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**March 2019**

### Chapter **G2G**

First Saturday of every month at

### Cozy Café

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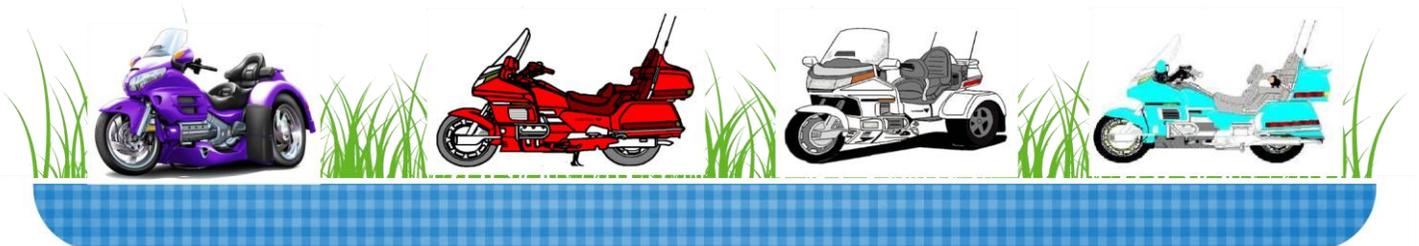
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**Breakfast 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**BS G2G @ 9:00 AM**

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# Chapter A Team Members



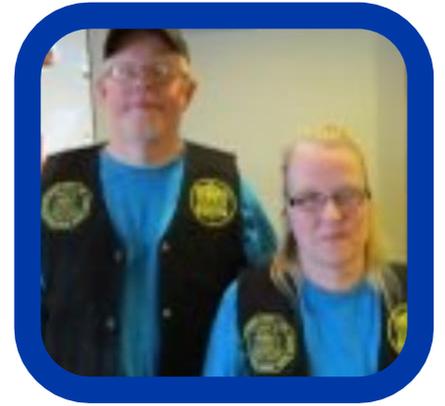
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John and Pam McDowell



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# WELCOME TO YOUR NEW OFFICERS



Assistant Directors-Mark Smidt & Melissa Catron

Membership Enhancement Coordinators- John & Pam Mc Dowell

Treasurer- Rick Halbur

(photo done by Roberta Mc Afee)





# SHEPHERDS STORIES



**Dennis Irvin & Donna McCullough**

**Chapter Directors**

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As I write this, Mother Nature is once again subjecting us to all that an Iowa winter has to dispense. I'm sure most of you are like me and wishing that spring would hurry up and get here so that we can get the machines out again and do some riding.

Our February meeting was at Paul and Barb's house since our new location was not available yet. Thank you again to them for opening up their house and for being such gracious hosts. Thanks to everyone who came out and who brought stuff for the potluck. A wide assortment of great food. Nothing new for this group. Thanks to all our guests who came from considerable distances to help us put out information and to officially swear in our new officers. For those that haven't heard, Mark Smidt and Melissa Catron are our newest Assistant Directors. John and Pam McDowell are returning as our MEC's. And Rick Halbur is going to take over the Treasurer position. Thank you to Dave and Diane for hanging on and to be there to help guide Donna and I and Mark and Melissa. Thank you to all the previous officers for your help and for the smooth transition to our new officers.

Those that couldn't make the get together, you missed a good time. The potluck went over very well and the intimate setting for the sharing of information worked well.

Keep an eye on the calendar for all the events going on. Check out the chapter's calendar and the districts calendar. Lots of stuff on the schedule already that would be worth your time to investigate and to try and attend. Think about going to another chapter's event and see some old friends; or meet new ones. Check out the events going on in our surrounding states. Locally, coming up soon is the officer conference followed by the crazy supper on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I highly recommend our officers attending the conference to see what is new and to just get a handle on your particular position. For those that have not been to a crazy supper, it is a ridiculously good time. A four-course meal with a twist. Come check it out. It is always a lot of fun and camaraderie.

When good weather finally gets here, there will be plenty to do. Start making your plans now. See you all soon. Take care. Be safe.

**Dennis Irvin**

**Director Chapter A**

**Des Moines, IA**

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



## GWRRA BENEFITS

### GWRRA Benefits to Members

I wanted to share some benefits to being a GWRRA member with our local chapter. We have some members who have been around, and did not know about some of these, and then we have our newer members that may not realize just what is available. I decided to talk about the discount lodging this month. Some of you have made reservations for our upcoming Memorial Day weekend trip. The link that was sent out, already had the discount code in it.

So, you are on a vacation, or weekend trip on your own, and looking for a place to stay. You are probably are aware, some places are so expensive you think twice about taking a trip. GWRRA has help for you. To get to this information online, go to [GWRRA.org](http://GWRRA.org), then click on members, and then benefits. This page has all kinds of benefits, to get to the lodging, scroll down on the right side. You will find Red Roof Inn, Motel 6, and Wyndham. Red Roof and Motel 6 you can actually use the code they show on the website, when you are checking in for the discount. Wyndham, you must book online or using their 800 number. You will get 10-20% discount. We have found some rates to be even better.

When we travel, we keep all of these codes and numbers handy. With Wyndham, you collect points and then you can either get free nights, or deeply discounted nights by using partial points and paying for your room. Red Roof has a program you can enroll in also. I do not believe Motel 6 has anything like that.

With motel 6, we watch to see if they are the newly renovated rooms which are labeled as Modern Rooms. These are a lot nicer than the old rooms.

Hope you enjoy your time on the road this year and save some money on lodging and can travel more.

**Donna Bainter-McCullough**  
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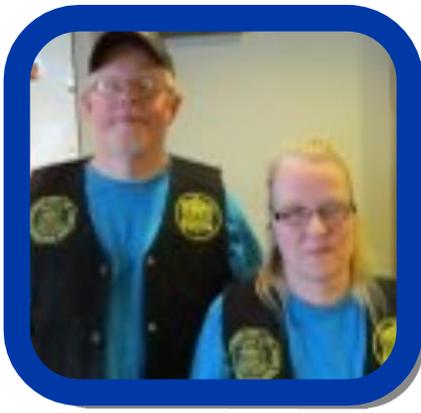
St. Patrick's Day



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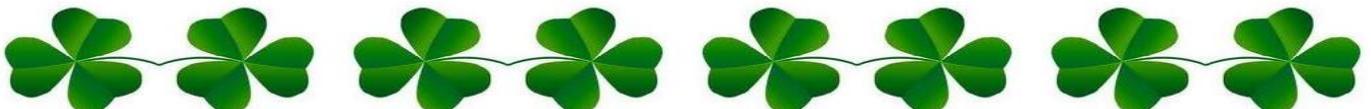
What a busy start to our February. Thank you to John, Yvette, Roxy, Chief, John and Barb for coming to our Chapter gathering to see us get officially sworn in as officers. After our chapter gathering on February 2, we held a CPR refresher class in our home for our Chapter Directors Dennis and Donna as well as Roxy, Chief and Mark. I am proud to say they all passed with flying colors and were excellent students.

We went to Sweetheart Weekend in Nauvoo, Illinois and had a great time!! Made some new friends and got to hang out with some old friends that we had not seen since district rally. There were over 90 people that showed up for the event and the Derby activities were fun. It was neat to see all of the Derby hats that were worn, everyone looked so beautiful and handsome all dress up. Kevin and Cheryl deserve a big round of applause of keeping this event going, as we look forward to going again next year.

March we will be attending Crazy Supper and as always, a good time will be had. Don't forget that the gathering will be at our new location the Cozy Café in Johnston.

**Mark Smidt and Melissa Catron**

**Assistant Chapter Directors**





## SHEEP HERDER'S



John and Pam McDowell

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John here with Pam...

Even though the weather is frightful, the Black Sheep are delightful!

On Jan. 24 we had our Meet and Eat at Papa Kern's Café in Des Moines. It was a very cold and windy night. Only 9 brave (or crazy) Black Sheep made it. We got great service since the restaurant was almost empty! Who knew!

On Feb. 2 we had our Get Together, which Paul and Barb Deitrich graciously held in their home. There were 31 people in attendance including 8 from the Iowa Team. All of the new Chapter A officers were officially sworn in. Thanks again to Paul and Barb for hosting.

On Feb. 14 we had our Meet and Eat at Bianchi Boys Pizza in Altoona. Another very cold night with 22 Black Sheep attending. It's always a good time, no matter what the weather is. It was great to see so many friends.

On Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. we will Meet and Eat at La Villa Mexican Restaurant in Carlisle (30 School St.).

On Mar. 2 we have our Get Together at the Cozy Café in Johnston (8385 Birchwood Ct.). Be there at 8 a.m. for breakfast, with G2G to follow at 8:30 a.m.

On Mar. 2 is Training and Crazy Supper at the Reinig Center in Toledo, IA. Officer training starts at 10 a.m. and the Crazy Supper is at 5 p.m.

On Mar. 14 at 6 p.m. we will Meet and Eat at Claxon's Smokehouse & Grill in Altoona (3131 8<sup>th</sup> St. SW).

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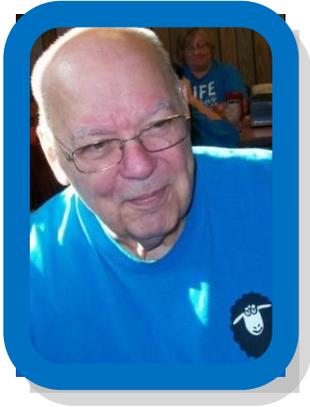
Always, refer to the Chapter A website calendar for events details and any changes that may occur.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## RAM'S TRAILS

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*An old Irish blessing  
May love & laughter light your days,  
and warm your heart & home.  
May good & faithful friends be yours  
where ever you may roam.  
May peace & plenty bless your world  
with joy that long endures  
May all life's passing seasons  
bring the best to you & yours.*





## RAM WISDOM



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From your District Educator,

I wanted to congratulate Jane Cassatt of Chapter H for becoming our District's most recent Life Grand Master. In the next couple of years, we will have several more members that will be eligible to become Life Grand Masters. In case you didn't know what that was I thought I would explain. In the Levels program we have 4 levels. Level 4 is also known as the Master Tour Rider. After staying current for 5 years in the Levels program as a Level 4, a member is eligible to become a Senior Master. After 10 years they can become Grand Masters. After 15 years they can become a Life Grand Master. If someone was not current at their level for a period of time then that time does not count, but if they become current again, then the clock picks up where they left off. So, it may take 6 years for someone to become a Senior Master if they had a total of 12 months where they had let their Level be non-current. The Levels program is not an indication of riding skill. It is the level of commitment a member has made to safe riding.

I don't want my articles to be typically dominated by discussing the Levels program. However, without the Chapter Educator I have become your main source of information on the Levels program. It was also the hope that our members that are Level 4s would help promote and educate people on the Levels. So, this month I wanted to summarize a few things about the Levels program. If you have questions please shoot me an email. I will have forms and patches available at the Crazy Supper/Training Day in March, at the Safety Weekend in May, and at the District Rally. But if you need something anytime, like I said, just send me an email or leave a phone message and I will get back to you.

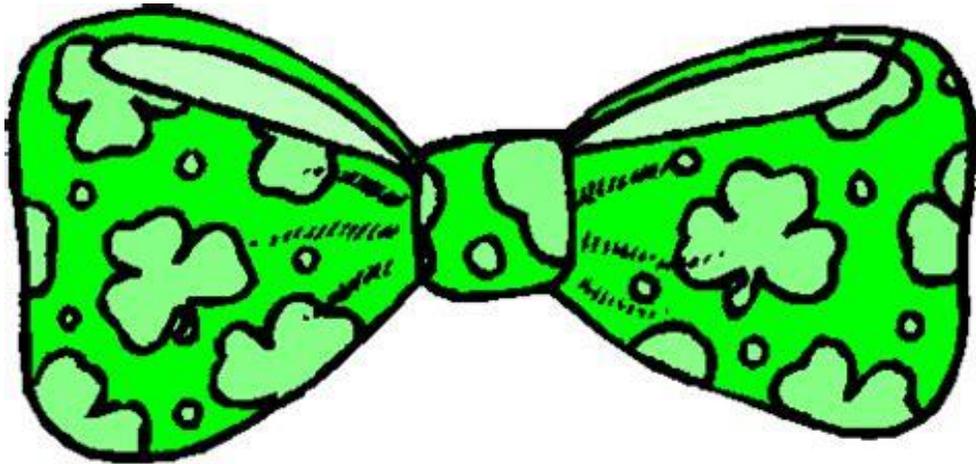
Here are some important points about the program. If you have more basic questions, such as what are the Levels, what is significant about each level, I would first ask your Chapter Directors or a past Chapter Educator, and you can find information on the GWRRA website, or you can contact me.

1. Records are not always updated automatically, so you may need to send something to me for me to enter information in the Rider Education database. However, if you take a class at our Safety Weekend or at WingDing, your records will be automatically entered into that database. Otherwise, see items 2 and 3 below.
2. If you take a First Aid and/or a CPR class then take a photo or scan of your course completion card to send to me. I will then enter the information into the database. Even if you are taking it through your Chapter, I need to see a copy of the course completion card.
3. If you take a Rider Course that is not through GWRRA then please send me a scan of that course completion card. I will then enter that information into the database. If you are taking a GWRRA Rider Course (ARC or TRC for example) in another District, or here, that District Educator will enter your information in the database.
4. Not all First Aid or CPR courses are recognized by the Levels program. I am working to have GWRRA MFA classes available to our members but we currently have no GWRRA MFA instructors in Iowa. American Heart Association and the Red Cross do offer First Aid and CPR classes that are eligible, and we have had several members in our District that teach through the American Heart Association. There are no online CPR or First Aid classes that are eligible because a certified instructor has to observe you performing certain skills. If you have a question about if a class is eligible please contact me first and I can check on it before you end up spending money on something that does not count.
5. There is a list of Rider Courses that are offered by other organizations that are recognized by the Levels program that is on the Rider Education part of the GWRRA website. However, if you have a question about a class, feel free to contact me to verify before you take the class. The most common non-GWRRA class in this area will be the BRC2 class that is offered at some of the community colleges or through ABATE. The BRC2 class falls under the non-classroom course category explained below.
6. Rider Courses fall in two categories. There are classes that have a classroom portion and a riding portion. The other type has only the riding portion. The riding only class counts for the Levels program every other time that you take a Rider Course. Then you must take the course that offers a classroom portion the next time. Or, you can take the course that includes the classroom each time. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions on what class you need to take. GWRRA has the ARC class for 2-wheel motorcycles and the TRC for the 3-wheel motorcycles. Those both are about 8 hours long and have a classroom and a riding portion. We also have corresponding ARC-R and the TRC-R courses. The -R stands for Recertification course. Those both are about 5 hours long and are taught only on the riding range, so they can only be taken every other time. We started offering all four courses at our Safety Weekend and you can find them at WingDing.
7. All of our riding courses can be taken as 1-up or 2-up. For the co-rider to get credit as a co-rider for the Levels program, they must participate in both the classroom and riding portion of the course.
7. To advance to another Level you can send me the correct form, available on the GWRRA website, or contact me. It needs to be signed by myself (if you fill it out in front of me) or by one of your chapter officers, then it can be mailed or emailed to me. The same applies if you are eligible to become a Senior Master, Grand Master or Life Grand Master, you need to send in the proper form to me. Just let me know if you need the correct form and I will send it to you if you cannot find it on the GWRRA website.
8. You should know how to find your information on the Rider Education Database. If you haven't done that before, we have simple instructions on the District Webpage under Rider Education. Or, contact me and I can look up the information. I am very glad to do that. I can usually look up the information on my phone. Rider Education is working with Headquarters to figure out how someone at the Chapter level can be a person that can assist in helping you and hopefully this will come about soon than later. Many of you miss the Chapter Educator position. I know I do. The safety talks at the Chapter Get Togethers, the monthly article and the N6 forms will not come back to the Chapter level, but I think the need for someone to help members with Levels and other Rider Ed issues is seen as being needed.
9. When the Chapter Educator position disappeared, none of the Rider Education programs went away. We still have the Levels program, offer First Aid and CPR classes, Rider Courses, the Safe Miles program, the High Mileage program, and the Rider Ed seminars and modules, such as the Road Captain's Course, the Co-Rider Seminar, and two of us will be presenting the Team Riding Seminar in March.

That is enough information for one month. I am in the process of reading several books on motorcycling, including two that were written by David Hough. Some of you probably have heard of him. I plan on writing about what I have gleaned from these readings in the upcoming months. My interest is in finding practical information that can help myself and others avoid accidents, so I am really excited about these readings.

Until next month, have a safe winter! Spring will soon be here.

Greg Hayes



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## GWRRR IOWA DISTRICT

PRESENTS

### Officers Conference

Training event  
and *CRAZY Supper*

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Reinig Center, 1007 Prospect Drive, Toledo, IA 52342

lunch is on your own or bring a sack lunch

### Registration

Name: Chapter team title:	Member #:	Chapter:
<b>Officers Conference: 10 am.</b>	<b>Yes / No</b>	<b>FREE</b>
1:30 pm : Training -Team Riding	Yes / No	FREE
3 pm: Training – Penny for your thoughts	Yes / No	FREE
<i>CRAZY Supper: 5 pm</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>	<i>\$10.00/person</i>
Make check payable to: GWRRR Iowa District	Mail by 2/21/19	Check total:

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