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Chapter **GAB SESSION** (BS GS)

First Saturday of every month at
Flying J Altoona

Max's Highway Diner

3231 Adventureland Dr
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Breakfast 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

BS GS @ 9:00 AM

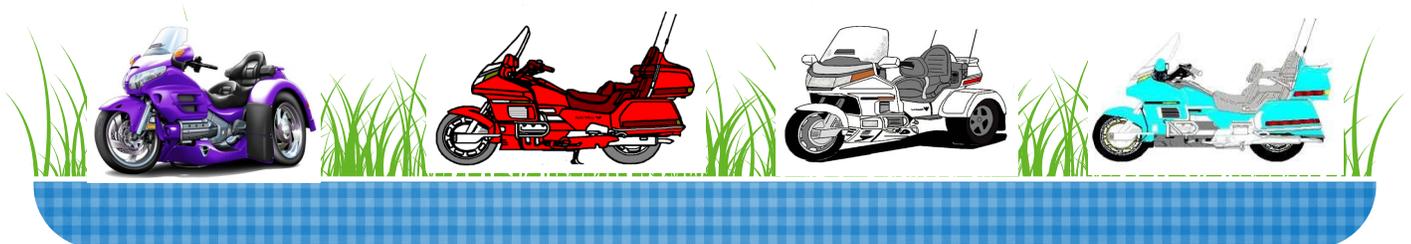


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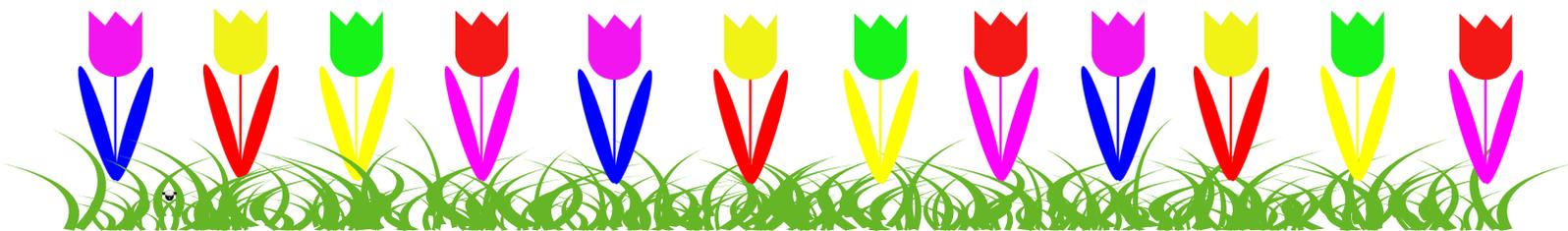


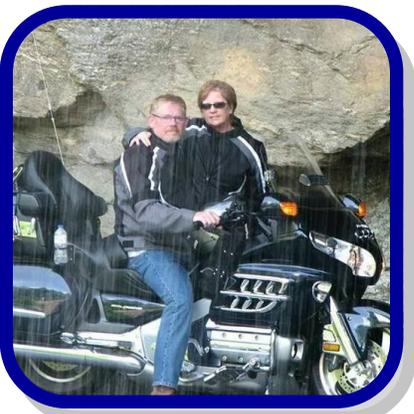
Chapter Newsletter

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2018 CHAPTER COUPLE OF THE YEAR
CONGRATULATIONS

To Be Announced
at the February
BS GTS





SHEPHERDS STORIES



Happy
Groundhog Day!



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Here we are Black Sheep, February. We hope that everyone is staying safe and warm in this fridged weather.

We had some training and a movie night pot luck in January. We have also started the Thursday night Meet and Eat.

Our first Meet and Eat was held at Up Town Dinner and Beverage in Ankeny.

Even though the weather was a little iffy, 13 brave sheep made it to the restaurant.

In February on the 3rd, we have our Chapter get together, 8th Meet and Eat at Crouse Café in Indianola, 10th Sweet Heart Weekend in Nauvoo IL at the Nauvoo Family Inn, 17th Pot Luck Movie Night, and 22nd training at Biachi Boys Pizza in Altoona.

And as always, check the chapter web page and Face Book page to keep up on what`s happening with our chapter and the other chapters in our state or surrounding states and our district.

Thank you and have a great month

Randy & Debbie Heath

Directors Chapter A

Des Moines, IA

GWRRR moto "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge".





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Ok BlackSheep this cold is temporary after all we have global warming that should take over at any minute. The riding season is not that far off and our officers and members have put together a very exciting year of travel. If you have any questions as to what is going on please check the web page. Remember to go out to the garage and give your GoldWing a hug as this is a very lonely time of year for them. If you are out riding please ride safe or wait for warmer weather.

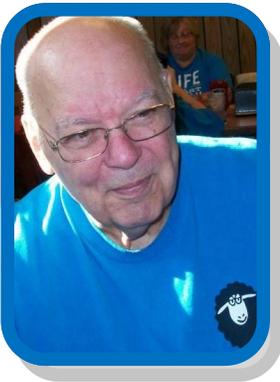
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RAMS TRAILS



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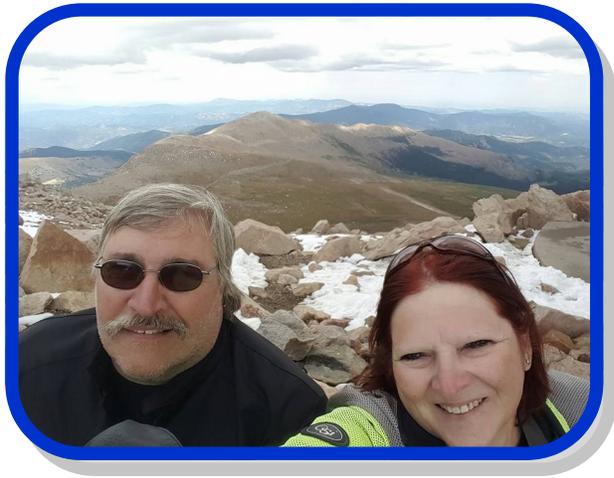
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SHEEP TALES



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Happy New Year! As your new Iowa District University Coordinators, we are about to venture where no winger has ventured before. There will be 4 quarterly events that we hope you all will join us in participating. The first is March 3rd at the Reinig Center in Toledo. There will be three seminars presented during the day commencing at 10 am with the Crazy Supper following that night. Please get your registration in as soon as possible. Safety Weekend will be May 18th & 19th. July 29th we will be holding a Road Captain Course in the Northwest Iowa area with location to be announced at a later date. We may need the assistance of some of you veteran Road Captains, so please let us know if you would be willing to help that day. November 18th will be a potluck training day, with further details to be announced. We hope to see many of you at these events and throughout the year. We truly miss you all.

Iowa District University Coordinators

Roxanne & Chief

District MEC



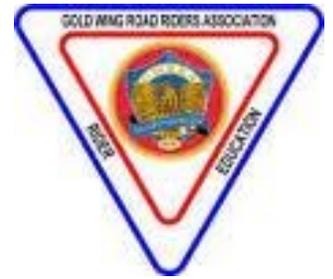
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RAM WISDOM



I wanted to start out and introduce myself to you as the new District Educator for the Iowa District. Many of you may know me. After starting out as a Chapter Educator for a couple of years, I then became the Assistant District Educator in Iowa for a number of years, working with John Olenick and then Doug Beomecke. Then, I moved to Region Educator for Region E about two years ago. Lonnie Borseth stepped into the role of District Educator for Iowa about a year and a half ago, but he had decided he wanted to step down at the end of 2017. You may also know me from the Iowa Safety Weekend, which I have been a riding course instructor, primarily conducting the 2 wheel course, but I have also taught the 3 wheel course. My primary profession is being an architect, but I have also been a rider coach at DMAAC for about 12 years where I teach about 18 classes per year for beginners and a few advance rider courses. That's my short intro.

With the elimination of the Chapter Educator position there are a few changes that you will see. First, I will be supplying a safety or rider education related article to each of the chapters for their newsletters each month. So, if you read other chapter newsletters from Iowa you will see the same article. This is the first article. I have several ideas for articles that I think you will find very interesting and I am rather excited to get started writing since they require some research in a particular recent motorcycle study. However, I want to invite anyone who wishes to write a safety related article to send them to me. This will give you a chance to write something that our whole district will be able to read. The most interesting articles are ones that are from people writing about personal experiences.

Another change will be that you won't have a Chapter Educator to remind you and encourage people to participate and stay current in the Levels program. But, any of the Chapter Officers should be able to get you the forms you need and to sign them for you. I plan on putting a link to some of this on the District website under Rider Education so you can download them if you prefer. Then, they are sent to me to enter into the Rider Education Database. You should know how to look up your Levels status, but if you don't here are quick instructions. Go to gwrra.org, then on the blue band near the top of the page hover over "Officers", then on the pulldown click on "Rider Education". On the side of the next webpage you have a list of items on the left side in light blue boxes. Click on "My R.E. Information" to pull up the login page. If you haven't logged in before, or forgot your password then click on "I need help logging in." This gives you instructions on what your username and password are if you have not logged in before or the option to have your password emailed to you.

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RAM WISDOME CONTINUED



I wanted to thank each of the past Chapter Educators in Iowa. There was quite a bit of preparation and paperwork involved in presenting a safety topic, writing a newsletter article, recording attendance, processing Levels and other forms, etc. Having been a Chapter Educator myself I know the work put into the position and the challenge of finding the right topic each month. Many of us are very sad to see the position being retired. But this is in no way a sign that rider safety and rider education is not a priority in GWRRA. It may seem so with the office elimination but I can tell you from hearing directly from Anita Alkire, the President of GWRRA, and Paul Hildebrand, Founder and CEO of GWRRA, that Rider Education is important to GWRRA and they recognize that our program is unique for our type of organization. Our Levels program, the various seminars and modules, and the rider courses are all something of which we are very proud and will continue to be made available to our members. The directive is find methods that are less cumbersome to Chapters but remain as effective in promoting safety, rider knowledge and rider skills.

Lastly, I want to remind you about our Iowa Safety Weekend. It will be held on May 18th and 19th at the Ankeny DMACC campus again. This is a great way to keep up with the levels program, or just to get inexpensive rider training. I will write more about this next month but I wanted to explain the ARC-R and TRC-R classes, which are being offered on the Friday of Safety Weekend. The -R stands for "recertification". These are the same as the ARC and TRC classes, except for two things. First, you must have already taken the ARC or TRC class before taking the ARC-R or TRC-R. Second, the recertification class does not have the classroom portion of the course, so it is held only on the riding range. To maintain your Level 2, 3 or 4 you can take the recertification course every other 3 year cycle. That means you only have to take the classroom portion every 6 years if you take the ARC-R or TRC-R at the third year. By the way, if you are not familiar with ARC and TRC, the ARC is the 2 wheel (bike) course and the TRC is the 3 wheel (trike) course, both developed exclusively by the GWRRA with the Goldwing in mind, but are appropriate for most motorcycles.

Here is wishing for an early spring and back to riding!

Greg Hayes

Iowa District Educator, GWRRA

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS

By Mark Tilton & Roberta McAfee



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It only takes a few nice days to make us think seriously about riding.

Last summer when the temps were in the 60s+, who'd have thought that anything above zero would have us thinking about riding? As motorcyclists, we have to ALWAYS be aware of conditions on the road, potential obstacles and other drivers – always other drivers.

With that thought in mind, almost 18 months ago, Mark and I got certified to present "Motorcycle Awareness" to driver's education classes. The purpose of the presentation is to make young drivers aware of motorcycles and give them some insight into the dangers that other vehicles present to motorcyclists on the road. Driver's education classes require one hour of motorcycle awareness in their classroom work. Whenever possible, we (or one of the other presenters) supply that presentation. Mark & I typically "team teach" the class together. It gives the class a chance to see the topic from two points of view and as a married couple, we tend to feed off of each other and occasionally banter back and forth to keep the class lively (and hopefully, entertaining).

The presentation we give is 90 minutes long. It is a mixture of power point presentation, videos and personal experiences. It starts with general information about motorcycles, different types of motorcycles, and differences between cars and motorcycles. Then we have an "Awareness Test" to make students start thinking about how easy it is to miss motorcycles on the road. We talk about using turn signals, impaired driving, distracted driving and following distances. We give real life examples of accidents from the Des Moines metro area.

Then there's "show and tell" where we bring our riding gear and show the students the importance of wearing the proper gear. We also introduce them to the heated gear so that they begin to think about motorcycle riding as a year-round activity – not just warm weather. We have pictures of some "road rash" from accidents where the riders

were not properly protected.

The numbers for 2017 have been compiled and we had 2,276 students in Motorcycle Awareness classes. The class sizes range from 10 to 60. We have run into some of the students around town or at the State Fair and were pleasantly pleased to have them recognize us and quote some of our favorite sayings from the class – "Good drivers just drive!" (They don't talk, they don't text, they don't play with the radio or their phone . . . nothing else is more important than driving when you get behind the wheel of a car.) Hopefully we're making a difference – the life we save may be our own or one of our friends.

If anyone you know is interested in attending a class, we'd love to have you come. Or if someone would like to have the presentation given for an event or club meeting, we're open to that also. Finally, if someone would like to become a presenter, we can put you in touch with the people to do that as well. Motorcycle season is coming . . .

ride safe!

NEW MONTHLY HEAD QUARTERS

First Saturday of each month

Max's Highway Diner



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Phone: (515) 967-7878

BlackSheep will now be herded and grazing at the Flying J
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High Need Items will have *

Wish List

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Toothpaste (Large size)
Hair Brushes*
Shampoo & Conditioner (Large size)*
Adult individual toothbrushes



GWRRA UNIVERSITY TRAINING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT



IOWA DISTRICT IS HOSTING A TRAINING EVENT ON

March 3, 2018

EVENT LOCATION: Reinig Civic Center, Toledo, IA

EVENT HOURS: 10 AM to 7 PM

THE CLASSES BEING OFFERED INCLUDE:

UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Only Sugar Melts in the Rain; Co-Rider; Calm the Clash

RIDER EDUCATION (ARC, TRC, etc.)

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**❖FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING LODGING OR TO REGISTER FOR THE
EVENT CONTACT❖**

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PLEASE RSVP ON OR BEFORE: February 23, 2018

CRAZY SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR: \$10 PER PERSON (Begins 5 PM)

LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED (Time allowed for off-site lunch or bring your own)

❖BRING YOUR GWRRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER WITH YOU TO THE EVENT-THANK YOU❖