



GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION MINNESOTA DISTRICT • AMERICA'S HEARTLAND

CHAPTER R NEWS

Monthly Newsletter

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Socials are held at the [Pizza Ranch in Austin, MN](#), on the third Saturday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm for the months January-May, September & October. August BS at New Richland, Mn Nov is Chili Dump and Calendar planning at Dick and Barb Ochs. December will be the Christmas party at Hy-Vee in Owatonna, MN.

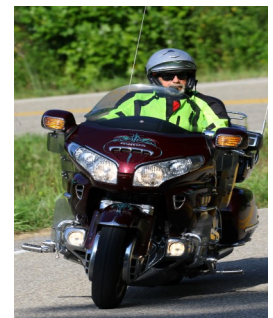
From your Chapter R Director

Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that another year has started. I hope all were able to spend time with family this year over the Christmas holiday. I know I was able to.

I would like to thank everyone in the Chapter for a very successful 2021 and I hope that we will have another successful year in 2022. The Chapter has many events planned for the year with a couple off over night rides that have not been planned in a while. The 2022 Chapter R calendar is on the Chapter R website at www.gwrramnchapterR.com is all posted I will let the chapter know.

I have announced that I will be stepping down as the director of Chapter R at the end of the year, so if you are interested in learning what needs to be done as the Chapter Director contact me and I can go over some of the duties. Remember you could be co-directors this does not have to be a one person tasking. I will admit having a second person to bounce ideas off of would be a great assistance.

The District is planning a Mid-Winter Meltdown on Feb 26 2022 at the Loken's Inn Rushford Mn starting at 12:00PM to whenever. The time to make the reservation for the blocked rooms is past but you can still call 507-864-2222 to see if there are any rooms available/. The room rate is \$109 plus tax per night. I will be sending the flyer out with updates



From the Chapter MEC

As you all know the Member Enhancement Coordinator is a job of contacting all prospective members, all new members, all members with expiring dues and all members that have expired dues..

Another part of this job is to try to get the members together to have fun by coming up with a new game, a contest, a ride to an interesting place.

If anyone has an idea for an activity that would be fun, bring it to me and together we can see what we can do with the idea.

Jan

Chapter MEC

From the Chapter CSEA

Approximately ½ of Chapter R members in the levels program are not current within their level. At this time, we have no classes being offered but, this Spring or sooner could be a different story.

If anyone wants to know his/her status check with me and I can show them where they are and if they need any courses to be current again.

Joe

Chapter Skills Enhancement Advisor

Upcoming Chapter R Events

Jan 8 2022	Chapter Breakfast at Roosters II
Jan 15 2022	Social at Pizza Ranch Austin Mn 6PM
Jan 29	Chapter Dinner at Plaza Moreno Owatonna, MN at 5:30PM
Feb 12	Chapter Breakfast at Olivia's Owatonna, MN at 9:30
Feb 19	Potluck and Dirty Bingo at Dick and Barb Ochs



GWRRA Anniversaries

No Anniversaries for the Month of January

Larry Kluender	Jan 2		
Doug McGaffey	Jan 15	Vicki Holst	Jan 22. 2010
Keith Groaczkowski	Jan 26		
Connie Blinksy	Jan 28		
Fred Rennpferd	Jan 31		

District Educator Ramblings

I don't know about you, but I stayed up New Years' Eve not to welcome in 2022, but to make sure 2021 left!! Here we are in 2022 – where has the time gone? As we flip the calendar to January, it's always a good idea to review the signs of winter that are everywhere in the northland: frigid temperatures, snow flurries, freezing rain, and ice. In winter we see the most accidents/spin outs when conditions include light snow, freezing rain and/or black ice. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced so the best thing to do is to stay home – if you can. If you must drive in icy conditions, slow down and, similar to riding in the rain, be smooth with braking or acceleration.



When we lose traction, we lose the braking and steering control of our vehicle. Even with four tires on the ground and ABS, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for “roughed” surfaces – perhaps an unplowed or unpaved gravel shoulder or snow that may be present where tires haven't packed it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you find yourself in such a situation, try to move your vehicle *smoothly* onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering should all be done smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will only cause the tires to spin. Give yourself plenty of time and slow down before entering curves.

Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow for additional stopping time and distance. You will need it when ice or snow on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and spins out. That space can, hopefully, provide enough room to maneuver and time to react to avoid a collision. Also, stay alert for other drivers who might lose control. Think about your best escape route or your how you would react to various situations that might arise. Be mindful of your options.

It's important to see and feel how your vehicle reacts when you are traveling at low speed and step on the brake or turn the wheel. By learning how it behaves, you are better prepared to take the right action in a surprise situation on the road. And remember, it's all about the traction!

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