

# GWRRA Chapter D DULUTH, MINNESOTA



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## From the Director



### HAPPY NEW YEAR By Paul Howard

Hope everybody got what they wanted for Christmas, but more importantly, good times spent with friends and family. We start 2019 on a cold and snowy note in this area. So many months until we ride again. I hope you find activities to keep you busy until then. I will be going ice fishing, using my snowmobiles, cross-country skiing. I hope there is enough time.

Our Brian Marshall has accepted the MEC position on the District level. He will continue these duties for Chapter "D", but with his new responsibilities he will need to step out of his services as our Ride coordinator. We will need someone to help in this area. If anyone is interested, please contact me and we can discuss this and make our summer chapter rides continue to be fun and exciting.

For those who are able, CHAPTER "D" will start the mileage contest January 1. Dale Seafolk won \$50 dollars that rumor has he will enjoy spending at Dennis Kirk. Get your starting numbers in before you ride.

I want to thank all of you for your support as Chapter "D" director through 2018. I look forward to 2019 leading you "Friends" with "Fun", "Safety" & "Knowledge".

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## Where to Find Us

### Chapter D Web Site

<http://www.gwrra-mnd.org/>

### Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/GWRRA.MN.D/](http://www.facebook.com/GWRRA.MN.D/)

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## District Safety Message

### November

By Joy Mattson

Happy New Year!

Every cold day that goes by is bringing motorcycle weather closer. I think I should move south in the winter so I can ride year round! That would be the ultimate fun! Maybe not practical, but fun just the same!! Tis the season of many different weather types. Sometimes they all show up at one time! From snow to rain/freezing rain and/or black ice. When the road surface is icy, traction is greatly reduced so the best thing to do is to stay home – if you can. If you must drive in icy conditions, slow down and, similar to riding in the rain, be smooth with braking or acceleration.

When we lose traction, we lose the braking and steering control of our vehicle. Even with four tires on the ground and ABS, it is easy to lose control of a vehicle on ice. To increase traction in icy conditions, look for “roughed” surfaces – perhaps an unplowed or unpaved gravel shoulder or snow that may be present where tires haven’t packed it down. Almost any surface provides better traction than ice! If you find yourself in such a situation, try to move your vehicle smoothly onto the other surface.

Keep in mind that accelerating, braking and steering should all be done smoothly to maintain traction and control of your vehicle. Use a light touch on the accelerator. With the limited traction available on ice, stepping on the gas will cause the tires to spin. Give yourself plenty of time and slow down before entering curves. Increase your following distance behind other cars to allow for additional stopping time and distance. You will need it when ice or snow on the ground limits your traction. The additional space will also give you a cushion if the vehicle in front of you loses control and spins out. That space can, hopefully, provide enough room to maneuver and time to react to avoid a collision.

Also, stay alert for other drivers who might lose control. Think about your best escape route or your how you would react to various situations that might arise. Be mindful of your options.

Wishing you the healthiest and prosperous New Year!



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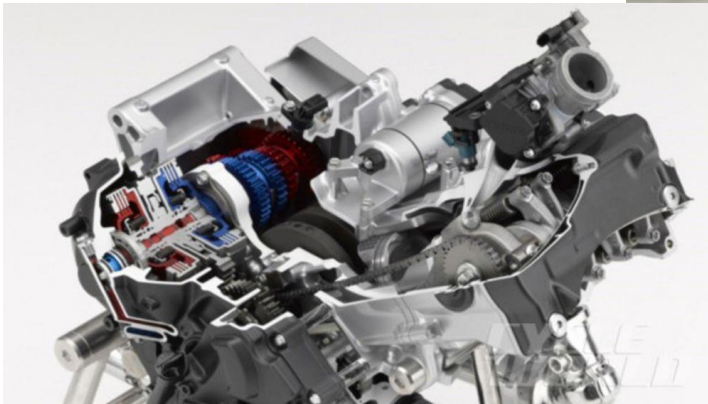
## Motorcycle News

### Motorcycle Trends of 2018



We've all heard the bad news that motorcycle sales are down. But sub-500cc bike sales were actually up as of September. Maybe Honda got it right trimming some pounds from the 2018 wing.

Safety technology is getting cheap. A little over 10 years ago, riders had to buy a premium model to get features like ABS, a slipper clutch, or traction control. These items are now found standard on nearly every street bike on the market.



Honda is the only major motorcycle company selling a significant number of models with optional DCT (Dual Clutch Transmission which is basically an automatic transmission). You have the new Goldwing, the African Twin, the CTX700, and the VFR1200 to name a few. Is this a glimpse of things to come?

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## Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location
January 5 <sup>th</sup> (8:00AM)	<b>Breakfast at the Upper Deck has been cancelled.</b>	
January 19 <sup>th</sup> (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social	Cast Iron 5906 Old Miller Trunk Hwy, Duluth
February 2 <sup>nd</sup> (8:00AM)	Seminar on Riding at Night presented by Dave Fure	To Be Determined. Stay Tuned!
February 16 <sup>th</sup> (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social  Afterwards, Dale and Jan Seafolk are hosting a bon-fire at their home.	Island Lake Inn 7153 Rice Lake Rd, Duluth

## Your Chapter Team

### Chapter Director

Paul & Jamie Howard  
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### Chapter Treasurer

Jim & Harla Lemmerman

### Chapter MEC

Brian & Michelle Marshall

### Ride Coordinator

Brian & Michelle Marshall

### Chapter Baker

Michelle Marshall

### Social Assistant

Teresa Smith

## Final Notes

### Chapter D Socials

Chapter D socials are the third Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Places are different each month and will be announced in the monthly newsletters, on our website, and on Facebook.

### Rides

Chapter D monthly rides are the first Saturday of the month (May through October).

We meet at Thompson Hill Rest Area ***unless otherwise noted.***

Please come to the ride prepared to ride, gas tank full and bladder empty. Meet time is usually at 9:45 & kickstands up at 10:00. ***Times may change for special rides.***

### Breakfast Socials

Join us the first Saturday of the month at 8:00AM (November through April) at the Upper Deck in Superior.