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“Friends for FUN, Safety, and Knowledge”



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***IA-I Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Gathering July 24, 2016
Junie's – Elk Run Heights, IA
Seminar 4:30 – Motorist Awareness
Eat 5:30 PM Gathering 6:00 PM***



Bring your donation for the Ronald McDonald House “No-Ride” Ride!



View from the Front Seat

In the Rear-View Mirror..... It may seem hard for some to believe.... but participating in GWRRA can make you smarter! How is that you say? One year ago we were in the midst of the first Chapter Challenge we arranged for our chapter members to participate in. One year ago we had 61 of 99 counties crossed off our map of Iowa.



Now when we hear that a severe storm is in Warren County, or Hardin County, we have a lot better idea of where the storm is... because last summer we were cruising around Iowa taking pictures beside Iowa landmarks. We likely would not be as fresh on our “Where in Iowa are storm clouds rollin’? ” knowledge base without that Chapter Challenge.

FRIENDS for FUN, SAFETY and KNOWLEDGE!
Who knew what kind of knowledge we'd be gaining!

When you **PARTICIPATE** in activities with **FRIENDS** you not only experience the **FUN**, but you'll be amazed by what you might learn around that next curve, or over that next hill. For instance just last weekend on the Christmas in July ride we heard:

“My GPS is showing we're 'off-road!'”

That's why you Follow the Leader... he knows the roads..... GPS?Scheme P.S.

“Those were some fun roads... I'd never been on those before!”

And we were less than 50 miles from home! Hills, curves, and the river runs wild!

When the end of 2016 rolls around... and we ask: “What did you have **FUN** doing with GWRRA this year?”.... Your answer will be _____.

Coming up in the Headlights..... We're looking forward to the Progressive/Share-A-Ride leading up to our July monthly gathering. Two weeks later we'll be heading to the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City with our trailers loaded with items for their use (remember your Pop Tabs!):

- Hand soap, dish soap, sink cleaner
- Dishwasher detergent tablets
- Bottle brushes
- First class postage stamps
- Individually wrapped snacks (Granola bars, fruit snacks, trail mix, Pop-Tarts)
- Individually wrapped cups (Fruit cups, applesauce, pudding cups, ravioli, Easy Mac)
- Popcorn, and microwaveable popcorn
- Gift cards (Target, Hy-Vee, Fareway, Walmart, Walgreens, Kohl's, and area restaurants)
- High efficiency laundry detergent
- Zip-lock bags (gallon and snack size)
- Clorox disinfecting wipes, multi-surface wipes
- Paper towels, paper plates, plastic utensils
- Coffee and creamer

Later in August we'll be heading toward Wing Ding in Billings (with a slight detour through Seattle). September will be the Iowa District Rally at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque.

How are you planning to have **FUN** in GWRRA?

Until we meet again... Speak cordially and Ride defensively....

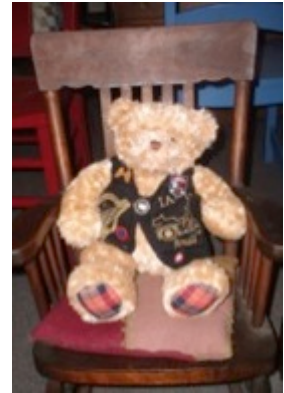
Both are better that way!

Roger and Sue Bahe, Chapter IA-I Senior Directors



Ready to Ride from the Assistant Chapter Directors

Great weather, great food, great shopping, and great friends made the Christmas in July ride a huge success. Who knew that the little town of Elkader, Iowa, had so many neat places to visit and shop?



Arnold enjoyed trying out a variety of chairs while at the Turkey River Mall.



Bahes, Flemings, and Arnold enjoying themselves at Fennellys' Irish Pub.

From the Copper Frog, to the Turkey River Mall with three stories of shops, to the Backstitch, there was something for everyone. Ask Steve Lensing about the Jelly Bellies (ICKY!) or ask Sue Tasker about her homemade ice cream sandwich (YUMMY!). The lunch at Fennellys' Irish Pub was a delectable delight... from the Irish Stew, Shepherd's Pie, and the Walnut burger, the food and service were awesome.

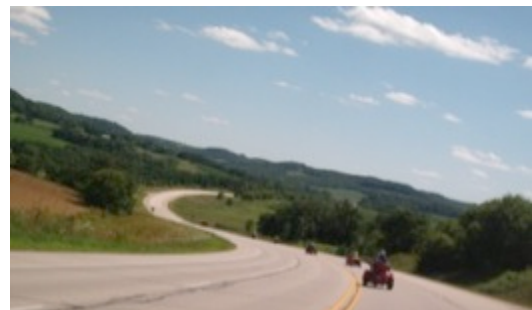


We want to thank everyone for joining us!

Roger and Lisa Fleming, Assistant Chapter Directors



We had 3 Rogers and 3 Sues on the ride along with other Chapter I members. Thanks Sue T. and June D. for joining us!



Beautiful Northeast Iowa – Curves, hills, cornfields, good friends! It doesn't get any better!

*GWRRA – Friends for Fun,
Safety, and Knowledge!!!!*

Education Corner: You must be crazy.

Why is it when you talk to the general public and you mention that you ride a motorcycle, the first thing they say is they know someone that was in an accident, or as I have been called, an organ donor. Through the GWRRA I feel we are making small steps to change this thought process of the non-riders. Through the classes, courses, seminars, and group rides, I have gained a vast amount of knowledge that I can't wait to share with the public to change this view. I was looking at some articles and thought this interesting.

Steve Lensing

You Must be Crazy to Ride a Motorcycle

by Jackie Vaughan

“You have to be completely crazy to ride a motorcycle. Those things are dangerous!

How often have we heard that? Zealous four-wheelers are bent on saving us from our own stupidity. Of course our bulbs are dim. Anyone bright wouldn't go near one of those two-wheeled death machines. “It's too risky,” they intone piously.

In a small part, they are right. There is risk involved in operating a motorcycle. There's also risk involved in driving on a freeway, even in a tank. And it's purely insane to sleep on a waterbed if we have cats. The trick is to manage the risks and to not take dumb risks.

One of the main keys to managing risks is to take a motorcycle rider course, and to keep the mental and physical skills we learn sharp. Many skills are lost in six months if they aren't practiced. Knowing good cornering and curve-riding techniques doesn't do us any good if we don't practice them.

Knowing our limits, the limits of our machines, and the limits of our environment and riding within those limits is also critical. We must remember that those limits change constantly and adapt our riding style to conform to them.

Superior riders never get themselves into situations requiring superior skills. Taking dumb risks is asking for trouble. If we keep pushing our limits, we will eventually exceed them, and the consequences can be devastating or even fatal. Riding faster and faster through a familiar curve can spell disaster when we've pushed our traction to the limits and there's something unexpected in the road halfway through the curve. Riding fast in the rain just because we're in a hurry makes no sense when we know we can't stop quickly. Slowing down and putting distance between us and a hazard is sensible risk management. Replacing worn tires helps keep us safely stuck to the road.

Part of the challenge of motorcycling is risk management, and the sport wouldn't be very enjoyable if we wrapped ourselves in cotton and surrounded ourselves with a cocoon of safety devices. However, the sport is more fun if we don't have to worry about dangers we create for ourselves.

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Membership Enhancement...

Get your entries in for the Chapter Challenge!

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The 2016 Chapter IA-I Chapter Challenge is up and running.....

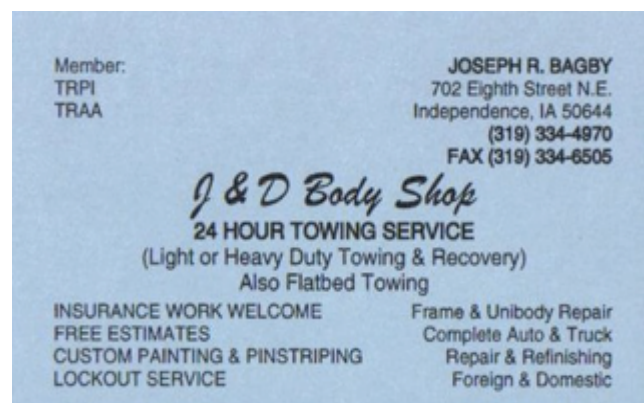
- *Take a separate picture for each letter in "GOLDWING."
- *Must have the city, county, or state name in the picture.
- *Can be a selfie or posed, but you must be in it.
- *Once you have your eight pictures, submit them as a group to iowawingers@gmail.com and turn your card in at a Chapter IA-I monthly gathering.
- *Prize winner will be drawn December 10, 2016 at the Chapter IA-I Holiday Event. and.....
HAVE FUN!!

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"Happy Camper"

I've never been one to believe in coincidences. I believe everything happens for a reason. As some of you know Roger S. lost his Honda cap (with his G.W.R.R.A. pin on it) during our trip to Elkader for the "Christmas in July Ride." He tried to backtrack his steps to no avail. We were all outside the Turkey Mall taking group pictures, when the owner of the mall asked if she could take our picture to put on FaceBook. (Wow, that's even better than the newspaper!!) So Roger B. gave her one of his cards. Lo and behold, he gets a phone call saying the cap was found. Coincidence? No, he was meant to get it back!! Thanks Roger B. for offering to pick it up when you get to Elkader this week.

Roger Seemann by Elaine



Member Profile... Getting to know Jim and Laurel Elliott



Fact #1: Name: Jim and Laurel Elliott

Fact #2: Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren:
Three sons (Jim, Steve, and Kevin); 8
grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren

Fact #3: Hometown: Cedar Falls

Fact #4: Years married: 67!

Fact #14: Occupation (or occupation prior to retiring): Laurel: Cashier at Eagles
Jim retired from John Deere (after 33 years, 7 months, 5 days, 2 hours, and 30 minutes!)

Fact #27: How long have you been riding motorcycles/scooters? 40 years

Fact #29: How many years have you been riding a Goldwing? Since 1986

Fact #43: When did you join GWRRA? March 1988

Fact #51: What year is your Goldwing? 1985

Fact #52: What color is your Goldwing? Limited Edition Sunflash Gold

Fact #53: Bike or Trike? Bike

Fact #66: What is your favorite color of Goldwing? Laurel: White Jim: Red

Fact #93: What was your first motorcycle? 185 Suzuki

Fact #102: What is your longest trip you have taken on a Goldwing? 5,676 miles through Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California. We've traveled by motorcycle in 48 states and 5 Canadian provinces (Kentucky was on a Suzuki, the rest on Goldwing.)

Fact #111: What makes your Goldwing stand out from the others? Laurel: "US!"
Jim: "You don't have to choke it to start it."

Fact #128: What type of trip do you like to take mostly? Used to ride on Tuesday night rides.
Like short (300 mile) trips, and long trips with friends.

Fact #137: Do you have any hobbies or interests when you cannot be riding your Goldwing?
Laurel: Crocheting, reading, quilting, and "taking care of my honey."

Jim: Clock and watch repair, reading, hunting, genealogy, and being a life member of the Iowa Archaeological Society.

Fact #138: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Jim: Meadow Gold Vanilla
Laurel: Butterscotch or Double Chocolate Almond

Fact #141: What is the best thing about belonging to GWRRA and Chapter IA-I?
The PEOPLE..... Meeting new friends.

Upcoming Events:

1. Chapter IA-I Progressive Appetizer/Dinner/Dessert Ride with Share-A-Ride beginning in Junie's parking lot (Time TBA) and ending back in Junie's parking lot. **Motorist Awareness seminar @ 4:30 – Chapter IA-I meal at 5:30 PM and 6:00 Gathering – July 24, 2016**
2. Ronald McDonald House Charities Pop Tab Ride to Iowa City – August 7, 2016
3. Chapter IA-W is "Cookin' Up a Celebration" - August 13, 2016
4. Terfehn Fish Fry – See you at 5:00 in Austinville – August 20, 2016
5. Nebraska / South Dakota Rally "Winging to Wall on the way to Billings" in Wall, South Dakota – Aug. 25-27, 2016
6. Chapter IA-I meal at 5:30 PM and 6:00 Gathering at Junie's in Elk Run Heights – August 28, 2016
7. Wing Ding 38 "Blazin the Beartooth" in Billings, MT – August 31 - September 3, 2016
8. Wisconsin District Rally in Wisconsin Dells – September 16-17, 2016
9. Western Home event in Cedar Falls 2-4:00 PM followed by the Chapter IA-I meal at 5:30 PM and 6:00 Gathering - September 18, 2016 **Note this is the THIRD Sunday of the month due to the Iowa District Rally**
10. Iowa District Rally "Motorcycles and Mobsters" in Dubuque – September 25-26, 2016
11. Chapter IA-I Seminar (TBA) prior to 5:30 PM meal and 6:00 Gathering in Elk Run Heights – October 23, 2016
12. Chapter IA-I Seminar (TBA) prior to 5:30 PM meal and 6:00 Gathering in Elk Run Heights – November 27, 2016
13. Chapter IA-I Holiday Event at the LaPorte City Senior Center – December 10, 2016
Set-up – 11:00 Eat at NOON Raffles begin at 1:00
14. **No Seminar... Meal... or Chapter IA-I Gathering on the fourth Sunday in December – December 25, 2016**
15. Chapter IA-E 29th annual Sweetheart Weekend – February 11, 2017

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From the National Office: ANNOUNCING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF TRAINING –

It is with great pleasure that we announce the new Director of Training. We are excited to welcome Clara and Fred Boldt to the National TEAM! Clara has been serving as Assistant Director of Certification in GWRRA University prior to her appointment. She brings years of instructor experience from within GWRRA as well as the private sector. She'll tell you that her #1 support TEAM is Fred! She is excited to lead her TEAM as they continue the work that has been started in GWRRA University.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Joe Price for the insight and direction he gave to GWRRA University over the last couple years. His vision has set us on a new path where GWRRA Training is more interactive and can now be found in one place. Thanks Joe for all you have done.

Please feel free to contact Clara and welcome her at toledotriker@gmail.com.

Welcome aboard Clara and Fred, we are so honored to have you!!!
Anita Alkire Ray and Sandi Garris
President of GWRRA Your Directors of GWRRA

Congratulations, Clara and Fred!

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Steve Lensing	2 Bill's Smokehouse 201 1 st St. W Independence 310-334-2455 Order @ 6	3	4	5	6
7 Ronald McDonald Ride to Iowa City – KSU 8:30 Casey's South Independence	8	9	10	11 Jim Swaab	12	13
14	15 Newsletter articles due	16 Jim & Joan Swaab Stinky's Bar & Grill, 924 Parriott St. Aplington 319-347-2392 Order @ 6	17	18	19	20 Terfehn Fish Fry - Austinville
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Ch IA-I Gathering Junie's- Elk Run Hts. Eat @ 5:30 Gathering @ 6	29	30	31 Wing Ding begins in Billings, MT			