

2019 AUGUST CHAPTER MN-Q NEWSLETTER

The fourth of July has come and gone and what a day that was. Chapter Q had an impressive turnout for the parade in St Peter. With other chapters there was a total of 17 bikes/trikes to represent GWRRA. After the parade we traveled up the road to the Happy Chef for lunch and more visiting with our friends from other state chapters. The weather wasn't too hot and we had a trailer with a cooler of bottled water to ward off the thirst of some.

Fargo was the site of the MN/ND District Rally for 2019. Members from the Fargo area helped put on a great time and we want to thank them for their efforts to make this year's rally a success. Some went on a ride around the area lakes and country side and their comments were favorable. Others took a ride out into North Dakota to see the Ronald Reagan Minuteman Missile Site from the days of the Cold War. This was very impressive when you consider that there were hundreds of missiles in the ground across the country and this one was only one of many LCSB sites (launch control support building). Back at the hotel we had great times of visiting, with games in the parking lot and inside the air conditioned hotel. Chapter Q hosted the Saturday lunch with hot dogs being served by our Q ladies. All in all, it was a very good rally and it would not have been so if not for the hard work of Bob and Renae Hicks and the district staff.



July also saw the first TRC for Minnesota, held in Hanover at the city hall. Scott and Joy Mattson controlled the day and are now, along with Bob Hicks, the newest Trike Instructors for Minnesota. There aren't any more classes scheduled to be held this year but look forward to next year for more training.

We lost a very dear friend this month. Joe Fritz had been an active member of Chapter Q until for health reasons he had to sell his motorcycle. Last year he was diagnosed with bile duct cancer, which took his life on July 26. His life partner, Nancy Snitker, asked if Elaine and I would carry his burial urn to the cemetery on our trike. What an honor. Bob and Renae Hicks and Al and Nadine Rohe also rode their trikes in the procession with us. We give our sympathies to Nancy and family in their loss.

I read an article in an outdoor sports magazine that got me to thinking of us motorcyclists. It was talking about being an ambassador for the sportsman. It reminded me that we are all ambassadors of motorcycles. How do we respond to the negative attitudes of those who do not appreciate our sport? I usually try to be upbeat and give statistics of how our training helps us stay safe. I mention the Medical First Aid training available and how it has been effective in helping others. Are you courteous when/where you park your bike/trike? Do you take up more than your fair space? Do you take the time to show off your machine to an interested civilian and share some good experiences?



Whether or not we want to be an ambassador, we are all examples of the motorcyclist. Let us be the good example for our sport's sake.

As I was staring at an ambulance in front of a Whole Foods store I overheard someone in the crowd say: "Somebody must have accidentally eaten gluten." Could Be!

Keep a smile on your face and safe riding,

Dave and Elaine Harder
Chapter MN-Q Directors

Spicy Potato Soup

1 lb. beef or sausage
4 C. potatoes – cubed
1 onion – chopped
3 eight oz. cans tomato sauce
2 tsp. salt
1 and ½ tsp. pepper
½ - 1 tsp. chill pepper
Water

Combine everything into a crock pot. Put in enough water to barely cover everything.

Cover and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours.

Once again put a liner in your crock pot for easier clean up.