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# Idaho District



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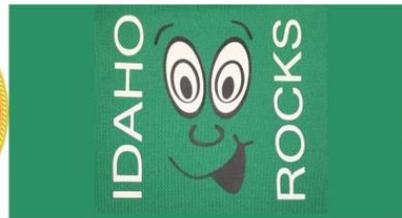
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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Well September is almost gone and we are still in the midst of COVID-19. We had a very good zoom call in late August where Kathleen Heibel told the participants about the classes being offered by GWRRA University online through zoom. These classes changes every month and are free to members. Just go to the GWRRA University website [gwrradot.com](http://gwrradot.com) to see the monthly offerings and click on the scrolling bar to sign up. Mike and I just finished the 8 hour program GWRRA 101. It was a very informative class that went through all areas of GWRRA and what importance each area is to the members. If you have an opportunity to take this or any other course, I highly recommend it. I took away something useful from each session.

Hope to see you on the road!

Lori Adkins

Idaho District Director

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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR

This weekend we had our first rider education class since I took this office. It was the ARC (Advanced Rider Course), and the instructors were Mike Werner and Bob Primm. They did a good job and everyone learned a lot and got good practice on their motorcycle skills. When you have an opportunity to take one of these classes, it is a really good reminder of what you need to do when you ride and a lot of what if-type situations. This also helps with the rider levels program.

The class is a full day with half of the day in the classroom and half of the day on the range, riding various exercises that help to sharpen your skills. Everyone in the class felt it was a benefit. My wife and I were there to help. I only wish we would have had a full class. Please consider taking a class the next time you see one offered. You won't regret the time well spent.

Mike Adkins

District Rider Educator

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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT TREASURER

Well another month has passed and 2020 continues to be a year we will all remember, now with western states burning up. I hope you are not being directly impacted by this new trauma in our lives, but I know all are suffering with it in some way. Smoke alone is affecting most of us.

I promised, some time ago, to complete *directions* for some of our area rides, to post under the heading of Tour Idaho on the Idaho District website, [www.gwrra-id.us](http://www.gwrra-id.us). Then riders passing through could enjoy what we enjoy, and ride, while in our area. I have now completed the first one, a favorite of mine, to Hells Canyon Dam. Check it out and give me your thoughts and critique. I want these to be inspiring, readable, and usable – I think we have great territory to ride!

The reason I like this particular ride so much, is the roads are mostly fun motorcycle roads, the scenery is spectacular – especially Hells Canyon itself – and there is usually not a lot of traffic on much of it. About 40 miles of the route is right in the bottom of the canyon, and 23 of those, we get to ride twice, since it is a ‘backtrack’ route from Copperfield, Oregon to the dam and is enjoyable both directions. And yes, half the scenery is provided by Oregon, since the Snake River is its border with Idaho. This destination can be enjoyed from Cambridge on US 95, in Idaho via ID 71 or from Baker City, Oregon via OR 86.

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I hope everyone gets to experience this *sometime* in their life. It's on Chapter T's calendar this month, but the Woodhead Fire near Cambridge may require postponing it until later in the year.

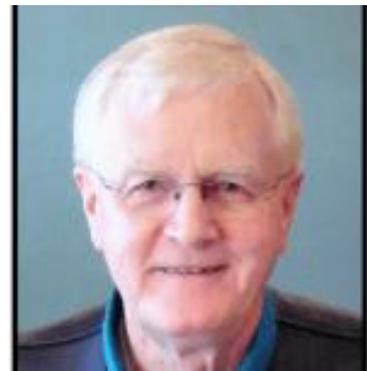
Now, since I'm writing about riding Idaho, BE AWARE - it may be best to avoid ID 55, from McCall to Boise, during the *next couple of years*, since there is major construction on a narrow Payette River section, resulting in complete closures from 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursday each week, and alternating one-way traffic the rest of the time. This highway is very busy, especially on weekends, and this will make for lots of traffic backup. Fortunately, US 95 provides a great detour for travel from New Meadows to southern Idaho. The Idaho Transportation department website [itd.idaho.gov](http://itd.idaho.gov) has the details and regular updates. This has already started.

Another quote provided by my friend, Kenneth Trass. (Not Trask, as I shared last month, sorry)

*Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind.* Seneca  
May you be able to enjoy much of this 'new vigor.'

Gary Evans, Nampa, Idaho

***So many roads, so little time*** – let us not shorten that time with an ill-prepared bike.



## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER B DIRECTOR

Greetings from Lewiston

Chapter - B planned a ride up to St Marries and on out to a certain Chicken place. We didn't make it to the Chicken place. All that went on the ride learned some very important lessons that will not be forgetting any time soon.. We are hoping never to do it again.

The Chapter had also planned a Barbeque for the last meeting. Due to the smoke we were unable to hold the meeting. It was a shame as we had a lot of good food ready to go.

We have found a new place hold our meetings. Our next meeting will be the first Saturday in October at the Red Lion here in Lewiston.

Dress for the Slide not the Ride.

Bob Cooper  
ID-B CD



## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR

September was an interesting month. Wildfires around the West have kept us pretty smokey, and Covid 19 has continued to make our daily routine a bit more stressful, yet here we are. Chapter E continues to hold our meetings, and turnout has been rather good. We continue to search for a new venue for our breakfast meetings as there have been continuing issues with our current location. I continue to hope they sort things out, but only time will tell.

Our Mountain Ride was a great success. Naurine Cook and Tom Edwards always provide great routes, and this was no exception. With a group consisting of Tom, Naurine, Mike and LaWana Mencke, Leslie, and myself, traveling from Idaho Falls to Dillon, Montana, up I-15, we turned to the back roads for a scenic ride to Anaconda, Montana. The old Smokestack is quite the sight. From Anaconda, we continued along the twist and turns of Montana, seeing Big Horn Sheep, deer, and antelope, as well as some really cool hot rods in Lincoln, Montana, arriving safely in Great Falls.

The return trip was no less enjoyable, as Tom took us down to see Giant Springs and the Roe River, which is only 201 feet long. Smoke and haze were our constant companion, being rather heavy in the Helena and Butte area. It made seeing the Lady of the Rockies above Butte difficult.

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When we finally pulled in the driveway, we had covered 915 miles and did it safely. Thanks everyone for a great trip.

We were able to get the ARC course in on the 19<sup>th</sup>, barely finishing before a huge storm hit us. If you think you're a good rider, take one of these courses. It will show you where you're lacking and point you in the right direction to correct some old habits and develop some new skills. Hopefully no pictures of me dumping my bike show up on-line, but I'm sure they're out there.

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Yes, I did that.

Lastly, the colors are out! While trying out a different tire on the back of my bike (that's a whole different story), we rode up around Palisades Reservoir. The colors are amazing, but I fear won't last long, so get out and see them while you can.



Till next time,  
Dave and Leslie Hanna, CD,  
GWRRA IDE

## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER H DIRECTOR

Well, it is that time of the year to say goodbye to summer and say hello to fall. Instead of cutting the grass, it is time to get that rake out, pick up all them their leaves. Finish up taking care of your gardens of flowers and vegetables.



It is too early to prep your bike for winter. What we still have, is plenty of time to head out to the country and visit “Mother Nature” as she paints our hill sides with her vibrant colors. Red’s, Orange’s and Yellow’s. But we need to watch out for is this, rain, leaves and roads do not mix.



Our roads become very slippery. Even the markers on the side of the road, passing markers along with cross walks become very slippery. Time to be more alert. Also, daylight is getting shorter and shorter. It is also that time of year that animals, both large and small will be harder to see.

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Yea know the deer in the headlights saying. The “bucks” start chasing the “does” and become very stupid.



Alex & Ann Piper Your Friendly CD's  
Idaho "H"

## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

Chapter T had its regular monthly meeting at Golden Corral with 12 participants. It was a short meeting but a great time to visit. We had a new visitor, Carla Killebrew attended with her husband Rick. They both ride their own trikes. This was Rick's second time at our gathering. The next time he joins our gathering, he will receive a chapter patch that he can put on a shirt or vest. This is something new we started for the Chapter. Each time someone visits for the third time, he or she will receive a chapter patch.

We discussed what we might do for a Christmas celebration this year since it looks like COVID isn't going away yet. We are going to do a celebration at our regular meeting place and do a gift exchange for anyone interested. Those wanting to participate will bring a gift with a value of \$10 or more, wrapped. We will plan to have a fun way to exchange the gifts. Christmas will be here before we know it. What are you doing to celebrate this year?

Our chapter had a "meet at the restaurant" event where we met at Cracker Barrel. It was amazing that we got seated very quickly. That almost never happens at Cracker Barrel. We shared some good food and conversation.

We have re-schedule our ride to Hells Canyon for the beginning of October. Hope to see many of you then. We will send out a text reminder of the meeting place. Let us know if you need more information or don't get the reminder. It is scheduled for October 3.

Yours in GWRRA,  
Mike & Lori Adkins  
Chapter T Directors



## CHAPTER EVENTS

Oct 3 9am-1030am

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Oct 3 8:30am-10:00am

Red Lion: 621 21<sup>st</sup> St, Lewiston, ID 83501

Chapter B: Bob Cooper : idduet@q.com

Oct 10 8:30am-10:30am

Golden Corral Nampa: 2122 N Cassia St, Nampa, ID 83651

Chapter T: Mike Adkins: 812-773-7706

Oct 14 6:00pm-9:00pm

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

Chapter E

## CHAPTER EVENTS

Oct 17 8:00am-10:00am

JB's Restaurant: 704 W Appleway Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Chapter H: Alex & Ann Piper: 509-492-0100

Oct 20 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Oct 24 9:00am-10:00am

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

Chapter E

## THANK YOU!!

*A BIG shout out and a BIGGER Thank You to Lori and Mike Adkins and Pat Burns for their help and care on Saturday, September 19. My friend Mike and I, were involved in a head on collision in Mike's jeep on our way to Leo's Place for the classroom portion of the ARC class at 8:45am at the intersection of US-26 Hwy SW and Iona Road. By the grace of the good Lord, we are both alive with minor aches and pains, but the Jeep, not so much. We left it in the Idaho junk yard! Despite this '2020' weirdness, I was able to continue with my portion of the ARC class.*

*Again, we thank you and are grateful for our GWRRA Family.*

*Michael Werner  
ARC Coach, Colorado*

Michael and Dorie Werner  
Wyoming District Educators  
Colorado District MFA Coordinator