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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I Gathering – August 23, 2020
Janice & Arden Terfehn’s house - Austinville
Gathering @ 4 P.M. Eat @ 5 P.M.
*NOTE TIME SWITCH!***

Enjoy the last days of summer!

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

2020 has felled another blow with a storm that devastated the Cedar Rapids area. It is wonderful to see, hear, and read about all the people out helping each other. That's the Iowa way. We are glad that our friends in Chapter F--Cedar Rapids and the outlying areas are all ok.



Remember to do your T-clocks. One day things look fine but the next day you can discover something (like a gash in your rear tire) that needs to be taken care of.

We look forward to seeing you at the next gathering.

Chapter I continues to seek new Chapter Directors. You may contact us or John & Yvette

Until we meet again,
Roger and Lisa Fleming

Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC

How many of you have a “Bucket List?” This is defined as a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime. As many of you know Steve accomplished one of those experiences in July. I made the reservations and went out of my comfort zone, and we went ziplining in Dubuque. We did have a really good time. Now Steve wants to take our grandson ziplining in the Caverns under Louisville, KY. They were all booked when we were there a few weeks ago. One thing on both of our bucket lists is to go riding in the New England States in the height of their brilliant fall colors. Everyone needs to ask themselves, “What experiences or achievements are on MY Bucket List?” and start marking them off.



Steve and I want to thank everyone who came to the July gathering at our house. We enjoyed preparing the food and seeing all of you! Thank you also for the free will donation for the meal with all the proceeds going to our charity of choice, The Otter Creek Animal Shelter.

Keep visiting the Iowa Freedom Rocks, for the Chapter Challenge. Remember to fill out your entry for your chance to win \$\$\$! Submit your pictures to Sue Bahe, for the newsletter. The pictures are really fun to see. Have fun and ride safe!

Steve and Michele Lensing-Ride Coordinator and MEC

Hello everyone,

We hope this letter finds you well. Seems like this virus has us hogtied, but we need to find new ways to get together. Some have used the computer with Zoom, Skype, or other ways to get together electronically. Others have also gotten out and spent time together, but kept their distance, and other safety measures were taken. No matter how you get together...get together. I urge chapter teams to review on a regular basis, who they've seen, and those they haven't, and reach out to those that may not feel comfortable getting out, and check in with them. Let's all stay active and social with one another - we're family!

How is your recruiting going? Has your chapter hit the 10 household goal yet? I know a couple chapters are pretty close, and a couple more have a great start. I don't know too many Gold-Wingers that are shy, especially when it comes to their bike. Approach the biker at the gas station, grocery store, or wherever you see another biker. I know how much you like to talk about your bike - see if you can find someone who likes theirs as much as you like yours! When you recruit someone brag it up! Put your story in your newsletter or post it on Facebook!

Lastly, get out and ride! The bike needs to run, and you need the wind therapy! Find a friend or friends that want to go and make a day of it. Pack a lunch, some snacks, and something to drink. You can still keep your social distance but have FUN.

Now let's ride,

John & Yvette Moravec
Iowa District Directors

Upcoming Events – Please check with chapter or district directors to see if events are happening.

- 1. August 23, 2020 – Chapter IA-I Monthly Gathering – Janice & Arden Terfehn's, Austinville, IA – Gathering @ 4:00 P.M. - Eat @ 5:00 P.M. — FISH, potatoes, and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to share. If coming from the east on Hwy 3, take the Aplington exit as Hwy 3 is closed over the Cedar River.**
- 2. September 18-20, 2020 - MN/ND District Ride-In – Worthington, MN – See flier.**
- 3. September 25-26, 2020 – Iowa District Rally – CANCELLED**
- 4. September 26-27, 2020 – Chapter IA-F Fall Leaf Ride ?**
- 5. September 27, 2020 - Chapter IA-I Monthly Gathering – location to be determined**
- 6. June 29 – July 3, 2021 – WingDing 42 – Springfield, MO**



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– Junie's Restaurant
in Elk Run Heights!**

From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

I hope you have been able to get out and do some riding this summer. This has certainly been a crazy summer with the current pandemic, drought conditions in parts of the state, murder hornets (though not in Iowa) and the derecho, also known as the Iowa hurricane. What next? But, there have also been some pretty nice days for riding as we have seen some cool days mixed in between some hot spells.



Even though most of us have been riding motorcycles for a good many years, the bike, body and mind connection is something we must maintain. At the beginning of the riding season it takes a few hours, or even a few rides for us to reconnect to the feel of the machine. If you have decided not to do any riding this year, or very little, you may want to consider how that may affect your riding once you do get a chance to swing a leg over. You may have decided for good reason to avoid riding. Though, riding is probably one of the safer outdoor activities we can do since we are not likely to come in contact with COVID-19 while riding. We are more likely once we get off and socialize or eat together at a restaurant.

When you do get back in the seat after being off for an extended period of time, we should take some time to re-familiarize ourselves to the feel of the motorcycle, and to practice some basic maneuvers, such as regular braking, more aggressive braking, making smooth shifts, swerving and handling different types of corners and curves. Practicing any of these maneuvers anytime is beneficial.

Until next month, stay safe and stay healthy,
Greg Hayes



Chapter IA-I Charity for 2020

The Otter Creek Animal Shelter has a wish list that includes:



- * money
- * paper towels
- * dish soap
- * antibacterial soap
- * plastic spoons
- * Glade spray air freshener
- * HP65 printer ribbon
- * clumping cat litter
- * brooms & dustpans
- * name brand cat food (canned and dry)
- * dog and cat collars or leashes in a variety of sizes
- * laundry soap
- * dryer sheets
- * toilet paper
- * Kleenex
- * air fresheners (Renuzit extra strength)
- * gravity water bowls
- * general office supplies, especially sticky notes
- * trash bags (all sizes, including 33 gal.)
- * Windex, floor cleaner and other cleaning supplies

2020 GWRRA IA-I Chapter Challenge – Freedom Rocks of Iowa



Howard and
Mitchell County
Freedom Rocks

This year's 2020 GWRRA Iowa-I Chapter Challenge is to visit Freedom Rocks by artist, Ray "Bubba" Sorensen II. Every Freedom Rock you visit, gives you an entry to be a winner. This is on the honor system. Bring in your entries to the monthly gatherings. If you would like to send a picture of the Freedom Rock to Sue or Roger, it may be featured in the chapter's newsletter.



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September 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 13 | 14 Jim Elliott | 15 Roger & Lisa Fleming | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Arden Terfehn | 25 | 26 |
| 27 CH IA-I GATHERING Janice & Arden Terfehn's Gathering @ 4 Fish fry @ 5 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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