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State Director's Corner

Region C Rally was a great success! Thanks to Sherri, Jeryl, and Carlee Jo Vonderheid and their staff for not only their planning but for all their hard work in executing the plan!! If you didn't have a good time at the Rally, you didn't look

around and try very hard. Bessie, our 12½ year old Border Collie/Greyhound "puppy/baby" loved the Rally and all the petting she received plus the popcorn. We can easily say it was the best Region Rally we've attended. Of course it is the first GWTA Rally we've attended!!

Now you are wondering who are we and where have we been????? We have been members of GWTA since spring of 2007 as charter members of Chapter GB (N.E.W. Riders). Home is in New Franken, just northeast of Green Bay, on the way to Door County. Jim is originally from Lower Michigan and I'm from Green Bay. We met when Jim came to Green Bay in 1969 as a Marine Corps Recruiter and I worked for Social Security (office across the hall from Recruiting). When Jim received orders for Hawaii, I signed up! As wife and partner - the rest is history...or is that hysterical!?

Jim has had some type of motorcycle all his life (one of his first was a 1941 Indian straight 4). His first cross country trip was in 1967 on a Honda 305 Dream. While on recruiting he had a 1968 Honda 450. That is when I started riding. I often ponder what brought us together - the Marine uniform or the Honda!!! While in Okinawa we purchased (on layaway) at the military exchange a Yamaha XS1100 and shipped it back to California. Rode those wheels for 13 years and traded it for our first Goldwing in 1993 (blue) and converted it to a trike in 1999. We still have it and hence our choice for our email address: oldblue2@hotmail.com. Jim retired from the Marine Corps in 1983 after serving 30 years and 10 days. I retired from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay in spring of 2007.

What do we plan on doing for you? Since this is a MEMBER ORGANIZATION we are here to help and encourage you to do what you do best - have fun while riding.

Gold Rush XXII in Lexington, Kentucky is coming up fast! July 13 - 16. Do you have your raffle ticket(s) for that new Wing??

Wisconsin's MEET 'N' GREET

July 31 - August 2, 2009 in Bancroft WI at the Vista Royale Campground. Motels (Americinn Motel or Elizabeth Inn) are available in Plover which is 13 miles from the campground. Do you have your reservations? Are you coming over just for the day on Saturday, August 1, 2009? Either way, would you please notify your Chapter Director if you are attending? It would help us plan for meat and beverages for the picnic/potluck (bring a dish to share.) There will be a Raffle, 50/50 and Bango Ride after the meal and State Meeting. We promise to keep the meeting short. Contribution of Raffle items will be appreciated.

We would like to thank the people who have agreed to be on the State Staff: Gerry and Cheryl Brix (Assistant State Directors), Marcus Baudhuin (Safety Educator), Dean and Elaine Belanger (Member Recruitment and Retention Directors), Barbara Williams (State Newsletter Editor), and Susan Wicker (Treasurer). Sue Engel has agreed to continue to handle State shirt orders.

Finally, we would like to thank Sherri, Jeryl and Carlee Jo Vonderheid for the years they have devoted as Wisconsin State Directors. We have their phone numbers on speed dial for the information they have tucked in their rolodex memories. They left very big shoes for us to fill.

We hope to see many of you at MEET 'N' GREET. Ride safely and have fun!!

Jimmie and Mary Rose Clark
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Region Director's Corner

Have you all been riding? So far the weather in my neck of the woods has been great. Just one month into the riding season and I have been to so many Fun Runs, Dinner Runs and just enjoying all of my friends company. Region C Rally in Chippewa Falls is just a memory now, but what a memory it is. We had record numbers there and so much fun. To tell you the truth I don't know how we did it all in three days. Thank you all so much for coming to Wisconsin to help us celebrate Destination Friendship.

If you have not heard yet, next years Region C Rally will be in Spearfish, South Dakota. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there next year. We have already started some of the planning and I am sure that all of you will enjoy the fun and friendship that goes hand in hand with our Region C Rallies. If you have something you would like to see or do in Spearfish please let me or your State Director know about it so that we

can try to get it worked into the Rally.

Gold Rush is coming up very soon. Are you going? This years Gold Rush is going to be one of the biggest and the best we have ever had. There will be several vendors available this year along with some of the most beautiful scenery and roads that you would ever hope to see. Your National Staff works very hard to make sure that you enjoy your time at Gold Rush, all that we ask in return is that you come prepared to have fun. One of the many Awards given out each year at Gold Rush is the State Spirit Award. It would be great to have one of our Region C States bring home that prestigious honor. Do you know what it takes to win this? It is so much easier than most of our members realize. All it takes is what you are already there for, having fun. Pick two to three things that you want to do at Gold Rush and participate and then make sure everyone else knows which state you are from. It really is not a great mystery why some states have won this award several times. They come to let their hair down and to enjoy themselves.

Bike Raffle Tickets are lagging behind just a little. We still have time to sell those tickets and as tired as I know all of you are of hearing this we all count on these sales to help finance our National GWTA organization. Our National is here to serve you, the members. The sad truth is it does take money for any group to run efficiently. Please continue to sell those tickets and have them turned into your state Raffle Ticket Coordinator in time so that they can send them to me by the 27th of June so that I in turn can count them and get them turned into our National office by the end of the month. I will still be accepting sold Raffle Tickets at Gold Rush but please make sure that you get

them to me so that your State and Region C will get credit for those sales.

Have you considered just how your chapter operates? Your Chapter exists because of the volunteers that graciously donate their time to help make your chapter a fun place to be. I have seen all too often that new members are reluctant to get involved because they think they lack the experience some of our tenured members have. Don't fool yourselves. I have seen all too many times how much the excitement of a new member can revitalize a chapter that has fallen into a rut. Others come up with the excuse "I don't have the time". If you have used that line you are fooling no one but yourselves. Our volunteers are the ones that are truly enjoying the friendships they have made with all of us in GWTA.

We have a new Region C Riders Education Director, Mark and Diana Baudhuin. I have spoken with Mark and what we would both like to see in Region C as to helping our States and our Chapters continue to promote motorcycle safety. Mark is very anxious to work with the Region C State RED's. If your State does not have a RED both Mark and I encourage you to get one. And to let Mark know about their contact information so that Mark can communicate on safety motorcycle issues to help your state not only be safer riders but also help be a recruiting tool for new members.

Rick & Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors



Gold Rush XXII

Lexington, Kentucky
July 13-16, 2009

Our Host Hotel

Lexington Downtown Hotel & Convention Center
(formerly Radisson Plaza Hotel)

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Letter from the Editor

I want to thank Jeryl and Sherri Vonderheid for their years of service as the Wisconsin State Director's. We wish them well in future endeavors and we will see them at various GWTA events around Wisconsin. Next time you see them shake their hand for the great job they did. Thank you, Jeryl and Sherri from all of us.

I attended my first Region C Rally along with over 260 other members from various states. I enjoyed the relaxed weekend of scenic rides, food, 50/50 and meeting new people. Sherri and Jeryl and members of Chapter GB and Y did a great job of keeping everything running smoothly. Thank you Jeryl and Sherri for putting together a great show.



Chapter Director's Corner

RIVER VALLEY RIDERS REPORT

GWTA Wisconsin Chapter Y—the River Valley Riders—is taking a day or two off after the Region C Rally, then shifting back into fifth gear as prime riding season descends upon us.

Nearly every Chapter Y member acted as a member of the state staff during the Region C Rally held June 12 - 14 in Chippewa Falls. Linda Kruger, Gigi Jansen, and Fran Broten worked registration. Scott and Sue Engel, and Gerry and Cheryl Brix set up the Friday night movie. Jerrie Powers, Dave Goetsch, Dave Jansen, Engel, and Darrell Broten were ride leaders. Bob Kruger, John Harper, and Larry Small helped with cleanup and general support, while Ginny Zittel and Bob Johnson came up big with auction/dirty bingo items.

And it was our very own Sherri/Jeryl/Carlee Jo Vonderheid who practically directed the whole rally and worked their tails off. We salute the Vonderheids for performance above and beyond the call of duty—all while dealing with Sherri's health issues. They handed off the state director baton to Jimmie and Mary Rose Clark after a job very well done.

After months of work and hours of preparation, Chapter Y can proudly and rightfully take credit for one of the best Region C rallies ever held. Congratulations, Chapter Y!

