



Gold Wing Touring Association

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Letter from the Editor

Hello, everyone.

I am fairly new to GWTA. I read the back issues of former Editor Darrell Broten's newsletters and he has done an excellent job in getting information out to Wisconsin GWTA members. Please thank Darrell, (dbroten@sbcglobal.net) for his professionalism and commitment in publishing the newsletter these last five years.

Since Darrell and I are two unique individuals, I will be bringing my personality to the newsletter. I hope you like the changes.

Please e-mail me at msgldwing@new.rr.com or call 920-327-1958 with suggestions or your thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you.

Barb Williams



State Director's Corner

Fall has arrived - with all its beautiful colors! We hope everyone gets a chance to get out and enjoy a ride thru the country to enjoy the sights and smells of this great season. One of the neat things about this time of year is that you can't really plan - you have to be spontaneous. I remember a few years back when a couple in our chapter made some very detailed plans for a color weekend ride to the Wisconsin Dells. The Wisconsin Dells is a wonderful area for riding, especially in the fall. Mother Nature had other plans for the very detailed weekend - it snowed!! (But not until after

some very brave members rode down to the Dells in some very cold weather.) I will never forget watching some of these members thaw out with hot chocolate in the hot tub!! My advice is if it is sunny - ride!!

As many of you already know, Mike Strauch, Minnesota GWTA member living in Wisconsin, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Hudson, WI. Mike was running errands and a drunk driver turned in front of him, causing the crash. Many of you may remember Mike and his wife Barb from the Region C Rally in Spearfish, SD. They were voted as the Regional Family of the Year, unfortunately they had to vacate the position because they had commitments that would not allow them to attend Gold Rush that year. In their place, Dan & Joyce Dolan, who were their runners-up took their place and went on to be awarded National Family of the Year, what a great group of members we had that year. Gerry Brix, WI GWTA member rode his cycle to attend the funeral in Afton, MN. He said that there were many GWTA members there to show support for the family. Cards can be mailed to Barb at 110 Stratford Way, Hudson, WI 54016. Our condolences to Barb and family - Mike will be greatly missed within the GWTA family.

We hope everyone has their calendars marked for Feb. 8-10, 2008 for the winter planning weekend (Meet 'N' Eat). As of this article, hotel hunters, Kathy and Bernie Granger have not found the perfect place for us. They are looking for a hotel in the

Wisconsin Dells area that would have a meeting room and reasonable rates. If you have any suggestions feel free to call me and we will pass the message onto Kathy and Bernie. This meeting is very crucial for our Meet 'N' Greet weekend in August. We are hoping to have many new ideas for 2008. So for now, get the brains rolling on new ideas and mark your calendars!! We will mail out a separate flier with all the details.

Ride Safe!

Yours in friendship,
Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo Vonderheid
Wisconsin State Directors

A stylized, handwritten-style logo for "Ride for Kids". The text is written in a cursive, flowing font. "Ride" is on the top line, "for" is smaller and nestled between "Ride" and "Kids", and "Kids" is on the bottom line. The letters are dark and have a slightly rough, ink-like texture.

The governor declared Aug. 5 Ride for Kids® Day in Wisconsin. Over 350 people gathered at Fireman's Park in Middleton for the fourth annual event to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

The event raised a total of \$84,231. The top individual fundraisers were Dennis & Gloria Resch of Antigo, Wis., with \$7,341. GWRRA WI Chapter J was the top club/chapter with \$11,181 in donations, and Pro Motor Sports of Wausau, Wisconsin, was named top motorcycle business with \$7,241. Merle Coggins of Waukesha, Wisconsin, won the grand prize... a new Honda motorcycle.

Special thanks went to the Wisconsin event's task force, led by Joe Bentz, Mike Witt, Merle Coggins, and Pam and Randy

Gulseth. Along with their dedicated volunteers, they created an unforgettable day for kids with brain tumors.

Marcus Baudhuin, of GWTA Chapter GB says, "Thanks in part to Chapter GB, I was able to raise \$540.00. The number of riders seemed to be down a little, but the bottom line was very good. My thanks to all who contributed."

Marcus would like to encourage not only Chapter GB members but all GWTA Wisconsin members to participate next year. If you would like to help Marcus in his fundraising, you can e-mail him at mdbaud1@yahoo.com

Over 400 motorcyclists raised \$72,105 for Minnesota Ride for Kids. GWTA Chapter Y, Eau Claire, Wisconsin raised \$1100 of this amount.

Three members of GWTA, Wisconsin Chapter Y participated in the St. Paul, MN Ride for Kids. Jerrie Powers, Larry Small and Fran and Darrell Broten.

Ride for Kids is looking for volunteers to help with parking, distribute lunch and event registration. If you would like to volunteer, call 800-253-6530 or ride4kids@pbtfus.org.

Meet N Greet

5TH ANNUAL STATE MEETING

Meet N Greet was held August 3-5, at Friendship City Park in Friendship, WI

Some came on Thursday to stay at St. Joseph Resort, Necedah, WI which is about 12 miles from Friendship.

Special guest this year was Region C Director, Tom Johnson and Bob and Cyndy Hogan. Dave and Joan Flaskamp rode up from Illinois to join us.

Thursday, everyone was on their own for dinner and camaraderie around the campfire. Friday morning breakfast was served by Mike and Lucy Hubert. Jeryl Vonderheid led a lunch ride while Sherri and Carlee Jo stayed at the grounds to greet other arrivals. Friday night everyone enjoyed pizza from Becerra's and for dessert, pudgy pies and smores. Monty Berger, a friend of the Granger's, played his guitar for everyone's entertainment.

Saturday at Friendship Park Sherri let out a whistle. "That's the dinner bell." Thirty-three people lined up to enjoy brats, hotdogs and a variety of potluck brought by the members.

It was raining lightly when Sherri kicked off the meeting. She started out with the changes going on with GWTA Wisconsin.

Said Sherri, "It got bigger."

Chapter GB, out of Green Bay, was formed in February of this year with 20 members. They currently have 60 members and continue to grow.

The financial report was handed out by Jerrie Powers. The balance in the state coffers was \$402.55.

Wisconsin sold over 2,067 raffle tickets, which was double from last year. Bob Johnson, Chapter Director of Y, sold 500 himself. It is important that we sell as many as we can because the State gets a percentage for each ticket sold. This amount is determined by the GWTA National Office.

The ride was cancelled due to the rain. Everyone decided to play Bango instead. \$70.00 of the Bango proceeds went to the state coffers and Marcus Baudhuin won the other \$70.00.

The group that was left headed back to the campgrounds and had walking tacos and leftovers for dinner. For dessert...ice cream!

With the drizzle, the campfire was not too popular.

Sunday morning, the Grangers, with help from Lorraine Servais, made a breakfast of scrambled eggs, French toast, pancakes, sausage, bagels and fruit.

....a members perspective

Mary Rose Clark, from Chapter GB, enjoyed her first Meet N Greet. Here are her thoughts:

Meet n' Greet could also be titled Meet n' Eat!! Some of us got itchy and arrived on Thursday. We took our trike and our truck

& 5th wheel camper. There was a variety of camping - tents, motorcycle campers, motor homes, trailers, 5th wheels and a really nice toy hauler 5th wheel. Something for everyone! Plus the motel on site.

Chapter GB learned a lot that weekend: Washer Game! Walking Tacos (could be called Tacos in a Bag)!

Friday we took a lovely ride with Jeryl Vonderheid leading. In the evening there was a pizza party. And we had great horse racing on Friday night. Joanie Hubers got pretty attached to the #4 horse paddle; kept winning and as a result kept the paddle in her back pocket. She and husband Cletus (da Judge) collaborated on one race and cleaned house with a double win. Proceeds from the races helped pad the State's coffers.

Saturday it rained a bit but that didn't dampen the picnic. Folks from GB learned about flip grills which are fantastic for group cooking. There was a great raffle and of course 50/50. Some people left after

the picnic but the campers returned to the fire pit! In between showers later in the day we had the Walking Tacos (opened bags of chips with taco meat and fixings to taste. (eat from the bag or dump out on a plate.) Later in the evening buckets of ice cream came out with toppings!! Music kept the camp fire going.

Sunday morning brought out a Breakfast Buffet: pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit,

bagels, cream cheese, and yummy homemade raspberry jam.

Several people went to Madison for the Ride for Kids and a couple even left for Sturgis. The rest of us "rolled" home!!

We learned to fast for a month next year prior to this fantastic weekend. A lot of food and more importantly a lot of new friends!!

Mary Rose



Free Membership Drive

September 1 - November 30, 2007

Each GWTA member that was active on July 1, 2007 is eligible to invite one new member to join GWTA for

FREE

See the yellow insert in the September issue of Touring News for rules and regulations.

ROSTER TIME

It is time to put together another state roster. We have many new members to

include this year. Yeah for Wisconsin!! I will be typing it up so everyone will receive it either in their chapter newsletters or by mail, if you are an at large member. The roster will include name, address, email address and phone. If you wish not to be on this list or any portion not on the list please contact me by November 1st.

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Thank you,
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Something to Think About



"We either make ourselves happy or miserable. The amount of work is the same."

