

January 2019

“Heart of the Heartland”



The Directors Sharon and Don Mason

Here we are nearly at the end of the year. I wonder what new things will be brought to the chapter? New members, hopefully, or more involvement with members, new and old.

This fall began especially cold. I am already tired of winter. We had a great Christmas celebration at Eta Chapman's house. Practically all the members were there except for the snow birds. Lucky them. Everyone brought something to share to eat and we had a wonderful variety of dishes to eat, especially Joyce's chicken and noodles. Everyone brought great gifts this year and some funny. Check the photos page out for pictures of what people received. We had a fun time exchanging gifts and “stealing” something from someone else. We had John and Yvette Moravec visit for lunch. Also Ron and Karen Knudtson joined our group for our Christmas celebration.

Last month Chapter H went to the new restaurant just south of Moravia on Highway 5. I don't know what happened, but I was busy working on some sewing projects upstairs and didn't have my phone with me. Therefore, I didn't get any response regarding who or if we were going to the restaurant. Once I came downstairs later that evening, I saw that Eta had tried to call me twice regarding the visit to the restaurant. Needless to say, Don and I missed out on it but the chapter had a good time there and that's all that counts.

This month, we lost another former member of Chapter H, Helen McCall Lawson. She had been an assistant director for quite a while. She had been married to Jerry McCall she was an assistant director, but had since been divorced and remarried.

Upcoming events in the district are below.

Sweetheart Weekend will be February 16, 2019 at Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites, 1875 Mulholland St., Nauvoo, IL with rooms at \$72 per night plus tax. Be sure to mention GRRRA or Sweetheart Weekend. The \$20 per registration includes both lunch and supper for everyone registered by February 1, 2019 and will be automatically entered into a drawing for a special grand prize. I have entered our registration for this event for the first time ever. Guess we will see what the attraction is. This is rumored to be the last year for Sweetheart weekend after 20 years. I'm glad we are planning on going this year.

The Iowa District training event scheduled for November 17 in Carlisle was rescheduled, and I really wanted to go. I caught a terrible cold and was down for a week with it and missed it.

January 18 & 19, 2019, Illinois Winter Warm Up, Springfield, IL.

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Chapter of the Year



Monthly Gathering
January 16, 2019
Hotel Ottumwa
107 East Second Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

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March 2, Reinig Center, Tama, Officer's Conference, 10:00 am, Crazy Supper 5:00 pm

May 18 & 19, 2019, Safety Weekend, Ankeny, Iowa.

Missouri Rally, May 30-June 1, 2019, registration due April 30 to receive discounts. Registrants before 4-30-2019 receive DUB card for \$250.00 drawing. DJ by Sonny Heidebur, Discounted tickets to Clay Cooper Show, Dick Clark, Sights & Sounds 'Samson' Theater, Showboat Branson Bell, White Water, Silver Dollar City, Marvel Cave, Dana's Barbecue, McFarlains, Golden Corral, Branson Ferris Wheel, Branson Scenic Railway, & Kansas Twisters. Huge 50/50 drawings daily, give-away tickets to shows, gift baskets and much more! See attached flyer for more information and registration form.

July 12 & 13, 2019, MN/ND District Rally, Fargo, ND.

There will be a Region E Reunion on August 8-11, 2019 in LaCross, Wisconsin. Please see the flyer for more information. I think we would like to go to this and include a trip to White Bear to have the bike looked at in the Roadsmith facility there.

June 21 & 22, 2019 Wisconsin District Rally, Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

August 28-31, Wing Ding 41, OpryLand, Nashville, TN.

Below is a summary of the Iowa Chapters' gathering and locations:

- A **1st Saturday** of month @ 8:30 AM Monthly Gathering at . There will be a ride after the gathering weather permitting
- D **3rd Sunday** of month @ 6:00 PM meal with meeting to follow, Village Court Family Restaurant, 687 South Taft, Mason City, IA
- E **2nd Saturday** of month @ 6:30 PM (5:30 PM dinner), Ogo's, 3753 Main Street, Keokuk, IA
- F **3rd Saturday** of month @ 8:30 AM (8:00 breakfast), Hy-Vee, 3235 Oakland Road NE, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- H **3rd Wednesday** of month @ 7:00 PM (6:00 dinner), Hotel Ottumwa, 107 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, IA
- I **4th Sunday** of month @ 6:00 PM (5:30 dinner) - Junie's, 1800 Plaza Drive, Elk Run Heights, IA
- O **2nd Saturday** of month @ 9:00 AM (8:00 breakfast) Machine Shed, 7250 Northwest Blvd, Davenport, IA
- W **2nd Saturday** of month @ 9:00 AM (8:00 AM breakfast) or @ 10:00 AM (9:00 AM breakfast) in non-riding weather, Zakeer's Restaurant, 425 2nd Avenue S, Fort Dodge, IA

I have also attached a copy of the last District Newsletter for additional information regarding events and changes throughout the district.

Chapter Birthdays for December and January

December 11—Jane Cassatt

December 5—Steve Mulcahy

January 15—Wayne Morrison

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Greg Hayes - Iowa District Educator

From your District Educator,

Since this article gets distributed through the chapter newsletters and each chapter has a different schedule for when they send out their newsletters, my topic this month may seem out of date. But, as I am writing this Thanksgiving is just over a week away so that is where my thoughts are. This is my “give thanks” article. Though it may be inspired by Thanksgiving, giving thanks is really appropriate every day of the year.

I am thankful for having another safe riding season, for the riding I do with my friends, for their safe riding, for the number of friends I have met through GWRRA, for the opportunity to serve GWRRA, for all the volunteers that help GWRRA to be the great organization that it is. I am grateful for our members who have provided support to people in our group that are dealing with a variety of issues. I am very thankful for the people who have served our country and who protect or assist our communities, often with great personal sacrifice. I am thankful for people who do volunteer work to make our communities better. I am thankful for living in this great country. I am thankful for having a great family, for there is nothing more important than having people that you love. And I want to thank each of you for your support of your chapter, our district and for our whole organization, making it all fun. There are so many things for which to be thankful.

Since riding season has pretty much wrapped up I want to wish everyone to stay safe even when not riding. I made my monthly trip to Cedar Rapids today and passed by several vehicular accidents. The worst was a four car accident that was just short of where a semi was parked along the shoulder due some mechanical problem and had the orange triangular signs behind it. I am guessing that maybe a couple of the cars were in driving in the left lane and when one of the cars in the right lane was moving over to the left, as they should because of the truck pulled over along the side of the road, that they may have failed to check their blind spot before changing lanes, hitting the car in the left lane and causing the cars behind, that were probably driving too close, to hit each other. This is my guess but it seems a likely scenario. If so, it is easy to see how this could have been prevented.

Then, on my way home on I-80, two cars in front of me made a normal pass on the left of a truck. As they moved back to the right lane the second car kept moving further right onto the right shoulder before hitting a guardrail scraping the side of her car. She almost lost control of her car but recovered. As I passed her I could tell how shook up she was. Her eyes wide open, hair seemed to be frizzed out like in a cartoon, and fear on her face. Was she distracted by something like her phone, under the influence or maybe falling asleep? I have no idea but all are possibilities. I was worried that she might over-correct her steering and come over to hit me.

There are so many things that can happen to us when driving. It just shocked me seeing these as well passing another two car accident, seeing a deer in the middle of the road that had been hit, and seeing a semi that had drove off the highway and ended up in a field. It isn't even winter conditions yet! It was just a nice sunny day. My message is that we never know what is going to happen when we are riding 2 or 3 or 4 or more wheels. However, it can be simple mistakes that we make that can cause bad things to happen. Just a second or two of letting our guard down can have bad consequences. It takes constant vigilance to stay safe. Complacency and over confidence are going to lead to trouble.

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Enough of the downer stuff. I am wishing all of you a safe and happy holiday season.

**Wishing you safe travels,
Greg Hayes**

Photographs

CHAPTER H CHRISTMAS PARTY



All the men in one place.

Ready for Dirty Santa



Checking out the goodies



Jane & her snowman



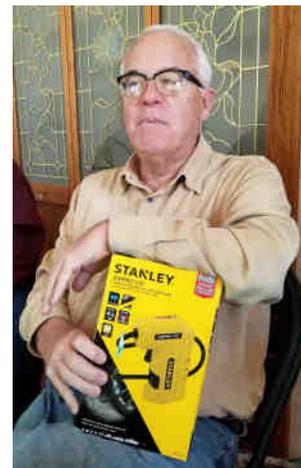
Eta and her timer!



A Reindeer!



Don and Cleaning Supplies



Marc and his air compressor

Photographs

CHAPTER H CHRISTMAS PARTY



Our Christmas Elves



Our Group for Christmas



Karen with her bird painting although Sharon stole it



Ron and his toilet plunger although Louie stole it.

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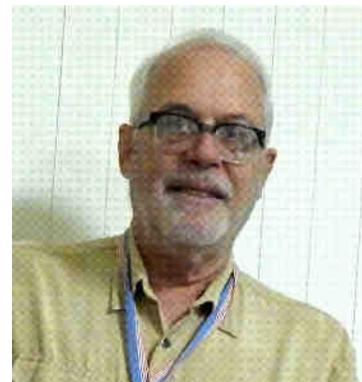
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Jane Cassatt
Iowa Chapter H Assistant Director



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Treasurer



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MONTHLY MIX UP**MICROWAVE ROCKY ROAD BROWNIE**

1 cup walnut halves	3/4 cup all purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder	1/4 tsp salt
3/4 cup butter (1 1/2 sticks)	4 oz unsweetened chocolate
1 1/2 cups sugar	3 eggs
16 large marshmallows	20 milk chocolate kisses, unwrapped
Vanilla ice cream (optional)	

Coarsely chop walnuts. Place walnuts in bowl and set aside. Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Cut butter into pieces and chop unsweetened chocolate; place butter and unsweetened chocolate into bowl. Microwave uncovered on high 102 minutes or until mostly melted, stirring every 30 seconds.

Add sugar and eggs to chocolate mixture; whisk until smooth. Fold in flour mixture and 1/2 cup of the walnuts until incorporated. Pour batter into baker spreading evenly. Microwave, uncovered on high 5-7 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean and edges are firm. Carefully removed baker from microwave.

Meanwhile snip marshmallows in half crosswise. Top brownies with marshmallows, chocolate kisses and remaining 1/2 cup walnuts. Microwave covered on high 1-2 minutes or until marshmallows start to soften. Remove baker from microwave. Let stand uncovered 5 minutes. Spoon onto plates; serve with ice cream, if desired.

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