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***IA-I Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Gathering – May 21, 2017
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA
Eat – 5:30 PM Gathering 6:00 PM***



The Good News from the Chapter I Directors

We learn in our seminars to be prepared...have a plan in case things don't go as you expect them to...be flexible...and don't panic. As we started off for the McGrath Spring Fling Warm-Up today, we planned to have a great ride, meet up with some good friends, eat some good food, and walk around McGraths and look at all the pretty motorcycles.



Five blocks from home, Roger said "Oh, no, not again." By the time the words were out of his mouth, the bike had died. Everything: electronics, lights, motor, EVERYTHING. He coasted into a parking lot and I pushed him into a parking space. He tried to start it several times but to no avail. So, plan B...I jump on the back of James' bike and go home and get the van or plan C...we go home and sit and mope for the rest of the day. We chose plan B! Riding on the back of James' wee bike was a whole lot different than riding on our Wing. When I got home, I went to get into the van without thinking about having my helmet on and guess what? The helmet protected my head as I bumped it into the bar across top of the door. I got back out, took it off, apologized to it, and carefully laid it on the backseat and went back to pick up Roger. We put all our Goldwing stuff in the van and left for McGraths. After all, we wanted to see our friends, and it was a beautiful day for a ride (even if it we had to take the van). We got to ride a trike on the observation ride. And guess what? It was bright yellow! The best part of our day, though, was our friends who asked about our bike and took time to listen to our story. Every suggestion was listened to carefully and considered.

The point of my story? First, listen and learn during our seminars, and second, be prepared for Plan B, C, D, E, F, and G. When we ride our motorcycles, we never know what is going to happen. Mechanical problems can be fixed, some accidents can be recovered from, BUT you never know when you walk out your door whether you will come back in it again. So, let your friends and family know NOW that you care about them.

Until we meet again, use your knowledge to keep you safe, gather your loved ones close, and smile, smile, SMILE!

Roger and Lisa Fleming

Have you sent in your registration and made hotel reservations for the various rallies and rides?

There are many exciting events to take part in whether on 2, 3, or 4 wheels!

Membership Enhancement...

Chapter Challenge – Visit Iowa State Parks!

I can't believe it is June already, well into another riding season! With that being said, when you are out and about check out the numerous state parks Iowa has to offer. By visiting each State Park, you will be increasing your chance to win the Chapter IA-I Chapter Challenge. Here is how it works.

First visit as many state parks in Iowa as possible. When you visit a state, park take a selfie, couple or group photo at a sign designating the park, or pick up a pamphlet or postcard. Your visit may be on 2, 3, or 4 wheels. Phones with cameras may be your best proof of being there, but if you don't have one a pamphlet will do. Or if you find another person who is visiting the park have them sign a note saying you were there. Good way to strike up a conversation and meet someone new! Bring the proof of the state park you visited to the next gathering and you can add another chance to the bucket, to WIN a crisp \$100.00 bill! This will be drawn at the Chapter IA-I Christmas Party. Need not be present to win. There are many State Parks in Iowa, so the more parks you visit the more chances you have to WIN! One entry per member, per park. Enjoy the ride! Enjoy the parks!

Enhancing our Members, Michele Lensing MEC

Education Corner...

Summer of Fun

With the anticipation of the warm and wonderful weather also comes the warm weather chores. The oil is changed, the tires are inflated, and the blades are sharpened. It's time to mow the lawn.

On the way home from work Wednesday I saw something that really, really bothers me -when I see parents, grandparents or siblings giving rides to little children while mowing their lawn with riding lawn mowers. What I saw, was a dad holding on to a child that I am sure was about a year old and mowing the edge of the driveway next to the ditch. Talk about all the possible issues going on, there was traffic on the blacktop shooting by, dust and dirt from the gravel drive, the ditch and a wiggling infant. It's hard enough to keep track of any one of these alone, much less all of them while mowing.

As I was reading through a USA TODAY story, it gave an estimate of more than 17,000 children are injured by lawn mowers each year. These injuries range from bumps, bruises and cuts, to limb loss, to death.

The riding lawn mower has one seat to fit one butt. Having a passenger with you is like distracted driving. I think of it like riding the Goldwing with the co-rider sitting in front of you, not a good setup.

These accidents are preventable, no matter how much they want to ride with you, or how bad you need to mow the lawn, the possible end result is not worth a lifetime of pain for anybody. When you are in the great outdoors working with your equipment, make sure you take a few minutes to check that everything and everyone is clear and safe. The end result is a lifetime of fun, safety and knowledge.

Be safe in everything you do.

Steve Lensing, Chapter Educator



Recipe of the Month from the kitchen of Michele Lensing

Romaine Strawberry Salad

½ cup mayonnaise
2/3 cup whipping cream
Mix together and add
1 Tbsp. poppy seed
1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
½ cup sugar
Shake well and refrigerate.

When ready to serve pour the dressing over a package of romaine lettuce and sliced strawberries. Toss and serve.

Other optional ingredients you can toss in candied pecans, cubed grilled chicken, toasted almonds, mandarin oranges, or blueberries.



Quilt Raffle Charity – House for Homeless Veterans and other Veterans’ Assistance programs



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Tickets are one for \$1 or
five for \$6.
Contact any Chapter IA-I
member for tickets.
Drawing will be held at the
Christmas party on
December 9.

Member Profile... Getting to know your Chapter IA – I Individual of the Year – James Fleming

Fact #3: Hometown: Oelwein

Fact #14: Occupation: Custodian at Starmont Schools

Fact #27: How long have you been riding motorcycles? 4 years

Fact #43: When did you join GWRRA? June 2013

Fact #51: What kind of motorcycle do you ride?
Red 2014 Honda CTX700

Fact #66: What is your favorite color of Goldwing? Yellow

Fact #93: What was your first motorcycle? 250 Suzuki

Fact #102: What is your longest trip you have taken on a motorcycle?
The Mystery Ride to the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend

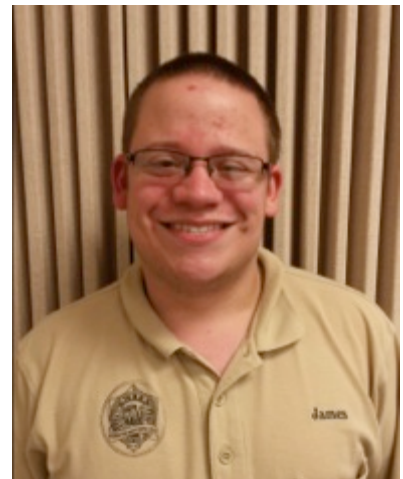
Fact #111: What makes your motorcycle stand out from the others? It's smaller

Fact #128: What type of trip do you like to take mostly? All trips!

Fact #137: Do you have any hobbies or interests when you cannot be riding your Goldwing?
Painting saw blades and model cars

Fact #138: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Chocolate

Fact #141: What is the best thing about belonging to GWRRA and Chapter IA-I?
Having people to ride with



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Upcoming Events:

1. Chapter IA-I events at Junie's in Elk Run Heights, May 21, 2017 - Road Captain Seminar TBA
Eat @ 5:30 PM Gathering @ 6:00 PM -
NOTE: This will be the *THIRD* Sunday in May... Not on the usual 4th Sunday (Memorial Day and Mystery Ride).
2. Chapter IA-I & F joint Mystery Ride – May 27-28, 2017 **KSU from Oelwein KwikStar @ 7:00 AM**
See attached flier.
3. MO Rally “Wingin' the Ozarks” in Branson – June 1-3, 2017
4. IL District Rally “Get Your Kicks on Route 66” in Pontiac - June 22-24, 2017
5. NE/SE District Rally at the First Gold Hotel In Deadwood, SD - June 22-24, 2017
6. Chapter F “Chrome 25th” Anniversary at Palisades Keppler State Park Lodge 11 AM -2 PM (lunch provided) – June 25, 2017
7. Chapter IA-I Christmas in July Ride - July 1, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
8. MN/ND District Rally in Owatonna, MN Holiday Inn - July 7-8, 2017
9. Arkansas District Rally in Eureka Springs - July 14-15, 2017
10. Chapter IA-A 35th Anniversary celebration potluck at Yellow Banks County Park, Pav # 2 - Noon - 4 PM
July 15, 2017
11. Chapter IA-I Progressive Ride - August 5, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
12. Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Ride to Iowa City - August 6, 2017
13. Region E Rally “American Pride - Spirit of America” at the Ramada/Wasserbahn in Williamsburg, IA-
August 11-12, 2017
14. Terfehn Fish Fry in Austinville at 5:00 - August 19, 2017
15. Wing Ding 39 at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine, TX - August 29 - September 2, 2017
16. Chapter IA-I annual Western Home event in Cedar Falls from 2:00 - 4:00 PM - September 24, 2017
Followed by the monthly gathering at Junie's in Elk Run Heights - Meal at 5:30 Gathering at 6:00
17. IA District Rally “Back to Our Roots” at McGrath Powersports in Cedar Rapids (Blood Drive also!) -
Sept. 29-30, 2017
18. Chapter IF Leaf Ride - October 14-15, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
19. Chapter IA-I Chili Dump - October 21, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
20. Chapter IA-I 35th Anniversary celebration at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ackley - 1-4 PM on
Nov. 5, 2017
21. Chapter IA-I Holiday Event at the Senior Center in LaPorte City 11:00 set-up Eat at NOON 1:00 Raffles -
Dec. 9, 2017

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