



Big River Riders



Fun Things To Do This Month With Chapter O



- 13 Sat Meeting at "The Machine Shed" in Davenport, 9 am, breakfast @ 8 am
- 13 Sat Info only (MO District "Weekend of Fun" - Lake of The Ozarks, Mo.)
- 27 Sat Dinner at Olive Garden in Davenport - 4:30 pm
- 28 Sun Omelet Breakfast in Welton, IA, Leave Flying J @ 8 am {Change}

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From the Valley

“Imminent – Likely to happen without delay, impending.” That’s what our little Webster’s New World Dictionary says it means. Today it got up to at least 40 degrees unofficially, and we saw numerous motorcycles on the streets, so **warmer weather for riding must be imminent!** So there is your English and Geography lesson in one fell swoop. It’s got to be right around the corner. Are you ready? Lion or lamb?

The chapter had a good month this past February starting with the Valentine Dinner at The Machine Shed. We were returning from Georgia that day, and didn’t make it back in time.

There was a very nice group at the meeting on Saturday. Our guest speaker, Rick Gillespie, from Eastern Iowa Community College talked to us about being better motorcyclists and drivers. He was very informative. Jackie Saelens presented a plaque to Tom Smith for being a “Good Guy” always volunteering to help her and anyone else who needs help. She was especially thankful for the trip he made delivering her trike to Janesville, WI in Janu-



ary’s cold weather. Brrrrrrrrrr.

Our lunch at the Windmill in East Moline was well attended with 28 chapter participants there. The food was delicious and reasonable.

Coming up in March we have our regular gathering at the Machine Shed, and a schedule change. **The Omelet Breakfast at the Welton Firehouse has been changed from the 20th to the 28th, which jams up against our dinner the day before at the Olive Garden.** We know in two weeks anything can happen, but the way the weather has been its doubtful good riding weather will arrive in time. We can cross our fingers and not step on sidewalk cracks though! Lion or lamb?

We expect April to be different, and we have some rides coming up. There’s the new Chapter CC in Cherokee, Iowa that’s having their Big Splash Kick Off on April 17th. We still don’t know if we’ll use 2 or 4 wheels, but if you can make it, it should be fun! We met the CD and found out they have several fun things planned for their big day.

We attended the Iowa District Operations meeting in Clive, IA February 27th, and got information about the Wing Ding in Des Moines, the Iowa District Rally in Burlington, and various other activities going on in the state.

At Wing Ding Region E is doing security again this year, and the Iowa District has been asked to do the pre-registration check-in on June 29th. When the opportunity arrives in the next couple of months please plan to volunteer for a couple of hours during Wing Ding. They need the help, it is fun, and you meet a lot of wonderful people.

The Iowa District Convention is in Burlington this year. Mike and Linda Huppenbauer decided two trips to Des Moines this summer might not attract as many people. Last year the convention was great fun, and with this year’s Safari theme we expect no less. We brought back plenty of rally tickets for you to buy and/or sell, so please help out with this effort. Iowa O has been coming in

3rd the last couple of years in ticket sales, and we know we're capable of being top dog. The chapter that sells the most tickets gets their \$50.00 charter fee paid for. The person who sells the most tickets gets a cash prize, and the person selling a winning ticket gets a cash prize also. The prices are the same, and you don't have to be present to win. We would also like to remind you that this ticket sales event is the ONLY District Fundraiser.

Assistant District Director Lonnie Borseth talked about the Ralph Swank Award. Lonnie is doing an excellent job of promoting participation in this excellent award, but the chapter participants must nominate people who they feel are deserving of the award. Lonnie believes there are many people in each chapter who deserve to be nominated for this honor. The nominee doesn't have to be someone in your chapter if you know of someone who is deserving of the honor outside the chapter. So let's look around and nominate someone or a couple who you think has promoted GWRRA enough to deserve this prestigious award.

We will be attending the Officer Certification Program (OCP) training in Clive on March 20-21st. That's something new this year that all Directors and Assistant Directors must attend in order to get up to speed on some changes this year. However, if anyone is interested in attending this with us you are urged to do it. While the title implies that it's for 'officers' it is for any GWRRA member. If you are thinking about going, give us a call. We can discuss it.

Congratulations to the February gathering winners: Activity Prize, Jim Rivera. 50/50 winners: Norm Lake two times, and Tom Smith.

Have fun, keep learning, and be safe!


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Our apologies to Diane Lake for taking so long to get her **1st Place Scrapbook** trophy to her from the 2009 Iowa District Rally. Congratulations Diane!!!!



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PRE SPRING TINKERING

Yes, I know you hear it every year so why change now? (**T-CLOCK-T-CLOCK-T-CLOCK**) most of us haven't been on our cycles since late last fall. Some of us changed the oil, listened to the engine to make sure it sounded and ran good and put the old gal in storage.

Very soon we'll be uncovering it giving thought to taking it for a spin. But, wait a minute, are you sure everything is in good condition. First thing I'd look for is oil or water spots on the floor; then I'd be concerned with tire pressure; oh well! Might as well go through the whole darn thing.

T-Tire and wheels-check air pressure when cold, inspect tires and wheels very closely. Failures in this area could cause an unauthorized landing.

C-Controls- inspect for bends and cracks; then lubricate. Of course, special attention to be paid to throttle operation make sure it opens and closes freely.

L-Lights-check battery terminals for corrosion and tightness and be careful removing and replacing the side covers. Check all bulbs and reflectors most important to check condition of wiring.

O-Oil levels-engine oil-hydraulic fluid, coolant, fuel. Also, check for leaks around gas-kets, housings and seals.

C-Chassis-Frame condition-check for cracks

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Don't miss the *Safari Adventure* at the Comfort Inn & Suites in Burlington, Iowa on August 13-14, 2010. Make Plans NOW! To attend.

at joint. Head bearing-check for a detent while pulling and pushing the handle bars. Any fasteners missing? Grommets-look closely.

K-Kick stand-springs and safety cutout switch, center stand should operate free.

Some of those items you may not be able to check yourself. So include them on the list when it's time to change oil at your service center.

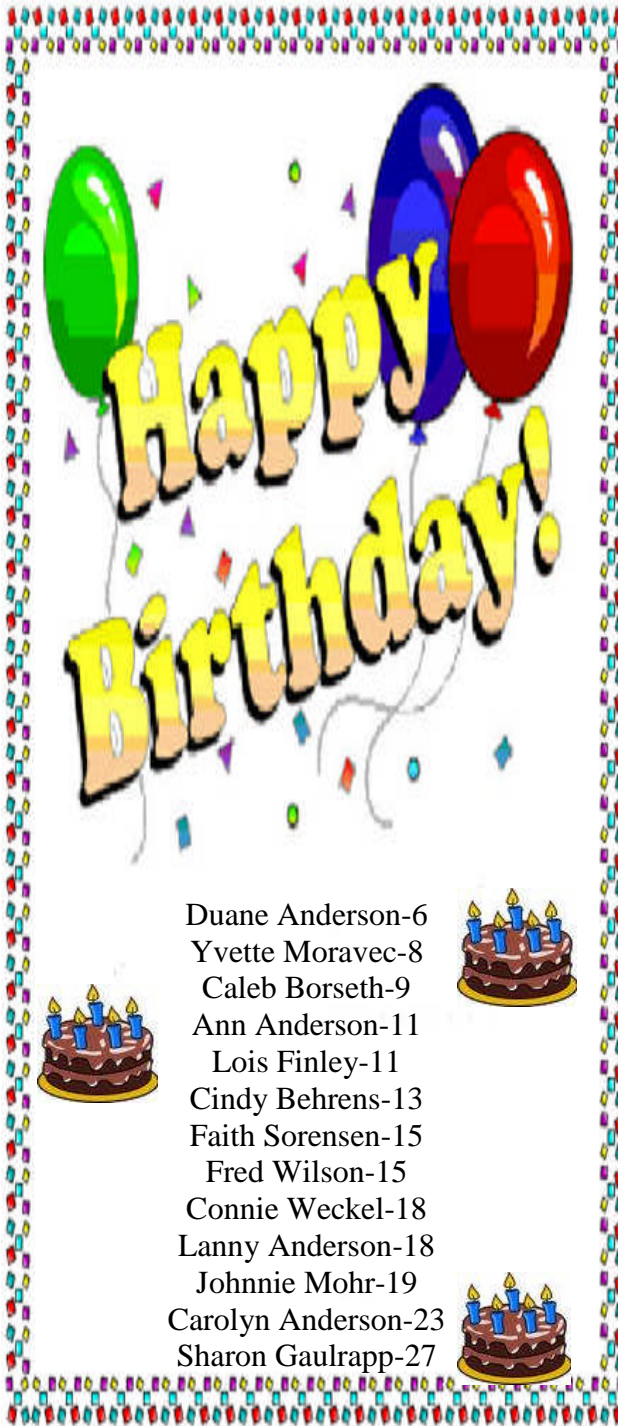
Then best of the best would be to have both cycle and rider in as good of condition as possible. Keep working toward that end.

Last but not least, Dean Wessley has agreed to come on board as the assistant rider educator. Dean is a certified instructor that is totally committed to eliminating unplanned landings. He also, brings a wealth of road use experience. Welcome aboard Dean!

RIDE SMART!

Terry and Faith





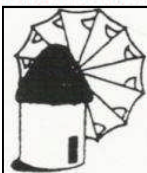
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What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones

Spaghetti Meat Sauce

2 large cans tomato sauce
 3 small cans tomato paste
 3 small cans water (use paste cans)
 2 tsp salt
 mushrooms
 ½ tablespoon garlic powder
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 ¼ tsp pepper
 ½ cup sugar

2 green peppers - cleaned and halved
 2 celery stalks - cut into 3" pieces
 1 whole onion – cut in half
 1 small can mushrooms or ½ lb fresh
 2 cloves gar-

Cook slowly for 2 hours. Remove onion, green peppers and celery. Add 1 or 2 cooked pork chops. Cook another 30 minutes Add 2 lbs of cooked ground beef. Drain grease and add to sauce. Cook another ½ hour. Serves 7. A tiny, Italian grandmother gave me this recipe 30 years ago. It was my dad's favorite dish. Mr. Jones and my daughters give this 5 stars. Occasionally, I will alter the recipe by adding Italian spices and a can of ROTEL diced tomatoes and green chilies. I've also added frozen Italian meatballs along with the ground beef. This will spice it up a little.

Where in the World is this...

Submitted by Bob Berry



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

Looking at the Savanna-Sabula Bridge over the Mississippi, driving south on Hwy 84.

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FROM THE JETWAY

There is a new program in GWRRA that is set up to help officers in the organization. The first session in Region E was held in Davenport on the 20th and 21st of February 23, 2010. I believe every trainer in the region was on hand to help establish the ground work of the program. Members and officers from all parts of the area were in attendance. For part of the session we were in teams. My team members were from Green Bay to the north and near Paducah to the south. So we can see GWRRA has set a high priority in getting all officers through the program. I'm going to quote a line from the introduction which I feel covers the intent of the program. "We must learn how to motivate and lead volunteers while keeping the basic motto "Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge" as the focal point of everything we do for these same members." We have been indoctrinated now. I will be glad to give a full accounting at one of our gatherings in the future.

It was just a year ago today that the Wing, trailer and I left for Florida. I have gotten a lot of mileage out of that story but it sure is fun to think that the riding season will soon be upon us. We know there will be a few days in the beginning that will test our mettle but with the gear available today we can even make them tolerable. Wings have these cavernous boxes to stash gear in as we peel the layers off as the days warm and the inverse is also true its there to put on. We just have to

stop and don the gear and get comfortable again. Planning the gear just takes a little forethought. Glove liners, over pants, and thermal jacket liners don't take up much space. I personally like to add a balaclava to keep the wind off of my neck. Snowmobiles can't have all the fun. Let's get ready to ride.

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Jackie giving Tom a "Thank You" plaque



Riding with the Big River Riders

When you read this issue of our newsletter it will be March and on this last day of February it appears to be coming in like a lamb. The forecast is for high 30's to low 40's which means melting snow and wet spots on the road. To my way of thinking it also means the chance for the dreaded black ice. But that doesn't negate the fact that, with prudence and safety, we can ride our iron steeds.

So with that thought in mind, 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.

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 a homemade pie or a home canned pie filling. We'll leave the Flying J at 0800 to arrive early to avoid the crowd. Again, weather could be a factor to

the Safety of our ride. If the weather isn't favorable to a safe ride, those wanting to caravan in their cars will leave the meeting point at the same time.

Last month I mentioned we might ride East and eat at The Feed Store in Malden, Il. after the April meeting. It was brought to my attention that this unique restaurant might not be open any longer. As of today I have not been able to confirm this. In fact it is true, we'll find another place to eat. **UPDATE**: I just talked to Janice and they are open. I will ask for potential count on riders for this event and call her after our March meeting

Here's another factoid for you. I was tasting a fine Port from the Wide River Winery in Clinton and talking to one of the principles and asked where they were located in relationship to The Almont Tap. She responded by asking me which Almont Tap. This surprised me and I said I didn't know there were two. She indicated that there was in fact but one Almont Tap, and she was asking if it was the old or new establishment I was referring to. To make a long story short, the Almont Tap has moved somewhere on the riverfront according to her and the red building in the middle of a corn field is no longer. I'll have to research this also.

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 goods, 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. I have also been in contact with Il-G who would like to join us on this ride. at this time I'm not sure if we'll join up or meet there at a specific time. I'll have more information at the April meeting.

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. Johnnie Mohr is hoping to ride down prior to our March meeting to firm up minutiae. We'll have more specifics at the March meeting.

Bob Berry RC

