

## From the Director's Chair

March 2021



Just a few thoughts from the chair this month.

Anyone read the article “No Strangers on a Gold Wing” in the February Wing World?

How many of us have experienced something similar? It may not have been an 18 day trip but maybe for an hour or 2? You casually meet up with someone riding your direction and you just kind of join in for the ride. I have done this many, many times. And I have had them join me too. There is a comradery between bikers no matter what they ride.

I mean, don't get me wrong. There are some riders who want nothing to do with you if you're not riding their “kind”. Then there are others who YOU don't want to be with based on their riding skills or how they are riding.

But when you can join up with a “kindred” rider it can be a great experience.

That experience might just end with a nice wave or maybe even stopping at the same whistle stop to take a rest. THAT'S when the great conversations can start. Don't be afraid to mention you are a member of the GWRRA. Do you wear your vest or something that ID's your membership? I do and once in a while during one of these encounters I get to share info about the Organization and maybe hand out a handlebar tag and magazine. It happens.

So, I guess I am always looking for people to ride with when I am out, but being aware not everyone is....

When writing this it was -10 outside. Here we are starting March. Lets hope that the weather finally starts to turn and we can start setting our sites on rides.

Start thinking about the riding season, Think about places to go and have a picnic. We will need to get a discussion together to discuss the options. If you know where you want to go and are willing to lead the ride (No Experience Required) that would be great. If not at least make the destination suggestion and we can work from there.

Until next month

Clarence and Lois



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Are you as tired of the cold and snow as I am?? Heavens, it feels like this winter is never going to end. Of course, it doesn't help that we had our bikes put away so early last year!

A Medic First Aid (MFA) course was held on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. A big THANK YOU to Mike Dehn for his continued support of the GWRRRA. Thank you also to those that participated and the Instructors. It was a different course with the safety measures put in place.

I'm sure you believe that a venue wasn't the easiest to find – we had only two responses from the six or seven requests that were sent out. That noted, I and our MFA Instructors will do what we can to help our Members get current before the end of the Grace Period.

We're all looking forward to getting our bikes out and hitting the open road. Hopefully, there will be plenty of activities to attend this year. I know Scott and I do plan to go to Wing Ding, The MN/ND District Rally and the Multi-State Ride In to name a few. We hope to see many of you down the road!

Till next time, stay safe and warm! Happy St. Patrick's Day! Be careful of eating/drinking anything green!!

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