

#### FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & KNOWLEDGE



WHEN **1st SATURDAY** 8:30 coffee, 9:00 meeting

LOCATION Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4125 Constitution Ave.



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-From the Director's Desk -

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Can you believe it? Where has this year gone? Given this is the season, we thought we should stop and list the things we're thankful for.

First, we are thankful for all of our folks in Chapter-I and GWRRA in general. In the short time we have called Chapter-I our home, we have been blessed with many great friends and have had a lot of fun together. Just a great group of folks!

We want to thank everyone that helped pull our 2018 calendar together. There are so many great event ideas for next year. It looks like we'll all be very busy next year having fun riding and eating together. You know I'm always thankful for that!

We want to give a great big THANK YOU to all of you on staff for Chapter-I. We are very grateful for your help and guidance that keeps us moving in the right direction. You keep this chapter running like a well oiled Gold Wing.

We're thankful to see the all new 2018 Honda Gold Wing. It has a lot of great features that make it the ultimate performance touring machine. A new 7-speed automatic transmission with a true reverse gear. It now has bluetooth that really makes it easy to connect to the headset, etc. The new electric wind screen is a nice touch along with the new smart key start. The curb weight has been brought down by nearly 800 pounds and many other changes for a refined focused on handling. But perhaps the thing we're most thankful for...is that it doesn't come in yellow so we aren't tempted to buy one...this year!



Have a great Thanksgiving with your friends and family. See if you can sneak in a ride as well. You'll be thankful.

Here's to going for a ride together! Steve & Jacque

#### THOUGHTS FROM THE BACK SEAT

There is a definite crispness to the air, especially in the mornings. It seems colder weather is officially here!

Of course the cooler temperatures makes ALL of us think of nice evenings by the fireplace, warm cups of something delicious to drink or a soft, warm blanket and a good book while we relax on the couch.

Last month, while the wonderful ladies of our chapter were making fleece blankets, I was reminded again of how very much I LOVE to cuddle up with a warm blanket, especially on those really cold nights.

There is something about being snuggled up in a soft blanket that makes even tiredness from a very long day, better. It makes your breathing, your thoughts, your daily pace, slow down. When you are wrapped up in a warm blanket, your mind and heart prepare for a time of relaxation.

As the ladies in our chapter were making blankets and discussing the many organizations to which our blankets will be donated, it caused me to ponder.

For many of us with warm, dry, comfortable houses where there is lots of food to eat, jobs and money that provides for all we need.....a warm fuzzy blanket, on a cold night is EXACTLY what I described above.

How much MORE does that blanket represent to individuals and families struggling to take care of even their most basic needs. Along with it's warmth, may I suggest; comfort, encouragement, a ray of hope that someone cares and that maybe there are better times right around the corner. Those fleece blankets become a really LONG hug, a physical symbol of caring. Just as food fills an empty stomach, a warm blanket causes a mom's heart to rest, allowing her to



sleep better because she is not as worried about the chill in the air or the comfort of her kids.

Thank you Chapter I family for your thoughtfulness, your generousness, for your hearts to think bigger then yourselves. I know I have said it many times before but it bears repeating......you ARE making a difference!

Jacque Callicott Chapter I Director

#### NOV 2017



Don & Jackie Lacasse Assistant Chapter I Directors



Chapter I 2017 Couple of the Year Clliff & Myra Childs Chapter I 2017 Individual of the Year Joe Carlson



# **Celebrations, Events, & Fun**



#### ! Welcome Old & New Friends !

Neal Taylor

&

Mark Nelson

#### **RIDER EDUCATION**

#### WINTERIZING YOUR BIKE

Some motorcyclists ride year round; others like to store their bikes through the Winter season. Here's some guidelines I came across through wikihow I thought I'd share:

**Gather up the tools necessary for winterizing your bike.** You will need, cleaning cloths, spark plug wrench, a trickle battery charger, four or five quarts of high quality oil, new oil filter, oil can or device to get oil in the cylinders, chain lube (if you have a chain drive), fuel stabilizer, spray can of WD40, a breathable motorcycle cover, kitchen plastic wrap, rubber bands, vinyl or plastic gloves, items to clean and wax your bike. Lastly a nice location for the bike to spend the winter, a heated secure garage would be ideal. Avoid wind, dripping water, vermin, mildew, and chemical fumes.

**Give your bike a thorough cleaning.** A gentle wash detergent and water will suffice. By removing road grime and insects you will protect the finish of the bike. Avoid spraying water directly into the opening of the muffler. If baffles get wet and are not dried prior storage, internal rust could result. Likewise avoid moisture in the air cleaner housing. If the housing becomes saturated, it could act as a choke, making cycle difficult to start. Dry completely with a good chamois. Clean and polish all aluminum and stainless surfaces with the appropriate metal polish. Finally finish up with a coat of good wax polish on all painted and chrome surfaces. Clean the chain (if you have one). Spray off all the built up residues with WD40. Lube the chain.

Add a fuel stabilizer to the gas tank. Fill your tank with gas as full as it can go. This is very important. As fuel ages, more volatile components tend to change, leaving sludge and gummy substances that can affect the carburetor. Run the bike so the gas and fuel stabilizer get to the carburetor and fuel injectors. then turn off the fuel and run the carburetor dry.

**If you have a carburetor, drain your float bowls.** Shut off the gas petcock and drain the gas from the carburetor bowls. Consult your manual for location of drain screws. Of course if you have a fuel-injected bike, there isn't anything to drain.

**Once the engine is warm, you can change the oil and filter.** Oil chemistry changes over periods of extended storage. Old oil can develop acidic qualities, which can corrode engine parts.

Using an oil-squirting device, put oil over the stationary tubes on the front forks. Get on the bike, hold the front brake and bounce the bike up and down to work the front suspension. This will keep the rubber seals from drying out and protect the exposed fork tubes.

**Remove spark plug wires, and carefully with a spark plug wrench remove the plugs.** With your oilsquirting device, get some motor oil in the cylinders. Approximately one teaspoon of oil will work well. Tuck the plug wires away somewhere safe so they do not arc, then spin the motor with the starter for a few revolutions to get the oil spread around. Remember to keep your face away from the spark plug holes. Oil will squirt out! Clean and gap the plugs and put them back in. Replace plug wires.

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**You may want to remove the battery.** Some batteries may require charging every four weeks with a "Battery Tender" type of charger. Built up sulfates on the plates can ruin a battery during cold storage and inactivity. A thin coat of Vaseline to the terminals on the battery can prevent corrosion. This small step will mean an easier spring start up and no extra cost of battery replacement.

**If your bike has a liquid cooling system, check it's level of anti-freeze with a hygrometer.** Drain, flush and replace antifreeze if necessary. We suggest this replacement be done every two years. Do not leave the antifreeze level low or empty, this could lead to rust or corrosion of the cooling system. Check all other fluid levels at this time.

**Lube your cables.** Lube suspension and pivot points. Lube the drive shaft (if you have one). Check the air cleaner and the fuel filter. Look at brake pads. Give your bike a good once over.

Clean and treat all leather with a high quality dressing.

**If your storage location is bare concrete, we suggest using a piece of plywood, MDF, or old thick carpet.** This will insulate the bike from becoming damp. It is also suggested storing your bike with all the weight removed from the wheels. A bike stand or some blocking works if you have a wheeled lift. A center stand and some blocking will work too. Do not store your bike near any ozone emitting devices, such as motors, freezers, furnaces or electric heaters. The gasses created by the above will deteriorate rubber parts.

With a clean cloth, wipe good quality light machine oil over all the metal surfaces, except the disc brakes. Spray a little WD40 in the tail pipe(s). Cover your tail pipe opening and the air intake with plastic wrap and a rubber band. You can also cover drain hoses as well. This will prevent any opportunistic pests from making a cozy winter home in your bike

Do not run the engine for short periods of time over the storage period, this can lead to condensation due to engine and combustion byproducts in the oil.





#### **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

# **GWRRA Member Anniversaries**

**Members Since:** 

#### **NOVEMBER**

Bruce Harris—1999 Bonnie Kerbs—2011 Don/Pam Benuska –1996 Tom & Bev Altmeier-1996



#### 2017 Halloween Party Pics

Great time! Thank you Rod and Dawn!

















#### OPEN HOUSE AT THE NOAHS 5515 CANVASBACK COURT.

# WHEN: DECEMBER 17TH. SUNDAY 2:00PM to 6:00PM.

#### PLEASE COME AND EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!!!!









NOVEMBER 19th- We are teaming up with Holy Cross Lutheran church to fill 230 Thanksgiving baskets for those in need.

Please join us at HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH on Sunday, November 19th. We will be meeting at 12:00 noon in HILLER HALL (Our monthly chapter meeting room)

Also, if you have any new or gently used toys for kids, 0 and up, please plan to bring them along on Sunday November 19th





5 Trim Levels All New 1833cc 7-Speed Automatic DCT 787 Ibs Curb Weight 50-Liter Travel Trunk Walking Mode/Reverse

Apple CarPlay Bluetooth enabled headsets 5.55 gallon fuel tank Double Wishbone front suspension Electric Windsreen Ride Modes Hill start assist Smart Key Airbag available on automatic Tour

#### The Ultimate Performance Touring Machine



The 2018 Region Rally Zermatt Resort in Midway, Utah

May 25-27, 2018



As many of us know the "Last Official" Region Rally type event WILL be held in May of 2018 as kind of a Last Blast Region Rally. Andy & Sherry have chosen to open this rally up to all of Region F, Region J and Region I, which encompasses most of the western portion of the US.

"Name the 2018 Rally at Zermatt!!" is a contest where they are looking for a rally name from our membership. What is the prize for winning you may ask! If your chapter's submission wins the contest, <u>each member</u> of the chapter will win a complementary registration to the 2018 Rally in Utah. (You must be on the chapter's ARL, and a current GWRRA member to participate)





# **Springs Wings Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <u>Chapter-I Meeting</u> Ch-G Turkey Bingo
5 Daylight Savings Ends	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 Marine Corps Day/Birthday	11 Veterans Day District Planning Meeting (PM)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Lincoln's Birthe Black Friday	<sup>54</sup> 25
26	27 Cyber Monday	28	29	30		
					Notes:	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary)	2 Chapter-I Meeting
3	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9
10 Chapter-I Christmas Party	11	12	13 National Guard Birthday	14	15	16
17 Wright Brothers Day Noah's Open House	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	New Year's Breakfast Ride				Notes:	

