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*May you and yours have a blessed and Merry Christmas
and a wonderful New Year*

State Director's Corner

We look forward to serving the State of Wisconsin as your Directors.

Look for new and exciting changes on the state level

Pat and Barb Williams

Region Director's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are about to start a new year in our lives and hopefully make some new starts. More than any other time in the History of GWTA we need the help from all of our members. We have always been a member owned and run organization but for some reason many of our members have failed to recognize the importance of their input. I realize that not all of our members can be as involved as some of us are but they can be and should be very involved in their own chapter decisions. We are always stronger with everyone's participation. It seems that every chapter has its core membership and these are the ones that help make the decisions for their chapter. I would like to challenge all of our members to participate in their chapter in the spirit of cooperation. It is always easy to complain about things but things just will not get changed unless we become involved. You have a ready made group of friends that already enjoys the one thing that brings us all together in GWTA and that is riding. I have found in my tenure with this club that the more involved I am the more I enjoy the club. It has become all

too common that we as individuals become so wrapped up in our day to day living and trying to support ourselves that we do not take the opportunity to allow others to come into our lives. Especially at this time of year we need to be reflecting on where we have been and where we are going in life. It is the relationships we make that make life worth living.

Don't forget about the recruiting program we have going on in Region C until February 1, 2010 and GWTA National has started a couple of new programs as well. You will find these in this issue.

Rick and Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors

Remember to get your chapter Registrations in if you have not already done so.

Region C Recruiting program

As most of you know by now we have been steadily losing members for the last several months. GWTA has so much to offer the members in our chapters. I am very proud to say that I represent all of our members in Region C and the individuality of our chapters. I would love to see our Region grow by 100 members in the next six months from the first of Sept. 2009. I can not do this alone. You're Region and your GWTA needs your help.

Starting on September 1, 2009 till March 1, 2010 Region C will be promoting a special recruiting push. The State or Province in Region C that recruits the most members in that 6 month period will be eligible for a \$500.00 cash prize. Now here is the kicker. In order to win that prize you must keep those new members and they must renew a

year later, so the prize will not be awarded until March 30, 2011.

Do you know the best and the easiest way to recruit new members? You have to have fun in your own chapter and you have to invite others to join in the fun. Good luck to all the Region C members and may the best State or Province win.

Campaign 31

Effective immediately, members can sign up three (3) "new" memberships and get one FREE year added to their membership. Life Members have the option to give away the one free year. This membership program is called Campaign 31 and will run until further notice.

Hand of Friendship Program

Effective immediately! If you know someone who belongs to another motorcycle club and they are interested in joining GWTA, you can offer them the following incentive: If the prospective member shows proof of belonging to another organization including the amount they paid for the membership and the amount of time left on the membership, GWTA will put half of the value of what is left on their current membership with the other organization toward a 3 year GWTA membership.

Letter from the Editor

A bright, new year ahead and always lots of changes. Change is good for an organization to grow.

Congratulations to Jon Lovlein, who was voted in as Chapter Director for GB. Jon's contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Pat Williams who has replaced Jim and Mary Rose Clark as State Directors. Mary Rose has come a long ways since her stroke in August but has a long road ahead. Jimmy's priority is helping Mary Rose get well. He thought it best to step down as he could not devote the time to the State like they had planned. We give them our well wishes.

Congratulations to Dave Jansen, new Safety Coordinator for Chapter Y. Per Chapter Director, Darell Broten, "safety is the top priority in Chapter Y."

Check out the promotional ideas at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to 2010 and all the new ideas and plans to come.



Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter Y

GWTA Wisconsin Chapter Y (the River Valley Riders) wrapped up the 2009 riding season with rides, activities, and a mild November.

In October Chapter Y held its two annual fall events—the Wednesday Apple Pie ride October 7 and the weekend October 10 Color Ride. Apple Pie leader Jeryl Vonderheid reported, “We rode the 7 miles out to Connell’s Orchard where we were met by Sheri, one of the owners. She had a table set for 12 due to the good weather. We explained all the fun ones were here and ordered our pie and homemade ice cream. It was delicious. After visiting and letting the pie settle, some purchased apples and we were off to home. It was dark and I was happy to get to the city limits where street lights helped in looking for the deer that could be in waiting. All made it home safe. Thanks to all that participated in the Ice Cream Rides for 2009.”

However, the Color Ride was a completely different matter. The River Valley Riders’ 2009 Color Ride didn’t leave home due to cold and windy weather Saturday, October 10. At 10:30 the thermometer read 34 degrees with a 12 mph wind from the north. While sanity prevailed, RVR members stayed inside the Eau Claire Travel Center for an hour chatting about club items and hearing about Bob and Ginny’s California ride this past August.

Bob and Ginny told us that on their way to California they rode straight west through North Dakota and Montana, on Highway 12 through Idaho, parts of Washington and Oregon, and northern California. They especially enjoyed Lake Tahoe. It was rainy some times, but mostly hot, especially when riding through Las Vegas. They experienced temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 100 degrees. Heading east they did stop at Palisades—near Grand Junction, site of the 2005 Gold Rush—for peaches and other fruit. All in all, they covered 5800 miles in 10 days.

We all know the rest of October was the coldest and wettest ever, but November was the complete opposite. “It was so mild, in fact, that for the first time in my riding career I was able to complete four nice rides—one with Fran—during November,” said Chapter Director Darrell Broten. “I had a very comfortable ride to Elk Creek during which I saw several orange-clad deer hunters pacing the fields and I even rode a bit on December 2.”

Ten members of the River Valley Riders met over buffet pizza at the bustling Pizza Ranch pizzeria on the west side of Eau Claire for its November monthly club meeting. The members met in the Party Room, which turned out to be a bit too big and, on a Saturday night, too busy for our purposes. We thank Linda Kruger for supplying the club with her written treasurer’s report. Next on the docket was December’s Christmas Party, to be held at John/Judi Harper’s. Linda said that the January meeting will be a soup and salad potluck, with no bread bowls this time around. Darrell briefly mentioned chapter shirts, which will

be discussed more next month. He also thanked all for sending in postage for the mailing of their newsletter. Darrell also asked for annual chapter surveys to be turned in. Thank you, Dave, for turning yours in! Sherri Vonderheid informed all present that the Region C Rally planning meeting will be held January 16 in Spearfish, South Dakota, and that camping reservations can indeed, be made now. Contact Region C Director Rick Hinrichs or check out the Region C website for more.

For our chapter, I am happy to announce that Dave Jansen has volunteered to be our Chapter Y Safety Coordinator. Region C Safety Coordinator and State Educator Marcus Baudhuin had previously asked that our chapter fill that office, so I am glad Dave has stepped forward to take charge of that. I am sure Dave will do an outstanding job in reminding us that safety is the top priority in Chapter Y.

In December Chapter Y met at Judi/John Harpers beautiful home and nicely decorated-for-Christmas basement family room. It was a potluck affair, so you know that there was lots of food. The chapter held a business meeting after supper, covering the topics of chapter shirts, the 2010 schedule, and more. Next was the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange that everyone looked forward to. There were a few clunkers gifted out—that's where the fun is—but there were also several very nice gifts that proud recipients showed off. Through it all we had good conversation, ending the evening with heartfelt wishes to each other for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2010, with all its hopes and promises, now beckons for the River Valley Riders.

Ride Safely and Stay Happy.

Darrell
Chapter Y Director

Chapter GB

January 2010

Our annual Chili Dump at Dean & Elaine Belanger's house and the Color Ride were cancelled this year for the first time due to the weather. However, Rick & Anna Verber led an impromptu ride through Door County a couple weeks later and everyone who went enjoyed it.

On November 15th we had our social at the Townline Sports Bar & Grill for a Sunday Brunch arranged by Jon & Lynn Lovlien. We took nominations for a Chapter Director for next year. There were 3 qualified candidates and Jon Lovlien is the new Chapter GB Director effective January 1, 2010. We wish Jon the best in his new adventure and will support him fully.

We had our Christmas Party at The Woods on December 13th with 43 attendees. We had allot of good food and conversation. Canned goods were collected for donation to a local charity (Resurrection Lutheran Church Food Pantry). Thanks to everyone for their donations of canned goods as well as those who donated door prizes.

Please support Team Motorsports for donating to the Christmas Party and also for

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

Jon Lovlien, the New Chapter GB Director for 2010 took the floor and talked about some ideas for the coming year such as additional dinner nights during the non-riding season, a weekend campout and/or a weekend ride. He's open to any and all suggestions however if you bring an idea be prepared to help make the idea a reality. That's all part of the fun is getting involved. We also played the White Elephant game and to say the least there were some interesting gifts and a fair amount of snatching other people's gifts.

Check the website calendar for the Chapter Sleigh Ride at the Rock K Ranch in February. More information will come as it gets closer.

There will be many other activities on the chapter's calendar for next year. See the chapter 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 as we are now moving on to be your State Directors for GWTA. As most know Mary Rose Clark was hospitalized last August and the road to a full recovery is ongoing. They felt they couldn't devote the time and energy to the State Director position that they felt is needed so they have chosen to step down. It's always family first and they need to take care of that first and foremost. We all appreciate what they have done during their time as the State Directors. We will see more of them as Mary Rose makes a full recovery. The people we have and the new friends we will

meet makes it that much easier for us to accept this new challenge.

On the state side of events we will be having our Spring planning meeting in Plover at the Americinn on March 13th. See the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

Meet n' Greet will be in Bancroft, WI on July 30th, 31st and August 1st. More info to come in the next quarterly newsletter.

Pat & Barb Williams

Your GWTA - WI Chapter GB Directors for 2009

Your GWTA - WI State Directors for 2010

Safety Educator

Hi All.

Winter came with a vengeance this week, and the riding season is over for all but the snowbirds. Did you winterize your bike before you put it into storage? Fuel should have a stabilizer product put in it, and then run the bike to make sure the stabilized fuel is into the carb. or injector system. The battery should be removed from the bike and put somewhere it will not freeze, OR it can be left on the bike and attached to a battery maintainer. Note a battery charger and a battery maintainer are two separate things. I use the Battery Tender brand, but there several brands out there. Once the bike is in storage DO NOT START IT. This will not get the bike warm enough and will just put moisture into the exhaust system which can lead to premature rusting of the mufflers. Put the bike in storage, make sure

the Tender is plugged in, and come back when the snow and ice are gone. OK you can visit once in a while, just don't start it.

With winter comes the winter driving season. Be prepared, slow down, take your time, and when it gets really bad don't go out unless you really have to. Prepare your car in case you do get stranded. Try to keep your fuel tank full. Put a blanket or two in the car along with a couple of high energy or granola bars. If you end up in the ditch, **STAY WITH YOUR VEHICLE**, run the motor only as often necessary to keep warm, but only after checking that your exhaust pipe is clear of snow so carbon monoxide does not enter the vehicle.

I'd like to welcome David Jansen as the Rider Educator for Wisconsin Chapter Y. It's good to see that we have an educator for our members in the western part of our State. David and I will be working to promote Safety & Rider Education for all GWTA members. GWTA has introduced to me many friends that I consider **FAMILY**, and we want you to ride and drive safely so we'll all continue to be family for many years to come.

Ride Safe, Marcus Baudhuin Region C RED.



Safety Corner

The National Safety Council offers these suggestions to help make your holiday season merry and safe.

Decorations

Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." It can irritate your eyes and skin. A common substitute is non-flammable cotton. Both angel hair and cotton snow are flame retardant when used alone. However, if artificial snow is sprayed onto them, the dried combination will burn rapidly. When spraying artificial snow on windows or other surfaces, be sure to follow directions carefully. These sprays can irritate your lungs if you inhale them.

Fireplaces

You should not try to burn evergreens or wreaths in the fireplace or in a wood stove to dispose of them. They are likely to flare out of control and send flames and smoke into the room. Also, do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace because it often contains metallic materials which can be toxic if burned.

Candles

Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or with any potentially flammable item.

Toys and Gifts

Be especially careful when you choose toys for infants or small children. Be sure anything you give them is too big to get caught in the throat, nose or ears. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off. If you are giving toys to several children in one family, consider their age differences and the chances that younger

children will want to play with older kids' toys.

Older adults

Select gifts for older adults that are not heavy or awkward to handle. For persons with arthritis, make sure the gift does not require assembly and can be easily opened and closed. Choose books with large type for anyone with vision impairment.

Plants

Small children may think that holiday plants look good enough to eat. But many plants can cause severe stomach problems. Plants to watch out for include: mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis. Keep all of these plants out of children's reach.

Food and Cooking

The holidays often mean preparing large meals for family and friends. Wash hands, utensils, sink, and anything else that has come in contact with raw poultry. Keep in mind that a stuffed bird takes longer to cook. For questions concerning holiday turkey Information and recommendations are compiled from sources believed to be reliable.

The National Safety Council makes no guarantee as to and assumes no responsibility for the correctness, sufficiency or completeness of such information or recommendations. Other or additional safety measures may be required under particular circumstances. Last

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Up and Coming Events

International Motorcycle Show

February 20

Chicago, IL

Bus leaving Team Motorsports

Seats still available.

Call Heather at:

920-983-8326

Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 13

Time: 11:00-2:00

(see flyer at end of newsletter)

Chapter Y Meeting.

A winter potluck

Saturday, January 9

5:30 PM.

4564 45th Ave, Elk Mound

Linda/Bob Kruger- 715-874-5696



Something to Think About

With a bad economy and so many people losing their jobs, I have found some positive thoughts to encourage us or we can use to help our friends and family.

Who or what motivates you?

Have you ever thought about the things that inspire you? Just when you have it all together and things seem to be going your way, that thing called life side tracks us to the point that we often get discouraged and lose faith in our abilities.

Many of us do not have a strong support group made up of family and friends. So that's why it is so important to keep close to your heart positive affirmations. Simply put, positive thinking can really determine how you live out your life. Before we can expect others to appreciate us, we have to appreciate ourselves.

- "God gives every bird a worm, but he does not throw it into the nest."
- One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation."

Arthur Ashe

- "Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Michael Jordan

- "Just do it." Just go for a run, just clean up the house; just start applying for new jobs.



The Bird

- ✚ A biker was riding his v-twin when he collided with a little bird.

Thanks to his helmet the biker was all right but the bird looked dead.

He was a kind man and took the bird to a doctor.

The doctor said that nothing was wrong with the bird, just knocked out.

So the biker went home and built a coop to put the bird in, put in a cup of water and some pieces of stale bread. Then he covered the coop.

When the little bird woke up, he looked at the cell, the water and the stale bread and thinks, "I killed the biker."

- ✚ DOCTOR" The pain in your right leg is caused by old age.
OLD MAN: But my left leg is the same age and that doesn't hurt.

✦ I went to the doctor; it was quite serious. He gave me 6 months to live. But when I couldn't pay his bill he gave me another 6 months.

The following are taken from Taken from My Little Sister's Clean Jokes.

✦ The cop got out of his car and the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket

✦ Once there was a golfer whose drive landed on an anthill. Rather than move the ball, he decided to hit it where it lay. He gave a mighty swing. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants exploded from the spot. Everything but the golf ball. It sat in the same spot.

So he lined up and tried another shot. Clouds of dirt and sand and ants went flying again. The golf ball didn't even wiggle.

Two ants survived. One dazed ant said to the other, "Whoa! What are we going to do?"

Said the other ant, "I don't know about you, but I'm going to get on the ball."

✦ There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word ... and that is "UP."

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP?

Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.

At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say

it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP
the earth. When it doesn't rain for awhile,
things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,
for now my time is UP, so.....

Time to shut UP!!

Oh...one more thing: What is the first thing
you do in the morning and the last thing you
do at night?

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GWTA Promotional Programs

Beach House Raffle

A chance to win a one-week stay at a Beach House on Beautiful Dauphin Island in Alabama. Fully furnished and sleeps 5 couples comfortably.

\$5 per ticket

Ticket purchases end December 31, 2009; drawing will be held January 15, 2010

See flyer for details – http://www.gwta.org/online_store/Dauphin%20Island%20Raffle%20Flyer.pdf

Order tickets from **Steve & Ralphie** – email longrider1100@aol.com or give us a call at 707-429-9547 and we'll send them out to you ASAP.

Restaurant Gift Cards – Eat, Drink & Save Money!

Purchase a restaurant card for \$20. Refer to the back of the card for information on how to redeem it for \$50 worth of certificates from participating restaurants.

See flyer for details - http://www.gwta.org/online_store/Restaurant%20Fundraiser%20Flyer.pdf

Check out a participating restaurant near you – <http://cobrand.theidealmeal.com/index.asp?prti=4453>

Order gift cards from **Steve & Ralphie** – email longrider1100@aol.com or give us a call at 707-429-9547 and we'll send them out to you ASAP.

Diamond Gusset Jeans

In partnership with the Gold Wing Touring Association, Diamond Gusset Jeans is making a special holiday offer! Between now and December 31, 2009, you and your fellow club members can get **\$20 off 100% USA-made, Kevlar-lined Defender motorcycle jeans**. You've probably read or heard about Diamond Gusset Defender jeans in any number of motorcycle magazines and websites. Customers rave about the comfort and protection. You will, too.

Please click on the link to learn more about this great offer. And, feel free to forward the e-card to other GWTA members. Thanks and ride safely! <http://defenderjeans.com/gwta>

Campaign '31'

Sign up three (3) "new" memberships and get one FREE year added to your membership. This campaign focuses on memberships, not members.

Rules

- Sign up 3 new memberships (who have never been GWTA members before) and get one free year added to your membership
 - If you and a family member are a membership, any combination of members in your membership can collectively get 3 new memberships and it will count as a free year onto your membership
 - Regardless of how many years the new membership(s) sign up for, it can only count as one new membership
- The free year of membership you are awarded cannot be redeemed for trade or sold for monetary gain.
- If a 'life membership' recruits 3 new memberships, it's obvious that they cannot use the free year. They would have the choice to use it however they wish.
 - It could be used as a chapter raffle for attending a meeting
 - Again, it cannot be used to raise or collect money
- There are no time restraints to recruit the 3 memberships. As long as it is done while the campaign is active.
- There are no restrictions on how many free years you can have. For every 3 memberships you sign up, you get a free year of membership.

Definition of "Membership vs. Members"

Membership contains a single person, or a family of names under one membership number.

Example 1 – A single person membership is of one person, or one member

Example 2 – A family containing husband, spouse, a child is one membership, containing 3 members.

GWTA WI Spring Meeting

Too cold to ride the bike
Take a break and enjoy a weekend getaway

Meeting date: Saturday, March 13

Time: 11:00-2:00

We'll open the doors open at 10:00

Bring your ideas.

Snacks, water and coffee provided

Where: AmericInn of Plover, WI

1501 American Drive

Phone: 715-342-1244

Toll free: 800-396-5007

Online:

<http://www.americinn.com/hotels/WI/Plover/directions#content>

Come for the meeting only or
reserve a room by February 1, 2010

Rate: \$64.76 per night

Mention **GWTA** when reserving

Room has 2 Queen beds, refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot.

Featuring the area's nicest indoor pool with whirlpool and sauna.
Complimentary **AmericInn Perk** breakfast with make-your-own Belgian
waffles, pastries, cereals and fresh fruit.

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