

2019 JUNE NEWSLETTER CHAPTER MN-Q

How has your summer been going? Have you ridden our fair state and seen the rising flood waters or have you been waiting for the rains to stop? It has been a tricky couple of months to try and get out and ride because of the weather. The Wednesday evening ride to the Peppermint Twist was very interesting as Bob Hicks took us on a route never taken before. The ride started out with a light sprinkle but didn't get us wet. This lasted for maybe ten minutes and then the weather started to clear up and the sky began to show some blue making the rest of the ride comfortable. We were only three bikes, and Dave Angell from Chapter W met us at the drive-in. I don't blame anyone for not riding that evening because the weather was not promising. Maybe next time?

The Round-Up was a success again this year with the attendance of 62. The weather was a contributor to a lower turn out, but that made it a great indoor activity for a rainy day. Osseo Power Sports could not bring the Demo rides this year because of the weather and we understand. We do appreciate the efforts they made to help make the Round-Up a better event. We had some wonderful door prizes given to us for your taking and we had many basket prizes worth going after. Thank you for donating these great items as it makes the event exciting.

This is a special "Thank You" to those in the kitchen. Nadine Rohe did a fantastic job of supervising a great crew and the meal was put out on time with flair. The crew got to work early arranging the food tables and having drinks out ready for the arrival of the visitors to our Round-Up. I hesitate to start naming the workers because I am afraid to leave out a deserving member, but you all know who you are. It took many hands to put on this annual event and months of planning goes into it to make it happen. Not to ignore you that helped put up tables and chairs, clean up, shovel ice into coolers, and arrange the prizes, and other helpful duties, we thank you too for your efforts.

Start planning for next year's Round-Up to be held on May 17, 2020 at the Hannover Community Center. If you want to be included in the planning, check with the chapter staff for details. Start thinking of your basket donation now, or how to help. Remember that this is Chapter Q's only fund raiser for the year, and many baskets make the day worthy. Do you have an interesting idea to include in our event?

At our last chapter social there was a presentation about proper trailer readiness. I think it was well received as many of us pull trailers on the longer haul and nobody wants to have trouble while on a trip. I exhort you all to pay attention to the preventive maintenance of your trailer. How are your trailer lights? Have you upgraded to the new LED lights yet? I can only encourage you to do so. In my opinion, the LED lights are far superior for they are much brighter even in the daytime and more efficient making your trailer part of the lighting system of our big/trike. At certain angles some of the bike's lights may not be seen by others on the road so it makes sense that the trailer lights make up for that deficiency. Do you need help in this area? We have many in

our chapter who would be willing to do so, come to the social and just ask around, we will find help for you.

That is about all I have for now, but I want to leave you with one more piece of advice. "Make good choices because ghosts are stuck with the haircut they died with."

Dave and Elaine Harder
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