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Chapter F meets
The third Saturday
of the month
(except December)
at:
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Join us for breakfast at 8 am
Gathering at 8:30am

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Notes from your Chapter Director

What a great chapter we have! Seriously, we have so much fun together! If I look backward, just to the last gathering, I see we've had some great times together. The ever popular maintenance day was held on April 21st at John & Leann Knupp's home. We invaded with bikes & cars and projects and food. It's a great kick off to the riding season and it's fun to offer some help to other chapter members. I'm not sure how many projects were completed but there were plenty of supervisors watching over the workers. We were invited out to Brad & Kim Snyder's home for our 1st ice cream ride. They provided homemade ice cream, with blackberry and apple pies still warm from the oven. There were also tasty appetizers hot off the grill and some banana bread. All I can say is "sorry" if you missed this. A group of us met out at Kava House in Swisher for our April monthly coffee. The staff there were friendly and the baked goods are delish! Our annual Spring Wing Warmup was held on Saturday, May 5th! Since it was also Cinco de Mayo, we threw a little "Mexican" spice into our day. Chrome Horse catered a fabulous taco bar which was well received! We added a little fun with some games including our human piñatas! The day was well attended and we were happy to have perfect weather! Thanks to all who stepped up to volunteer! A special thanks to the team at McGrath, especially Brody and Dawn! We appreciate your support! What's next? Plenty! We're just getting rolling! On the 10th we have another Ice Cream Ride – after all it is finally ice cream season! Safety weekend is just around the corner. There are still spots left if you want to take a riding course of CPR and First Aid. I'd be happy to put you in touch with the right people to attend. This event is 5/18-5/19 on the campus of DMACC. May 19th is also our monthly get together! Now there has been a little confusion (my fault) on this but I want to confirm **we ARE meeting** at HyVee Oakland Road on 5/19 – 8 a.m. for breakfast in the club room and 8:30 a.m. for chapter news. There **WILL** be a ride following planned and led by Sue Thompson! (We'll see about that! There are several things going on at McGrath that day. Sue T) The annual Mystery Ride with Chapter I is being held May 26th & 27th. Don't ask me for the destination, I really don't know! If you're new to our group and want info to join the ride, please email Cheryl. There are a few more events that I haven't mentioned so watch your email or check out the calendar on the F-Troop website or our chapter Facebook page. Come join us when you can! We love to see you!



Cheryl & Pete

Chapter F Directors

*Chapter Anniversaries
June 7 – Larry & Bev Thole*

Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello everyone,

Once again here I am in my favorite spot to write an article, under the awning of my camper. What a treat to my wife on Mother's Day weekend to get to camp and go tromping through the woods with me in search of the elusive mushroom. Which by the way is the main reason for camping where we did. We got skunked as I don't think there has been enough heat. We did find a couple bread sacks full of oyster mushrooms growing on a log. Those were mighty tasty on top of my grilled steak!



Well another Spring Wing Warmup has come and gone. We had the most beautiful weather and the food was awesome. Thanks to Brody and all at McGrath's once again for all that they do for us and the great support that we get from them. We had a good turnout and a nice ride for ice cream afterwards

Next weekend is safety weekend. It looks to be nice so far so weather wise. We are going so hope to see

Brad and Kim
Chapter MEC's



Educator's Corner

From your Iowa District Educator



In the past couple of months I have been writing a series of articles about some of the findings of a study on motorcycle crashes that was done for the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. You will see these same articles in Wing World as well. The editor somehow found my first one and decided this might be a topic that other GWRRRA members would find interesting, so she asked if she could publish them in Wing World. I am not finished with the series yet as I think there are a number of good points learned in the study.

However, since riding season is upon us I wanted to take a short break from that series this month to address some of the changes that occurred starting January 1st of this year. Most of these changes have very little effect on the majority of GWRRRA members, having more to do with office holders, but the

intent was for members to have more fun and more riding opportunities. As members we share many interests, but there are also a lot of differences between us. The one thing that binds us is our shared passion for motorcycling, particularly with the Goldwing variations and similar type vehicles. So the emphasis of this organization lies in riding motorcycles.

One of the changes that occurred involved eliminating the monthly safety talk at our get-togethers by the Chapter Educator. But, this safety talk really just moved from the get-togethers to our chapter and district rides. So, before we go on an organized ride, as a part of the pre-ride brief, we are to have a short safety discussion organized by the Chapter Ride Coordinator. The monthly safety talk at the get-togethers often was more like a short lecture or presentation by the Chapter Educator. The new pre-ride safety discussion is a very short discussion led by the Chapter Ride Coordinator related to that day's riding. So, you may ask, what does that look like?

Here are some ideas for topics:

Gloves - Who wears them? Why? Who doesn't? Why? How many pairs do you own? Which are your favorite? What do you like about them? Etc.

Boots or other over the ankle footwear- Same questions.

Helmets, jackets, riding pants, rain gear, heated gear, cooling gear, trailers, modulating headlights, modulating rear brake lights and highway pegs are topics that could be covered the same way. These would be highly informative to our members and may influence future purchases. Topics could also cover riding techniques, such as going over hand signals, staggered riding patterns on group rides, adapting to rain on our rides, or what happens when someone in the group has a problem with their motorcycle. Someone that is diabetic and wants to talk about it could discuss how to notice when a diabetic is having a problem with their insulin level. The most obvious topic could be on the T-CLOCS pre-ride inspection. This could be broken down to cover a couple of the inspection points on different rides. Tires could be handled separately. We don't want to make these talks long, so it is best to keep the topic limited and focused. Whoever is leading the discussion should keep a mind to time and to staying on topic. Make it a discussion by asking questions, not by turning it into a presentation. Ideally the talk should be approximately 3 minutes long. If it is 5 minutes then it probably has gone too long and needs to wrap up. You could continue the discussion on another ride or it might become something that people will discuss on their own later in the ride, such as at a restaurant on a dinner ride.

So, these are topics that I came up with in sitting down at the computer for a half hour. It should not be difficult for other people to come up with a lot more ideas. I believe this change in our approach to talking about safety will be a lot more relevant and interesting for all of us. I do want to point out that our safety discussions need to remain judgment free. For example, there are plenty of people who don't wear gloves when they ride and that is purely a personal choice. The point of a safety discussion is to objectively share information, learn from each other so we all can make informed decisions. We definitely don't want to drive away members. We are an inclusive group that recognizes we can make our own decisions.

I also want to remind everyone, particularly Chapter Directors and Chapter Ride Coordinators, that the Iowa District calendar should be the place that anyone in the District, or neighboring Districts, to be able to find rides, get-togethers, seminars or modules, and CPR or First Aid classes. Please make sure your

ride calendar is sent to Kevin and Cheryle Miller, the District Webmasters, to put on the District calendar.

As I am writing this in April, I believe the snow is going to end soon and I will see you out on the road.

Safe travels!

Greg Hayes

Road Captain Class is June 9th in Cedar Rapids!

We tried to organize a campout along with a road captain course for June 8 - 10th located between Chapter F and Chapter E. Both Chapters were having problems recruiting people to attend. So we're "shifting gears". We feel that because of our group trip scheduled for later this summer, it's important to get some more of our chapter members trained as road captains. Because it is so important, we're bringing the Road Captain Course back to Cedar Rapids. On Saturday, June 9th beginning at 10 a.m. we will have the classroom portion of the Road Captain course at McGrath Powersports in their conference room. Once that is finished there will be some time on the bikes to practice the skills and complete your certification. We will complete this class by 12:30 p.m. Our instructor is Greg Hayes, our District Trainer. If you are going on the group trip, please try and make this training. ALL are welcome and this training is valuable whether you lead, tail or ride in the middle of the pack.



CHAPTER EVENTS

Gathering-- Saturday, May 19, 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.

Event— Friday and Saturday, May 18th & 19th, Iowa District Safety Weekend, DMACC Campus, Ankeny, 2006 S Ankeny Blvd

Ice Cream Ride—Tuesday, May 22. Hiawatha Dairy Queen, 100 Center Point Rd. Meet at Marion WalMart service area lot, kickstands up at 6:00.

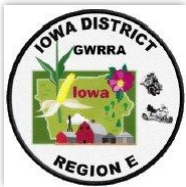
Event— May 26-27, Chapter I & F Mystery Ride. Chapter F will meet at Hiawatha Culvers at 7:00 am and meet Chapter I in Oelwein about 8:30. We go from there???

Coffee—Monday, June 4. Roasters, New Bo Market, Cedar Rapids. Meet there at 9:00 am

Ice Cream Ride—Wednesday, June 6, Cone Shoppe, 140 S Main, Monticello. Meet at Marion WalMart service area lot, kickstands up at 6:00.

Event—Saturday, June 9, Road Captain Training, McGrath Powersports, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm. There will be classroom and on bike training, proper riding attire required.

Gathering-- Saturday, June 16. 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 to Chapter A's Mall Show, 801 Bass Pro Dr, Altoona .



EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Friday and Saturday, May 18th & 19th--Iowa District Safety Weekend, DMACC Campus, Ankeny, 2006 S Ankeny Blvd

Saturday, June 16—Chapter A Mall Show. 801 Bass Pro Dr, Altoona. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, July 29—Road Captain Course, Storm Lake Honda, 1:00 pm. Please contact Roxanne Oder if you are a Road Captain and can help with the riding part of the course.

2018 District Events around the Area

May 18-19--Wisconsin District Dust Off Campout, Glacier Valley Campground, Cambria WI gwrra-wi.org/gw

May 31-June 2--Missouri District Rally-Wingin the Ozarks, Branson MO mogwrra.mogwrra.org

July 6-7--Minnesota/North Dakota District Rally, Willmar MN mngwrra.us

July 26-28--Nebraska/South Dakota District Rally, Valentine NE gwrrane.com

August 2-4--Illinois District Rally, Litchfield IL gwrra-ildistrict.com

August 28-September 1--Wing Ding 40. Knoxville TN wing-ding.org/40/

September 14-15--Wisconsin District Rally, Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells gwrra-wi.org

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

August . 29-September 2, 2018

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Ramblings from a Wandering Mind

So, what can I can I say. It's finally quit snowing and the trike is back on the road. I waited just a bit too long to send the radio in for an upgrade, and it didn't get put back together until the last Saturday in April. I took her off life support and she I only cranked her 4 times and she popped right off.

Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to get out that weekend, but the next weekend was the Spring Wing Warm Up. We were supposed to be there at 9:30, well, guess I didn't check the clock and I was a few minutes late. Ok, ok, the clock wasn't the only excuse. It took me close to an hour to get over there, what should have been 15-20 minutes. So Sue, where have you been? Joy riding! I rode right at 100 miles that day, and I an say it really felt good! I did notice that she seemed to be running a bit hot, so I went to McGrath last weekend and got myself some antifreeze, watched a you tube video, and was able to top off my coolant. See, I can learn things! Kudos to all those guys who have shown me how to do things, helped me do things, and given me the courage to do things by myself. Thank you all!

Last Friday I attended the Iowa DOT Motorcycle Forum. Again, good information, but looking at it with a different point of view, it is a day of "preaching to the choir". I was able to touch base with the person in charge of the forum and asked her why there wasn't more motorist awareness in the state, versus motorcycle awareness. I will be getting in touch with her to see if we can get more motorist awareness going. It's a start. There were only about 150 people there, but I counted representation from 6 GWRRA Chapters.

Mystery Ride! Mystery Ride! I know where we're going, but I'm not telling; just think you will be missing out of a whole lot of fun if you haven't signed up to go. Then, I check out the Chapter calendar and find that we're going to the Decorah Seed Savers in June. Cool place to get plants, unusual varieties of plants, various types of yard and garden tools, and much more. Great way to spend a few hours, at least in my book! More details to come.

Get out and enjoy the fine weather we finally got!

Until next time, ride safe and ride often.

Sue T

Chapter Birthdays
June 1 –June Detwiler
June 8 –Cheryl Sayers
June 12 –Bev Thole
June 12 –Cathy Boesneberg

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