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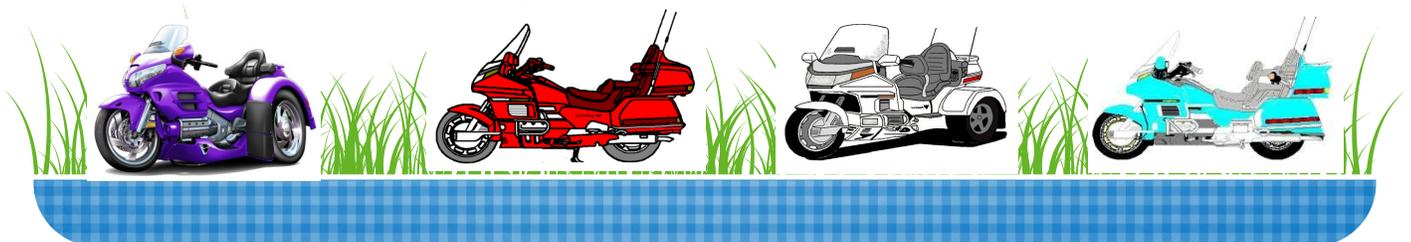
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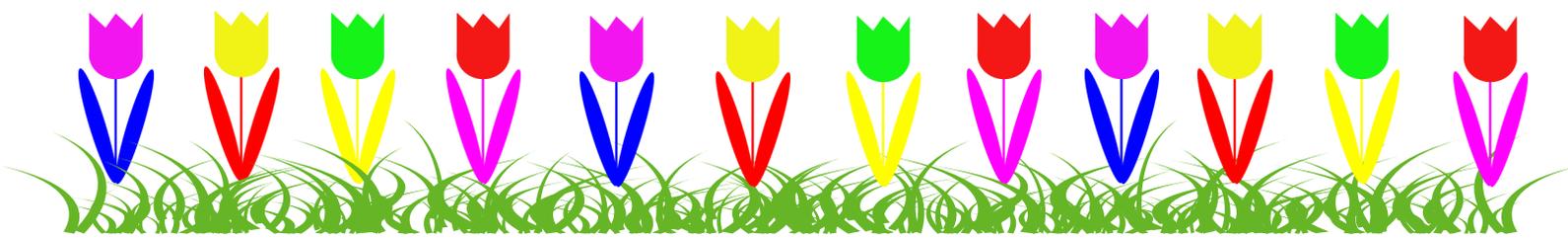
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Chapter Mailings

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SHEPHERDS STORIES



Dennis Irvin & Donna McCullough

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I have decided to stop calling this ride a leaf ride as we can never tell if we will get there at the right time to see the leaves changing. Just going to call it a fall ride and we will go and ride and see what we see.

Eight of us went on the fall ride this year. Two bikes and two cages. This year, we decided to base ourselves in Cassville, Wisconsin. Weather was a bit cool and misty on the ride up. Saturday was nice weather and Sunday started out pretty nice but we ended up with dropping temps, rain and even some snow showers.

There was not a lot of spectacular color in the area we were in and there was a good amount of leaves already dropped.

I personally would recommend the Mississippi Sand Bar Motel if you are in the area. It is no frills but was clean and the staff was friendly and accommodating. Rooms are a bit small but I usually don't plan on spending a lot of time in the room. There is also a restaurant just across a parking lot that has some very good food.

We didn't get to ride all the roads I had planned on due to the fact that when we got there on Friday night, I found out my rear brake pads were worn and needed replaced. I was able to find a dealer who could get me in on Saturday. The round trip from Cassville to Richland Center was about 5 ½ hours so that put a crimp into the riding plans that I had made for this weekend. Donna, me and Ernie and Louise all headed to Richland Center while Mike, Carole and Roger and Laura all went another direction. Both of the groups did find some good roads and some good sights. Just not what I had planned.

Overall, even though we had some glitches, it was a pretty good weekend. I am looking at some changes for this ride next year that I hope will make it easier for more people to come join the fun. Stay tuned for information on that.

Dennis & Donna

Directors Chapter A

Des Moines, IA

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



SHEPHERDS STORIES CONT.



Welcome to November Chapter A. Winter is fast approaching and it is almost that time where our bikes will be put away for a long winters nap. Some have already put theirs away and some will continue to ride a bit longer as long as we can handle the elements.

Lots to go over. Where oh where does one begin? First, Donna and I were officially sworn in as Chapter Directors this past get together. This is not what we had in mind. We thought we had some time to get more acquainted with things before stepping up into this position. However, Randy and Debbie have more important things to concentrate on right now so we will do our best to keep things going in the manner that this chapter has always done.

We want to thank Randy and Debbie for their confidence in choosing us to step into the director position and for their continued support and advice. Godspeed to them and prayers for a positive outcome to all this. We'd like to thank them for all that they have done in promoting this chapter and coming up with lots of new ideas for things this chapter to get together and have fun.

We'd also like to thank John (and Yvette in spirit) for coming down to the gathering and taking care of this business. Thank you too for all your support as we try to get up to speed in this new adventure.

We ask for your patience and understanding while Donna and I get settled in and spun up as to what all we need to be doing in this new position. We are more than happy to accept your suggestions and ideas and we'll take them under advisement.

We'd also like to thank the current officers, all of whom have agreed to stay on through what would have been Randy and Debbie's term. This allows us some time to put together a staff for our tenure. We are looking at filling a number of positions. We won't be rushing any decisions here. If you'd like to help us out, get ahold of us and lets talk. We will be talking to some about filling some positions.

Those who could not attend the District Rally, you missed a good time. Weather could have been nicer but it didn't dampen the spirit of the group. There were rides both days, on bike games that were a blast and if you didn't want to do any of that stuff, there was plenty going on inside the venue to occupy your time. This is probably the best District Rally we have ever attended and it is due to the Iowa Staff working hard to make it so.

Our Ronald McDonald House visit went well. There was a pretty respectable presence from Chapter A and Chapter W. Very heartwarming to see this group help out those who need help at a very trying time in their lives. We are planning on having a group go in and provide a dinner to the guests. This is something we have been wanting to do for some time and have finally got the ball rolling.

We still have a number of events going on this year. Our Thanksgiving potluck and training day is on November 17th and our Christmas event will be on December 15th. Check out the chapter's website for all the upcoming events and look for emails and flyers coming out as well.

Thank you to each and every one of you for being part of this organization and this chapter and for making it so much fun to be part of for us.

Lastly, we have a number of members with issues happening in their lives. Very serious issues. Please take a moment to say a prayer, and put out some positive energy for all our members and keep them in your thoughts.

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It was great seeing our motorcycle family at the Iowa District Rally in Fort Dodge. Thank you to the Iowa District team for doing a great job. It was great to be back on the motorcycle after Dave's hip replacement. He is doing well.

We know that some of our motorcycle family are going through some personal issues and some health issues. We want to send our positive thoughts and prayers to each and everyone of you. Always know that we are family and we are there for you.

Hope everyone had a safe riding season this past spring and summer and fall and hope to see you soon at some of our gatherings.

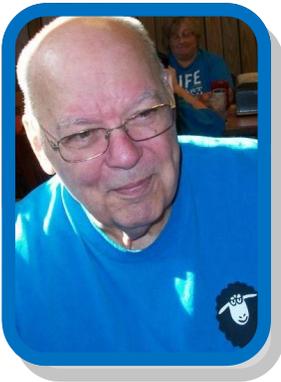
We wish all of you a Very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

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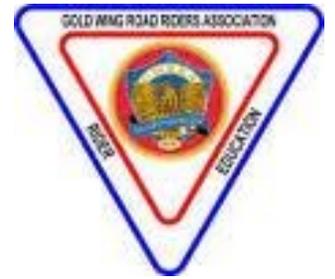
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RAM WISDOM



*Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family*



Recently, while I was riding my motorcycle, someone gave me the opportunity to test out a couple of survival skills. It was on the way to a meeting that I had in Cedar Rapids. The weather was a little chilly but not too cold. It was actually a pretty nice ride from Des Moines in the morning. I enjoyed seeing the fall colors and the progress the farmers have had in the field. My return trip that afternoon was going to be a little less nice with the temperature dropping and I would be headed back into the wind. But it still was not too bad and worth getting another longer ride in. I think driving straight into the wind is still better than a side wind.

I was on the north side of town and had turned north, just about a half mile to my destination. Ahead of me was a concrete mixer. This was a very large red truck and I had limited visibility in front of it. It slowed up to make a right hand turn and was over in the right hand lane. I moved over to the left hand lane since I knew the truck would really have to slow down for the turn. Prior to moving over to the left lane I had noticed a car on the side street to the right, where the truck would be turning. As we approached the corner the car would be out of my vision. Of course, if I cannot see him then he cannot see me. Had he seen me? Reasoning that he was more concerned about the concrete truck I thought there was a good chance he had not looked at what was also coming down the street.

I slowed as I approached the intersection. The concrete truck was making his turn as I was on the left side of him. All of a sudden I saw the car making a left turn right in front of me. I came to a quick stop. It seemed to be well executed and I don't believe I activate the ABS. The car stopped as well. After looking at each other in the eye - I am sure he did not see my glare behind my sunglasses and face shield - he waved me on. I shook my head, not trusting this guy. So he took off.

Seek - Analyze - Act. If I had not been looking well ahead to search for hazards, if I had not analyzed the situation and considered the "what if he didn't see me"; if I had not set up a plan, which was to slow down, get ready to brake if needed, and watch to see if he did pull out, I would not have been as ready to act. If I had over-reacted and jammed on my brakes I am not sure what would have happened. My motorcycle is new this year, which now comes standard with ABS. My previous bike did not have ABS and it was a feature that I was really forward to having. So, I am not sure if how quickly I came to a stop was from the practice I get from teaching motorcycling or if I actually activated the ABS and didn't feel it. Although I like to think it was the practice, I just won't know for sure. It most definitely had to do with being prepared.

RAM WISDOM

CONT:



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Total stopping distance is made of three part. First you have to see something and realize there is a hazard, then it takes some time for our brains to react and tell our hands and feet what to do, then there is the actually braking distance. The first part is called perception. The second part is reaction. They both take time, which means I am traveling down the road during that time. Time multiplied by speed equals distance. So, if I had not been looking for this car then I would have taken a longer time to see and perceive the car. If it took an extra second to perceive the hazard then, assuming a speed of 30 MPH, then my total stopping distance would have been lengthened by 45 feet. My hands were ready to react, so I had reduced my reaction time as well. I had already slowed so my braking distance was also reduced. When I did brake I had used a progressive squeeze and did not stomp on my brake pedal. So, I maximized the effectiveness of my brakes. I say that but it also seems that if you do not activate the ABS that you might not be braking as hard as you can. But, I like using the technique that is taught in the MSF and GWRRA riding courses - use a progressive squeeze on the front brake lever and don't stomp on the rear brake pedal.

I am sure most of you who have had similar experiences and can relate to this incident. This article was certainly meant to brag about me avoiding an accident. That is not really something to brag about since this is probably the norm and is what we expect should happen. We should be and typically are using the proper skills to avoid accidents. There are a lot more near accidents than actual accidents. This means good training and having a lot of experience can give us the skills we need when an emergency maneuver is required. This is not the only near-incident I had this year. I occasionally get people coming into my lane on the highway because they fail to check their blind spots when doing a lane change and I happen to be right next to them at the time. I just had time to contemplate how what happened in this particular incident corresponds to what we have been taught. It brought together the concepts of 1) other motorists don't always see motorcycles, 2) blind spots are not only the ones we have behind us but can be caused by many things, including concrete trucks, 2) we must never stop using Seek-Analyze-Act (or Search-Evaluate-Execute) anytime we are on the motorcycle, 3) that total stopping distance includes the time and distance to perceive the hazard and our mind-body to react, as well as the time it takes to stop once the brakes are activated, so we need to apply strategies to minimize each part, 4) slowing reduces braking distance, and 5) we must practice the proper braking techniques used in stopping quickly.

Wishing you safe travels,

Greg Hayes

Iowa District Educator, GWRRA

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2018 RALPH SWANK AWARD WINNERS

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Des Moines Ronald McDonald House Wish List

High Need Items will have *



Wish List

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Starbucks
Hy-Vee
Target
Walgreen's

Food Pantry

Keurig Coffee K-Cups*
Breakfast Bars
Granola Bars
Butter (Sticks & Tubs)
Seasonal Fresh Fruit/Veggies
Cereal (Single Serving Boxes)
Chips (Single Serving Bags)
Fruit Snacks
Fruit Cups
Sliced Bread
Lunch Meat
Sliced Cheese
Ready to eat microwave Mac N Cheese*

Household

Trash Bags
Clorox Wipes
Stainless Steel Polish

Office

Postage Stamps*
Copy Paper
Card Stock*

Kitchen

Crock Pot Liners*
Paper Bowls (non-Styrofoam)
FIT Veggie Cleaner
Ziploc Baggies (sandwich, snack, quart, gal.)
Paper Plates (non-Styrofoam)
Stainless Steel Scratchers
Leftover disposable food containers (to-go)*

Families

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Civic Center Tickets
Botanical Garden Passes
Bus Passes
Spa/Salon Certificates
Cross Word Puzzles
Word Search
Activity Books, i.e., Sudoku
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Laundry

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