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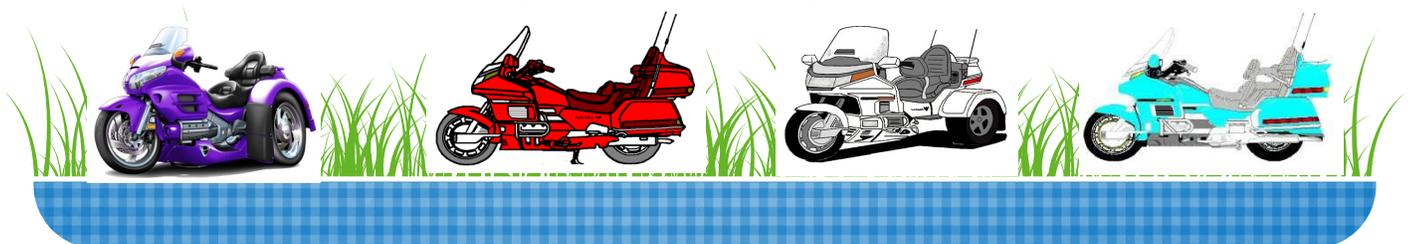
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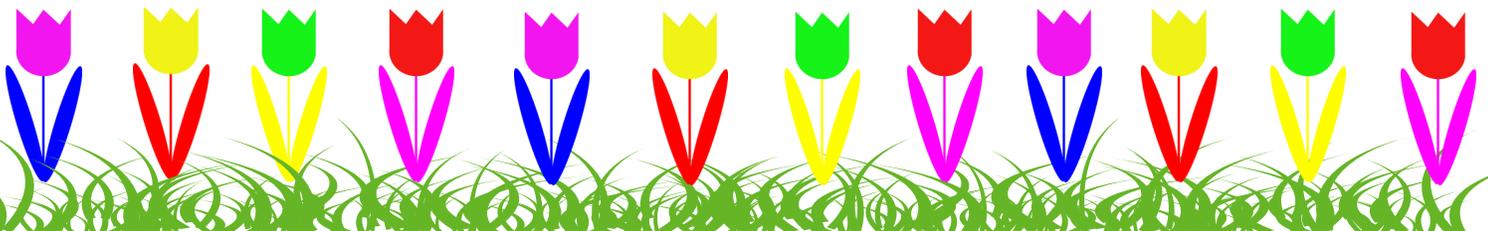


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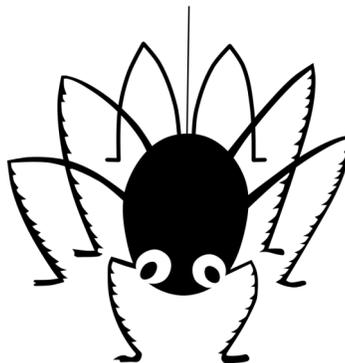


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With a heavy heart we write this letter. We have lost a family member and a great friend. Please remember Doug Boemecke and his family. They are in our thoughts and prayers. Please remember how exposed we are doing what we love to do.

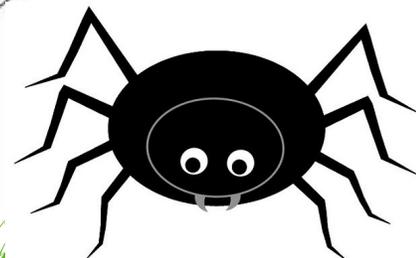
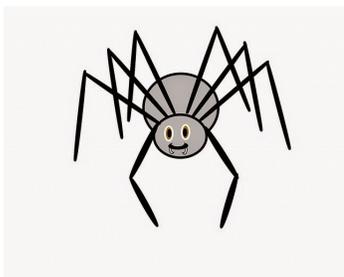
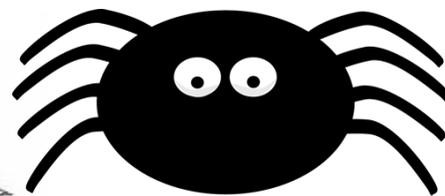
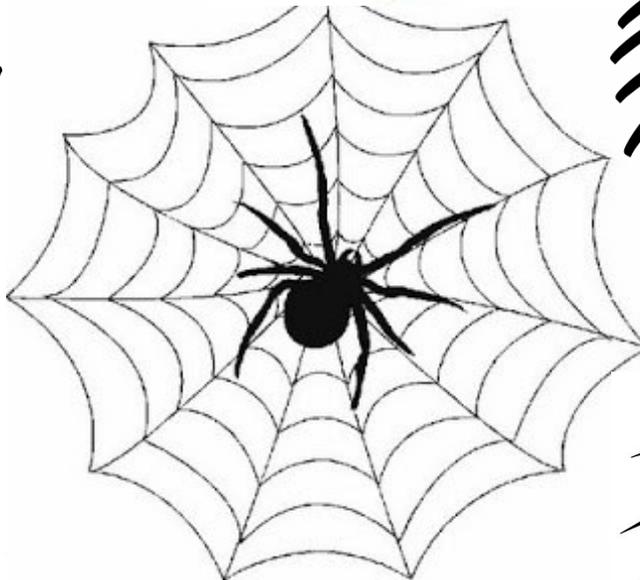
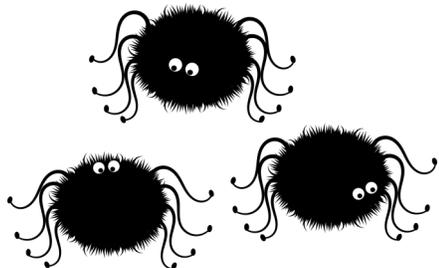
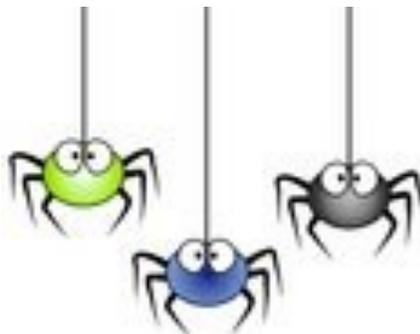
Wing Ding was a great experience for all that were able to go. Our stars DJ [Duayne Johnson] took 2nd in the light parade, Dick Dudley took 1st in top gun and Betty Thornton got oldest female rider. Way to go guys. Our riding season is slowly coming to and end. We have a few trips planned for October so watch the e-mails, Facebook, and website for upcoming events. Be sure to get your costume out for Halloween.

Ride safe.

**Dave and Diane Tingle**

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# SHEEP OUTRIDERS



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There is still lots of riding to do this year. I hope to be leading some of those. As some of you know, my mother is having health problems. So, I will be leading when I can. My weekends are filling up fast with her. Debbie won't be riding. She is set up for eye surgery October 3rd. It's not been the best year for us. We hope to be back soon with our Chapter.

For those of you Black Sheep that went to Wing Ding, thanks for all the pictures you shared. We are glad all of you made it back safely.

We want to welcome our newest members, Steve and Marilyn Ford. They ride a 2007 Gold Wing.

Lastly, we want to extend our deepest sympathy to the Doug Boemecke Family.

May he rest in peace.

**Randy and Debbie Heath**  
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## SHEEP TALES



**John here with Pam.....**After a summer of almost no riding, we rode 2,862 miles to Wing Ding 38 and back. Billings, MT was a lot hotter than we expected. It reached as high as 99 degrees and averaged mid 90's during the day. We had 26 Black Sheep and 4 guests of the sheep attend Wing Ding! The total attendance was 6,790. We rode in the Light Parade and the Grand Parade. There were 64 bikes in the Light Parade. Our own DJ (Duayne Johnson) won 2nd Place for Open Class! The Grand Parade had 305 bikes in it. (By comparison, our Wing Ding 32 in Des Moines had 8,230 attendees, 630 bikes in the Grand Parade and 148 bikes in the Light Parade!) Dick Dudley won 1st Place in Top Gun again this year! Watch for DJ and Dick in the next Wing World Magazine.

On Sept. 8 there was a Dinner Ride to Frosty's in Lacona. Mark Tilton led 7 bikes/trikes with 10 Sheep on a beautiful ride. Many Sheep were still riding or recouping from Wing Ding, which made for a smaller than usual group.

Sept. 10 was our Monthly Gathering at Hy Vee in Altoona. There were 22 Black Sheep and 5 guests in attendance. We welcomed new members, Steve and Marilyn Ford from Waukee, into the flock. Dave Tingle led a ride afterwards.

On Sept. 22 there will be a Dinner Ride to the Checkerboard Restaurant in Pleasantville. Meet at Southridge Mall near Sears at 6:30 p.m. for the group ride.

Sept. 25-26 is the Iowa District Rally being held at the Hotel Julien in Dubuque.

Oct. 1 is our next Monthly Gathering at Hy Vee in Altoona. The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. Come earlier if you want the breakfast buffet. There will be a ride afterwards, weather permitting.

Oct. 7-9 is a Leaf Ride still in the planning stages. Watch the Chapter A website for details.

Oct. 13 is a Dinner Ride to Winn's in Norwalk. Meet at Southridge Mall near Sears at 6:30 p.m. for the group ride.

Oct. 15-16 is a Black Sheep Camping Weekend. Details are yet to be determined.

Oct. 22 is the Black Sheep Halloween Party. Details will be posted on the website.

The final Dinner Ride is Oct. 27 at Nick's on Army Post Rd. in Des Moines.

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

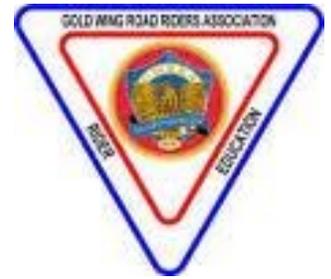
**God Bless and ride safe!!!!**

**John & Pam McDowell**  
**GWRRR IA Chapter A**  
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# RAM WISDOM



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This month's safety talk was a three part talk. The first two parts were on a personal note from me and the last part was a safety talk in memory of Doug Boemecke whom we lost to a motorcycle accident this past Wednesday.

First off I spoke that we are transitioning into new leadership. Randy and Debbie are taking over as directors and many in officer positions are stepping down after several years in place. Randy has asked if I would stay on and I have agreed. Happy to do so. However, I also put out that if someone is interested in taking this position, they should step forward and let myself or Randy know. Change is inevitable. The only constant thing is change. That is not a bad thing. I believe new blood from time to time is a good thing. It brings in fresh ideas. None of the officer positions take up all that much of your time. We need more help from the masses. If you'd like to jump in and take part, do so.

Secondly, I spoke of Doug's dedication to the position he held in this organization. His dedication was also evident in the business he ran until retiring and his involvement with the Patriot Guard Riders. Whether you liked him or not, there is no questioning his doing all that he could do to improve the Rider Education program in the GWRRA. His void from this position will be sorely missed. Please keep Mary Ann and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers through this extremely difficult time.

After hearing of Doug's passing the night before the gathering, I changed the topic of my talk in Doug's memory and in memory of another person Donna and I knew who passed in a very similar incident a few years back. The accident of our friend a few years ago was due to not cornering properly. We may never know exactly what happened in Doug's incident but it was reported that it involved miss-negotiating a curve and this type of accident is the primary cause of single vehicle motorcycle accidents. Many, many things can cause you to not take a curve properly and could cause you problems, injury or worse. Lighting, debris, speed, not setting up properly, animals in the roadway, weather conditions like wind and rain, just to name a few. Doug was a good rider and I find it hard to believe he missed a corner but things happen. This is only one report, time may tell more.

My whole point in this is not to give the appearance that a mistake was made, my point is, as stated before, that corners are the location of most of the single vehicle motorcycle accidents and that is what I chose to do a safety talk about for this month. You need to be prepared for all eventualities in riding and doubly so in the corners.

So, what do you do? Well first off, practice. Every time you ride, practice. Practice every aspect of what it takes to ride a motorcycle and in this case, on every curve you come to, practice doing it right. That means coming in at a proper entry speed for the curve, setting up to do an outside, inside, outside path of travel through the curve, looking as far as possible through the curve and your path of travel. There is a big difference between looking where you are going and looking where you want to go. You need to constantly be looking where you want the motorcycle to go. For other avenues of practice, you can go to places like DMACC. They have several types of training classes. As does ABATE. We can also do our own parking lot practice if people would like to do that. Other things to practice would be swerving to avoid obstacles and quick stopping. In most cases, you can swerve around something faster than you can brake to a stop so learning to effectively swerve is a very important skill to work at. Learning to brake using maximum braking power is also important. You need to know where the threshold is for your bike to obtain maximum braking.

Also remember to ride your own ride. Stay within your abilities. As with everything else, some people are more skilled at riding and may ride more aggressively than others feel comfortable with. If this is the case, then don't try to ride and keep up with those who ride more aggressively. Do what you need to make the ride safe for you.

In terms of group rides, we all need to do what needs to be done to make it a safe ride for all involved. Leaders should keep the pace within levels that everyone is comfortable with. The more aggressive riders may need to tone it down a little so that everyone stays safe. There is the option of breaking into different groups by skill level. That way those who ride more aggressively are not help up and those who wish to ride more moderately are not put in the position of trying to keep up and perhaps getting in over their heads.

It all boils down to please, please, please do all that you can to ride safely. We do not need to have any more of these incidents.

One final thought, it is that time of year around here that farm equipment and animals are on the move so stay sharp.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

**Dennis and Donna**

**Rider Educators**

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# WEB & NEWSLETTER NEWS



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We would like to extend our Thoughts & Prayers to May Ann & Family, we are heart broken over the Loss of Doug.

Please check out the flyer for the Halloween party, it is going to be a lot of FUN!!!

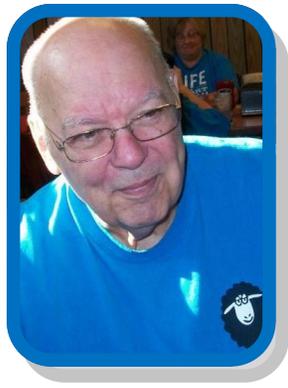
I would like to Congratulate Carol McHugh for being last months member winner or submitting an article to the newsletter.

This month we have 2 winners Rhonda Cook for an article about Davis Rally and Dave & Diane Tingle for an article on the Adventures on WingDing.

Next month if any Chapter A member gets me an article and pictures Before the 15th of October, I will award them with a prize.

Scot has not made any changes to the website lately, but PLEASE go to the site often and check it out for Events, cancellations and updates [www.qwrraiachapa.com](http://www.qwrraiachapa.com)





# RAM TRAILS

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# Happy Halloween

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# WE MOURN THE LOSS OF A GREAT MAN

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — A Davenport man and Patriot Guard Rider participant has died in a motorcycle accident in South Dakota near Custer State Park.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says two motorcycles were traveling together on state Highway 87, failed to negotiate a curve and went in the ditch Wednesday afternoon.

Seventy-two-year-old Douglas Boemecke, of Davenport, Iowa, died at the scene. The other motorcycle was driven by his son Timothy Boemecke, 52, Fallon, Illinois. Timothy was transported to a South Dakota hospital and is being treated for serious, but non life-threatening injuries.

Neither bike had any passengers.

According to Eric Swanson of the Quad-Cities area Patriot Guard Riders, Douglas Boemecke was a four-year member of the organization.

"Doug was always ready to lend a helping hand and take on any mission sent his way, especially on extremely short notice, anywhere he was asked to go," Swanson wrote in an email tribute to Boemecke. "His propensity for working with people, his attention to detail and researching and analyzing every aspect of every mission was outstanding. Although not a veteran himself, his 3 sons all retired from military service after very successful careers. His love of our military members was self-evident from minute one."

Swanson said Doug was born and raised on a small family farm near Guttenberg, Iowa and moved to Davenport after high school, where he started working as a stock boy at a grocery store, eventually working his way up to manager. He eventually opened his own store, Mr B's in Milan.



# Davis Rally

By: Rhonda Cook & DJ Johnson



## 38th Year for the Davis Rally

DJ and I decided to head to the Davis Rally for the day. It was our intent to join everyone, have a great time, check out all the vendors and participate in the parade. Just like riding to and from WingDing, the wind was strong and the gas mileage was low. I was so chilled the entire time, even though I was bundled, and DJ was loving the weather....other than the wind.

We arrived in New Hampton with the excitement of another Davis Rally. Pulling the boat behind us, I waved to many on the way through town. It was great to see the smiling faces and the thumbs up! Got near the park and we started seeing LOTS of thumbs up from the campers. We rounded the corner at the entrance and had people running up to us. Such a good feeling! We pulled up to the booth to register for the day and was amazed it cost us \$40 for the day!!! The prices are getting so high.

We pulled in to the lot and immediately were engulfed in people wanting to know about this and that and so on. We talked for a bit and then took off as soon as we had the chance. The day before, they had 5" of rain so the whole park was a mud hole with plenty of water holes, as well. It was horrible. Made it over to the concession stand for some hot dogs and coffee. Hot dogs were cold and the coffee was watered down and luke warm. And there was still lots of mud to walk through. {{{sigh}}} We sat at a picnic table near a large camp fire and enjoyed the conversations. I sipped my coffee and read the schedule of events. As I closed the black and white printed paper, I noticed on the back that DJ's bike was printed in full color with all his lights on!!! Must have come from the WingDing photos. That was so cool!

While warming by the fire, I looked around and was sad to see very little vendors had attended again. And there were very few campers. The attendance has dropped drastically. We decided to slide through the mud and see what was there. It was so sad. We saw Lynus, which is always a joy for me. In that little shelter area, there were him, the lady that sews the patches and a candle lady, I think. There was a vendor for leather vests and chaps, some older jewelry and collectables, boots, and two large trailers. I think one was Motor Trike. We went to ask about a trike we had seen but was very disappointed when the guy and gal were standoffish and didn't appear to be interested in helping us, even though we were the only ones there and even after we asked if we could get some answers. They didn't seem interested in talking to us. So we left and, more than likely, will not go back.

We visited with Lynus for a bit. I mentioned it was so sad to see the lack of vendors. But I was shocked when he said it was even less last year. It's just not the same with Mr. and Mrs. Davis. I think DJ described it the best: with the Mr. & Mrs., it was a labor of love, one to be shared each year, to bring friends together and offer a fantastic 3-day weekend. It was memorable. But today, with their children taking over, it's just a 2-day business. It doesn't seem to be going well. And it doesn't appear the money is being used well. The prices for vendors has become so high that many do not attend any longer. I'd been asked to be a new vendor but I turned it down. I would never take part the way it is today. Greed is a vicious thing and I'm afraid it may be what is destroying what used to be a very awesome rally.

We spent most of our time on a picnic table, talking to lots of very interesting people. We had some good conversation with an old gentleman from Wisconsin named Willie. He was quite animated in his conversations and such a joy to listen to. We watched lots of people take pictures of the bike and boat. Some we talked to and some just snapped their pictures and went. Most were respectful but there is always one, right? This lady was squeezing the seats, leaning way over the boat, and more. I went up to get something from the bike, once they left, and was shocked to see she had picked off a button!!! It was so disrespectful and so very disappointing. Unfortunately, there will be a repair on the boat seats already! Dagnabbit! After enjoying a wonderful catfish dinner at Klunder's, we headed back for the parade. DJ had his Mohawk all set, lights lit up and off we went. Once we were in line, we were immediately surrounded by all sorts of bikers with huge smiles and awesome comments. It was so good to know that all of DJ's efforts pay off...to see the smiles. As always, it was great to see the families on the side, along with the elderly and everyone else. DJ gave me the job of waving and such as he had his hands full handling the bike and boat with all the stops and starts and super slow moving that a parade has. It wasn't very dark but it was enough for everyone to get a kick out of the lights that they could see.

We arrived back at the park and had decided to head home soon after talking with a few attendees. The ride home was even colder for me! I'm such a wimp! LOL! It was great to attend but so sad to see what the Davis Rally is today compared to what it had been. Lets pray it improves or it will sadly be another memory to be cherished.



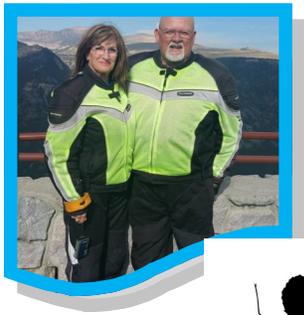
*Lynus, the pinstriper, is in the back building. Notice there are no other vendors around this shelter. Remember how full it used to be? You could hardly move without bumping someone!*



*Very few vendors attended this year. People were just sitting around.*



*This is the trike we found interesting. It was done "at the factory". We really wanted to learn more about it from Motor Trike.*



# WINGDING

BY: DAVE & DIANE TINGLE



Our trip was great. Weather was good to us only one day of rain and we got to see a lot of areas we had never been. Spent 4 days in the Black hills, visited the horse sanctuary, saw Crazy horse Lazer show, rode as many canyon's as possible, then off to Wing ding. We were treated to a lot of wind and high temps on trip to Billings. Wing ding was great. Got to see and meet old and new friends. But never having been there before we wanted to ride and check out the sights. So we left early to ride through Bear tooth pass and on into Yellow Stone National Forest. Wow awesome ride. Our trailer had a bad axle before we left so to avoid any issues I bought a new axle. Some where in Yellowstone I notice oil on the right fender of the trailer. After further inspection I found that the wheel grease seal was leaking. With no where to fix it I went to Wal-Mart bought a grease gun and when it would throw out a little grease I would pump some in. Made it home with no problems. All in all a great trip. 10 days and 3187 miles.



# WINGDING ADVENTURES

By: Rhonda Cook

WingDing is over for another year. It was a good experience but one filled with lots of stories, just like everyone else. We had the most beautiful sunset to enjoy as we rode on fumes for miles in a desolate area. We will never travel 281 from Grand Island, NE, heading north.

We arrived Tuesday afternoon and headed to our campsite at the MetraPark. I had already booked our spot months before, being assured it was within walking distance for DJ and a good area for a motorcycle and small camper. We arrived and were horrified to find they had placed us in a livestock yard. The pictures I took can't truly show the mess they assigned us to. Ruts everywhere, no bathroom in site and a VERY long (1/4 mi?) UPHILL walk to the WingDing. DJ was beat by the time we got there so this was not going to work. I was able to secure a place at the KOA overflow area and it ended up be beautiful and much cheaper! Awesome people and wonderful food cooked for you everyday, if you wanted. And in the evenings, DJ would put on a light show with the bike for many, many people. Each day, we would be bombarded with questions as to when he would have them on again since they wanted pictures to send or keep. It was a wonderful way to meet some pretty awesome people and hear their stories. It was amazing. There were people from the campsite that actually came to the lighted parade and watched as DJ won 2nd place. The support was heart warming! And with John and Pam McDowell there, that just made it even better!!!

We had tickets for the Got Talent dinner. As we were standing in line for the food, I noticed something that made me want to shout out. I saw one of my shirts from my online store!!! So I tracked the guy down and had a great chat with him. He had bought all of the apparel items and had them for each day he was there. Made me feel mighty proud!

By the time the closing ceremonies were over, we were ready to head out. It's nice to take off but wonderful to return home! We decided to ride until DJ wanted to stop. We took 90/25/80 home so it would be as easy as possible. We fought wind for two days. It was horrible. DJ insisted on riding since he was feeling good. Well into our ride, DJ yelled HOLD ON!!! It was pitch black so I had no idea what was happening but I held on! By the grace of God....and I mean truly His Grace!....we ran up and over a dead deer! The bike and camper went airborne and DJ brought the bike through it like a pro!!! No other bike like the GoldWing! It was a miracle we did not crash or get thrown from the bike. It was a rough ride but, again, DJ pulled us through. It wasn't more than 5 minutes later, and we are still reeling from that episode, and there's a deer in the middle of the road. DJ handled it well and we thought we were going to be ok until the deer decided to turn around and walk back towards the bike!!! Big swerve, strong hands, and lots of determination brought us through. As I looked to my left, I saw the deer's butt just barely clear the camper. If he had clipped the camper, we would have spun! Again, by the grace of God and DJ's skill at handling his bike!

And it doesn't stop there! About 45 mins later, he yells to duck behind him. No questions...I duck. I hold on, assuming it's more rain. After a few mins, I turn my head and see the entire area is SNOW!!! I yelled IS THAT SNOW?! I was instructed to be quiet. ;) We were in a really bad situation....he couldn't slow down, couldn't speed up, and couldn't stop. And there was NO traffic. No lights. Nothing. Very hard on the nerves!

We found a room in Casper, WY and fell into bed exhausted. The next morning, we had to check the bike and camper over to make sure nothing was damaged when we ran over the deer. All looked ok. Well, the wiring and such looked ok but there was plenty of blood and .... more.....on the bike and camper. {{{gag}}} We headed to Lincoln to pick up my mom and my car. The plans had originally been to be there at a more decent time. But, you know how schedules change! By the time we arrived to get Mom, family had my car packed and Mom out in the parking lot. Bless their hearts! They knew we were tired and just wanted to get home. We had to stop so DJ could rest. It ended up being 16 hours of strong winds and stressful riding, along with the stress of the day before.

We finally arrived home at 2:30am, thankful to be alive. The following morning, DJ went to the garage to start looking the bike over and was covered in flies the moment he opened the side door! OMG! Deer crap really attracts flies!!! So, he had that long job of getting everything cleaned and inspected while I worked on a big rush job at home. He wants everything to be CLEAN as we are planning to head to the Davis Rally on Saturday.

All in all, it was a good trip but I really want to thank DJ Duayne Johnson for his determination, the awesome job of riding so well, taking care of me, and making sure I was ok. We certainly had angels on our trip! And above all, I thank our Lord for a safe trip!

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# Come Join The Annual Black Sheep Halloween Party

**October 22, 2016 6:00 PM**



## GHOULISH MENU

Chapter A will provide fang-tastic meat, crawly table service, mystical water, repulsive Ice Tea and witchful Lemonade  
Please bring your favorite ghoulish delightful dish to share

**This Spook-takular event will be held at Carlisle, Iowa**

**Community building  
35 Vine Street, Carlisle, Iowa**

**Please rsvp so we have enough meat ... to:**

**Dave and Diane Tingle  
515-577-2014 or  
Dtingle2@gmail.com**



**Want to spend the night in the area:**

**Apple Tree Inn - 1215 North  
Jefferson Way, Indianola IA, 515-961-0551**

**Days Inn and Suites, Des Moines  
Airport - 1901 Hackley Avenue, Des  
Moines, IA -515-256-0603**

**Or if you want other options let us  
know and we will help look for you**

**Costumes  
ENCOURAGED  
but are  
Not Required  
There will be  
awards!!!**



**Supernatural,  
ominous and  
wicked laughter  
and entertainment  
will include games  
and other things by  
those who are up-to  
-no-good BLACK  
SHEEP**