



Goldwing Touring Association

April, 2011

**The Official Newsletter of the State of Wisconsin
www.gwtaofwisconsin.org**

Spring



Region Director's Corner

Riding season is just around the corner. If you have not seen the evidence yet just wait a few days and you will. This issue of your Region C Newsletter is cram packed with fliers and information on what is coming up for you, the member, and this year.

Registrations are coming in at record pace for this year's Region C Rally in Storm Lake, IA. The last few years we have dedicated our Region C Family Reunion to riding and this year will be no different. North Eastern Iowa has some spectacular roads to visit and so many very interesting points of interest to see. We have mixed things up a little and the fun available to all of you will be something no one wants to miss.

Along with all the riding we have some games planned for those of you that love to participate in them. It has been a couple of years since we have had our last Ice Cream Eating contest. In keeping with our theme

"Luau" this year's contest will be Banana Splits and the winner will go home with bragging rights for the Region.

On Friday evening we will also have a Karaoke Contest. If you want to be a part of this please pick your song and let us know. We do not have a lot of songs and we are asking those that have Karaoke music to help.

On Saturday evening we will be having a "Region C has Talent" complete with our own Simon.

There will be so many fun things to attend in your region this year. Get out and enjoy them

GWTA Region C Directors
Rick and Kandie Hinrichs

Recruiting Programs from National

RECRUIT PINS

Recruit pins are mailed out annually to members who have reach the 5, 10, or 25 members recruited levels.

CAMPAIGN 31

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

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

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.

BELT BUCKLE

Earn a GWTA Belt Buckle for recruiting 25 members.

EARN LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Members can earn an Individual Lifetime Membership at 75 members recruited or a Family Lifetime Membership at 100 members recruited.

State Director's Corner

Wisconsin State Spring Highlights

It's been a long winter but the riding season is right around the corner.

In the March/April issue of Touring News that's available on the GWTA national website there is an article about Wisconsin and more specifically Door County that was written by Barb Williams. I may be a little biased but it's an article worth reading. If you need the username and password e-mail or call us and we will gladly supply you with it. It is for members only.

The Wisconsin State website is a good tool for making connections with local, state, region and national websites.

Gold Rush raffle tickets are available from your Chapter and State Director. If you are planning on attending Gold Rush a great incentive is for every 250 tickets you sell you get one registration to Gold Rush.

The 'Ride for Moola' is happening again for 2011. It will start May 1st and the drawing will be held on October 1st at Team Motorsports.

We had 52 participants with 21 completing the sheet who were then entered into the drawing for the cash prize of \$250. Last year's winner was Steve Wicker of Chapter GB.

Last year we also donated \$150 to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids.)

We have our Meet n' Greet at the Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft, WI August 19th and 20th. Make reservations for camping as soon as possible as they are going fast.

Patrick & Barbara Williams
You're GWTA - WI State Directors



Letter from the Editor

The days are getting longer and warmer. Riding season is almost here. With road construction a normal part of the riding season, I chose a safety article on riding on gravel. Hope it will help keep you and your rider safe.

We hope to get nice weather before the first social but if not, see you on the road.

Most of you know Lynus. For those of you looking to pinstripe your bike, he will be at the Region C Rally in Storm Lake, IA. Go to his website and schedule an appointment ahead of time.

<http://chickenscratchin.com/>

As Rick Verber used to say, get out and "Ride Baby Ride."

Chapter Director's

Corner

Chapter R

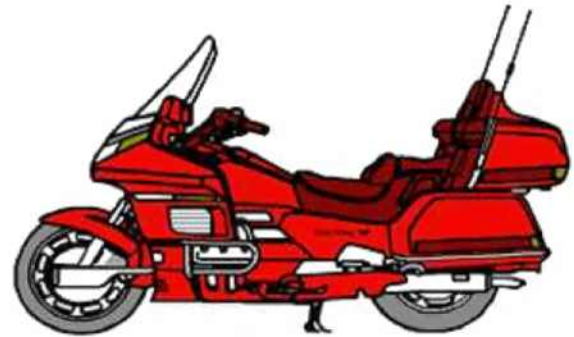
Wisconsin Chapter R Director Darrell Broten reported from his temporary winter home in Kissimmee, Florida. He has been doing some riding around Orlando these past months. Most of the time he has ridden to Webster for breakfast and rides with a group of Retreads. Two weeks ago he rode west to Clearwater Beach and went over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge spanning Tampa Bay. That was an adventure. GWTA Members Wilferd and Charlotte Lair from Missouri visited him for 5 days during Daytona Bike Week. They spent two nights in a motel across the street from the Daytona International Speedway and survived to tell the tale. Broten said that he spent quite a bit of money on Cruiserworks motorcycle boots and Draggin Jeans, which were selling for \$46 a pair. At that price, he got two pair. Lairs and Broten had several other minor adventures in Daytona Beach, including a demo ride of the Can-Am Spyder. "It was another fun time at Bike Week," said Broten.

As for Chapter R in Wisconsin, Broten reported that Ride for Kids distribution rides will begin the first weekend in May. "We have lots of Ride for Kids posters and brochures to distribute in western Wisconsin," explained Broten. "The timing is just right for us to have

fun with our rides and still accomplish something in getting the RFK word out before the July 17 event." Except for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day, Chapter R has distribution rides scheduled every weekend. Chapter R will even be represented at the Minnesota BMW State Rally, which occurs early in June, a perfect time to bring Ride for Kids to the attention of the Beemer riders. Like every other Midwestern motorcyclist, Chapter R is anxious for spring to begin.

Ride Safely, Stay Happy, And Cherish Your Days.

Darrell Broten



Buy American Made

<http://americansworking.com/>

Good idea...one light bulb at a time...

Check this out. I can verify this because I was in Lowes the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments. They were all made in China. The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA. Start looking...

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else -- even their job. So, after reading this email, I think this lady is on the right track. Let's get behind her!

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is marked made in Mexico now.

I do not buy it any more.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico ... now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything...

This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60 W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value..." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats - they were the same except for the price... The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - get ready for this - the USA in company in Cleveland, Ohio.

So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use every day that are made right here...

So on to another aisle - Bounce Dryer Sheets. ... Yep, you guessed it, bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets

performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years and at almost half the price!

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA- the job you save may be your own or your neighbors!

If you accept the challenge, pass this on to others in your address book so we can all start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from overseas companies!

Let's get with the program... help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the U.S.A.



Safety Educator

Well the calendar says it's SPRING, but most of us are shoveling 10-18" of SPRING SNOW! How quick things can change, some of you had your bikes out last weekend and I would have too if not for a late season cold that confined me to the recliner for most of the weekend.

Safety Corner

Road Construction (The pavement ends)

By: James R. Davis

But soon this winter weather will leave us for good and the riding season will be here! This little "break" from spring will give you the time to get your ride checked over for the upcoming season. For those that "do it yourself" there is a T-Clock list on the Chapter GB website. It's a good guide to what needs to be checked.

Once the snow and salt are gone be careful on those first few days as there will be lots of sand and winter residue on the roadways, especially on curves and intersections, be careful. It would be a good idea to find an empty parking lot and do some slow speed practice maneuvers. starts, stops and swerves can be done safely in a parking lot without having to worry about other vehicles. 10- 15 minutes a week doing parking lot practice will greatly improve your driving skills. Do you ride 2-up allot? Put your passenger on the back or in the sidecar and practice together.

Be aware that cars haven't seen motorcycles on the road for the last 5 months so be extra careful.

So let's get rid of the snow and cold & start biking.

Ride Safe, Marcus Baudhuin
Wisconsin Rider Ed. Director



Sooner or later you are going to find yourself riding on a road where the pavement has ended and stretched before you is crushed rock. You tighten those pucker muscles and slow down, and you decide to keep going.

Last week a small group of us were confronted with just such a challenge. The group consisted of a Magna in the lead, followed by a Valkyrie, followed finally by my Goldwing. The lead bike, Elaine, had asked if we all wanted to try it and she heard us all agree to do so. She asked again about 1/4 miles into the stretch because it was far more difficult than it had looked like it would be. This, because some of those rocks turned out to be the size of a small clenched fist. Again, we all agreed to keep going - but, honestly, by then it would have been more dangerous to try to stop and turn around.

I was carrying a passenger on my Goldwing. Fortunately he has accumulated about 3,000 miles on the back of my Wing and was game for the effort. Had my passenger been inexperienced I would not have attempted that road. Even a little squirming would have resulted in loss of control of the bike.

There was a pair of tire tracks where the rocks were more densely packed and more uniform than the rest of the roadway. Each driver elected to try to ride along one of those tracks. Since I had been riding in the left track before

the pavement ended I chose to stay there. That decision, I now believe, was a mistake. More about that in a minute, however so there is no suspense in the matter; all three of us managed the problem without incident.

God bless gyroscopic force! Though we would constantly find our tires riding up and over large rocks, most of the time they tried glancing blows with the rocks and found that the rocks would squirt out to one side while the tire shifted laterally to the other. We found that so long as our speed remained above about 20 MPH we could keep going but if we went any slower the bikes were so unstable that it would be only a matter of time before dumping them. Clearly gyroscopic forces made the difference.

On the other hand, going too much faster than that was unthinkable. This, because the bikes could not be kept on a straight line no matter how much effort was used, and there was two-way traffic on that road. In the event that one of the bikes found itself in the path of an oncoming car there was nothing for it but to stop - and the odds were high that the bike would fall down if we used ANY front brake to try to slow down. So, we drove at a speed where front brake was NEVER NEEDED.

I have heard, as I'm sure you have, that if you drive a bike with integrated braking (like the Goldwing) you cannot apply the rear brake without applying the front one. Nonsense!

As I already pointed out, trying to slow

down by using the front brake on such treacherous footing would probably have resulted in a dumped bike. How do you use the rear brake without using the front one? By using the engine for most of your braking. You drive in a low enough gear so that you can roll off the throttle to slow down and you can use your clutch friction-zone to moderate speed precisely.

As to picking which tire track to ride on if you have a choice, I suggest that you select the right one. Despite trying to stay in those tracks there were times when large loose rocks forced our front tires out of them. You will recall that when riding into a pool of standing water your motorcycle or other vehicle will feel substantial drag and it slows down. Similarly, when your tire is forced out of a relatively well packed tire track and onto the more loosely packed roadbed nearby you will feel greater drag and your bike will slow down.

That happened more than a couple of times during the ride, but one of those times was a white knuckler. My front tire was forced to the left out of the track and the bike slowed down. Giving it a little gas made the front-end a little lighter and just then it received a series of glancing blows that pushed it farther and farther to the left. Indeed, in a matter of 2 seconds I had moved FOUR FEET to the left - directly into the path of an approaching truck! I managed to SMOOTHLY force the bike over to the right and back into the tire track I had left before that truck got too close to me. In fact, I kept going and got into the right track. [I'm told by my passenger that his eyes could not have opened more widely than during those two seconds as he kept telling himself not to move. He REALLY wanted to shift his weight away from that oncoming truck, but wisely just held

on. (See what experience and practice can do for you?)]

After returning to paved road the tension snapped back to normal levels and riding once again was fun. At our first stop thereafter we compared notes. Following is what we agreed to:

- If you have a passenger who is either inexperienced or who has not developed a profound trust in your abilities, do not voluntarily attempt to ride on unpaved roads.
- Drive in either 1st or 2nd gear so that you can use engine braking as necessary and so that you can use your clutch friction-zone to precisely control speed.
- Do not drive slower than about 20 MPH in order to allow your wheel gyroscopics to help you.
- Do not drive much faster than 20 MPH so that you can totally avoid using your front brake to slow down.
- Do not 'white knuckle' your grips - you need to ride with a firm grip on the bars, but you must be loose enough to prevent transmitting all the instability of the front-end to the rest of the bike.
- EVERYTHING you do must be done SMOOTHLY.
- Given a choice, ride in the right-most tire track to keep you away from any oncoming traffic.

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



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





Something to Think About

The Value of Family and Friends
From an email sent by Sue Wicker

- Age is mind over matter; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter
- Falling in love is easy, but staying in love is something very special
- A friend is a second self
- You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old
- A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, but touches your heart
- Growing up is inevitable, growing up is optional
- Laughter is the medicine of life
- Love doesn't make the world go round but it makes the ride worthwhile
- To have a friend is one of the greatest delights in life
- Happiness is an unexpected hug
- Friends have a way of speaking without words
- To have joy one must share it

- It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle
- Never look down on anybody unless you are helping them up

To realize
the value of a sister/brother
ask someone
who doesn't have one.

To realize
the value of ten years: ask a newly
divorced couple.

To realize
the value of four years:
ask a graduate.

To realize
the value of one year:
ask a student who
has failed a final exam.

To realize
the value of nine months:
ask a mother who gave birth to a
stillborn.

To realize
the value of one month:
ask a mother
who has given birth to a
premature baby...

To realize
the value of one minute:
ask a person
who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize
the value of one-second:
ask a person
who has survived an accident.

To realize
the value of a friend or family member:
LOSE ONE.

Wisconsin Chapters

July 25 - 28
Boyne Falls, MI

<http://www.michigan-motorcycle-awareness.org/goldrush2011/index.htm>

Chapter GB - Green Bay, WI

Chapter Director

Steve and Sue Wicker 920-619-3826

wingrydr57@gmail.com

Website - www.gwtawigb.org

Chapter R - Eau Claire, WI

Chapter Director

Darrell Broten 715-835-2012

dbroten@sbcglobal.net



Up and Coming Events

Region C Rally

June 10, 11, 12
Storm Lake, IA

MN Ride for Kids

July 17, 2011
White Bear Lake, MN

WI Ride for Kids

August 7, 2011
Middleton, WI

Meet n 'Greet

Vista Royale Campground
August 19, 20

Vetesnik's

Appreciation Days

July 22-23

Gold Rush

Contacts

State Director's

Pat and Barb Williams
920-455-0244

wingrider05@att.net

Assistant State Director's

Gerry and Cheryl Brix
920-834-2927

brix2@centurytel.net

State and Chapter GB Safety Educator

Marcus Baudhuin
920-865-1672

mdbaud1@yahoo.com

State Member Recruitment And Retention Director's

Dean and Elaine Belanger
920-826-7287

dbelanger@bayland.net

State Treasurer

Sue Wicker
920-619-3827

wingrydr57@gmail.com

State Newsletter Editor

Barbara Williams
920-455-0244

mrsgoldwing@att.net

Wisconsin Meet 'N' Greet

August 19 & 20, 2011

Camp or motel with your friends.

Join us for the weekend or just for the day!



Vista Royale Campground, Bancroft, WI

715-335-6860

Check out the website www.vistaroyalle.com

We have sites 163 - 169 blocked and S11 - S16 until April 1st

Mention GWTA when making reservations.

Shaded, large sites, beach, rec hall, store, mini golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, pavilion, playground, volleyball, laundry, LP, dump station, wood and ice.

Or, stay at the

Americinn Motel
(715) 342-1244

Both in Plover, WI

Elizabeth Inn
(715) 341-4414

******Friday night is pizza night******

Campground and Hotels are about 13 miles apart or stay at a cabin on the campgrounds. Sleeps 6 people and includes a golf cart.

PICNIC/POTLUCK
AT VISTA ROYALLE CAMPGROUND PAVILLION
Saturday, August 20, 2011

Eat at 11:30 AM!



Hot dogs, hamburgers & beverage PROVIDED - Bring a dish to share

State Informational meeting, raffle and 50/50 after meal

For more information, contact Pat and Barb Williams

920-455-0244

wingrider05@att.net

Let us know by August 12th if you plan on attending



Region C Rally will be held this year in **Storm Lake, Iowa**. We are very fortunate to have **Storm Lake Honda** as our sponsors this year. If you have never been to a Region C Rally this will be the one you need not to miss. We have so many fantastic activities planned for all of our members. **Our Region Family Reunion** is a place for our members to come and **enjoy friendships, great rides, good food**, the opportunity to explore some of **the best scenery our great country has to offer** and last but not least the opportunity to **let your hair down and have fun**.

The accommodations this year are great. We have three hotels listed on our flier from which to choose or you are welcome to find your own motel if you would like. **The Super 8 right now will be your most economically priced location if you plan to motel it at \$59.99 per night (make sure you mention GWTA to receive this price when reserving your room.)** The Sun Rise Campgrounds has just gone through a major renovation with all new shower facilities for its guests. **If you are planning to camp you will need to make your reservations on the flier as Region C has worked out a special price for our participants.**

RIDES

If you come to ride we have some great rides already planned for you. Officially the Rally does not begin until Friday morning but more and more friends are coming in earlier so that they can ride before our Rally starts. How about a ride to **Allee Victorian Mansion** in Newell, IA? Maybe you would enjoy seeing the **LM&O Railroad Museum** in Marathan, IA. If you're a railroad buff. How about Visiting the **Grotto of the Redemption** in the rural community of West Bend, IA? Close by you can **visit Santa's Castle** where it's Christmas all year round right in Storm Lake. There is also **Harker House**, a beautiful Victorian Home located in Storm Lake We also have worked out a deal with **Kings Point Water park** for \$8.00 for a group of 15 or more.

Other points of interest include a ride to the **Wells Blue Bunny Factory** to the visitors' center. **Bob's Drive-Inn** located in LeMars, IA. Which was started in 1949 by his father and serves up the finest of loose meat burgers you will find anywhere. If you inclined to explore a little history of the area you may choose to visit **Prairie Log House and Country School** located in Storm Lake. This is a log cabin of Scandinavian construction and also a 1872 Elk Township 1 room school with many flower gardens. We are also working a tour of **the Victory Motorcycle Plant** in Spirit Lake, IA. More information on this event to follow after May.

Games and Contests

What Region C Family Reunion would be complete without some games? Starting Friday afternoon we have all sorts of fun activates planned for you to come and enjoy with your friends and family. Remember our theme this year is Hawaiian **Luau**. I am not going to tell you all the games as I do not want to spoil the surprise but some of the highlights of the weekend will be a **Hula Dancing Contest**. For a three dollar entrance fee you will have the opportunity to show off some of your best Hula moves and possibly win half the entry fee monies. Make sure you come prepared with your best Hawaiian dance outfit. There will also be an **Ice cream eating contest**. For a three dollar entry fee you just might be able to take home to your state the bragging rights of Region C's best Ice Cream Eater. We are also holding a **Region C has talent** show. I am sure that all of us

are Familiar with the show America has Talent. Keeping in line with our ideal of having fun there will be a panel of three judges and I have been assured that one of them will but Simon to shame. This will also be a three dollar entry fee with have of the entry received going to the winner of Region C has Talent. How about Some **Karaoke**? On Saturday evening we have gained access to a Karaoke machine. This will also be a contest to see who is the best in Region C. There will be a three dollar entry fee for this as well with have the entry fees going to the winner. If there is a song you would like to sing please let us know and if anyone has some Karaoke music to bring please do so. On Saturday afternoon once again we will have **Dirty Bingo**. If you wish to play please bring a wrapped gift for each one of the Dirty bingo games you wish to play.

Bike Show & Light Parade

Our Annual **Region C Bike show** will also be on Saturday afternoon. What better way to show your pride for your ride. We have so many beautiful motorcycles in Region C. This is our opportunity to show off our rides to the public and possibly win an award for best in your class. We are working on some options with the Storm Lake Ia. Chamber of Commerce to make this show a truly unique experience. Our **Region C Rally Light Parade** will be held on Friday evening. I know several of you that have put some extraordinary lights on your ride. This event is always a lot of fun and is a fantastic spectacle. Even if you don't have a lot of lights on your bike we encourage you to join us. This a great opportunity to get out a let the community see us and to learn more about us. Of course at the end of the parade will finish off with some ice cream at the local Dairy Queen.

Church Services

This year we are moving church services up to Saturday morning for our members to participate in if they choose. Over the last several years we have seen that on Sunday morning most of our members have one thought in mind and that is to start their long journey home. This year we will have Church services for those that would like to join us. After services you may wish to hang around to have your **bike blessed** in a group service or talk with our Region C Chaplain Gary and Betty Smith to have a private blessing.

Food

As you know by now this year's theme is **Hawaiian Luau**. Keeping with this theme our Region C Family meal on Saturday evening will be **Luau style**. Friday evening just before opening Ceremonies **Storm Lake Honda will be providing the meal** to all of our registered members. Saturday morning we will be serving breakfast to all that have purchased a **breakfast** ticket.

Live Auction

Saturday afternoon we will once again be holding a **Live Auction** for those that wish to attend. This event has always proven to be a lot of fun. Along with the **Live Auction** we will hold **stuff the Piñata auction**. We are asking that anyone that wishes **stuff the Piñata** with treats such as cash, gift cards, special notes or any other item that you might be able to fit in the slot. We did this last year and we all had a great time with it. There will also be a special auction for our Region C Family of the Year. We are asking that each Region C State bring a Basket filled with whatever they wish to auction off with the proceeds going to support our Region C family of the year. Remember our theme is **Hawaiian Luau**; maybe build your State Basket with this theme in mind.

Hotel and Campsite Decorating

Once again this year we will be holding **Campsite decorating** contests and **hotel Door Decorating** contests. Look for the rules coming soon.

Region C State Spirit

This year we are starting something new. Come prepared to have fun! The State that shows up and shows the rest of the Region just what it means to be a GWTA Region C Member will be awarded a special award. This year each and every one of the members from this state in attendance to our Region C rally will awarded a lapel pin that they can wear proudly to show the rest of the world. Judging will be done by the Region C Staff in attendance. Only those in attendance will receive the pin. So once you go home and someone asks you about it let them know you earned it because you participated.

Vendors

We are happy to announce that we will be having a pinstripper available to all of our members this year. Hopefully some of you remember him from our Family Reunion in Chippewa Falls, WI. Yes Lynus is going to join us again and will be available at Storm Lake Honda during our Rally. Bette Reese is also coming and will be available to embroider names, our Region C Logo or other things for you on items.

Ron Brooks Award

Once again we will be searching from the participants at this year's Region C Rally the one individual that represents to all of us in GWTA Region C just what we all strive for in GWTA. Someone that is out and about and meets people. Someone that represents our Region C Family values. Someone that looks to find what they can do to help. Year after year this is a challenge left up to your Region C Staff to choose. This is not an easy task and an honor once given that should not be taken lightly.

Come and have Fun

If you cannot find enough to do at this year's Family Reunion that is because you did not look. If anything we have way too much to do and way too much fun to have. The one and only reason we hold our **Annual GWTA Region C Family Reunion** is so that all of our members have the opportunity to come and enjoy themselves and to enjoy friendships they have made and friendships they are about to make. There are so many things that will be going on this weekend that I more than likely have forgotten to mention something, put the only way to know is to show up.

GWTA Region C Directors

Rick and Kandie Hinrichs

