

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Iowa Chapter I

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“Friends for FUN, Safety, and Knowledge”



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**Gold Wing Road Riders Association  
Ch IA-I - NO March gathering**

**Stay tuned for upcoming events.**

***Thinking of all of you! Stay safe and healthy!***

## **Steve Lensing, Chapter Ride Coordinator and Michele Lensing, MEC**

Love is in the air!!! I am writing this the day before Valentine's Day. I hope everyone remembered those they hold close in their hearts. With the cold wintery days in Iowa, Steve and I have kept busy with tasks that need to be done around the house and Steve's shop. We try to get as much of these little jobs done during the winter months to be freed up during the summer. We always try to get some big project done to improve our home. This year we had two of our basement walls artice sealed. So that meant cleaning and purging STUFF! We did find some treasures and a few wedding gifts we never used or needed. These will be donated, so others may benefit. We are very pleased with the results and it made the basement much warmer. There are also many other small tasks we are taking care of - getting these things done is such a good feeling.



We have been trying to keep a positive attitude as 2021 progresses. We definitely miss our Goldwing friends, along with our own family members. We have many places we want to visit when the riding season starts. Steve has been working on the bikes, making sure they are ready for a long riding season. The oil is changed and the tires have been checked. Here's to a great riding season and great friends. Well wishes to you all. Hopefully see you soon!

Michele Lensing MEC  
Steve Lensing Ride Coordinator

## **From your Iowa District Educator – Greg Hayes**

I am not a person that likes to make New Year's resolutions. Like most people, I find them hard to maintain and they just lead to disappointment. Instead, I like to set goals for the year. I ask myself what do I want to accomplish this year? They should be realistic goals and something that I really want to achieve. This sounds like resolutions, but I think it is just a different mindset. A resolution might be to lose twenty pounds. But if it is a goal to lose twenty pounds and I only lose ten, I consider it a success that I have reached halfway to my goal. If losing twenty pounds was a resolution and I only lose ten pounds, then that is a resolution that ended in failure. Like I said, it is just a mindset for me.



What I am working on right now is establishing goals that I want to accomplish this year. In particular, I have goals involving motorcycling. First, I would like to ride more this year than last. Second, I would also like to manage my bad behaviors on the road better. That could be not letting other drivers bother me with their bad habits as much. Also, I want to minimize distractions that take my focus off of the road. These are not big problems for me, but I can always improve.

What are your goals? Improve your skills? Upgrade your first aid kit that you carry on your motorcycle? Improve your concentration on the road? Make modifications or adjustments to your motorcycle that would improve its handling or improve safety? Work on skills that you feel need the most work? Who doesn't need to work on those tight, slow speed turns? How about taking a rider improvement course? Renewing CPR and first aid training, attending more University courses, reading more articles or books on motorcycling excellence, contributing an article to WingWorld, getting bike maintenance done that has fallen behind in schedule, buying a new motorcycle, planning a trip or trips, attending WingDing and the District Rally, or just setting a goal to just ride more often, what your goals for 2021?

Until next month, stay warm, stay healthy, stay safe and stay happy.

Greg Hayes

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### **Looking back**

As we begin a new calendar year and look ahead to what 2021 might hold for us, it has caused me to look back on our GWRRA experience and the idea of "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

Friends – Where do I begin? Our GWRRA friends are more than friends; they are family. These wonderful people have been there for us through thick and thin. After our motorcycle accident in 2014, this family was there for us by phone, texts, email, in person, and in spirit. It was this outpouring of love, that truly showed our children why GWRRA is so important to us. They "got it." When my parents passed away, all I had to do was look up and there I could find our GWRRA family from across the state. Again my relatives saw why our GWRRA family is so important to us. At my retirement party, our motorcycling family was there to help us celebrate. The people we have met from across the country through GWRRA are truly family. I can't wait to be able to safely see and hug these wonderful people again.

Fun – Oh my, where do I start? Where there are wingers, there will be fun! Whether riding down the road enjoying the weather, sharing meals or ice cream, participating in off-bike games at rallies or just sitting and talking, there will always be laughter. Being with our GWRRA family always lifts my spirit!

Safety – We all try to be safe when we ride, but sometimes "stuff" happens. GWRRA has taught us about "All the Gear, All the Time." which we truly believe helped save our lives. Doing our T-CLOKS prior to riding has become second nature. The Road Captain course and Safety Weekends have given us a chance to "practice" and become safer. As a co-rider these are very important to me, as I am able to do my part in keeping us safe as we travel with others and alone.

Knowledge – The many seminars we have attended have provided us with a wealth of knowledge that has proven beneficial, both when motorcycling and living life in general. Sharing information and experiences with others helps reinforce how to have fun and be safe with our friends! Talking with other GWRRA members is an invaluable way to gain knowledge: Where do you like to ride? Where are the best ice cream stops? Where did you get that gear? How did you fix this problem with your bike? Where are the best ice cream stops? (Oh, did I mention this already? It is quite important.)

**Which all leads me back to the beginning – Friends!**

Sue Bahe

**Upcoming Events – Please check with chapter or district directors to see if events are happening.**

- 1. February 28, 2021 – NO Chapter IA-I Gathering**
- 2. March 28, 2021 – NO Chapter IA-I Gathering**
- 3. May 1, 2021 – Ch IA-F Spring Wing Warmup – McGrath PowerSports, Cedar Rapids, IA**
- 4. May 8, 2021 – Chapter IA-D Mall Show – Mason City, IA**
- 5. May 22, 2021- Tentative Skills Practice @ DMACC in Ankeny**
- 6. May 27-29, 2021 - AR District Rally - CANCELED**
- 7. June 3-5, 2021 - MO District Rally in Branson - See flier for all the information**
- 8. June 18-21, 2021 - WY District Rally in Buffalo, Wyoming**
- 9. June 29-July 3, 2021 – WingDing 42 – Springfield Expo Center, 635 E. St. Louis St. – Springfield, MO**
- 10. July 15-17, 2021 - WA District Rally - No site or flier available at this time**
- 11. July 22-24, 2021 - MT District Rally in Lewiston - “Wingin’ to the Heart of Montana”**
- 12. July 23-24, 2021 - MN/ND District Rally in Winona, MN - See flier for all the information**
- 13. July 31-August 1, 2021 – Tentative Safety Weekend – Ankeny, IA**
- 14. August 5-7, 2021 - IL District 40th Anniversary Rally in Rock Falls - See flier for all the info.**
- 15. August 13-15, 2021 - ID District Rally in Kamiah, ID**
- 16. August 27-28, 2021 – M.I. W.I.N.D. Ride In – Dubuque, IA - This is a FREE event sponsored by the Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and North Dakota Districts - See flier for information**
- 17. September 10-11, 2021 - KS District Rally in Independence, KS**
- 18. September 16-18, 2021 - OK District Rally in Muskogee - See flier for limited information**
- 19. September 24-25, 2021 – Iowa District Rally – Fairfield, IA – Host hotel – Quality Inn and Suites, 2200 W. Burlington Ave, Fairfield, IA – Please call (641) 451-6421 for reservations. The hotel doesn’t have an elevator, so make your reservations early if you need a first floor room. Rates are \$89.99 per night.**
- 20. October 2-3, 2021 – Chapter IA-F Fall Leaf Ride - TENTATIVE**

NOTE: At the time of this publication we are unable to find any mention or rallies planned in the NE-SD District or the WI District for 2021

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The Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City is still accepting donations and is in need due to the lack of visits due to Co-vid 19. Please continue collecting pop tabs and toiletries for drop off. The Iowa District is planning on sponsoring a picnic in mid-August 2021. Contact the Ronald McDonald house for drop off instructions prior to that date.



## Chapter IA-I Charity for 2020



The Otter Creek Animal Shelter has a wish list that includes:

- \* money
- \* paper towels
- \* dish soap
- \* antibacterial soap
- \* plastic spoons
- \* Glade spray air freshener
- \* HP65 printer ribbon
- \* clumping cat litter
- \* brooms & dustpans
- \* name brand cat food (canned and dry)
- \* dog and cat collars or leashes in a variety of sizes
- \* laundry soap
- \* dryer sheets
- \* toilet paper
- \* Kleenex
- \* air fresheners (Renuzit extra strength)
- \* gravity water bowls
- \* general office supplies, especially sticky notes
- \* trash bags (all sizes, including 33 gal.)
- \* Windex, floor cleaner and other cleaning supplies

\*\*\*\* Drawing for the stained glass raffle benefiting the Otter Creek Animal Shelter has been postponed. Due to Covid, we haven't been able to "see" people to sell the number of tickets we feel this raffle deserves. Therefore we are going to continue to sell tickets for the next few months and will have the drawing early in 2021. Tickets are available from Chapter IA-I members or contact Lisa Fleming or Sue Bahe. Thanks for understanding!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Sue Tasker	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19 Jon & Rhonda Knight	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 NO Gathering this month. Stay warm and stay safe!						