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NW Territory - Iowa District - Chapter I**

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“Friends for FUN, Safety, and Knowledge”



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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Chapter IA-I gathering - Sunday, September 26, 2021  
Roger & Sue Bahe's garage/patio- 609 S. Walnut St., Sumner, IA  
Gather @ 4:30 P.M. Eat at 5 P.M.  
Baked potato bar – Pie and ice cream – ALL food provided  
Freewill donation w/proceeds going to Ch IA-I's charity.  
Bring your own beverage.**

**Hope to see you at the Iowa Rally in Marshalltown!**

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

As I sit here, thinking about what to write to you, I look over at my husband (of now 31 years) and pray that he will be all right. He started with a fever and what we thought was a head cold. When he went to the doctor, we had no idea the diagnosis would be CoVid. We've gotten our shots and wear our masks but still, this sneaky little virus got to Roger anyway. Our Goldwing family has, yet again, shown their love by calling, texting, and Facebooking messages of prayers and get well thoughts. A very special thank you to those who were willing to get groceries and run errands for us.



The days have turned cooler and that's our favorite time to ride. Cool and chilly in the morning turns into warm and beautiful afternoons. We've reminisced about some of our favorite rides and places we've gone. Roger loves it when I say "remember that one road???" It's a good thing I am a landmark kind of gal and can remember things that stand out in my memory. When I say "Remember that place that had the dinosaurs made out of rusted iron," he knows exactly where I am. We had hoped to ride more this summer but that didn't happen. So, we are hopeful for next summer. (Roger has the Mystery Ride already planned!)

Being selected Couple of the Year by our chapter is truly an honor we were not expecting. We enjoy giving this honor to our deserving couples in our chapter, but it is so hard to choose! Our chapter has the most amazing couples and individuals! We had hoped to represent Chapter I at the District Rally as COY but with Roger having CoVid and with James and I being exposed, we will not be attending this year. We love you all too much to risk anyone getting this virus.

Until we meet again, stay safe and stay well.

Roger and Lisa Fleming  
Chapter I Directors

## **From Assistant Chapter Directors – Arden and Janice Terfehn**

The summer is about over and we are finally getting some decent weather and some rain. Janice and I went to the Missouri Rally and Wing Ding, but other than that we took some short trips. One day at a time.

They took the old school down across the road from us this summer. It sure looks different. We had to take down two big trees because of the emerald ash bore.

We did learn one thing this summer. If you are going somewhere on the motorcycle and someone you don't know well, that is not a GWRRA member, asks to ride with you, do a little checking into their riding style and ability. We didn't do this with the person who wanted to ride with us to Branson and we should have. If we had, we would have known about his severe accidents, mental and physical disabilities, and unfamiliarity with his new motorcycle. We were real lucky and know our accident could have been really bad.



The fishing has been really good lately. I have been getting the boat in the water at least two times a week. Well, I have places to go and things to do, so I will sign off for now.

Ride safe and always keep the sunny side up.  
Arden and Janice

## Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC

On the last couple of rides Michele and I have been on there is a noticeable change in the air with the crops changing from green to brown and birds gathering or staging on the power lines. Yes, fall is in the air. I will be getting items together to do our fall maintenance on Orangie and the Spyder, including some accessories. So I guess my question is, do you do any pre storage maintenance or do you wait for spring? I know for us the cleaning does not always get done like it should. The things that have become very high on the list are fluid changes, oil and brake included. I used to wait and change it in the spring so it had the freshest oil possible. After research and seeing what happens to metal with these impurities setting on them over the winter I started an end of the season change, I see this problem on air conditioning coils all the time, the impurities eat away on the metal all winter long causing pits and holes. I have also gone back to the factory brand and specified oils. For Orangie it does not cost much more than what I used before and for the Spyder the factory kit is the way to go, it is complete with oil, seals and filter. It does make me feel better knowing what I have used was made to do this job. Of course, this is just my opinion.

Hoping everyone has a safe and long riding season.



Steve and Michele Lensing - Ride Coordinator/MEC



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

- 3. September 24-25, 2021** – Iowa District Rally – Best Western, 3303 S. Center St., Marshalltown, IA
- 4. September 26, 2021** – Chapter IA-I gathering @ Roger & Sue Bahe's, 609 S. Walnut St., Sumner  
Meet @ 4:30 – Eat @ 5:00 – Baked potato bar, pie and ice cream – ALL food provided! –  
Bring your own beverage – Freewill donation going to Ch IA-I charity of the year.
- 6. October 24, 2021** – Chapter IA-I gathering @ Jon & Rhonda Knight's, 2702 Crestline Ave.,  
Waterloo– This will be our annual chili dump.
- 7. June 28 – July 2, 2022** - Wing Ding 43 – Shreveport, Louisiana

## From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes

One of the most important parts of the GWRRA Rider Education program is our Levels Program. In the past we have talked about this a lot but much less frequently in the recent years. In the last year and a half, it was realized that maintaining members at their Level was a challenge but grace periods were announced to allow most of our members to maintain their level status without attending training events. Since we are all hopeful that the grace periods will no longer be necessary I want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to get the training they need. This year we have held both CPR classes and rider courses. I hope to schedule one or two more CPR classes before the end of this year.



The value of the Levels Program is multi-fold. First is the safety aspect. We all want to be safe riders and have the skills that will not only benefit ourselves but our friends as well. Secondly, attending training events are fun and allow us to share experiences with our fellow members. Thirdly, having set periods for maintaining our certifications CPR and rider courses can be motivating to keep up with those skills and to maintain our Levels status, or even advance our status in the Levels Program. A number of our past, as well as current, COY or IOY people have been Level 4 members. Although it is not a requirement for those programs, it is one of the ways these people can show their involvement and leadership in our organization. Lastly, being current in your Levels is a requirement for certain positions, including becoming a First Aid/CPR instructor or to be rider course instructor.

To help our chapter members stay informed about their Levels status and what courses they need to take GWRRA developed the chapter role of Chapter Skill Enhancement Advisor. This is a non-officer position in the Chapter, though it could be a person already an officer, such as an assistant Chapter Director, or any position. But it could be anyone else in the Chapter. One criteria is that they should be a current Level 2 rider or co-rider, or higher. Their main role is to assist me and the Chapter Director in providing information to the Chapter members on their Levels status. The role can be expanded to also assist in setting up skill practice days for their Chapter.

I will be looking for people to fill this role in the coming months. It is not a mandatory position in the Chapter but it would be very beneficial for each Chapter. Please let me know if you are interested or you want to recommend someone. You can talk with me in person or send me an email at [hayeswing@gmail.com](mailto:hayeswing@gmail.com). This position is appointed by the Chapter Director but candidates are to be interviewed by myself to help with their understanding the position.

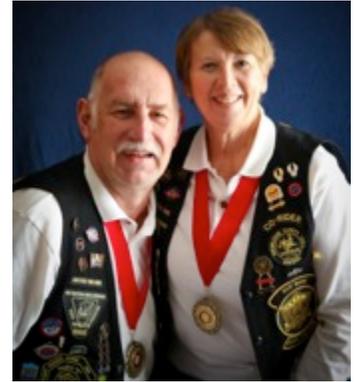
Until next month, stay healthy, stay safe, stay cool and stay happy.  
Greg Hayes

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Quilters – Be sure to bring a quilt or quilted item to District Rally  
for our 1<sup>st</sup> ever quilt show!!

## Travels of the Northwest Territory International Couple of the Year

We have had a busy month, but sadly it didn't involve riding the motorcycle. Now that school is back in session, I'm keeping busy substitute teaching at the school where our grandsons go. They enjoy seeing Grandma, and I get the benefit of spending time with them after school. With fall approaching, Roger has more call time with the ambulance as one of the other main drivers does custom field work. My garden is pretty much done, and we didn't have many pears or apples, so my outside work is also coming to a close.



We were honored by two local newspapers that did feature articles on us being selected as GWRRA International Couple of the Year for the Northwest Territory. It was a great way to get information out there about GWRRA and motorcycle safety. We've had many comments from people about how they knew we rode a motorcycle, but they had no idea what our organization was all about.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Iowa District Rally next week in Marshalltown. For those of you that ride, there are a couple of great rides planned along with on-bike games. Friday night brings John's "Newlywing" Game. For those of you who want to hang out with friends and have fun, Sue Thompson has some great off bike activities planned such as puzzles, cards, crosswords, and other fun activities. Roger and I will be leading a trivia team game on Saturday morning. Please come join us for fun and laughs. Be sure to bring your extra cash for raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. All in all, many things to participate in - all for free!!!

Sue Bahe (alleged "Rally Rat")

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

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# **GWRRRA Chapter IA-I Raffle**

## **“Where Peaceful Waters Flow”**



14” diameter stained glass

Proceeds to help fund the training of Critical Incident Stress Management team members. These volunteers help EMS, Fire and Rescue, Law Enforcement and other emergency staff following extremely traumatic events.

Tickets will be available at the Iowa District Rally or by contacting Roger or Sue Bahe at [iowawingers@gmail.com](mailto:iowawingers@gmail.com)  
Chapter IA- I members will also have tickets after October 1.

Drawing will be held at Chapter IA-I’s Christmas party.

Need not be present to win.

Tickets - \$1.00 each Book of 6 for \$5.00

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31 Happy Halloween						