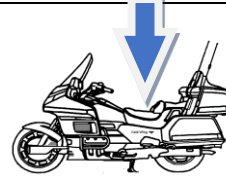


From the Director's Chair



January 2020

Changing of the Leadership and other such topics:



First of all, I hope that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe. This Virus has everything flipped upside down and sideways but we are a hearty bunch so I am sure we will persevere. We have been dealing with some of our family members testing positive and therefore having to miss work and going through the testing process, etc. It is all very frustrating. But hang in there everyone.

Now onto other subjects:

Its always difficult to change the Leadership when you are following people who did a great job. Bruce and Joanne did a great job at leading and organizing Chapter N and on behalf of the entire group want to say thank you for your service as Chapter Directors.

As we go forward, I don't expect to see any changes in the way the Chapter is run or how information is disseminated in the immediate future. I am hoping that those in "positions" will continue to hold those positions until we can get through all this Virus stuff and start getting back together in meetings or gatherings. (Normalcy) The one change that is taking place with Judy's moving out of state and relinquishing her role as Treasurer is Joanne will be taking on the role of Treasurer. Thank you, Joanne, for stepping into that position.

As Lois and I get a better and better understanding of how we are going to manage the Chapter and engage with you, the fellow members, we all can continually look for activities that we can do in a safe manner and still engage one another. With restaurants and bars being basically closed that makes things even more difficult. But we will keep trying. I would encourage all members to come up with ideas that we could do during the next couple of months. Trying to come up with ideas is indeed a daunting task and the more people we have looking for ideas the easier it will be. Think outside the box. Be sure to drop us a line or email. Getting together in a single room unfortunately is not going to be an option.

One idea that I have actually been working on is the possibility of having a booth or table at the Flood Run. Can you think of a better event to promote the Friends, Fun, **Safety, and Knowledge** programs that GWRRRA is known for? Bob Hicks asked me to find out what information that I could and so I have been in contact with the organizers of the event and they stated that there may be a spot for us right along side one of their Flood Run tables. Which sounds to me like it would be great exposure to GWRRRA. It would be, I would expect, a similar set up like the event at the International Motorcycle Show which is being moved outdoors and out of state. It doesn't sound like we will hear anything more till February or so. It's all Covid lockdown contingent.

In closing be sure to mask up when in public. Do not touch your mask so you don't contaminate your mask, hands, or other items. Wash or sanitize your hands often and don't forget to wash or replace your mask frequently.

Stay safe

Clarence and Lois



January 2021

Happy New Year One and All!!

Scott and I hope that you were able to enjoy the holidays – even with the restrictions in place here in Minnesota. It was a noticeably quiet holiday season for us this year.

We are keeping our fingers crossed for a better and more normal 2021. It would be great to see our friends and family again. While I was thinking about what to write today, it stuck me that I haven't even seen my family in Duluth since Christmas 2019. And wow, I think most of 2020 is a bit of a blur with the days all running together for some reason!

Not much motorcycle related going on right now. Even the IMS won't be in Minneapolis next year. They changed the venue to all outdoors so I have a feeling that February in Minnesota just really wouldn't work for an outdoor motorcycle show!! I really can't complain about the weather, though – it's been relatively mild so far.

Some people have been out on their bikes. Please be safe if you're one of them. Drivers aren't expecting to see our motorcycles out on the roads at this time of the year. I don't think most of us plan to be on the roads but just can't resist that really nice day when they happen so late in the year.

Till next time, stay safe and stay healthy.

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