



Big River Riders



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Fun Things To Do This Month With Chapter O



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| 11 | Thurs | Valentine Dinner @ "The Machine Shed" - 6 pm |
| 13 | Sat | Meeting at ""The Machine Shed"" in Davenport, 9 am, breakfast @ 8 am |
| 13 | Sat | Info only (Sweetheart Weekend - Iowa E - Burlington, IA) |
| 28 | Sun | Lunch @ "Windmill" - E. Moline - 1 pm |



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IA"O" meets 2nd Saturday of the month @ the Iowa Machine Shed, Davenport, Iowa. {Exit #292 off I-80} Breakfast @ 8:00am, Meeting @ 9:00am. {N41 35.659 W90 36.803}

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2010 Chapter O Couple of the Year; **Norm & Diane Lake** with Chapter O Directors Dennis & Karen English and Chapter O MEC Bob & Connie Weckel



2010 Individual of the year; **Bob Berry** with Chapter O Directors Dennis & Karen English and Chapter O MEC Bob & Connie Weckel



From the Valley

January has come and gone. We had our fling with warm weather (...they call that a January thaw.). However, the two of us experienced another fling with warm weather as we hurried to Atlanta to see our grandson, Cameron (13), in the hospital there. We are thankful for all of the kind words and prayers received from our “family” of Goldwingers. We know Cameron is in good hands, and making progress.

Actually, Atlanta was cold for the Southland. We had nights below freezing, and snow on the ground. It warmed up after a couple of days, and we experienced sunshine and 60’s for two days before heading back to the Midwest. We got back just in time to see everything coated with ice. It’s about this

time of year we begin to think we’ve had enough of winter wonderland! We hope ground hog will not see his shadow!

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy. We’re happy to know that Jackie Saelens, Gary McKinley, and Donna Wessley are all doing better.

Our January meeting was well attended, and that was important. We presented the Chapter “O” 2010 Individual of the Year and Couple of the Year. We are proud of them.

Bob Berry is our 2010 Individual of the Year. He’s worked hard to provide our chapter with great rides as Ride Coordinator, and supported the staff throughout the year.

Norm and Diane Lake are our 2010 Couple of the Year. They too have worked hard for the chapter, and provided lots of support for the staff. As Chapter Treasurers they do a lot behind the scenes, and they’ve been there for us handing out door prize and 50/50 tickets.

Our IOY and COY have each contributed considerably to the success of the ROGER Ride each year.

Speaking of ROGER RIDE, it’s time to start rounding up the ‘organization’ to plan and execute the **2010 ROGER RIDE** that will be held **Sunday June 13th**. The theme for **ROGER RIDE 2010** will be **“A CIRCUS”!**

We'll need your help as we do every year. Please help us in any way you can to make this annual event a success. We're encouraging those who can to purchase or beg for items that can be used for raffle prizes. No item is too big or too small expense wise. We'll accept items at the chapter meetings leading up to June, and/or at our home. We'll even pick up items from you if you like. We'll also need volunteers to help with the "on bike games", setting up the tables at 8:00 a.m. that day, and ride leaders and tail draggers for the a.m. ride.

Terry will explain it more, but Dean Wessley and Terry Sorensen have a **speaker** coming in for the **February 13th** meeting that should be educational and fun. Rick Gilispie of Eastern Iowa Community College will be our guest speaker. You won't want to miss that one.

Have you ever wondered what other chapters are doing? Unlike Chapter "O", most others have a web site, and their newsletters and activities are posted online. You can go to the Iowa District web site at www.gwrra-iowa.us, and use the links on the lower left side to click onto one of the 7 chapters in the state that have web sites. Illinois has a similar site at www.gwrra-ildistrict.org. One of our goals for Iowa "O" in 2010 is to establish a web site, and any help in achieving that will be appreciated. Dennis has purchased a book, "Creating Web Pages for Dummies". (Yeah, that's what it says on the cover! We wonder how many days it will take to read *that!*)

On Thursday, February 11th, (mark your calendar) we have our annual Valentine Dinner at the Machine Shed. Dennis will be sending out a reminder soon.

Speaking of reminders, etc., when we send out a reminder and ask for RSVP's, we are only asking so that we can alert the business about how many people will be there. The restaurants request the number of people ahead of time so they can plan how much

food or wait help to plan for. If something comes up and you can't attend, that's not a problem. If you decide at the last minute to attend that's not a problem either, unless there's a significant number of people who do that. Then the business may have to scramble a bit.

The last Sunday of February we'll be getting together again at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, so mark your calendars for February 28th.

Everyone should have received the chapter calendar via email so if you didn't, contact us and we'll shoot it out to you. If you think you'd like to lead an event or ride during the year let us know, and the leadership can help you plan it. Last year Bob & Connie Weckel did a fine job on the "Progressive Picnic Ride" and Johnnie Mohr has also done a fine job hosting his "Hobo Stew" ride each year.

One of the things that we would hope not happen in Chapter "O" is to make fun of someone else's ride. If there's a spirit of camaraderie between people in joking about their ride that is one thing, however we've seen situations away from "O" where someone felt unwelcome because they happen to ride something other than a brand new Goldwing. If someone rides a Harley, or a Beemer, or an older 'Wing', that shouldn't be a problem, and we shouldn't say negative things about their ride. Perhaps that person can't ride a Wing or can't afford a trike. However, we'd draw the line at noise. We don't need straight pipes in our group, and we aren't interested in people who aren't compatible with our style of riding in terms of safety.

Congratulations to the January gathering winners: Activity Prize, Terry Sorensen. 50/50 winners: Tim Hull, Dennis English, and Bob Berry.

Have fun, keep learning, and be safe!

Dennis & Karen English

Your Senior Chapter Directors



THE CO-RIDER SPEAKS OUT

I remember when we first started riding together; I must admit it was pretty scary at times, riding behind you, until you built up my confidence by displaying good driving habits. There are however, a couple of items I still have trouble with. First, when you get too close to the center line when there's on coming traffic and next, getting too close to the edge line at the shoulder, especially when the shoulder is gravel. I imagine that all happens when you're feeling somewhat overly relaxed you may not know it, but it scares me, so please while cycling stay alert at all times.

Now that we have a trike I sometimes wonder if you know how close you come to objects, like gas pumps and other vehicles while parking.

Fortunately, you have in the past, been sensitive to my concerns. Minor corrections have been made that made me feel much safer. I feel very good that we were able to agree when I feel it's time to call it quits for safety sake, you are with me 100%.

RIDE SMART!!

Terry and Faith

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What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones

After Church Stew

- 1 ½ pounds stew meat
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon basil
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 to 3 medium size potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 can (10 ¾ ounces) tomato soup
- ½ soup can water

Mix beef, salt, basil, pepper and vegetables in 2 ½ quart baking dish with lid. Cover with soup and water. Bake covered 3 hours at 300 degrees. Serve with French bread and tossed salad, if desired. This is an easy and tasty recipe. Mr. Jones gives it 4 stars.

Where in the World is this...

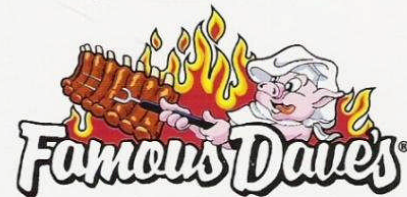
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The answer to January's "Where in the World is this..."

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It's nearing the first of February and all of the new Motorcycle magazines all have articles about new bikes and goodies to install. Some even have articles about places to go with things to do there. Those with travel segments are my favorites. There is nothing like daydreaming about some magical far away place and the things we can do there. There are organized tours and travel guides in abundance found in most publications. Someday I would like to pack up the motorcycle and send

it off to Australia or New Zealand, they are in the height of their riding season right now or do they ever have an off season. I know that's way out of my budget but dreaming cost nothing.

Daydreaming sure can fill the days when it's snowy and frosty outside but it looks like we may be out of the clutches of the great polar cold fronts for a while. I did enjoy the short warm up that got rid of the remnants of the freezing rain we had and most of the snow is history as I'm writing this article.

As most of us know Jackie Saelens had decided to sell her beloved trike and pass it on for someone else to enjoy. That day came to pass on Saturday January the sixteenth. She kept it stored in her Granddaughter's garage. We went over on Saturday morning with shovel in hand knowing we would have to dig out the doorway, old garage with swing out doors. After removing the several inches of snow and frost heaved earth we got in unhooked the battery tender and cranked it up. I got on it backed out of the garage and out the alley to the front of the house. Soon a vehicle with a rental trailer showed up and parked in front of the bike. It soon became apparent that the trailer doors weren't going to open enough to get it in, just an inch to narrow. Now the discussions began about what was going to happen next. At this point I must say that the weather was overcast with temps in the thirties. The new owner said well if I had brought more gear I would just drive it home, then I opened my mouth and said I guess I could drive it to Janesville Wisconsin for you. Ran home and got my winter gear on and headed off. The first stop was in Rochelle for gas and coffee and then on to Janesville. It was on this leg that I got uncomfortable for the first time. A hundred and fifty miles on a blustery day but I soon warmed and we headed home. I want to thank Jackie for the opportunity to ride in January something I had rarely done in the seventeen years of Goldwing riding.

That's just a sample of the great adventures to be had on the back of a Goldwing motorcycle.

Let's get ready to hit the road as soon as we can.

Tom and Sharon Smith ACD

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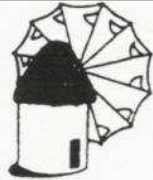
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Riding with the Big River Riders

Welcome to the 2010 riding season with The Great River Riders of GWRRA Ia-O. We have a good ride schedule put together for the riding season and I hope to see you all at as many rides as you can make. It's participation by every member that makes our chapter what it is...GREAT!

The first ride of the season will be after our March meeting, WEATHER PERMITTING. That means no rain, clear roads and no threat of imminent bad weather. This time of year it's best to be prudent rather than not. There is no set destination for this event, as it will be determined at the time by the people in attendance. Sometimes it's nice to just ride and see where you end up. Your final destination being home.

One week later, on Sunday March 21, 2010, we will ride to the Welton Fireman's Breakfast. This is a ride we do almost every year and is a great breakfast too. Your omelet is cooked in front of you with the ingredients you choose. There is also a baked goods table when you walk in with all sorts of goodies if your of a mind to. I usually walk out with something. We'll leave the Flying J at 0800 to arrive early to avoid the crowd.

After the meeting in April we will head East. Right now I'm thinking going to the Feed Store and then on to Tory's Ice cream parlor. anybody have any other ideas?

On Saturday April 24, 2010 we will ride the River Road south area to Navoo, IL. for a picnic lunch. (did you know this road is one of the ten best scenic roads in the country?) So brush up on your PB&J recipes or pack your favorite picnic fare. An insulated lunch bag with a frozen ice pack will keep your lunch in good shape until we eat. I do hope all planning on riding pack their food. IF you don't, we will be leaving from the Milan Hy-Vee and sandwiches can be purchased PRIOR to departing at 0800. For those early risers, Hy-Vee has a good breakfast menu if you wanted to eat there before we jump off.

The next day, Sunday April 25 is Ia-E's annual Jelly Bean ride. while this is NOT a scheduled ride, I am planning on riding down with whoever is interested in going. This is usually a good weather event and we have been over some really nice roads in the past. I'll leave the Milan Hy-Vee at 0800.

Our next scheduled ride will be on TUESDAY May 4, 2010. This will be a ride to visit our Illinois friends at Il-H2, The Highway Wingers. WE will depart from the Milan Hy-Vee at 1700 (5 pm for those challenged in military time) and ride down as a group. We do quite a bit with this chapter and they support our endeavors, so let's have a good turnout for this ride and show our support. They always have a good buffet (\$ 9.50) so you won't go away hungry. also, they do not do door prizes, rather they ask everyone to bring a canned good, which will be donated to the local food pantry. What a neat idea!!

We'll ride to Breitbach's in Balltown after our meeting in May, so bring your appetite. We might be able to twist Mike and Megan's arm and have them join us along the way. and don't forget the overnight ride (two nights) to Missouri over the Memorial Day weekend.

We are pulling info together, checking out motel accommodations and trying to line up a local guide or two. We'll have more specifics at the March meeting.

Bob Berry IAO RC

Make plans to attend:

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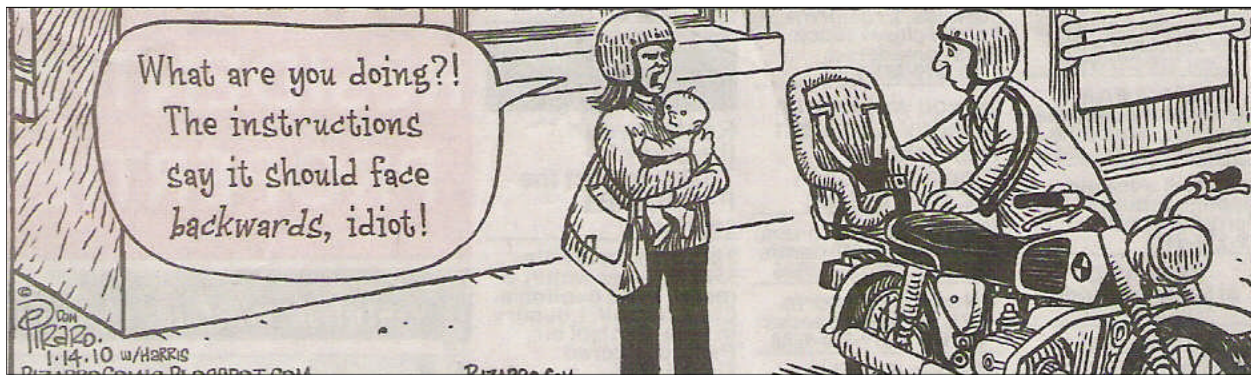
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