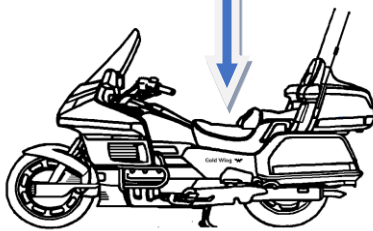


From the Director's Chair



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The newsletter this month is authored by Chapter Member Jeanne Oleson.

Happy Tails or Trails?

This is how we now roll, on a scheduled overnight, in a 'drop top' Mustang behind our fellow GWRRA Chapter N members who are on two or three wheels. We've found a slightly different way to enjoy Chapter rides ever since--four years ago last May--a deer decided to bring an end to our 2001 Goldwing.

The bike was totaled due to its age, and not because it went down. Fortunately, Tom survived the incident safely, attributing the relatively positive outcome to the fact he has been riding since he was 12 years old and also to the many safety courses he has taken over the years. They are certainly worth the time and money, since the event resulted in no personal injuries; only the loss of the bike.

At the time, it was tough to decide whether or not we should continue our membership; especially since we decided not to replace the Goldwing and are at the stage of our lives where we face a few more "riding restrictions" than younger riders.

We really have found quite a few important and mentionable benefits since we have joined GWRRA, and those influenced our decision to continue. We choose to ride tail—on four wheels—during our excursions for the following reasons:

- Maintaining old friendships and opportunities to make new ones
- Excursions we would not otherwise have made and experiences we would not otherwise have had
- The "open air" experience without the full movement of a motorcycle
- Community involvement

So, when it comes to the riding experience, "Where there's a will there's a way?" and the larger trunk does come in handy for shopping trips!

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If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims!!!

Nothing much to report for activities for the month of April as it looks like most events have either been cancelled or postponed. Scott and I are both at home with not much happening here either. Waiting patiently to get the bikes out and do some riding.

It's getting to that time of the year when the bikes will be coming out of storage. Make sure both the bike and you are ready for the ride.

Is the battery fully charged? What's the age of the battery – is it time to replace it? Check the tires, oil, filter. You know, most of what you would do whenever you ride! Check out the Vehicle Inspection List on the GWRRA website in the Officer Resources area. Here's the link: (<http://gwrro.org/oconnect/officerresources.html>)

Or you can type in gwrro.org then click on Officers and click on Officer Resources (far left). Scroll to the bottom of the page for the Rider Ed section and click on the N.17 Vehicle Inspection Form. It's quite useful and have your Co-Rider review it as well.

One final request: Stay safe during this time of the unknown. I want to see all of you at our Chapter gatherings and out on the roads later!

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MN District Educator