



From the Director's Chair



October 2021

Wow where does the time go??? This months newsletter snuck up on me. So I think this month I will be keeping it short and sweet.

October is the beginning of the end of riding season for most of us. I personally keep my ride available up until the sand and salt goes on the road. Then it is nighty night for the Wing.

As we transition into the fall season be sure to keep you safety in check. Animals are more on the move and can surprise you where you might least expect them. I personally try to avoid riding early in the morning and late into the evening. The caveat to that I that I work 3 miles from home so I will usually alter my route and stay more in the city than going my usual route that takes me on the edge of the city limits.

There is also the idea that with the colder temperatures the traction on your tires may not be as good. The rubber gets harder and the roads get colder so they tires just don't seem to stick to the surface of the road as well.

Always, always check the weather before going out this time of year. Those hardy souls like myself may take the ride to work on a nice morning only to find out that in the afternoon the weather is going to turn south and the next thing you know your in snow. If that happens, cover up the bike and find another way home for the day.

And don't forget about your cold weather gear. A good warm pair of gloves will be needed as the temps turn colder. That nasty "Wind Chill" can sneak up on you. I know even though I live close to work I have wished I had the heavier gloves on.

Those are my thoughts for this month. Everyone be sure to get in as much riding as you can. Ride safe.

Clarence Chapman

GWRR MN Chapter N Director



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Scott and I are busy trying to beat the weather and get as many rides in as possible. Yes, it's now October and our riding season is starting to wind down. You can tell because we're **all** trying to ride as much as we can. All we can hope for is a few more riding days to get us through to next season.

With the cooler weather comes a reminder to ride even more safely. The temperature of the pavement is starting to cool so tires don't grip as well. Of course, that's hard to fathom when just two weeks ago the temp hit 90°! The leaves are changing colors and falling which means potential slippery spots in the mornings and/or in shaded areas. The temperature swings are in, well, full swing – from mid-40's in the mornings to mid-70's in the afternoons.

I am working on putting together a Medic First Aid course. My preferred venue of choice would be Dehn's Country Manor in Dayton (Maple Grove area). I'm not sure if the course will be on a Saturday or Sunday – depends on when the room is available. Stay tuned for further information.

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

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