

**Big River Riders Events**

8-Sat-Meeting @ The Shed @  
0900 Breakfast at 0800  
22-Sat-Info only IL Winter  
Warm-up Decatur IL  
22-Sat-Lunch @ Blueport  
Junction, Davenport

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**IA"O" meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
of the month @ the Iowa  
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Meeting @ 9:00am. {N41  
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# "O" NEWS

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**Tom & Sharon Smith**

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**Chapter O Directors****From The Jetway**

This is a relatively new experience for me as a chapter director. Very few of our current members will remember when I took the reins once before. It will be as if it never happened for most of you. Back then every newsletter was a type, copy, cut, and paste on a copier and hope that all the lines were in a row. There were no pictures to be seen unless they were pen and ink and forget about color unless it was the paper. Progress is a wonderful thing.

First we must thank the outgoing Senior Chapter Director and his lovely wife, Dennis and Karen, for their guidance these past three years. They were able to expand the pool of people that make chapter life fun. Chapter life is the best place to begin our journey in the Goldwing ownership experience. It is the root of all that will become one of the great

thrills in our lives at least it is in mine. Many a thank you to Dennis and Karen, for seeing to the enrichment of our lives in our Iowa chapter O. Some of his stories at our gatherings end may have been groaners but we always had a laugh. I think we should keep on laughing even if the joke is on us.

Thirty-nine people attended our Christmas Party on the Nineteenth of December at Hickory Garden Restaurant and a good time was had by all in attendance. I didn't know knowing my left from my right would be so important. There were lots of nice gifts that were exchanged but no gift went to the third taker and seized a non-surrender able gift.

People seemed happy with what they had in hand, I know I like my gear wrenches in the most popular metric sizes. A man can never have too many tools, now if I can just

keep convincing my wife of that. Many thanks to those who made the party the fun event it was.

Now for a word about our next meeting, some new officers of Chapter O will be take an oath of office and also an announcement of the Chapter Couple of the Year will be announced and celebrated on this occasion. We will all need to get behind whoever this couple is and try and encourage them to go on and compete at the District level, but as always will be there decision. We will continue to find ways to honor our members for all the little things that we do without looking for recognition. Let's hear it for all the unsung honorees in Chapter O.

Let's see as many of you as can make it to our January gathering.

**Tom and Sharon Smith**  
IAO CD

Where do I start? This is my first time trying to write an article for the newsletter.

I guess, first off, I'd like to thank everyone again for all the wonderful support you gave to Diane and me during her illness and since her passing. You are a great group of friends and I'm sure that her knowing that you would be there for me made her final days a lot easier. This has been a hard season for me, but with your continued support I'll make it.



Our sympathy goes out to the family of Harold "Stony" Stone, a longtime member of GWRRA, who passed away on December 16th. Although he didn't participate in many of our activities, he would often help out behind the scenes, building beautiful GWRRA themed clocks, often used for raffle prizes at Sweetheart Weekend, District Rally, etc.

I remember the first time I met Stony. It was on one of my first group rides to Niehaus Days in Litchfield. Most of us had joined up at US 6 and I-80. Somewhere between the I-80 & I-280/I-74 interchange and the Lynn Center/Andover exit, Stony was sitting on the shoulder waiting for us. He was pulling his camper as he planned to spend several days at Litchfield. We planned to take the Lincoln exit off I-55 to refuel the bikes and ourselves at the Steak & Shake. At the bottom of the ramp, just a block or so from the restaurant, Stony ran out of gas. Luckily, he had a small can of gas with him and after pouring it in the bike; he was able to get to the station just as we all finished refueling.

Harold will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

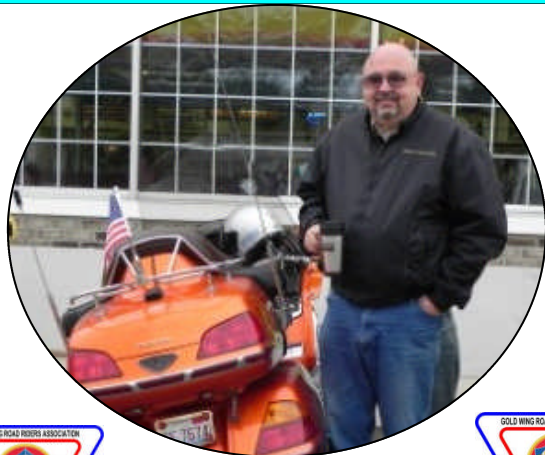
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## Education Center



*From all of us at Chapter "O"  
Thank You Dennis & Karen for your years of service!!*

First of all, I want to thank Dennis and Karen English and all the members of IA-O for welcoming me into the chapter. I've had a great first year living and riding in the Quad-Cities area.

Next, I want to thank Tom and Sharon Smith for offering me this opportunity to expand my participation with the chapter. Finally, I want to join with the entire chapter and express my appreciation to Terry and Faith Sorensen. The Sorensens and all of the outgoing officers have done a truly outstanding job.

I have two high level goals for the coming year. I plan to work with the District and Regional Educators to administer the GWRRA Rider Education Program (REP). I want to make certain that everyone in the chapter, including me, understand the program and are able to move up through the levels.

Also, I strongly believe that GWRRA members, including IA-O members, are among the most experienced, knowledgeable, and careful motorcyclist on the highway. My second goal is to facilitate the exchange of information between the members. I may start a discussion at a chapter meeting but, my expectation is that, no matter the topic, there is a wealth of knowledge within the membership that needs to be shared. "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge" is what it's all about.

**Mike Brugger CE**

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# What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones



## Eggs in Hash Nest (Microwave Recipe)

1. Divide 1 can (15 ounces) corned beef hash among 6 six-ounce custard cups. Press hash against bottom and side of each cup. Arrange cups in circle on 12-inch plate. Microwave uncovered on high (100%) until hot, 2 ½ to 3 ½ minutes.

2. Break an egg on hash in each dish; pierce yolk with wooden toothpick. Cover tightly and microwave on medium-high (70%) 3 minutes; rotate plate ½ turn. Microwave until eggs are almost set, removing custard cups as eggs are done, 1 to 3 minutes longer. Let stand 3 minutes. (Eggs will continue to cook while standing.) Season with salt and pepper.

This recipe came from an old microwave cookbook (1980's vintage). My daughters requested this recipe for breakfast when they were young. It is simple, easy and tasty.



IOWA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
2010



**Riding with the Big River Riders**

I find this one of the hardest months to write an article. It's cold and there is snow on the ground, and

the prospect of a couple more months until it's gone is a bit depressing for those of us who enjoy the warmth of the outdoors in the other three quarters of the year. But it's a very good time to check over your gear and get those new lights on your bike, if your one who enjoys that endeavor.

And now is the time to get those new tires put on. Motorcycle shops are not that busy this time of year and would get your needs filled prior to the start of the riding season in a very timely manner. Who knows, you might even be able to get a discount on the labor this time of year.

Myself, I bought a new, updated software package to better plan our rides. I can spend hours in front of the screen planning the turns and stops as we travel toward our destination. Sometimes that destination is home. We're just not sure how we'll get there when we leave. Those are some of my favorite rides as you're not sure what you'll discover along the way.

But we can't ride right now but that does not stop us from gathering and "kicking tires" with our fellow chapter members. So in that light we will meet for Lunch @ Blueport Junction 6605 W. River Dr. Davenport 563.326.3251 on January 22, 2011. It's located a short distance east of the I-280 and Rt. 61 exit and sits on the right-hand side of the road. for those of us who use the quad Cities Dining Tour book you can find a coupon for this restaurant in the 2011 edition. It's the reason I picked it actually. We'll meet there at 1 PM.

February's lunch was picked the same way. It's at Lunch at Pinocchio's (**Pagalo's**) Pizza 119 W. 1st St. Milan 309.787.5898. Pagalo's is a name change only, the menu and hours remain the same as before. Meet at 1 PM.

In closing I would like to address the MSF Course on March 6th. There was some confusion as to whether there was going to be a class or not. With due diligence Mike Brugger found that there will, in fact, be a class held on this date and this was con-

firmed by Rick Gillespie, the MSF course instructor. So I do hope all members wanting to take this course have signed up by this time. It's a good way to maintain your levels rating and to "knock the rust off" your riding skills at the beginning of the riding season. So until next month...

**RIDE SAFE AND CHECK THOSE TIRES**

**Bob Berry RC**

More Christmas pictures

