

2019 APRIL CHAPTER Q NEWSLETTER

What is that bright and shining orb in the sky these days? Could it possibly be the Sun? What a grand feeling, the warmth of the sun, the melting snow, the sound of lawn mowers starting up, oh - wait for that one. I'll rephrase that to say the sound of motorcycles running on our streets, and quite a few too. The sounds and smells of Spring!

Now that Spring is here and the first of motorsport showroom open houses has been accomplished, we can get down to business of our own bikes and trikes getting out of storage and on the road. Get those new tires, check out the battery and don't try to get six more months out of a seven year old battery. No one likes to be stuck on the road with a bad tire or dead battery. How old is your helmet? The rule of thumb these days is to replace the helmet every five years. You only have one head and we would hate to lose you to a cracked helmet that was old to start with this year. Hopefully you have kept up with your training and taken a riding course to sharpen your skills.

We highly recommend that you join the levels program that GWRRA provides through the chapter. Level one has only the requirement that you pledge to drive safely. Its a great place to start. As you progress in the program you may at your desire move up to the next levels. What great training GWRRA provides, I am so grateful for the Medic First Aid seminars. Both of us at the Harder home has had occasion to use this knowledge to help others in dire need. It is a wonderful feeling and fulfillment of being helpful at the right time.

We just attended the Spring OPS weekend in Fargo with chapter and district leaders. We have an exciting Minnesota and North Dakota District Rally in July on the 12th and 13th in Fargo, North Dakota, this is the state of "North of Normal". We have guided rides planned, games on and off the bike, a light parade and bike/trike judging and more ending with a great banquet. Make your plans soon and register at "www.mngwrra.us/ " go to Rally/Events dropdown. Lets see you there.

Have you an idea for the chapters activities? Please bring them to the next social and put them in the IDEA jar. No need to put your name on the idea unless you want to, so don't be bashful, speak up. I know I have mentioned this before, but it is an important thing to let your leadership know your wishes.

I hope to see you at the next social or activity or one of many open houses at our dealers, so until then ride safe.

Dave and Elaine Harder
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