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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Chapter IA-I gathering - Sunday, July 25, 2021
James Fleming's home – 15 3rd Avenue NW, Oelwein
Meet at 1:30 P.M. Eat at 2 P.M.
Brats and hot dogs will be provided.
Bring a dish to share, tableware, and beverage.
Gathering/ social time to follow.**

Have you registered for Safety Day, M.I.W.I.N.D., and the Iowa Rally?

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

Wing Ding 42 is in the books. We had a great time. Riding in the rain and in the heat and humidity is always a challenge but when you are riding with friends, it makes it a little more bearable. As we pulled in to what we thought was our hotel for the week, a lady pulled up and asked if she could take our photo. We were all decked out in our rain gear but she took our photo anyway. Guess who made the local news program? Roger, Lisa, Roger, and Sue. Opening ceremonies were fantastic! The four ladies who sang the National Anthem gave me chills up and down my spine with their harmony. They were called back for an encore. Watching Roger and Sue Bahe as they did their presentation brought feelings of pride. They did an amazing job with it and with answering their “bonus” question. When you see them, ask them about it.



We had fun visiting the vendors and even purchased brand new vented/Kevlar jackets. No longer black, we will be fashionable in our silver gear. Although we wished there were more food vendors, we have to admit that we enjoyed the vendor “Doggy Style.” Their hot dogs were huge! We were able to visit downtown Springfield and see what they have revitalized and they have made some neat shops. My favorite was the Chabom Tea & Spice store. We ate lunch at the Artisan’s Oven where everything was homemade and delicious. Roger’s favorite place was the “Whole Hog BBQ Restaurant.”

The seminars we attended were informative for the most part. We do want to brag and say that our Newsletter Editor does a marvelous job with our Chapter Newsletter! The captions and colors along with the information provide our members a fun newsletter. We would love your input and additions! Seriously! You don’t have to write a 500 word essay; just a few words about a bike trip you took or a few words of advice or a delicious recipe or even write about a product you found that works great for the bike. We noticed a guy at Wing Ding who had this neat fanny pack with a water bottle on each side of it. We talked about how nice that would be when we go to rallies and conventions. Guess what Roger found at Menards! We are now the proud owners of a fanny pack with dual water bottles. Can you guess whose fanny it will be on? Until next time, ride defensively and be safe.

Roger and Lisa Fleming
Chapter I Directors

A Book Review by Lisa Fleming

I just finished reading Nice Bike by **Mark Scharenbroich**. It’s about making meaningful connections while traveling the road of life and how complimenting someone on their bike starts a connection. It’s inspiring. If you’d like to read it, I will be happy to share it. Or you can check out Mark on the web @ nicebike.com.

*** If you have not signed up for a rider course in Ankeny, please do so as soon as possible. It is a great refresher and is necessary to keep your levels status. There are quite a few openings left for these courses, so Greg Hayes needs to know who is coming. There may need to make some adjustments soon, possibly eliminating the Saturday classes and just holding the Sunday ones. More information is in Greg’s article and the attached flier.

From Assistant Chapter Directors – Arden & Janice Terfehn

The Missouri rally and Wing Ding are over. The Missouri rally didn't end like we had planned, but Janice and I did not get hurt. That's more than I can say for our trailer and underside of our trike. The guy that ran into the back of us wasn't so lucky. He spent more than two weeks in the hospital and doesn't know if his brand new Harley trike can be fixed. This guy has had three bike wrecks and wasn't wearing a helmet on any of them!! This is the second time he has had head trauma and bleeding of the brain. That's what happens when you don't keep your eyes on the road!



We took our camper down to Wing Ding and stayed in it. It seems like the mattress in it gets harder every year!

It has been a real busy year so far, and it doesn't look like it is going to slow down for a while yet. We have been so busy that I haven't had the boat in the water in over two weeks! That is not right! I'm going to have to get my priorities in order.

We hope to see everyone at the gathering.

Ride safe and always keep the shiny side up!

Arden and Janice

Extra, Extra, 2021 District Rally location has changed!!!!

The dates have NOT!!!!

Friday – Saturday, September 24-25:

2021 RALLY LOCATION HAS CHANGED: The Iowa District Rally has been moved from Quality Inn, 2200 W Burlington Ave, Fairfield, IA, due to a fire there, and will now be at the BEST WESTERN, 3303 S Center St, MARSHALLTOWN, IA, however, their lodging rooms are fully booked. Hotel reservations can be made at 2 nearby hotels.

The owner of this hotel also owns 2 other hotels nearby, the Super 8, 3315 S Center St, Marshalltown, IA 50158 and Baymont, 115 Iowa Ave W, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Room rates will be \$80.00 and \$90.00 respectively. These are both Wyndham hotels and are part of the GWRRA benefits so you can gain points with your stays at them, if you are a loyalty program participant. The Super 8 shares the same parking lot with the Best Western, and the Baymont is northeast of the Best Western. Please see attached updated rally flyer for hotel rates and local camping options.

Tips and Tricks from a Fellow Winger

Your Goldwing, perhaps not unlike your co-rider, sometimes gives you some subtle hints as to their needs.... Some (I'll just say *Riders*) are more in tune with these subtle messages... and others are not... and pay for it dearly down the road. (If you know what I mean?)

Take for instance our recent battery replacement. Perhaps the Goldwing was telling me that there may be issues.... So I did what any good *rider* would do. When the bike was in for servicing. I specifically asked that the battery be checked. When I picked it up I was told, "I didn't have my good tester, but the one I used says it's OK..."

After that the subtle hints continued... When I started the bike up, my radio station information, intercom indicator, and CB radio information would disappear from the screen.... But heh, the "not-good-one" battery tester said it was OK.... (apparently, I wasn't in tune with my Wing?)

So... off to Branson we go.... Same subtle hints continue.... But she starts and runs well... and the "not-good-one" battery tester said it was OK....

Have you ever tried to push start a Goldwing... with a trailer attached?

So.... different mechanic... "Battery says 310 Cold Cranking Amps (on a 90° day?)... and it tests as 250... which is right on the borderline for replacing it..." Well, the first thing that came to my mind was, "*a piece of metal with a threaded surface and a point on one end and a slotted head that is twisted to penetrate and fasten two things together*" it.... I'm getting a new one!

Honey.... I finally got the message.... Sorry I wasn't paying attention to your needs!

"....and they all lived happily ever after...."

Roger Bahe, Level IV Master Tour Rider

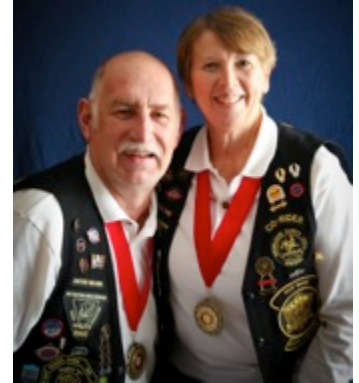
Travels of the Northwest Territory International Couple of the Year

All I can say is "Wow!" Our busy summer continues with sooo many memories, new friends, and reuniting with "old" friends. I just told Roger I was going through withdraw as we have been home for two weeks and haven't seen any of our Goldwing family.



June 17th through the 19th saw us in Wisconsin Rapids for the Wisconsin District Rally. Their "Wisconsin Wild West Wings" was a fun filled rodeo of events. Off bike games consisted of many western themed games of chance – racing ponies through an obstacle course, shooting darts at various state officers (pictures,) and lasso hoop toss to name a few. There were also various western crosswords and word searches to complete while you visited with friends (and ate chocolate!) On- bike games found June Detwiler racing around the parking lot trying to corral all of the loose animals. June and I also made gnomes in a class led by Sharon Jackson. Roger and I competed in the Newlywed Game. We didn't win, but we did get some answers right and had good explanations for the one's we missed. "In one word describe your wife's driving." Hmm. Roger said, "Legal" and I said, "Good." No match.

We also found time to visit the small town of Rudolph, a few miles north of Wisconsin Rapids. They have a beautiful grotto there with a brand new visitor's center. It was very peaceful, shaded, and



run by volunteers. Rudolph is also the location of the Wisconsin Dairy State Cheese Factory and Store. What a huge variety of cheese! Needless to say, we purchased several varieties including cheese curds. They also happen to have an ice cream shoppe, so lunch consisted of what else??? Ice cream!!

One week later we headed to Springfield, Missouri for WingDing with Roger and Lisa as our riding companions. We met up with Janice and Arden in Sedalia to continue our journey. Our WingDing adventure started with a dinner Monday night at a Brazilian grill for the 2020 and 2021 International couples and MEP team and assistants. It was fantastic to meet in person people whom we had only visited with via Zoom. What an amazing group of people representing GWRRA! The Brazilian grill was a new experience as entrees were brought to the table on swords and pieces cut off and distributed. It was hard to know how much you'd eaten, but I was stuffed when I left.

Tuesday was picture day and ICOY presentations. It sure made it easier looking out into the audience and seeing the familiar faces of Iowans. Thank you to Roger, Lisa, Don, June, Janice, and Arden for being our cheering section. Tuesday evening Roger and I attended the Welcome party hosted by the city of Springfield. Free food and great music set in a beautiful park near the Expo Center. The band played music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, and had an excellent brass section. We wandered listening to music and talking to many fellow Goldwingers.



Wednesday started with opening ceremonies, where Roger's ticket was called as the winner of a new custom Hartco seat!! Woo-Hoo!! We worked the pre-registration packet pickup briefly before traveling to the Route 66 Car Museum for the International Couple of the Year reunion luncheon. It was hot in the museum, but we got to sweat with friends. The museum features a private collection of cars. The owner was present and shared several interesting stories regarding the history of some of the cars, which he still drives occasionally.

Thursday we finally had some time to wander through the vendors and spend some time with Chapter I and F members. We talked to so many great people from all over who all have one thing in common, the love of motorcycles! (Maybe two things, the love of ice cream??) We met Baby, the beautiful collie, and her owner who is featured in Wing World cartoons. What a beautiful dog! Thursday evening Chapter I met up with Mark Tilton and experienced Lamberts, Home of the Thrown Rolls! It was an experience! I could have survived on the rolls and fried okra, which I'd never had before. We all waddled out to the parking lot!



Friday was spent going to seminars, spending some money at the vendors and manning the door to the Expo Center. Again, a great way to meet people. Friday night we participated in the bike parade along with 209 other motorcycles. I can't say enough about the Springfield Police Department and the great job they did controlling traffic so we could get to our destination safely. Battlecreek Mall was also the location of the bike show, light show, and the very impressive Florida motorcycle drill team.

Saturday ended our fun-filled week at WingDing. The day was spent with many hugs, wishes for safe travels, and asking, “Are you going to be at _____?) Saturday night Chapter I members ate at a great local BBQ restaurant. (Thanks Roger F. for the recommendation.)

Sunday brought Flemings and us headed back home in the heat. It’s interesting how we always make it all the way home after a rally, but take a more leisurely pace going down.

Again we are so honored to represent Iowa Chapter I, the Iowa District, and the NW Territory!
Thank you for all of your support!

Sue Bahe (alleged “Rally Rat”)

½ of the International Couple of the Year for the Northwest Territory



All three of the International Couples of the Year from the Northwest Territory were present at the Wisconsin Rally. Pictured are Don and June Detwiler, 2019-2020 from Chapter IA-I, Bruce and Tina Gebhard, 2020-2021 from Chapter WI-H, and Roger and Sue Bahe, 2021-2022 from Chapter IA-I.

From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

This might be too late for some of you that receive this newsletter but I wanted to remind you of the Rider Courses that we are holding in Ankeny on July 31st and August 1st. We are offering these at the very low price of \$10 per person. I doubt that you will see these courses ever again anywhere at this price. If you look at the District site, there is an online sign up for the course. Please disregard that as it has incorrect prices and information. There are flyers out for the 2021 Safety Weekend that has the correct times, dates and prices. We have only a few people signed up so far, so please contact me right away if you are interested in reserving a spot in one of the classes.



The two wheel class, the ARC, has had the range portion of the course changed. Gone are some of the tight turning exercises. The current focus of the exercises are on stopping, swerving and cornering. These are the skills identified in the 1981 Hurt Study, which was the first comprehensive study done on motorcycle accident, that motorcyclists failed to perform correctly and resulted in a crash. It is named after the head of the study, Harry Hurt. GWRRA decided that we really needed to focus on those skills which would be most beneficial to our members.

The intent is for a new set of TRC (Trike Rider Course) range exercises to be developed in the near future. However, the current course has a lot of good exercises that can improve good cornering and life saving skills.

As with many of these skills, such as stopping very quickly, we hopefully do not have a chance to use them often. Most of us do not practice these skills on our own. So, taking one of these classes can be an inexpensive way to get some practice, refreshing our skills and sharing ideas on how to further refine those skills. Also, they are fun.

If you have any question about the courses please email me at hayeswing@gmail.com. I highly recommend signing up this year for one of the courses and I hope to see you soon.

Until next month, stay healthy, stay safe and stay happy.

Greg Hayes

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

1. **July 23-24, 2021** - MN/ND District Rally in Winona, MN - See flier for all the information.
2. **July 25, 2021** – Chapter IA-I gathering @ James Fleming’s, 15 3rd Avenue NW, Oelwein – Meet @1:30 P.M. Eat @ 2:00 P.M. – Brats and hot dogs provided. Bring a dish to pass, beverage, and table setting.
3. **July 31-August 1, 2021** – Safety Weekend – Ankeny, IA – Register NOW! See attached flier
4. **August 5-7, 2021** - IL District 40th Anniversary Rally in Rock Falls - See flier for all the info.
5. **August 13-15, 2021** - ID District Rally in Kamiah, ID
6. **August 22, 2021** – Chapter IA-I gathering @ Steve & Michele Lensing’s, Fredericksburg
7. **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.
8. **September 24-25, 2021** – Iowa District Rally – Marshalltown, IA – **NOTE change of location. See more information elsewhere in the newsletter and the attached flier.**
9. **September 26, 2021** – Chapter IA-I gathering @ Roger & Sue Bahe’s, Sumner
10. **October 2-3, 2021** – Chapter IA-F Fall Leaf Ride – TENTATIVE
11. **June 28 – July 2, 2022** - Wing Ding 43 – Shreveport, Louisiana

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Recipe Corner from the kitchen of Lisa Fleming

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Sangria Refresher

4 cups white grape juice

¼ cup blueberries + ¾ cup blueberries

1 cup orange juice

2 limes, sliced or chopped + Juice of one lime

2 oranges, sliced or chopped

2 bananas, sliced or chopped

2 peaches, sliced or chopped

Blend white grape juice with ¼ cup blueberries. Pour into large jar or bowl.

Add the orange juice and lime juice. Stir until well mixed.

Add the rest of your fruit and ice to fill jar.

Let stand in the fridge for about 2 hours and then enjoy.

(You may drain and toss the fruit or you may drink your refresher and eat the fruit.)

Thank you from the stained glass raffle winner - 6/18/2021

Please forgive me for not sending you a thank you before now for this beautiful stained glass round piece that Shirley Bagenstos brought to me. The colors are just so pleasing to the eye. And we see deer from time to time as we are not far from the Cedar River.

Thank you once again,
Liz Winther



Riley, from Wisconsin, ready to ride in the Wing Ding bike parade!

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Steve Lensing Safety Day – riding course, Ankeny (See Greg Hayes' article)	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Jim Swaab	12	13	14
15	16 Jim & Joan Swaab	17	18	19	20	21
22 Joe Kruchek	23	24	25	26	27 M.I.W.I.N.D. ride – Dubuque – See flier	28 M.I.W.I.N.D. ride – Dubuque – See flier
29 Ch IA-I gathering Steve & Michele Lensing's - Fredericksburg	30	31				