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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I Gathering – Sunday, April 25, 2021
Holiday Party!!! 10 AM to 2 PM
Buchanan County Animal Shelter
400 Main St. North – Hazelton, IA**

April showers bring May flowers (and motorcycle time!)

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

It's here! It's here! It's really here! 2021 is here! May the New Year bring you a much needed rest from COVID, politics, We have been stubborn, strict, caring, diligent, etc., regarding our Chapter getting together during the Covid Pandemic. With many of our chapter getting their vaccination, we finally feel that we can now safely get together.



Our first gathering for 2021 will be Sunday, April 25 at the Buchanan County Animal Shelter from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Masks will be required except while you are eating. We will be having our "Christmas/Holiday Party," our potluck, our annual raffle, and our raffle for the Animal Shelter. We will be drawing the winner of the beautiful stained glass that day. The shelter is providing the building, tables, and chairs. Please note that their parking lot is mostly gravel. Many of us will be driving our cars due to bringing items for the potluck, raffle, etc. If you do ride your motorcycle, we want you to know the parking lot is not ideal for bikes. The address for the Buchanan County Animal Shelter is: 400 Main Street North, Hazleton. We hope to see you there!

Please get out there and sell tickets for the raffle drawing. The shelter has been hit by the pandemic...they usually do a lot of fundraisers to keep the shelter going. With the Covid, they couldn't do this. They have been running on donations of pop cans and donations of individuals and staff who truly believe in their mission. They will have t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale the day of our Holiday party.

Roger is tentatively planning the May Mystery Ride. Where are we going? It's a Mystery to us all. Details will be available in the next newsletter.

We are very proud of our Chapter. Whenever we call someone, it is refreshing to hear that they have heard from one of you. That is what is special about our Goldwing family; that we truly care for each other. We can't wait to see everyone! Mark your calendars for April 25.

We hope to see you there.

Roger and Lisa Fleming,
Chapter I Directors

**** Drawing for the stained glass raffle benefiting the Otter Creek Animal Shelter will be held at our Christmas party on Sunday, April 25! Please get out and sell tickets before then. Tickets are available from Chapter IA-I members or contact Lisa Fleming or Sue Bahe.

**Buy tickets for a chance to win the beautiful stained glass piece while supporting Buchanan County (Otter Creek) Animal Shelter!
See fliers for a picture of the stained glass.**

Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC

Get Ready, Set, and RIDE!!! Every spring we all anxiously await riding season. The bikes are ready, the riding gear washed and ready, and we are definitely ready. Though we have not been out on our 3 wheeled machines, we have been out checking some of the future riding destinations. Some of the roads are so smooth that we can't wait to get on them, then the next one is not so nice, can't get off them fast enough. We will do our best to find the smoothest, curviest and hill filled roads for a group ride.



In the mean time we are heading to Kentucky to visit our grandson and family. While there we have plans to do some zip lining through the caverns under Louisville. Hopefully we can get some pictures to share. After we get back we are signed up to go through a BRP CanAm riding course to get a license for Michele and I am also going through it also to stay up on the latest information.

As we start riding this season remember to be alert to all traffic as they are not yet looking for motorcycles to be on the road.

Until we meet again, be safe and take care of each other.

Michele Lensing MEC
Steve Lensing Ride Coordinator



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



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

- 1. March 28, 2021 – NO Chapter IA-I Gathering**
- 2. April 25, 2021 - Ch IA-I Christmas/Holiday Party – 10 AM-2 PM – Buchanan County Animal Shelter – Bring a dish to share and your tableware. You may bring raffle items, if you wish.**
- 3. May 1, 2021 – Ch IA-F Mayday DeStress Day & Ride – McGrath PowerSports, Cedar Rapids, IA**
- 4. May 8, 2021 – Chapter IA-D Mall Show – Mason City, IA**
- 5. May 23, 2021 - Skills Practice @ DMACC in Ankeny, IA – See Greg Hayes article for more info.**
- 6. May 27-29, 2021 - AR District Rally - CANCELLED**
- 7. June 3-5, 2021 - MO District Rally in Branson - See flier for all the information**
- 8. June 18-19, 2021 – WI District Rally in Wisconsin Rapids – See flier for all the information**
- 9. June 18-21, 2021 - WY District Rally in Buffalo, Wyoming**
- 10. June 29-July 3, 2021 – WingDing 42 – Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis St. – Springfield, MO**
- 11. July 15-17, 2021 - WA District Rally - No site or flier available at this time**
- 12. July 22-24, 2021 - MT District Rally in Lewiston - “Wingin’ to the Heart of Montana”**
- 13. July 23-24, 2021 - MN/ND District Rally in Winona, MN - See flier for all the information.**
- 14. July 31-August 1, 2021 – Safety Weekend – Ankeny, IA – See Greg Hayes article.**
- 15. August 5-7, 2021 - IL District 40th Anniversary Rally in Rock Falls - See flier for all the info.**
- 16. August 13-15, 2021 - ID District Rally in Kamiah, ID**
- 17. August 27-28, 2021 – M.I. W.I.N.D. Ride In – Dubuque, IA - This is a FREE event sponsored by the Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota Districts - See flier for information**
- 18. September 10-11, 2021 - KS District Rally in Independence, KS**
- 19. September 16-18, 2021 - OK District Rally in Muskogee - See flier for limited information**
- 20. September 24-25, 2021 – Iowa District Rally – Fairfield, IA – Host hotel – Quality Inn and Suites, 2200 W. Burlington Ave, Fairfield, IA – Please call (641) 451-6421 for reservations. The hotel doesn’t have an elevator, so make your reservations early if you need a first floor room. Rates are \$89.99 per night.**
- 21. October 2-3, 2021 – Chapter IA-F Fall Leaf Ride - TENTATIVE**

See newsletter fliers for more information on district rallies.

The Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City is still accepting donations and is in need due to the lack of visits due to Co-vid 19. Please continue collecting pop tabs and toiletries for drop off. The Iowa District is planning on sponsoring a picnic in mid-August 2021. Contact the Ronald McDonald house for drop off instructions prior to that date.

From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

Coming up in the next few months are some fantastic opportunities for some fun motorcycle activities in Iowa. I have mentioned a couple of these in past articles but I now have a few more details.



First, coming up on May 1st in Cedar Rapids is the Mayday DeStress Day and Ride at McGrath Powersports. Someone else's spelling, not mine. I don't know too much about the event so you might look to F-Troop for more information. There is a lot of stuff happening at this event. I do know that we are planning on having part of the parking lot available and set up for some riding exercises. These will be for both 2 and 3 motorcycles. These are not lessons. They are just exercises to practice some of our skills.

Second, on May 23rd we have a parking lot at the DMACC campus reserved to set up the same or similar exercises. We will have a larger area to set up than at Cedar Rapids so there will be several exercises that can be run together, then we will switch to a new set of exercises. I will be sending out more specific information on this in the near future.

For both of those events, we will have people sign waivers prior to riding and proper riding gear is required. Proper riding gear includes a DOT approved motorcycle helmet, long sleeves, long pants, full fingered gloves and over the ankle footwear.

The exercises are just fun. You can challenge yourself as much as you want to but these are designed to be safe. I know no one wants to dump a bike and that should not happen unless you challenge yourself too much. We use the little cones to mark the exercises so if you run them over you should barely notice. So, come out, do some riding together and have a good time.

We are still planning on holding ARC and TRC riding classes for 2 wheels and 3 on the weekend on July 31/August 1 at the DMACC Ankeny campus. From information I received very recently I am very confident that we can hold classes for this event, but there are a few details still in the air at this point so more information will be coming hopefully soon. This will be an excellent time for people to catch up on their levels, get re-certified for another 3 years and have a bunch of fun. Please keep this weekend open.

We now have 3 first aid/CPR instructors in Iowa trained in the GWRRA MFA program with the addition of Theresa Smith, and we may have a fourth sometime soon. We will be scheduling FA/CPR classes around the district later this year.

That is my news for this month. Until next month, stay warm, stay healthy, stay safe and stay happy.

Greg Hayes

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO DISTRICT EDUCATORS,
DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS**

March 15, 2021

The GWRRA Rider Education Program Team continues to explore different ways we can better serve the Membership during our collective recovery from the unexpected challenges caused by Covid 19.

GWRRA Rider Education Program policy for any GWRRA Member in the Levels Program who's *last on-bike course was "Range Only"* requires their *next* on-bike course to be a "Full" course (with both a classroom and a range portion) to be eligible for level course fulfillment.

Due to the continued lack of classroom space available to accommodate Federal, State and Local distancing guidelines, temporarily, any Member with a rider course expiration on or after January 1, 2020 may renew their Level by participating in another Range Only class until December 31st, 2021.

Because many of us may be starting to ride again after a year or more, this decision was made to make it possible for more Members to participate in the valuable on-bike skill practice necessary to ride safely and proficiently.

We do encourage those Members able to attend a Full Rider Course when offered to do so in support of your District's Rider Education Program and the Instructors who teach them. These courses are proven to be beneficial for all riders regardless of individual riding experience.

The RE Team posts all GWRRA Rider Education events submitted by Districts including rider courses and MEDIC FIRST AID (MFA) on the Association's event page: <http://gwrra.org/events/> where you can perform a search to learn what is available in your area.

We also suggest Members contact their District Educator for more information about what will be available throughout the year. Please take advantage of any courses and classes available to you.

Susan N Huttman, Team GWRRA Director, Rider Education Program Approved for Distribution 03.15.21

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