



# Big River Riders



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## Fun Things To Do This Month With Chapter O

3-5	Fri-Sun	Region E Rally
10-12	Fri-Sun	Info Only (Davis Rally – Hampton, IA)
11	Sat	Meeting at "The Machine Shed" in Davenport, 9 am, breakfast @ 8 am
14	Tues	Ice Cream Ride to "Cousins" in Fulton, IL – Leave Git-N-Go Coal Valley at 6 pm
18	Sat	Ronald McDonald Pop Tab ride in Iowa City
19	Sun	Tentative – Omelet Breakfast @ Welton, IA, meet @ Flying J – 7:45 am, leave @ 8am
25	Sat	Annual Leaf Ride – TBA

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**IA"O" meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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### From the Valley

August was sort of a strange month. The first thing that happened to us was that in the preparation for our annual trek to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for Airventure, we thought we had prepared our article for the August newsletter, and sent it to Lonnie. We hadn't, but what's worse is that we didn't *know* that until we were talking with Lonnie at "Safari" in Burlington! But oh well, when Lonnie sent the newsletter out to people online, it didn't make it! (Are we sure there weren't a couple of April Fools Days inserted in August?) Alls well, that ends well.

We took our Goldwing with us to Airventure this year, and although many people got stuck in the mud (Oshkosh got 9.5" of rain in July!) we were fortunate to have a dry spot. That's good, because we don't have mud and snow tires on the Wing! Jim & Eta Chapman of Iowa H were also at Airventure, and the four of us put some miles on our bikes in Wisconsin.

First we rode over to Richland Center where Vetesnik's Power-sports was having an open house. Our friends from WI-I were also there dishing out ice cream. It was a very scenic 135 miles across Wisconsin on SR60.

The next day we rode around Lake Winnebago through Fond Du Lac and north into Door County. That was also very scenic, and we put about 320 miles on the bikes before getting back around dusk. That was it for the riding, because the next day Airventure be-

gan, and we were too busy to ride.

One thing we learned about GL1800 Wings was that we'd better keep a supply of "snaps" P/N 81385-MCA-003 on hand. They're only \$2.93 each, but if one of them breaks you'll have a tough time opening your saddle bags or trunk. The linkages that connect the mechanisms opening those spaces exert some side thrust against these plastic snaps, and if your lids start getting tough to open the snaps will break. We were lucky. It was the left saddle bag that was a problem, and not the trunk, or we would have had a different problem.

Then when we got back to the 'ranch' in Coal Valley Monday night, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dennis pulled a muscle in his right arm while unloading the Wing from the toy hauler. He stopped it from tipping over, but the doctor said it would take 6-8 weeks to heal. So we're 4 wheeling it until he feels it's good to go again. Bummer!!

Ice cream rides haven't fared too well again this year. As I recall, our ice cream rides last year weren't very well attended either. Some of the evenings the weather didn't cooperate, but even when the weather was nice our attendance this summer has been poor. If you are all trying to tell us something, maybe you should all speak a little louder, but we think people are just too busy to take advantage of all the activities. However, we're listening.

Johnnie's "Scavenger Hunt & Hobo Stew Ride" was very well attended and lots of fun! The rain held off very well until we got back to Taylor Ridge, and by then we didn't care. Gary McKinley won top prize for the scavenger hunt, and there were prizes for others too. The Hobo Stew was tasty, and it was fun getting together with all of you.

We didn't have a meeting at the Machine Shed in August, because of the conflict with Safari. Safari was in Burlington this year, and a good thing: The Ames area was flooded big time! As it was, the weatherman turned against us again for the district convention.

We weren't the only ones who took 4 wheels to Burlington. Everyone had a great time with the various games and fun team competitions in the ballroom. We saw 13 people from Chapter O there, and I'm sure they'll all tell you they had lots of fun. Karen won the jackpot! She was the big winner of the Safari Raffle 1<sup>st</sup> Prize! Since Dennis sold the winning ticket to her he was also compensated! Bev Jones won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize and Diane Borseth was compensated for selling her the winning ticket! Arnold Kowalski sold the 3rd Prize ticket to someone we don't know. As usual, he outsold everyone, AGAIN! Mary Ann Boemecke won a 50/50 prize! So Chapter "O" people did pretty well!

We had a mask made of paper mache`, our African name with it, and a nice raffle prize for Safari. Also, Dennis is through wearing that straw hat!

Bob Berry participated in the Individual of the Year Selection, and we were very proud of the way Bob went through the routine of the selection process. We think he won it even if the judges disagree.

Seven of us went to the Anderson's Pot Luck on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and it was another fun activity. We did some swimming in the pool, played yard games, gabbed with our friends, and no one left hungry! We even helped make ice cream by tossing the ice cream maker around.

We didn't go on the ride to IL-R's Surprise Run on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but according to those six that did, it was another very good event.

Looking ahead to September we see the Region E Rally in our back yard at the Radisson in Davenport on the 3-5<sup>th</sup>, our regular gathering at the Machine Shed on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and a new addition plugged in this week.

Doug Boemecke has volunteered to lead a ride traditionally called "Pies by My Sister". It will be on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, the day after our gathering. We'll meet at Hawkeye Motorworks on Division in Davenport at 8:45 am, and leave from there at 9 am. Please

show up with full fuel and an empty bladder, although Doug promised a break after about 28 miles. The ride will be approximately 130 miles to Guttenberg on the Iowa side, and then back along the Wisconsin side for about 275 miles total. We expect to be back by 6 pm at the latest. Doug cautioned that the traditional chicken dinner is being debated at this time, so it might turn out to be something else. Whatever it is, we're sure it will be delicious.

In September we still have an ice cream ride to Fulton, IL, the Fireman's Omelet Breakfast in Welton, and our Annual Leaf Ride. In early October we have another ice cream ride to DeWitt, a ride to Mineral Point after our gathering, and the Pumpkin Run. So we have lots of good riding yet this season.

We want to remind you to check out our web site at [www.gwrra-iao.org](http://www.gwrra-iao.org) when you get the chance. Courtney Walters has done a fine job for us. We appreciate it.

Finally, if you have any influence, please put in a word for good weather: Maybe a little less humidity, lower temperatures, and no rain on ride dates?

Congratulations to Carolyn Anderson, July gathering Activity Prize. And 50/50 winners: Butch Thron, Mike Brugger, Jim Rivera, JoAnn Hull, and Gary McKinley! Congratulations are also in order for Rusaline Spitzer. She is the proud owner of a 2008 Yamaha Royal Star Venture. She reported that it rides like a Cadillac! And last but not least, congratulations to Bill McKinley for winning a set of tires at Wing Ding!

Have fun, keep learning, and be safe!

*Dennis & Karen English*

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**FROM THE JETWAY**

The thing about summer is that it will come to an end. As the summer days start getting shorter I begin to realize that I have had a pretty good riding season. I hope that all of you can think the same way; although there are always more places I want to see and experience. All I have to do to get in the mood to travel again is pick up a motorcycle trade magazine and read about some fantastic place in this country with great views and fabulous highways that I haven't been to yet. The reverse of that is also true. That would be reading about some place that I had already discovered. When that happens I can recall those miles I put in to get there and relive my experiences in those areas.

Since last we published this news letter I took a whirl wind trip back to the Black Hills Rally or simply Sturgis. That is an event that we all need to attend every so often. I wouldn't want to do this every year but every few is a nice experience. It amazes me all the ideas that people can come up with to put their personal touch on their motorcycles. Part of that I'm sure is good marketing on manufacturers part.

Now as for the people and or animals that's a whole other experience. You just never know who or what you will meet up with. I had a mountain sheep walk right by me close enough to have touched. I think the continual two cylinder roar had it really upset and

nervous. At least that's what I thought I saw in its eyes.

I have been writing about the waning days of summer and been reminiscing about the past summer but when this goes to press there are still about two and a half months left in this riding season. That's still plenty of time to ride in the cooler air and enjoy all that late summer and early fall provide. Just think about all the color Mother Nature provides us for us to see. If you bite into a freshly picked apple can that bring visions far off golden yellow and orange valleys and mountain sides? Plan on getting out there sometime soon, before the season ends, and enjoy the ride. I'm going to so come and join me.

**Tom Smith  
ACD IA "O"**

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While looking through some stats the other day I noticed some interesting facts.

1) 3 out of 4 accidents involve collision with another vehicle larger than a cycle usually a passenger car.

One of 4 cycle accidents were single vehicle crashes involving collision with the roadway or a fixture in the environment.

2) The failure of motorists to observe cycles in traffic is the predominate cause of cycle accidents.

3) Intersections are the most likely place for the motorcycle accidents with the other vehicle. Violating the cycle's right of way and frequently violating traffic controls.

4) Conspicuity of the motorcycle is a critical factor in multiple vehicle accidents and accident involvement is significantly reduced by the use of headlights (Daytime) and wearing of high-visibility yellow, orange or bright red jackets.

5) The motorcycle riders involved in accidents are essentially without training.

6) Lack of attention to the driving task is common factor for the cyclist in an accident.

7) The typical motorcycle accident allows just 2 seconds or less to complete all collision avoidance action.

8) Larger displacement cycles have fewer accidents, but have higher injury severity.

9) Motorcycle modifications such as chopper or cafe racer are involved in more accidents.

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10) Injury severity increases with speed and alcohol use.

11) Of the group, not wearing helmets at the time of an accident, 26% say helmets are uncomfortable or inconvenient to wear, 50% claim they had no expectation of being in an accident.

**STINK HAPPENS!**

**RIDE SMART!**

**Terry and Faith**

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Dennis & Bob racing at the District Convention. [Nice Hat Dennis]



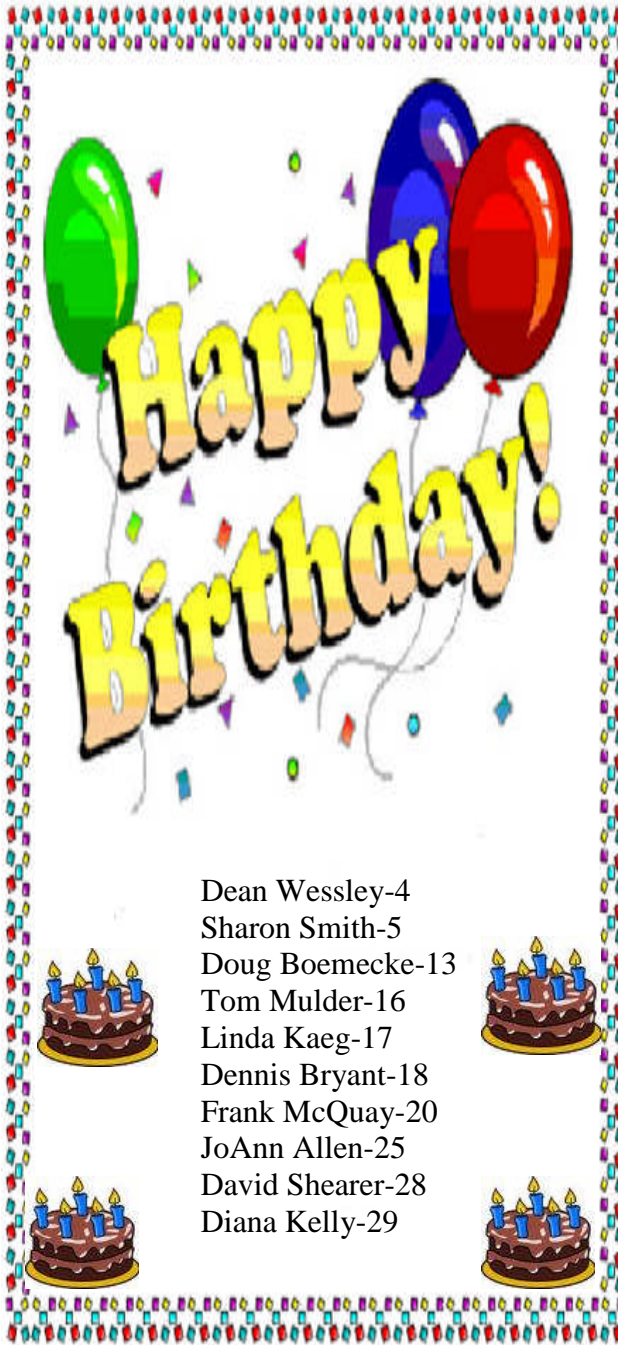


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# What's Cookin...

By Bev Jones

## Coconut Cookies

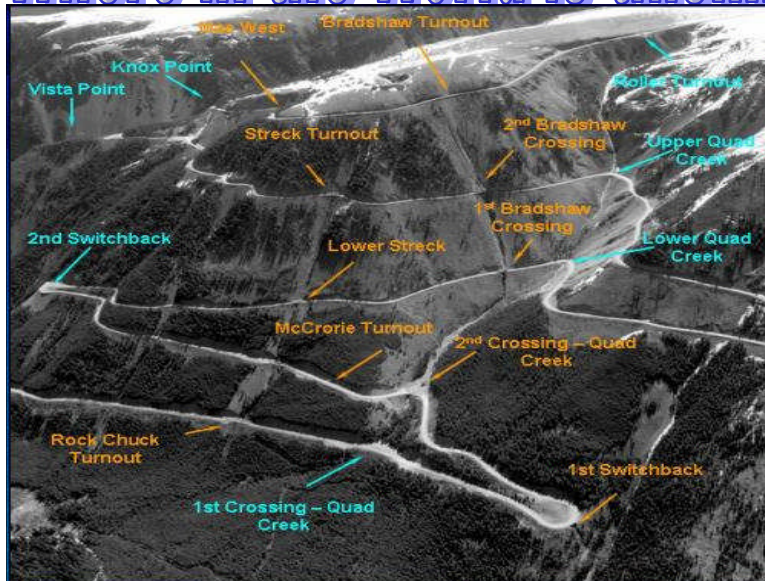
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| ½ cup shortening      | ½ tsp salt      |
| 2 cups sugar          | 1 cup milk      |
| 2 eggs                | 1 tsp vanilla   |
| 3 ½ cups sifted flour | 1 ½ cup coconut |
| 1 tsp baking powder   |                 |

Cream shortening, add sugar. Stir in well beaten eggs. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed mixture alternating with milk. Blend in vanilla and coconut. Drop by tea-spoon onto lightly greased baking sheet. Bake about 10 minutes in 400 degree oven. Spread top with 2 cups powdered sugar mixed with 3 tablespoons milk.

My mother use to make these cookies for me when I was growing up, so it is an old recipe. Simple but very tasty. Mr. Jones gives it 4 stars. \*\*\*\*



## Where in the World is this...



The answer to August's Newsletters: "Where in the World is this..." is; Tahquamenon Falls in Upper Michigan

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District  
Chapter  
Challenge  
Mask





### Riding with the Big River Riders

I write this article after I have returned from our scheduled chapter ride to Il-R's Surprise Ride. That was the last event that's scheduled for the chapter in August. I must say our attendance to this ride wasn't as good as I hoped it would be seeing as how it was in support of another GWRRA chapter. In my opinion We, as a chapter, need to make attending other chapter events one of our goals next year. It is through participation that We will remain a strong viable Chapter.

SO, let's all participate in the first event of the September schedule! and that is the Region Rally held right here in Davenport Iowa. It's on September 3-5 and is being held at the Radisson hotel downtown. If you can attend meetings, you can attend this rally! and you will be supporting your Region Officers and all that they do for our chapter. So let's get out there and show up in force.

Our September meeting is on the 11th. There will not be a ride after the meeting, however, Doug Boemecke has put together another **Pies by My Sister** ride for Sunday September 12th. It will leave **HAWKEYE MOTOR WORKS at 9AM** and be about **275 miles in length**. It will go up the Iowa side and return on the Wisconsin side, with a **FERRY RIDE** to Wisconsin. The food bill of fare may change this year, we're not sure at this point. The quesstimated cost of dinner and ferry is around 8 dollars each. Be at **HAWKEYE**

**MOTOR WORKS WITH A FULL TANK AND EMPTY BLADDER** ready for a day of riding and fun.

Norm has scheduled an Ice Cream ride for the 14th ( Tuesday). It will be a ride to "Cousins" in Fulton, Il and will leave the Coal Valley Git-n-Go at 6pm.

Then on Sunday the 19th we will meet at the Flying J at 0745 and depart at 0800 for the Welton Fireman's Omelet Breakfast. Hopefully we won't be rained out as we were this spring. It's an early departure to avoid the rush. At this time I will mention that I will be on vacation and out of town from the 10th to the 20th of September.

The last scheduled event in September is a "Leaf Ride". I would like to incorporate our ride to Mineral Point on this ride. When making the schedule last November I erred and used best guess for the dates of the Driftless Area Fiber Arts Fare. It is held Sept 24-26 and fits into our schedule nicely. It's a longer ride and to accomplish it all in daylight we will leave early, 0800 and use highways as our main line of travel. So for those wanting to attend this ride event, we'll meet at Hawkeye Motorworks and plan to leave at 0800. again full tanks, empty bladders.

October 1st is another Ice Cream ride to DeWitt. We will leave West Lake Park at 6pm (1800)

After our October meeting we will ride the roads along the river for a look at the fall colors.

And finally in October is H-2's Oktoberfest at Lake Storey in Galesburg. Being late in the year this has become a four wheeled event and a good idea if you buy or win something that evening. Let's show our support for Dan and the members at Illinois H-2.

**RIDE SAFE AND CHECK THOSE TIRES AND WAT-GATT**

Scavenger  
Hunt stop >>>

