

FEBRUARY NEWS LETTER MN-CHAPTER Q

You have heard the saying: "Everybody has to be someplace, and this is the place that I am." Well, here we are in the middle of winter, January 2019. It's not so bad so far at the time of this writing, but the forecast for the next few days looks like the freezer door was left open. That's to be expected I suppose when we live in Minnesota. We can look forward to the riding season and get warmed up at the IMS in February.

Things were looking slim at the last social with some of our members leaving for their get-a-ways early this winter. More are leaving in February and March for a cruise, or trip to southern climates. Elaine and I are taking our trike on a trailer and heading for Arizona, hoping to get in some twisties in the many hills in that area. No, don't call it a trailer queen, its winter most of the way down and no snow tires or chains will fit the trike. Hopefully the next couple months give us all some kind of respite from the chill of winter. One way is to maybe plan to attend our MFA on March 30 at Dehn's Country Manor. Come early for breakfast then at 9 am we start the class. We will break for lunch (on your dime) finishing by at least 2 pm. Another idea is to attend a different chapter social or join them on one of their activities. A winter road trip sounds good to me.

Confidence is something we all have in different degrees depending on the situation we are in. I have confidence in the love of my family. I have confidence in that my abilities as a workman I can get the job done. But the level goes down when I think of public speaking. Even less when you give me things to do on the computer. We need confidence on the motorcycle in abundance when we are out on the road. Our riding skills need to be at the top if we expect to ride safely. How confident is your co-rider when on the back of your bike? Does your riding style inspire confidence or discomfort or worse, fear? We know that even the most experienced riders need refresher courses to stay on top of the game so we are encouraging you to consider attending one of the rider courses available to you this spring. There are different ones to take in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. Chapter Q sponsors the Intermediate Riders Course put on by the Minnesota Safety Foundation on May 4 and 5. There is a course by our own GWRRA Wisconsin and a safety weekend in Iowa as well. The details can be provided by our fine staff members, just ask them.

I am going to repeat the information we have about Dr. Mudspringer's new location and business situation. So as not to give false details, I have spoken with Randy DePaul and he tells me that he has sold his business to Rydell Motor Sports. They are a Suzuki dealer and are located at 2375 Mounds View Blvd. This is the same as county road 10 and about 1 mile west of 35W. His old inventory and some new stock will be available and Randy himself will be part of the operation which we all be happy to see him there. Randy has been a great supporter of our chapter and a GWRRA member too. Let's give him our support and our business, we need the small business man to succeed and Randy gives the best customer service.

This year gives us a new District Director with the experienced and familiar couple of Bob and Renae Hicks taking over from our dear friends Joe and Jan Marek. Thank you Joe and Jan for all the time and effort you have given us in the Minnesota and North Dakota District in these past years. I know that Bob and Renae will be successful in their willingness to take over and lead us to Fun, Friends, Safety and Knowledge. They have some new ideas and are putting in lots of miles and hours already in planning the next year's activities for the District. I am getting excited to see what they have in store for us in Fargo at our District Rally this coming July 11-14. Let's all give them our support and wish them great success.

Only time will tell what is in front of us, if we look back remember only the good things and look forward and help to bring on the good.

Dave and Elaine Harder
Chapter Directors MN Q

Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Bake

3 ounces cream cheese
1 & ½ tsp dried basil
12 slices Bread
6 slices of mozzarella cheese
6 Tbsp. butter softened
½ cup tomato paste
1 garlic clove minced
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 & ¾ cups milk
3 eggs
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a small bowl mix cream cheese and 1 tsp basil until smooth

Spread onto 6 bread slices.

Top with mozzarella cheese slices and bread

Spread outside of bread with butter and place into a greased 13x9 bake dish

In a sauce pan mix tomato paste, garlic, salt, pepper and remaining basil cook over heat for a minute. Carefully whisk in milk and bring to a boil

Reduce to low heat and let simmer for 4 minutes. Stir frequently

Whisk eggs in a large bowl with a third of milk mixture. Stir that back into the remaining milk mixture.

Pour that over the sandwiches and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake for 25 – 30 minutes.