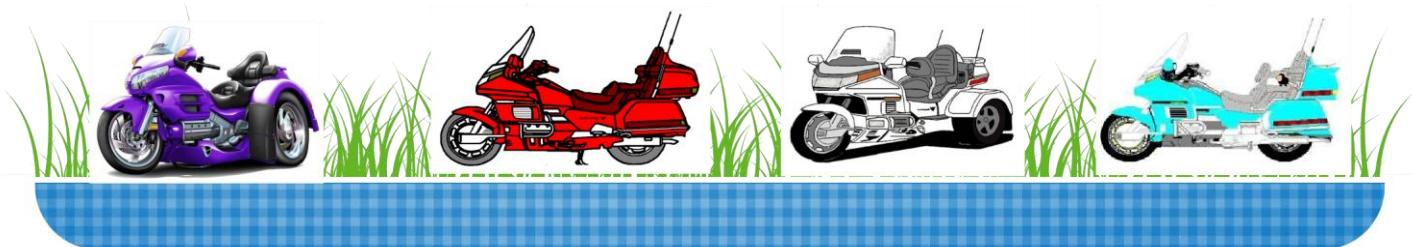




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September 2020

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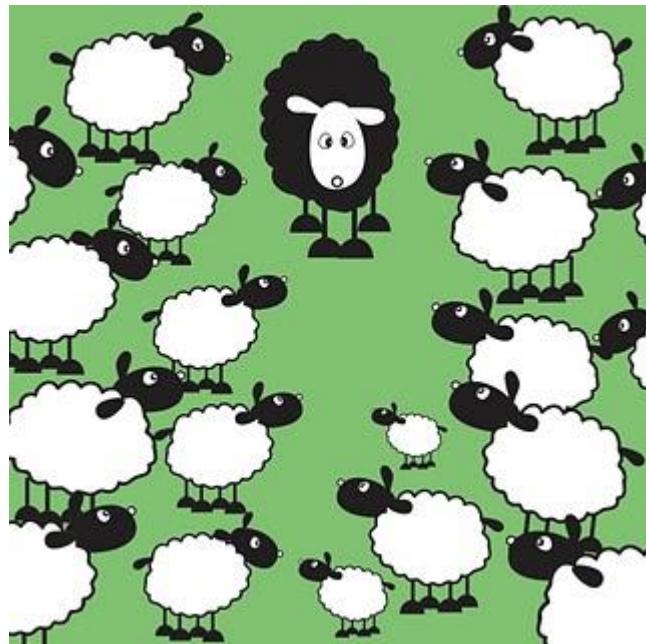
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## SHEPARD'S STORIES



September, the summer has gone by so fast. I'm sitting in Custer, South Dakota enjoying the cool night time weather. Sturgis was a week ago and there are still many many bikes here in the Black Hills. As I watch the many brands and types of motorcycles, I realize how the GWRRA has helped me with the understanding of motorcycle safety. Safety gear by other riders is barely anything to none. Road safety well let's just say many of them hug the centerline which leaves very little room for error on anyone's part. If you have not ridden in the Black Hills try to make it there. The scenery is breathtaking. It will also test what you have learned in the GWRRA safety classes.

I would like to let you all know that Sunday September 6th I will be hosting a movie night at my house. Feel free to bring something to eat prior to the movie. Also bring your lawn chair and choice of beverage. The grill will be ready for use. The movie for the evening will be? TBA up on arrival.

I know with the covid stuff going on some of you are staying home to protect yourself. That is great. All I ask is that you use your own discretion when it comes to any activities. I do know a couple of people that have tested positive. They are doing fine.

As always, ride safe, be safe and enjoy yourself.

**Randy Heath  
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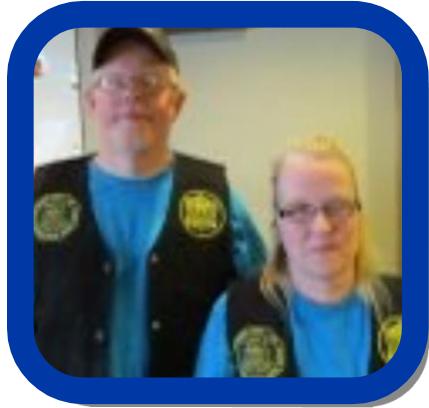
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Hello Black Sheep. We hope this newsletter finds you all safe and sound. Hopefully you didn't sustain too much damage with the storm that blew through.

Not much to report here. Donna and I have been busy with some personal stuff and have missed some chapter events. Looking forward to when we can see you all again.

Take care. Stay safe.



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Reminder there will be no G to G meeting this month due to Labor Day weekend, and Davis Rally in New Hampton, Iowa.

It has been a crazy adventure this year and we are hoping that things will start to calm down soon. Who would have thought we would have gone thru a land hurricane in Iowa. Mark and I have been busy with work and getting things ready for my son's wedding which is this month.

Definitely looking forward to cooler weather and the leaves change, fall is my favorite season.

I know with the Covid-19 concerns there are a lot of members who don't want to try to do something for October and we understand. We would like to do a hay rack ride, bon fire, pot luck for October. If there is anyone who would like to participate please let me know no later than September 25, 2020 at [tazmom1988@yahoo.com](mailto:tazmom1988@yahoo.com), so that we can get a head count.

The Halloween party will most likely will be postponed until next year. Also, we need to start to try to plan our Christmas party or ask if there is anyone even interested in going to it, if we hold it.

As always be safe and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.



## SHEEP HERDER'S

John and Pam McDowell

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

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From John and Pam

They were without power for 5 days and John is still not able to drive and his shoulder pain is constant.

We are in semi-lockdown here. What with the Covid-19 ~~still a~~  
threat  
Pam and Joh



## RAM WISDOM



Greg Hayes

Iowa District Educator

From your District Educator,

I hope you have been able to get out and do some riding this summer. This has certainly been a crazy summer with the current pandemic, drought conditions in parts of the state, murder hornets (though not in Iowa) and the derecho, also known as the Iowa hurricane. What next? But there have also been some pretty nice days for riding as we have seen some cool days mixed in between some hot spells.

Even though most of us have been riding motorcycles for a good many years, the bike, body and mind connection is something we must maintain. At the beginning of the riding season it takes a few hours, or even a few rides for us to reconnect to the feel of the machine. If you have decided not to do any riding this year, or very little, you may want to consider how that may affect your riding once you do get a chance to swing a leg over. You may have decided for good reason to avoid riding. Though, riding is probably one of the safer outdoor activities we can do since we are not likely to come in contact with COVID-19 while riding. We are more likely once we get off and socialize or eat together at a restaurant.

When you do get back in the seat after being off for an extended period of time, we should take some time to re-familiarize ourselves to the feel of the motorcycle, and to practice some basic maneuvers, such as regular braking, more aggressive braking, making smooth shifts, swerving and handling different types of corners and curves. Practicing any of these maneuvers anytime is beneficial.

Until next month, stay safe and stay healthy,

Greg Hayes

# From the District Team

Hello everyone,

We hope this letter finds you well. Seems like this virus has us hog tied, but we need to find new ways to get together. Some have used the computer with Zoom, Skype, or other ways to get together electronically. Others have also gotten out and spent time together, but kept their distance, and other safety measures were taken. No matter how you get together...get together. I urge chapter teams to review on a regular bases, who they've seen, and those they haven't, and reach out to those that may not feel comfortable getting out, and check in with them. Let's all stay active and social with one another - we're family!

How is your recruiting going? Has your chapter hit the 10-household goal yet? I know a couple chapters are pretty close, and a couple more have a great start. I don't know too many Gold-Wingers that are shy, especially when it comes to their bike. Approach the biker at the gas station, grocery store, or where ever you see another biker. I know how much you like to talk about your bike - see if you can find someone who likes theirs as much as you like yours! When you recruit someone brag it up! Put your story in your newsletter or post it on Facebook!

Lastly, get out and ride! The bike needs to run, and you need the wind therapy! Find a friend or friends that want to go and make a day of it. Pack a lunch, some snacks, and something to drink. You can still keep your social distance but have FUN.

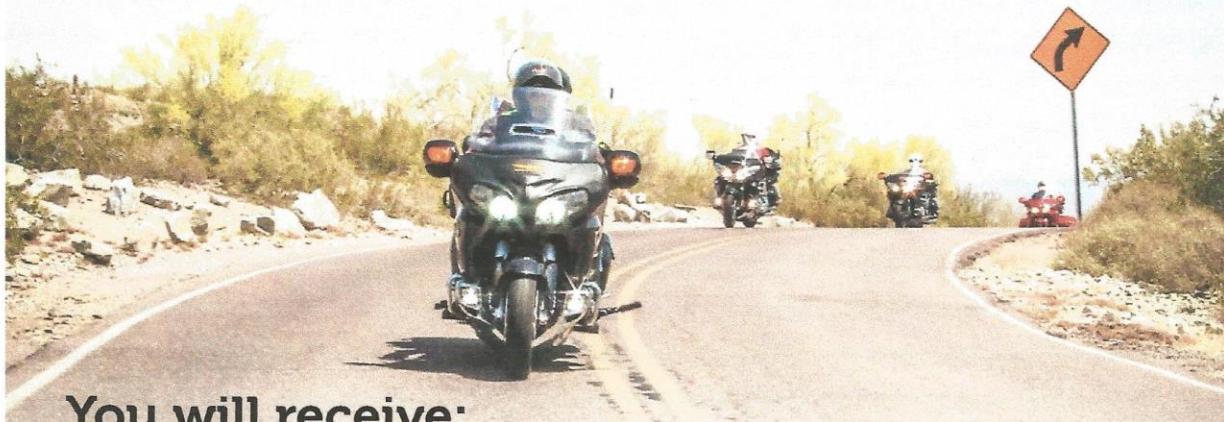
Now let's ride,

John & Yvette Moravec  
Iowa District Directors

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