



WISCONSIN GWTA

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Fellow Wisconsin GWTA members: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Use your off-season to reload and repair before our next riding season dawns. We hope your 2007 rides and plans include GWTA, because there's lots on the schedule. We're waiting just for you!

State Director's Corner

"Happy New Year! As we celebrate the New Year we start to plan for the next. We have some big GWTA events to look forward to. The first weekend in February Jeryl, Carlee Jo, and I will be traveling to Galesburg, Illinois, for the Region C staff meeting. At that meeting we will be planning the Region C Reunion that takes place in June. It is a very exciting and rewarding weekend for us. I need everyone to get out their calendars and mark the following events. You don't want to miss these great times.

February 9 – 11 is our Weekend in the Dells! This is a great weekend to get away from it all and dream about warmer weather. We will again be staying at the Mayflower Motel & Suites in Wisconsin Dells. The official meeting will be Saturday, February 10, at 2 pm in the hospitality room by the pool. Jeryl and I will have all the exciting news about the Region C Reunion in June to share with you. Come early and enjoy the pool, casino, and all the other attractions that the Dells have to offer. The hospitality room will be ours to use for the weekend. It has a refrigerator and a lock on the door, so please bring any munchies and beverages that you would like. After the meeting we will have dinner and the battle of "Boxers or Briefs," which is a fun board game. Don't forget your swimsuits! For reservations contact: Mayflower Motel & Suites, 910 Wisconsin Dells Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, (608) 253-6471. The rate is \$55.50 tax included. Be sure to say you are with Gold Wing Touring Association. You have to **make your reservations before January 26 to get that rate.**

June 8 – 10 is our Region C Rally (Reunion). The theme this year is 'Once Upon A Time... The Never Ending Story.' This year's location is Lake Storey Pavilion in Galesburg, Illinois. This is by far my favorite event of the year. We will have more information after the planning meeting. Mark your calendars for one of the best weekends of the summer.

July 15 – 19 is Gold Rush XX, GWTA's 20th Birthday Party! Gold Rush is in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this year. A member registering by March 1 at \$40 for all four days of fun **can register a second member for free.** Complete registration information is on page 9 of the December *Touring News*. You don't want to miss Gold Rush this year!

August 3 – 5 is Wisconsin's Meet 'N' Greet State Meeting in Friendship. Our weekend time at St. Joseph's Resort in Necedah will wrap around our Saturday noon picnic at Friendship City Park August 4. We will have more details as we plan out the weekend. It is a great weekend to spend with your GWTA friends. Mark your calendars now! Happy New Year! Make those resolutions come true!"

-Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo, Your Wisconsin State Directors

Wisconsin GWTA Life Member New Chamber Member

Milwaukee GWTA Life member John Robins-Wells posed recently with the Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce while receiving a membership plaque. Here follows the brief caption/story under the newspaper photo:

“Operation L.A.P. (Locate Alexis Patterson) Foundation Inc., also known as the Wisconsin Center for Missing Children and Adults, was welcomed recently as a new member of the Fort Atkinson Area Chamber of Commerce. The business is a foundation and recovery center set up to benefit missing and recovered children and adults. It is intended to provide support services and help educate the public and children with awareness programs and provide the best in child I.D. systems. The operation offers service 24 hours a day seven days a week. Chamber Ambassador Trish Jonas presented the new Chamber member Award to John Robins-Wells, president/CEO/executive director of the Wisconsin Center for Missing Children and Adults. Robins-Wells is a ferocious defender of children. As the Wisconsin administrator for S.K.I.P., he brought S.K.I.P. to Wisconsin this past February and has been active in promoting child safety, internet safety for children, and public awareness about sex offenders. The foundation was founded after the disappearance of Alexis Patterson in May 2002. In July the business became a 501(c)3 non-profit tax exempt corporation. It lost its office space for four years in Milwaukee after fighting the bureaucracy of Greater Milwaukee. Organizers wanted to bring the group’s services into a smaller community and moved to Fort Atkinson. The organization is in need of grants, funding, donations, volunteer officers and workers, along with local and governmental support to meet its goal of returning every missing person home as soon as possible. The business’ local telephone number is 920-563-7007. Its website address is www.wcmckids.org and the crisis number is 414-235-6845.”

John was the director of our former Milwaukee chapter until early 2005 when health issues forced him to retire from motorcycle riding. Congratulations to you, John, and the best of success with WCMCA.

Miscellaneous

There are new things in *Touring News* beginning this month. Make a New Year’s resolution to read TN each month. Darrell Broten is offering to help you with whatever you want to send into *Touring News*.

By one vote David Telford of Nebraska is our new Region C Board Representative. Do you now see how important it is to vote? Thank you to everyone who did vote, regardless of who you voted for.

Contact Sue Engel at 715-569-4975 or engels09@hotmail.com to order your state shirt and to ask about sizes, styles, and prices. Let’s try to have everyone wearing a Wisconsin GWTA shirt.

Be sure to include a few GWTA enrollment forms with your motorcycle gear. Give them to your fellow bikers and suggest they read it. That’s a low-key way to get the word about GWTA out to other motorcyclists.

Raffle tickets will soon be available so make plans to get your supply and begin selling. Contact State Director Sherri/Jeryl for a bunch to sell or buy. Your riding friends will want that chance for a new motorcycle!

Dates to Remember

Feb. 9-11, 2007–Wisconsin Winter Weekend. Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. 715-839-9986.

June 8-10, 2007–GWTA Region C Rally. Galesburg, Illinois. 715-839-9986.

July 15-19, 2007–GWTA Gold Rush. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. 800-960-4982.

July 22, 2007–Ride For Kids. St. Paul, Minnesota. 800-253-6530/www.rideforkids.org

Aug. 3-5, 2007–GWTA Wisconsin Meet ‘n’ Greet. Friendship, Wisconsin. 715-839-9986.

Aug. 5, 2007–Ride For Kids. Madison, Wisconsin. 800-253-6530/www.rideforkids.org

Feedback

Let us know what you think of GWTA things by contacting the State Director (threewingers@sbcglobal.net/3668 Oakhill Place, Eau Claire WI 54703/715-839-9986). GWTA needs your input and we don’t mean maybe!