



# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Iowa Chapter I

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“Friends for FUN, Safety, and Knowledge”



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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Chapter IA-I Gathering – May 20, 2018  
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA  
Eat @ 5:30; Gathering @ 6:00**

2017 Region E Newsletter of the Year  
2017 Iowa District Newsletter of the Year

## The Good News from the Chapter I Directors - Roger & Lisa Fleming

You know what they say about "Wind Therapy?" Well, it's true! We went for our first ride of the season together today, and it felt so WONDERFUL to ride our WING and eat a delicious meal with our FRIENDS! We both came back with a better mindset, a calmed nervous system, and a heart filled with joy! Amazing what a ride can do!

Speaking of ride, the annual Mystery Ride is coming right up. Do you have your reservations made? You may know the destination now but you don't know what we have planned along the way, once we get there, or on the way home. Maybe you will pet a pig,? See a cowboy? Or meet an old friend or two? Who knows? Only Roger and Lisa (and James, but he is sworn to secrecy.) So far, we have quite a few people coming along, so we hope you will join us.



Kevin Dill from the Black Hawks Veterans Association has asked if we would like to host one of the Veterans in the Park lunches. They host these lunches for veterans and their families on Thursdays from May through September. Let us know if you would like to help out for our veterans.

Sue Tasker is busy working on the quilt for this year's fundraiser. She always amazes us with the ideas she has and how she takes simple fabric and turns it into something beautiful!

Congratulations to Roger and Elaine Seemann on the birth of their identical twin grandsons, Maddox and Malaki!

Our sympathies to Linda Bird on the death of her husband, Doug. He was a member of GWRRA and a long time Goldwing rider. Doug and Linda toured all 50 states and Canadian provinces on their Goldwing.

Thoughts and well wishes go out to Darlene Holmes and Rhonda Knight.

As your calendar fills up, we wish you safe travels, new friendships, and memories to get you through these snowy days.

Roger and Lisa Fleming  
GWRRA IA-I Chapter Directors



### 2018 Chapter IA-I Challenge

Visit veterans' parks wherever you go. Take a picture of the memorial with you in it. Submit the picture to Steve Lensing. Each picture counts as an entry in the year-end drawing. More pictures = More entries!

## **From Assistant Chapter Directors – Janice & Arden Terfehn**

After a very, very long winter, it is finally time to ride. We rode on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We also went to the Mall Show in Mason City. We are getting ready to go the Missouri District Rally in Branson. We plan on spending a week down there. Between graduations, Memorial Day weekend and the Missouri rally, we are going to be very busy for a while. We will not be going on the Mystery Ride due to it being Memorial Day weekend. We will be going to cemeteries on Sunday and Monday. We then leave on Thursday for Branson.



We got a very expensive starter put in the old '75 bike. They had a hard time finding one. Then they had to pull the whole engine to replace it. The people that design these things should have to work on them.

I am sitting here watching all the Baltimore Orioles at the grape jelly feeder. We have one pair of Orchard Orioles too.

The Grand Jivante Nursing Home in Ackley called. They are very interested in having our chapter come and give some of their residents rides. We will have to meet with them again and set a date. It isn't a real big home, so we shouldn't need more than 3 or 4 trikes.

Ride safe and always keep the shiny side up.  
Arden & Janice

## **How Your Life Can Change in a Minute**

I'm at the eye doctor's office to get the results of the biopsy they did at the temple of my face. Instead of confirming I had a particular sickness, it told us I have a rare disease. Amyloidosis is the name of the disease. Protein is leaking out of my bone marrow, which goes into the blood stream. It makes a sticky substance, which could connect it to any organ and shut it down.

We are doctoring at Iowa City. I have had chemo several times. They have harvested my own stem cells, and I have had one of two stem cell transplants. The next one is going to be in June.

Rhonda Knight

## **Michele Lensing, MEC and Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator**

It was a Friday evening; Steve and I went for a short evening ride before dark. On our way home we drove around the block to pick up our mail, and sitting in the driveway of some old friends was a Spyder. Of course, curiosity got the best of Steve and he texted Marty. Yep, it was their new ride, texting continued and the four of us were taking off at nine Saturday morning. Our GWRRA knowledge kicked in. Steve and I planned a route, or the general direction we would go. Our friends haven't ridden in awhile and have only ridden short distances with their Spyder.



We met at 9 and talked about the route. Through the conversation, Steve found out their Spyder takes Premium gasoline, so we knew our gas stop had to include Premium. We also knew Marty was still learning to ride his Spyder, so we knew to take it slow and roads less traveled with some curves and hills to gain experience and confidence with his ride. We also had to find a way to communicate, since we were not connected with a CB. We had an AWESOME day! We connected with old friends, had a wonderful ride on a beautiful day, lunch at Balltown, and, yes, an ice cream stop in Strawberry Point. The strawberry rhubarb cobbler was YUMMY!!!

Our ride encompassed GWRRA, FRIENDS, FUN, SAFETY AND KNOWLEDGE. Even though our friends were not GWRRA members, all these were part of our ride. And, of course, we may have mentioned GWRRA to them.

Enhancing our Members  
Michele and Steve

## **From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes**

In the past couple of months, I have been writing a series of articles about some of the findings of a study on motorcycle crashes, that was done for the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. You will see these same articles in Wing World, as well. The editor somehow found my first one and decided this might be a topic that other GWRRA members would find interesting, so she asked if she could publish them in Wing World. I am not finished with the series yet, as I think there are a number of good points learned in the study.



However, since riding season is upon us, I wanted to take a short break from that series this month to address some of the changes that occurred starting January 1st of this year. Most of these changes have very little effect on the majority of GWRRA members, having more to do with office holders, but the intent was for members to have more fun and more riding opportunities. As members we share many interests, but there are also a lot of differences between us. The one thing that binds us is our shared passion for motorcycling, particularly with the Goldwing variations and similar type vehicles. So the emphasis of this organization lies in riding motorcycles.

One of the changes that occurred involved eliminating the monthly safety talk at our get-togethers by the Chapter Educator. But, this safety talk really just moved from the get-togethers to our chapter and district rides. So, before we go on an organized ride, as a part of the pre-ride brief, we are to have a short safety discussion organized by the Chapter Ride Coordinator. The monthly safety talk at the get-togethers often was more like a short lecture or presentation by the Chapter Educator. The new pre-ride safety discussion is a very short discussion led by the Chapter Ride Coordinator related to that day's riding. So, you may ask, what does that look like?

Here are some ideas for topics:

Gloves - Who wears them? Why? Who doesn't? Why? How many pairs do you own? Which are your favorite? What do you like about them? Etc.

Boots or other over the ankle footwear- Same questions.

Helmets, jackets, riding pants, rain gear, heated gear, cooling gear, trailers, modulating headlights, modulating rear brake lights and highway pegs are topics that could be covered the same way. These would be highly informative to our members and may influence future purchases. Topics could also cover riding techniques, such as going over hand signals, staggered riding patterns on group rides, adapting to rain on our rides, or what happens when someone in the group has a problem with their motorcycle. Someone that is diabetic and wants to talk about it could discuss how to notice when a diabetic is having a problem with their insulin level. The most obvious topic could be on the T-CLOCS pre-ride inspection. This could be broken down to cover a couple of the inspection points on different rides. Tires could be handled separately. We don't want to make these talks long, so it is best to keep the topic limited and focused. Whoever is leading the discussion should keep a mind to time and to staying on topic. Make it a discussion by asking questions, not by turning it into a presentation. Ideally the talk should be approximately 3 minutes long. If it is 5 minutes then it probably has gone too long and needs to wrap up. You could continue the discussion on another ride or it might become something that people will discuss on their own later in the ride, such as at a restaurant on a dinner ride.

So, these are topics that I came up with in sitting down at the computer for a half hour. It should not be difficult for other people to come up with a lot more ideas. I believe this change in our approach to talking about safety will be a lot more relevant and interesting for all of us. I do want to point out that our safety discussions need to remain judgment free. For example, there are plenty of people who don't wear gloves when they ride and that is purely a personal choice. The point of a safety discussion is to objectively share information, learn from each other so we all can make informed decisions. We definitely don't want to drive away members. We are an inclusive group that recognizes we can make our own decisions.

I also want to remind everyone, particularly Chapter Directors and Chapter Ride Coordinators, that the Iowa District calendar should be the place that anyone in the District, or neighboring Districts, to be able to find rides, get-togethers, seminars or modules, and CPR or First Aid classes. Please make sure your ride calendar is sent to Kevin and Cheryle Miller, the District Webmasters, to put on the District calendar.

As I am writing this in April, I believe the snow is going to end soon and I will see you out on the road.

Safe travels!

Greg Hayes

## Upcoming Events

1. Iowa District Safety Weekend in Ankeny - May 18-19, 2018
2. Chapter IA-I Monthly gathering – Junie’s, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 PM – Gathering @ 6 PM – May 20, 2018  
*(Note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday due to the Mystery Ride.)*
3. “A Hoot in the Ute,” Midway, Utah – May 25-27, 2018
4. Chapter IA-I Mystery Ride – May 26 & 27, 2018 – Where will it be????
5. Missouri District Rally “Wingin’ the Ozarks in Branson, MO- May 31-June 2, 2018
6. Chapter IA-I Sunday lunch ride – June 10, 2018
7. Ohio Buckeye Rally “Swing into the 50’s” – June 14-16, 2018
8. Kansas District Rally in Pittsburg, Kansas - June 14-16, 2018
9. Chapter IA-E Chicken Run - June 24, 2018
10. Chapter IA-I Monthly gathering – Junie’s, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 PM – Gathering @ 6 PM – June 24, 2018
11. MN/ND District Rally at the Best Western Plus in Willmar, MN - July 6-7, 2018
12. Chapter IA-I Sunday lunch ride – July 8, 2018
13. Michigan District Rally at the Calhoun County Fairground in Marshall, MI - July 19-21, 2018
14. Chapter IA-I Christmas in July ride – July 21, 2018
15. Chapter IA-I Monthly gathering – Junie’s, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 PM – Gathering @ 6 PM – July 22, 2018
16. NE/SD District Rally - Valentine, NE July 26-28, 2018
17. Illinois District Rally in Litchfield, IL - August 2-4, 2018
18. Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville, TN - August 28 - September 1, 2018
19. Wisconsin District Rally - Wintergeen Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI – September 14-15, 2018
20. Chapter IA-I Western Home Event, Cedar Falls – September 23, 2018
21. OK District Rally “Cruising on a Wing” at the Apache Casino Hotel in Lawton, OK – September 27-29, 2018
22. IA District Rally - Best Western in Fort Dodge - September 28-29, 2018
23. Chapter IA- I/F Fall Leaf Ride – October 13-14, 2018

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Come help Ed Moore celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Birthday Open House  
June 23, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 PM  
Grace Lutheran Church  
1024 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Waterloo, Iowa

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>June Detwiler</b>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday lunch ride – Stay tuned for details.	11	12	13	14	15 Steve & Michele Lensing Newsletter articles due	16 Ed Moore
17 Mary Nordbrock Orval Leyh	18	19	20 Bob Hough	21 Don & June Detwiler Janice Terfehn	22 Keith Koger	23
24 Ch IA-I Gathering- Junie's Elk Run Hts. Eat @ 5:30 Gathering @ 6	25	26	27	28	29	30