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The Official Newsletter of the State of Wisconsin




Letter from the Editor

HELLO!

We made it to spring! We can trade shovels for bikes. The snowbirds can make their way back home. I am excited to ride and am looking forward to an ice cream cone! I am sure many have their vacations in the planning stage for this summer. If

anyone would like to share their experiences, please send them to me and I will get them in the newsletter.

There are many changes this year. New Region C Directors are Rick and Kandie Hinrichs from Nebraska. See the  for contact info. Thank you to Jen and Randy for stepping in when needed and doing a fine job of keeping the Region running smoothly.

Congratulations to Jim and Mary Rose Clark as they will be taking over as State Directors, in June, for Sherri and Jeryl Vonderheid. We welcome you and I speak for all in saying we will help in any way we can. Also, congratulations to Marcus Baudhuin. He has accepted the position of Region C Safety Educator.

We look forward to Marcus's continuous knowledge in teaching us to ride safe. Mark your calendars for Meet n'Greet and Region C Rally. (Flyers at the bottom)

Your Editor, Barb



Region Director's Corner

Here we are again. I love the month of March as we start to look forward to warming temperatures, the grass growing again, flowers starting to break through the earth and most importantly being able to get out and ride with friends once again on a regular basis. The economy has curtailed some of our personal habits and we have had to cut down on some of the things that we can't afford to do. GWTA is being hit hard by our current economic state. As you all know we are a member owned and run organization of friends with motorcycles in

common. We all need to ask some very hard questions of ourselves. Are you getting out of your chapter, your state, your region and the national what you need? If your answer is no, I need to know why and what you are expecting or needing to get the most out of your GWTA experience. Are you involved in your group, do you contribute. We have all grown in the last few decades to expect others to provide for us and in my opinion that is not working well for us. We used to be a nation of people that helped one another and knew that in order for any one of us to succeed as a group we needed to give something to contribute to the "soup" so that everyone would be fed. We can no longer afford to feed those that give nothing but continue to keep dipping their spoon into the pot. Membership has dropped considerably in the last 5 years and we need more members to help keep the soup pot full. GWTA is and always will be about friends and I have personally seen the excitement new members bring into their chapters.

Region C is being called to task to once again help GWTA. It is up to all of us to lead by example. How do we do this you might ask? We do this by getting more involved with your own chapter, by supporting your chapter events and by volunteering to help when needed. I know that money is tight and I do not ask you to give more money, I am asking that you help make your chapter a fun place to be. When your chapter is out and about do you wear your chapter colors? Do you park your motorcycles all together so that others can see you? Are you visible, out where the public can see you, or do you ask for a private room so that others do not bother

your group? We have been the best kept secret for too long. We have something to be proud of and we need to share that with the people in our communities. If we are having fun and are being seen others will notice and want to join in on the fun. GWTA is the greatest motorcycle organization in the world. We want and need to attract new blood to keep us strong and gain new ideas.

Region C Rally plans have been finalized and I can guarantee everyone a great time this year in Chippewa Falls, WI. I would like to thank Jeryl and Sherri Vonderhied, Wisconsin State Directors and their staff for all of the work they have already done to make this year's Family Reunion a success. To start off with for your registration this year you will be receiving two meals, yes two meals. The Region will supply a fantastic breakfast on Saturday morning and also the meal Saturday evening just before the Awards Ceremony. If you have never ridden the roads in Wisconsin you are in for a treat. In my opinion Wisconsin roads are some of the best of what America has to offer. On Friday evening we will have a drive in movie night right at the fair grounds. Friday afternoon will also offer the opportunity to participate in the State Battle games and to show your state spirit. The Registration Fliers are now available through your chapter directors or on the Region C Web Site <http://gwta-c.com/GWTARegionCForum/> also check out the Region C Blog page for updates on our Tail Gate Party http://gwta-c.com/GWTARegionCForum/blogs/2009_region_c_rally/default.aspx

Rick & Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors

...more from the desk of Rick & Kandie

Hello,

This years Raffle tickets are well underway. For this year Region C will be rewarding the high Chapter Sales for raffle tickets with a \$100.00 cash prize for top sales, a \$75.00 prize for second place and a \$50.00 prize for third place. This will be awarded to our Region C chapters at Gold Rush. In addition the high personal member raffle ticket sales will be given a free Registration to Region C Rally for 2010 and a paid registration for Gold Rush in 2010 from Region C.

As you all know Raffle Ticket sales are very important to GWTA and they help keep our membership rates low. I know that not everyone is able to sell as many tickets as they would like. If every member in GWTA would buy just 10 tickets for themselves we could raise enough money to support GWTA. Do you carry Raffle tickets with you? There are so many opportunities to share a chance to win a new motorcycle or ten thousand dollars with others but first you have to have them in hand to sell them.

Rick & Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors

Gold Rush XXII

Lexington, Kentucky
July 13-16, 2009

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State Director's Corner

Spring is officially here!! The calendar says it is!! For me spring was here March 6th at 6:00 am. Why did I pick that date and time? Because for me, spring is here when I spot my first robin of the season. The first robin is a sign for me to start getting ready for "riding season". This year's riding season is going to be extra special with the Region C Rally, in Wisconsin! We have been given a great opportunity to show off the best of our state and our great hospitality. We have some of the best cycle roads in the country and we do have the "BEST" ice cream in the country!! The rally is June 12th - 14th in Chippewa Falls, WI. This year's theme is Region C Tailgate Party! We will be welcoming cycle friends from across the

Midwest. I am hoping Wisconsin has the most members in attendance! GWTA is about FUN and FUN is the more the merrier!! I highly urge everyone to attend, even for just a day. Our Region C Rally is a riding rally and reunion, which means that there are a limited number of vendors, but there are many guided and self-guided rides to go on along with the fun at the fairgrounds when you are not riding. At this time we have Chickenscratchin Pinstriping <http://www.chickenscratchin.com/> and an embroidery lady, as the vendors. I also urge everyone to take part in the Dirty Bingo...this is a great way to meet new friends. Please just bring a wrapped dirty bingo prize...that prize can be anything from a toilet plunger to some extra chrome! This year's event has many great opportunities to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

Please send in your registrations, so the numbers can be calculated and we can make sure we have enough food and such!! I guarantee it will be one of the best weekends you have all summer! **THANK YOU** to all the members who have volunteered to help out at the rally!! If you were not able to attend the Winter Planning Meeting in February and would like to help out, please contact me. There are many little odd jobs that could use a volunteer. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to Pat and Barb Williams on being Wisconsin Family of the Year. Good Luck at the Region C Rally!!

As of June 14th, we are officially retired as your Wisconsin State Directors. We would like to thank everyone for all the help they gave us over the years. It has been an amazing experience, THANK YOU! On June 15th, Jim and Mary Rose Clark will officially take the reign as your State Directors. The Clarks are members of Chapter GB and reside in New Franken, WI with their sweet dog, Bessie. CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!!!!

Yours in Friendship,

Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo Vonderheid

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Chapter Director's Corner

CHAPTER Y READY TO RIDE

The River Valley Riders, Wisconsin's GWTA Chapter Y, is anxiously awaiting warmer temperatures so they can get their motorcycles out and running. All of us are ready--more than ready--to ride. Here's hoping that we will have an early spring so we can enjoy our machines and the roads of northwestern Wisconsin.

Chapter Y is busy making plans to fulfill the Region C Rally assignments given them after the planning meeting at the Wisconsin Winter Weekend. Our April and May meetings will be devoted to the Rally, either by riding the rally routes to make last-minute changes or by getting any food, material, or other equipment ready for our June 12-14 gathering. Chapter Y invites any rally ride leaders or any riders from Chapter GB to come over April 25 or May 16 to cover selected rally rides so as to become familiar with them. We're checking our lists, and checking them twice to make sure all we can do is just right. Much communication is going back and forth amongst members, and amongst other Region C and Wisconsin members. The one thing out of our control and over which we are hoping and praying is the weather.

We are also continuing to pray for Ted Grindall, who suffered a surprising diagnosis of colon cancer in late November. He has recovered from surgery and is now back at home in Arkansas beginning chemotherapy.

Think of him and pray for a full recovery. Chapter Y is also praying for Bruce Roehrborn, who came down with a urinary infection a few weeks ago. Some prostate cancer was discovered but it looks like the slow kind that was spotted very early.

Chapter Y is calling on all its members to do some raffle ticket selling and consider buying a bunch of the tickets. GWTA raffle tickets continue to be a good deal: for a mere \$1 you get a chance to win a new GL and the sale of such actually supports GWTA. Now is a great time to buy and sell them. Chapter Y has also pretty much put together its riding schedule. You know, with our Region C Rally, Gold Rush, Meet 'n' Greet, and chapter rides, we have a ride season to be proud of and one that we can tell other bikers about. One of the best ways to get new members is to invite them on a ride of ours, and the best way to promote responsible motorcycling is to simply ride.

I have had the good fortune to be able to attend Daytona Bike Week in Florida these last few days. One of the neat things I saw was a presentation by Jerry Palladino and his "Ride like a Pro" program. In it he describes how anyone can ride a large motorcycle like a law enforcement professional, which he is. It was remarkable how he and his team demonstrated tight circles, precise weaves, and slow speed control on their large H-D Electra Glides. I encourage all to check out his program and try it out. Chapter Y member Jerrie Powers purchased the entire set of DVDs and will, no doubt, be reporting to us their benefits. Any program or class

like that is invaluable to what we in GWTA do--ride responsibly and competently.

Now is the time for Chapter Y members to be patient but also be ready as spring arrives any day now. Speak freely and positively about GWTA. Invite other riders to join us. Be a good example for motorcyclists everywhere. Have riding safety uppermost in your minds.

We'll see you at the Region C Rally in Chippewa Falls June 12 to 14. Ride Safely and Stay Happy!

Darrell Broten
CD, Wisconsin Chapter Y

Chapter GB News

Chapter GB has made it through the first 3 months of this year. It's hard to have cabin fever and be suffering through rider's withdrawal at the same time but we seem to manage every year. A few have already had their bikes out.

We have also added new staff position. Russ & Lila Rodrian are the Chapter Photographers. They will be taking pictures at any activities they attend and if anyone else takes pictures they can be e-mailed to them and they will keep a running picture history on CD's of our chapter. So if you see them 'smile for the camera.'

We also wish to congratulate Marcus Baudhuin on his acceptance of being the new Region C Educator. He will continue as the Wisconsin and Chapter GB Educator as well.

Quite a task and we know he will do it very well.

Our chapter and GWTA also have some new members. They are Tim & Susan Hassett from Germantown and Larry & Marlene Pihlstrom from Neenah. We all look forward to meeting them at one or more of our many activities.

A group of hearty souls managed to break up the winter blahs with a Wingless Weekend here in Green Bay. This was organized by Mike & Lucy Hubert. They were hoping to get about 20 - 25 people for this first time event. Were they ever in for a surprise. They ended up with 50. This may turn into an annual event. They did a great job at setting it all up.

We also had a sleigh ride at the Rock-K-Ranch that was well attended. A temperature in the mid 20's with enough snow on the ground and ended with plenty of food as always (I remembered the hot dogs).

The Winter Meeting was held the weekend after the Region C planning meeting. With the Region C Rally being in Chippewa Falls this year, we have the opportunity to show others from our region allot of the attractions and wonderful roads we have in Wisconsin. For anyone interested in getting some striping on their bikes Lynus from Chicken Scratchin' by Lynus will be there to enhance the look of your bike if you are so inclined. He's been doing this for nearly 30 years and does beautiful work.

On Sunday, April 19th we have our first Pot Luck of the season at Don and Jean

Augustson's home in Sturgeon Bay starting at 11 AM. You can call them at 920-743-7179 and they'll be glad to give you directions. Bring a dish to pass and the chapter supplies water, soda, napkins, plates, etc.

On Saturday, May 2nd we have a ride going to Mattoon for their communities annual Smelt Fry. Barb & I went last year and it was allot of fun. Besides getting a large helping of smelt with all the fixins' they also raffle off sticks of sausage, bacon, and other goodies.

Then on May 3rd from 11 AM - 3 PM we have a photo day, oil & filter change and some food (go figure) at Barb's and my house for anyone who would like their picture in the chapter photo album or to take a different one than the current one we have from the Christmas Party. If it's raining this day the rain date will be Saturday, May 9th.

On May 17th we have a Pot Luck social at Marcus and Diana Baudhuin's home in Anston starting at 11 AM. We'll have the same dish to pass and all the other usual supplies. Directions will be out closer to the time of the social.

Patrick & Barbara Williams
Your GWTA - WI - GB Chapter Directors



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Safety Educator

Greetings and happy spring to all. As I write this we just received 2" of snow. But it is warming up & I did have the bike out & put two hundred miles on it. Man did it feel good to be on 2 wheels again. Make sure you do your T-Clock inspection before you ride (attached below). I will have the T-Clock inspection sheet put on the WI.GB website. If you want to brush up on your skills, there are practice drills listed on the National website. They can be found under the rider ed tab.

Spring is the time to do an Experienced Rider Course (ERC) or a Skilled Rider Course. ERC are hard to come by, but check with your local Tech College to see if they have any scheduled. A SRC will be offered at Gold Rush in Lexington. No definite day set, but it may be on Wednesday. They will offer a First Aid course also at Gold Rush. Insurance.. do you have the correct coverage?? Hospital costs are skyrocketing, and your liability amounts should be increased. The 100/300 limits may not be enough in these days when lawsuits are far too common. I would recommend purchasing an "Umbrella" policy with a limit of at least 1 million dollars. These Umbrella policies kick in when you are found to be liable for damages that exceed your regular limits. I recommend that you discuss this with your local agent. Speaking of coverage, accessories coverage should be looked at. Does your company include a set amount (1000.00 or 3000.00) for accessories? Do you realize that most companies would consider a CB Radio at least on a Honda 1800 as an accessory, since it did not come with

the bike from the factory? What about your Trike kit?? Most policies I have seen consider a trike kit an accessory. If in doubt, check with your local agent, & if he says it's covered, ask for it in writing. That's it for this newsletter, until we meet again,
Ride Safe
Mark Baudhuin (Marcus) Wisconsin & Chapter GB Educator

Safety Corner

Overnight Parking
Side-stand or center-stand? Cover it or not?

By: James R. Davis

You are out on an overnighter and are parking the bike for the evening. The winds are up. Do you use a cover or not? Put it up on the center stand or leave it on the side stand?

Let me deal with the second question first - it is the easiest. Rule-of-thumb: Unless you are parked inside a garage on concrete, use your side stand!

Your side stand provides a WIDE tripod as compared to your center stand. As such, it provides far more stable parking for your motorcycle. The sole exception to this is if you are unable to park such that the bike leans firmly on the side stand. For example, if your shocks or tire pressure are low, your luggage weight is high, or the ground slopes to the right. If the bike is not leaning firmly

on your side stand it can rather easily be pushed over to the right side.

Though high winds and bike covers do not go well together, I always use mine when I'm out on an overnighter. This, to tend to minimize the risks of theft and curiosity seekers taking liberties (even good natured parents have taken the liberty of placing one of their children in a bike's saddle they were walking by without getting the bike owner's permission.) Further, I'd rather the cover get damaged from windblown sand and other debris than the finish on my bike.

Remember to use some form of fastener to cinch together the bottom edges of your cover under the bike to keep it from flying off (and to further deter someone who might even think about stealing the bike.



Something to Think About

"Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass... it's about learning how to dance in the rain!

If you want to, you can find problems in every part of the globe. Set your mind to find them, and it won't take you long to fill a very large piece of paper, perhaps an entire notebook. Personally, I prefer to look for

opportunities to change the way things "are" by asking the question, "What would it look like if it was fixed?" Then I ask myself, "What can I do to help?"

When I was very young, I looked for ways to make "the big-time." How could I make the big splash and solve a problem, and I would wait to find the "big deal." It was more ego than anything else. As I matured - especially after I learned the information I impart to you - I learned that you can't wait around for the big-splash opportunity. If you do, you will accomplish nothing.

Each of us needs to look for solutions to the challenges around us, no matter how small. If you walk past the small things, you will never be in a position to make a bigger difference. We also deny the opportunity for the "ripple effect" to go to work. You know the ripple effect: drop a pebble in a pond and watch the ripples moving out from where you dropped the pebble. Eventually these ripples touch every part of the pond. You and I, each of us, has the potential to be that pebble, hopefully for the good of all.

So today, let's start taking accountability for our little corners of the world. Be the pebble for positive change in what you see. With enough pebbles, we'll see a wave of positive change sweep around the globe.

Lou Tice



- Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!
- A laugh is a smile that bursts.
- The most wasted of all days is one without laughter
- The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything that comes along their way.
- Accept that some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.



If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel.
-Willkommen

I'm not going to vacuum 'til Sears makes one you can ride on.
-Roseanne Barr

My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of them were just napping.
-Rita Rudner

My husband wanted one of those big-screen TV's for his birthday. So I just moved his chair closer to the one we have already.
-Wendy Liebman

I hate housework! You make the beds, you do the dishes - and six months later you have to start all over again.
-Joan Rivers

My grandmother is over eighty and still doesn't need glasses. Drinks right out of the bottle.
-Henny Youngman

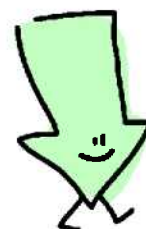
Inside me there's a thin person struggling to get out, but I can usually sedate him with four or five cupcakes.
-Bob Thaves

He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.
-Ben Franklin

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her.
-Rodney Dangerfield

My doctor is wonderful. Once, when I couldn't afford an operation, he touched up the x-rays.
-Joey Bishop

Check this out below:



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For more information, contact Sherri or Jeryl Vonderheid, 715-839-9986 or throwingers@sbcglobal.net



Region C

Tail Gate Party



Region C Rally

June 12, 13 and 14th, 2009

Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

- Drive In Movie (GWTA Style) Friday night

- Show your team (state spirit)
- Guided rides of beautiful Wisconsin
- Full day self guided ride maps available
- Leinenkugel (Leinie Lodge) tours
- And much more



Logo Contest: Are you artistic? Submit all logo's for the "Tailgate Party" to JenLipe@cox.net by February 1st. Winner receives free registration to Region C Rally



More information to come. If you have any questions contact: Jen Lipe or Randy Nelson at JenLipe@cox.net or Wisconsin State Directors/Jeryl and Sherri Vonderheid at threewingers@sbcglobal.net

T-CLOCK Inspection Worksheet

T — TIRES & WHEELS

Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Tires	Condition	<i>Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, imbedded objects.</i>	Front - Rear
	Air Pressure	<i>Check when cold, adjust to load/speed.</i>	Front - Rear
Wheels	Spokes	<i>Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: "ring" == OK, "thud" == loose spoke.</i>	Front - Rear
	Cast	<i>Cracks, dents.</i>	Front - Rear
	Rims	<i>Out of round/true == 5mm. Spin wheel, index against a stationary pointer.</i>	Front - Rear
	Bearings	<i>Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No freeplay (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning</i>	Front - Rear
	Seals	<i>Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown outside.</i>	Front - Rear

C — CONTROLS

Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Levers	Condition	<i>Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar lever.</i>	Front - Rear
	Pivots	<i>Lubricated.</i>	
Cables	Condition	<i>Fraying, kinks, lubrication; ends and length</i>	
	Routing	<i>No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension; no sharp angles, wire looms in place.</i>	
Hoses	Condition	<i>Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.</i>	
	Routing	<i>No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place.</i>	
Throttle	Operation	<i>Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving.</i>	

L — LIGHTS

Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Battery	Condition	<i>Terminals clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.</i>	
	Vent Tube	<i>Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.</i>	
Lenses	Condition	<i>Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.</i>	
Reflectors	Condition	<i>Cracked broken securely mounted</i>	
Wiring	Condition	<i>Fraying, chafing, insulation.</i>	
	Routing	<i>Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.</i>	
Headlamp	Condition	<i>Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.</i>	
	Aim	<i>Height and right/left.</i>	

O — OIL

Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Levels	Engine Oil	<i>Check warm on centerstand, dipstick, sightglass.</i>	
	Hypoid Gear Oil	<i>Transmission, rear drive, shaft.</i>	
	Hydraulic Fluid	<i>Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.</i>	
	Coolant	<i>Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — cool only.</i>	
	Fuel	<i>Tank or gauge.</i>	
Leaks	Engine Oil	<i>Gaskets, housings, seals.</i>	
	Hypoid Gear	<i>Gaskets, seals, breathers.</i>	
	Hydraulic Fluid	<i>Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.</i>	
	Coolant	<i>Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.</i>	
	Fuel	<i>Lines, fuel taps, carbs.</i>	

C — CHASSIS

Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Frame	Condition	<i>Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.</i>	
	Steering-Head Bearings	<i>No Detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling forks.</i>	
	Swingarm Bushings/Bearings	<i>Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.</i>	
Suspension	Forks	<i>Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping and anti-dive settings.</i>	
	Shock(s)	<i>Smooth travel, equal preload, air-pressure and damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.</i>	
Chain/belt	Tension	<i>Check at tightest point.</i>	
	Lubrication	<i>Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts!</i>	
	Sprockets	<i>Teeth not hooked, securely mounted.</i>	
Fastners	Threaded	<i>Tight, missing bolts, nuts.</i>	
	Clips	<i>Broken, missing.</i>	
	Cotter Pins	<i>Broken, missing.</i>	

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Item	Check	Look for	Check off
Centerstand	Condition	<i>Cracks, bent.</i>	
	Retention	<i>Springs in place, tension to hold position.</i>	
Sidestand			
	Retention	<i>Springs in place, tension to hold position.</i>	