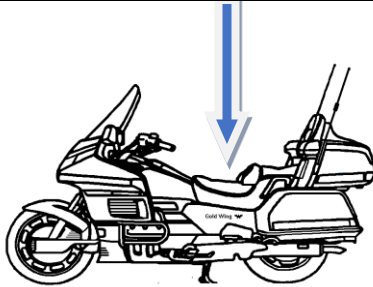


## From the Director's Chair



February 2020

### **It's Time to Think Spring!**

I'm ready to admit that I'm tired of winter and am thinking of warmer places and all the warm weather activities I could be doing. When I was younger, and a member of the National Ski Patrol, all I could think about was having a record-breaking snowfall every winter. Now that I'm older and, perhaps, a little wiser; the mind says, "Let's go do the moguls!" but the knees say, "Let's just sit by the fire and enjoy a glass of whatever!"

I feel very lucky to be a Member of Chapter N and to have the opportunity to enjoy time with my Chapter friends. As a result of my membership in Chapter N, I now look forward to new adventures, travel and visiting new sites. I probably wouldn't normally visit some of these places (or have some of the experiences I have had) if I wasn't a Member. It's all about friends and having fun along the way.

So, February brings us the Motorcycle Show and, for some, the ever-present dream of a newer ride. I know I explore that dream every spring, along with anticipation of a new and exciting riding season. In these gray and snowy months, it helps to think about where I'll go and what I want to see as soon as the weather turns warm again.,

That's why, this riding season, I want to ask you, our valued Members, to respond to the call and offer to lead a ride, help plan a gathering, work with another Member to put together a ride or activity or otherwise make something happen.

We know you all have great ideas and hopefully will adopt the attitude that you are going to get a particular ball rolling before someone else beats you to the punch. Remember, as individuals we are good, but as an enthusiastic group, we are FANTASTIC and can accomplish so much more!

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## **Coming Chapter and Other Activities**

**2/1/2020 – Breakfast at International House of Pancakes and Travel to the International Motorcycle Show** – Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. International House of Pancakes – 2231 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, Mn (952) 854-3480 - Please note time and location change!

**2/9/2020 – Sweetheart Dinner** – Mancini's – 531 7<sup>th</sup> St. West, St Paul, Minnesota 55102 - [Sweetheart Dinner](#)

**2/22/2020 – Second Monthly Breakfast** – 10:00 a.m. – Trail Stop Tavern, 515 Diffley Road, Eagan, Mn. 55123 (651) 493-3035

**2/29/2020 – District Midwinter Meltdown** – Grand Casino and Grand Hinkley Inn, - Noon on 2/19 until ?

**3/21/2020 – Training Day** Dehn's Country Manor

## District Educator Newsletter



### District Educator Ramblings

January is now just a figment of our imaginations. I'm hopeful it was a good figment! I'm now trying to imagine what the plan is to buy at the International Motorcycle Show January 31 – February 2 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. I hope we saw you there as there are always many, many members, friends and family that stop by the GWRRRA booth.

What, to you, is the best way to stay warm when it's cold out? My response would be to stay home, in the house, but that's not practical when one must go to work or grocery shop! I haven't yet used the home delivery from Cub, but I might have to give it a try. Instead, I choose to dress in layers. That way, I can remove a layer when it's warm in the office and put it back on when it cools off. And, layers are warmer when you're outside, too.

Do you carry a winter survival kit in your automobile? With the icy weather we've been experiencing, it's not a bad idea should something happen and you find yourself off the road or stranded. Blankets, water, candy bars, kitty litter.....these are just a few items that you might want to carry in your kit. Customize it any way you like then keep it close.

There is a Training Day scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at Dehn's Country Manor in Maple Grove. Watch your email for information from both Group Works and a flyer from Eric Purdy, District University Coordinator.

That's about it for this month. One last thing before I sign off.....

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

Until next time, be safe out there!

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