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SUMMER

Letter from the Editor

If you have an e-mail address to share instead of getting the newsletter via US Postal Service, please contact me at 920-327-1958 or e-mail msgldwing@new.rr.com.

As we approach the 4th of July weekend thank our soldiers for their service to our country so we can enjoy the freedom of a motorcycle ride. Did you know that you can get 35 percent better fuel mileage out of your current vehicle by letting up on the gas pedal? Accelerating more slowly away from green lights and stopping gradually for red lights cuts fuel

consumption in tests by 35.4 percent for the Land Rover and 27.1 percent for the Mustang. Slamming down the gas pedal pushes more fuel into the engine while it also keeps the engine running faster. You can also save a lot of gas by just lifting your foot off the accelerator as soon as possible when approaching a yellow or red light or a stop sign. Letting up on the gas sooner gives your car more coasting time. Slow down, save gas and enjoy the ride.

Barb



State Director's Corner

Happy Summer---It is finally here!!! I hope everyone has gotten to get out and ride with the wind. Take time and enjoy the curvy roads.

Region Director's Corner

We are passing along information concerning dues increases for GWTA.

You are all aware of expenses increasing each year and lately with fuel prices daily increases! GWTA is suffering their own increases in utilities, rent and virtually every aspect in our daily operation. There has not been a dues increase in 9 years and in order to keep up with rising operating costs we are now forced to raise dues.

Now is your chance to take advantage of the current prices by renewing early plus renew for more than a year.

Make absolutely sure you renew before September 1st to take advantage of the current rates!

Thanks,

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For those who traveled to the Region C Reunion Rally in Nebraska City, NE, Thank you for braving the tornados and floods! I hope you all had as much fun as Gerry and Cheryl Brix did at the Luau!! I am sure there will be pictures circulating soon. They were the true meaning of GWTA - let's have some fun!! I am sure you have all heard - Region C Reunion Rally 2009 will be in Chippewa Falls, WI!! Woohoo!! Mark your calendars for June 11-14, 2009. If you have not attended a Regional Rally next year will be a great opportunity for you to attend and have fun. We are looking for any suggestions to make the rally a huge success. Email them to me at threewingers@sbcglobal.net. We will also need members to help out with leading rides and being tail gunners. If anyone would like to take a few days and come over to the Chippewa Falls area and check out the roads and route out some rides, let me know - I would greatly appreciate it. You can even camp out in my wooded backyard (with electricity, garage for the bike and a firepot).

Gold Rush is just around the corner, another great opportunity to meet new friends from all over the country. Safe travels for all those attending. Unfortunately, Jeryl has that dreaded four-letter word "WORK", so we will not be able to attend this year. I am expecting to hear all the great stories, and I will be very jealous.

Meet 'N' Greet will be Aug. 1-3rd at the St. Joseph's Resort in Necedah, WI. Check out the attached flyer. Please make your camping reservations thru me - 715-839-9986. All hotel reservations are made thru the resort. The picnic will be held at the Friendship City Park on Sat. at noon, with the ride to follow. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle drawing please contact me. Chapter Y is hosting Saturday's night meal of walking tacos as a fundraiser for their chapter. Chapter GB will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for a fundraiser for their chapter. So please bring along your healthy appetites!! You will always know it is a GWTA event when there is ice cream involved!! I am sure we will have plenty to discuss and plan with the Regional Rally coming our way in 2009. Please bring along your healthy constructive comments to make Wisconsin GWTA a better organization.

Ride Safe and Be Happy!
Sherri Vonderheid
Wisconsin State Director



Tidbits

Submitted by Mike Hubert

- The droplets in a sneeze can travel 12 feet and remain in the air for as long as three hours!
- In 1999, Roger Russell began a 2,600-mile walk across South Africa to promote crime prevention. Two days into his walk, Russell was robbed at gunpoint.
- The odds exceed 50 percent that alcohol had something to do with your neighbor's latest brawl, your friend's divorce or an accident in an automobile.

Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter GB News

During the last 3 months we have had many Wednesday dinner nights at various eating establishments along with a few dinner rides as well. Always great company along with good food and some ice cream. What's a ride without ice cream.

On Sunday, April 13th we had our first Pot Luck of the season at Don and Jean Augustson's home in Sturgeon Bay. The weather didn't cooperate for taking the bikes but we still had a great turnout. Thanks to all who made the trip and to the Augustson's for opening up their home to us.

On May 18th we had a Pot Luck social at Marcus and Diana Baudhuin's home in Anston. Some came on their bikes while some 4 wheeled it. It was a little cool but at least it didn't rain. We took up a collection for the 'Ride for Kids' from the people there and then the chapter as a whole donated an additional \$100. We were also able to make a donation as a chapter to the GWTA 'Helping Hands' Fund for the same amount.

We have also started up a sponsor's page on the chapter website. We have asked businesses for a \$10 donation and then we put their information on the Sponsors page. We were hoping for 10 - 12 sponsors to defray the costs of the website for the year. We exceeded that to the tune of 43 sponsors total as of this newsletter. Mike Hubert had allot to do with the large number of sponsors. The excess monies will go towards operating expenses and donations to charities the chapter supports.

Region C's Rally was the first weekend in June. Mike & Lucy Hubert, Gerry & Cheryl Brix, Marcus Baudhuin and I attended from our chapter. We were all pleased with the rally. We had allot of fun along with a little riding in the rain both getting there and returning home. Let's just say out of the 1500+ miles we put on we had about 400 miles of rain. No one can accuse us of being fair weather riders. We also took a few pictures while we were there which will be on our website.

On July 12th Marcus Baudhuin and I will be heading out to Billing, MT. for Gold Rush which is July 14th - July 17th. Let us know if you will be going and/or if you would want to ride out there with us. The more the merrier.

The state 'Meet n' Greet is August 1st - 3rd in Necedah and Friendship, WI. See the flyer in this newsletter. Many of us from the chapter plan on being there. It was a good time last year from what Barb & I understand since we were only there for one day but we are going to be there for the whole weekend this year. On Sunday of that weekend Marcus & Diana Baudhuin and Barb & I will be going to Middleton, WI. to participate in the 'Ride for Kids'. Anyone is welcome to ride along with us. It's for a worthy cause as most of us already know.

On August 10th we will be doing a scenic ride starting from Feet Farm East in Green Bay at 1 PM with it ending up at Van Abel's in Hollandtown for a family style chicken dinner at 4 PM. This was rescheduled due to rain.

On August 24th is the next scheduled 'Pot Luck'. It will be at Carl & Joyous Bowen's home near Shawano, WI. It is the usual dish to pass with the chapter supplying the water, soda, napkins, plates, etc.

Ride safe now that the riding season is in full swing.

That's all for now.

Patrick & Barbara Williams

Your GWTA - WI - GB Chapter Directors

Mark your calendars!!

Gold Rush XXI

July 14-17, 2008

Billings, Montana

http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr_info.htm

State Educator

It's riding season finally! Get out & enjoy your ride & the beautiful scenery that we have here in the Midwest.

As the temperatures go up we need to remember to stay hydrated when we ride. Carry a bottle or two of water in your bike & drink whenever you stop or if it's very hot make a stop just to drink some fluids. Also wear appropriate hot weather clothing. The new mesh type jackets are very good for hot weather riding, offering protection but are still very comfortable.

I will be giving a GWTA Rider Ed. Level 1 test at the Meet & Greet, in August. There are separate tests for the Rider, Co-Rider, & Trike Rider. We will plan on doing this on Saturday morning. After completing this test you will be eligible for Level 1 of the Safety Program. The cost is \$7.00 for the paperwork & an additional \$3.00 for a Rider Ed. patch for your vest.

That's all for now. Have a great summer & Ride Safe.

Marcus Baudhuin
Chapter GB & Wisconsin Educator

Marcus took the ERC class which was put on by GWRRA ERC. He said it was very enjoyable & he learned about some of his "bad habits" & sharpened his riding skills. They do have some openings for 1 & 2 up 2-wheel on August 9 & also a trike class with openings on August 10. The class is open to non GWRRA members. If anyone is interested please contact Mike Mischker by email @ wingman915@sbcglobal.net or phone @ 920-779-6779. The classes are held in the Parking lot of the Starlight Club, Hwy 55 & J in Kaukauna. I do not know what the cost is for non- GWRRA members. It is well worth the time & minimal expense.



Safety Corner

- If you drop your helmet onto a hard surface or it receives a heavy blow, it is probably time to buy a new one. A motorcycle helmet is designed to absorb the impact of a blow, and a helmet should only do that once. If in doubt, get a new one.
- Always fasten the helmet strap. If the helmet is not secured, it is doing about as much good as if it were on the shelf at home.

If your motorcycle is properly maintained, you greatly reduce the possibility of any equipment failure. However, just in case ...

Blowouts

If you use tires of good quality, keep them at the proper pressure and change them when the tread is worn. The chances of having a blowout are small.

However, should it happen to either of your tires, you must act quickly and properly.

#1 Do not use the brakes; braking hard will only make things worse. If you must use some brake, apply gradual pressure to the brake on the good tire and ease over to a safe spot to stop.

#2 Ease off on the throttle and slow down gradually; rapid deceleration could throw the bike out of control.

#3 Hold those handlebars firmly; a great shuddering may take place as the out-of-round tire flops against the pavement, but you are concerned only with keeping that front wheel pointed ahead until you stop.

Riding in a Group

It is useful if, before taking off on a group ride, you get two or three hand signals organized amongst the participants: "let's stop; need gas; I'm hungry."

A few rules for the group:

Ride in a staggered formation, with first bike on the left side of the lane, second on the right side, etc., but not side by side.

Always keep at least a two-second following distance from the motorcycle directly in front of you.

If a deer jumps out in front of you on a country road, but is far enough ahead not to be worried about - watch out for its mate. They tend to travel in pairs. Hitting a deer with a motorcycle is a tough way to put venison on the table.

#1 Slow down well before you reach the animal.

#2 Do not - repeat - do not kick at the animal.

#3 If the animal looks like he's going to intercept you, speed up just as you are about to reach him. It will throw his timing off.



What is the TA Way?

The *T. A. Way* is a manual of guidelines for the Chapter Director (CD). It was written for the CD as a tool, but we encourage all members to take the time to read the manual. You will gain a better understanding of our association and how it operates.

<http://gwta.org/taway/taway.htm>

Something to Think About



- If life hands you lemons, make lemonade.
- Look for opportunities to make people feel important. -Mother Theresa
- Character is what you have when stripped of everything.
- "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why....I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"

- "Example is not the main thing in influencing others; it's the only thing."
-Robert F. Kennedy

Recently, I stopped by a convenience store to get a newspaper and a pack of gum. The young woman at the check-out counter said, "That'll be five dollars please," and as I reached into my wallet, the thought occurred to me that a newspaper and gum didn't quite make it to five dollars. When I looked up to get a "re-quote", she had a big smile on her face and said, "Gotcha! I got to get my tip in there somehow!" I laughed when I knew I'd been had. She then glanced down at the paper I was buying and said, "I'm sick and tired of all this negative stuff on the front pages. I want to read

some good news for a change." She then said, "In fact, I think someone should just publish a *Good News* newspaper - a paper with wonderful, inspirational stories about people overcoming adversity and doing good things for others. I'd buy one every day!" She then thanked me for coming in and said, "Maybe we'll get lucky tomorrow; maybe we'll get some good news," and she laughed. She made my day.

The following day after my business appointments, I dropped by the same store again to pick up bottled water, but a different young lady was behind the counter. As I checked out I said, "Good afternoon" and handed her my money for the water. She said nothing - not a word, not a smile...nothing. She

just handed me my change and in a negative tone ordered..."Next!"

It hit me right between the eyes: Two people, same age; one made me feel great, and the other, well, made me feel that I had inconvenienced her by showing up.

By the choices we make, by the attitudes we exhibit, we are influencing lives every day in positive or negative ways...our family, our peers, our friends, and even strangers we've never met before and will never meet again.

So when you brush your teeth every morning look in the mirror and ask yourself this important question: Who do I want to be today? "The Grouch" or "The Good News Girl"? Your answer will go a long way toward determining the joy and happiness that you will experience in your life.

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PICNIC/POTLUCK AT FRIENDSHIP CITY PARK

Saturday, Aug. 2, 2008

EAT AT NOON!

**Brats and Hot dogs & Beverage PROVIDED – Bring a dish to share
Raffle, 50/50 & Bango Ride after meal and State Meeting
Friday night pizza and Saturday night walking tacos – by donation.**

**For more information, contact Sherri or Jeryl Vonderheid,
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