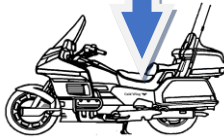


From the Director's Chair



June 2021

Finally, the weather has come around!!!!

Just a couple of things we need help with:

Items for the District Rally Basket (Fishing Themed)

Need a few volunteers to help out for our fund raiser. Ie: someone to transport drinks/cooler(s) on the ride. Someone for registrations, someone to handle the distribution of chips on the ride at the stops. Someone to help tally and figure out the winner(s) at the end point.

If you are willing to volunteer, please let us know what you would like to do. Thanks

Last weekend we were out on our maiden ride on the new to us bike and as were crossing from Faribault to Wabasha on highway 60. We were coming to a crest of a hill and I noticed there was a bike at the end of a driveway at the top and the driver was on the phone but something in my gut said to stop and check. So, we turned around and went back to check on him. Turns out his 1996 BMW's electric fuel pump stopped working. As we were conversing, he asked about our bike and we continued to talk for a couple minutes. He said he had someone coming and that it would be 30 minutes or so. We offered him some water which he refused he said he was fine. and we proceeded to leave. He was grateful that we stopped. He went over to the sidecar and leashed up a schnauzer and took him for a walk.

We finished our ride from where we started. Kwik Trip in Hastings. 200.4 miles to be exact and we put in 4.365 gals...I don't think I will be testing the distance per tank that way anymore. LOL

Safe riding;

Clarence and Lois

MN Chapter N Directors

See Joys Newsletter on second page.



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Have you ever been riding down the highway and watched that one car bobbing between the shoulder and the center line?

Could they be having some kind of medical issue? Possibly.

Could they be tired and, heaven help us, falling asleep behind the wheel? Possibly.

Could they be on the phone or texting? Likely.

Many people continue to text while driving even though it's against the law in Minnesota. I once passed a car that was doing the bob and weave and, when I went by, the driver waved at me. As I passed her, I saw that the girl driving was texting and drinking a soda at the same time. Talent? Maybe. Smart? No! As it turned out, it was a former neighbor, so I gave her a "lighthearted" talking to when I got home.

Distracted drivers need to be taken seriously. If you happen to be around one, get away from them as soon and as safely as possible. You could try one of the following:

If you have to stay behind, slow down to put more space between you and them.

Pass quickly and safely if possible.

If you're feeling adventurous, consider a different route.

We're motorcycle enthusiasts who do what we can to stay safe. Many of us wear ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time) and, in the event of an altercation with a distracted driver (any driver, actually), that could be the difference between life and death.

Till next time, ride safe and ride often!

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