

## District News – July 2020

MN – ND District

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Greetings Sherry

**From:**

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Any questions or comments, please let us know  
– always willing to meet and talk.



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**Ramblings:**

We have ALL been cooped up for far too long. There is youtube video that will put a smile on your face.

[\*\*Click here to Watch on YouTube!\*\*](#)

This was forwarded to us from a member. Guaranteed to make you grin.

Credits from the YouTube page go to "Chuck Mead & His Grassy Knoll Boys take us through the isolated woes of the 2020 Quarantine to the tune of Hank Snow's 1962 classic, "I've Been Everywhere". Trust us, you will relate to this new zeitgeist masterpiece but in a way that will make you smile! "

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## Local Riding

We have been on many local rides usually ending up at a park or place we can spread out and have a picnic lunch. There are restaurants opening, but check to see the number of riders / diners can be accommodated by the facility with the 'distancing requirements'. There is also Culvers, DQ and other outdoor places we have ridden to and order and had a picnic lunch outside.

There are impromptu Rides (it's sunny and nice in the morning so, let's take a Ride) and scheduled Rides (look on the local Chapter ride list).

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## District Mystery Ride



### **MN-ND District Mystery Ride, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

The District will be sponsoring a Picnic / Mystery Ride to an unspecified location - but it will be a good time. The District will provide the Picnic Lunch; we just ask for the folks to bring chairs and a good disposition (even a mask if you are so inclined. We encourage the Chapters organize a ride to the District Picnic to arrive between noon and 12:30, if possible. Best we can determine, the Mystery (?) Ride will end up at the coordinates (45.436600, -94.508640), if we have that correct. Come on 2, 3 or 4 wheels.

Come whether you are riding with a Chapter, with another group or by yourself, come to the District Picnic.

Look for more details on the location and Rides from Chapter Directors and other emails.



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## Virtual Wing Ding - July 1-4, 2020

Wing Ding is being brought to **you!**

From the comfort of your own home or your mobile device you can participate in Wing Ding 2020: A Virtual Event. Hosted through [GWRRA's Facebook Event page](#), you can engage in seminars, classes and other events. Get the latest news from vendors. Find out which one of your peers are award winners.

**Best of all - It's free to all!**

**2021 MN - ND District Rally** - After Wing Ding, come on up to Winona for some fabulous riding around the hills, valleys and ridges of southwest Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota.

There are 3 ways to register; [registration form](#) is available for download or go to the online registration at [MN - ND District Rally Registration](#).

Join the **FUN** by clicking on the Flyer below:

**2021 MN - ND RALLY**  
Rollin' on the River  
GWRRA

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Riverport Inn & Suites**  
Winona, MN  
Ph: (507) 452-0606  
Ask for the "MN ND Rally 2021" block rate

Guided Rides  
Mississippi Boat Rides  
Selfie 50/50 Ride  
Games  
Vendors  
Plus much more

## 2020 District Events

All District Events are listed on the [MN - ND web page](#) (under District Calendar) as well as Groupworks Event App.

- **2018 District Ride In** - September 19th at the Comfort Suites in Worthington, MN. come and stay Friday night (with a reduced rate) and be ready to ride on Saturday. See [Flyer](#) info on the [MN-ND District web page](#), under Rally/Events, then Events.
- **Fall Operations Meeting,**

October 17, 2020 - Time 9am to 2pm at Dehn's Country Manor in Maple Grove. There will be more details next year, mark your Calendars now.

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### **Other Heartland District's Events (scheduled at this time -**

The District has placed other Heartland District Rallies links and forms on the [MN-ND District Events Page](#).

- Iowa District Rally
  - Sep 25 to 26
  - Look for the flyer on the [GWRRA IA](#) web site

Keep reviewing our site as some Events are being cancelled during to members health and safety in light of the coronavirus.

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## **2020 Calendar Events**

The numbers are not looking good for this summer.

### **2020 Chapter Fund Raisers**

- **Chapter R's BS Session – cancelled**
- **Chapter N's Wings n Things – (??) Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** at Whitetail Woods Regional Park in Rosemount, MN. 11 am – Social; noon – Lunch.

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## **Rider Education Update**

### **District Educator Ramblings**

#### **By Joy Mattson**

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Here we are in July already! To think, we're already ½ way through our riding season. Where has the season gone? I hope that you have been out riding and practicing social distancing at any stops. Scott and I have been on a couple of nice rides with Chapter N and have really enjoyed bringing our picnic lunch and stopping at a facility large enough to spread out as requested. I would like to thank Bruce Carlson and Barry Kirby for leading those rides.



With working from home, my miles this year are way down. I'm used to riding to work whenever possible which adds up to around 100 miles a week. I'm now able to ride to one day a week as long as I'm symptom free, but it's really strange being the only one on ½ of the entire floor!

Are you planning a riding vacation yet this summer? Be sure to do your research for the state(s) you may travel in or through to see if there are restrictions you need to be aware of. Are there open restaurants? Are the hotels accepting reservations? Are the campgrounds open? You may want to consider taking a mask or two with you as well....just in case. It seems every state has something different going on!

One last item. Check out the University classes on-line. For those that need a Co-Rider Seminar, this is one way to do it. You do get credit for any classes you take on-line and that could be just what's needed to update your Levels. Take care and be safe!

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