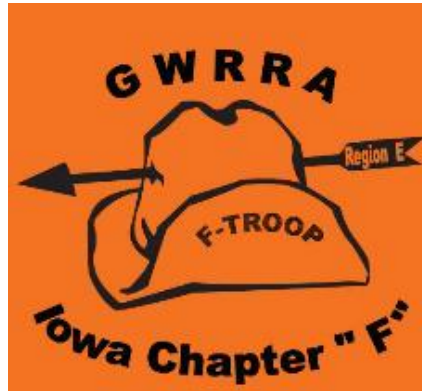




Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



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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Notes from your Chapter Director

Is it really over? Last night (10/14) the 15 leaf riders from I/F arrived home. It was 37degrees. Typically this weekend away marks the end of the riding season. Many miles have been logged since we kicked off the season with our first maintenance day (4/14) at Dick & Leann Knupp's home. More important than the miles are the memories we now share. It's been 6 months of pure joy if you ask me. We've had day rides to Decorah (6/23) visiting the Seed Savers Exchange, the Villages of Van Buren (8/4). A mystery ride to the SPAM museum in Minnesota. After the gathering rides to see and do things like tour the Basilica, visit a Bear, cruise the Mississippi and participate in a Mall (Bike) Show. We've logged many hundreds of miles just to eat some ice cream in small towns around the area. We participated with our bikes at Safety Weekend and Road Captain Training as well as hosting another successful Spring Wing Warm Up with our friends at McGrath. We had 27 on the Wing Ding Trip to ride the Smoky Mountains and that called for a 2nd maintenance day at the Johnson home. This group from Iowa F rode those Smoky Mountains and had a blast doing it! We had a large representation at District Rally. Add to it all the Meet 'n Eats, coffees and special events and it looks like we spend a little time together throughout the year. Who knew when you joined GWRRA you would be given this wonderful gift of friends? If you are a GWRRA member and not experiencing these types of benefits, we invite you to join us! We meet year-round and are friends for fun-safety-and knowledge.



Cheryl & Pete
Chapter F Directors

Chapter Birthdays
October 29—Don Detwiler
October 30—Elaine McCune
November 1—Kim Konkowski
November 5—Paul Konkowski
November 8—Larry Thole
November 15—Kathy Zimmerman

Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Greetings F Troop,

Well another District Rally has come and gone and my head is still spinning. There just happened to be a nice guy there that would put lights on your bike. Lights make my will power weak. Yep you guessed it. We have more lights. And then there was the mousetrap race. F Troop ran away with the win. We have our charter fees paid for the year off that win. I have been accused in a round about way of modifying the race trap in illegal ways. There were plenty of chances to inspect it but nobody did. Not only did it go the length of the room, but they opened the doors of the room and it went out the doors halfway to the front desk! Not bad for slapping it together 30 minutes before we left for rally and making 3 test passes which of the 3 of them, 2 failed badly. It had a broken frame which happened weeks before when I was starting to build it. I glued that with wood glue. It actually was rolled on my driveway 3 or 4 times the last pass, that's when I knew she was fast! We will showcase her at the next get together.



Kim and I gave the couple of the year thing all we had but just couldn't cut the mustard. We wanted to do Chapter F proud so I hope we did at least that. The interview process was easy and very enjoyable. The being up in front of the crowd was not as bad as I thought. It's all good when we are all friends I guess. The camping left a little to be desired as it was mostly cold and drizzly. It was a very nice campground with very friendly people. We had a good visit with Harry and Vicki on Thursday night as we were camped beside them. We got the bike out of the camper and rode to rally on Saturday but ended up riding it back to the campground at 4 o'clock to put it back in the camper so we could drive the truck back to rally. Overall nice rally, good job District team!

The leaf ride was a success. Thanks to Don, Pete and Cheryl for the great ride. We rode a lot of nice roads and ate a lot of good food. The trip was very enjoyable but the last 2 hours home was a test to see if we were true gold wingers. The temp dropped to 37 by the bike and it was misting heavily. Boy that will test your resilience as a rider. It's fun to talk all tough when you get back but on the road you are really questioning your ability to make good decisions along with every car and truck that passes you probably is also. Everybody made it home safe and that is all that mattered in the end. We had a great time with great people. What an adventure!

Hope to see you at the get together!

Brad and Kim
Chapter MEC's



Educator's Corner



From your Iowa District Educator

Hope you had a great summer of riding. I went to WingDing this year and had a great time, then spent a week with my riding buddies traveling through the Smokey's and then Kentucky. I heard that a number of others of you here in Iowa that went to WingDing and got a chance to spend some extra time there riding around in the area. I really love that area for their roads. I know some people prefer different types of landscapes and types of riding. But, for me, riding the twisty roads through wooded areas is my favorite type of riding.

For a change of pace, this long winded writer would like to keep this month's article much shorter than usual. With the change of seasons I thought I would send out a reminder about the change in riding conditions.

First, I try to travel with plenty of layers of clothes that allow me adapt as needed to stay warm on the chilly mornings and evenings, and cool during the warmth of the day. The weather is predictably unpredictable. Don't forget the rain gear. As it gets cooler out we can get some frost on the roads. I keep an eye out for wet leaves and avoid piles of leaves. Leaves can hide potholes and other hazards. In the morning, even dry leaves can be slick because of the dew. Deer are even more active in the Fall than the Summer. So, though we are always on the lookout for deer all year round, we are even more likely to encounter them in the Fall. I also have to be mindful that the sun is setting earlier at this time of year. So, my rides need to get shorter or I am more likely to be riding in the dark. I love looking at the colors of Autumn and enjoying the scenery. However, I also have to maintain my attention to my riding, other traffic and hazards, the road condition, etc. Too much sightseeing can take our eyes off of where they need to be.

Something to be mindful of is that cooler pavement can make our tires cooler. Motorcycle tires are made of a compound that is softer than car tires and get stickier as they warm up, giving us more traction. So, even in cooler weather they do warm up as they are ridden, but they won't warm up as much as during the hot days of Summer. Combined with the morning dew, wet or dry leaves, and frost on the roads our available traction can be seriously reduced. As we head toward the end of the riding season, it would be good to double check the wear on our tires. Also, cooler temperatures may require us to put more air in our tires to maintain recommended tire pressures since cooler air inside our tires contracts.

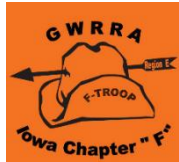
But, I do love Fall rides and seeing the Autumn colors. It is a wonderful time of year to ride. So get out and enjoy the season. It will be Winter before you know it.

Until next month, safe riding and hope to see you on the road.

Greg Hayes

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CHAPTER EVENTS



Gathering-- Saturday, October 20. 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.

Meet and Eat—Wednesday, October 24. Sally's on Broadway, 263 Broadway St, Springville. Meet there and be ready to order at 6:30. Please RSVP to Cheryl at sportjugglingcompany@yahoo.com.

Coffee—Tuesday, November 6. Caribou Coffee, PCI Building, 202 10th St SE, Cedar Rapids. Meet there at 9:00 am

Meet and Eat—Thursday, November 8. Fong's Pizza, 1006 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids. Meet there and be ready to order at 6:30. Please RSVP to Cheryl at sportjugglingcompany@yahoo.com.

Gathering-- Saturday, November 17. 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.



EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Saturday, October 20—Chapter I Chili Dump, Roger and Sue Bahe's home, 609 South Walnut, Sumner. Eat at noon. Please bring a pint of chili per person and a side dish or dessert to share. Coffee and water will be provided.

Saturday, November 3—Chapter CC Christmas Party, 5:00 pm at Danny's Sports Spot, 1013 S 2nd St, Cherokee. A White Elephant exchange with an "entertaining situational context" will be held.

Saturday, November 17—**District Training Event** and Chapter A Thanksgiving Potluck. Carlisle Community Hall, 35 Vine St, Carlisle. Training Modules at 2:30 and 4:00. Chapter A will be having a Thanksgiving potluck at 6:30 at the same location.

Saturday, December 1—Chapter F Christmas Party, St Isidore's Catholic Church, 603 6th Ave, Springville. Doors open at 11:00, lunch at noon. Please bring a dish to share, drinks, and table service. There will be a raffle, games and fellowship. Stay for our production of "The Merry Redneck Christmas".

Saturday, December 8—Chapter I Christmas Party. La Porte City Senior Center, 300 1st St, La Porte City. Social time at 11:00, lunch at noon. Chapter will provide ham and turkey, coffee and water. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. There will be a raffle, feel free to bring items for the raffle.

Saturday, December 8---Chapter O Christmas Party at noon

Sunday, December 9—Chapter E Dirty Santa Christmas Party, at Skip and Ed's at 11:30 am.

Saturday, December 15—Chapter A Christmas Party, 5:00 pm at the Jay Spencer Enclosed Shelter at Greenwood Park, 80 45th St, Des Moines. Potluck dinner at 6:00. Chapter will be providing meats, coffee and table service. Please bring a dish to share, any beverages other than coffee and a gift for a swap. RSVP to marshmpeterson@gmail.com

February 16, 2019—Chapter E's 31st Annual Sweetheart Weekend. Visit their website for information and registration form.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



Wing Ding 41

Nashville TN

August 27-31, 2019



Ramblings from a Wandering Mind

Is it really getting close to time to put the bike away for a few months? Sure felt like it on the Chapter I/F Leaf Ride last weekend! Despite the cold, the mist and the rain, I think I can safely say we all had a great time. It was a really great route and even though the sun wasn't out all the time the colors were there. Big thank you to Don Detwiler and Peter and Cheryl Sayers for all their work in making the weekend a success.

The District rally was a great success. Again, despite Mother Nature acting up, a good time was had by all. We are still looking for a venue for the 2019 Rally, but you can plan on having an even better time next year.

I have had my share of problems with riding this year. First, I had to have a caliper and rotor replaced on the back right side, then I had to replace my headlights, almost lost a muffler with a broken bracket, then I find out my helmet microphone isn't working. I have had a lot of work done on the trike this year with some plug ins installed in the front left pocket and the tail trunk, new sheepskin seat cover, the modification to use my MP3 player through the radio. I have bought the Heads Up Braking System but haven't gotten it installed yet because we had to weld the muffler! I am really learning the cost of toy ownership this year! Just need to decide when to stop riding this year and get the oil changed. I have 7,150 miles this year. Not my best, but not bad for an old lady!

Make sure to read the events around the District to find out when other Chapters are having their Christmas Parties. Try to get to at least one; it's fun to see how other Chapters party!

Enough for now, ride safe and watch out for yourself and the changing weather.

Sue T

Don't forget to patronize and thank our major sponsors!



Chapter F Happenings!



Brad, Travis and John. Not sure whether to feel safe with them around or afraid!



Cheryl getting some extra energy via M&Ms – with John’s help!



On the ferry crossing Lake Wisconsin



Small but mighty group at the Meet N Eat at Buliceks Landing in Delhi!



Getting ready to a hearty meal for hearty leaf riders!



October Coffee stop at JD and Theresa’s home

