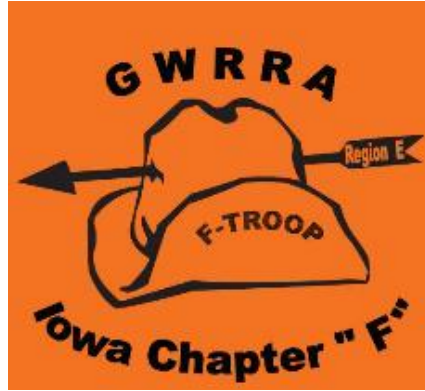




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**Chapter F meets
The third Saturday
of the month
(except December)
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at:

**During the pandemic we will
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Watch FaceBook, email and
newsletter for monthly
meeting place**

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Notes from your Chapter Directors

Another calendar month has flipped and we are enjoying the beauty of fall. Make sure to take a ride to enjoy the beautiful color before the leaves fall. Coming up this Saturday is our monthly get2gether. We continue to adapt in order to have our monthly Chapter get2gethers. Our plan until HyVee opens the club room is to hold our get2gethers

in various garages of our group participants. Please let Cheryl know if you would host and what month you would prefer. In October, we will invade JD & Theresa Smith's garage. I recently enjoyed a monthly coffee there and it was very comfortable and set up for social distancing. The coffee will be ready for us and anyone who is willing is welcome to bring something to share. I will send out an e-mail with JD & Theresa's home address. One more thing...at this Chapter get2gether, it has been suggested that we bring our items for Ronald McDonald House. Theresa has generously offered to deliver whatever is collected to The Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City for us. You can bring pop tabs, hotel toiletries, infant/preemie clothing and toys and games for older siblings. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If donating by check, write it directly to Ronald McDonald House.

Meet 'n Eats have begun. Sally's on Broadway was a big hit! As long as people are attending, we will continue to follow our Meet 'n Eat schedule. Even those who don't attend, enjoy seeing some of the action of the event on our Chapter F Facebook page. This is a reminder that someone should snap a few pictures and post.

A new event has been added to the Chapter calendar. The Snyder's will host an afternoon event on Halloween. We'll discuss this more at the get2gether but this is your "Save-the-Date" announcement. Current plans are for a chili dump and a bonfire.

See you Saturday!

Pete and Cheryl
Senior Chapter Directors



Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello F Troopers and beyond,

We had a successful get together at a city park in September. It was a nice sunny fresh morning. There were donuts, coffee, and a few other good eats and lots of good spirited conversation. It did us all good to get out in the fresh air and meet face to face. The brat fry

bbq on the ride after the get together was a good time and the weather was perfect. We may just have to do this more often during the summer.

Pete and Cheryl put together a nice overnight ride to the bridges of Madison county. We did hit the rain on Sunday, which the way I look at it, it helps to keep the riding skills in tune. We are not always going to ride in perfect weather. Now my pants being soaking wet because of a leak in my rain gear, we can do something about that. No, I know what most are thinking. It really was a leak in my rain gear! My perspective on it was it felt like I had an ice cube slowly infringing on my property.

Just a quick note on how we as friends help each other out. As many of you know I had some light issues with lights on our bike. Everything from the passenger seat on back. We were without a bike for almost a month and was at a high risk of having to drive a 4 wheel vehicle on the fall bridges ride(YIKES). What great friends we have. 4 or 5 came forward from F Troop and said we could use their bike. Wow, how many people would you trust to ride off into the sunset on your bike? It truly is humbling to think we have friends that trust us that much. Thanks to all that offered! You know who you are and we are trully grateful! By the way we got our bike back just in time for the bridges ride and so far so good. It was a melted ground wire in a big plug in the back above the tire.

We have a campfire, dinner, costume party coming up at the end of the month at the Snyder estate. Stay tuned for all the gory details! Hope to see you all at JD and Theresa's for the get together this Saturday.

Brad and Kim
Chapter MEC's

NOTES FROM EILEEN

Hasn't our weather been exceptional? I love this time of year. If I had to say which time is the best it would be Fall.

This past weekend I had a "sister's weekend". We drove to my youngest sister's cabin in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The trees were picturesque. So pretty. You know I have tons of i copied pictures of pretty trees and the pictures just don't do the trees justice. The weather was so warm, and I spied plenty of Motorcycle clubs riding, a couple of Corvette Clubs, a few Vintage cars all together, I even spied a Cameo Club (did not know). Anyway, there were a lot of people in Prairie du Chien this past weekend. Traffic flowed, boats going up and down the Mississippi River no problems, people closing their cabins for the season and then the people there to just see the trees. So many people you wouldn't think we were in a pandemic. I kept my facemask on in public, but you would have been surprised at the people not wearing them. I don't understand that but then I had mine on pretty much the whole weekend, my choice, and I suppose they had a point to be made. I really hope they were clean of all and any diseases/viruses. Because if I catch this virus I could get it really bad since I am in that age bracket.

Not to destroy our weekend because it was great. Always good to get together with my sisters when we are all on our best behavior. We have been doing this the last three years. I really had some great laughs and was so down when it ended. It just doesn't happen often enough. For one weekend you promise to leave your troubles at the doorstep and focus on the things at hand. Why can't we do that more often? Like when we are riding and that is all you think about. That moment in time and our worries are gone. So free. So free.

Eileen and Dave Lathrop
Chapter Treasurer

Chapter Anniversaries
November 26 –John & LeAnn Knupp
December 18 –Dave & Eileen Lathrop



From your District Educator

(yes, this is the September article again)



I was recently talking with an old friend and fellow motorcyclist, Slippery Rhodes. He was telling me about how much he loved the leaf rides of October and was really looking forward to them. But I asked, "Don't you worry about the wet, fallen leaves in the roadway? They can be very slick."

He reassured me, "There are times that I have come up on all sorts of slick conditions on the road. For us two-wheelers they can be especially disconcerting. They can happen anytime in the year, from a road that had gotten dusty during a dry spell, then you get a little bit of rain on that and the dirt becomes a slippery slim. Or, fresh asphalt can be a bit slick, particularly with wet. Or, I have been on some early morning, colder rides where I have come upon an area of shaded roads and there was frost on the pavement. Freshly cut grass in the summer time that was blown into the roadway can be very slick. Grass is mostly water, you know. Seeing Autumn leaves on the highway is not the only time I worry about slick conditions."

He was right. Our trike riding friends have concerns as well about these road conditions as they can slide into the wrong lane or off the side of the road. However, being on two wheels and then losing traction with one wheel or both can lead to having the bike slide out from underneath us.

I asked, “So, what do you do when you find yourself with no choice but to ride through a patch that you think is slippery?”

“Well,” he replied. “I remember back to what I know about traction. Accelerating, decelerating and curves all utilize traction. When I think I am about to lose traction I must avoid all three. I keep my speed as steady as I can, with very minimal rolling off of the throttle, and I steer straight. If I am looking ahead and observe what I think will be slick roads, I try to slow way down before I hit that area and make sure my hands are around the grips so I can best maintain control. I would do basically the same whether I am on 2 or 3 wheels. A 3 wheeler can still end up in a slide and end up rotating, or end up in the wrong place.”

He was right about the need to scan far ahead and anticipate hazards that are approaching is a key to remaining safe on the road. I think about the situations where I couldn’t see far enough ahead to properly anticipate that have led to the scariest situations on the bike.

I do hope to get out and enjoy seeing the leaves turn but will keep my eyes also peeled to watch out for slick spots on the road. I also hope you also get a chance to ride this fall and enjoy this beautiful season.

Until next month, stay safe and stay healthy,

Greg Hayes

District Rider Educator

CHAPTER EVENTS



Saturday, October 17—We will meet in JD and Theresa Smith’s garage. Watch email for address. 8:00 for Social time, 8:30 for meeting. Bring something to share, if you like, and drinks. Coffee will be ready for those who partake.

Meet and Eat—Wednesday, October 21. Whitey’s Bar and Grill, 125 E Hwy 30, Lisbon. Meet there ready to order at 6:30

Meet and Eat—Thursday, November 5. Hale Tap, 5520 o Rd E-45, Wyoming. Meet there ready to order at 6:30.

Coffee—Friday, November 6. 9:30-11:00 Dunkin Donuts, 1640 Edgewood Rd SW, Cedar Rapids.

Meet and Eat—Monday, November 16. Pizza World, 4201 42nd St NE, Cedar Rapids. Meet there ready to order at 6:30

Saturday, November 21—Meeting place to be determined. Watch email for updates. 8:00 for Social time, 8:30 for meeting.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



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Springfield MO
June 29 – July 3, 2021



Coming soon...

2020 Chapter F Holiday Party and Potluck

Saturday, December 5

St Isidore Catholic Church

603 6th St South, Springville

Festivities began at 11:00 am and will wrap up (pun intended) around 2:00 pm

Chapter will provide meat, please bring a dish to share, if you like.

Feel free to bring something for the raffle, if you like.

Hope to see you all there!





Ramblings from a Wandering Mind

Another month over, another one coming to an end. I am hoping that 2021 will be the end of all the pandemic and all the problems in the world. We can hope can't we?

I have realized recently that for the first time in 6 months I feel really good. It has taken me a long time to get to this point. I'm healed, C free and haven't seen a doctor since August! See my surgeon in November, my oncologist in May. After being at the UIHC about every 2-3 weeks for months, this has been a sort of vacation.

I am still working from home, probably will be for several months yet. My new desk really works for the two huge monitors they gave me, so that's a good thing. I wanted to stay at the office after the derecho, but was convinced that it was safer for me to be at home. I was in the office for 3 days since I didn't have internet at home.

I'm looking forward to being able to get out and see people. I know I have to be careful, but I'm getting pretty restless to see and hug people. Someday it will happen. If you happen to see me out and about, don't take it personally if I don't come close to you. I will try to make a couple of holiday parties if I can still social distance. I'm not being anti-social, just social distancing!



Until next time stay safe and travel safe.

Sue T

Chapter Birthdays

October 29 – Don Detwiller

October 29 – Tammy Dearborn

November 1 – Kim Konkowski

November 5 – Paul Konkowski

November 15 – Kathy Zimmerman

December 1 – Rocky Dales

December 5 – Pete Sayers

December 6 – Mike Huffman

December 12 – Sue Thompson

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