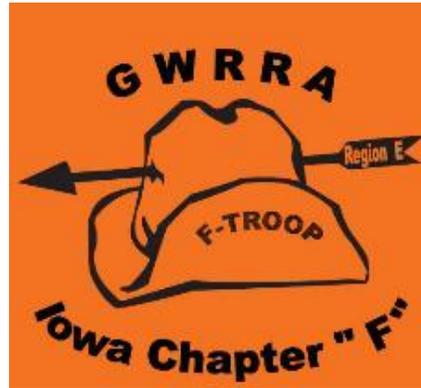




Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge



Chapter F meets
The third Saturday
of the month
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at:
Hy-Vee
3235 Oakland Road NE
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Join us for breakfast at 8 am
Gathering at 8:30am

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Notes from your Chapter Directors

What do we want others to see?

The founders of the GWRRA were wise to come up with the motto; Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge. These four concepts describe what they must have thought that people who ride GoldWing motorcycles would want from a motorcycling association. Over the years since the foundation, these concepts have held strong through the many iterations of what motorcycling is, and has become. The GoldWing has changed, and the people have changed, but they still want something of these four concepts from their association with other motorcyclists.

Let's think about these things then. Friends: When a motorcyclist thinks about Friendship they're probably thinking about like-minded friends. Maybe those are people who like the same movies, or enjoy the same hobbies in their spare time, but more likely a motorcyclist would seek friends who enjoy motorcycling. Bingo! So here we are, a group of people who enjoy motorcycling. Friendships grow and evolve, and one can't have too many friends. People in the GWRRA care about each other whether they are riding, or are unable to ride and just need a friend.

Taking the same approach, what about fun? Motorcycling is no joke! People can get hurt, so what kind of fun do you have with friends who ride motorcycles? We could be wrong, but in the GWRRA we think having fun with our friends involves the thrill of touring together, seeing new places, riding the road-less-travelled, and taking part in social events with our friends. The fun takes the form of Ice Cream Rides, Day Rides, Epic Tours, and Rallies with other GWRRA chapters from all-over.

Since I've mentioned that motorcyclists assume the risk associated with their sport, let's look at the Safety concept next; What does GWRRA offer to help motorcycle enthusiasts stay safe? Something readily noticeable about the GWRRA is the general, but not mandatory use of safety apparel. This became a norm of the association, primarily because of our emphasis on safety education, and not because of any mandate. The next thing people notice is our team riding approach. We ride in loose formation, with designated lead and drag riders, we observe traffic laws, and we respect other drivers sharing the same roads. Finally, the GWRRA discourages driving under the influence and furthermore prohibits alcohol consumption at any of their sponsored functions, including rides and rallies.

Finally, what would a motorcyclist want to find in the concept of Knowledge? In the beginning, the sharing of technical information, tips & techniques specific to the GoldWing motorcycle was thought to be a large area of interest with the motorcyclist the GWRRA was designed to serve. This is still a significant value the GWRRA offers. This precept has grown into much more! The GWRRA University designs educational programs for a wide variety of needs from how to avoid heat stroke on a hot day, or how to safely pull a trailer behind your motorcycle, to leadership training! There are on-bike rider training events consisting of numerous course offerings, featuring MSF and GWRRA certified rider trainers, and Red Cross or American Heart Association certified First-Aid and CPR trainers. Additionally, GWRRA publishes an outstanding monthly magazine containing editorials, tech articles, member articles, new product reviews, and advertising from suppliers of motorcycling related products of all kinds.

This was a brief treatment of the GWRRA Motto, but there's so much more to it. We encourage you to give this some thought. Ask yourself the question; What do we want others to see? Rephrased; Why would a motorcyclist like to associate with us?

Peter and Cheryl Sayers
Directors, GWRRA Iowa Chapter F

Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello F Troop,

Fall is quickly approaching. Probably my favorite time of the year. Nights get cool and we get to start to enjoy all of the firewood I cut with a nice warm fire in the woodstove in the garage. The dog even looks forward to it as she is usually watching me lite it with her teeth chattering. As it warms she will sit in front of it warming her cold weary bones. I'm not sure if I meant me or the dog on that one!



The summer has been so busy with the chapter with all it has going on. On the last ride it came up about having a chapter ride and picnic. Will plan on getting one or two of these in the works for the next year. We have an upcoming leaf ride. It will be nothing less than fun, food and riding, and maybe a dip in the pool also. This ride has never failed to be fun so join us for a good time. Wisconsin is always good riding and nice scenery. Oh, and did I mention the good company you'll be enjoying.

We still have some good riding left this year so come join us.

Brad and Kim
Chapter MEC's

Chapter Birthdays
September 16 – Dick Dearborn
September 19 – Theresa Smith
October 5 – Dan Gregg
October 8 – John (& Dick) Knupp
October 29 – Don Detwiler
October 29 – Tammy Dearborn
October 30 – Elaine McCune



Educator's Corner



From your Iowa District Educator

Over the years it seems that I have accumulated quite a few tools. I have a large variety of wrenches, hammers, power tools, saws, garden tools, Allen wrenches, screwdrivers, etc. As a special need arises I found it necessary to make a trip to one of the big box stores to get the right tool for a particular job. Sometimes, I have tried to use a substitute tool that I had already that was not quite right for the task. This often leads to making the job harder, or it leads to messing up the job altogether.

I know a lot of District members are into quilting or other types of handcrafts. I would assume they also know the value of having the right tool for the job. They may have different scissors or cutting tools for different purposes. They also know the importance of having tools that are in good condition and ready for use when they need them. I doubt anyone is going to use rusty, dull scissors to cut fabric. I am not going to rely on a dull saw to cut a nice piece of wood. Power tools that use batteries need batteries that are fully charged and can hold that charge.

Likewise, we all need a variety of sharp and ready tools for our motorcycling. The tools we need for riding might include a good set of wrenches. But, another type of tool are our skills. We start out with a few of these tools (skills) as a beginner. Then, with more experience riding, we are both sharpening these tools and we are adding to our tool kits.

The two ways to improve our existing skills is through purposeful practice and through constructive feedback. The purposeful practice we can do on our own. This might be in a parking lot for some slower speed skills. We can also do this by using self-analysis in our day-to-day riding on the streets, thinking about how well we are doing braking, swerving and shifting. Getting out and riding curvy roads will help improve our cornering skills.

To obtain constructive feedback we typically need to attend refresher classes, such as the ARC and TRC classes. I have not had that type of feedback for quite some time. However, I recently attended a class in Illinois where I was the student. I tended to know what I was doing wrong but it was very helpful to have feedback from a coach that could see what I was doing from a different angle than I am able to see from my bike seat. I am now on a quest to get more training at other facilities.

I am also looking for obtaining more tools that I can use on the road. One of the skills that was taught in the class in Illinois had me stop behind some cones, simulating a car in front of me. Then a coach would sneak up from behind and yell. I was to pull out and around the cones in a different direction than where the coach was coming from. The point of the exercise was realize how much room you would need to perform this maneuver, how to use a swerve to avoid hitting the back of the vehicle in front of you and to be "situationally aware" when you come to a stop. Another tool for the tool kit.

We should be ever searching for more tools we can use to keep us safe on the roads. There are both tools involving physical skills as well as those that are more mental, such as ways to be more situationally aware. Taking classes, watching YouTube videos and reading articles are all great ways to

pick up new and improve existing skills. I just don't think you can have too many tools. However, we must be also able to properly maintain the tools that we already have.

Until next month, I wish you safe riding!

Greg Hayes

Tidbits from our Treasurer

Hello Trikers and Bikers

The Iowa Rally will soon be upon us. Then we will have the leaf ride. Hopefully this year I pray for dry and warmth with the sun beating down on our backs. I am a fair weather rider. I used to have my license but my husband has decided not to ride with me ever so I gave them up. Ha!!! I lied, I went to the airport to preregister and the woman explained to me how I would not be able to board the next day because my license was expired, like for 6 months. Did not have time to take my test for motorcycle so there they went. Some time I will write about how I got those licenses.

I really don't have anything to write about driving a motorcycle or repairing a motorcycle, however, I can write forever about riding on the back of a motorcycle. Dave and I have ridden for something like 40 years. The smells awe the smells. One year Dave and I, with another couple, took a ride out through North Dakota, Montana, and Yellowstone camping in our motorhome.

Driving through Yellowstone on the back of our trike brought forth aromas so sharp and clear it was intoxicating. Pine Trees, rushing water, wild flowers oh my god grizzly bears, buffalo and of course the mountains. We have seen some homemade trikes made with a lot of ingenuity and some not so much heading home from Sturgis. Met a lot of colorful and some exciting people in the campgrounds some with common goals and the same enthusiasm as us. We talked until late in the night around the campfire discussing our adventures. I love talking to friends and strangers about their aspirations getting ideas to stack on the back of my agenda. Of course you have to weed through the bull crap but what an education.

When a local group rider, may I mention his name? Randy, wrote on Facebook about his trek down to Florida I was right there with him. You could talk on and on about the wonderful people you meet along the way. There is nothing like taking your bike on an excursion and exercising your rights to freedom that this country is so known for.

Until next month – Be safe but most important Have a good on

Eileen Lathrop
Chapter Treasurer

CHAPTER EVENTS



Event—Friday, September 20 – Saturday, September 21. Iowa District Rally, Knights of Columbus Hall/Columbus Club, 2101 S Frederick Ave, Oelwein

Gathering—Saturday, September 21. 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 the Rally in Oelwein after the gathering.

Ride/Event—Saturday, September 28 – Sunday, September 29. Chapter I & F Fall Leaf Ride. Those who have reserved a room will be contacted with where and when to meet for the ride.

Meet & Eat—Tuesday, October 1. Edith Lucille's Bait Shack & Wing Depot, 6913 Mt Vernon Rd SE. Cedar Rapids. 319-320-6064. Meet at the restaurant ready to order at 6:30.

Ride—Saturday, October 5. Breakfast/Ride. Details to be announced.

Coffee—Wednesday, October 9. Tin House, 320 Lewellyn Dr NW, Cedar Rapids. Meet there at 9:30.

Meet & Eat—Wednesday, October 16. 2 Dogs Pub, 1705 S 1st Ave, Iowa City. Meet at the restaurant ready to order at 6:30.

Gathering—Saturday, October 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. Ride to follow, weather permitting.

Event—Thursday, October 31. Halloween Costume Party, McCombs' home. This is a potluck, and costumes are optional. More details will follow.



EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT

September 20-21—Iowa District Rally, Knights of Columbus Hall, Oelwein IA. Registration form attached. Mark your calendar now!

Sunday, November 17—Horizon Program Workshop. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. State Bank of Toledo Community Room, 103 S Broadway, Toledo. Please register by November 12 to plan for lunch. This event is free, as is lunch. Registration form is attached.

Saturday, February 15, 2020—Chapter E's Sweetheart Weekend, Nauvoo IL. Details to follow



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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Ramblings from a Wandering Mind

So, just a piece of advice from me this month. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER think that if nothing goes majorly wrong for a couple weeks that maybe, just maybe your streak of bad luck may be over. Nope, it's not over! Coming home from work a few days ago I got hit by a huge rock thrown by a truck I had been trying to get away from.

Put a big smashed area and small cracks on the top left corner of my windshield. I checked a couple places about fixing or replacing the windshield, one said they couldn't repair because of the placement of the damage, but that it was only through the first layer of glass so didn't have to be real worried about it getting much worse anytime soon. They also quoted me \$450+ to replace it! Next shop said they couldn't repair it because of the cracks. Their quote was \$250+. I just can't get a head. 😞 But

Eileen did mention that the rock was the start of my luck turning around because it didn't go through the windshield! Just waiting now.

Well, not much to talk about this month, as I haven't done much this month. I have been getting ready for the District Rall coming up this weekend. Please come on up. Even if you haven't registered for the banquet on Saturday night, come up and join us. There a several good places to grab dinner that evening. And there will be plenty of oppurtunites for fun, riding, fun and education, and fun! There will be two rides each day, with one each day stopping at a dealership for a free lunch. Come on up and have some fun. Oelwein is only about an hour away.

Harvest season will be starting soon. When you're out riding, please be aware that farm machinery will be on the roads, even roads you wouldn't expect. Watch out for grain wagons, they could spill their load in front of you. Ask Dan Gregg about that! Watch for other drivers being impatient and trying to pass when they shouldn't. Whether on two, three or four wheels, be careful and watch for the other guy.

OK, just one more thing. As the days get shorter and cooler, make sure you are dressed for the weather. Those going on the leaf ride, and those of us who have been on a leaf ride, know that you need to have layers of clothes and don't be afraid to let the leader know if you get too cold or too hot. We all want to be comfortable when riding. You can't enjoy the ride if you're uncomfortable.

Until next time, be safe and take care.

Sue T

Chapter Anniversaries
October 9—Dan & Mary Gregg
October 10—Rocky Kim Dales

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Chapter F Happenings!



A small but mighty group braved the weather to enjoy brunch at the historic Franklin Hotel in Strawberry Point



Fred and Wilma Sue opened their home for the coffee group on September 11th. Looks like more than coffee was served! Thank you, Fred and Sue, for the hospitality.



John appears to be getting ready for his position at the Crazy Supper! It looks like he has upgraded his fire power! 😊



GWRRA UNIVERSITY FLYER TRAINING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Iowa DISTRICT IS HOSTING A TRAINING EVENT ON

Sunday November 17, 2019

EVENT ADDRESS: 103 South Broadway, Toledo, Iowa 52342

EVENT LOCATION: State Bank of Toledo Community Room

EVENT HOURS: 8:30am – 4:30pm

THE CLASSES BEING OFFERED INCLUDE:

UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Horizon Program Workshop

RIDER EDUCATION (ARC, TRC, etc.)

N/A

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❖ **FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING LODGING OR TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT CONTACT** ❖

Clara Boldt, Director of the University or Roxanne Oder, Iowa District University Coordinator

PHONE: 319-240-4269 (C) 563-568-1815 (R) **EMAIL:** toledotriker@gmail.com or roxy50421@hotmail.com

PLEASE RSVP ON OR BEFORE: November 13, 2019 (helpful in planning lunch)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The workshop has been updated and has something for everyone. Officers this will help with TEAM building and Delegation. Come join us for a FUN filled day.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR: \$Free will offering PER PERSON

LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED

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

Email Form To: toledotriker@gmail.com