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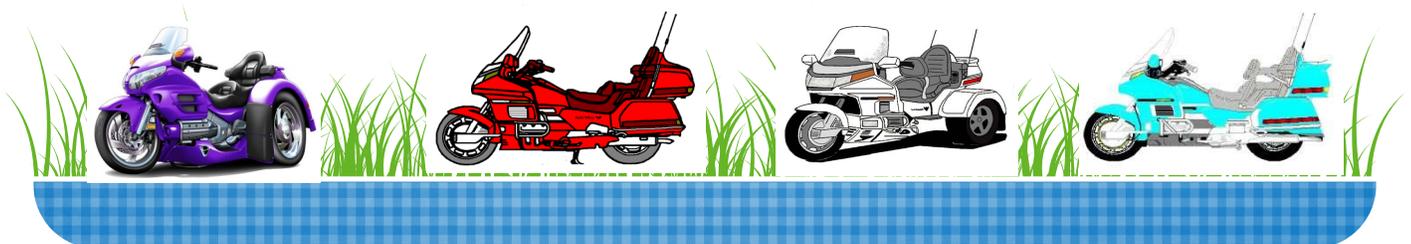
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Happy Thanksgiving

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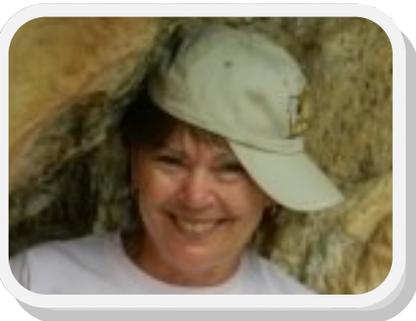
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The riding season is slowing down a little with the cooler temps. It's time to think about all the memories we created. Little Ewe Turn has had some great adventures and showed up in places all over the map. Its been fun just trying to keep up with where she has been. Ewe-Turn went on the leaf ride to Poopy's and had her picture taken in front of the restaurant. The ride itself was a great memory. The leaves had just started to turn where we were. I guess they had turned more north of where we rode. Got to ride the ferry across the Mississippi after eating lunch at Poopy's. We still have a lot of things planned for the rest of the year so watch the schedule. In November, the officers will be getting together to put next year's rides and events on the board so stand by for further developments on that. Something I forgot to mention at last months meeting: the Ronald McDonald House sent a letter of thanks to Chapter A for being so generous with toys, clothes and time to support them. Thank you for being the Black Sheep.

Please ride safe.

**Dave and Diane Tingle**

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# SHEEP WRANGLER'S



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Hello everyone,

What a glorious autumn we're having . . . The sunny, warm, windy days of rustling leaves bring back fond memories of childhood. With the changing of the leaves to brilliant yellows and oranges and reds, Mark and I are getting as many miles in as possible to take advantage of the remaining riding weather.

We attended Chapter F's Hillbilly Hoe-Down, hosted by Cheryl and Pete Sayers. Their backyard was transformed (just a little) to keep with the theme and most of the guests came dressed in costume – what a fun party. As with many GWRRA events, there were lots of friends, food and laughter!!! And there are pictures on facebook to document the event. The costumes were really good – Red Green even showed up. Sue Thompson was a voluptuous, long-haired blonde (with “daddy’s teeth”) – we did not even recognize her at first! Once again, the moral of the story . . . participate, participate, participate. We laughed so hard our sides hurt.

The weather cooperated for two beautiful riding days in Tama/Toledo for the Iowa District Rally. Chapters I and F coordinated off-bike games on the patio. With lots of laughs and good-natured ribbing, the atmosphere was very festive. The 4x8 foot Connect Four game was one of my favorites! Our Friday evening meal, sponsored by Fun and Sun Motorsports of Coralville was held at the Periwinkle House in Chelsea. The staff did a beautiful job of cooking, serving and making us feel welcome. Saturday afternoon, Chapters A & W sponsored Root Beer Floats at the Bike Show to rave reviews. (Who can complain about ice cream?) Saturday evenings meal was sponsored (and served by) McGrath Motorsports of Cedar Rapids. The weekend had a lot to offer. You just had to attend and decide what you wanted to do!

Mark and I were awarded the Ralph Swank Award for 2015 at the Iowa District Rally. We feel very honored. Thanks to all who helped us get there. We wouldn't have fun if we didn't have such good friends who were willing to follow us in everything we tried to do in GWRRA. DJ won the Light Show and Dick and Angie Dudley won the Bike Show. Chapter A sure has fun!

With a noticeable nip in the air, the riding season is winding down and we'll turn our attention to indoor activities – Chapter A's Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Host and hostess are Paul and Barb Dietrich. It's a pot luck, costumes are optional (but always fun) and Barb is working on a fun Scavenger Hunt. Their home is located at 1214 SW 3rd St., Ankeny. We hope to see you there.

There are lots of things to do throughout the state so check the calendar and make plans to attend upcoming events.

**Mark Tilton & Roberta McAfee**

**Assistant Directors**





## SHEEP OUTFRIDERS

Happy  
Thanksgiving

A small illustration of a cornucopia overflowing with pumpkins, gourds, and autumn produce, positioned to the right of the word 'Happy'.

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We were thinking of all the fun we had over the summer and how we're going to miss it with the season change. From our June Lake Superior trip, our 1st Ronald Mc Donald Ride, all the wonderful dinner rides, our Saturday meetings and to the Iowa district Rally. We're going to MISS it and all the wonderful Black Sheep. I know we will see a lot of you during the "off" season, but not riding will be so difficult! Let's pray for an easy winter with little snow and cold weather. In these last few weeks of perfect riding weather, be safe and enjoy the ride. Don't forget to check the monthly calendar for some interesting winter activities that will be keeping us in touch with each other.

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## SHEEP TALES



### John here with Pam....

We have been very fortunate to have such beautiful Fall weather! After the blistering hot summer, it has been great to take some cooler rides. It's always depressing to think about preparing the trike for winter storage. But the days are getting shorter, so that time is coming soon since we are fair weather riders.

On Sept. 20, 12 Black Sheep on 7 bikes joined Chapter I and others to visit and give rides to the senior residents of the Western Home Communities in Cedar Falls. The weather was perfect and the 'folks' really enjoy this annual event put on by Chapter I.

The much anticipated Iowa District Rally in Toledo on Sept. 25 & 26 did not disappoint. The District Team and sponsors went all out to make it a fun time! We were honored to represent Chapter A as Couple of the Year. There were 26 Black Sheep that were there for all or part of the Rally. The Black Sheep walked away with several awards---Mark and Roberta got the Ralph Swank Award; DJ won the Light Parade; Dick and Angie won the Bike Show; and Mike Martin, Dave Tingle, and I each received a quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation in recognition of our military service!

We had a Dinner Ride on Oct. 1 to the Hilltop Lounge in Des Moines. Randy led 16 bikes and 28 Sheep on a beautiful ride.

Our Monthly Gathering was on Oct. 3 and we had 32 Black Sheep and 2 guests in attendance. The early morning was cold, so 8 Sheep met later to ride to the Ledges State Park.

We had a Mystery Dinner Ride Oct. 8. Randy and Dave T. led 17 bikes with 32 Sheep on a great ride to the Fireside Grille in Altoona. The weather was perfect!

The Leaf Ride Oct. 9-11 was led by Dennis and Donna. We were unable to go, but they had 11 bikes and 17 Sheep on that trip. They had a wonderful time riding the Mississippi River roads!

We will have our Halloween/Potluck Party on Oct. 24. It will be at Paul and Barb's house at 6 pm. Costumes are optional. Come for the food and fun!

Our next Monthly Gathering will be Nov. 7. Also, at 7 pm that night, Randy has arranged to get a section of seats for Chapter A at the Buccaneers Arena on Hickman Rd to watch the Des Moines Buccaneers Hockey Game. Tickets are \$11.00. This could be a really fun event!

Our last scheduled Dinner Ride is Nov. 12. The details are yet to be determined.

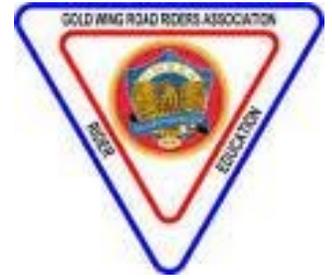
As always, refer to the Chapter A website calendar for all event details and any changes that may occur.

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Thanks to Mark Smidt for helping me put together this month's safety talk. He mentioned one of the hazards of fall riding, falling leaves, and I decided to use that and expand upon it a little and use it for this month's talk.

Fall brings about all kinds of changes that we as motorcyclists need to be aware of and watch out for while riding (and driving) this time of year.

As said, falling leaves can present a hazard when they collect upon the road. They can be slick as they are and become even more so when they get wet due to rain or dew, or if they should have some frost on them.

This time of year also brings about the fall harvest and that means the farmers are out on the roadways moving from field to field. Besides their slow moving equipment, they also may leave deposits of dirt and mud on the roadway. Errant cornstalks are also a problem to watch out for. Also, with the fields being cleared, the animals who hide there and eat there are on the move more. The rut season for deer is coming upon us and this will have them moving more as well. If you happen to be in the country where livestock moves from field to field, be careful of the "road apples" the animals may deposit on the roadway.

It always pays to be vigilant when riding but this time of year adds some unique challenges. Keep all these challenges in mind while you are out riding.

Take care. Be safe.

**Dennis & Donna**

**Rider Educators**

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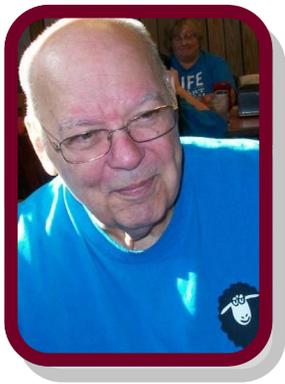
We still have BlackSheep hats for \$9.00, BlackSheep stickers all sizes starting at .50 -\$9.00.

Mark & Roberta have BlackSheep Flags for sale for those in need of new flags or for those that haven't gotten one yet.

All Newsletter articles, stories & photos are due to Beve's E-mail by the 15th of each month.

Please keep checking the web page for changes, up-dates and new info. <http://www.gwrraiachapa.com/home.php>





# RETIRED ACTIVE MOTORCYCLE SHEEP



The Rams are a group of motorcyclist that are mainly retired. Our purpose is to ride our motorcycles while the bulk of the Chapter A Black Sheep are busy working. Our intent is to ride some place that is of interest to the group and have fun socializing.

One of the main things we were able to do this summer was to visit our sponsors. This was enjoyable and allowed us to get to know them a little better and view their businesses. We were able to visit Trike your Bike in Altoona, Van Wall in Indianola, Nishna Valley Honda in Atlantic, Storm Lake Honda in Storm Lake and Fender Honda in Ames (which we signed up as a new sponsor).

One of our outings took us to Keosauqua for lunch and stopped in Eldon to view the Gothic House. Another ride took us to Lake Rathbun where we visited Honey Creek lodge and had lunch at the marina.

We have encountered cold windy weather and beautiful sunshine on these rides. The main thing is we rode with friends and had a great time. It is always fun to ride with family. There is no requirement to join us for a fun day. Just show up and be ready to ride a little, eat and have a good time.

If people are willing, we may get in one more ride this year to see to leaves changing colors around here.

Starting next spring, we can start all over. We can go wherever those that want to ride with us want to go. We ride easy and stop whenever someone needs to. We are about having fun, not seeing how far we can go in a day. We will post our rides on Facebook and if you want to join us, just show up. We have couples and singles in the group. We usually have 6 to 12 in the group and we start with breakfast. We usually eat lunch together someplace and are home for dinner.

One last thought is, we are fair weather riders. If it is raining in the morning when we plan on starting, we probably won't go.

**Tim Pherigo**





# BLACKSHEEP LEAF RIDE



A little recap of the Leaf Ride for those that couldn't make it.

Most of us went over fairly early on Friday. Ed Buchanan led a nice ride over. We had 8 bikes/trikes and 14 people on the way over. They left around noon and got there around 5.

Later that night two more trikes and one more bike showed up bringing us to 11 bikes/trikes and 17 people.

Saturday I led the ride. We started off going north up through Le Claire and along the great river road to Sabula, Iowa. Sabula is actually an island town and Iowa's only one. We tooted around the island for awhile. They have a really nice campground that may be the site of a camp-out in the future. I did miss a turn here and didn't have a good place to turn around so we didn't get to see all of the island that I had planned on.

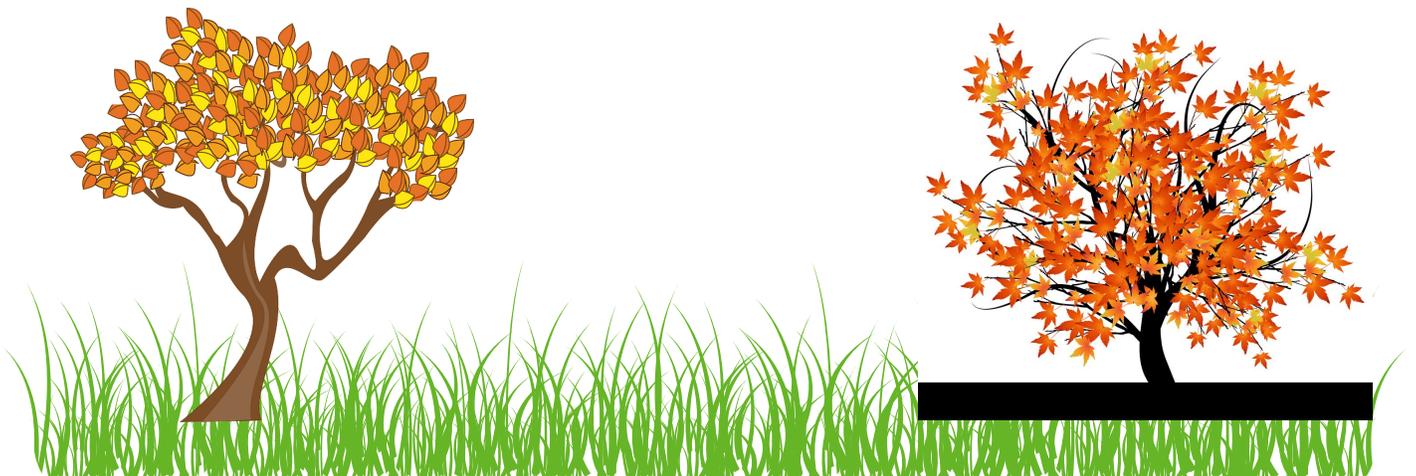
After Sabula we made our way across the river to Poopy's, a well known biker destination.

Many had not been there and it's one of those places you have to go to at least once. We decided to have lunch while there. They have an interesting menu. Food was very good and they took care of us well. Food came out pretty quickly. Thankfully we were there when it wasn't too busy.

After lunch, there was the obligatory shopping that had to be done.

Leaving Poopy's, we headed north on the Illinois side along the great river road although you really don't see too much of the river. When we got to Galena, we were going to make an ice cream stop but they were having some kind of fair and the town was very busy. We had a bit of the Gays Mills keystone cops adventure as the group got split up and we had some work to get us back together. After Galena, we made our way towards Dubuque and on to Dickeyville Wisconsin and to Hwy 133 through Potosi to Cassville. That was a nice ride. After a rest stop we all got in line for the Ferry from Cassville, WI to Millville, IA. The boat ride was very fun. I've done it before but many hadn't. Well worth the \$8 to ride it across and up the river. Apparently Wisconsin is more interested in this adventure than Iowa is. All paved on the Wisconsin side getting to the dock but on the Iowa side it is a gravel road.

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# LEAF RIDE CONTINUED



I had plans of going north from here through Guttenburg and up to Pike's Peak, but it was getting late on us already and we had a considerable distance to get back home. We made our way back through Balltown and Sherrill making a stop for fuel just outside of Dubuque. Some of us decided to have supper there at a little restaurant behind the station while others decided to make their way back to the hotel. After having supper, we made a more direct route back to the hotel since it was dark and all the scenery would not be able to be seen. We were also trying to avoid the critters moving around. We did get back with no critter incidents. The only hiccup was the brain fart I had that forced some of us to do a cloverleaf roundabout instead of the straight shot I should have taken back to the hotel.

On Sunday, I led 8 bikes and 14 people back home. Before leaving the area however, we made a stop off at Rock Island Arsenal. This is currently the largest government ammunitions manufacturer and also home to a national cemetery. It is a much bigger facility than I thought it was and has more going on than I imagined. A request was made to see if I can line up a tour and spend some time in the area. I will see what I can do.

After Rock Island, we took Hwy 92 home. Found a nice place in Muscatine to have lunch. The Riverside Restaurant has very good food. In Oskaloosa, the group broke up and took some different paths home.

All in all, a very fun weekend. The Baymont hotel was very nice and reasonably priced. We didn't get to see as much color as most would have liked. That was more up north where we didn't make it to. We still found some great roads and scenery and as always, with this group, we had our fun.

Thanks to all that came out and had a good time, and made it a fun time.

**Dennis Irvin**



# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHT'S



# WE-TURN ADVENTURES





# AREA EVENTS



## November Area Arena



Date	Chapter	Event
1	F	Chili Dump @ Mike Huffman's
1	O	Omelets in a Bag @ Mary Ann & Doug's Home 10:00am ~ Games to follow
3	I	Perkin's ~ 3280 University Ave. ~ Waterloo ~ 6pm ~ 319-235-6595
7	A	Monthly Gathering ~ 8:30am Breakfast ~ Ryans Family Steak House ~ 1900 NW 86th St. Clive ~ ride after ~ weather permitting
7	S	Chapter Christmas Party/Chili Dump at Royal Community Bldg in Royal, IA Happy hour 5pm Supper 6pm see flier for more details
10	F	Meet & Eat ~ 6:30pm
12	A	Dinner Ride ~ 6:30pm ~ DTBA
14	O	Monthly Gathering ~ Machine Shed ~ Breakfast @ 8am ~ Gathering @ 9am
14	W	Gathering ~ Zakeer's @ 9am breakfast ~ gathering @ 10am
15	O	Brunch @ Bier Stubbe in LeClaire 10am
17	I	Pizza Ranch ~ 2020 W. Bremer Ave. ~ Waverly ~ 6pm ~ 319-352-2222
17	S	Gathering @ the Wagon Wheel in Sioux Rapids, IA
18	H	Gathering ~ Southfork Restaurant ~ Jct. 2 & 63 ~ Bloomfield ~ Use West entrance ~ Eat 6pm/Gathering 7pm
21	F	Gathering ~ 9am ~ HyVee
21	O	Explore the Quads ~ Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Tour
22	D	Gathering @ Bonanza Steakhouse ~ 2700 4th St. SW ~ Mason City ~ 6pm social hour. ~ 50/50 7pm
22	I	Gathering @ Junie's ~ 100 Plaza Drive ~ Elk Run Heights ~ 5:30pm Eat /Gathering 6pm ~ 319-833-8021
25	F	Meet & Eat ~ 6:30pm ??





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# SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHT'S



2015 Chapter Couples of the year



2015 Ralph Swank Award  
Winners Mark & Roberta



2015 Light Show  
Winner DJ



2015 Best Bike  
Winners Dick & Angie



Chapter A Selfie  
Board



Chapter A's Couple of the year  
2014-2015  
John & Pam

## 2015 Quilts of Honor Recipients for Chapter A



Mike Martin



Dave Tingle



John McDowell