



Monthly Gatherings 1st Saturday of each Month

Doors Open at 8:00am Meeting at 9:00am

Feb. 6 Dinner

Feb. 15 Chapter E

SweetHeart Weekend

Feb. 15 Chapter A

Bowling Night

Feb. 20 Potluck & Seminar

Feb. 22 District Target Training

See website for more details

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# BlackSheep Pen

*"Friends For Fun, Safety & Knowledge"*



Region E

CHAPTER A DES MOINES, IA

FEBRUARY 2014



## Shepherds

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## Stories

*Now that our non riding months are in full swing, we reflect back on all the memories we made last year.*

*One has to wonder, can we do the same in 2014? Well, we have used as much brain power as we could get in one spot and we think we have put some good rides together. Moving forward, we want everyone to think about what we need to do to step up in the Levels Program. The next three months will give you some of the building blocks, so please try to attend our Thursday night potlucks to get some of your requirements.*

*If you have any questions on the program please contact me [through email or the web site officer's page] and I will get you the information you need.*

*Let's keep our friends as close as we can and have as much fun as possible and gain as much knowledge as we can. 2014 will be a great year.*

*Dave and Diane Tingle  
Chapter Directors*

## District Pastures News

*Congratulations to Lonnie and Diane Borseth for being appointed as SENIOR District Directors.*

*For those who don't know, there is an almost endless list of requirements to be awarded this recognition.*

*I offer this excerpt from the Director Award Recognition Program to sum it up nicely.*

*"Officers who hold the position of Chapter Director, District Director or*

*Region Director are eligible to be considered candidates for the Senior Officer designation*

*provided that, when compared to their peers, they are ABOVE AVERAGE and excel in the execution of their position expectations.*

*Only Officers who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating excellence in service to the Membership will be rewarded with this title."*

*By Scott Johnson  
Web Master*

# Sheep Tails



John & Pam McDowell  
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John here... Pam & I would like to Welcome our new members & wish everyone a speedy spring.

We would like to take this time to remind everyone that our Monthly Gatherings are the 1st Saturday of each month at Ryan's, Doors open at 8:00am Meeting starts around 9:00am. We look forward to seeing you all there for Fun, Safety & Knowledge.

We have some exciting events coming up in February and we hope to see many of you there. We have a bowling night, a pot luck & Seminar.

Please check the website <http://www.gwrraiachapa.com/home.php> for all the details.

John & Pam  
Member Enhancement

# Ewes News

Crazy Supper was held in Toledo on January 18th and a great time was had by all.

Our Hosts Clara & Fred Boldt put on another Great year. This was year 9 of the Crazy Supper. All were in favour of doing year 10 next year. If you have not attended a Crazy Supper, next year is the year. Mark your calendars and be ready for a Fun & Crazy time.



# Some spent time in Jail too

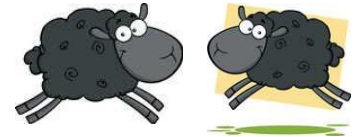


WOW...The whole table went to Jail...wonder what they did??





# Sheep Wrangler

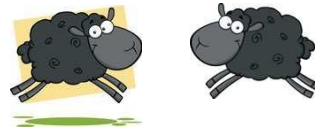


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Aloha!  
We are sure the Sheep are rounded up and being good. We are enjoying the Sun & Sights of Maui and even took this Bad Boy for a ride around the West side of Maui. We are sure our wing is rolling over in the garage, but we will give it a nice bath & shine when we get back to make up for our treachery.

Roberta and I are looking forward to seeing all the BlackSheep when we return. Until then stay warm and out of trouble.

Mark & Roberta



# Sheep Corral



Don't forget that we have some Great seminars coming up and would love to see everyone there. If there is a course you need or think would be of interest to you & the flock please let Dave Tingle or Dennis Irvin know and they will do their best to make it happen.

Also Clara Boldt is having a Training on Feb. 22nd Target Training, another great opportunity to learn a lot and meet new people.

Please contact Dave, Dennis or Clara and check the web site for more Information.

We would love to hear feed back from everyone on how we are doing and things that you would like to see or

learn.

If you have suggestions for our News Letter please contact me Beve Johnson 515-280-9228

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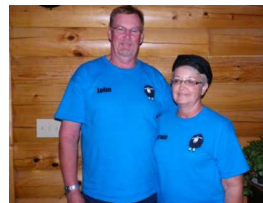
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# Ram Wisdom



The weather is not being very cooperative. Seems as if we are in a pattern of a couple of days of OK weather followed by several days of bone chilling cold, howling winds and snow. It is hard to think about riding right now but hopefully soon, the weather will break and we can get out and enjoy riding our motorcycles again.

I want to cover a topic that I have read in a lot of motorcycle magazines recently. There have been a lot of columns written lately about riding as though you were invisible. This is a good idea. If you ride as though no one sees you, you will be more apt to take precautions and ride safely when out and about. You will be more likely to look a little bit harder to make sure your path of travel is clear, that you are not pulling out in front of someone and looking over your shoulder to make sure it is clear before changing lanes. If you act as though you are invisible to others and that they cannot see you, you begin to plan for what they might do and you develop a plan to deal with whatever danger they present to you when they don't see you. When you have a plan, you are less likely to be caught off guard. If you ride as though you are invisible and constantly employ a "what if" mind frame and have a plan to deal with whatever comes up, your ride will be much safer. So, to be seen better, ride as though you are invisible. Also ride as though you never have the right of way. If you never expect to have the right of way then you will avoid conflicts with other drivers. On a motorcycle, you are on the losing end of any accident with a car or truck so it is wise to avoid this at all costs. Driving as if they can't see you and as if you never have the right of way is also applicable to driving your car/truck. Be safe out there.

Dennis and Donna  
Rider Educators

## *Chapter A 2014 Couple of the year Congratulations Mark Tilton & Roberta McAfee*

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