



## From the Director's Chair



September 2021

Here we are. September already!!!!

Well, I think the Fund Raiser went very well. As of this writing we have not received any constructive criticisms. I am glad to say that we made enough funds to cover our expenses for the coming year with a few dollars left over. That was the objective and we accomplished it. Thanks to all those who came to the event and to those who volunteered to help out.

We are still wrapping up and finalizing the Fund Raiser details and should be done within a week or so.

If everyone thinks this was a worth while way of doing fund raising, than next year will be easier since now, we know what has to be done and what positions have to be covered at the event.

Some may have noticed that the Chapter banner is kind of getting old and is starting to fall apart. It also references Region E and that no longer exists.

I am looking into the possibility of getting a flag instead of a banner. A flag can be used as a banner too. We could use it for outings, parades, anytime we want to identify the chapter. I have ordered a small flag to see how it would look. If it is satisfactory, we will order a larger one that would work as a flag and a banner. We should have it with us sometime in September so be looking for that.

You will be seeing some exciting updates to the website soon. I have met with Jim Rivord and he will be doing some updating to the website to give it a fresh look. He will also be moving a couple of items under the tabs to make them more obvious when clicking through. Look for that in the coming weeks. At some point later this year we will be moving to signing up for events right on the website calendar. This will greatly reduce the amount of work we do on this end copying, pasting, etc. It will also be easier for you because you won't have to go to another site to sign up. All the info and sign up will be in one place.

It has been a few years now since we did a clothing order. If someone wants to volunteer to plan, organize, and take the orders please let me know.

And lastly; **A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!** Scott Mattson has volunteered to take over the position of Member Enhancement Coordinator (MEC). Mitch and Cheryl have been MEC for around 13 years he tells me, and is very excited to have that taken off their plate. A HUGE THANK YOU TO Mitch and Cheryl for hanging in there and performing those duties for so long. I know that you were willing to give it up when Lois and I jointed 3 years ago and you still hung in there through Covid. Your dedication to the Chapter and GWRRA as a whole is noted and appreciated.

Scott, I look forward to working with you and I am sure you will do a great job in that role.

Well, that's all for now from the Director's Chair.

Ride safe

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Chapter N held their Fundraiser on August 14, 2021. It was a new idea and, personally, I think the Poker Chip Run was well thought out, organized and a lot of fun!

Chapter R held their Fundraiser on August 21, 2021. Their BS Session is always really good if you like burgers and sweet corn! Nice job to both Chapters!!

Have you ever been just riding along, minding your own business, and all of a sudden you feel a stinging pain? You know, the pain of being stung by something? And they sting no matter where it happens!! Arm, leg, hand, head.... I can't think of anything worse than getting one stuck in your helmet!!

That recently happened to me. Bees, hornets, wasps.... I tell you, those little guys come out of nowhere and can cause a bit of pain. Fortunately, I'm not allergic to them but they can still be bothersome with the redness and itch. Whatever that little bugger was, it got between my leg and the side of the gas tank!

If you're allergic to stings, they can cause a LOT of pain – and concern! I'm sure that those who know they're allergic to stings carry an Epi Pen in the event of an unfortunate sting. And there's really no way to prevent it from happening when you're on a bike!

Till next time.....bee safe and ride often!

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