

## 2019 MAY CHAPTER Q NEWSLETTER

Its is finally here, beautiful weather for riding the motorcycle and getting out in the yard or just taking a walk without a shovel and parka. We had our first chapter ride on Wednesday, April 24, on what was a gorgeous evening, to start. Hmmm, nice start. Robin and Brian led us in two groups of seven each and wound through the country enjoying the greening of the land and observing the high water in lakes and streams and in more than one farm field. Hmmm, nice start but as we entered the Culvers in Elk River, the western sky did not look friendly. Some of the group wisely said their goodbye and left us for home. Those who stayed enjoyed the company and meal and the first wet ride home of the season. I haven't heard but I assume no one melted.

By now you have been to at least one open house from our supporting dealers and accessories shops. Thank you to those who brought goodies to Osseo Motor Sports. These were delicious and welcomed by those in attendance. We can help these dealers by continuing to get service and buy parts, and of course a new machine once in awhile too. Check them out for pricing as they sometimes are better than the internet business', and no waiting for delivery.

If you are wondering what to do with your weekends this summer, check out the web site for ride activities. We have a great assortment of flyers for other chapters' activities as well. Remember, participate, participate, participate. This is what makes GWRRA such a great organization, wonderful friends and lots to do.

The District Rally is in Fargo, North Dakota on July 11-13 starting Thursday evening running through Saturday evening. Make your plans for this exciting weekend and join many others from around our states. There are guided rides taking you to places that you may never see again, so don't miss out, sign up soon.

We all wash our bikes and trikes as often as we are able or necessary and we have our favorite products to use. My newest product is a collapsable bucket, I now have two I carry in the trailer. This keeps me from using the waste basket from the motel room. On the same subject I found some interesting information on how to wash the machine from two different sources. Here is one from the HANDYMAN magazine from May 2019

“Even though hand dishwashing liquid is a great degreaser, don't use it on the body of your vehicle. It removes dirt, grease and old wax, but it also sucks important oils right out of the paint finish. If you use it repeatedly, you'll shorten the life of your paint job. Instead of dish soap, use a cleaner formulated for vehicles (available at auto parts stores - *and motorcycle dealers*). Once you've mixed the suds, fill a second bucket with clean water. Rinse your cleaning cloth often as you're washing. That'll remove most to the road grit from the cloth to prevent scratches.”

Thats our public service announcement for the month, so get out your collapsable bucket or five gallon pail and get the correct cleaner, put your flip flops and shorts on and clean that investment you have sitting in your driveway.

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