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“Safety is for Life”

Safety Weekend 2008... will be in Ankeny on May 9 and 10. Can't be there? Make sure you find out what **SURPRISES** you missed. Mark your calendars for **May 8 and 9, 2009** for the Iowa District's **5th Annual Motorcycle Safety Weekend** and tune up your skills and knowledge.

Iowa Eagles are Soaring... with **OSCAR** in 2008. **Iowa E** led the way through the end of March. Wonder what the April **OSCAR** Points will bring. I hear the Social Cursors of **Iowa S** are hot on the tail of the Eagles but will they catch up? **Iowa D** is also in the running. That gives a short run down of Iowa's Top Three. Has your Chapter joined the infamous "*Bottom Three*" of *American Idol*? Don't let that happen. You can gain ground quickly by just singing every where the roads takes you. So **“Happy Trails” 2 U.**

With May comes... Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. What is your Chapter doing to get the word out that we are all sharing the roads and byways with a lot of other users. Let's come up with ways to promote awareness to the public and earn some **OSCAR** Points along the way. If you don't want to do it for **OSCAR** then do it for yourself and all your loved ones. An awareness event can be a great opportunity to bring new participants to our ever growing **GWRRA** Family.

Parade of Wings... is a good way to show off your bikes and trikes. The side benefit of being in parades is you help make the public aware of motorcycles. Not only are they attention getters, but showing your Wings out into the public may also gain you new Chapter participants. So, don't overlook all your local celebrations. If you want some good advice on organizing and joining in a parade look to **Iowa I**. They have more parades scheduled then I ever knew they had in North East Iowa! I am sure if you ask **Ed Moore**, he would be willing to tell you what he has learned planning and schedule parades for **Iowa I**. If you want to join **Iowa I** watch their schedule in their newsletter and let them know you want to join them and I am sure you could.

Need to put my chrome on... well, if you need help maybe your Chapter would have a **Mechanics Day**. Then you can all get together, install new safety chrome, change oil, make minor repairs, and all with the help and guidance of others that have done it before and are willing to share their expertise with you. **Iowa I** has done this very successfully over the past few years. If you are heading for Missouri maybe you can join them this year. Let them know in advance so they know your needs. What a great way to get some mechanical education while having fun with your **GWRRA** Friends. Contact **Tim Peverill, Iowa I Educator**, and he can give you more information.

qTIP... looking for new educational ideas to use in your Chapter? Look no further than the other Iowa Chapters and see if your Chapter can duplicate successful events held in other Chapters.

HAPPY TRAILS with Rider Education