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***IA-I Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Gathering – June 25, 2017  
Junie’s – Elk Run Heights, IA  
Eat – 5:30 PM Gathering 6:00 PM***



## The Good News from the Chapter I Directors

The Mystery Ride started out in secrecy, foggy secrecy that is. There were times it was so thick (HOW THICK WAS IT???), it was so thick that we couldn't see the side of the road!



Yes, we were crazy for riding in it, but a ride is a ride and we had a schedule to maintain. We picked up our Chapter F friends and were on our way. Eventually, the sun did come out and we had a beautiful ride. We did get pelted with some large raindrops before we got to our first stop, which was at Perry, Iowa, at the Hotel Pattee. The decor at this hotel is stunning!



We were shown our own room and served delicious food.

During lunch, the rain stopped, the sun came out, and we head down the road to the Axe Murder House in Villisca, Iowa.



The history behind this home and the gruesome murders is interesting. After the tour, seeing where the murders took place, and visiting with the



ladies that were going to spend the night there (Roger wanted to stay the night and Lisa said no way!), we headed to Red Oak where our hotel awaited us. Roger and Elaine took a ride around the town of Red Oak and saw some neat things. If you see them, ask them about Red Oak.

Our supper was at an authentic Mexican restaurant where we "got cozy" in a back booth.

After supper was a game of "Dirty Minds" with Don and Sue stumping us only once with their clues. And JUNE was the big winner for guessing correct answers! What a MIND she has! Everyone got into the fun of the game and let me just share that Don and Sue can put on very sultry voices! It was fun watching as people gave clues and even more fun listening the shout outs of answers. And some of the answers? Whoo Boy! We had fun!

The next day brought an absolute beautiful riding day for our Goldwing, Harley, Honda ZTX, Goldwing trike, SUV, and a car. Roger Seemann was our tail in his car and with his CB on, it worked perfectly. This was the day that our tail let us know about the lunatic driver that passed all of us up a hill with an oncoming motorcycle. We all had time to get into the left track safely while this idiot straddled the yellow line and passed us. Thanks to our Road Captain course, our tail, our riders, and our leader for getting us through that situation safely.



Our lunch on Sunday was at another hotel in Chariton, Iowa. We were greeted with smiling faces and our tables were all pushed together. Our meal was delicious. A great comment was shared by June when she said, "This has been one of the best rides I've been on and cheap too!"

Our last stop was to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument outside of Albia, Iowa. This place is beautiful. If you ever have a chance to visit it, you will be glad you did. One hundred American flags greet you as you drive up to it. Twenty-one white marble crosses are stationed between the walkway. The memorial wall has engraved names of soldiers, living and deceased. There are 50 State flags flying in another part of this monument. This was all organized by veterans and is a monument to veterans who have served their country and where they can all be at home with their comrades. I really can't say enough about this place. You have to visit it to appreciate it. Thank you, Sue Thompson, for finding this heartfelt place for us to visit.

As we prepared to leave Welcome Home Soldier Monument, another great comment was heard from David. "I don't know what your Goldwing friends were doing this weekend, but they missed out on a heck of a ride." Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Mystery Ride. The ride may be over but the memories will last a lifetime.



#### [Upcoming events for Chapter I:](#)

[Christmas in July ride to Galena, Illinois on Saturday, July 1.](#) Meet at Independence Casey's across from Wal-Mart. Kickstands up at 8 AM. Note: Bring your walking shoes.

[Sunday Lunch Ride: Meet at Junie's. Kickstands up at 10 AM. Lunch at Janice and Arden's in Austinville at noon.](#) Beautiful ride to follow. Bring your cameras.

[A huge shout of thanks to Don Detwiler for preparing our Sunday Lunch Ride in June.](#) With the weather so hot (98=too hot to ride), only 5 of us gathered for lunch. But we had a nice visit with good food and decided to postpone his ride for another time. Watch your emails as this might be an impromptu ride for a cooler Saturday or Sunday.

Several of you have gathered items for our Charity of Choice; Home for Homeless Vets. [You may bring them to the next gathering or when we help host a Picnic in the Park on August 3.](#)

As you look forward to August and September, plan to attend the Region E Rally in Williamsburg, Iowa on August 11 and 12.

In September is our Iowa District Rally in Cedar Rapids on September 29 and 30. The Ralph Swank award will be presented. Have you sent in your nominations? Just a short paragraph to Tom and Sue Wright will get your person or couple nominated for this prestigious award. Please remember there is a blood drive in honor of Doug Boemecke so let's roll up our sleeves, Chapter I, and let the red stuff roll for a good cause.

Our Chapter Challenge is growing! Several names are going into the drawing for the CRISP, NEW \$100 BILL! [So take those rides to our Iowa state parks, check them out, go for a stroll, take pictures, go fishing, or pack a picnic lunch.](#) Our state parks are beautiful this time of year. My sister and I visited one in south west Iowa. It was scenic.

It is hard to believe that we have been your Chapter Directors for 6 months already. We have jumped a few hurdles, run through some pot holes, but for the most part, we have had fun and YOU the MEMBERS are the reason why. Your ideas, positive comments, and willingness to help us at any given time mean a lot to us and help keep our Chapter going.

Until we meet again, use your knowledge to keep you safe, gather your loved ones close, and smile, smile, SMILE!

Roger and Lisa Fleming

## From Assistant Chapter Directors – Arden and Janice Terfehn

*This is the time of the year when many of us are planning a weekend trip, or maybe a longer adventure by motorcycle. Tthe following article may read like it was supposed to be published in last month's newsletter, but it was delayed because of extensive travel:*

*May 4 - Arden mailed his Assistant Director article from Austinville, and it is postmarked on this date in Waterloo.*

*(Please note: Arden and Janice do not have email.... and that's OK!)*

*(Please note also: Austinville is in Butler County, which shares a border with Bremer County where Sumner is located.)*

*(Google says it's 65 miles.... see where we are going yet?)*

*May 13 - Nine days later.... Letter is postmarked in Tallahassee, Florida*

*Google says this is 1161 miles from Austinville!*

*Someone writes "Wrong Address" on the envelope (it was correct)*

*May 18 - Fourteen days later.....Ten days after the newsletter was printed (due to the gathering being moved up last month.) Letter arrives as addressed on the envelope following a trip that Goggle says is 2,326 miles! All for 49 cents!*



*So folks..... Hope you have fun on a two week adventure on your Goldwing..... Hope you travel as far and wide as Arden's article has!*

Well, it is May and we should be riding and as soon as this hurricane season is over we will be. It is NOT fun riding in a 30 mph wind. It is NOT fun fishing in a 30 mph wind either. We ran into a really bad hailstorm a few weeks ago that did a lot of damage to Janice's Trailblazer. Good thing we didn't have the trike or we would have been in trouble. Some hailstones were as big as golf balls! I thought we would go deaf sitting in the car.

Janice went to the Chapter D Mall Show in Mason City. There were a lot of bikes there. We have three trips planned for this year. Two of them are on the trike. Hopefully the weather straightens out. The next few days are supposed to be breezy, but "breezy" in Iowa is 15-25 mph winds. When they say "windy," hold onto your helmet!

Just remember when you are riding: Keep the shiny side up and keep it between the fence!

Arden & Janice

## Assistant Chapter Directors - Don and June Detwiler



We waited all winter and spring for summer to arrive, but I'm pretty sure we didn't want these hot temperatures, at least not in June. We went to Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse today (6/11) for lunch but didn't take the ride that Don had planned due to the high temperatures that were forecast. We missed all of you at lunch. It was just Flemings and us but we still had a really good time, and the food was awesome.

Don and I went on the Mystery Ride in May and I have to tell you it was a hoot. We had no idea where we were going, and it was good thing too because we went to a haunted house. Actually, it is a house where some ax murders had occurred many years ago. Now for the record I didn't see any ghosts, but I hear they are there. Now, let me tell you about lunch that day. We had lunch in Perry, IA in an old hotel. The theme in the restaurant was trains and the restaurant and motel were done in mission style, which is my favorite. Don said the trunk wasn't big enough to take home all the cool stuff, and something about the hotel probably wouldn't let me have it anyway. No sense of humor, I guess. There was a really great library there also. The hotel where we spent the night was really nice and we had a great Mexican meal for supper at the restaurant next door. But the very best part of the ride was on the second day when we stopped outside Albia, IA. There is a beautiful Veterans' Park there. We didn't see any size mentioned anywhere but it is several acres. There are 100 American flags on permanent display as well as flags for all 50 states in a separate area. Along with the 50 states is also a flag honoring the WWII Code Talkers. Being Memorial Day Weekend there were small flags along both sides of all the walkways. In the middle of the park is a long, curved, granite wall with the names of veterans engraved. There are also 21 white marble crosses in a long straight line where you first enter. The crosses go from where you enter back towards the granite wall. These 21 crosses represent the 21 Gun Salute. There are also veteran's names on all of the poles of the permanent flags (on the bases), and the white crosses also have names on them. Any veteran can be honored here, for a fee, of course, to pay for the work done. If I remember correctly, it costs \$150.00 to have a name engraved on the wall. It is absolutely beautiful and an absolutely AWESOME place to visit. A wonderful tribute to our Veterans. We will have to make a return trip someday to see it again. Roger and Lisa put together a wonderful ride and those who missed the ride missed a lot. We hope you can make the Christmas in July ride on July 1st. If it is hot that day, we can always car pool.

We look forward to seeing you all at the June gathering.

Hugs and Loves,  
Don and June



*Have you sent in your registration and made hotel reservations for the various rallies and rides?*

*There are many exciting events to take part in whether on 2, 3, or 4 wheels!*

## Membership Enhancement...

For the last couple months, I have been studying, researching, and watching videos on the T-slim G4 Insulin Pump with the Dexcom G5 Transmitting Sensor. Our oldest daughter, Ashley and I traveled to Lexington, Kentucky the end of April to have some hands-on experience changing the pump and sensor placement. Our youngest daughter, Nichole and grandson, Parker, live in Lexington. Parker was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes 2 years ago at the age of three. Steve and I said we would take care of Parker during Nichole's two-week National Guard Training. I had a few sleepless nights worrying if I could take care of all of Parker's needs.

We are into week two and things are going pretty well. We always have to remember his bag of supplies when leaving the house, check his blood glucose before every meal, plus as needed, count carbs, make sure he gets his insulin. Get up during the night to check his blood sugar so he doesn't get too low or is running too high, and just keeping up with a VERY ACTIVE 5-year-old. It is exhausting, worrisome, and AMAZING with all the things our Grandson knows! They say one of the best things about being a parent is one day becoming a Grandparent! They are so RIGHT! Like a lot of things in life we have many challenges and obstacles that come our way, but with some knowledge, research, and wisdom of others we can overcome and get through many things.

Enhancing Members,  
Michele Lensing, MEC



## Education Corner...

Summer time is under way, and the heat is on. When it warms up we start to think about travel, whether it is an overnigher on the Wing or that once in a lifetime international trip. The one thing that is common in all your travels is to protect your credit cards. While you are checking in and debating over dinner, criminals are targeting your cards.

When it comes to protecting your credit cards on vacation, a lot of it comes down to common sense. A few things to remember are keep your cards with you, be aware of what's going on around you, hide the cards and pin numbers, and hang on to your receipts.

Other things to remember are: consider sharing your itinerary with your card banks; pack smart, take only what you actually need; think about lowering your cash withdrawal limits; jot down the card phone number for an emergency; ask hotels about card security; don't put all your cards in one basket or wallet; practice safe ATMing, use ones in a safe area; use your eyes, check over the receipt, make sure everything is filled in before you sign. Another safe practice is to place your card on the counter with the numbers down. These are a few simple ideas from, "8 ways to keep your cards safe during vacation travels" by Dana Dratch.

Wishing you a safe and joyful summer.

Steve Lensing, Chapter Educator

## Mystery Ride

We started out Saturday in very thick fog. Lucky to see a block ahead of you and lasted till about 11:00. Sunshine for a short time, then came the liquid sunshine, but that didn't seem to spoil our moods. We had 4 bikes and 2 cars.

A swarm of bumble bees spotted a bright yellow object flying down the road and figured it was the queen bee. (Oops – guess not!)

One biker winged the energizer bunny and possibly slowed him down a little bit. Another biker had a bird slam into his bike. (Sun must have been in his eyes.)

The Axe House in Villisca is a mystery to this day. It was all very interesting and sad at the same time.

Saturday night at the motel, we all had a good belly laugh playing this dirty card game. (We tried to educate James, but he surprised us all!)

The “Welcome Home Soldier Monument” near Albia was a very appropriate stop. We were all impressed by it. Thanks so much!

We didn't get lost, but some haven't figured their left from their right yet, but we are working on them.

Of course the trip wouldn't be complete without a curly Q. (Well close, anyway.)

One thing for sure, we never got axed on this trip? Great time by all!

submitted by “One of the Mystery Riders”

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### **Recipe of the Month from the kitchen of Michele Lensing**

#### **Simple Salisbury Steak**

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 pound ground beef          | 1/3 cup dry bread crumbs |
| 1/4 cup finely chopped onion | 1 egg, beaten            |
| 2 Tbsp water                 | 1 Tbsp oil               |

1 can Campbell's Beef Gravy or Heinz Savory Beef Gravy

Thoroughly mix the beef, bread crumbs, onion, egg, and water in a medium bowl and shape into 4 oval patties, 1/2 inch thick. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Until they are well browned on both sides. Pour the gravy over the patties and simmer on low for 10 minutes or until the patties are done. Serve with mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Depending on how much gravy you like I may use two cans or one large jar of the Heinz Gravy.

## Member Profile.... Getting to know Jon & Rhonda Knight

Fact #2: Children: Kyle  
Fact #3: Hometown: Waterloo  
Fact #4: Years married: 23

Fact #14: Occupation:  
Rhonda - Massage Therapist at Covenant  
Jon - Dairy Products Inspector for State of Iowa



Fact #27: How long have you been riding motorcycles? Since 1972  
Fact #29: How many years have you been riding a Goldwing? 3 years

Fact #43: When did you join GWRRA? 3 years ago

Fact #51: What kind of motorcycle do you ride?  
2006 Candy Black Cherry

Fact #53 Bike or Trike? Bike

Fact #66: What is your favorite color of Goldwing? Rhonda – Gold Jon – Candy Black Cherry

Fact #93: What was your first motorcycle? 3.5 HP mini-bike bought at a gas station

Fact #102: What is your longest trip you have taken on a motorcycle? Jon – Sturgis, South Dakota

Fact #111: What makes your motorcycle stand out from the others? No CB, but has added lights

Fact #128: What type of trip do you like to take mostly? All trips! Any trips! Let's go!

Fact #137: Do you have any hobbies or interests when you cannot be riding your Goldwing?  
Rhonda – walking, watching movies, eating out  
Jon – fishing, target shooting, camping

Fact #138: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream? Rhonda – chocolate Jon - vanilla

Fact #141: What is the best thing about belonging to GWRRA? FRIENDSHIPS

Fact #153 What is the best thing about belonging to Chapter IA-I? Short ride to the gatherings

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## Upcoming Events:

1. Chapter F "Chrome 25th" Anniversary at Palisades Keppler State Park Lodge 11 AM -2 PM (lunch provided) – June 25, 2017
2. Chapter IA-I Christmas in July Ride - July 1, 2017 Meet at Independence Casey's across from Wal-Mart. Kickstands up at 8 AM. Note: Bring your walking shoes.
3. MN/ND District Rally in Owatonna, MN Holiday Inn - July 7-8, 2017
4. Chapter IA-I Sunday lunch ride, July 9, 2017 Meet at Junie's. Kickstands up at 10 AM. Lunch at Janice and Arden's in Austinville at noon. Beautiful ride to follow. Bring your cameras.
5. Arkansas District Rally in Eureka Springs - July 14-15, 2017
6. Chapter IA-A 35th Anniversary celebration potluck at Yellow Banks County Park, Pav # 2 - Noon - 4 PM July 15, 2017
7. Picnic in the Park for Veterans, Waterloo, August 3, 2017 sponsored by Chapter IA-I
8. Chapter IA-I Progressive Ride - August 5, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
9. Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Ride to Iowa City - August 6, 2017
10. Region E Rally "American Pride - Spirit of America" at the Ramada/Wasserbahn in Williamsburg, IA- August 11-12, 2017
11. Terfehn Fish Fry in Austinville at 5:00 - August 19, 2017
12. Wing Ding 39 at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Grapevine, TX - August 29 - September 2, 2017
13. Chapter IA-I annual Western Home event in Cedar Falls from 2:00 - 4:00 PM - September 24, 2017  
Followed by the monthly gathering at Junie's in Elk Run Heights - Meal at 5:30 Gathering at 6:00
14. IA District Rally "Back to Our Roots" at McGrath Powersports in Cedar Rapids (Blood Drive also!) - Sept. 29-30, 2017
15. Chapter IF Leaf Ride - October 14-15, 2017 *Continue to watch for details.....*
16. Chapter IA-I Chili Dump at Roger & Sue Bahe's in Sumner - October 21, 2017
17. Chapter IA-I 35th Anniversary celebration at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Ackley - 1-4 PM on Nov. 5, 2017
18. Chapter IA-I Holiday Event at the Senior Center in LaPorte City 11:00 set-up Eat at NOON 1:00 Raffles - Dec. 9, 2017

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Remember to purchase your raffle tickets for the beautiful patriotic quilt! All proceeds will go to the House for Homeless Veterans!

# July 2017

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday                           | Wednesday | Thursday                     | Friday                               | Saturday  |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|  |        |                                   |           |                              |                                      | 1<br><b>Christmas in July ride – meet in Indy KSU 8 AM</b><br><b>Roger &amp; Elaine Seemann</b> |
| 2  | 3      | 4                                 | 5         | 6                            | 7                                    | 8   |
| 9<br><b>Lunch ride to Terfehn's KSU @ 10</b><br><b>Junie's in Elk Run Heights</b>                | 10     | 11                                | 12        | 13                           | 14<br><b>Newsletter Articles due</b> | 15  |
| 16<br><b>Gene &amp; Darlene Holmes</b>   | 17     | 18<br><b>Joe Kruchek</b>          | 19        | 20<br><b>Michelle Clemen</b> | 21                                   | 22<br><b>Janice &amp; Arden Terfehn</b>   |
| 23<br><b>Ch IA-I Gathering- Junie's Elk Run Hts. Eat @ 5:30 Gathering @ 6</b><br><b>Sue Bahe</b> | 24     | 25<br><b>Roger &amp; Sue Bahe</b> | 26        | 27                           | 28                                   | 29  |
| 30   | 31     |                                   |           |                              |                                      |   |