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MN – ND District

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays! Jerry

From:

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**Any questions or comments, please let us know
– always willing to meet and talk.**



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Wishing everyone a joyous and peaceful holiday season and a very happy New Year!



November Wrap Up

Hoping everyone had a good Thanksgiving Holiday!

Have you seen alot more Christmas lights this year? We certainly have seen many Christmas / Holiday lights out and twinkling. To us, that means many folks want to say "goodbye to 2020" and then hello to 2021 - hoping next year will be a better this year. We do not know that next year will be better, but with the latest state restrictions, the only thing we have is to look toward the future.

Hope for the future has increased with the fabulous news on the coronavirus vaccine. There appears to be multiple 'big pharma' companies (that we all do not like) that have done a herculeon event to come up with the vaccine in a mear six to eight months.

Take the poliovirus for example, another highly communicable virus. The virus was around for over 50 years and then it still took over 3 years to develop a vaccine - that was field tested on over two million children.

December is the **Holiday Season** (and for us, the season culminates with **Christmas** and the **New Year's Celebration**), and then there is the **Winter Solstice**.

The **Holiday Season** is where our family gets together and give thanks. We especially like the expressions the children's faces as they open their presents at our **Christmas** get together. **New Year Celebrations** this year will be to exit out the present year - *GOODBYE 2020* - and looking to the new year - 2021 - and a new beginning. WE can all hope that 2021 will be better than 2020, we know it cannot be any worse.

Why the **Winter Solstice**? The days start to get longer (not by much in the days after) and with longer days, warming temperatures will follow - in three or four months. What happens when it gets warmer, we can start to ride again. We will be planning some trips for next year; not sure if they will be short or a little longer.

Chapter Couple and Individual of the Year

Even though we have not been able to meet in person, there is still a lot of help that members have provided the Chapter and Chapter Director

Has your Chapter named a *Couple of the Year* or *Individual of the Year*? If you do not know, check in on one of the Chapter Zoom calls they are having or talk to the Chapter Directors.

District ZOOM Call - December 7th at 7:30pm

The District will be hosting a ZOOM call for everyone in the District.

Bob & Renae Hicks, MN - ND DD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting on **Monday December 7 at 7:30 pm**.

- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9462560721>
- Meeting ID: 946 256 0721
- Passcode: Fun!Fun!
- One tap mobile to join by phone
- +13017158592,,9462560721#,,,,,0#,634944# US (Washington D.C)
- +13126266799,,9462560721#,,,,,0#,634944# US (Chicago)

If anyone wants assistance to ensure their computer, laptop, tablet or phone, please let us know and we can send or help with the set up.

When we do have Events, they will be on the [MN - ND web page](#) (under District Calendar) as well as Groupworks Event App.

Fall Ops Meeting Recap

There were a few that want to travel for an in-person meeting. Some wanted an online meeting. So, we accommodated everyone by having the in-person meeting with a ZOOM on line presentence. While we at the mercy of the Wi-Fi signal at Dehn's, we managed to get through the meeting with a few hiccups. A wrap up was sent to the Chapter Directors; if you want a re-cap, send a note to your Chapter Director OR let us know and we can provide.

On into Winter and 2021 activities.

2020 Christmas Parties - Due to the Governor placing new restrictions, all Chapters have cancelled their *Christmas Parties* . We will have to settle on Zoom calls and on line communications. Looks like 2020 is going to be the year that we cannot congregate in person, everything will be online or socially distancing.

Looking forward to 2021

As of now, most Chapters are looking at renewing their fund raisers next year.

Ch C – Jun 27th, expect more info early next year

Ch N – Will be looking for a new location. More info at Spring Ops.

Ch Q – May 16th @ Hanover City Hall

Ch R – Aug 21st location TBD

Expect more details coming up next coming months.

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District(s) Ride In

The District Ride In was successful - seems like more riding is what folks wanted this fall. So, we have been working with other Districts to have a 2021 Quad District Ride in. Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota-North Dakota Districts are asking everyone to save the date of August 27 / 28 for a Ride In to Dubuque, IA.

Best part - no fees, no dues, the only cost is the hotel room or camping.

Save the Date! [See Flyer](#)

<<< SAVE THE DATE >>>

M.I.W.I.N.D Ride In

August 27-28TH 2021

Iowa District (purple)

Wisconsin District (yellow)

Illinois District (orange)

Minnesota & North Dakota District (blue)

GWRRA
Multi District
Ride In

FREE (on left side)

FREE (on right side)

Dubuque, Iowa

Sponsored by
Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, & North Dakota Districts

Early Bird Ride on Friday
Rides on Saturday

Friday & Saturday night
Cookout

2021 MN - ND District Rally - After Wing Ding, come on up to Winona for some fabulous riding around the hills, valleys and ridges of southwest Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota.

There are 3 ways to register; [registration form](#) is available for download or go to the online registration at [MN - ND District Rally Registration](#).

Join the **FUN** by clicking on the Flyer below:

2021 MN - ND RALLY
Rollin' on the River
GWRRA

July 23rd - 24th, 2021

Riverport Inn & Suites
Winona, MN
Ph: (507) 452-0606
Ask for the "MN ND Rally 2021" block rate

Guided Rides
Mississippi Boat Rides
Selfie 50/50 Ride
Games
Vendors
Plus much more

Rider Education Update

District Educator Ramblings

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With yet another month in the rear-view mirror, it's hard to believe it's almost the end of 2020. I think we're all keeping our fingers crossed for a better 2021 where we can once again, hopefully, enjoy the company of our many GWRRA friends and family in a group setting. I know we cancelled most every trip we were planning but



did make up for one of them by meeting up with other GWRRA friends (extended family) for a couple days of riding and socially distanced visiting. It was so good to see everyone and we had a great time.

What are YOU planning for next year? Is Wing Ding on your calendar again? Springfield, MO is still planning to host Wing Ding 42 in 2021. Maybe some other fun trips with friends or family? Whatever you plan, be sure you have fun and be safe on the roads!

The bikes are put away for Scott and me. But we do still have one Honda in the garage – it might not count since it's got 4 wheels and 4 doors, but it's a Honda still! You know, it was sad to miss that beautiful week in November when we should have been out riding, but it turned out to be okay when 70° turned into 35° and snow overnight! Scott is waiting for more snow so he can, hopefully, get out on his other set of handlebars. Unfortunately, that may be questionable this season as well.


**Scott and I wish you peace and joy this holiday season.
Please stay as safe as you can.**

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