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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I Gathering – January 26, 2020
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA
Eat @ 5:30; Gathering @ 6:00**

NO GATHERING IN DECEMBER!

Happy New Year!

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

A huge thank you goes out to our Chapter I Team and to every Chapter I Member who has supported us this past year. We look forward to what 2020 has in store for GWRRA and Chapter I.

The Christmas Party was held at the LaPorte City Community Center in LaPorte City, Iowa. Thank you Elaine for getting the key and letting us all in! The decorations were festive, the centerpieces delightful, the food...OH THE FOOD...was so delicious, and the prizes were fun. Thank you to everyone who brought anything; many hands make light work and many hands make great food! Congratulations to the 2020 Chapter I Couple Of the Year, Roger and Sue Bahe. Congratulations to the 2020 Chapter I Individual Of the Year, Steve Lensing.



Remember that GWRRA is offering 4 months membership free so share it with everyone you know. Don't forget to put your membership number on the yellow card before your friend fills it out. Any questions, just let us know.

I was going through some old papers and found this story...it's funny or gross; depending on your sense of humor:

"Daddy's Gonna Eat Your Fingers"

I was packing for a business trip and my three year old daughter was having a wonderful time jumping and playing on the bed. At one point she said, "Daddy, look at this," and she stuck out two of her fingers. I reached out and teased, "Daddy's gonna eat your fingers." I gently put them in my mouth and pretended to eat them. "Yum, yum," I said and went back to my packing. Realizing that my daughter was unusually quiet, I looked at her and she was gazing at me with a devastated look on her face. Quickly I asked, "What's wrong, honey?" She replied, "What happened to my booger?"

Until we meet again, remember you never know what's on someone's fingers.

Roger and Lisa Fleming
Chapter I Directors

**Support our sponsor
– Junie's Restaurant
in Elk Run Heights!**



Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC

Steve and I got to spend Thanksgiving in Kentucky with our daughter and her family. The drive there and back was uneventful, thank goodness! On our way to Kentucky we kept our eyes open for a weary traveler trying to hitch a ride to Ohio??? But June behaved herself and Don didn't leave her on the side of the road.



For my parents who cannot venture far, I wanted to make this Christmas special. So, I sent a message to my brother and sisters to send or drop off in person an ornament for their Christmas tree from them, their children and grandchildren. The ornament was supposed to reflect their personality or a hobby they enjoy. They enjoyed getting ornaments in the mail and the visits in person. The tree overflowing with LOVE. This brings me back to Parker's ornament, our grandson. Before we even went shopping, he said he was going to get a pig for his ornament, because he is messy. To my amazement there were some to choose from. He picked one out and when we were checking out, I noticed one of the legs was broken off. I said, "Parker, he has a leg missing. Should we get a different one?" and he said, "Nope, I want this one because I feel sorry for it." (Out of the mouth of babes!)

Steve Lensing, Chapter IA-I Ride Coordinator
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Upcoming Events

1. **January 4, 2020** – Chapter IA-A Holiday party – Walnut Woods State Park Lodge, 3155 Walnut Woods Dr., West Des Moines - 5 P.M.
2. **January 24-25, 2020** – IL District Winter Warm-up
3. **January 26, 2020** - Chapter IA-I Monthly Gathering – Junie's, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 P.M. – Gathering @ 6:00 P.M.
4. **February 15, 2020** – Chapter IA-E Sweetheart Weekend – Nauvoo, IL
5. **February 23, 2020** - Chapter IA-I Monthly Gathering – Junie's, Elk Run Heights – Eat @ 5:30 P.M. – Gathering @ 6:00 P.M.
6. **March 7, 2020** – Iowa District Crazy Supper, Toledo, IA
7. **March 13-14, 2020** – Missouri District 2020 Spring Fling, Osage Beach, MO
8. **May 16-17, 2020** - Iowa Safety Weekend, Ankeny, IA
9. **May 28-30, 2020** – Missouri District Rally, Branson, MO
10. **June 19-20, 2020** – Wisconsin District Rally, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
11. **June 30-July 4, 2020** – WingDing 42 – Springfield, MO
12. **July 17-18, 2020** - Minnesota/North Dakota District Rally, Worthington, MN
13. **September 18-19, 2020** – Iowa District Rally – Borders Inn & Suites by Cobblestone, 2200 W. Burlington Ave., Fairfield, IA

Check the fliers for more information about upcoming events.



Congratulations to Steve Lensing, Ch IA-I Individual of the Year, and Roger and Sue Bahe, Ch IA-I Couple of the Year!



Chapter IA-I 2019 Core Team!



Look at all of those charity raffle tickets! The winner is... (Keep reading for results.)

Christmas Party Fun, Food, and FRIENDS!



Hannah, our super waitress from Junie's, was presented with her own GWRRA t-shirt!



From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

The year is winding down but we save the best holidays to the end of the year. It is usually something to look forward to. I know many people had a challenging year. Most of us had good times this past year as well. Don't forget to look back at the special, good times we experienced last year as well. Let's look ahead to more special times coming up in 2020.



Next month I am going to write about a new chapter position called the Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor and how that person will help you with the levels program, among a few other responsibilities. So, keep an eye out for that article.

As you think about next year, please keep in mind ways to keep yourselves current in the levels program, join the levels program, or just find ways to enhance your motorcycle skills. More about that latter topic in future articles. Don't forget about the Iowa Safety Weekend for your ARC or TRC course, and your CPR/First Aid classes. The date for that weekend is May 16th and 17th. That is the Saturday and Sunday after Mother's Day at the Des Moines Area Community College campus in Ankeny. We can put on more of any of those classes in other parts of the state. However, I have found finding a parking that is the proper size and that the owner's will allow us to use can be challenging. But, we certainly can try to find a place once we know there are more than a couple of bikes or trikes that are interested in taking the course but are not able to make it to our Safety Weekend.

We will have a couple of presentations (modules) the afternoon before the Crazy Supper. That is on March 7th. So, please put that on your calendar.

Another big event is something Clara Boldt and I have been discussing, but I don't have everything worked out and don't have a time for that event. So, you will just have to stay tuned in and watch for an announcement on what and when this is so you can get this on your calendars. I am sorry I am not more specific. I just want you to know that we are looking for ways to make 2020 fun and educational.

Until next month, I wish you safe riding and a Happy New Year!

Greg Hayes

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Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the stained glass, "Country Rides." Over \$700 was raised to benefit Royal Family Kids Camp! The winner of this beautiful piece was Pat Wright from Mt. Pleasant.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Ch IA-A Holiday Party
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Fred & Clara Boldt	15 Eugene Holmes	16	17 Laurel Elliott	18 Sharon Koger
19	20	21	22 Roger Seemann	23	24	25
26 Ch IA-I Gathering- Junie's Elk Run Hts. Eat @ 5:30 Gathering @ 6	27	28	29	30	31	