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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I Gathering – March 24, 2019
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA
Eat @ 5:30; Gathering @ 6:00**

Be aware of spring thunderstorms!

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

Here it is, the 15th of March, snow and ice on the roads yet, melting snow and ice on the roads, and with that brings mud and water on and over the roads. BUT! Even in the midst of all this wet, cold weather, I saw one. Yes, I did. I saw one! Can you guess what it was?! Did you guess? No??? It was a MOTORCYCLE and on it was a driver with NO HELMET and NO GLOVES and NO COAT! Jeans and a t-shirt in 30 degree weather with ice, water, snow, and mud. Not a good combination with a motorcycle but to each their own. I hope he had a good ride. And, I will admit a tiny part of me was jealous of his ride, but that part didn't stay jealous for long when I thought about all I have learned from our GWRRA safety sessions.



I, for one, am ready for winter to be over. I have been stuck more times this year than I have in all my life. I sincerely want to thank everyone who has called and texted to check up on me. I am always surprised that people care as much as they do and to be honest, sometimes your call or text helped me get through the day.

I took the lead on this newsletter article. I sure hope we can get together in March. I miss seeing everyone! I know Lisa misses everyone and she can't wait for a hug from you.

Until we meet again, stay safe.
Roger (and Lisa) Fleming
Chapter IA-I Directors

From Assistant Chapter Directors – Janice & Arden Terfehn

I don't have a lot to write about this month, except for the crazy weather. Being cooped up in the house most of the time, I am about ready to climb the walls. But it is March, and things should start looking up. We have the church parking lot across from us, and there are mountains of snow that will probably be there until the end of April.

Maybe we will uncover the bikes in a few weeks. We had the oil changed and everything checked last fall, so we should be ready to ride once the weather and roads cooperate. We registered for the Missouri Rally in Branson last week. It seems like forever since we had a gathering – maybe this month? Hope to see everyone there in a couple of weeks.



When we can ride remember –

Ride safe and always keep the shiny side up!
Arden and Janice

Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC

Howdy-ho fellow wingers. It's been a long, long winter. The melting snow of the last few days gives us hope that we can once again be free to ride. If you are like us, cabin fever has set in and we got a little stir crazy. To make the winter go a little better, we are working on remodeling the main bathroom, we removed the wall from behind the sink and then gave that a turn along with replacement of the tub with a shower and new flooring (hope that is done by the next gathering). And oh yah, the ship lap on one wall (thanks to HGTV's "Fixer Upper" show,) that was a must. There weren't too many surprises as we got into this project,



and only a couple of setbacks along the way. Our goal was to be done at the end of February. It was only a goal, now it should be the end of March. It's kind of like riding, we may have a goal or destination, but sometimes we have to take a detour, make a U-turn or completely change our destination, but as long as we have fun, make friends, and are safe, it will be an awesome adventure.

Michele Lensing, MEC
Steve Lensing, Ride Coordinator

*****Have you registered for Safety Weekend yet?**



Upcoming Events

1. **March 24, 2019** – Chapter IA-I Monthly Gathering – Junie's, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 P.M. – Gathering @ 6:00 P.M.
2. **April 13, 2019** – Chapter D Mall Show – Willowbrook Mall, Mason City
3. **May 4, 2019** – Chapter IA-F Spring Wing Warm-Up, Cedar Rapids
4. **May 18-19, 2019** – Safety Weekend, DMAAC Campus – Ankeny
5. **May 30-June 1, 2019** – Missouri District Rally – Branson, Missouri
6. **June 15, 2019** – Chapter A Mall Show – Outlets of Des Moines, 801 Bass Pro Dr., Altoona
6. **July 12-13, 2019** – Minnesota/North Dakota District Rally – “Wingin’ It North of Normal in Fargo” – Fargo, North Dakota
7. **August 1-3, 2019** – Illinois District Rally – “Let the Good Times Roll” – Danville, Illinois
8. **August 8-10, 2019** – Region E Reunion Ride-in, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
9. **August 27-31, 2019** – Wing Ding 41 – Nashville, Tennessee
10. **September 20-21, 2019** – Iowa District Rally, Knights of Columbus Hall, Oelwein. More details to come. Note the date change.

Recipe Corner – Pasta Salad

1 box rotini shells, cooked according to package directions, and then drain.
1 chopped green pepper
1 can black olives, drained and cut in half
1 pint cherry tomatoes, cut in half
1 block cheese, your choice, cubed into bite size pieces
1 bottle Italian dressing

While waiting for water to boil, chop green pepper and cherry tomatoes. When water is boiling, add pasta. Drain and cut black olives, and start cubing the cheese. Keep an eye on the pasta so it doesn't boil over. Once pasta is done, drain, and rinse with cool water. In a large bowl, add all ingredients, pour Italian dressing over it and mix to combine. Refrigerate about a half hour before serving.

James Fleming

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***Remember your items for the Americans for Independent Living!
See the list in the Chapter IA-I March newsletter!***

This is the organization that provides assistance for homeless veterans in our area.
It was Chapter IA-I's charity for 2018.

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From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

First off, I would like to remind you about the Safety Weekend this year. May will be here soon so please sign up now. The registration form should be attached to this newsletter. But, if not, your Chapter Directors should have some copies, or you can get it off of the District website, or from the District newsletter. The best deal is to take a riding course one day and the First Aid/CPR class the other. Saturday lunch is included.



Riding season is just around the corner and I am very anxious to swing my leg across the bike. I am ready to ride. However, I am not sure that my motorcycle is quite ready. And, I am not sure the roads are ready. I bet we all know what it feels like running over some sand in a corner. Not a good feeling. I am very cautious any time I see sand in the road. So, maybe it would be worth it to hold off a little longer and give the city a little bit of time to clean up the roads.

Now is the time to do a little bonding with the bike in the garage. There are a few guides that will help you go through a thorough check of your motorcycle. If you look up T-CLOCS on the internet you are certain to find the MSF T-CLOCS checklist. GWRRA has a new form called the GWRRA Rider Course Vehicle Inspection Sheet. I guess that would be the RCVIS? Actually, it is called the N.17 form. You can find it on the GWRRA.ORG website under Officer Resources, then scroll down to the Rider Ed section. The nice thing about this form is that it is one sheet and has sections for 2 wheels, 3 wheels, add-ons, sidecars and trailers.

However, for the pre-season checklist I recommend using your motorcycle's manual. There should be checklists for both pre-ride inspections and for routine maintenance.

If you didn't change your oil before storing the motorcycle, then you should consider changing your oil now. We depend a lot on our tires. Air pressure is certainly going to change over the winter. Temperature changes air pressure. As the air in your tires heats up the air expands. So if we start riding when it is cold outside we know the air pressure is going to start out much lower than when the

tires get a chance to heat up. Yet, the recommended air pressure is for when the tire is cold, before it warms up from riding around. Check the depth of the tire tread. Is it getting close to the time to replace your tires? If you don't ride often and it has been many years since you have replaced your tires, they could also get cracks in them as the rubber dries out.

Be sure to test all of the lights, make sure the throttle moves freely and snaps back, the clutch and brake levers should move freely. Test out the clutch by putting the motorcycle in gear and rolling it while operating the clutch lever to make sure the clutch is engaging and disengaging. Check the oil level and the coolant level. Also, check your brake and clutch fluids. If you have a non-sealed battery, check the levels inside the cells. However, you may have a maintenance-free battery, then don't attempt to open those up. I hope you either removed the battery over the winter and stored it somewhere warm, or used a battery tender. If not, there is the risk of the battery freezing or it losing its charge. So, if you left the battery in the bike and did not hook up the battery tender, check for damage to the battery. If it appears okay, you can try putting it on a charger. Also, keep in mind that if you purchase a lithium battery for your vehicle that there are special trickle chargers designed for that type of battery.

I always use a fuel stabilizer before I store my bike for the winter. If you didn't you might consider draining the old gas and putting in new. Gas sitting in your tank for months can react with oxygen, which creates a varnish that can clog filters, jets, injectors and fuel filters. The gas can also collect water from condensation in your tank over the winter caused by changing temperatures.

The dealers can also do a pre-season checkup on your motorcycle. Unless you have a lift it is hard to check everything that the dealers will check. For me, I always have trouble checking the marking for the brake pads. Maybe it is the angle or maybe my eyesight, but I prefer a mechanic to do that. They can also check the condition of your air filter. I have seen one use a little scope with a light on the end of it to check the filter.

If you have a first aid kit, now is a good time to check that over. Medicines expire. Adhesives get old.

I have to remind myself that this pre-season checklist before I ride. As soon as it gets warm enough I want to get out. So, I need to do this before it gets nice enough. Guess what I am doing this weekend.

Until next month, ride safe! And don't forget about signing up for Safety Weekend. It will be again at the Ankeny DMACC campus on May 18th and 19th.

Greg Hayes

Congratulations to Don & June
Detwiler on the birth of their
great-grandson, Carson!
(Love the chubby cheeks!)



April 2019

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