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NOTES FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Things are loosening up in Idaho and chapters are finding ways to gather while maintaining social distancing. In addition, Idaho has welcomed a handful of new temporary members which is very exciting. Four of our five chapters have had new folks join via the gold book free trial membership. Now, it is up to us to help show them why they need to stay members. How do we get these new temporary members? Well hopefully each of you are carrying the 4 month free trial membership form and postage free envelope on your bikes. All you have to do is see a motorcyclist and share the form with them. You can tell them what you like about GWRRA and they can decide if they want to experience it for free for a trial period. I challenge each of you to help recruit one new member by the end of 2020. They can be someone you meet from another area, but if we all try to recruit one new member, just think of what it can do to help the membership in our state!

Recently, my husband had to spend the night in the hospital, and I needed a ride back from dropping my bike off to have some work completed. Who could I count on? Friends from GWRRA Chapter T, my local chapter. They picked me up and gave me a ride back to my house since my husband couldn't. We also received many prayers from our friends in GWRRA. Mike is better and doing well. It turned out to be dehydration that caused his blood pressure to drop dangerously low. This just helps emphasize that GWRRA members are family. Since we are new to Idaho, I was grateful to have people to turn to in my time of need. What about you? Do you have examples of times you leaned on your GWRRA family? I would love to hear your feedback as I am sure there are many stories to share.

Lori Adkins

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NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR

I recently flew to Washington DC to pick up a Can Am Spyder for my wife. Since I am retired, I didn't have to worry about taking time off from work, and my wife couldn't take time off at the time. So I began my adventure traveling 2800 miles back to Meridian, Idaho from Purcellville, VA. It started out a rainy day and I was tired and wet so I only rode a few hours and got a hotel. When I woke up, I headed out and again had lots of rain. I rode about 5 hours and just had to stop. It was raining too hard to see and I again was soaked even in my rain gear. It was very interesting traveling amid the COVID-19 Pandemic. Each area of the country is in different stages and I realized that Idaho was much more open than much of the country. I found I needed a mask to go into convenience stores to get something to drink and use the facilities. I also found some very rude people.

On one stop, I went to IHOP to get something to eat. I walked in and asked if they were open. The lady said yes we are open and took my order and I paid for it. I walked over to sit down and she said you can't sit there. I said I needed to sit down to eat and she said we are take out only. I explained that I was on a motorcycle and needed a place to eat or my money back. She said it was posted on the door that they were take out only. I looked at the door and saw a sign that said pick up pancakes here. I told her to show me the sign because that didn't mean "to go" only to me. She threatened to call the police and gave me my food. I couldn't find a place to sit and eat so I ended up wasting my dinner. This was by far my worst experience of the trip.

After being soaked again on day 3, I stopped for a hotel. My wife called and suggested that I stop at a truck stop and shower and kill some time as the rain was supposed to stop in a few hours but only for a couple of hours and then start again. I had already checked into a hotel so I showered and napped. I woke about 7 p.m. local time and it wasn't raining so I checked out of the hotel and drove several hours to get out of the rain. I was in Iowa by then. As I was getting tired, I stopped and checked into yet another hotel for the night. Thankfully the rest of the trip back to Idaho was dry. On my 5th day, I decided I was making it home no matter what. I drove approximately 15 hours that day and made it back home. Man was I tired and ready to sleep. I was never so happy to be back in Idaho. This was my first cross-country trip and one I don't want to repeat alone again!

Mike Adkins

District Rider Educator

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JULY ON-LINE UNIVERSITY TRAINING

An Alternative to Classroom Training. While we respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic by reducing our contact with others, the GWRRA University is offering an alternative training opportunity. On-line training by the Director of the University and the University On-Line University Instructors.

The classes offered are listed below and you can find the times and the registration form on the University website: gwrradot.com.

July 7 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module 301-02 More Members ~ Recruitment basics. The importance of creating & implementing a recruitment plan.

July 8 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module 106-02 How Aging Affects Riders ~ Mature riders. The affects of aging on riders.

July 14 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00 pm Co-Rider Seminar 101-02 ~ Information and tips for the co-rider. This seminar is part of the Levels program. This class will be entered into the Rider Ed database when completed.

July 15 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module 102-02 Riding in the Heat ~ All about riding in the heat; what to carry, how to dress and how to respond to heat related emergencies.

July 21 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module Planning a Chapter Event 204-02 ~ A better understanding of the steps involved in putting together a successful event.

July 22 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm Team Riding Seminar 103-04 ~ To educate & inform Members about the benefits of team riding.

July 27 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module 202-04 ~ How to retain Members. To understand that retention is strategy rather than outcome.

July 28 ~ 3:00pm & 6:00pm GWRRA Module 202-04 Retention is Important ~ How to retain Members. To understand that retention is strategy rather than an outcome.

JULY ON-LINE UNIVERSITY TRAINING

Here are the specifics:

- Preregister on-line on the University website: gwrradot.com by clicking on the scrolling notice and filling out the form.
- Once registered, you will receive an email confirming your registration.
- Classes will be offered at 3:00pm and 6:00pm Central Time.
- Class sizes will be limited.
- A U.3 class roster will be completed and submitted for entry into the database.

You must participate by computer or phone with a camera and microphone. No dial in calls.

All Members are encouraged and welcome to attend. The University TEAM is ready and waiting for you to sign-up. Let's have some fun!!!

Updated class lists for training on-line classes and times will be posted on our website, University Facebook page and the University GroupWorks site.

Any questions, please contact Clara Boldt, Director of the University at: toledotriker@gmail.com. Or 319-240-4269



NOTES FROM DISTRICT TREASURER

I get these “column inches” because I am *treasurer* of the District, but *treasurer* doesn’t elicit much excitement or commentary, unless there isn’t enough or someone misuses what there is, so let’s focus on what, we as a group, *treasure* about GWRRA – why we joined and why we stay.

My wife and I joined because of our love of riding motorcycles; second, to be with like-minded people, and then, to do what we like to do – with those people. And there, we found people we like *as people*, and enjoy meeting with *them* and doing things *together*.

This is what I “*treasure*” about my Chapter, and the District extends the circle of friends, riders, roads, and ideas for riding and gathering.

On a personal note, I “*treasure*” my wife and time with her. It has been a pretty busy month for us, in spite of restrictions. We have enjoyed getting out a little, but *not* on the bike yet in June. First, a trip to Idaho Falls to honor our son in law’s father, who passed away in early April, and then to Elko last week, to celebrate our 55th anniversary. On both these trips we enjoyed *part* of why we ride – the road, the scenery and the history along the way.

I recommend especially the trip south from Nampa to Grandview, on ID 78, and then ID 51 to NV 225. I enjoyed all that road and hadn’t been south from Grandview for years, and that is where it gets really enjoyable – more curves and scenery – following the Owyhee River from Mountain City up to Wildhorse Reservoir where you head down the Humboldt River to Elko, with the Ruby Mountains visible to the south, this is all magnificent and beautiful.

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While in Elko, we visited the town of Lamoille, drove up into the Rubies via Lamoille Canyon. We were so close to the spectacular vistas with turnouts, with lots of variation in the scenery, the creek, the mountains, the rocks, the trees and trails. We didn't walk many trails, but the trip was great and we used a lot of Pixels and time trying to capture the beauty on our camera and phones.

We found some fun eating places, Luciano's for dinner and the Coffee Mug for breakfast in Elko, O'Carroll's for lunch in Lamoille, and visited the Northeast Nevada Museum with its amazing collection of amazing animal mounts, antique guns and local history, well worth a stop.

We returned through Winnemucca on I-80, and US 95 through Oregon and Jordan Valley, with more fun wide-open ranching country and interesting mountains ranges and topology. *This is a great trip, and would make a great two-day trip for a Chapter ride.* We took three days with the canyon excursion. About 250 miles to Elko, and 375 miles back to Nampa, as we drove.

Memories and roads to "treasure" – and to share and recommend

So many roads, so little time. Let's do it safely and with friends.

Gary Evans, Idaho District Treasurer

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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER B DIRECTOR



Hello from Lewiston

Chapter B is running but on a slower pace these months. We have elected to hold our meetings in "open spaces" for the next few months. We hope to have a barbeque in late August depending on outside factors.

We have done a few small rides and have not completed a ride calendar for this year. With the virus, we have found that putting a ride together at the last-minute works pretty well. We will be getting more rides in we hope later in the year.

For now that is about all the news from this chapter.

Bob Cooper
Chapter B Director
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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR

We're heading into July, and June has been an interesting month. We're seeing the State opening up, though with some restrictions and precautions still being suggested so we can at some point escape Covid-19. June saw us holding our first meeting for some time. We had 21 members show up and all had a good time. The ladies present were given Red Rose pins for surviving the pandemic and tolerating all of the guys while stuck at home during this. A number of those went home with door prizes prepared by our very own Sunshine Girl, Irene Parker. These included face mask and drink cozies which she made while staying home. We love this gal!

The Parkers, Lee and Irene, are sad to say their riding days have come to an end. Health concerns have forced them to make that tough decision, one we may all have to make down the road. They've been clearing the riding gear out, selling their small camp trailer, the motorcycle cargo trailer that now resides in my garage, and their beautiful Valkyrie. They have been nudging Kent, the gentleman that bought their Valkyrie, and his friend Kenny, who also rides a Valkyrie, to come check out the Chapter and join us.

Speaking of members, I've been in contact with Roger Larkins from Chubbuck, who is looking to get more involved with the Chapter. We are looking forward to seeing him and his wife and sharing the fun. We also have a new member who took advantage of the 4 months free program. Welcome to Alan Hoskins of Idaho Falls, we look forward to meeting you and sharing the road with you. I met a gentleman at a local gun store who recently purchased a 2001 Goldwing. I ask if they were riding with anyone, the reply being no, so I made the pitch and we may have another member soon. Put those brochures in your bike, because those chance encounters may bring another rider into the fold.

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Leslie and I took advantage of some of the online classes offered by the GWRRA University, including a co-rider course, recruiting, retention, riding in hot weather, and riding in wet weather. Very informative and helpful. If you get a chance, go to gwrradot.com and peruse the available classes. There's bound to be something that piques your interest and enhances your riding expertise.

By the time you read this, The Best of the Great Northwest Meet and Greet will be in the history books. Our guest from Canada were kept tucked away on the North side of the boarder, but they were with us in spirit. The Drill Team's Director, Patrick Frampton, also a GWRRA member, got hit a bit harder because he is facing triple bypass surgery. Health issues seem to be the bane of our event. One rider from Florida has been suffering double vision issues, which curtailed his trip and his riding until this is corrected. Another rider from Las Vegas is staying home because of he's an at-risk individual for Covid, and his 92 year old father in law is having surgery. Maybe next year. I plan on providing some pictures and stories from our event in the future. We wish everyone the very best and hope for your future good health.

Many birthdays in the past month.

Diane Kester
LeNoir Robertson
Norm McDowell
Dale Olsen
Wynne Beyeler
Mozelle Edwards
Jean Spencer
Jalene Somsen
Steve Henicksman
Paul Beahm

Anniveraries

Pat and Marilyn Barnes
John and Dianne Kester

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In Memoriam

I would also like to send our heartfelt condolences to Paul Flagler and his family. June 27th was the anniversary of his sons passing one year ago. Paul, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Last, but not least, if you're doing your own maintenance, read the manuals. Had I done so, I would have realized I installed the oil seals in my front forks backwards. So, I find myself in the middle of replacing them before the ride in. Yeah, I'm red in the face but I learned. That's my little goof moment for the month. Ride safe everyone, keep the shiny side up, and we'll see you down the road.

Dave and Leslie Hanna, CD, GWRRA ID-E



FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

Chapter T has managed to get in a couple of rides in this time of social distancing as well as a chapter gathering. We had to move locations since our regular meeting place, Golden Corral, wasn't open for breakfast. We met at Burger Theory inside Holiday Inn in Nampa. The breakfast was very good and portions were good sized. It was a small place but it worked out for our needs. We welcomed 3 visitors to our gathering and they all completed the 4 month free trial membership! Welcome to Dick and Dianna Price and Barbara Hotel. We are happy to have you join Chapter T. They are involved in another local motorcycle group as well but found when they visited several months ago, that they liked what was happening in Chapter T.

This pandemic has affected all of the chapters and we now need to rally back to what we have had. Chapter T has a ride planned this weekend and will rendezvous with the chapter in Twin Falls Chapter G for lunch. Our destination is about half way between our two chapters. At the end of June, we plan to take a group of bikes to Idaho Falls for the Ride Weekend planned by Dave Hanna. It is great to be in an organization where we can meet bikers from other areas and share some good times.

We had couples celebrate wedding anniversaries in June, Gary & Maxeen Evans celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 11, Ron & Betsy Taylor celebrated their 47th on June 22, and Bill & Nancy Lea celebrated their 20th on June 24. Happy anniversary to all!

Lori & Mike Adkins
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CHAPTER EVENTS

July 4: 9-1030am

Denny's: 291 Pole Line Rd E, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Chapter E: Lyle Towne 208-308-5860

July 8: 6-9pm

Leo's Place: 155 S Holmes Ave, Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Chapter E:

July 11:

Burger Theory: 16245 N Merchant Way, Nampa, ID 83687

830am Eat; 9:30am Meet

Depart 10am: Ride to Warm Lake Lodge

Chapter T: Lori Adkins 812-205-9800

July 11:

Togwotee/Dubois, WY

Chapter E: Naurine Cook 208-540-0859

July 18:

8am: Meet at Chevron N Franklin Nampa

Stanley Loop and Lunch at Stanley Mountain Village

Chapter T: Lori Adkins 812-209-9800

CHAPTER EVENTS

July 21: 6-730pm

Idaho Joe's: 598 Blue Lakes Blvd N, Twin Falls, ID 83301

Chapter G: Lyle Towne 208-308-5860

July 22:

6pm : Meet Maverick on 44 in Star

Two Rivers Restaurant in Crouch

Chapter T: Lori Adkins 812-209-9800

July 25: 9-10am

Denny's: 950 Lindsay Blvd, Idaho Falls, ID 83402

Chapter E

July 25

Jackson Loop

Chapter E

July 31-August 2: ID Chapter H River Run

Kahnderosa RV/ Campground: 14343 S Latour Creek Rd, Cataldo,
ID 83810

Chapter H : Alex Piper 509-492-0100

GWRRA EVENTS

Stay in touch with your Chapter and District leaders for more information. Some Chapter are now having their monthly gathering via ZOOM.

Hopefully we will be able to resume activities soon.

Please everybody stay safe and in touch.

See the Idaho District Website at GWRRA-Idaho.US for Rally Information around the area

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