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“Friends for FUN, Safety, and Knowledge”



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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I Gathering – July 22, 2018
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA
Eat @ 5:30; Gathering @ 6:00**

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

How do you say goodbye to a friend who meant so much to so many? Ed Moore was an active member of GWRRA for many years and he held several positions over that time. He and his wife, Darlene, were 2005 Couple of the Year for Chapter I. Ed was the parade coordinator for Chapter I for many years, and he led many of us down city streets in town parades. Ed passed away Thursday evening, July 12, 2018. He will be missed and remembered by many.



This month, we would like to express our appreciation for our Chapter I staff. Without their constant support, we would have given up being Chapter Directors.

Arden and Janice, when we first asked you to be our Assistant Directors, you said no. We are so glad you changed your minds! We are so very proud of how much you have come out of your "shy" shells. We are truly thankful that you stepped up and that you take care of things that we forget. We love knowing that you are just a phone call away. Thank you for being you!

Don and June, you are our knowledgeable and enthusiastic Assistant Directors. You put the FUN in fun for friends! We count on you to keep the information we share with others correct. Your experience and calmness is a balm to our souls. Without you sharing your ideas and comments, our gatherings would be very short and boring. Thank you for being you!

Michele and Steve...yes, Steve! Even though corporate GWRRA has taken your title and position away; you will always be our safety "go to guy." We miss your safety talks each month; we miss how much preparation you put into each topic...you had such great topics! Michele, how can we thank you for going though that ARL every month, it is time-consuming; it is so long and hard to navigate at times, but you keep it all in order and always with a beautiful smile on your face. Thank you for being you!

Roger and Sue...Roger, the keeper of the funds; thank you for each deposit you make and each check you write for the benefit of Chapter I. We handed you the checkbook and you have excelled at keeping the books balanced. Thank you for that. Sue, your newsletters are above and beyond! Thank you for making them interesting and fun for all to read. Thank you for your top notch editing skills and for the texts when we forget to get the articles to you. Thank you for being you!

Each of you is extremely important to us! More than words can actually say. We want/need you to know how much we truly appreciate everything you do for us and for GWRRA Chapter I. We appreciate all the time you dedicate to Chapter I.

On a side note, you may have noticed the July rides for Chapter I were canceled. Roger was ill and did not think he could hold the Goldwing up to do the Sunday July lunch ride. We are sorry to our Chapter F friends who were looking forward to the ride. The Christmas in July ride was a difficult decision to make, but it is important that you know that the town of Dysart was putting together a welcoming party to meet us when arrived in town, a lady from Missouri was making us a homemade meal, a gentlemen was opening his home to us to show off his toy collection, not to mention the shops that were looking forward to all of us being there. But with only 5 people going, we didn't feel it warranted all the time and effort the town was putting into the day for us. Perhaps next year?

Until we meet again, safe travels.

Roger and Lisa Fleming
GWRRA IA-I Chapter Directors

Michele Lensing, MEC and Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator

Chapter Challenge,

With the summer in full swing we have been working on the chapter challenge of stopping at Veterans' Memorials to take our picture and get our entry in for the drawing for the awesome stain glass hanging. As we started to get our first couple of pictures, it was just kind of a "flash and dash" process. As we stopped at the next memorial, we took a few minutes to look at some of the names listed. It was amazing how many of the names sounded familiar to us and the number of names from the same family on just one monument. With the memorials we have been stopping at, it is taking us a little longer to get our picture taken as we are finding it so interesting to look at our history through these stone markers. I think some of the reason we are really appreciating these sites is because of the sacrifices made not only by these soldiers, but by their families. Our hope and prayers are that no family gets that knock on their door because of their soldier's ultimate sacrifice.

Our daughter Nichole has been away at training for about a month now, and so she has been away from Parker since then. She has been able to make a few calls to Parker, and she did get to see him for a couple of days, but it is tough on a 6-year-old. I know this is short in comparison to many of our soldier deployments, but it does give us a small idea of what so many families have gone through.

One of our stops was in Fennimore, WI. This memorial, so far, has been at the top of our list. It was simple and amazing. There were names starting at the Civil War through Afghanistan. There was a short path that wound its way through the different memorial stones, cannons and benches. The main marker stone made you feel like you were there with them. If you are in the area, it is worth stopping, even if it's not the chapter challenge. Take a few minutes to honor our past and pray for the future.

Enhancing our Members
Michele and Steve



From Assistant Chapter Directors – Janice & Arden Terfehn

Honor Flight & Much More

On May 22nd, I went on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. I had to be at the airport at 5:30 A.M. that morning. There were about 100 of us that flew out on a 737. We had breakfast on the plane and landed at Baltimore International Airport. From there, we took three buses to the World War II Memorial. We then ate on the bus and continued on the way to the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, and Korean Memorial. We could also see the Washington Monument and the dome of the Capitol from there.



We continued on to Arlington National Cemetery, which is unbelievable. I heard someone say there are 400,000 graves there. While we were there, we watched the Changing of the Guard. These guys are really sharp. Every move is down to the split second. From there we went to the Women's Memorial. We continued to the Air Force Memorial to have our group picture taken, but by the time we got there it was thundering, lightning and pouring rain. We ate another box lunch on the bus, waited about an hour, but it kept on raining. So we went to the airport and had our pictures taken there.

We got back to Waterloo about 10:15 that night and had a very large crowd waiting for us. It was a long day, but I loved every minute of it.

Besides the Honor Flight, Janice and I have been very busy. We had three graduations to go to. On Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend. I went with the Legion to a lot of cemeteries and memorial programs.

On Thursday morning we were on the road by 5:30 heading for the Missouri District Rally in Branson. We went as far as Sedalia and got a motel for the night. The next morning we went to Bass Pro in Springfield to see the new Wonders of Wildlife Exhibit. It is the biggest wildlife museum in the world. Someone said they put over \$300 million into it. They had everything from lions, tigers, elephants, penguins, sharks – you name it, they have it. Some aquariums were 40 feet tall. We spent 2 ½ hours there and didn't see it all.

From there we went on to Branson and checked into our motel, which was only ½ block from the Angel Inn where the rally was. This was the best rally, including four WingDings, that we have been to. There were 570 people from nineteen states registered. We had three free meals and two \$7.00 discount tickets to three different restaurants. The parade went from the west side of Branson to the Branson Landing on the east side where we had the light show. There were hundreds of people down there. Janice and I rode a 150 foot tall ferris wheel, where we could see the whole town from up there. Janice was in a hurry to get home, so we left Branson at 5:30 Sunday morning. We took a few breaks and were at the Pizza Ranch in Ackley at 4:00 that afternoon.

On June 10 we went to the Grand Jivante nursing home in Ackley. We had a nice day, and everyone had a lot of fun. I could write more about that, but I better sign off or the newsletter will be as big as the Waterloo phone book.

Ride safe and always keep the shiny side up.

Arden & Janice



August 19th Chapter IA-I lunch ride will be led by Steve and Michele. They would like a close head count to determine lunch stop and route. Please call 563.237.5073 and leave message or e-mail



fuzzys@iowatelecom.net if you may attend.

If the weather does not cooperate, they will notify those on the list.



Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Ed Moore, longtime GWRRA and Chapter IA-I member who passed away on July 12. He was very active in GWRRA attending many rallies and events and serving in several other capacities. He will be missed.

Upcoming Events

1. Chapter IA-I Monthly gathering – Junie’s, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 PM – Gathering @ 6 PM – July 22, 2018
2. NE/SD District Rally - Valentine, NE - July 26-28, 2018
3. Model Train Exhibit, 117 11th St. NW, Fort Dodge, IA – Hosted by John & Barb Kilmer & Chapter W – July 28, 2018, 10 AM – 2 PM
4. Iowa District Quarterly Training, Road Captain, Storm Lake Honda – July 29, 2018, 1-5 PM
5. Illinois District Rally in Litchfield, IL - August 2-4, 2018
6. Iowa City Ronald McDonald Picnic, Iowa City – August 12, 2018
7. Chapter IA-I Sunday Lunch Ride – Coordinated by Steve & Michele Lensing – August 19, 2018 – Please contact them by phone or email if you plan on attending. They will provide more details.
8. Wing Ding 40 in Knoxville, TN - August 28 - September 1, 2018
9. Wisconsin District Rally - Wintergreen Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI – September 14-15, 2018
10. Chapter IA-I Western Home Event, Cedar Falls – September 23, 2018
11. Oklahoma District Rally “Cruising on a Wing” at the Apache Casino Hotel in Lawton, OK – September 27-29, 2018
12. IA District Rally - Best Western in Fort Dodge - September 28-29, 2018
13. Chapter IA- I/F Fall Leaf Ride – October 13-14, 2018
14. Chapter IA-I Christmas Party – LaPorte City – December 8, 2018

From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

Here is an update on some Rider Education items that are relevant to most of you. I want to remind everyone that the Levels program is still very much active. However, without the Chapter Educators, I am your main source for information on the Levels program. The best way to contact me is through my email. My email address is at the end of this article.

The Rider Education's Levels program is designed to encourage safe riding, promoting rider education, and doing so in a fun way. The Chapter Officers can be a resource for more information on the Levels program and how to sign up. But, if you need help with any of this, please send me an email, and I will get right back to you to answer any questions you have or to help you get signed up.

If you are a Level 4, also known as Master Tour Riders and Co-Riders, then we want you to be our ambassadors for rider safety and rider education by encouraging other members to advance or maintain their levels. This has always been part of being a Level 4, but the emphasis is new.

If you have taken a CPR, First Aid class, or a motorcycle riding class that was not put on by one of the Chapters in the District, or by the District, then send me a copy of the course completion card that you took, so that I can update your information in our database and maintain your level as "current". If you want to advance to another level, then your Chapter Officers should be able to help you find the proper form, or you can email me and I can send it to you. If you took one of the classes mentioned above at Safety Weekend, then I will already have that information and our database will be updated. The only change here is that you might have relied on your Chapter Educator for providing you with the proper paperwork. Now it should be either from another Chapter Officer, or I can provide what you need. We will have many of the forms mentioned in this article available on the Iowa District Website under the Rider Education tab.

One of the changes that has occurred within the last few years concerning the riding courses is that there are now two types of rider courses. There are courses, such as the ARC for 2 wheel motorcycles or the TRC for trikes, that have a classroom portion. Then there are the courses that have only riding portions. We have an ARC-R or TRC-R course that is like the courses without the -R, but without the classroom, so the overall class is shorter. Another class we have offered in the past, and is still available through the community colleges and ABATE is the BRC2 course. That also does not have a classroom portion. We stopped using that class at Safety Weekend. The MSF has a course called the ARC, which is different than the GWRRA ARC class, and that does have a classroom portion.

Here is what is important about the two types of riding courses. The ones that do not include a classroom portion can only be taken every other time to qualify for the riding course component of achieving or maintaining your Level 2, 3 or 4. We offered both the ARC-R and TRC-R course for the first time at Safety Weekend this spring, along with the full version on the next day. Those who took the ARC-R or TRC-R course will need to take a course with a classroom portion within the next three years to maintain their levels.



We have a number of Level 4 riders in Iowa. As explained above, these are our safety ambassadors and are referred to as Master Tour Riders and Co-Riders. If they maintain the Level 4 for 5 years they can apply for Senior Master, at 10 years as a Grand Master and at 15 years as a Life Grand Master. Please contact me if you need an application if you qualify. If you become inactive during that period of time, you can still pick it back up. The time you are inactive, which means you had let your riding course requirement or first aid/CPR training lapse, then that time is just added to the time needed to achieve the status. Of course, there are patches available so that you can proudly display your commitment to rider safety.

We had an excellent Safety Weekend on May 19th and 20th. The people taking the ARC course on Saturday got plenty of attention with 5 new instructors. We had 2 instructors from Wisconsin and 3 from Minnesota. Also in attendance was Bob Lake from Omaha, who was their trainer, and Chuck and Melanie Geggie from Ohio, who are the Team GWRRA members in charge of all rider course programs and came to observe the training. These new instructors are excellent people, three of them having been former District Directors, and will make good instructors in their own Districts. We also had a First Aid/CPR class on both days. To really take advantage of the Safety Weekend fee it is best to do a riding course one day and the First Aid/CPR class the other. We are planning to have the next Safety Weekend on the same weekend, but we are moving it to be Saturday and Sunday, instead of Friday and Saturday.

However, it is a good distance for people coming from the corners of the District. If you know of a group of members that need one of the classes, we have enough instructors to find someone that can come and teach the class in your area. Let me know if that is the case, and I will help arrange for that class.

We also have had one Road Captain course in June at McGrath PowerSports in Cedar Rapids and have another one planned for July 29th at Storm Lake Honda. However, if these are too far for you to travel, then let me know and we will see where there is enough interest to hold a class, then get it scheduled. The Road Captain class should be taken by any member, whether you are interested in leading a ride or not. If you are riding with our group it really helps to understand the position of lead or drag bike or trike. We look to some uniformity in how all GWRRA group rides are conducted, so that any member can go to any chapter and feel welcome and comfortable riding with that chapter.

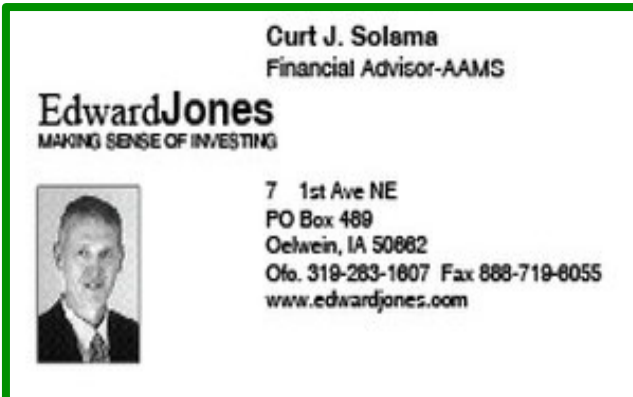
If you are interested in any of the other classes that GWRRA offers then please let Roxy Oder or me know.

Until next month, safe riding and hope to see you on the road.

Greg Hayes


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Steve Lensing	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Jim Swaab
12 Ronald McDonald House picnic – Iowa City	13	14	15	16 Jim & Joan Swaab	17	18
19 Sunday lunch ride – led by Lensings - stay tuned for details	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Ch IA-I Gathering- Junie's Elk Run Hts. Eat @ 5:30 Gathering @ 6	27	28	29	30	31	