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In memory of Rick Verber
who died Oct 27th.



Ride Baby Ride!

Region Director's Corner

Hello,

I have some great news for our members. I have spoken with most of the Region C State Directors already and shared this information.

#1 Chapter Registration Dues will be held to \$50.00. After considerable debate and keeping in mind what our members have expressed it has been decided to keep Chapter Registration at \$50.00. Keep in mind that doing this does not cover the short fall in insurance premiums that we all have been talking about so we still need to find other avenues to cover this expense.

#2 Raffle tickets will be in the State Directors hands very shortly and we are asking our member to help their association by selling these tickets. Remember this is your association and as hard as your leaders try we cannot sell the number of tickets we need to sell without all of our members help. There is an added incentive for all of our members to help sell tickets this year. **For every 250 Tickets you sell you will receive a free registration to this year's Gold Rush.** Just imagine what a chapter could do if they came up with a creative way to sell tickets and sold 2500 tickets or more within their chapter. 2500 tickets sold would translate to 10 free registration for that chapter. What a great way to encourage your chapter to attend this year's Gold Rush and for the

new members especially to experience what our Gold Rush is all about. Let's all get out there and sell our GWTA Raffle Tickets to help our organization and ourselves to a stronger GWTA.

#3 We have heard many of the concerns from our members about being unable to print Touring News from the National Web Page. Very shortly you will be able to print Touring News from our National Website. Not only will you be able to print the current issue of Touring News you will be able access up to two years in back issues of touring News.

#4 If you have been considering going to Gold Rush this year I would like to encourage you to get your Registrations in soon. If you have said to yourself not this year I would ask you to reconsider. Boyne Mountain is an absolutely fantastic location . I have just returned from our operations meeting in Boyne Mountain and in my opinion this is the best location we have had in the last 15 years. This facility has so much to offer. From the indoor water park to the golf courses to tennis courts to a fully equipped fitness center to Solace Spa to the Zip Lines plus many more amenities and that is not even mentioning the fantastic riding and scenery to be found in Northern Michigan. The Odawa Casino Resort is also about 5 miles away from Boyne Mountain and they are offering several incentives for our members to come up and visit them. Come up to Michigan with the rest of your GWTA Region C family and have the time of your life.

To summarize this I would like to remind all of our members that GWTA is a member owned and run organization. Your opinions and thoughts are always welcomed and considered. Because this is a member owned and run organization and we all need your (the member's) help. It is very easy to sit back and complain about how things are done but the reward only comes after you chip in to help. As you all know times are changing and we as an association must make changes to survive. We cannot lose sight of our values but we need to be able to adapt. Please help by selling our National Bike Raffle tickets and making this the best year we have ever had. Get out and enjoy your chapter and have fun. I would also encourage you to visit other chapters and make new friends, get out to your State and Regional events and see for yourself what the old timers have been telling you about. This is your organization and it is up to you to make it work.

GWTA Region C Directors
Rick and Kandie Hinrichs



State Director's Corner

We have just ended our first year as your State Directors and have enjoyed it immensely. We are seeing Chapter Y disband however the members are going to continue as Members at Large. There is a new chapter that just formed under the leadership of Darrell Broten. Chapter R based out of Eau Claire. Welcome them aboard and support them as we all will.

Chapter GB is getting a new Chapter Director for 2011. Steve Wicker will be taking over the reigns with a help from his significant other, Sue Wicker. We welcome them aboard and thank Jon & Lynn Lovlien for their service as the Chapter Directors during 2010.

The Wisconsin State website is a good tool for both communication and directing people to information on GWTA both locally and beyond.

We have our Meet n' Greet at the Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft, WI on August 19th & 20th. Please see the attached flyer. Our Region C Director, Rick Hinrichs is tentatively planning on being there. This would be a great opportunity to meet and talk with him about the association.

The 'Ride for Moola' is going to happen again this year. It will run from May 1, 2011 with the drawing on October 1, 2011. In 2010 \$150 total was donated to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids). The sponsors have told us they had people coming in throughout the summer to get

their sheets stamped and spent money at their businesses as well. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids) as it did this last year.

The 'Ride for Kids' is on August 7th in Middleton, WI. Marcus & Diana Baudhuin and Barb & I will be going as well. Join us if you can. If you can't make it and would like to make a contribution, see Marcus or myself and we will make sure it gets there.

Effective Jan 1, 2011, viewing Touring News on the National website will only be accessible by logging in. The link will be located on the main page (where it is presently located), lower right side by clicking on the thumbnail (small image of the magazine cover). Once logged in, you will already have 2 years of back issues.

Username: friendships (beware, this word is plural)

Password: maerceci

The Region C Quilt is once again available thanks to Judy and Darrell Peters of Chapter L, Iowa. This quilt will be raffled off to one lucky winner next June at our Region C Family Reunion in Storm Lake, IA. Raffle Tickets will be available from your State Director, Region C Director or your Region C Staff members for only \$1.00 apiece. This is a queen size 100% cotton quilt with fiber-fill polyester batting. We also have bed sheets with our Region C Logo embroidered on the sheets as well as the pillow cases that will be raffled off for \$1.00 a ticket and will be drawn for at our Region C Rally. You will not need to be present to win, but hey, why miss out on the fun?

You can also view this quilt on our Region C Facebook page
<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/GWTA-Region-C/166338250085>

Raffle tickets are once again available to our members to sell. The will be the same as last year, \$10,000 cash in US Funds or a 2011 Harley XR 1200 Sportster or a 2011 Honda NT700V. The winning ticket will be drawn July 28, 2011 at the GWTA national office in Indianapolis, IN.

The tickets are only \$1.00 apiece
We have an added incentive to sell tickets this year to support our National GWTA. If a member sells 250 tickets they will receive one free registration to this year's Gold Rush in Boyne Mountain Michigan. Why not get your whole chapter involved and come up with a creative fun way to sell tickets? Just think, if your chapter sells 2500 tickets your chapter will receive 10 free registrations to 2011 Gold Rush.

GWTA Region C will be hosting their annual Region C Family get together this year in Storm Lake IA. Come join us for our Hawaiian Luau Iowa style. There will be lots of fun and friendship as well as great riding. Bring a friend or two along to help us enjoy our **Region C Rally** and show them what we're all about. There will be riding, a grass skirt and hula hoop competitions and as always lots of stories to be told with old and new friends. Whether you are a member or not all are welcome to come and join in the fun. With your registration you will get the Saturday night banquet.

Patrick & Barbara Williams
Your GWTA - WI State Directors

Letter from the Editor

We are almost through December and at least for me, I am starting to "think spring". The days are already getting longer.

We have an exciting year ahead with Region C and Gold Rush only a day's drive away. I hear people talk and many people are planning one or the other or both.

We have two new Chapter Director's. Get to know them in this issue and give them all the help and support they need to make their Chapter's a fun filled success.



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Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter GB

Hello,

As the new chapter "GB" director I would like to tell you a little bit about myself. My wife Sue and I have lived in the Green Bay area all our lives. I work at Green Bay Packaging and Sue works at St. Mary's hospital. Actually we met at St. Mary's hospital working part time in the kitchen after school. We have two daughters, two granddaughters and one grand puppy. I have many hobbies. Astronomy, woodworking, wood burning art, and of course riding motorcycle. We have a seasonal trailer in Lakewood, WI that we love spending time at too.

My love for riding started when I was a kid, riding my all time favorite bicycle. It was purple (some people call it illusion blue....just kidding) complete with high rise handle bars, banana seat and a tall sissy bar with a Maltese cross affixed to the back of it. The boys at OCC would have been envious! I rode that bike all over, I even road that bike from Green Bay to Shawano lake to visit my grandparents, stayed for a couple days, then road back home.

It wasn't until I was married that I got my first motorcycle. A GT 550 Suzuki (yup a two stroker) and it was a great mosquito fogger! My next motorcycle was a Z1 900 Kawasaki.

We started to raise our family so we sold the Z1900 and bought our first pop up camper. Once the kids grew up we bought a couple scooters; gosh I forgot how much I really missed riding. So we bought our first

Goldwing. It was a 1985 Aspencade. We then bought the bike we have now; an Orange 2007 Goldwing, which was just converted to a Hannigan trike! Boy its gonna be a loooong winter!

The friends and people we have met through GWTA mean a lot to us. I hope we can grow our friendships and have fun along the way, keeping our chapter together and be a model for other chapters.

Just a few things to look for again this summer. The Chapter campout, Timber Rattlers game, and the Chapter chicken run to Van Abels, for you guessed it... chicken! Look for times and dates in the near future.

If anyone has any suggestions for rides, and other fun things for our group to do please email me or give me a call.

Ride safe and Ride far,
Steve & Sue Wicker

Chapter R

by Darrell Broten

Hello, most of you know me

I am the Chapter Director of the newly formed Chapter R. My Treasurers are Dave and Sally Goetsch.

We chose to stay a part of GWTA because it is member owned and member run, thus giving us the opportunity to have fun offering input to a nationwide motorcycling organization. Making friends with motorcyclists all over the USA, which GWTA makes very easy, is fun.

The mission statement for Chapter R is as follows:

Having fun by participating in Ride for Kids, being active in the Goldwing Touring Association and riding our motorcycles. Chapter R focuses on Ride for Kids because it is an activity that gives meaning to our motorcycling. By coming together with other motorcyclists to raise funds and awareness.

Chapter R promotes positive motorcycling and, most importantly, assists young cancer patients and their families. A Ride for Kids event is the best combination of motorcycling promotion, charitable fundraising and just plain riding fun found anywhere.

Chapter R promotes frequent, safe and responsible motorcycle riding. Chapter R is open to riders, owners and motorcycle enthusiasts of all brands, types, customizations, and manner of motorcycle riding.

The focus of Chapter R is riding motorcycles. To that end, Chapter R schedules rides as frequently as possible, at least once a month, if not more so.

Chapter R is concerned about the welfare of all motorcyclists and we embrace riders of every type. We support our members and other riders in any way possible.

If anyone would like to learn more about our Chapter, contact me at dbroten@sbcglobal.net or 715-835-2012.

Ride Safely and Stay Happy!

Darrell,
Chapter Director R

Safety Educator



Hi all. This will be short and sweet as only a few lucky "snowbirds" will be doing any riding for some time.

As some of you know I have resigned as Region C Educator. I have agreed to stay on with the State and Chapter GB and will concentrate my efforts at those levels.

I am looking forward to working with Steve and Sue Wicker as Chapter GB Directors. As most of you know Steve & Sue have added a third wheel to their bike and it will be a long wait for spring to come so they can try it out. I definitely plan on having a trike and sidecar course this spring; as soon as weather and temps permit.

That's all for now. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Drive safely,

Marcus Baudhuin

Safety Corner

Most Fatal Accidents Are NOT, "I didn't see him" problems, despite what you have heard

By: James R. Davis
From Motorcycle Tips and Techniques

I can't tell you how many times I've heard that most motorcycle accidents are the result of someone turning left into them from oncoming traffic. That apparently wide-spread belief has never felt right to me based on my own half a million miles on the road, and it clearly smacks of an attempt to rationalize responsibility away from the motorcyclist.

I have included the complete text of a July 1994 report issued from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at the end of this Tip because I could not find a URL to let you link to it yourself. [I found a URL to it after I created this tip: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/PPSC/Research/june95.htm>.] In summary, however, it makes the following points:

- Running off the road, usually in a curve, often involving alcohol, and almost always a 'single vehicle' accident accounted for a stunning 41 percent of the total motorcycle

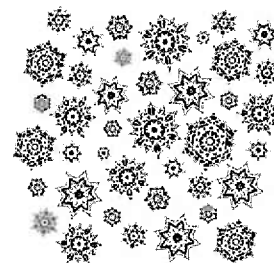
fatalities. *This is more than twice the percentage of any other cause.*

- The running of a traffic signal in an intersection, most often a stop sign and most often by the other vehicle, accounted for 18 percent of the total accidents.
- Oncoming, head-on crashes accounted for 11 percent of the total. Very few of these were in intersections and a few were on divided roads. About half were on straight roads and the other half on curves. 58 percent of all these crashes were attributed to the motorcycle rider's failure to stay in lane or using excessive speed.
- Left-turn oncoming crashes, as with the oncoming crash type described above, involve vehicles traveling in opposite directions. However, for this crash type, one of the vehicles is in the process of making a left-turn in front of oncoming traffic. This was the fourth most common crash type accounting for only 8 percent of the total. The left-turn was almost always being made by the other vehicle and not the motorcycle. That is, the motorcycle almost always had the superior right of way. This crash often occurred at intersections (69 percent) or at driveways and alleys (7 percent).

- "Motorcycle down", meaning the motorcyclist loses control of the bike (including deliberately 'dumping' it) and it goes down on the roadway, accounted for another 7 percent of the total. These usually occurred on dry, level, and straight roads.

These five categories account for about 86 percent of all the fatalities looked at. "He didn't see me" excuses could only be used in about half the 'running traffic signal' and 'oncoming' situations as well as most of those categorized as 'left-turns'. In other words, no more than about 20 percent of all these fatalities involved a second vehicle that could have claimed not to see the motorcyclist. That's a long way from 'most'.

Further, while the report goes on to make some suggestions about how to reduce these accidents, it does not read like the writings of a motorcycle rider. To suggest that an important possible countermeasure is to 'avoid excessive speed when entering an intersection' pales in comparison to simply insuring that another vehicle is on your right side as you enter intersections, for example.



To Your Health

NaturalNews) Many of us have a cabinet full of herbs and spices we use to help improve the flavor of our meals. What many may not realize is how much common kitchen herbs and spices can also help improve our health. Here are ten top examples:

CAYENNE - Cayenne pepper has wonderful cardiovascular benefits, including lowering blood pressure. Famed herbalist Doctor John Christopher noted that a couple of teaspoons of cayenne pepper never failed to stop a heart attack in only minutes. When added to food, [cayenne](#) increases appetite, improves [digestion](#) and relieves gas, nausea and indigestion. It also thins phlegm and eases its passage from the lungs.

GARLIC - Garlic is a [natural](#) antiseptic and powerful [cancer](#) fighter with numerous other [health](#) benefits. It helps lower cholesterol, reduces plaque, lowers [blood pressure](#), and lowers the risk of atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). Garlic is also effective against digestive ailments and [diarrhea](#).

TURMERIC - The curcumin contained in [turmeric](#) provides powerful anti-cancer properties, especially for past smokers. Curcumin has clinically proven anti-inflammatory effects, including significant beneficial effects in relieving rheumatoid arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome. Turmeric is also packed with antioxidants, including vitamins A, C, and E, and may help prevent cataracts.

CINNAMON - Cinnamon contains a compound that kills a variety of illness causing [bacteria](#), including the E.coli, Salmonella, and Staphylococcus aureus. Research shows that [cinnamon](#) can also stop the growth of the Asian flu virus. Cinnamon helps lower [blood pressure](#) and helps regulate menstrual cycles. In addition, cinnamon has a tranquilizing effect that helps reduce anxiety and stress

OREGANO - Oregano is a powerful natural antiseptic. It contains 19 chemical compounds with antibacterial actions as well as four compounds that soothe coughs. In addition, oregano helps soothe stomach muscles, making it a good digestive aid, and it helps lower blood pressure.

GINGER - Ginger is a wonderful digestive aid which stimulates [saliva](#) flow and digestive activity, settles the stomach, relieves vomiting, and eases [pain](#) from gas and diarrhea. Ginger is also effective as an anti-nausea remedy. Researchers have found that [ginger](#) is more effective against motion sickness than the most commonly used over the counter medication. Ginger is also used as a pain reliever and it helps lower [bad cholesterol](#).

FENUGREEK - Fenugreek [seeds](#) help treat diabetes, lower [blood sugar](#) and lower bad cholesterol. Fenugreek also helps maintain good metabolism, prevents constipation, purifies the blood and helps flush out harmful toxins. Fenugreek seeds and leaves are good for increasing breast milk in lactating women.

BASIL - Basil is an [herbal](#) carminative which

can relieve gas and soothe stomach upsets. Research has also indicated that [basil](#) helps prevent aging.

CLOVE - Oil of clove is 60 to 90 percent eugenol, which is a potent pain deadening anti-microbial. Clove has earned the official endorsement of the FDA as an effective stopgap measure for tooth pain. Clove also helps lower blood [sugar](#) by helping the body use insulin more effectively. Clove was also found in one study to speed [healing](#) of dreaded cold sores.

BLACK PEPPER - Black pepper is one of the oldest and most commonly used [spices](#). It has a stimulating effect on the digestive organs and produces an increased flow of saliva and digestive juices. Black pepper can help relieve indigestion as well as flatulence. It also helps improve absorption and utilization of curcumin, which the [body](#) normally does not absorb very well.

The above list barely scratches the surface of all the wonderful healing [herbs](#) and spices nature has provided for our "kitchen [medicine cabinet](#)".

Learn more:

http://www.naturalnews.com/030628_medicine_cabinet_herbs.html#ixzz17TYABHjt



Something to Think About

We are supposed to be a place to enjoy the company of friends. Quit dwelling on what is wrong with our organization and start enjoying what is right with GWTA.

GWTA Region C Directors

Rick and Kandie Hinrichs,

Attitude

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass . . . It's about learning to dance in the rain!!!

Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

~ Art Linkletter

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. "

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Up and Coming Events

For more information on all these events, go to www.gwtawigb.org or www.gwtaofwisconsin.org

Wingless Weekend

February 11,12

Region C Rally

June 10,11, 12
Storm Lake, IA

WI State Meet n 'Greet

August 19, 20
Vista Royale Campground
Bancroft, WI

Gold Rush

July 25 - 28
Boyne Falls, MI

Ride for Moola

May 1 thru Oct 1
Win \$250 cash

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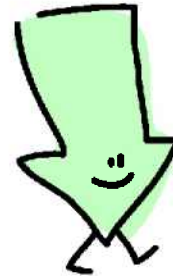
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See flyer below



**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

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[Let us know by August 12th if you plan on attending](#)