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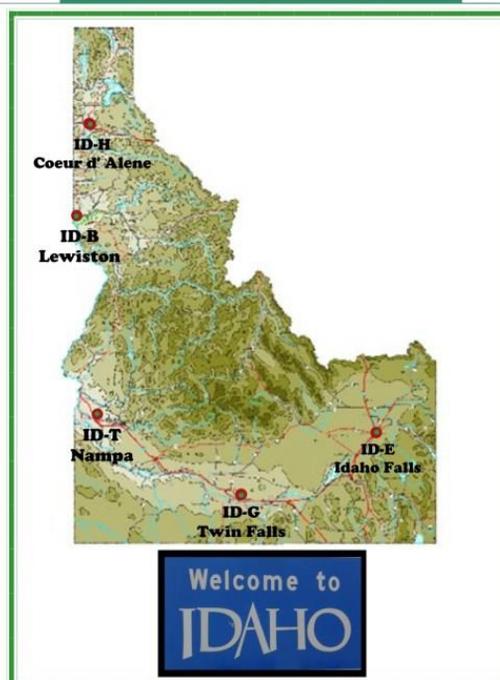
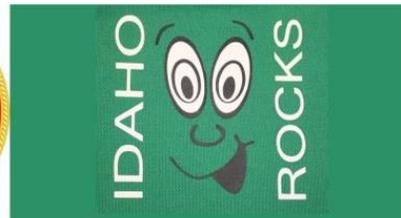
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NOTES FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR

I am sitting here thinking about how scammers get more and more creative. I have had a recent incident where an email supposedly from me was sent to our treasurer asking him to pay an invoice for a speaker to the tune of \$1,700. Thankfully our treasurer knew there were signs that it didn't come from me. We had similar incidents happen with the chapter treasurer recently supposedly from my husband. Just a warning to be on the look-out constantly for suspicious emails. I work for a bank and we are constantly reminded to be on the lookout for suspicious emails.

I took my first ride to the McCall area a couple of weeks ago. I went with some new members of GWRRA, Dick and Dianna Price. They were not new to the state as I am and they showed me around. It was a very pleasant day and a good time to see a new area. I see the draw as the area is beautiful; however, I am not crazy about crowds. I would have trouble spending the money it would take to live in that area because of the constant traffic and crowds. I personally like more private getaways.

I took another ride recently to the Lowman area and had a great meal in Crouch. It was a beautiful ride, and the Two Rivers Restaurant had wonderful food. That was a beautiful ride and a beautiful day. My husband and I rode along with another couple, Gary & Maxeen Evans. Believe it or not, this was a place that Gary had not been for a meal. Usually Gary is showing us great places to go. Our ride committee did a great job in selecting this ride. I do long for the days of seeing COVID in the mirror so we see more folks joining our rides.

As always, be safe and keep the shiny side up!

Lori Adkins

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NOTES FROM DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATOR

As I sit here, I long to ride my Goldwing. My wife and I took a ride 3 weeks ago and my Goldwing shut down completely on our ride. I had to wait 2 and a half hours for a tow. Thank goodness for towing coverage because it would have cost me over \$400. This just taught me that the GWRRA towing is worth \$35 per year! My bike has been in the shop waiting to be looked at as they are 5 weeks behind. I have never missed my bike and riding so much as I have on these beautiful days of summer. I believe my alternator went out but will wait for the official diagnosis.

I have had trouble getting someone that wants to work on my Goldwing trike in this area. I wonder if others have the same difficulty in their area of the state. I would love to hear from you if you ride a trike as to where you have it serviced. The shops around me will work on the Goldwing part but not the back end where it is triked. They don't have the lift needed to service trikes or they only service a specific make of trike such as Spyder or Harley. Let me know what you find in your area of the state.

Mike Adkins

District Rider Educator

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NOTES FROM DISTRICT TREASURER

I hope you are all continuing to survive this very interesting and different year. *We will talk about it for years*, so make good notes – and STAY SAFE – from Covid and on the ROAD.

For me, I haven't even ridden a mile since I wrote my July column, but I promise to change that before the end of August, I *have* to RIDE – and *will* keep the consecutive months list intact!

I have stayed busy though, including camping and dirt bike miles with family and friends.

Of note for me, was the July issue of *Wing World* and the article in Road Trips about Kenneth Trask, who has since 2007, attended a rally in each of the GWRRA Districts in the lower 48 states. Most importantly for me and our District Idaho, Kenneth graced our own 2017 Rally in Salmon. He is very personable, fun to be with and to hear his stories about all his Wing miles doing that. He has put 400,000 miles on two different Wings, with both of them commemorating boldly his years in the Navy – with special paint and airbrushed scenes. It's always fun to pick up a national magazine and see someone you have met and appreciated. Thanks, Kenneth for visiting Idaho.

CONTINUATION

As a District officer I also receive, by email, the newsletters from the Chapters around the state, but any and all of you can access these on the District website, too. Mark Bridges does a very nice job with this website. Just search for Gold Wing Idaho, or go to www.gwrra-id.us, and look under Chapters. The August newsletter from ID-B, Idaho Falls, has some very good information about keeping your bike safe, and riding safely in groups. Good things for us to know and to apply. I recommend it highly.

When I met Kenneth Trask in 2017, he left me a list of quotes he had collected. Here is one I like:

The highway was their home and movement their means of expression. John Steinbeck

That is the way I feel about all my motorcycle miles. Thanks for reminding me, Kenneth.

Gary Evans, Nampa, Idaho

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

Gary Evans, Idaho District Treasurer

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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER B DIRECTOR

Greetings from the LC Valley

ID-B met on the 8th in a local park for a BYOM (Bring Your Own Meal) gathering. We had 15 members present and 1 guest. The group has enjoyed meeting in this park and has planned to meet there again next month. The month after is in question at this time.

ID-B has been working to get new hats for the group. At our meeting on the 8th Bob was able to pass out new hats to all that had ordered them. Everybody seemed pleased to see the hats and can now have something in their bikes to help identify them with the chapter. We hope the hats will bring more members when people ask about the hats.

We have not done a ride since the last letter but have talked about a number of places. Getting a weekend to go has been the issue. We may not have another ride until the end of August. We don't know what all is happening in other areas so we have not been riding out into other towns to find out we cannot get gas or food. So far, we haven't seen to many issues.

That is about it from LC Valley.

Bob Cooper
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FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER E DIRECTOR

Looks like we survived August, and our riding season is nearing its end. There's still a bit to go, but you know Idaho, we could have snow tomorrow. The Beartooth ride went rather well, with weather cooperating, road construction was kept to a minimum, a good Lunch in Cody, and the biggest concern was watching a rather large Bison that had held up traffic, walk into our lane right behind Naurine. As I write this, we still have one ride to close out the month, that being the Ashton/Targhee/Pine Creek Loop. Other than the construction on the Pine Creek Pass bridge, it should be a great ride.



I cannot emphasize the importance of maintaining your bike, enough. Although the Goldwing is a masterpiece of engineering and with proper care will run hundreds of thousands of miles, little things we don't think about can creep up on us. Leslie and I started to notice our bike would bottom out, even on minor bumps. I checked the preload setting, ran the pump up and down several times, then adjusted it to the maximum setting. This seemed to help, however wasn't perfect. Upon further inspection I found the rear shock had started to leak. With 90,000 miles on it, I'll say I got my money's worth out of it. A new replacement is about \$1300, and doesn't fit in many of our budgets these days. If you find yourself in this situation, a good alternative is locating a shop that does trike conversions.

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Nearly new, low mileage parts can be had for a fraction of the cost of new, saving the difference for fuel and food when you hit the road. I was able to find a complete rear system from a 2012, including the shock, pump, mounting bolts, and suspension link, for just over \$200 delivered to my door. Installation isn't hard, but time consuming and tedious. The benefits are well worth the effort, with my 03 riding closer to new than it's been since we got it. Riding on worn out parts not only makes the ride less enjoyable for you, but takes a toll on that loved machine, ending its usefulness far to soon.

Critters & Bikers



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Some of you may not know, but a lady riding a Harley with a group in Custer State Park in South Dakota, decided it was a good thing to get up close and personal with a Bison. A herd was grazing and had blocked the roadway, prompting members of the group to get off their bikes and take pictures. Most maintained their distance, however, one lady decided getting a closer look was a good idea. After approaching to about 20', a Bison with a calf nearby (not sure if it was hers or not), had enough. After hooking and throwing her several times, it finally threw her right out of her jeans. All the excitement prompted the herd to move away, allowing other bystanders to get to her and provide aid. I don't have an update on her condition, but I'm betting she's learned a valuable lesson. Keep your distance and use good sense. We had a pleasant surprise at our last meeting. Paul Beahm, who's had quite a bout with health issues recently, and his wife Diane were able to join us at Leo's Place. Pleasant for us, lucky for him as he walked away with the 50/50 winnings. Very Happy to see him up and around.

According to the ARL, Alan Hoskins is officially a member of Chapter E, and I'd like to thank Claude Kimball for giving him that nudge in our direction. I'd also like to welcome John Harger, the owner of Naurine Cooks' former Goldwing, who joined us for a ride around the Jackson Loop along with Debbie Carter.



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There are a number of events coming up in September. o September 11-12, 2020 in Bicknell, Utah, they're holding Wingstock. They're boasting a rock concert, a movie, a couple scenic rides, and an ice cream social, among other things. For questions and information, call: David Heaton 435-335-7441 or Bob Primm, UDD, 256-454-5240 o September 12 there's a Road Captains course being held in Casper, Wyoming. There's no charge to take the course. You will need your GWRRA membership card, endorsed drivers license, and full riding gear. Contact: Michael Werner 303-434-5242 or goldwinger2@hotmail.com o Exact date and location to be determined: Riders Course Idaho Falls

Up coming rides for Chapter E The Mountain Tour ride, September 12th -13th. KSU from KJ's in Idaho Falls at 7 AM. I'll forward information on overnight accommodations once I have them. The Jackson Loop ride, September 26th following the breakfast meeting at Denny's Just a heads up, we're doing a ride to Harrison Mountain toward Burley, on October 3rd. If any of the members from Chapter G would like to join us (or anyone for that matter), feel free. Drop me a line and we can coordinate a spot to join up.

Birthdays from August: Kris Keller, Tom Edwards, John Kester, Don Beyeler, Annie Corey, Tina Larkins, Rusty Landon and Diane Beahm

Anniversaries from August: Gordon and Dixie Soper, Steve and Sandy Henicksman, Lee and Irene Parker Norm, and Kim McDowell

Well that's it for now. Leslie and I look forward to seeing all of you out on the road.

Ride safe and keep the shiny side up.
Dave and Leslie Hanna, CD, GWRRA IDE



FROM THE DESK OF IDAHO CHAPTER T DIRECTOR

For August, we returned to Golden Corral for our monthly gathering and had 9 people present. It was a good time to visit with everyone and their private room allows space to socially distance. We had two new members, Dick & Dianna Price, visit with our chapter for the third time so they were given a chapter patch as a welcome. It is great to see new faces in our area.

The chapter had several rides planned in the past month or so. The participation has dwindled during this COVID crisis. I long for the good old days where we didn't think twice about gathering in groups. Mike and I were looking forward to attending the Chapter H River Run/Rally but it was canceled due to COVID. We had not yet had an opportunity to visit north of Kamiah, ID and were looking forward to it. Right now, we have both trikes in the shop. My Spyder had a few issues which are hopefully covered by warranty. Mike's Goldwing trike just shutdown while we were riding one Saturday. We think it is the alternator but are still waiting for it to be diagnosed. What a time of the year to be without our bikes!

What places have you visited lately? Think about it and please share with us a recent ride you took, whether in a group or on your own. When we can't ride, we can live vicariously thru others!

Lori & Mike Adkins

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CHAPTER EVENTS

Sept 5 9am-1030am

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Sept 9 6:00pm-9:00pm

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

Chapter E

Sept 12 8:30am-10:30am

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

Chapter T: Mike Adkins: 812-773-7706

Sept 12 6:00pm-8:00pm

Hereth Park: 1534 Powers Ave, Lewistown, ID 83501

Chapter E: Bob Cooper: idduet@q.com

CHAPTER EVENTS

Sept 15 6:00pm-7:30pm

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

Chapter G: Lyle Towne: 208-308-5860

Sept 19 8:00am-10:00am

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

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

Sept 26 9:00am-10:00am

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

Chapter E