



Goldwing Touring Association

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Region Director's Corner

Spring should be just around the corner. I have not seen a winter like this since I have been a child and I am very anxious to feel warmer weather. I am a bit of a gardener. I love to get out in the spring to plant and play in the dirt. I am not a good gardener but that does not stop me. There is just something rewarding about planting something and watching it mature and bloom.

Our chapters are not unlike a garden. Some plants like some members need more cultivating. You need to know when to fertilize and not to over water. It takes patience to get the most of your garden and out of your chapter. In my own garden I have been amazed to see the plants I expected the most out of did not flourish as well as I thought, and those that I thought would be a struggle to get to bloom were actually the easiest. Whether you garden or not is unimportant, you are part of a chapter

State Director's Corner

Wisconsin State Meeting Highlights

and it is up to all of our chapter members to get the best out of all of our members.

I would like to thank all of our members during this last month for their efforts to help save our organization. I know that some of us feel that this has ceased to be a member owned and run organization. Our members do and will always have a democratic say in how we operate. Region C on it on raised over \$5,000.00 to help save our GWTA. Nationally we did come up with over

\$25,000 and our debt has been reduced by over one third. Our members do care and do want to see us succeed. What else can we do to help our organization? This part is the neat part. Go out and have fun, wear your chapter colors and be visible.

Last week I did a talk at the Nebraska State Meeting about just this same thing. The next morning we had about 20 members sitting at a table in a restaurant waiting to eat breakfast. We all had on our Chapter, State, Regional and National colors on in one form or another. A gentleman sat next to us at another table and watched us for a short time and then finally asked if we belonged to a motorcycle group. Seems he and some friends in Hebron, NE. were thinking about starting a group in their area. He had already researched the possibility of starting a motorcycle club and had seen the challenges ahead for doing just that. We do have an awful lot to offer and recruiting new members and new chapters is not that hard. All we have to do is go out into the public and have fun. Isn't that why we joined to begin with?

GWTA Region C Directors
Rick and Kandie Hinrichs

We had the Region C Assistant Directors, Dale & Beth Ladolt at our meeting. They were introduced to all who attended the meeting. Dale took the floor to present the tentative 18 month plan for GWTA. There was good discussion around the content of the plan and a suggestion was made with it being forwarded on to the Region Director and the Board of Director Representative for Region C with regard to the yearly Chapter Charter Fee.

The Wisconsin State website is now online and will be improving as time goes forward. It's a good tool for both communication and directing people to information on GWTA both locally and beyond.

www.gwtaofwisconsin.org

It was announced at the meeting that the 'Ride for Moola' is happening. We have enough sponsors and will be kicking it off in April. Members are volunteering to set up a table at a few of the sponsors to sign people up on April 24th. We will also be selling raffle tickets for the drawing at Gold Rush.

Scott & Sue Engel have stepped up to be the Chapter Directors of Chapter Y for the short term. Thank you to Darrell Broten for his dedication to GWTA.

We have our Meet n' Greet at the Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft, WI on July

30th & 31st. Please see the attached flyer. Our Region C Director, Rick Hinrichs is planning on being there. This would be a great opportunity to meet and talk with him about the association.

Patrick & Barbara Williams
Your GWTA - WI State Directors



State Meeting

Eighteen of us gathered at the Americinn in Plover, WI, on March 13 for the annual state meeting.

We munched on snacks of pretzels and dip, homemade chocolate chip cookies and a favorite of Wisconsin-cheese and crackers.

Pat Williams started the meeting at 11:00.

Dale and Beth Landolt, Assistant State Directors attended to share what is happening on the National level.

Dale passed around a report, from Rick Hinrichs, on the tentative 18 month plan.

These plans include a scaled down newsletter on the web, hiring an Office Manager and changing the chapter charter fee to \$150.00. Based on the number of chapters in GWTA and dividing that into the premium

cost of liability insurance-that is how they came up with the \$150.00

Another way discussed to cut down costs is to eliminate giving out a patch, pins, etc. to each new member. Members can purchase these if they choose to.

Life membership has ended. It has been suggested that Life Members make a small donation.

Some suggestions made by the attendees were that a chapter pay a percentage fee according to how many members in their chapter and to sell more 1" advertising spots for Touring News instead of half and whole pages.

A big issue with members is not allowing Touring News to be printed. Members without email don't have access to Touring News and since it can't be printed, we are excluding these members from vital information of which they pay dues for.

Region C generously donated \$4,342 to keep GWTA active.

Nationally, members donated \$45,043.75.

Because of everyone's financial support, many changes are being considered to keep GWTA in our lives.

Thank you to all who donated.

Letter from the Editor

Welcome back to all the snowbirds.

Allot has happened since you were gone.

Thanks to all the generous, caring members of GWTA, we will survive to grow and meet new friends.

Scott and Sue Engels are the new Chapter Director's of Chapter Y until a replacement can be found and Jon and Lyn Lovlein are the new Chapter Director's of Chapter GB.

Pat and Barb Williams are the State Directors.

We wish all of you the best and already see the great changes in place.

Thanks to former Chapter Director's Darrell Broten and Pat Williams, and former State Director's Jim and Mary Rose Clark for your service to GWTA.

Winter is behind us and I am sure we are all thinking about getting out riding if you haven't done so already due to a few nice days. The T-clock inspection list is at the end of this newsletter. Take the time to prepare your bike for all the riding you will do this summer. We want you to make it home safely.

Pat and I have put together a ride called "Ride for Moola". It is a way to gain new members, put money in the state coffers and give to the charity we support and have some fun visiting places you never heard of. Any bike or vehicle can participate. See flyer at the end. and tell your friends.

Kick off is April 24th at Team Motorsports, Team WinnebagoLand, Stock's Harley in Manitowoc and on April 17, Vetesnik's of Richland Center. Thanks to all the members that will be working the tables getting people signed up.

Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter Y

Hello everyone. We stepped up to help lead our Chapter Y group until a permanent replacement can be found. We live quite a distance from the majority of the members but do not want to lose our group, so we will do our best to keep our chapter going.

State shirts

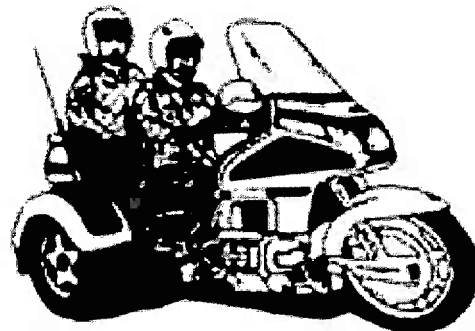
If anyone wants to purchase a neon green state shirt, let Scott and I know.

You can choose from a t-shirt, sweatshirt or a polo shirt. I need a minimum of 12 items to place an order and I have 4 so far.

Email or call us with your order.

If anyone has questions or concerns at any time, please email engels09@hotmail.com or call Scott @ 715-570-5842 or Sue @ 715-570-9588.

Scott and Sue





Safety Corner

Safety Educator

Well Spring is here, at least for the time being. I'm sure most of us have had the bikes out for at least some short rides. It felt really good to be up on two wheels again. It was a long winter, as I get older winter seems to last longer each year. Perhaps some day I will be able to join the "Southern division "Chapter GB for some of the winter.

Now I hope you checked over that bike before you took that first ride. Tire pressures can change with the sudden change in temperatures. In this newsletter you will find a copy of the T-Clock inspection form. This is a guide to walk you around the bike checking the tires, brakes, etc. Now that the motorcycle is ready, how about you? Time to get the old body back in riding condition. After the body is ready, how about your head?? Motorcycling is as

much mental as it is physical. So make sure you are mentally prepared to concentrate on the ride. If your skills are a bit rusty from the winter layoff find an empty school or church or Park parking lot and practice your slow speed maneuvers, starting, stopping, turns & weaves. You don't have to spend hours on this, just 15-20 minutes a couple of times a week.

I am finalizing plans for a Skilled Rider Course for this spring. There will be one for 2 wheels, and one for trikes and sidecars. They will be on different days. More to come in the next couple of weeks. Until then, **BE CAREFUL**. The roads have lots of sand in the corners, and the deer are moving around. Welcome to Wisconsin in the spring. Until next time ride safe.

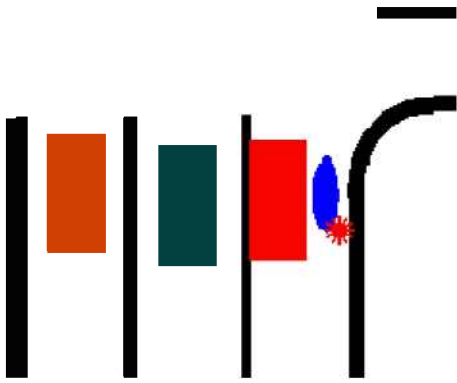
Marcus

Controlling Your Lane Two wheels are enough to own a lane

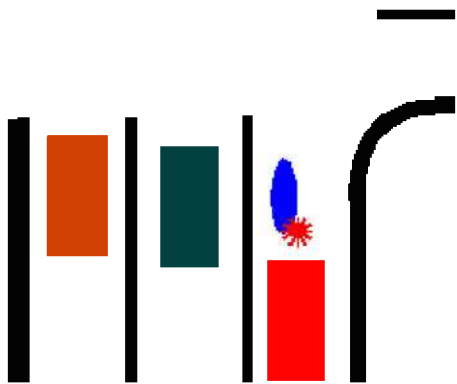
By: James R. Davis

Lane position should be chosen, base among other things, on establishing escape routes, making yourself visible to others, staying out of the blind spots of other vehicles, and road conditions. What is often overlooked, in my opinion, is the concept of 'controlling your lane'.

For example, assume you are riding on surface streets in a city and are stopped at a traffic light preparing to make a right turn. Logic suggests that you should be in the right track of your lane, but it is safer, I suggest, being closer to the left track.



Why? Because while nearer the left track of your lane you CONTROL the lane. There are people that upon seeing you in the right track with your right turn signal flashing will slide their vehicles into the lane beside you and try to share the lane - to get a jump off the line when the light changes.



That you only have two wheels is of no consequence - you OWN the whole lane that they would try to share with you. If you were to change your mind and elect to not make that right turn, you would be in trouble. Worse, should that sharing vehicle actually decide to make a right turn too, you could easily be forgotten (in his blind spot) and he could drive right over you while making that turn.

Controlling your lane is as important as any other consideration when you choose your lane position.

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(James R. Davis is a recognized [expert witness](#) in the fields of Motorcycle Safety/Dynamics.)

Car Keys

Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr's office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into

your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around.

After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

It can also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.



Something to Think About

- Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The **spring** will come."

- If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the **spring** and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies
- "If we had no winter, the **spring** would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."
- The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created **Spring**."
- **Spring** being a tough act to follow, God created June."



Up and Coming Events

Chapter GB Spring Social

Don and Jean Auguston's
April 18

LZ Lambeau

Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home
Lambeau Field
May 21-23

Region C Rally

Spearfish, SD
June 10-13

Chapter GB Campout

Camp Holiday
June 11-13
Boulder Junction, WI

Gold Rush

Billings, MT
July 19-22

Vetesnik's Appreciation Days

July 22-24, 2010
Richland Center, WI

Meet n' Greet

July 30-August 1, 2010
Vista Royale Campground, Bancroft, WI

Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

... Because he felt crummy.

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

(written by kids)

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.

-- Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.

-- Kristen, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then.

-- Camille, age 10

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids.

-- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids.

-- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

-- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date.

-- Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns.

-- Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich.

-- Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that.

-- Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do.

-- Howard, age 8

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?

-- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is.....

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck.

-- Ricky, age 10



Charities WI Supports

Ride for Kids

<http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/>

Salvation Army

<http://sagreenbay.org/>

Helping Hands

http://www.gwta.org/online_store/helpinghands.htm

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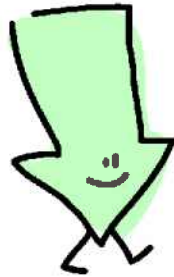
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T-Clock and Ride for Moola flyer, attached

T-CLOCK INSPECTION - MOTORCYCLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Owners Name: _____ License Plate # & State: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Vehicle ID # (VIN): _____

T-CLOCK ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK	- OFF
T – TIRES & WHEELS				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, imbedded object.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold. Adjust to load/speed (list)	F/	R/
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel “ring” OK – “thud,” loose spoke.	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents.	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5mm, Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No free play (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
C-CONTROLS				
Levers	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar lever.	Front	Rear
	Pivots	Pulls hard, Lubricated.		
Cables	Conditions	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and length.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bugles, chafing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving		

L – LIGHTS				
Battery	Condition	Terminals, clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged		
Lenses/ Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chafing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		

T-CLOCK ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECK	- OFF
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		
O - OIL				
Levels	Engine Oil	Check warm on center stand, dipstick, sight glass.		
	Hypoid Gear Oil	Transmission, rear driver, shaft.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.		
	Coolant	Reservoir and/or recovery tank – cold only.		
	Fuel	Tank or gauge.		
Leaks	Engine Oil	Gaskets, housings, seals.		
	Hypoid Gear	Gaskets, seals, breathers.		
	Hydraulic Fluid	Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.		
	Coolant	Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.		
	Fuel	Lines, fuel taps, carbs.		
C – CHASSIS				
Frame	Condition	Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.		
	Steering-Head Bearings	No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.		
	Swing arm Bushings/Bearings	Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swing arm.		
Suspension	Forks - Front	Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping anti-dive settings.		
	Shock(s) – Rear	Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping anti-dive settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.		

Chain or Belt	Tension	Check at the tightest point.		
	Lubrication	Side plates when hot. <i>Note:</i> Do not lubricate belts.		
	Sprockets	Teeth, missing bolts, nuts.		
Fasteners	Treaded	Tight, missing bolts, nuts.		
	Clips	Broken, missing.		
	Cotter pins	Broken, missing.		
K - KICKSTAND				
Center stand	Condition	Cracks, bent.		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		
Side stand	Condition	Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad if equipped).		
	Retention	Springs in place, tension to hold position.		

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First Annual

Ride For Moola

Visit our 10 sponsors throughout the state.

Have them stamp your sheet.

Get all 10 stamps and your name will be entered in our drawing on October 2nd at Team Motorsports

Need not be present to win

Win \$250 Cash

Only \$5 per person to participate

Starts May 1st and goes thru October 1st

Email Pat Williams for participating sponsors

wingrider05@att.net or 920-455-0244

Details at GWTAofWisconsin.org

OR

Sign up Saturday April 24 (10-2) at Team Motorsports in Green Bay, Stocks's Harley in Manitowoc, Team WinnebagoLand in Oshkosh and April 17 at Vetesniks in Richland Center

Part of the proceeds go to "Ride for Kids"

Sponsor sheets available at Team Motorports starting April 17

Sponsors of "Ride for Moola"

All bikes or vehicles welcome

A chance to win **\$250 cash** when all sponsors are stamped
(no signatures or initials accepted)

Sponsor sheets available at Team Motorsports or can be mailed to you

**Drop off completed sheet at Team Motorsports,
bring on October 2 or mail to above address**

Team Motorsports
1890 Mid Valley Drive
De Pere, WI

Stock's Harley-Davidson
2433 Hecker Road.
Manitowoc, WI

Country Sports
Hwy. 13 South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Crivello's
818 Main St.
Oconto, WI

PRO Motorsports
5900 N. 32nd Ave
Wausau, WI

Wiidmer's Cheese Cellars
214 W. Henni St
Theresa, WI

Vetesniks
27475 US Hwy 14
Richland Center, WI

Team WinnebagoLand
5827 Green Valley Rd
Oshkosh, WI

Parrallel 44 Winery
N2185 Sleepy Hollow Rd
Kewaunee, WI

Diane's Soft Serve
415 US Highway 45
Biramwood, WI

Plug in your GPS and enjoy the ride!!