



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

This month's topic: Preparations for a long trip

After finding a destination, and setting the schedule there are still many details to attend to: Lodging, Routes, Modes of transportation, Dining options, Attractions.



There are two other areas that are important not to be overlooked: Equipment and Physical readiness of the travelers themselves.

When it comes to this summer's Chapter excursion to Tennessee, we have planned a major excursion covering thousands of miles that includes some 23 participants over a 10-day period. There will be two and three-wheel motorcycles carrying single and double riders with their luggage. Some of the motorcycles will pull trailers, some will be pulled in trailers.

Our trip comes late in the season, and that means our riders should have ample time to prepare themselves for long days in the saddle and riding as a team. The motorcycles will have been through a lot of riding at that point in the year and may be due for service. Tires may be coming due for replacement.

This year the District has already scheduled training sessions to enhance and refresh rider's skills in the areas of CPR, First-Aid (February 17, McGrath Powersports), and riding skills for 2 & 3 wheel riders (May 18-19, at DMACC, Ankeny, IA), and passengers, as well as Road Captain training (July 29, location TBD, NW IA). Iowa District is also presenting three GWRRA University seminars; Only Sugar Melts in the Rain, Co-Rider, and Calm the Clash on March 3 in Toledo, IA. We hope to arrange a Team Riding seminar local to Chapter-F this season as well. We hope you will benefit from these opportunities.

Our equipment requires maintenance, and it's easy to reduce the risk of these reliable machines breaking down on a 4,000 mile trip to nil by simply checking your maintenance schedule and planning to meet the schedule ahead of the start of the trip. Avoid making changes to the machine in the days leading up to the trip to avoid early failures or unforeseen mechanical problems. Use the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) checklist; T-CLOCS (Tires/wheels/brakes, Controls, Lights/electrics, Oil/fluids, Chassis, and Stands). Consider the loading of the motorcycle. If recommended loading will be exceeded, consider leaving some gear behind, and if not perhaps bringing a trailer, or sharing space with another is the answer.

We have other critical equipment that needs our attention too. Our helmets, gloves, boots, jackets, raingear, headsets, and connecting cables warrant consideration. Will our gear be comfortable and hold up for the duration of the trip?

The excursion is going to be a true adventure! We'll see things we haven't seen before, and see familiar sights in a new way. We'll get to know one another better, and learn from each other. We'll meet new friends along the way and have a great time together riding as a Team!

Pete and Cheryl Sayers
Chapter F Directors

Chapter Birthdays
March 8—Yvette Moravec
March 24—Brad Snyder
April 13—Terry Zimmerman

February Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello "F" Troop,

Just when you think you see spring peeking around the corner winter slams the door in your face. Well the dreams of riding with your face in the breeze and the great smells of spring are going to have to wait awhile by the looks of the weather. By the looks of how much road grime my truck is dragging in the garage I could sweep it up and use it to treat my driveway for 5 years.



For a couple minutes the thought of getting my snowmobiles out of storage for a few rides crossed my mind but it's the middle of February. Warm weather has to be just around the corner. Right? Doesn't it?

The bike is ready to go except for my new seat. I am anxious to get on and go. By the way, am I the only one that has ever had a dream that you forgot how to ride? That's worse than the free fall dream!

The chapter calendar looks to be chuck full of all kinds of things to do this year. It's a lot of fun things for all to do and participate as much as you want.

I have planned my first ride for the chapter. I am anxious to run the first route in advance. I think it is going to be a really scenic route. Prepare for hills and trees, that's all I'm sayin'.

Just a thought in passing, the 14th is Valentine's Day. Ladies don't forget to get your men something nice! (chrome, maybe a steak)

Hope this finds you all happy and healthy! Spring is just around the corner. Right?

Hope to see you all at the get together on Feb 17th!

Brad and Kim Snyder
Chapter MEC's



Educator's Corner

From the Iowa District Educator

I wanted to start out and introduce myself to you as the new District Educator for the Iowa District. Many of you may know me. After starting out as a Chapter Educator for a couple of years, I then became the Assistant District Educator in Iowa for a number of years, working with John Olenick and then Doug Boemecke. Then, I moved to Region Educator for Region E about two years ago. Lonnie Borseth stepped into the role of District Educator for Iowa about a year and a half ago, but he had decided he wanted to step down at the end of 2017. You may also know me from the Iowa Safety Weekend, which I have been a riding course instructor, primarily conducting the 2-wheel course, but I have also taught the 3-wheel course. My primary profession is being an architect, but I have also been a rider coach at DMAAC for about 12 years where I teach about 18 classes per year for beginners and a few advance rider courses. That's my short intro.

With the elimination of the Chapter Educator position there are a few changes that you will see. First, I will be supplying a safety or rider education related article to each of the chapters for their newsletters each month. So, if you read other chapter newsletters from Iowa you will see the same article. This is the first article. I have several ideas for articles that I think you will find very interesting and I am rather excited to get started writing since they require some research in a particular recent motorcycle study. However, I want to invite anyone who wishes to write a safety related article to send them to me. This will give you a chance to write something that our whole district will be able to read. The most interesting articles are ones that are from people writing about personal experiences.

Another change will be that you won't have a Chapter Educator to remind you and encourage people to participate and stay current in the Levels program. But, any of the Chapter Officers should be able to get you the forms you need and to sign them for you. I plan on putting a link to some of this on the District website under Rider Education so you can download them if you prefer. Then, they are sent to me to enter into the Rider Education Database. You should know how to look up your Levels status, but if you don't here are quick instructions. Go to gwrra.org, then on the blue band near the top of the page hover over "Officers", then on the pulldown click on "Rider Education". On the side of the next webpage you have a list of items on the left side in light blue boxes. Click on "My R.E. Information" to pull up the login page. If you haven't logged in before, or forgot your password then click on "I need help logging in." This gives you instructions on what your username and password are if you have not logged in before or the option to have your password emailed to you.

I wanted to thank each of the past Chapter Educators in Iowa. There was quite a bit of preparation and paperwork involved in presenting a safety topic, writing a newsletter article, recording attendance, processing Levels and other forms, etc. Having been a Chapter Educator myself I know the work put into the position and the challenge of finding the right topic each month. Many of us are very sad to see the position being retired. But this is in no way a sign that rider safety and rider education is not a priority in GWRRA. It may seem so with the office elimination but I can tell you from hearing directly from Anita Alkire, the President of GWRRA, and Paul Hildebrand, Founder and CEO of GWRRA, that Rider Education

is important to GWRRA and they recognize that our program is unique for our type of organization. Our Levels program, the various seminars and modules, and the rider courses are all something of which we are very proud and will continue to be made available to our members. The directive is find methods that are less cumbersome to Chapters but remain as effective in promoting safety, rider knowledge and rider skills.

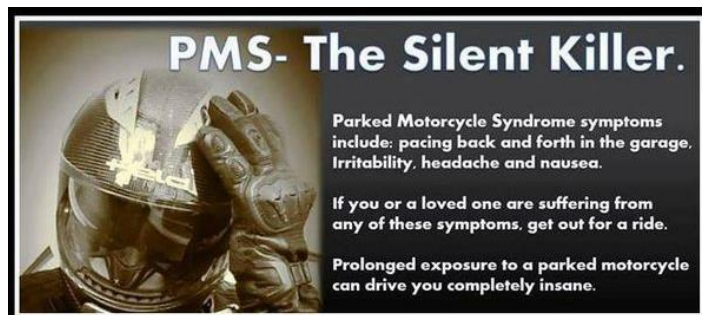
Lastly, I want to remind you about our Iowa Safety Weekend. It will be held on May 18th and 19th at the Ankeny DMACC campus again. This is a great way to keep up with the levels program, or just to get inexpensive rider training. I will write more about this next month but I wanted to explain the ARC-R and TRC-R classes, which are being offered on the Friday of Safety Weekend. The -R stands for “recertification”. These are the same as the ARC and TRC classes, except for two things. First, you must have already taken the ARC or TRC class before taking the ARC-R or TRC-R. Second, the recertification class does not have the classroom portion of the course, so it is held only on the riding range. To maintain your Level 2, 3 or 4 you can take the recertification course every other 3-year cycle. That means you only have to take the classroom portion every 6 years if you take the ARC-R or TRC-R at the third year. By the way, if you are not familiar with ARC and TRC, the ARC is the 2-wheel (bike) course and the TRC is the 3-wheel (trike) course, both developed exclusively by the GWRRA with the Goldwing in mind, but are appropriate for most motorcycles.

Here is wishing for an early spring and back to riding!

Greg Hayes

Iowa District Educator, GWRRA

Chapter Anniversaries
March 20—AL and Bev Rohwedder
March 24—Dean and Cathy Boesenberg
April 13—Terry Zimmerman





CHAPTER EVENTS

Gathering-- Saturday, February 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.

Training Event—CPR/First Aid. 10:00 am, McGrath's Powersports

Meet and Eat—Tuesday, February 20, Bushwook, 350 Edgewood Rd NW, Cedar Rapids. Be ready to order at 6:30. Please RSVP to Cheryl at sportjugglingcompany@yahoo.com

Event—Potluck and 2018 Gold Wing Preview, McGrath Powersports, 6:00 pm

Coffee—Tuesday, March 6. Panera East, 5010 Council St NE, Cedar Rapids. 9:30 am

Meet and Eat—Wednesday, March 7. Zeppelins, 5300 Edgewood Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Gathering-- Saturday, March 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

March 3—Iowa District Training Day and Crazy Supper, Reinig Center, 1007 S Prospect Dr, Toledo IA. Training starts at 10:00 am, 12:30 and 2:00 pm. Crazy Supper (\$10.00) at 5:00 pm. Reservations to Morvecs by February 23. Form available on Iowa District web site. Come for one event or for all.

March 4—Iowa District Officer's Conference, 9:00 am, State Bank of Toledo, 100 East High St, Toledo IA. Everyone is invited to attend.

April 21—Chapter D Mall Show, Willowbrook Mall, Mason City IA

2018 District Rallies around the Area

March 3--Missouri Spring Fling, Inn at the Grand Glaize, Osage Beach MO mogwrra.mogwrra.org

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

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



August . 29-September 2, 2018

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to register and

make your room reservations



Ramblings from a Wandering Mind

As I write this, I am soooo glad I didn't have the flu! I have missed 3 days of work and then the weekend, and I'm finally starting to feel somewhat human again. Don't know for sure what I had (have) but tested negative for both stains of flu and am waiting for further test results for walking pneumonia.

Never had that but if that's what I'm fighting, I think I may have finally got an upper hand on it. No real body aches, except from the deep coughing that has made my back and sides sore. I've been awake almost 6 hours so far today, yes, for the last several days that is quite an accomplishment. I had one of the guys I work with texted me the other night to see if I was ok. You're never sick, he says, and he's right. I rarely get sick enough that I can't go to work. Not sure the last time I missed this much work. Hopefully I'll get it out of my system for a few more years and won't have to worry about it. Guess I must be getting old! Well, walking pneumonia it is, but I'm not really getting much better. Tried to work this week, the longest I made it was 2:15. Just when I thought I may be getting better, it knocked me down again. I sure hope to be able to be at the gathering and CPR training Saturday.

Before I got sick, spent Sunday afternoon out at Brad and Kim's house finalizing the Chapter Calendar for 2018. I think we have some really good ideas for meet and eats, ice cream rides and rides in general. There's always room for more rides, so if you feel like just going for a weekend day ride, put it out there. Facebook may be the best way to communicate but be sure to put a meeting time and place so if anyone is interested, they can be there.

Anyone else getting excited about the Tennessee trip? It's been several years since I have been on such a long group ride, but with proper planning we will be safe while having fun. Please make sure to read Pete's article for more information on the trip. I'm sure we will be having articles each month from someone concerning the trip, whether it's route, meal stops, tourist stops or rides in the Great Smokey Mountain area.

Don't forget the CPR/First Aid training at McGrath's after the get together on Saturday. I will bring some chicken soup for lunch, please feel free to bring something to go with it. If you don't like that, I'm sure you can find a hotdog or brat from their grill! As always, please make sure to thank Brody and his staff for letting us use their facilities.

March 3 is coming fast. We need to have your reservations for the District Training Event and Crazy Supper at the Reinig Center in Toledo. There are 3 training sessions, starting at 10:00 am, come for one, come for all, supper starts at 5:00 pm. There is no charge for the training but we are asking \$10.00 per person for the Crazy Supper. If you have never been to one, you need to come and find out what all the fun is about-because most people who have been won't give away information to newbies! Please go to the Iowa District website to fill out your reservation and get it in to John and Yvette Moravec by Friday, Feb 24th.

Spring MIGHT get here in a few weeks, so in the meantime keep your rides warm and dream of those summer rides to places known and unknown!

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