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Happy Thanksgiving! Jerry

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



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Reasons to be Thankful

With all the **NEGATIVITY** in the news, on social media and the country, half of the country will not be happy. Is hard to find things to be Thankful for.

The next two months are special months in our household.

November has **Veterans Day** (Nov 11) and the **Thanksgiving Holiday**.

Veterans Day (Nov 11) - There are plenty of Vets in our communities. While some are outgoing about their service, others are low key about their Service. Either way, it does not matter. All Vets have served their country. Let us take a few minutes to thank the Veterans. On Nov 11, many businesses provide some perks. If you are a Vet, or know a Vet, take advantage of the perks on Nov 11th for Veterans Day.

Thanks Veterans!

Thanksgiving is a holiday that we celebrate with our family and friends, although this year, the 'celebration' will be a little subdued because of the virus. There are many things we are giving Thanks for this year, among them are the improvements in Renae's health (as compared to last year or the year before), our family is doing well (including our extended family) and the kitchen remodel (only done because we were at home all summer).

December has the **Holiday Season** (and for us, the season culminates with **Christmas** and the **New Year's Celebration**), and then the **Winter Solstice**.

The **Holiday Season** is where our family gets together and give thanks. We especially like the expressions the children's faces as they open their presents at our **Christmas** get together. **New Year Celebrations** this year will be to exit out the present year - GOODBYE 2020 - and looking to the new year - 2021 - and a new beginning. WE can all hope that 2021 will be better than 2020, we know if cannot be any worse.

Why the **Winter Solstice**? The days start to get longer (not by much in the days after) and with longer days, warming temperatures will follow - in three or four months. What happens when it gets warmer, we can start to ride again. We will be planning some trips for next year; not sure if they will be short or a little longer.

Chapter Directors changes for 2021

Chapter N will have **new Directors** in 2021.

Bruce & Joann Carlson are stepping down as Chapter Directors. We thank them for their service to the members of GWRRA.

Clarence & Lois Chapman will be picking up the reigns of the Chapter on January 1st, 2021.

Clarence & Lois will do a wonderful job, bringing new ideas to the Chapter and the District.



Fall Ops Meeting Recap

There were a few that want to travel for an in-person meeting. Some wanted an online meeting. So we accommodated everyone by having the in-person meeting with a ZOOM on line presentence. While we at the mercy of the Wi-Fi signal at Dehn's, we managed to get through the meeting with a few hiccups.

A wrap up was sent to the Chapter Directors; if you want a re-cap, send a note to your Chapter Director OR let us know and we can provide.

On into Winter and 2021 activities.

2020

A few Chapters that are having the *Christmas Parties* - still in the planning stage. Chapter C, N and R are reviewing if they can have a party - as of this writing.

- Chapter C Christmas Party is on Dec 11th in New Ulm

Look for details that will be forth coming or for any changes.

For 2021, Events still in the works

In the next couple of months, we will be highlighting 2021 Events - let's hope we can get back to a normal schedule.

First up is the IMS or International Motorcycle Show. We have heard that the IMS coordinators are looking to have an outdoor event. Our hope is that the weekend will be a little later in the year, and warmer, than the first week of February or it maybe a snowmobile show.

2021 District and Chapter Events

As of now, most Chapters are looking at renewing their fund raisers next year.

Ch C – Jun 27th, expect flyer soon or more info soon

Ch N – Will be looking for a new location.

Clarence should have details by Spring Ops.

Ch Q – May 16th @ Hanover City Hall

Ch R – Aug 21st location TBD

Expect more details coming up next coming months.

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

District(s) Ride In

The District Ride In was successful - seems like more riding is what folks wanted this fall. So, we have been working with other Districts to have a 2021 Quad District Ride in. Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota-North Dakota Districts are asking everyone to save the date of August 27 / 28 for a Ride In to Dubuque, IA.

Best part - no fees, no dues, the only cost is the hotel room or camping.

Save the Date! [See Flyer](#)

<<< **SAVE THE DATE** >>>

M.I.W .I.N.D Ride In

August 27-28TH 2021

Iowa
District

Wisconsin
District

GWRRA
Multi District
Ride In

FREE

FREE

Illinois
District

Minnesota &
North Dakota
District

Dubuque, Iowa

Sponsored by

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Early Bird Ride on Friday
Rides on Saturday



Friday & Saturday night
Cookout

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 23rd - 24th, 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
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Vendors
Plus much more

Rider Education Update

District Educator Ramblings

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As I sit here writing my article, the sun is shining and it's a balmy 35° on the thermometer. At least it's not snowing like it was the other day – I'm so not ready for this cold weather yet. It seems that it gets cold earlier every year.

I'm not going to talk about how to winterize your motorcycle. I'm certainly no expert in that area. My expert takes care of winterizing both of our bikes and getting them ready for storage. I know what Scott does because I do watch and help where I can, but he's taken care of both of our bikes for so long, it's just another day for him. As he has always said, "motorcycling isn't a hobby, it's a way of life". Unfortunately, neither of us have done overly well on miles this year.



I'd like to congratulate Patrick Beck on becoming certified as our newest Medic First Aid Instructor. We now have four Instructors in Minnesota; Pat Beck, Dean Kittelson, Tina Storrs and Leonard Woelfel. Thank you all for your commitment! Medic First Aid classes are starting to be offered again, with restrictions.

Classes will be smaller and social distancing will be maintained. We have eight (8) mannequins so class size in Minnesota will be limited to 8 Members, one member per mannequin. Contact me with questions.

Participants will need to provide their mask, gloves and bring hand sanitizer. During the First Aid training, the control of bleeding demonstration will be done by the Instructor and you can practice this at home. During the CPR training, rescue breaths will be simulated meaning you would still demonstrate the chin lift/head tilt, but you would talk through the rescue breath process.

As has become the normal, if you experience any of the following symptoms, please do not attend the class:

- congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, chills or shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell

If there is interest in scheduling a class, please let me know and provide a couple of dates. I will work with our Instructors to make sure one or two can instruct the class.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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