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Letter from the Editor

Chapter GB lost another member in October. Don Long. Don was part of our old chapter in GWRRA and joined us in GWTA. He put up a brave fight as it became harder for him to breathe. After he took a turn for the worse, he still found the energy to take a few more rides on the trike before he relinquished it to his daughter. He loved riding.

How many of us took the time to get to know Don Long and Pat Bostwick. They each were special in their own way. Did we take the time to find out what made them smile? Do we know much about the present membership? Sure, we know what kind of bike they ride but how many children and grandchildren do they have? Where were they born. If they are retired, what did they do for a living? What are their hobbies besides bike riding.

We do not know what tomorrow will bring and how quickly life can change. Make the most of today.

Darrell Broten has taken over for Bob Johnson as Chapter Director of Chapter Y.

Find the  for contact info.

Check out the attached flyer for the Winter Meeting. Enjoy a getaway weekend and share your thoughts about the direction of GWTA-WI and what changes you would like to see.

Drive safe visiting family and friends this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and may you find hope in the New Year.

Your Editor,
Barb Williams

Region Director's Corner

Region C Rally

For all of you have that asked for more information concerning fees, schedules, hotels, etc the Region Staff will be holding their annual Planning Session on February 21 in Chippewa Falls. More information will be coming out soon after that. For daily FYI's check out the Region C Rally thread on the Region C Website <http://gwta-c.com/GWTARegionCForum/forums/1/26685/ShowPost.aspx#26685>

Congratulations to the chapters who have turned in 7 Chance raffle tickets for the month of November. This must be money and stubs turned in. Nebraska turned in 16 tickets, Wisconsin turned in 13 tickets and Iowa turned in 9. Way to go. FYI, Illinois is in the lead for the month of December with 11 tickets so far.

Bike Raffle Tickets

No Bike Raffle tickets were turned back into us for the month of November. We do need tickets returned for the month of December. In prior years tickets had been released early and very few were returned early. So National decided to save the cost and not release them until early in the year. Please help us show National that is definitely worth their time and money to get us our tickets early. Regional Ticket Coordinator (TBA, but at this time is Randy and myself) can only accept checks or money orders. There will be no cash accepted (except at Gold Rush). When ticket stubs and monies are returned to the Region, the number of ticket stubs and money must agree. If the money is different from the number of ticket stubs -All will be returned to the State to be verified and corrected. Ticket stubs must be bundled and marked with the number of tickets on the packet. All staples or spine glue must be removed.

Gold Rush

The deadline for your state receiving a point for your Gold Rush registration is fast approaching (Dec. 31). Get ready for absolutely beautiful roads, great friends,

and so many activities you won't be able to fit them all in.

Camping will be at the Kentucky Horse Park and Campground. With lots of trees and two swimming pools, the park is an equine theme park and competition facility set on more than 1,200 acres in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass region. Man of War is buried at the Park. For reservations call 888-459-7275. Make sure to mention GWTA. Website is www.KYHorsePark.com for more information.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your Region C Staff.

State Director's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! What a great time of year!! With this new season comes the season of "planning"! And lots of planning we do need to do - planning for the Region C Tailgate Party in June, planning for your local chapter rides, planning the route to Gold Rush in Kentucky, planning your local ice cream rides, planning the summer campouts, planning, planning, and more planning!!! Speaking of planning we have had two Wisconsin members who have done some awesome planning for our annual Meet 'N' Greet in August - thank you Mike and Lucy Hubert!!! For details, please see attached flyer!!!

February is the month of "big planning". The regional staff will be in Chippewa Falls to plan out the Region C Tailgate Party and to take a sneak peek at all the great things Chippewa Falls has to offer. Wisconsin's

Winter Meet 'N' Greet will be February 28, 2009 in Plover, Wisconsin. The meeting is being held at St. Elizabeth Inn and will start at 1:00 pm. Thank you Barb Williams for finding us a meeting place. Barb says, "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 www.elizabethinn.com. Make your reservation by January 30, 2009. Mention GWTA for a 10% discount." The meeting will mostly consist of finalizing the plans for the Region C Tailgate Party. We will be needing volunteers for several different small jobs at the Tailgate Party, so we will be assigning those at the meeting. If we all chip in a little bit no one will have to do too much. This year we will also be voting for the Wisconsin Family of the Year. The Family of the Year will represent Wisconsin at the Region C Tailgate Party and have a chance to become the Regional Family of the Year to

represent the region at Gold Rush. If you would like to nominate a couple or have any questions regarding Family of the Year, please contact your chapter director or us. The nominees will need to write up a resume with their personal information, anything they have done or do with GWTA, past motorcycle experience, and basic information about the family. Generally, they also have someone write up an article why they would make a good Family of the Year. Their resume can be a few paragraphs, but it also can be a couple of pages long. They need to bring this to the Feb. Winter Meeting. Darrell and Fran Broten and Jeryl and I have all been on the Family of the Year selection committee, so if you have any questions please contact one of us. If you are unable to make the meeting please email or call me with any ideas or suggestions you may have. (715-839-9986 or threewingers@sbcglobal.net) Also, please see attached flyer.

Jeryl and I have made a very hard decision - something that we have talked about for over a year. Some may remember when Barb and Tom Johnson were the Regional Directors that Jeryl and I said that we were going to retire when the Johnson's did. Well - that didn't happen. We felt the need to stay on and help the region become stable once again. Now that the region is stable we are announcing our retirement as of June 14, 2009 at closing ceremonies of the Regional Rally in Chippewa Falls. We feel very strongly that we can make the Regional Rally one of the best in Region C history with the help of our wonderful Wisconsin members. We want to say Thank You to all of our members - you all have impacted our lives in one way or another. As you all know, GWTA

is about family and with Carlee Jo starting middle school and so many more activities we want to make sure we can attend and be there for her without sacrificing GWTA. We will still be very involved, just at a different level.

We let Randy and Jen know of our decision over Labor Day weekend when they came to visit the fairgrounds. As you all know, the Regional Directors choose the state directors. If you have any desire to step up to State Director you can contact them. May you all have a very Blessed Holiday Season!

Jeryl, Sherri, Carlee Jo Vonderheid
Your Wisconsin State Directors



Chapter Director's Corner

What a great way to end 2008. 2009, watch out...

Chapter GB had our annual Chili Dump at Dean & Elaine Belanger's house on October 3rd starting at 3 PM and then the Color Ride on October 4th starting at the Shell station at Hwy. 41 and Cty. D at 10:30 AM with Dean & Elaine in the lead. We arrived at Woodlands in Gresham for a 12:00 lunch. It was very fulfilling to say the least. The weather was good and plenty of color on the ride. Thank you Dean and Elaine for all the time and effort you put into this. It's very appreciated.

On November 2nd we had a Pot Luck social at Jon & Lynn Lovlien's home. We took nominations for a Chapter Director for next year. Barb and I will be here for you for another year. All of the same staff is in place also with the addition of Joan Barbeau as our Ride Coordinator. We welcome her aboard.

We had our Christmas Party at The Woods on December 14th. We had allot of good food and conversation. Based on the feedback we think we will do this again next year. Canned goods were collected for donation to a local charity. Thanks to everyone for their donations of canned goods as well as those who donated door prizes.

Please support the following businesses for donating to the Christmas Party:
Naef's Cycle, North Honda and Team Motorsports and also for being sponsors of

our website. Also support the rest of our sponsors as well. Let them know we appreciate their support.

Marcus was the master of ceremonies for 'Dirty Bingo' and there were some interesting gifts. Jon Lovlien got what he wanted even after it passed through many other hands.

Check the website calendar for the Chapter Sleigh Ride at the Rock K Ranch on February 7th. More information will come as we get closer.

We have many other activities on our calendar for next year. See the website for dates and locations along with more to come.

Barb and I would like to thank everyone for their time, effort and support of this chapter. Having people like we have makes it that much easier to be YOUR Chapter Directors.

Pat & Barb Williams
Your GWTA - WI Chapter GB Directors
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CHAPTER Y ENDS SEASON, LOOKS AHEAD...

GWTA Wisconsin Chapter Y, the River Valley Riders, recently tied up another good motorcycling season and at the same time looks forward to even better riding in 2009.

The last scheduled club ride for the River Valley Riders was its October Color Ride on Saturday, October 10. Seven RVR members

