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### Chapter Gathering

First Saturday of every month at Hy-Vee in Altoona

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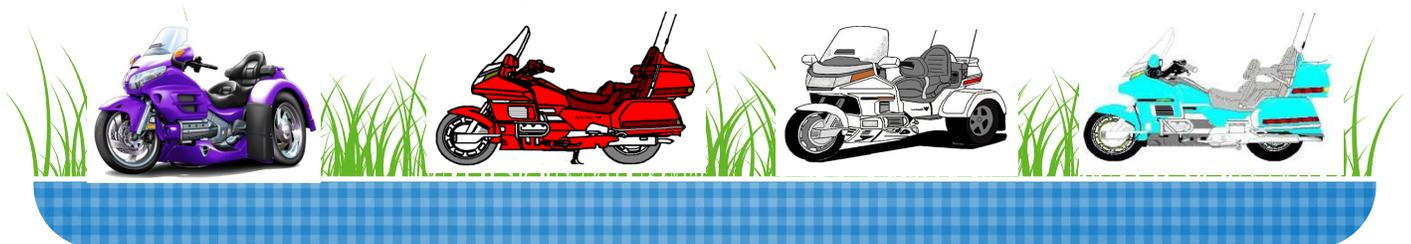
Breakfast 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Meeting 8:30 AM

Doors Open at 7:30 AM

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Hooray, we for the most part, have made it through another Iowa winter or, should I say, a non riding season. I am ready to ride, ready for trips, dinner rides and camping trips. Having to change our meeting location was quite a shock and I hope the new location has not caused issues or problems for anyone. Seems like March came in like a lion and out like a lamb, at least for Chapter A. The training seminars have been very informative and well attended. We will have one this month on the 21st, with the location to be announced shortly. It will cover group riding. I thought that would be a good way to start the riding season. I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the Maintenance/sell your parts day. I want us all to have a safe and fun riding season.

New meeting location is Hy Vee in Altoona, 108 8th Street SW. Time is 8:00 am to eat, meeting to start at 8:30 am

Dave and Diane Tingle

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*Happy*  
  
*Spring!*





# SHEEP OUTRIDERS



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Well here it is April and I haven't had a chance to get the bike out. Sure hope some of you are getting some riding in. Remember there could still be some residual sand along the road edges and corners be safe. Hope everyone is staying healthy with flu bugs and virus's that are going around. I know we have had it here in our house. We had a very informative seminar on riding with a passenger. It was very interesting on how much the passenger movement can effect the handling of the bike for the driver. Good job Dennis and Donna. If you have a chance or interest in joining a seminar / dinner. Please do they are fun and informative. As most of you know Ryan's and Old Country Buffet have closed. Dave and Diane have found some places for us to try. Deb and I are also looking. We are looking for a separate room and a buffet style breakfast. Be safe everyone.

Thank you .

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## SHEEP TALES



**John here with Pam.....Spring is finally here and we fair weather riders can get our bikes and trikes out! Hope the potholes get fixed soon. We are anxious to go on a ride with our fellow Black Sheep!**

**On Feb. 25, we had a Dinner/Seminar at Cal's Fine Food & Spirits in Norwalk. Dennis Irvin and Donna McCullough presented the seminar on "Running Mountains, Hills and Curves" to 14 Black Sheep. We had a good interactive discussion. We learn a lot from sharing experiences.**

**Our Monthly Gathering on Mar. 5 had 35 Black Sheep in attendance. Our newest member, Fred Djordjevic from Des Moines, was introduced and welcomed into the fold.**

**We had our last Dinner/Seminar on Mar. 10 at the Pizza Ranch in Altoona. Dennis Irvin and Donna McCullough presented the seminar on "Co-Rider" to 18 Black Sheep. It was another good discussion amongst friends.**

**On Mar. 24 at 6:30 p.m. our first Dinner Ride (weather permitting) will be to the Wig & Pen in Ankeny. Riders meet at Bomgaar's on NE 14th St. for the first half of the season.**

**Also, weather permitting, our Maintenance Day will be Mar. 26 at 10 a.m. Ed and Betty Thornton will host it in their garage. There will also be a swap meet with bike and trailer parts. Refer to the website calendar for directions.**

**On Apr. 2, due to the permanent closing of Ryan's in Clive, we will have our Monthly Gathering at our new location. It will be at the Hy Vee in Altoona where we can do the breakfast buffet and take it to the second floor meeting room. Meeting will start at 8:30 a.m.**

**We will have a Dinner Ride on Apr. 14 at 6:30 p.m. We will go to Team 36 Bar & Grill in Mitchellville.**

**On Apr. 28 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Dinner Ride to Papa's Pizzeria in Polk City.**

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

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# SEMINAR RE-CAP

BY: DENNIS IRVIN & DONNA MCCULLOUGH



## Running Mountains, Hills & Curves

Some people, due to them being out of town or otherwise unable to attend, have requested a quick overview of the seminars we have presented thus far. Obviously, I can't recap complete seminars, but I'll hit some of the highlights.

The first one is called "Running Mountains, hills and curves". It covers a number of things to keep in mind when encountering these riding scenarios. Items to think about packing for the ride, some packing suggestions both on the bike and in the trailer, some trailer considerations, choosing the proper gear and a number of other items. One thing I found particularly interesting is the definition of what the percentage of grade means when you see it on that sign. I was unaware all these years of what it actually meant. For example, when you see a sign that says there is a 5% grade coming up do you know what that really means? Well it means that this grade will drop 5 feet for every 100 feet of travel in that grade. There are roughly 53 100's in a mile so if you had a 5% grade for a mile, you would drop about 265 feet.

It is very hard to describe all that was covered in this short space so I have just hit on a few things. If you would like to see this seminar, we would be more than happy to come to you and go over it. We can do this for one or two people or we can put on another group get together to do it if you would like. Just contact me if you'd like to have it put on for you.



## Co-Rider

The second seminar is the Co-Rider seminar. This is part of the levels program and you get a completion card for attending this seminar. Again, if you missed this one and want to have it put on for you, just let me know and we'll work something out.

This seminar covers a wide array of subjects. It is based on the understanding that we are all aware the passenger can have a huge affect on the operations of the motorcycle.

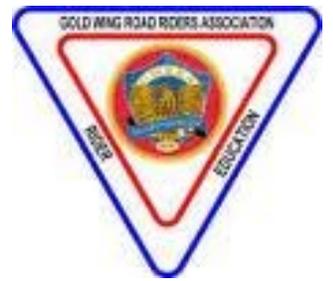
It covers things like packing, knowing where things are, and communication between rider and passenger for things such as mounting the bike, hazards, comfort needs, and the like. It also covers things the passenger can do to help communicate things to other riders in the group. It talks about body positioning for the passenger. It talks about the controls of the bike just in case the passenger should need to use the controls. It talks about some emergency situations and things to do.

It is a fairly lengthy seminar and has a lot of useful information in it. If you missed it, it is worth the time to see it.





# RAM WISDOM



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This month I decided we should talk about a little first aid stuff, and more specifically, carrying a first aid kit on your bike (and in your car). A first aid kit can come in very handy and offer great piece of mind should something happen and you need it.

You can outfit your kit with whatever items you wish that you are comfortable using. Nurses, doctors, EMT's, paramedics and the like obviously have more training so they could have a kit with many more items included. Those of us with less training probably wouldn't need a lot of those items.

A simple kit that would be useful could include Band-Aids, gauze, tape, scissors, antiseptic, antibiotic ointment, maybe a cold pack, and tweezers. You could perhaps carry something in the saddlebag that could be used as a splint.

This list could go on and on. The point I am trying to make is that it is a good idea to have a kit with you and have it stocked with items you are comfortable and versed in using.

Along those lines, it is also a good idea to take a first aid/CPR class. You can get them through the American Heart Association and the Red Cross. You can also attend them through the GWRRA at different venues. One such venue is the Iowa District Safety Weekend coming up in May. These classes can get you set up to be ready to take care of someone or several someone's should something bad happen.

Dennis and Donna

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## WEB & NEWSLETTER NEWS



Scott & I do not have much to report this month.

Scott has actually slowed down making new changes to the website, but the changes that have been made appear to be working as designed. :) (No more staying up til 2 or 3 in the morning)

I am open to doing photo shoots of people and their bikes/trikes, so if you are interested please let me know, I am always up to take a ride to some cool place and take pictures :)

Also, if you have a story or a picture of you and your bike/trike that you would like to have in the newsletter, please send me all the info before the 15th of each month and I will get it into the newsletter.

We still have some Chapter hats for \$9.00 if you would like a fresh new hat for the new riding season.

PLEASE send me all your info on any new fury sheep and I will make you an adoption certificate, and if you would like to do a story letting the chapter know about your new addition then please send me the details and we will get that into the newsletter. If memory serves me correctly we have Ewe-Turn, Right-Turn, Left-Turn, MY TURN, No-Turn, Honda and we also have a ram to represent the RAMS.

Remember we have a new meeting place for our Saturday meetings. Due to the closing of Ryan's, we will now be at the Altoona Hy-vee on a trial basis. The address is **108 8th Street SW, Altoona, IA 50009**

Ride Safe & have FUN!!!

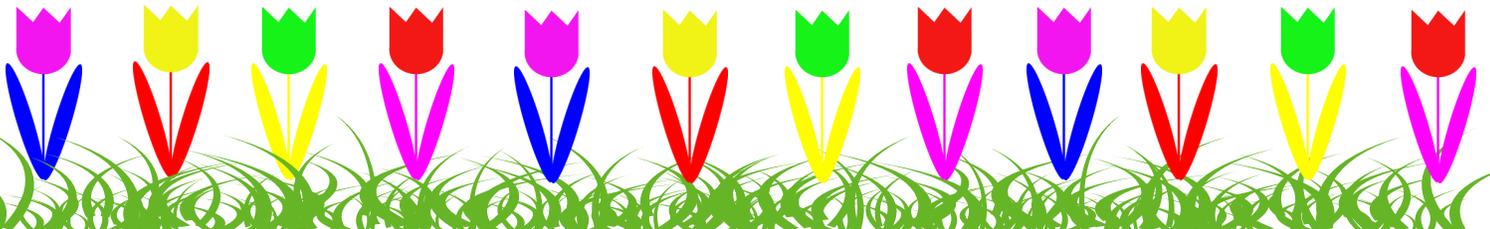
Thanks!  
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# 2016 CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR

## CONGRATULATIONS

### DEBBIE & RANDY HEATH



# CO-RIDER SEMINAR

Dennis Irvin & Donna McCullough

March 10th, 2016





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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU to all of our friends from Chapter A for taking time from your busy lives and coming to our Anniversary Open House. We do appreciate it. With the neighbors and friends from church and family it made for a very good turn out and a very enjoyable evening for us. A special thanks to those of you who brought 'goodies' to eat and a special thanks to Beve Bolen-Johnson for all the good sweets she brought for us to eat.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR A GOOD TIME.

Betty & Ed Thornton



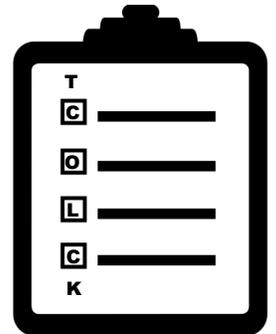
# TRIVIA

## BY: EWE-TURN

- 1) When riding, and you see a sign that say's 6% grade, what does that mean?
- 2) Does the Co-Rider have responsibilities?
- 3) What does T-Clock stand for?
- 4) An adult has 206 bones and a infant has how many bones?
- 5) Jim Thorpe won the pentathlon in 1912 Olympics. The fifth place finisher was?
- 6) How many pounds of potatoes does it take, to make 1 pound of potato chips?

Ewe Turn

Answers on page 14



# RUNNING MOUNTAINS, HILLS & CURVES SEMINAR



## Trivia Answers

- 1) You will be descending 6 feet for every 100 feet traveled.
- 2) Yes. The Co-Rider has many responsibilities such as sitting still, being alert for traffic, alerting the rider to obstacles in the road, and checking lights and turn signals before mounting the bike for just a few examples.
- 3) **T** -- Tires and Wheels - inspect condition of front and rear tires (pressure, tread), wheels, rims, bearings, and seals  
**C** -- Controls - This covers the condition of levels, cables, hoses, and throttle  
**L** -- Lights - Inspection of battery, lights lenses, reflectors, wiring, and the headlight reflector and aim of the headlight (right/ left & height)  
**O** -- Oil - Check levels and for leaks in Engine oil, Hypoid gear oil, Hydraulic fluid, coolant and fuel  
**C** -- Chassis - Inspect frame, steering head bearings, swing arm, and suspension  
**K** -- Kickstand - Inspect Center stand and side stand for cracks and bent parts. Maintain proper tension on springs to keep stand in place when folded up.
- 4) 300
- 5) US General George S, Patton
- 6) about 4 pounds of potatoes

# NEW ADDITION TO BLACKSHEEP FAMILY

Hi,

My name is Right Turn. I am the long lost big brother to Ewe Turn. About four years ago I saw the Blacksheep roaming all over Gays Mills, Wisconsin and I wondered if they might know my little sister Ewe Turn . I roamed the countryside and sure enough I found Ewe Turn with the Blacksheep. I am so happy that Dave and Diane Tingle have adopted me. Now I have my adopted family, the Blacksheep, and all my brothers and sisters.

