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Letter from the Editor

Patricia Ann Bostwick

April 17, 1948 - September 5, 2008.

Pat died doing what she enjoyed...riding motorcycle with her husband, Art. If you did not take the time to meet her, you missed out on knowing an intelligent, kind person. Keep Art and Patricia's family in your thoughts and prayers. Pat and Art are members of Chapter GB.

This newsletter makes it one year since I took over as Editor from Darrell Broten. I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter. Anyone is welcome to make suggestions. It has been a great year making new friends and deepening friendships with old ones.

Daylight Saving
Time is
November 2 this
year...a week
later.



The Winter Meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Inn in Plover, WI February 28, 2009. There is a swimming pool for the children and grandchildren and we have the meeting room all day. The hotel provides water and coffee. They have a buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please call 1-800-280-0778 or email <http://www.elizabethinn.com/> Make your reservation by January 30, 2009. Mention GWTA for a 10% discount.



Please note that Pat and I have a new phone number and email address. Find the



Barbara Williams, Editor

Region Director's Corner

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Hello Region C,

We apologize for the lack of updates lately. Mostly because there has not been much going on as opposed to we just haven't gotten around to it. But that is also part of the reason.

This is a friendly reminder that Lucky Seven Raffle tickets are still for sale at \$20 apiece. For anyone that would like some please contact Randy or me. There are only a limited number available and ticket sales end on December 31. Currently Regions A and then B are in the lead for selling the most Lucky Seven tickets. Congratulations!!

LUCKY SEVEN CHAPTER COMPETITION-
For the Chapter in Region C who sells the most Lucky Seven Raffle tickets (Minimum of 10 tickets) the Region will pay for your Chapter Registration. In the event of a tie, a name will be drawn from those that tie. If your chapter registration has already been paid, you will be reimbursed. So let's get out and sell.

Chapter Registrations and checks must be turned into your State Directors prior to December 20th. Please allow enough time for your State Directors to send the forms into National before the December 31 deadline. If your registration is received by the main office after the due date, there is a \$25 late fee.

We were lucky enough to be able to visit with Jeryl and Sherri Vonderheid, Wisconsin State Directors over Labor Day Weekend

and check out the site of Region C Rally 2009 in Chippewa Falls while the grass was still green and the air warm. The fairgrounds have beautifully paved flat roads with many buildings for holding our events. They also have campsites with just electricity and also full hookup. Leinenkugel factory is just down the hill within walking distance for tours and free samples. For more information about this you can check out www.leinie.com. The initial fliers have been sent out and there will be more information about guided and self guided rides of all lengths, other activities that will be offered during the rally and also area information if you would like to add more time to your vacation with local attractions or even a ride around the Great Lakes.

In November, along with all of the other Regional Directors we will be attending our first National Planning Session in Lexington, Kentucky. Hopefully we will be returning with some wonderful information about Gold Rush XXII. We also should be returning with Bike Raffle Tickets. National's preference is that the Regions hold off on selling them until after the New Year, so that people can concentrate on selling Lucky Seven Tickets. We are very aware that many Chapters within Region C would like their tickets much earlier than this. In order to appease and please both parties it has been decided that if your chapter would like to receive Bike Raffle Tickets prior to January 1, 2009 they must first purchase at least one Lucky Seven ticket. If your chapter purchases a Lucky Seven ticket with payment received by us, your Bike Raffle ticket will be sent out mid November to your State Director or Raffle ticket coordinator.

If National gives us only a portion of what we sold last year on the first distribution we will have to ration delivery on an as needed basis. But keep in mind with such an early passing out of tickets we will need tickets returned to us in a timely manner each month.

The days of riding are slowly drawing to and end. Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors as they change weekly and enjoy your family and friends.

See you all in Friendship,

Randy Nelson and Jen Lipe
Region C Directors



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>

Wisconsin Ride for Kids®

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF) is a nonprofit charitable organization that seeks to

- find the cause of and cure for childhood brain tumors by supporting medical research
- increase public awareness about the severity and prevalence of childhood brain tumors
- aid in the early detection and treatment of childhood brain tumors
- support a national database on all primary brain tumors
- Provide educational and emotional support for children and families affected by this life-threatening disease.

As Marcus/Diana Baudhuin, Bruce/Bev Roehrborn and Pat and I rode over to Fireman's Park in Middleton, WI, I did not know what to expect. When we arrived at Fireman's Park, I thought there would be more bikes. 400 are allot but with all the advertising for this event I expected more. I was wrong about the numbers because what I thought was a small turnout, 400 people made up for with generosity and hearts full of love and compassion.

It started out sunny but was cloudy by the end of the hour and a half ride. It was a beautiful ride winding through cornfields, farms and beautiful subdivisions in the country. People stood at the end of their driveways and waved. It was awesome to go through a red light with a police escort. It was fun but the best was yet to come.

When we got back to the park, Culver's had bag lunches ready for everyone. We were all in a jolly mood.

They started out with a prayer. The awards were then presented to the highest fundraisers who each received a leather jacket. Each person shared how they raised funds. Some sold candy bars while others had raffles. Most of them said they begged.

Then a father got up and spoke for his child, Sara. How proud he was of her fight to get well. He called her the SS Saratoga because she was like a battleship fighting her tumor. This is the first time it tugged at your heart. They brought other kids up on stage that fought the same battle and won. One is now a sophomore in college and Andrew is only 3 years old. When Andrew's Mom choked up describing what Andrew has gone through, Andrew put his arm around her. Pulling at the heartstrings number 2.

They kept the ceremonies/testimonials brief but you didn't care about the time or the ride home. It was a good feeling sitting there knowing that you helped raise money for the treatment of these children.

After, Culver's had dishes of ice cream for everyone. The whole ride and event after were very organized. We left Fireman's Park with a desire to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for next year. I hope everyone goes on this ride at least once. You will want to get involved, too.

If you cannot participate in the ride, please contact Darrel (dbrotten@sbcglobal.net) of Chapter Y or Marcus (mdbaud1@yahoo.com) of Chapter GB. Both raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Barbara Williams, Editor

Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter GB

What a busy July, August and September. From some of us going to Gold Rush. Then the Wednesday night dinner rides and the Van Abel's ride. Now throw in the Ride for Kids' and the Pot Luck at Carl & Joyous Bowen's home it's been pretty busy. To top it all off was the Mission Impossible group that did a week long ride around southwestern Wisconsin with their final destination being Friendship, WI for Meet n' Greet.

For many of these activities you can go to our website and see a lot of pictures of these events. For those who can't, here is a brief summary of each.

Wednesday dinner nights: We went to different locations every other week for food, conversation and ice cream. The average ride was 45 minutes long. The last ride of the season was a little shorter and ended at the Chapter Director's home. There we had hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato chips and ice cream with an assortment of toppings. This is the second year we have done this and it seems to go over really well.

Is this the start of a trend? We'll see.

Gold Rush: A lot of fun and some excellent riding. A little warm at times but hey, it was July. We saw Mt. Rushmore and rode through Beartooth Pass. We started the ride through Beartooth pass from Red Lodge

after breakfast around 10:30 AM with the temperature in the upper 60's. When we got to the highest elevation the temperature on my bike said 48 degrees and there was still some snow around us. By the time we got down the other side it was in the low 80's.

Meet n' Greet: A nice group of people with a lot to talk about and more food and ice cream to boot. There is a pattern here, if you hadn't noticed. The Mission Impossible group making their final destination Meet n' Greet so we had a large number of people there from Chapter GB. We also collected most of the raffle prizes and 50/50 winnings.

Ride for Kid's: After Meet n' Greet a few of us went to Middleton, WI to participate in the ride. The ride was wonderful but the program after with the kids which have been or are being helped was something to experience. It's hard to describe but all I can say is it really touched our hearts.

Van Abel's Ride: A scenic ride from Green Bay on the back roads around Elkhart Lake and ending up in Hollandtown at Van Abel's for family style broasted chicken.

Pot Luck at the Bowen's: Food was the order of the day and their definitely wasn't any disappointment. We had 30+ people show up and nobody left hungry.

This is what our chapter is all about. Good conversation, making friends and inevitably a little food and ice cream are consumed.

Now it's getting close to the time for some of us to put the bike away for the winter,

some of the more fortunate retirees are heading for warmer climates to continue their passion of riding their bike(s).

We do have our annual Chili Dump at Dean & Elaine Belanger's house on October 4th starting at 3 PM and then the Color Ride on October 5th starting at the Shell station at Hwy. 41 and Cty. D at 10:30 AM with Dean & Elaine in the lead. We will arrive at Woodlands in Gresham for a 12:00 lunch.

On November 2nd we will be having a Pot Luck social at Jon & Lynn Lovlien's home. This one is important because there is food and we will be taking nominations and electing a Chapter Director for next year.

All of these activities are on our calendar on the website along with more to come.

See you on the road,

Patrick Williams, Chapter Director

Chapter Y

By Darrell Broten

This past riding season the River Valley Riders have been active, as in past seasons. Chapter Y held a chapter camp out in July at Scott and Sue Engel's farm yard and a good time was had by all. Their farm is centrally located and sits above a wide bluff that offers a unique view overlooking level farm fields. Next year they will host it again, with a few new twists to it.

Chapter Y had several members take part in the July 20 St. Paul, Minnesota, Ride For

Kids, and a few who attended the Madison event, too.

Chapter Y had a great time at the Wisconsin Meet 'n' Greet this year. The River Valley Riders always enjoy the Meet 'n' Greet because it is a good opportunity for us to chat with our Chapter GB friends and have fun riding our motorcycles.

Later that month Chapter Y's Bob and Linda Kruger hosted a camp out at their Gordon, Wisconsin, trailer/cabin. Many members came up for a fish fry Friday night and a ride on Saturday afternoon. Northwest Wisconsin is a nice place to ride, too, and we have several members located there.

Most recently Chapter Y's September ride was held the 20th. It wound its way down to Pepin, smack dab into the center of the Flood Run and its thousands of black-clad Harley riders! We soon turned back north on Highway 37 and County Highway J, discovering things--both good and bad--along the way.

All through this season Jeryl Vonderheid has hosted Tuesday night Ice Cream Rides that have been fun and provided additional opportunities for our members to ride. They work out well for those of us that aren't able to make the weekend rides.

Coming up is our annual Color Ride on October 11.

Chapter Y wishes everyone in GWTA the best for the coming holiday season, and safe riding to all. Ride Safely and Stay Happy!"

State Educator

I recently had a "close" encounter with a car turning in front of me as I was cruising down the highway. Fortunately he saw me at the last second and stopped his turn. He (and it was a he) either was not paying attention or for whatever reason just did not see me. I made a decision after that incident to make myself more visible to the rest of the motoring public. I have purchased and installed a headlamp modulator. This device "modulates" the headlamp bulb from full intensity to a lesser intensity approximately 240 times per minute. This is not a headlamp flasher, flashers are illegal, modulators are legal by federal code in all 50 States and Canada. It does make your cycle more visible to the other vehicles on the streets. The brand I installed is switched on and off during the daylight hours by sensor that turns it off when it starts to get dark. I can also turn it off via the headlamp high beam switch. Ask me to demonstrate it to you the next time you see me.

The Ride for Kids in Madison was a huge success, with over 102,000.00 being raised. Thanks to all who donated money for me to take to the ride. We'll be doing the Ride again next year and look forward to having you join us.

POP CAN TABS

As you know I have been saving pop can tabs for some time and I finally took the "collection" to the Ronald McDonald House in Madison. I had approximately 7 lbs of tabs. Thank you to all who have given me the tabs that you have saved. I will continue to do this as the Ronald McDonald House is a very worthy cause.

Fall riding season is here so be alert for the DEER that will be running around and also for the slow moving farm machinery that maybe in your lane as you round a curve. Also wet leaves can be as slippery as glare ice. So be attentive and Ride Safe.

Marcus Baudhuin
Educator



Safety Corner

Storing your bike for winter

1. Location - where are you going to put it?

When possible, choose a location away from windows. The ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts. Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area which will promote condensation when the sun goes down, so cover plain glass with some sort of opaque material. Also, cover your bike with a specially designed bike cover, not a sheet or a tarp. Why? Because a sheet absorbs moisture and holds it against metal surfaces and then rust forms. Also, damp fabric will breed mildew and this may attack the seat material. A tarp prevents moisture from getting in but it also prevents it from getting out. Moisture trapped will condense on the bike and then the rust monster is back!

A specially designed motorcycle cover is made of a mildew resistant material. The material is slightly porous, so it can breathe.

2. Change the Oil

Tip: Just like cars a colder winter grade oil will allow your bike to start easier in colder weather. If your motorcycle runs ok with a cold winter grade oil (5w30) then changing the oil to this grade will help startup and running in spring.

Even if the oil is not due for a change, byproducts of combustion produce acids in the oil which will harm the inner metal surfaces. Warm the engine to its normal operating temperature, as warm oil drains much faster and more completely.

While you are at it, why not change the filter too? Add fresh motorcycle grade oil. Remember to dispose of the drained oil and old filter in a responsible manner. What to do with the old oil? Recycle it. Most stores you have purchased the oil from will take it back free of charge to be recycled.

3. Add Fuel Stabilizer and Drain Carbs

Tip: You only need to drain the carbs if your motorcycle will be stored more than 4 months. Otherwise just add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, run the bike for 10 minutes so it mixes and gets into the carbs.

Fill the tank with fresh fuel, but do not overfill. The correct level is when the fuel just touches the bottom of the filler neck. This gives enough room for the fuel to expand without overflowing the tank when temperature rises.

Shut off the fuel petcock and drain the carburetors and the fuel lines. Add winterizing fuel conditioner to prevent the fuel from going stale, and help prevent moisture accumulation. Stale fuel occurs when aromatics (the lighter additives) evaporate leaving a thicker, sour smelling liquid. If left long enough, it will turn into a gum, plugging the jets and passages inside your carbs!

4. Lube the cylinder(s)

Tip: You only need to do this if your motorcycle will be stored a very long time (6 months or more)

Because gasoline is an excellent solvent and the oil scraper ring has done its job, most of the oil from the cylinder walls has been removed since the last time the engine was run. If the cylinder wall is left unprotected for a long period of time, it will rust and cause premature piston and ring wear.

Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon (5 cc) of clean engine oil or spray fogging oil into each cylinder. Be sure to switch off the fuel before you crank the engine or else you may refill the drained carbs! Also, ground the ignition leads to prevent sparks igniting any fuel residue. Turn the engine over several revolutions to spread the oil around and then reinstall the plugs. Refitting the plugs before cranking the engine could result in a hydraulic lock if too much oil was used in the cylinder.

5. Battery Storage

The battery must be removed from the motorcycle when it is in storage. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off (dark current), and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

A conventional battery should be checked for electrolyte level. Add distilled water to

any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Battery charging should be performed at least every two weeks using a charger that has an output of 10% of the battery ampere hour rating. For example if the battery has an AH rating of 12 (e.g. 12N12A-4A-1 where the 12A is 12 amp hours), then the charge rate of that battery should not exceed 1.2 amps. A higher charge will cause the battery to overheat. Charge the battery away from open flame or sparks as the gas (hydrogen) given off a battery can be explosive. Elevate the battery and keep it from freezing. Exercise the proper caution appropriate to caustic substances.

6. Surface Preparation

Waxing and polishing the motorcycle might seem like a waste of time since you are putting it away and no one will see it. But applying wax is a very important part of storing a motorcycle. Wax will act as a barrier against rust and moisture.

Don't forget to spray any other metal surfaces (such as the frame or engine) with a very light spray of WD-40. This will keep these areas shiny and protect from corrosion as well.

7. Exhaust and Mufflers

Exhausts/Mufflers are known to rust fast when they are not used. So making sure they are properly stored for the winter on your bike will save them from an early rusty death. Spray a light oil (such as WD40) into the muffler ends and drain holes. Lightly stick a plastic bag (shopping bag is fine) into

the end of each muffler hole (to keep moisture from getting inside the exhaust). Then cover each muffler with another plastic bag to keep outside moisture off.

8. Tires

Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommend pressure. As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to pump them up as to keep your tires healthy. Rubber is a flexible material and does not like to freeze (it cracks when it freezes). Placing 1/4"-1/2" piece of cardboard or wood board under each tire will help keep the rubber raised up from a freezing floor.

DO NOT use a tire dressing on tires (such as Armor-All or tire cleaning foam) as this will make the tires hard and slippery.

9. Service all fluids

If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 18,000 km (11,000 miles), do it now. The fluids used in these system are "hygroscopic" which means that they absorb moisture. The contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems which may give problems when the motorcycle is used next spring. Be sure to use the correct fluids and note the warnings and instructions in the service manual. If you don't have the experience to service these systems, contact your dealer, he will be happy to assist you.

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant requires changing every two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles). Make sure that

the engine is cool enough to rest your hand on it before draining the system and please dispose of the coolant responsibly. Coolant/antifreeze is available from your dealer and has been developed to provide the correct protection for your motorcycle engine. Mixed 50/50 with distilled water will ensure a clean system for the next two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles).

10. Cover it.

Now you can cover the bike with the cycle cover and look forward to the first warm day of spring.



Something to Think About



If you think "leadership" is a concept that only applies to certain people in business, governmental, and civic organizations, think again! Fact is - no matter our age, gender, occupation, education level, or station in life - each of us touches and influences other lives ... each of us is a leader to someone. Certainly, that "someone" can be an employee (or a group of employees) we might supervise at work. But it can also be a coworker we interact with or a customer we serve...a spouse we honor or a child we nurture ...a relative we care for or a friend we care about ...a student we teach or a player we coach...a fellow member of our church, club, league, or association...or anyone for whom we have made a positive difference through our actions and example. That's why LEADERSHIP is something we all must be concerned with. That's why leadership applies to YOU! Your "someone" is counting on you for leadership. Don't let him, her, or them down.

Lou Tice & Tracy Brinkmann

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