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# Idaho District



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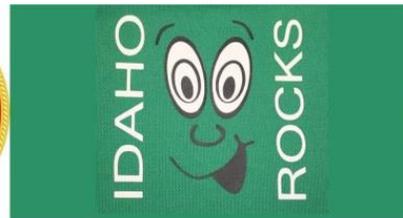
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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Please mark your calendars for August 13-15, 2021 for the District Rally in Kamiah. This will be a great time next year.

We are also planning a rider education class for late summer in Idaho Falls and an instructor's course for GWRRA University in Meridian on Labor Day Weekend. Please see the District Educator's article for more information.

As this virus continues to affect lives in Idaho as well as the whole country, please keep in touch with your chapters and friends through zoom calls, gatherings and rides.

We are going to try a district wide zoom call on Friday, August 28 at 7:00 Mountain Time-Ice Cream Social. Zoom is an app that you need to download on your computer or smart phone. The meeting ID will be 715 707 6525 and the pass code will be Idaho Please make plans to join and meet others from across the state who enjoy riding motorcycles!

Until then, ride safe and keep the shiny side up.

Lori Adkins

Idaho District Director

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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR

Plans are being made for some GWRRA University Classes to be offered in Meridian, ID. The classes will be Labor Day Weekend. On Sunday, we will have an instructor trainer class so you can learn to teach these classes to other members and on Monday, we will have several hour long offerings during the day. Please email me ([Michael.l.adkins1957@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.l.adkins1957@gmail.com)) if you are interested in more information on the hour long classes or the instructor course or both.

Plans are also being made to offer an Advanced Rider Course (ARC) for 2 wheel riders. This will hopefully be set up in September in Idaho Falls. There is a fee TBD to register. If interested, please contact me for more information. Class sizes is limited to 12 riders. Co-riders may attend free of charge with their rider. This class counts for the levels program for both the rider and co-rider.

There are also several GWRRA University courses being offered via zoom in August. If you haven't tried one, I challenge you to check it out and take one. Just go to the GWRRA home page and click on programs, GWRRA University, and check out the classes. If you have any questions or need assistance in registering, please let me know.

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## NOTES FROM DISTRICT TREASURER

I must first, start with an apology to our faithful newsletter editor for the necessity of three reminders to finally get me to write this month. And my excuses are mostly - lack of diligence.

I did find the time to T-Clock my bike before our Chapter dinner ride to Crouch, a very scenic ride and a great dinner at Two Rivers Grill. Temperatures were a little warm at the start, but the trip home was just right. Idaho is beautiful and we enjoyed many miles beside two Payette Rivers.

Recently I needed to renew my Driver's License, and when I tried to do it *on-line*, I found I was toooo old to do it that way, so I went to an office – where I picked up a copy of Sharing the Roadway, and reread it for the first time in a while. A great document to assist us in using good practices as we ride. *It is our own responsibility* to be safe, even though we comment about the others on the road and the fact we are not seen, it continues to be OUR responsibility to be aware of that, take precautionary steps to counteract that, always be thinking about that, and *not be distracted* by the fun we are having.

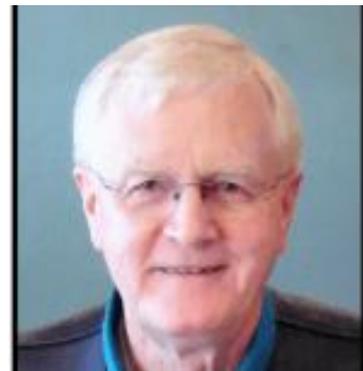
I recently talked, again, to Lane Triplett, with the Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety, about the deaths, last year, of Doug Renaud and his passenger. Doug had ridden with our local Chapter, but was with another group when he, apparently, lost his attention to what he was doing and rode into the median of I-84, east of Boise, at about 80 miles an hour. There were no other indications of a cause for this devastating and sad result.

Riding in a group does offer many distractions, so please, always, stay attuned to riding your bike, watching for hazards, and NOT being distracted. YOUR LIFE and OTHERS DEPEND ON IT.

Gary Evans, Nampa, Idaho

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***So many roads, so little time*** – let us not shorten that time with an accident.



## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER B DIRECTOR

Greetings form Lewiston

Our chapter was able to gather at the boat launch one Saturday in June and ride out to Winchester. Yes, it isn't that far away but there is road construction in between Lewiston and Winchester, so we detoured to the back roads. The fun part was the 9 bikes that showed up. I had the pleasure of riding "drag" and watching all 9 bikes during our outing. What a sight. Ok, one was a Spider but we were happy he was along.

We found the lake and did not enter the park. Later, we stopped at a gas station and had lunch in their parking lot. The second half of the ride had us on more back roads and heading for Kamahi. There we used a grocery store parking lot and bought snacks. The return to Lewiston was really a great ride to fill out a nice day on the bikes right up until the time it started raining.

Our chapter meeting for July was held in Troy, Idaho at the city park. The chapter gathered with 4 trikes, 2 bikes and a Spider for the ride to Troy. My Assistant Director conducted the meeting and did an outstanding job. Thank you, Gary. It was a good turnout.

The high light of the meeting was the revile of the chapter's new hats. I heard great feed back and we will be ordering hats this week for the chapter members.

Lewiston is still running a little behind everybody on get togethers. As we have many members that live in Washington that haven't felt it safe to be out to much, we have not pushed rides like we could. Plus, there is a lot of area's in Washington that we would like to ride but have felt it wouldn't be a good thing to do at this time.

Our Assistant Director put the following write up in our newsletter this month I felt it was so good that it needed to be shared.

## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER B DIRECTOR

### The Next Generation

Over the past year or two, and also within the last few weeks within our Chapter, I have been involved in conversations regarding the decline in membership. This is not just a local issue, and also not just a Goldwing issue. I talk with many people throughout the year from other chapters and clubs, and the membership decline appears to be a commonality across all groups. I even see it in the ATV/UTV clubs and chapters. The next generation seems to be going a different direction.

We have seen the manufacturers and clubs/chapters trying to adjust to this new paradigm with new model introductions that they hope will appeal to the up-and-comers, and organizations changing policies for broader inclusion to either capture some of the younger riders or make their groups more inclusive. A great example is the associate memberships offered by GWRRA that make it easier to keep roster strength by allowing any make/model, with very few membership restrictions. As a stop-gap, these approaches have been relatively successful, but is it a short term solution to a long term problem?

Two common theories I have heard to explain membership reduction are:

1. The loyal membership is aging out of the sport, and the new generation is not “bike minded”.
2. Bikes are just too expensive for the younger crowd.

I do see merit in both arguments. I spend the majority of my days with the younger crowd at WSU, and I definitely do not see the number of motorcycles on campus as I have in years past. It would appear that as many faculty as students ride, and neither equates to a large riding population. What I do see is a ton of scooters. They're cheap to buy, cheap to own, and largely disposable. We live in a disposable society. We don't fix things anymore, rather

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we throw away disposable. We live in a disposable society. We don't fix things anymore, rather we throw away and start over. And honestly, with today's technology in internal combustion powered ANYTHING, it's nearly impossible to do your own work anyways. As for the second topic, with today's emphasis on education, and the glut of student debt, even a used bike of any quality can easily remain out of reach for a new rider. I'm rather happy that I only paid \$15,000.00 for my Wing. Let's look at that closely..... only 15K...for a motorcycle. That number alone for a seasonal vehicle would make a lot of people vapor lock, and then consider that's only 50% of the cost of new quality touring bike!! Then add fuel, tires, oil, doodads (gotta have the doodads). I get a little ill at times when I reflect on my hobbies.

So, in closing, this may just be a sign of the times. Our sport, and our passion may be shared by increasingly smaller groups. The motorcycle has had a tremendous following in the U.S for many decades, but may be on a steady decline. The next incline may be right around the corner, so let us all be prepared to be the example, and the mentor for the next generation. Enjoy your passion...it's still yours. Ride safe, ride long.

Stay safe

Bob Cooper  
ID-B CD



## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR

Here comes August! The end of June saw our Meet and Greet here in Idaho Falls. Although the Sunday ride was rained out, I believe we had a successful event. We had riders from as far away as Florida show up, and others from California, Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, and right here in Idaho as well. My thanks to everyone who attended, it was great seeing everyone and helping with a safe event. A special thanks to Naurine Cook, my IDE Ride Coordinator, who helped lead the Saturday ride while I helped one of the attendee's get a new tire. Another thanks to Rexburg Motorsports, for taking care of us. They had a tire and were quick to get it mounted up for us so we could get back on the road and eventually meet up with everyone.



July has been busy with better weather and more rides. The 4<sup>th</sup> saw us meeting up at Richard and Carol Huff's house for a holiday get together. We enjoyed the food and got a chance to christen their new deck. It was awesome! We went over Togwotee Pass to Dubois, Wyoming, and rode the Jackson Loop, the ride that got rained out during the Meet and Greet, plus a bonus ride over to Afton, Wyoming for another Seafood ride. We've also had some great meetings. Our meeting at Leo's Place not only had good attendance, but some surprise guest. Gary and Beverly Rogers from East Elluay, Georgia, took a look at our District website and saw we were having a meeting, checked the GPS, and rode over to join us. It was such a pleasure to have them, with much conversation about places we've been and things we've seen. We sent them on their way with a few souvenirs and bid them safe journey's.

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Now that August is upon us, let me emphasize riding safety. Leslie and I experienced first hand what waits for those whose attention lapses for just a brief moment. The Sunday after the Fourth of July, we decided to ride up to West Yellowstone. The traffic returning toward Idaho Falls and points South, was bumper to bumper for miles. At one point someone (who had many not so nice names at the time) in a white Dodge pickup, decided to pass as many cars as possible, in our lane. We have a headlight modulator and were wearing our hi-viz jackets, yet he came straight at us as if we didn't even exist. Fortunately, the shoulder in that area is wide and paved, so a lot of hard braking and a dive to the shoulder saved us. Look for those escape routes, they may just save your life. Jump forward a couple weeks, and another weekend riding to the Park for some much needed us time. Saturday, while returning home, we were on Ashton hill when a deer decided she just needed to cross the road in front of us. I truly believe the headlight modulator helped us as she looked our way and seemed to pause, which gave me time to hit the horn several times. She immediately turned and went back up the hill and out of our path. Critters are out there and they're not predictable. Sunday a couple older gentlemen, from out of state, were merging on the highway along side us. Not a problem, except they continued to merge into our lane along side us. Once again, the Honda horn saved the day. A few well appointed blast and our visitors were aware they had ventured where they shouldn't. Once again, disaster averted. Keep you eyes open and your head on a swivel, because many folks have been cooped up way to long and have nothing on their minds but getting out. It's a good time to review your riding skills and double check the bike. Good tires, effective brakes, and solid riding skills could make a bad situation turn out much better.

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We have some great rides coming up in August. August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> we'll be doing a ride over Beartooth Pass. This is a two day ride, with the first night being spent in Columbus, Montana. Kickstands up at 7am from KJ's truck stop in Idaho Falls. The next day we ride over Beartooth and return home. If you wish to join us, reservations for the hotel can be made at the following number 406-322-4101. Check-in is August 1<sup>st</sup>, check-out August 2<sup>nd</sup>, mention the GWRRA group and the rate is \$80 plus tax.

August 15<sup>th</sup> we will be riding around Bear Lake, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> we'll ride the Ashton-Targhee-Pine Creek Pass loop. If anyone wants to join us, feel free, we'd love to have you.

## July Birthdays

Jerry McCarthy July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Pam Hawker July 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Lee Parker July 23  
 Marilyn Barnes July 25<sup>th</sup>



## Anniversaries

John and Karalee Robinson

Leslie and I wish all of you safe travels and hope to see you down the road.  
 Dave and Leslie Hanna, CD, GWRRA IDE

## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER H DIRECTOR

Wow, what a summer. Nothing going on. All the rallies that Ann & I had scheduled to attend have fallen to the virus. Now our own has fallen. I held out to the very last moment but after talking to all those that attend our last breakfast meeting (July 18th), it was decided to forgo the River Run for this year. It was a wise decision. I like to thank all those that attended the breakfast for their input. It was a load off my shoulders.

As for the future, I decided to forgo all meetings and scheduled social events for the next 90 days. Therefore, hopefully on October 16th we will be able to meet again.

For now, everyone stay safe and healthy. Do whatever is request of you whether you agree or not.

Alex & Ann Piper

Your Friendly CD's

Idaho "H"

## FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

Chapter T held our gathering at Burger Theory in July and we had two new visitors. We welcomed Rick Killebrew and Sharon Willis to our gathering! We also welcomed back three new members Richard Price, Dianna Price and Barbara Hotel. We didn't have luck on our planned rides this time since it was almost 100 degrees for one scheduled afternoon ride that we decided to postpone, and the other seemed to be full of excuses with conflicts, illness and even injury among our local members. Hopefully our luck will change. Chapter H had to cancel their scheduled rally so some members may join the ride to Bear Tooth Pass, Montana with Chapter E. Information was sent to all Chapter T participants in case they were able to participate.

For August, Chapter T will return to Golden Corral for the monthly gathering. It will be August 8 at 8:30am to eat and 9:30am to meet. Please join us in you can. We do have a ride scheduled on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking forward to some more riding with great friends.

Lori & Mike Adkins

Chapter T Chapter Directors

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## CHAPTER EVENTS

Aug 1 9am-1030am

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Aug 8 8:30am-10:30am

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

Chapter T: Mike Adkins: 812-773-7706

Aug 8 Depart 10:30am After gathering  
McCall Loop

Chapter T: Mike Adkins: 812-773-7706

Aug 12 6:00pm-9:00pm

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

Chapter E



## CHAPTER EVENTS

Aug 18 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Aug 22 9:00am-10:00am

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

Chapter E

Aug 22 Meet 8am

Location and ride to be determined

Chapter T: Mike Adkins: 812-773-7706



DISTRICT EVENT

# District Ice Cream Social

Aug 28

7:00pm-8:00pm (Mountain  
Time)

Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 715 707 6525

Passcode: Idaho

More info, contact Lori Adkins:  
812-205-9800



## DISTRICT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Participating in a Zoom Call Zoom requires a webcam. The web address is: [www.Zoom.us](http://www.Zoom.us) If you wish to join a scheduled meeting on Zoom, follow these instructions:

How to join an instant meeting through an email invite.

1. When you receive your email invite, you will see that each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a Meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting.
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4. Once you download Zoom, you will click on the file and it will allow you to launch Zoom.
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6. If the host is not there, it will advise you to wait. Once the host arrives, you will be able to join the meeting.
7. There is a "Help" box at the bottom of the page. You can ask for a Zoom Tutorial on how to join a meeting.

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