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Chapter F meets  
The third Saturday  
of the month  
(except December)  
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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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## Important News about the Iowa District Rally

**Just a reminder that the 2020 Iowa District Rally has been moved to September 2021. Same venue, same weekend. Hope to see you all there! Stay tuned for more information**

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### Notes from your Chapter Directors

As we are approaching fall, you may start to think about how many more riding days we have until the snow flies. Excuse my 4-letter word but we must face the reality that our riding days are numbered. As I look at the chapter calendar, we have just two scheduled rides remaining. The

first is the ride after the get2gether this Saturday, September 19th. Our final scheduled ride is the Fall Ride on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of September. It's not too late to join either ride. September 19<sup>th</sup>'s ride will leave after our get2gether. Mark & Linda will be our lead bike and will take us to Guttenburg where Brad & Kim will host a Brat Fry for the group. They request an RSVP by (Friday noon) so please email Cheryl or speak with them directly. The Fall ride will head to Winterset, Iowa, to enjoy the roads and bridges of Madison County. Details have already been sent out by email so respond there if you want to be added to the trip.

Despite such a crazy mixed up year, I hope each of you have been able to enjoy travelling with your Chapter friends on some of the many rides that we had scheduled. I'm proud of the way we adapted at the beginning of the season by having smaller group rides. I'm proud of how we found our new normal riding as a group with our sack lunches. I'm proud of how we'll continue to adapt so we can continue to enjoy one another's company even when our bikes have been put away for the season.

I look forward to what's ahead as we continue to deal and move past Covid, Derecho, and the upcoming election. Stay positive. Stay hopeful. We've got this!

Cheryl & Pete

Chapter Directors

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### Notes From Your Chapter MECs

Hello F Troop, well the Snyder's BBQ brat fry was cancelled due to slightly soggy conditions. It was our ride and Kim and I and Travis and Jenny had rode it a few weeks back on a rather beautiful day. My bike, sad to say, had to go to the doctor as I was having light issues with all the lights in the back. I had dug into it somewhat and even had Pete come and take a look. Without a wiring diagram I just have no idea where to look. I did consult a GoldWing group on Facebook and got some good advice that I checked out but still couldn't find the gremlin. It is still at the doctor and I sure hope to have it back for the fall overnight ride. If you haven't yet you should make the reservations for the overnight stay and go along with us. Probably the last overnight outing of the year for the chapter.

My yard is starting to grow a mighty fine crop of some breed of mushroom. I thought I was done mowing for the year and all of a sudden it is game on. The grass is growing like mad. When I was out this morning with the dog I think as heavy as the dew was we got another 1/2" of moisture from that. We have potatoes that need dug as soon as it dries out a little and our tomato plants are still loaded so as long as the frost holds off we will keep harvesting those.

Another thing to keep in mind as our riding season gets shorter is this is heading into deer season. Yes, we can encounter them year-round, but as the nights get cooler and the crops start to come out they start to move more. The rut is going to be starting also. So as we travel the highways and especially the back roads slow down and really keep an eye out. I myself have had too many close calls, most of the time on my way to work, in the dark of the morning.

The get together is this weekend at Kenwood Park pavilion, 35th St NE at 8:30. If you are comfortable with it come and join us.

Be safe and healthy till we meet again.

Brad and Kim  
Chapter MEC's

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



## From your District Educator



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,

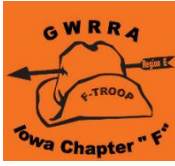
Greg Hayes

District Rider Educator

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## CHAPTER EVENTS



**Saturday, September 19**—8:00 for Social time, 8:30 for meeting. This month the gathering will be at Kenwood Park, 35<sup>th</sup> St NE in the pavilion. Bring your own breakfast, if you like, and drinks. Donuts will be provided. Ride to Guttenburg following the Get Together for a Brat Fry hosted by the Snyder's. Lunch will be on the river front.

**Thursday, September 24**—Meet and Eat, destination to be determined at the Gathering

**Saturday/Sunday, September 26-27**—Fall leaf ride to Bridges of Madison County. Meet at Marion WalMart by 8:00, kick stands up at 8:15.

**Friday, October 2**—Coffee. Destination TBD.

**Sunday, October 4**—Hot Rod Parade, Hopkinton. Contact Brad Snyder for details.

**Tuesday, October 6**—Meet and Eat, Stove House, 361 Lehl St, Central City. Meet there, ready to order at 6:30.

Saturday, October 17—Monthly Get Together. Location to be determined. Social time (breakfast) at 8:00, gathering at 8:30

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## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



**Wing Ding 43**  
**Springfield MO**  
**June 29 – July 3, 2021**





## Ramblings from a Wandering Mind



Well, here it is, the middle of September and my trike is still on life support. I have not gotten it out yet, let alone even start it. I just tend to stay close to home yet, only go to Fareway and HyVee for quick trips, and only go to WalMart to pick up prescriptions or pick up my internet order. That works pretty well, just make the order, submit it, pick a time to pick it up, they email you when it's ready, and you check in when you're on your way and they get it ready to bring out. You only have to tell them which space you're in. Pretty handy.

I'm still working from home, except 3 days the week after the derecho because I didn't have internet. I was very lucky in the long run. I lost a large branch and a few smaller ones from the maple tree out front and had to replace the garage door. No missing siding, no missing shingles. I got power back late evening on Saturday, and internet and cable back on the following Tuesday. By looking around town, I feel blessed that I had so little damage.

I finally got a new desk for my office. The old computer desk I had just wasn't made for two big monitors. Found it on a sale site on Facebook and Dave Lathrop took me out to pick it up. Looks pretty good in the office, except I still have the old desk sitting there taking up space! Chances are that I will be home until at least the first of the year. I would have liked to stay in the office, but the boss convinced me that it was safer for me to be at home. I do have a headset now so can answer the phone; I get to talk to several different people each day.

I'm planning on going to the gathering on Saturday. It's outside and I can "social distance" easier, I hope.

There, my life in a nutshell, Reader's Digest version. Miss seeing everyone.

Until next time stay safe and travel safe.

Sue T

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*Chapter Birthdays*  
*September 19—Theresa Smith*  
*October 5—Dan Gregg*  
*October 8—John Knupp*

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