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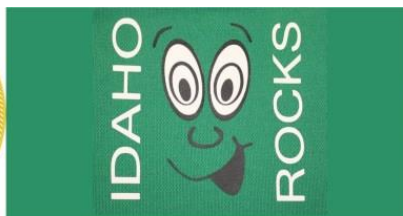
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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR'S ASSISTANT TEAM GWRRA

Hello Idaho Wingers,

Here it is April and we are again at the start of our riding season. Great news right, but then COVID-19 hit. You all received the letter from the Home Office recommending no gatherings until this crisis has passed and of course what the State has mandated.

There have been a lot of events that have canceled and I'm sure will be a lot more before this is all over. However, there are still ways we can enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow members of our Chapter, other Chapters and our District Team and that tool is called ZOOM. We use it every month for our District Team meetings and our Chapter Directors meetings. It's a great way, without actually being in the same room, but able to see each other. There are Chapters that are using it in place of their monthly gatherings; others are playing games, like bingo, and some are just getting together to make sure each other are okay.

If this is something you would like to learn more about check with your Chapter Director to see if this is something that would be a benefit to you and your Chapter Members.

Please be safe, stay home, stay well and once this has passed we'll then burn rubbers.

Remember the life you save just might be yours.

Thank you & Ride Safe
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NOTES FROM ASSISTANT DISTRICT DIRECTOR



As I sit down to write this I wonder when we can get life back to normal as we know it. I have been working from home as I have an essential job with a local bank. I have been very busy with these new SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans which are meant to help small businesses keep their staff in these trying times. It is a wonderful program.

I also wonder when we can visit our friends and get back to riding in groups. I really miss seeing friends and gathering. Since we are new to Idaho, we haven't had much chance to ride in the area and learn the great roads. Our chapter participated in a chapter zoom call which was fun. We got a chance to visit and learn about one another and talk about our plans.

Don't forget to take advantage of the on-zoom classes with GWRRA. There are some great free offerings in May.

Please be creative with your friends and family and stay safe. If you get a chance to ride, ride safe!

Lori Adkins

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NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR



The weather is beautiful, and I have been out for a few short rides on my trike. I long for group riding so my fellow chapter members can help show me the sights and the area that is so great for riding. These beautiful days make it hard to shelter in place. Since I am retired, my trips to the grocery are sometimes the highlight of my week, which is sad. My son Jeremy and his wife Adriana just made us some masks so we can be more proactive on our grocery trips. I hope all of you are staying safe.

In this newsletter you will find the May schedule for GWRRA University classes. Please consider taking advantage of one or more classes since we are reduced to staying home.

As always, Please be safe!

Mike Adkins

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GWRRRA UNIVERSITY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Online Training

The University is offering an alternative training opportunities to reduce the contact in groups during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

University classes offerings for **MAY 2020**:

- **GWRRRA Module 202-04 Retention is Important**
 - How to retain members. To understand that retention is strategy rather than outcome.
- **GWRRRA Module 201-03 Can You Hear Me Now?**
 - Communication. What types of communications are available and how to successfully use them.
- **GWRRRA Module 102-02 When You're Hot You're Hot**
 - Riding in heat. Educate riders and co-riders about hot weather riding.
- **GWRRRA Module 103-03 Only Sugar Melts in the Rain**
 - Riding in the rain. To better prepare a rider and co-rider to ride in the rain. To lessen the risks involved in riding in the rain.
- **GWRRRA Module 103-04 Team Riding Seminar**
 - To educate and inform Member about benefits of Team Riding and the suggested planning and conduct of team riding.
- **GWRRRA Module 201-04 Cha-Cha-Cha Change**
 - Managing Change. Provides insight & tools for managing change.
- **Co-Rider Seminar 102-06 A View from the Rear**
 - A Co-Riders view. To delve deeper into and to share the co-riders perspective and through this knowledge empowering the co-rider to be a more integral part of the riding team.
- **GWRRRA Module 204-02 We're Doing What?**
 - Planning a chapter event. A better understanding of the steps involved in putting on a successful event. Sharing of successful events.
- **GWRRRA Module 106-02 How Aging Affects Riders**
 - Mature riders. The affects of aging on riders.

GWRRA UNIVERSITY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Here are the specifics:

- Preregister on-line on the University website: www.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 6:00 pm 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 Group Works site.

Any questions, please contact:

Clara Boldt

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MEET YOUR 2020 DISTRICT RIDE COORDINATOR

Dave Hanna, born and raised in Selah, Washington (outside of Yakima) has been married to Leslie Hanna for 35 years now. They have three children, one whom they lost in 2001 to a traffic accident, two grand children, and two fur babies, the dynamic duo, Hennessy (Morkie), and Max (Chihuahua). As far as jobs, he went from working as a cook to enlisting in the Army. He retired after 20+ years in the Army, and after a short stint cooking again, he began a career in the wireless cable and broadband internet field. In 18 years, he went from being a hired contractor to being the Field Supervisor, Headend Maintenance Supervisor, and Warehouse Manager. After some poor business decisions by the owners, he found himself seeking employment elsewhere. So, for 5 years he turned wrenches with Sears Automotive, and another 3 years as an RV Tech with Smith RV before retiring.

At the ripe old age of 7, his dad started a dealership, selling Vespa's and Tule Troopers. At age 10, with his younger brother, they started assembling and test riding in the back 40. Dave got his drivers license at 16, and the first weekend after, rode his Vespa 125 and got his motorcycle endorsement, which he has had ever since. Dirt bikes followed, then the Honda CB 500 4 locked in the call of the road. A Honda Hawk and a CB900 followed, until a fellow instructor dropped by the house and he saw his Goldwing 1200. That was the most beautiful bike he had ever seen, and that's when Dave and Leslie swore if they ever got another bike it would be a Goldwing. Life got in the way until they stumbled on a deal for a 1986 Aspencade SEI in 2016. Looking toward retirement, they felt something newer was in order, and in 2018 they picked up a 2003 Goldwing 1800. Black Beauty has been their constant companion ever since, carrying them both through Yellowstone, to Mount Rainier, Crater Lake, and over Beartooth Pass. In the past two years she's carried them over 20,000 miles, and there are many more in the future.

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Dave and Leslie joined GWRRA looking for someone to share their riding experiences with. They had seen so many wonderful things on the road, and felt having someone else along would make the rides that much more enjoyable. Dave is a member on a number of Goldwing Forums, and tried organizing a ride or two with the local riders to no avail, so in 2018 they plunked down the dues and joined GWRRA. Both have made a number of friends, and ride whenever the opportunity arises. The members of their chapter have been friendly and helpful, showing both of them some new areas to ride; which, they probably would have never considered without their help. Late last year, the chapter needed their help. Due to a shortage of officers, the chapter was in peril of closing, so Dave and Leslie accepted the challenge and became the Chapter Directors of Chapter E in Idaho Falls. Learning slowly, while having fun doing so, with much help from the members and friends. Now, a new challenge has presented itself and Dave found himself once again unable to say no, so he is now adding District Ride Coordinator to the resume.

Dave's hobbies include RC model boats, photography, fishing, shooting, cycling, scuba diving, and last but not least riding their bike. A lesson they have learned in their life is that when traveling by car, you only experience what can be viewed through the windows. When traveling on a motorcycle, you experience everything around and above you, the sights, the sounds, and the smells. The only thing better is sharing those experiences with others.



NOTES FROM DISTRICT TREASURER

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Idaho District Treasurer
May 2020 District Newsletter



My last newsletter column, which I wrote in February, suggested it was now time for us to RIDE.

Well, what did I know, certainly not that we should all be staying in place and not socializing!

I know some of you are still riding, and I have been contemplating it, but I haven't been out since March 3rd, when I rode to Juntura, Oregon and back. That was a fun ride I was invited on by a good friend, with a group from the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Since then, as we all are experiencing, things have become quite different. I still plan to ride a few miles in April, to keep my consecutive months of riding intact. But I have hesitated, lest I have some need for help from emergency responders and health services, which are stressed to the max around us already. Of course, I am grateful to report, I haven't needed any of them yet, in my 57 years and 155,000 miles of road riding (unfortunately, not true for dirt biking!), but I am getting older, and the risks are there. We'll see?

Now I am not telling any of you not to ride, and not laying any 'guilt trips' – just sayin' – and I'll probably risk it yet in April, too.

So, until next month, stay safe, appreciate the first responders and health care personnel who are experiencing the worst of the crisis we are in. They represent more than 10 percent of the Covid 19 cases in Idaho, and they continue to face that risk selflessly and tirelessly. My thanks to them.

I hope you are all well, and stay that way, until we get past this historical event in our lives.

From t-shirt I recently saw "Motorcycle is a Verb"

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 up and running. We have not had a face to face meeting since the first of March. We have tried to stay in touch via phone calls and any means available to us. We are all looking forward to our next meeting that we can gather and talk face to face.

We had planned to host training for instructors in May. That has been postpone for now. Maybe next year we can put the training on and we will open it to anybody that would like to attend.

We have seen some beautiful days in this area. We have all wanted to be out on our bikes and getting some wind. We know of a couple of chapter members that have been out and said they had a good time being out. They had to eat outside and could not enter any business.

If anybody gets up to Lewiston, call me and let me know you are coming. We might be able to a range a ride in with you.

Be safe and keep the rubber side down.

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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR



April and heading into May, with a lot of staying at home. Leslie and I hope all of you are staying well and safe. These are definitely different times, but we will get through it. Irene Parker, Carol Huff, Leslie, and others I'm sure, have been making face mask and quilting to fill their days. Others of us have taken one for the team and ventured out on the bikes when the weather permitted, to ensure some great rides will be available when this is over. Naurine has been a trooper, leading us around the area, and swears riding keeps her healthy. We enjoyed a ride through Arbon Valley to Malad on a beautiful Thursday. The saying used to be, "You meet the nicest people on a Honda". We met a number of folks out on their bikes, and you can't deny you meet the nicest people on a motorcycle of any brand. We kept our distance, but everyone laughed, smiled, and generally had a great time. It was awesome to feel at least some degree of normalcy for an afternoon. Our thanks to all the motorcyclist who made our day just a bit brighter.

We had a ton of birthdays in April.

Kerry Scott
Gay Jeffery
Kirk Collier
Buster Smith
LaWana Mencke
Colton Kerbs
Donna Smith
James Hoover
Kim McDowell



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Anniversaries

Lee and Anna Nelson
Randy and Tammy Copeland
Mike and LaWana Mencke



I'd like to welcome a new member from Rigby, Teri Smith. Welcome aboard, we look forward to meeting you. Stay safe and healthy.

The 21st of April marked 19 years since we lost our youngest daughter, we miss you Sissy.

The Idaho stay at home order is scheduled to end on April 15th but may be extended. We'll see how this affects our May schedule, in the meantime everyone remain safe and healthy.

Because of COVID19, the Canadian boarder has been closed, forcing our neighbors to the North to cancel their participation in the Best of the Great Northwest Meet & Greet. This includes the drill team. For the time being, we still plan on doing the rides, but what else we do will be determined by whatever restrictions are in place the end of June. Time will tell, but the ultimate goal is to ensure the safety and well being of our participants. I'll keep everyone updated as time progresses.

Although our meetings are temporarily suspended, anyone who wants to go for a ride, let me know. If the weather will cooperate, we can practice some 2 wheeled social distancing and get some fresh air.

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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

Chapter T held a zoom call in place of our April gathering. It was a small group but we had a good visit. The weather is nice and it is hard to stay home. We plan to host a zoom call activity twice a month until we can gather again.

These times call for new ideas. Please share your ideas.

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GWRRA EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19, ALL GWRRA sponsored events are postponed until further notice.

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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