating to fill out a waiver. These are available on the webpage I noted above, or you can email me for that.
3. All participants must wear the proper gear when riding during the event. That includes a legal helmet, jacket or long sleeves, long pants, full fingered gloves, some type of eye protection and over the ankle footwear.
4. No coaching! But, what the organizer will do is describe the exercise and the path of travel, and they can show the path of travel by riding the exercise or walking through it. What they cannot do is to offer advice, critic other riders, or anything else that could be deemed as coaching. So, what do you do when someone asks, "How can I make tighter U-turns?" Tell them that we have excellent rider courses and a qualified rider course instructor can help you out. The purpose of these exercises is to gain practice time. These events are not rider courses. However, there is really no substitute for getting better at anything than "purposeful practice."

There are several people in our district, including myself, that have cones that you may be able to borrow to help set up a course. However, there are other things you can use in place of the cones. There are small, rather flat soccer practice cones that you can purchase very cheap, you can cut old tennis balls in half, small water bottles with a little bit of water in them work very well, or you can mark on the pavement with sidewalk chalk using different colors for different exercises.

I am very excited to see chapters set up these events and I will do whatever I can to help you do that. So, if there is interest in your chapter and you want some help, please let me know.

I am going to continue in future articles to talk about other games that you can set up and about the Amazing Team Challenge. These are two more events that chapters can put on that help improve skills and are a lot of fun.

Until next month, stay safe.

Greg Hayes

Your Turn

Remember this is your newsletter. Submissions are welcome from anyone, any time. You just need to get your articles to Pete and Cheryl or me. Don't worry about punctuation or spelling, I will be more than happy to do that (without changing your article too much!)

CHAPTER EVENTS



With all events put on hold, watch your email and/or Facebook for updates.

Gathering—Saturday, April 18. 8:30 am. HyVee 32nd St & Oakland Rd, Cedar Rapids. Join us at 8 am in the Club room for breakfast if you can, gathering at 8:30 am. Ride planned to meet Chapter A for lunch in Toledo after gathering.

Event—Saturday, May 2. Spring Wing Warm Up. McGrath Powersports. Watch for updates



EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Saturday, May 9—Chapter D Mall Show. More details to follow.

Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17-- Safety Weekend, Ankeny. See registration form attached.

Chapter Birthdays
April 13 –Terry Zimmerman



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Wing Ding 42

Springfield MO

June 30 – July 4, 2020



Wing 42 Ding

SPRINGFIELD EXPO CENTER

Springfield, Missouri | June 30 - July 4, 2020

Ramblings from a Wandering Mind



At this point in time I'm not sure what the next few months will look like. It is really strange to drive down the street and see all the businesses closed or with big signs, carry-out or delivery only on restaurants that don't even normally deliver. I am still going in to work every day, but about half of my department has opted to work from home. Only time will tell if I'm still in my office next week, or even by Friday. I follow a couple different GoldWing pages on Facebook. It doesn't seem like this Pandemic is keeping many of the riders home. I am choosing to stay close to home or work at this time. I went to WalMart for dog treats today and saw people with masks on, gloves, or no "protection". I was mildly amused by the 10-12 year old girl decked out in a mask and gloves rubbing her hands all over her face. A lot of good that will do. I cleaned my cart

when I went in (but I normally do that any way) but people who came in at the same time didn't even slow down to try to do any cleaning. I'm not trying to be Debbie downer, but with my age and other risk factors, I choose to be careful. I'm not panicking but being careful.

So that said, let's think about the future and lift after Pandemic. I am still planning on doing some travelling this summer, but everything is still up in the air. WingDing has not been cancelled and none of the northern rallies have been postponed. Niehaus Customer Appreciation Days have been postponed, but with every postponement comes the possibility of different people being able to attend.

We need to take nothing for granted. We are all in this together. Be cautious and take care of yourself.

Until next time stay safe and travel safe.

Sue T

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GWRRRA Iowa District Rider Education



2020 SAFETY WEEKEND

FUN! SAFETY! KNOWLEDGE!

May 16 & 17, 2020

at Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

2008 S. Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny, Iowa 50023 Bldg. 3

SATURDAY MAY 16, 2020

TIME
FROM TO

CLASSROOM NUMBER & COURSE



- 8:00 5:00 Range #1 - Advance Rider Course 1 or 2 up. (2 wheel).
- 8:00 5:00 Range #2 - Trike Rider Course 1 or 2 up. (3 wheel).....
- 8:00 Noon Room 122 - CPR/First Aid

Lunch Served (Sat. only): Free Lunch, Coffee, Water & Fun Activity

Proper Riding Gear Required For All Riding Courses

[Helmet, Gloves, Long Sleeves & Pants, Eye Protection, Over the Ankle Boots]

SUNDAY MAY 17, 2020

Coffee & Donuts 7:30 am

TIME
FROM TO

CLASSROOM NUMBER & COURSE



- 8:00 1:00 Range #1 - ARC-Recert 1 or 2 up. (2 wheel course)
- 8:00 1:00 Range #2 - TRC-Recert 1 or 2 up. (3 wheel course).....
- 8:00 Noon Room 122 - CPR/First-Aid

Please note: The ARC and TRC-Recert courses on Sunday are ONLY for those who have PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED the full ARC or TRC courses. The Recert courses cannot be taken consecutively to get credit for the Levels program. There is no classroom portion to the Recert course and they are held only on the riding range. Lunch is not included on Sunday since the course is scheduled to be finished by 1 pm but refreshments will be provided.

REGISTRATION [PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE]

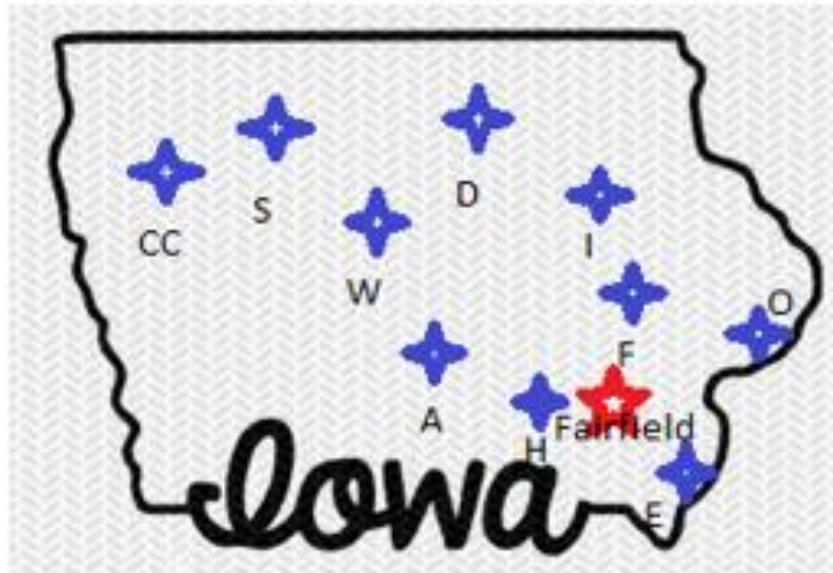
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 CO-RIDER NAME _____ \$25.00
 GWRRRA NUMBER _____ TOTAL = _____
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Checks To: GWRRRA Iowa District
 Mail To: Greg Hayes, 2605 82nd St. Urbandale, Iowa 50322
 Questions: Call Greg Hayes Phone: 515-229-1597 and leave a message,
 or email at hayeswing@gmail.com

ALL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY APRIL 25, 2020

Hold Rain or Shine - No Refunds After May 1, 2020

2020 DISTRICT RALLY



Friday & Saturday
September 18-19, 2020



Borders Inn & Suites by Cobblestone
(Formerly the Best Western)

2200 West Burlington Ave, Fairfield, Iowa

Rally questions? Email: iamoravecfam@yahoo.com

Call or text: Yvette @ 563-210-4532

or John @ 319-538-6965

Rally Happenings

ON bike rider challenges: Guided rides
 OFF bike games Self-guided rides
 Couple of the Year selection FUN
 Individual of the Year selection Raffles: Saturday
 Friday evening Chapter participation entertainment
 Saturday evening banquet 50/50 drawings
 Ralph Swank award presentation Bike show

2019 Rally SPONSORS



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 Sue Thompson (F)
 Don & June Detweiler (I)
 Frank & Sharon Jackson (WI-DD)
 Al & Bev Rowbedder (F)

Host Hotel room rates: \$84.99

Call direct: 641-451-6421, blocked under GWRRA
 No elevator, call early for main floor room
 Limited # of King bed rooms, most are 2 queen beds

Local Camping

Jefferson County Fairgrounds; \$15.00/night
 2606 W Burlington Ave, Fairfield, IA 52556 641) 472-4959

To see and do in and around Fairfield

Local shopping
 Fairfield Cultural District Self-guided heritage tour
 maps available at www.fairfieldculturaldistrict.org

-----CUT HERE & MAIL-----

2020 Iowa District Rally Registration

Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Exp ___/___/___
 Email: _____ Phone # _____
 Co/2nd-Rider: _____ GWRRA # _____ Exp ___/___/___
 Email: _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address: _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 District/Chapter ___/___ Team Position _____
 Number attending Saturday evening banquet at \$12.50 each
 I/We agree to conform to and comply with the ideals governing this
 rally, and I/We further agree to hold harmless GWRRA, co-
 sponsoring organizations, or any property owner or owners for any
 loss or injury to self or in which I/We may become involved by
 reason of participation in this rally. I have read this entry form and
 agree to the above. Please sign.
 Rider _____ Date ___/___/___
 Co/2nd Rider _____ Date ___/___/___

Mail this completed form, with meal payment check issued to
 GWRRA Iowa District, by September 10, 2020 to:
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