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Women on the Edge is a chapter of Women On Wheels® out of western Wisconsin & southeast Minnesota



WOMEN ON THE EDGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



A VIEW FROM THE EDGE - OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S SEAT

I know you probably don't want to hear it as you sit with your motorcycle surrounded by all that white stuff, but the Women On Wheels® annual mileage contest begins March 1st now. So, while you are wishing for warmer weather and dry pavement you can at least go check out your M.O.T.O.S garage and make sure you have your current motorcycle(s) listed. Just go to the [WOW web site](#), log in, choose MEMBERS and MILEAGE PROGRAMS and check it out. And don't forget that your Personal Mileage Milestones are now "on your honor" so whenever you reach one to be eligible for your next mileage bar, just submit it here. Wherever you are and whenever you are ready to ride, just remember to submit your beginning mileage on the web site before you do. Every mile counts not only for WOW and women riders in general, but especially for Wisconsin; we are usually in the top 5 and always striving to move up the list.

CALENDAR CHANGE: I know you have put all the Women on the Edge ride dates in your own personal calendar 😊 so please change Amy's June 27th ride to Sunday June 28th. She just learned of a family re-union so had to reschedule. As before, the location and time etc. will be determined and announced closer to the date. Seriously, I confess after I wrote that I checked my phone calendar and I had NOT yet done so myself! But now I have and hope you will too. I'll also be updating the calendar on the web site soon to reflect this change.

Since the last newsletter I have been lucky enough to ride another 1500 miles or so here in Arizona. Still using my electric jacket liner most mornings but I'm certainly not complaining. Despite my basically lazy personality, I've been trying to take advantage of what Arizona has to offer (because I know how lucky I am to be able to be here) so in addition to riding I've been hiking a lot. I do love the desert, and I've found another hiking group as well as a couple

of ladies who live near me and like to walk and/or hike. It's taken quite a few years, but I now have more options available to me so hope I can afford to keep coming down and my health will continue to allow me to take advantage of these new opportunities.

If you follow me on Facebook you know this is all old news, 'cause I am one of those Facebook junkies who puts every darn thing I do on my timeline. You're lucky I don't include the books I read and all the TV I watch – LOL.

Here are members representing 4 different WOW chapters (Phoenix Copper Cruisers, Tucson Road Runners, and 2 snowbirds from Dairyland Originals and Women on the Edge). meeting up for a fun lunch in Oracle. One of the many reasons I love Women On Wheels® ! And of course we had to include Flat Winnie.



Speaking of Flat Winnie, you probably recognize Shain in this picture from the back cover of your latest WOW magazine (March/April). That girl puts on some miles down here in Arizona and takes Flat Winnie everywhere she goes.

Thanks to Shain's influence, I stopped on my way home from this lunch at the Tom Mix wayside and took a few of my own. So don't forget to include her in all your adventures too and send your photos to magazine@womenonwheels.org



GREETINGS FROM GOPHER LAND...

RIDE-IN™ 2020 Committee Review: A bit over two and a half years ago I came up with a brain-storm..."why not have the 2020 Ride-In™ come to Winona?"...I asked myself. I'll just fill out a few papers and everyone will come and find out that beautiful little Winona has so much to share and is 10 minutes away in every direction from some of the best riding in tri-state area. A magical Ride-In Committee (RIC) would swoop in and "poof, let the ride begin!!!" They'll have a LOT of fun, and then...go back home. Not!!! I should have gotten a clue when the form took almost a month to complete after research and interviews. The Committee has to set up motels (working with the four motels is a first-time challenge) banquet halls, vendors, seminar rooms, seminar speakers, other speakers, entertainment, rides...lots of rides, rides put into GPS's, rides hard-copied, displayed, publicity, camp sites, schedules, contact people, where's the nearest this, the nearest that...I'll get that pic, or that distance, location...I'm the "boots on the ground" person. 😊 Working with that magical RIC has been a good experience, bouncing ideas as to some things that may work...nope, let's try something else? We support each other. What's done so far by the amazing RIC is:

- I mapped out 13 routes, seven short to longer self-guided day rides to some very interesting points from 50 miles to just under 200 miles, all of which are available on GPS. The remaining are of local interest,
- then booked tour boat rides for 90-minute narrated Mississippi runs, arranged for tours of Lock and Dam 5,
- RIC changed the Support Ride to Wednesday from Tuesdays, opening up Tuesday morning for a first time Support Member Only gathering,
- we have very intriguing-looking seminars set up by some very strong WOW members. Want some packing tips for travel? Learn beginner Garmin Base Camp? Prepare for long distance riding? Maintain muscles for long trips? Riding with the WRWR? Balloon centerpieces for parties? What's it like to ride around the world?
- lined up the Bike Show location and chairgals,
- we'll be bringing a karaoke DJ to one of the motels for the finale with Thursday night game night,
- two Participating Dealers will be serving lunch...one on Tuesday, the other on Thursday.
- Barb has vendors coming back again and new...inside and outside. Want to try out a Slingshot?...now you can. Indian? They'll be there.

Can-Am Spyder? Ryker? Special ear plugs? Massage? Open Road is coming back. Need some pin-striping done? Want to learn about Big Snow Resort? What's *Tufoil*? GOPHER IT!!

- we discovered there are several that are not affiliated with any WOW Chapter. We are starting a "WANNA RIDE??" board for those who will be here solo or those who could add a rider to their group,
- AZ Copper Cruisers (who will not be attending) are making neck-coolers for everyone attending,
- and best for last, Pat Kulig and her Women on the Edge chapter will be running the postal station! We should have that schedule in time for the WOW-we Birthday Bash.

There is so much more the RIC has accomplished. I'll be thinking tonight "I should have mentioned, I forgot to say...." There are many hurdles the RIC have yet to overcome. What the 11 members of our Committee hope to achieve is that anything that can go wrong, doesn't. What I want to achieve is when I have another such brain-storm, I take a sleeping pill, remove all note pads and writing instruments from my nightstand and go to sleep until that storm has passed.



Now Winnie looks like this
#5775

Jo Johnson, WOW member

UPCOMING WOW EVENTS:

CABIN FEVER RALLY: March 20 & 21, 2020

Heart of Iowa Chapter of Women on Wheels® Invites you to the Cabin Fever Rally on at the Quality Inn & Suites, Ames, Iowa

Registrations are due by March 7th to Diane Willard, 2403 N. Terrace Dr., Webster City, Iowa 50595. Questions: 515/832-7400.

The cost is only \$10 registration and \$20 for the Saturday night pizza party. Please make checks payable to Heart of Iowa.

Get ready to attend the Heart of Iowa, Cabin Fever Rally! Spend the weekend with friends celebrating and relaxing. Come join us to play and escape the cold and snow of the Midwest starting with social time Friday night.

We will start the event with a social/relaxation time and games on Friday night. The group pizza party will be on Saturday night. Clean out your motorcycle closet and get ready to make some money on the sale tables. Please bring (wear) a Happy Hat! A hat that makes you happy! Please bring snacks to share with everyone.

This is a great time to relax and visit with old and new friends.

The registration desk will be open from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday.

The Quality Inn & Suites is right off I35, exit 113 at 2601 E. 13th Street. For reservations call between January 1st to March 1st, 515/232-9260. Be sure to mention that you are with the Heart of Iowa, Women on Wheels. Room rate is \$90.00 plus tax.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

[Cabin Fever Registration Form 2020.doc](#)

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May 17 @ 11:00: WOW-WE BIRTHDAY BASH

Don't forget our own 2020 season kick-off with our Chapter meeting and All Member Birthday Bash at [Northwoods Brew Pub](#) in Osseo. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY! If you choose to participate in the gift exchange dice game (which is always a lot of fun) please bring a \$15-20 generic gift.

MISSOURI STATE RALLY: June 5 – 7, 2020.

Curving, Swerving & 21 Years of Rallies in Missouri! Please join us for our 2020 Missouri State Rally. Hosted by Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks Super 8 Hotel, 201 S. Hess Drive, Monett, MO 65708

Rooms will be held on a first come first served basis until 5pm CDT on May 5th. RESERVATION NUMBER (417-772-3403) Ask for the Rates for Women On Wheels®

ROOM RATE: \$76.39 + Tax for doubles; upgrades are available. There is a \$10 Rally Registration fee ([see registration form](#)) and a [T-shirt contest](#). The banquet will be at the Angus Branch Steak House (will not be catered, you will order from menu)

Hosted by Lady Cruisers of the Ozarks

POST IT FUNTEST



Your Funtest towel is now available. Due to a slight mix-up, it is considerably bigger than we had planned. But of course a personalized item like this can't be returned so we'll have to brainstorm and come up with a way to make use of it again somehow. On the plus side, it is a VERY NICE towel that looks & feels great!

To get yours right away, send \$10 to Jo Johnson, 719 E 9th St, Winona MN 55987. If you don't think you'll need it before the May 17th meeting, or if you would

like to meet Jo somewhere for lunch between now and then, you can pick it up that way and save the chapter some postage expense.

SHARING THE FUN OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HAVING!

WHETHER IT'S IN THE SNOW, DURING YOUR TRAVELS OR IN YOUR OWN GARAGE

Well, except for the "fun" Jo has been having working diligently on the WOW Ride-In Committee, I didn't hear from anybody else. Thus, sadly, no stories or pictures to share here this issue. I don't believe for a minute that none of you have a story to tell. Maybe next time

Women on the Edge Participating Dealers



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608-788-4514



905 Oak Ave S, Onalaska WI

608-781-3360

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WOMEN ON WHEELS® MISSION STATEMENT

To unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts for recreation, education, mutual support, recognition and to promote a positive image of motorcycling.

All Women on Wheels® members are welcome to participate with any chapter in all chapter functions. Guests are more than welcome also. We encourage all guests to join Women on Wheels®, as membership is required for continued chapter participation and because only WOW members are protected under our insurance plan. Application forms are available in the WOW magazine or from any chapter officer.

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