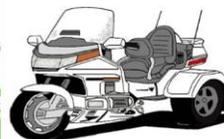




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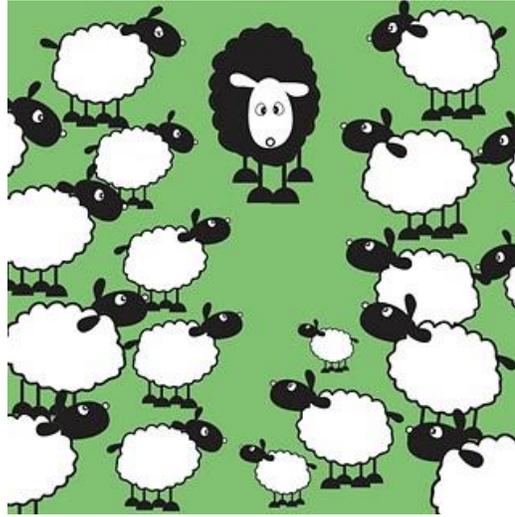
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Greetings everyone. Welcome to April. As I write this, mother nature still has not given up on letting winter slide away. Still somewhat chilly, there has been some snow and plenty of rain. Sun right now but rain expected tonight and on and off the next several days. Hoping we get out of this pattern and the riding season can begin in earnest soon. I know some have gotten out and done some riding and that is great.

We have had great attendance at the last several gatherings. 100th St. Corner café is working out well. We are filling the room and that is a good thing to see. The food is very good and they take great care of us. Service is speedy and they all work together to make sure we are taken care of.

We had another good speaker last month. Chas from New Edge Automotive Detailing came in and talked about their ceramic coating. He gave a very detailed description of their process and a couple of members have already taken advantage of their service. Kent and Virginia and Dave and Diane took their bikes in for the coating service. Both have given glowing recommendations about how their bikes look and to how detailed the service was and how well they were taken care of. The cost is around \$500 which includes a detailing before the coating. Kent reported that they do the windscreen and the display as well. For those that might not know, ceramic coating is like a heavy duty wax job. Kind of a hard coating that makes dirt and stuff stick less, making it easier to clean. And protects the paint surfaces. They will do cars and trucks as well. Starting at about \$800. They have a 5 year warranty on their work. They also do some high performance engine work and Ed took his car out there to have headers put on. He also was very happy with their work.

1st camping weekend is scheduled for the end of this month. April 29 to May 1 at Rock Creek Park by Kellogg. You can make reservations to camp or just come out and join in the fun.

Next month's meeting will be very short. Basically just a meet and eat breakfast if you like and then we are heading to Cedar Rapids to meet up with chapter f and join them in their 35th anniversary party. We are looking to see about taking the traveling trophy as well. Everyone is invited. Come join us.

June 4th we will be having our 40th anniversary party at Yellowbanks park. Dave reports that they are taking some reservations now instead of being total first come first serve. If you'd like to camp, go ahead and make your reservation. We have a pavilion for the festivities.

Keep an eye on the list of events, the website, your email and Facebook for upcoming things and please join us when you can.

June 2-4 Missouri District Rally – Branson, MO

June 17/18 Wisconsin District Rally – Reedsburg, WI

June 29/July 2 Wing Ding 43 – Shreveport, LA

July 22/23 MN/ND District Rally – Worthington, MN

September 9/10 New Hampton Motorcycle Rally – New Hampton, Iowa

August 26/27 GWRRA Multi District Ride In – Dubuque, Iowa

September 9/10 New Hampton Motorcycle Rally – New Hampton, Iowa

September 23/24 Iowa District Rally – New Hampton, Iowa

Two Wheel Trama Training

Donna and I went to the Two Wheel Trauma course in Davenport put on by Slider Gilmore, Anita Bailey, Wayne Wierson, and Frank Prowant. A very interesting course. More geared towards EMS personnel but still worth attending and I'd recommend seeing this class if you get the chance. Check out their website for more information on classes.

www.twowheeltrauma.com.

Slider, Anita, and Frank are former or current EMS personnel. Frank is actually the EMS director in Ankeny. Wayne is the former State Coordinator of the Share the Road program for Abate and was involved in a horrific accident in 2002 on Hwy 30 that many of you may remember. It is a very interesting presentation that can help you prepare for what you may encounter some time while out riding, or even in your car.

Along with that, I want to let you know about a class that Slider puts on called Accident Scene Management. This is a more in-depth presentation for what the lay person can do if you happen to come upon an accident or are involved in one yourself. He tells me this is not a first aid class but will give you information, skills and techniques that will help you take care of injured persons at an accident scene. I've seen a few of Sliders' presentations in the past and they are very informative. Unfortunately, it looks like there won't be another one of these classes in the area until next year. If you can find this class, I'd highly recommend you go to it.

If you can find a way to get to one of these classes, I highly recommend that you get to it. You won't be sorry.

Officer Training and Lunch

I, along with Brian and Karen, also went to the Officer's conference in Springville and had a good time. Learned a lot about the different officers positions and what is coming up. Along with that, they also had the Loco Looney Lunch. A take off on the Crazy Supper from the past. Loco Looney Lunch is a little hard to explain, I also don't want to spoil it. Plan on attending when it comes around again.



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SHEEP HERDER'S

Brian and Karen are in need of everyone's birthday and anniversary. Please, even if you think you have provided this in the past, will you please let them know so they can compile a new and current list. Please! Thank you!

Email them at Ksblack26@gmail.com.

FROM A MEMBER!



RAM WISDOM



From your District Educator

We still have plenty of room in each of our rider courses at Safety Weekend. Please sign up as soon as you can so we know who and how many people we have. Safety Weekend is Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd. Please see the flyer for the details. If you are sending a check, I will let you know that we don't cash them until after that weekend.

I know a lot of the longer-term members are quite familiar with the Rider Education Levels Program, but we do have a lot of newer members that may be less so. In brief, we have 4 levels, and each indicate a level of commitment to safety. You do not automatically advance to another level just by taking a course. You do need to submit the proper form. There is no charge for Levels 1 through 3. Participation in the program is up to the individual. However, we do have patches for each that you can purchase if you want to. There is a charge for Level 4, but you automatically get a customize patch with your own Masters number. Once you have become a Level 4, also known as Master Tour Rider, then every 5 years of maintaining that level there is another recognition, from Senior Master, Life Master and then Life Grand Master at 15 years. We have a number of Life Grand Masters in our district.

Not everyone wants to be a Master Tour Rider, though. Among other requirements, they are committing to riding with all the gear, all the time. For those who are not willing to commit to that, Level 3 might be perfect. For Level 3, people commit to carrying a first aid kit on their bike, take a CPR or First Aid class every 2 years, and take a rider course every 3 years. Level 2 means that you commit to taking a rider course every 3 years and have ridden accident free for the past 5000 miles. Level 1 has no requirements other than on the form you sign your name to pledge to ride safely.

For those who have stayed current in the Levels program prior to when COVID hit, but you have not been able to stay current with rider courses, CPR or First Aid classes, we have been under a grace period so you can maintain a "current" status for your level. However, that is coming to an end on June 30th, so now is the time to get current with the courses you need. You can become current in the rider course by signing up and participating in Safety Weekend. We have also had three First Aid/CPR classes in the district in the past two months and we plan on holding another sometime in May or June, probably in June. Please let me know if you need to take that class. We will advertise for it, but I am also collecting information now on when people are available so we can find a date and place that works for everyone.

When you submit the Levels form, I enter your information in the Rider Education Database. Then, when you take a Rider Education course, I enter that information as well. The Rider Education Database is available to all members so they can see their own information, but not others. You can access this at http://sambel.net/login_mem.php. The database was not accessible for the last few months, but it is back and running again. In the database you can see what Level you are at, what courses you have taken, and when you need to take your next CPR, First Aid or rider course. I will also be sending out this information on your Level to your Chapter Director in the near future.

If you have been in the Levels program and no longer ride, then you can elect to "retire" in the Levels program. Again, I need the proper paperwork so that I can enter that information into the database. Let me know and I will send you the proper form. If you are taking a course through our District then I will automatically update the database with your information. If you take the course at WingDing, someone at the convention will enter that information. If you take a GWRRA course in another District, that District Educator will enter the information. However, if you take an approved course, such as CPR through your work or another organization, please send that information to me so I can enter it into the database. Again, anytime you want to advance to a new level, or retire your level, I need you to submit the proper form.

The best way to get a hold of me, if not in person, would be to send me an email. My email is hayeswing@gmail.com. I will also have forms available at the Looney Lunch coming up. I will also try to get the Levels form and the retirement form posted on the District webpage. I am also asking Chapter newsletters to include a chart that explains the requirements for each level.

Lastly, let me address why you should sign up to be in the Levels program.

1. Some positions in GWRRA do require you to participate and stay current in the program, such as rider course instructors, CPR instructors and University instructors.

2. It is encouraged for Chapter Directors and other officers to remain current in the program, though not required.
3. People who are participating in Couple of the Year program can point to their Level position as showing their commitment to leadership and safe riding.
4. But the main reason to participate is about promoting rider safety, both for yourself and others. That includes maintain and advancing your riding skills through practice, and being proactive in the safety of others, by committing to carrying first aid kits and knowing how to perform first aid and CPR. Participation in the Levels program is something to be proud of and to be recognized for.

Until next month, I hope you get out and do some riding. Be safe and have fun.

Greg Hayes

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