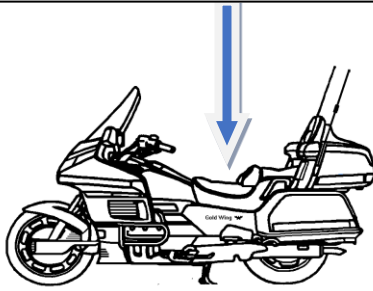


From the Director's Chair



July, 2020

The Spring That Wasn't

As we think about this riding season so far, it will be memorable to different people for different reasons. For some people, not too much has really changed, but for the vast majority, the world we experience daily has turned up-side down.

So many things we took for granted are now just a distant memory; at the same time, we **are** adapting to the new way of doing things. Getting by with a lot of common sense is now the new norm. At least we are able, without too much effort, to practice social distancing with our Wings and still get in some nice rides.

I want to thank everyone that has joined us on our rides. We have enjoyed your company. I know most of you wish we were able to eat in at a restaurant, rather than take out, but that is what we need to do to get by.

In the future, the plan is to try to find new places to ride--short or long—it doesn't matter. After all, it is the ride we look forward to, along with the great companionship.

Joanne and I are working on a special ride for July, with the help and assistance of Mitch. We are going to revisit the Jesse James gang route from the bank in Northfield to where they (spoiler alert) were caught. We will have a narrative along the way, together with several stops at key points.

We are still planning to do our overnight to Duluth, where we will join up with some members of chapter D before proceeding on to Bayfield, Wisconsin for lunch. Since it's a bit easier to find open places in Wisconsin, we hope we will be able to find a good place where we can order and enjoy our food outside. After lunch, it's back to the motel near Duluth, with a return to the Twin Cities on Sunday.

Dates Aug 8-9. Rooms at are \$68 per night at the Sleepy Hollow Hotel outside Duluth. Contact Bruce for more information.

FYI. If you would like to lead a ride; short or long, it would be appreciated.

Bruce Carlson
Chapter Director, Minnesota Chapter N
District Educator Newsletter



Here we are in July already! To think, we're already ½ way through our riding season. Where has the season gone? I hope that you have been out riding and practicing social distancing at any stops. Scott and I have been on a couple of nice rides with Chapter N and have really enjoyed bringing our picnic lunch and stopping at a facility large enough to spread out as requested. I would like to thank Bruce Carlson and Barry Kirby for leading those rides.

With working from home, my miles this year are way down. I'm used to riding to work whenever possible which adds up to around 100 miles a week. I'm now able to ride to one day a week as long as I'm symptom free, but it's really strange being the only one on ½ of the entire floor!

Are you planning a riding vacation yet this summer? Be sure to do your research for the state(s) you may travel in or through to see if there are restrictions you need to be aware of. Are there open restaurants? Are the hotels accepting reservations? Are the campgrounds open? You may want to consider taking a mask or two with you as well.....just in case. It seems every state has something different going on!

One last item. Check out the University classes on-line. For those that need a Co-Rider Seminar, this is one way to do it. You do get credit for any classes you take on-line and that could be just what's needed to update your Levels.

Take care and be safe!

Joy Mattson
MN District Educator