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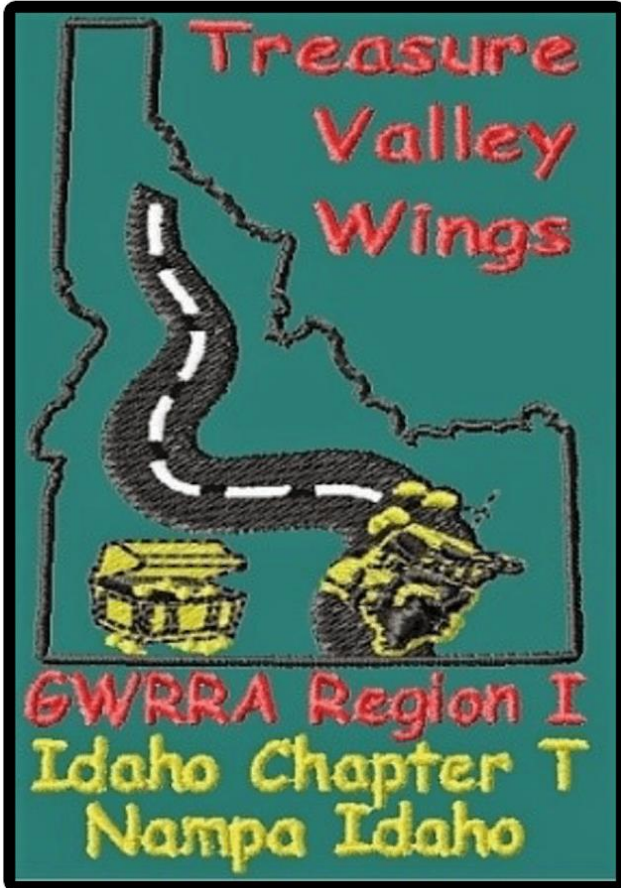
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DIRECTORS CORNER

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and safe. It has been such beautiful weather lately that we just want to ride, ride, ride. If you ride, please be proactive and plan for your safety.

We had a small group on the chapter gathering zoom call and had a great time. Hopefully more can join next time. We would like to try this twice a month to help us keep in touch. If you aren't sure how to participate, please contact Lori for assistance. You can use a cell phone or computer to participate. WE did have a new member on the call. Welcome to Frank Peak. He has been on some group rides with other friends and we are looking forward to introducing him to all of our members.

Our plans for Branson have been canceled as the Missouri District canceled the rally for this year. It is hard to see all of these wonderful plans get canceled because of this crazy virus. However, we know it is the right thing to do. We hope there will be a light at the end of the tunnel soon. Until then, ride safe and be safe.

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CHAPTER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

SONNY DAVIDSON

I was born and raised in Artesia, New Mexico and upon my high school graduation I joined the US Navy. Upon my discharge I lived a short time in Southern California and then moved to Winnemucca, Nevada for my next 5 years. All my life I have had a lot of jobs and lived in several places. I guess boredom just took place.

While in Nevada I worked in the casinos as a Dealer, did Roof repair and install as well as carpenter work. I did anything to make a nickel. I met my wife (Sandy) while in Winnemucca and we had a son, Richard (Rich). Leaving Nevada in 1968 we moved to Southern California for better job opportunities of which I had several (managed a Mexican food restaurant, 3 lumber companies & started up several businesses of my own (mostly real estate related). Lived there for 23 years and the last two years in California I worked as a Financial Adviser with Edward Jones. Leaving California, but staying with Edward Jones, we moved to Texas for 5 years and then back to Elko, Nevada working with Edward Jones for the next 15 years. We moved from Elko to Middleton, Idaho in 2011 fully retired. My wife, Sandy, passed away about 6 months after moving here. We were married almost 48 years.

I met my present wife, Mary, in 2013. She was a hottie from Montana and we were married in 2015. I am so fortunate to have had two beautiful and caring women in my life.

As for Motorcycles, I have had lots starting with a 1964 Honda. Most of my riding up until 2007 was dirt riding (Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki & Suzukis). In 2007 I started riding street & bought a Kawasaki Vulkan followed by a Yamaha V Twin, followed by a 2010 Goldwing of which I triked in 2012. Although my name is Davidson, I had never owned a Harley Davidson so my 1st one was a 2012 Ultra Limited, I have had 3 different HD Trikes of which my latest one is a 2020 Tri Glide CVO.

I joined GWRRA in 2007 in Elko, Nevada and have enjoyed it and all the friends I have met along the way.

One lesson I have learned while riding my trike is to not put your foot down when stopping.

It sounds like a lot, but add up the years & you will find it will work out.

CHAPTER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MARY DAVIDSON

I grew up in Montana and lived there for 60+ years. I taught music in Valier, Montana, married a farmer and spent the next 28 years as a mom/teacher/farm wife. We raised wheat (for bread), barley (for beer), hay (for cows) and 3 wonderful children – Doug, Keri and Kevin. I stayed on the farm for 8 years after I lost my husband to cancer but woke up one day and decided I needed an adventure. I found my adventure in Idaho when a handsome biker boy strutted up and stole my heart. We will have been married 5 wonderful years in April.

And since the heart stealer came with 2 Harleys, my adventure included riding and GWRRA. My favorite ride was the 16-day trip with good friends across Canada, Montana, Wyoming and on to Sturgis and back. I have always been impressed with the emphasis GWRRA places on safety and education. But I treasure all the good people I have met through GWRRA more than anything.

To finish – my kids have given us 3 grandsons. Brandt and Keegan live in Boise and Micah lives in Denver. So my favorite hobby is Grandma.....

FROM THE
RIDE COORDINATOR DESK



2020 Chapter T Riding Contest

- Before your first ride in 2020 take a picture of the odometer and email it to the Ride/Safety Coordinator Jeremy Robinson at jeremy.robinson.outdoors@gmail.com
- At the end of each quarter (**June 30th**, September 30th, December 31st) send another picture of the odometer
- Every three months we will announce the Top 3 riders for motivation
- At the January 2021 meeting we will announce the Top 3 riders of 2020 from Chapter T

2020 Chapter T Riding Contest

Top 3 Riders for 2020 1st Quarter

January-March 2020

1st place: Ron Taylor (1049 miles)

2nd place: Sonny Davidson (1000 miles)

3rd place: Frank Peak (953 miles)

Chapter T total miles as of May 1, 2020 are **3659**

(total results are from 5 Chapter members)



SAFETY CORNER

Taken from the EHS Today

(<https://www.ehstoday.com/safety/article/21915121/6-tips-for-motorcycle-safety-awareness-month>)

Written by: Laura Walter

To call attention to the dangers and vulnerabilities motorcyclists face on the road, May is designated Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The National Safety Council (NSC) offers six tips to help drivers and motorcyclists alike stay safe on the roads this May and all year long.

Motorcyclists are much more vulnerable to crashes than other drivers. In 2007, the mileage death rate for motorcyclists in 2007 was 37 times greater than for passenger car occupants. Motorcycle safety also is an issue of increasing concern – fatalities involving drivers and motorcyclists increased 131 percent between 1998 and 2008, according to NSC.

Throughout Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, NSC encourages motorists to share the road with motorcyclists and be extra alert when they are nearby. NSC's tips include:

1. Passenger car drivers must allow greater following distance behind a motorcycle.
2. Drivers also must show extra caution in intersections. Most crashes occur when a driver fails to see a motorcyclist and turns left in front of a motorcycle.
3. Drivers should never try to share a lane with a motorcycle. Always give a motorcycle the full lane width.
4. Motorcyclists should avoid riding in poor weather conditions.
5. Motorcyclists should position their motorcycles to avoid a driver's blind spot.
6. Motorcyclists must use turn signals for every turn or lane change.

Many crashes occur because motorcycles are hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. Drivers should always make a visual check for motorcyclists by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic, NSC explained.

"Throughout spring and summer the number of motorcyclists on the road will increase. It is important for both motorists and motorcyclists to be aware of one another," said David Teater, NSC senior director of Transportation Initiatives. "To better defend themselves, motorcyclists should follow the rules of the roadway and wear protective gear, including a Department of Transportation compliant helmet.

GWRRA EVENTS

- **Chapter T gathering via Zoom call
May 9**
- 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.
- Hopefully we will be able to resume activities soon.
- Please everybody stay safe and in touch.

MAY BIRTHDAY



Tim Hursh
May 7

Maxeen Evans
May 9

Please email us your birthdays. We want to recognize and celebrate with you. We are missing some still.



MAY FACTS

Holidays

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

- May 1 School Principal's Day
- May 2 World Tuna Day
- May 4 Star Wars Day:
(May the Fourth be With You)
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 5-11 Root Canal Awareness Day
- May 8 No Socks Day
- May 10 Mothers Day
- May 14 Dance Like a Chicken Day
- May 16 Armed Forces Day
- May 18 Victoria Day
- May 27 Memorial Day



Fun facts and Folklore

- May Birth flowers: Hawthorn and the Lily of the Valley.
- May birthstone: Emerald
- A warm January, a cold May.
- Among the changing months, May stands confessed. The sweetest, and in fairest colors dressed! (James Thomson, Scottish poet, 1700-1748)

You can print and give out to friends

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2, 3, OR 4 WHEELS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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Visit the Idaho District website for the following:
Area Rally Information/Flyers at gwrra-id.us

2020 Rally Ideas

Be sure to Recruit every chance you get. Inform everyone you see riding a motorcycle about our group. Pass out a card. Give them a free trial membership form.