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**In memory of Kandie Hinrich's who died November 4, 2011**

## State Director's Corner

Chapter GB has renewed their Chapter Director for 2012. Steve Wicker will continue coordinating activities with a help from his significant other, Sue Wicker. We welcome their continued leadership throughout 2012.

There are allot of memberships coming due during the first 3 months of 2012. **Please check your membership card for your renewal date and take care of it before the due date to remain at the \$50 a year rate. There are no 'sorry I'm late' but here's my membership fee. If you are even one day late, the fee goes up to \$75.00.** If you can't find your membership card and/or are not sure of your renewal date contact your Chapter or State Director. GWTA National does send out a renewal notice. It's a postcard and not a letter so some people have discarded the postcard because they thought it was something else.

If any member would like a copy of the membership list for Wisconsin e-mail me, Pat Williams, (wingrider05@att.net) and I will e-mail it to you.

We have our Meet n' Mingle in Friendship, WI on Sunday, August 19, 2012.

The 'Ride for Moola' is going to happen again this year. It will run from May 1, 2012 with the drawing on October 6, 2012. In 2011 \$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 5, 2012 in Middleton, WI. Marcus & Diana Baudhuin and Barb and 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.

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 available as well.

Username: **friendships** (beware, this word is plural)

Password: **maerceci**

**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 2012 Harley XR 1200 Sportster or a 2012 Honda NT700V. The Winning ticket will be drawn July 26, 2012 at the GWTA National Office in Indianapolis, IN. If every member buys 10 tickets each we would have enough funds to operate GWTA. If members sell more that's a bonus and would help the association to expand it's offerings to the membership as well as new members.

**The tickets are only \$1.00 apiece.**

GWTA Region C will be hosting their annual Region C Family get together this year in Richland Center, WI. at the Richland County Fairgrounds. Come join us for great riding,

friendship and fun. The theme for this year is PATRIOTIC. 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 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 dinner included.

Pat & Barb Williams



## Letter from the Editor

Welcome to 2012. As we start this year, let us remember our GWTA circle of friends and what our life would be like if they were not in it. Our life would be pretty empty. Without GWTA, we would not have this family of friends to ride and socialize with. Imagine not having the Chapter rides and dinner nights. The Spring Kick off and the members who open up their homes for the socials. The smelt fry in Mattoon, the impromptu emails sent out by someone to join them on a ride. Seeing the country as we ride to Gold Rush or

Region C Rally. They are there for us with a card or a hug when we lose a loved one. They cry and pray with us. There are many more friends to be made with members from other states. Ask Roy Johnson about his experiences last year at Region C in Storm Lake, IA and at Gold Rush in Boyne Mountain, MI.

There are many people out there that ride that don't have this family. Let's make an effort to invite people to our activities and make sure they are made to feel welcome. Introduce them to other members of the group. They eventually become friends.

On this note, I want to thank Dean and Elaine Belanger for volunteering their time to the State as Member Recruitment and Retention Directors. Dean is retiring from this position. We appreciate all he has done for the State and the Chapter. We have all know Dean and Elaine a long time and they have become good friends to all of us. We appreciate them.

Pat and I will be looking for volunteers for the Region C rally in June. We'll have something out in Spring for anyone interested to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you at the next chapter dinner night as we cultivate friendships waiting for the next riding season to begin.



## Chapter Director's Corner

### WISCONSIN GWTA CHAPTER R REPORT

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our fellow GWTA members in Wisconsin and Region C. We hope 2011 was a great year for you, and that 2012 is full of safe, fun, and stimulating riding.

I always like to wish people a Merry Christmas at this time because the Christmas season runs from Christmas Day to January 6, when Epiphany begins. December is actually what is termed Advent. I think it is significant that Christmas spans the last six days of the year and the first six days of the year (recall the song: The Twelve Days of Christmas").

So much for the Christmas lesson. Chapter R spent the last few months winterizing their motorcycles and just plain getting ready for the off-season. Motorcycling off-season means getting gear ready for the coming season, thinking about how to improve our motorcycles and riding skills, and coming up with places to ride to. Therefore, motorcycle accessory catalogs and maps take up much of our time now and in the coming months.

Speaking of reading, this winter Chapter R recommends a few good riding books. My favorite riding author is Peter Egan, who is a native of Wisconsin. Pick out his "Leanings" and "Leanings 2" and sit back to read the best in thoughtful motorcycling commentary. Or select "Rockers!" by Johnny Stuart to learn about the British biking scene in the 1950s and 60s. "Against The Clock" by Ron

Ayres is a follow up to his 1995 book, and both chronicle his exploits during Iron Butt adventures. Just google "motorcycle books" and you will find many good reads out there.

As for me, I am looking forward to a month or so in Florida again this year. My plans are to leave at the end of January, buy a motorcycle in Orlando, then ride it around and return home right after Daytona Bike Week. I'll leave the bike with a friend or sell it before I come back home. I'll let you all know how things went.

Fellow members, don't forget to buy and sell GWTA raffle tickets. I got a bunch in the mail a few weeks ago and I will sell them in Florida. Be sure to send the stubs and proceeds in right away because our organization depends on that money.

Have a great winter and we'll be in touch and see you all before you know it.

Ride Safely, Stay Happy, Cherish Your Days!

Darrell Broten  
Chapter Director  
Wisconsin Chapter R, Eau Claire WI



## Up and Coming Events

February 3-4  
Chicago Motorcycle Show

February 3-5  
Minneapolis Motorcycle Show

June 8-9  
Region C Rally  
Richland Center, WI

July 15  
Ride For Kids  
Minnesota

July 23-26  
Gold Rush  
Tan - Tar-A Resort  
Lake of the Ozark's, MO

July 27th - July 4th  
Hot Air Balloon Festival  
Indianola, Iowa  
Email Glenn if interested  
[glenn1947@yahoo.com](mailto:glenn1947@yahoo.com)

August 5  
Ride for Kids  
Middleton, WI

## Safety Corner



Hi all. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a safe and happy New Year. Sorry we did not make the Xmas party, but due to foot surgery I was house bound for allot longer than I thought I would be. So far we have had a very mild winter, but I'm sure this will end before too long. So be mindful of winter driving conditions and slow down and take your time! In reality slowing down 10 miles per hour will only add minutes to your trip, while sliding into the ditch or worse will add hours.

Team Motorsports is again having a bus trip to the Motorcycle Show in Chicago on Feb. 11th. The cost is \$44.00 which includes the bus ride, ticket to the show, pizza and soda on the ride home, plus a \$10.00 Team Motorsports coupon. I've already signed up. Stop at Team and sign up ASAP as space is limited.

I'm looking forward to next years riding season, going to the Region C Rally in Richland Center, the Chapter campout and a balloon festival that Glenn Tointon is going to in Iowa. I bought a camper last year and plan on using it allot more this year. So get out your maps, schedule your vacations and

lets get winter over so we can start riding again.

Until then Ride Safe,

Marcus Baudhuin,

WI and Chapter GB Educator

## **General Guidelines For Riding A Motorcycle Safely**

### **Be visible:**

- Remember that motorists often have trouble seeing motorcycles and reacting in time.
- Make sure your headlight works and is on day and night.
- Use reflective strips or decals on your clothing and on your motorcycle.
- Be aware of the blind spots cars and trucks have.
- Flash your brake light when you are slowing down and before stopping.
- If a motorist doesn't see you, don't be afraid to use your horn.

### **Dress for safety:**

- Wear a quality helmet and eye protection.
- Wear bright clothing and a light-colored helmet.
- Wear leather or other thick, protective clothing.
- Choose long sleeves and pants, over-the-ankle boots, and gloves.

- Remember - the only thing between you and the road is your protective gear.

### **Apply effective mental strategies:**

- Constantly search the road for changing conditions. Use MSF's Search, Evaluate, Execute strategy (SEE<sup>SM</sup>) to increase time and space safety margins.
- Give yourself space and time to respond to other motorists' actions.
- Give other motorists time and space to respond to you.
- Use lane positioning to be seen; ride in the part of a lane where you are most visible.
- Watch for turning vehicles.
- Signal your next move in advance.
- Avoid weaving between lanes.
- Pretend you're invisible, and ride extra defensively.
- Don't ride when you are tired or under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Know and follow the rules of the road, and stick to the speed limit.

### **Know your bike and how to use it:**

- Get formal training and take refresher courses.
- Practice. Develop your riding techniques before going into heavy traffic. Know how to handle your bike in conditions such as wet or sandy roads, high winds, and uneven surfaces.

