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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

State Director's Corner

Happy New Year!! We hope you have all gotten a good start on those New Year's Resolutions! We have tried many resolutions over the years, but it wasn't until last year that we finally found one that we could succeed at, so we are making that our same resolution this year. That is to ride the cycle more than we did the year before! With that in mind GWTA has many opportunities for us to fulfill that resolution.

- February is the Wisconsin State Meet 'N' Eat at the Best Western Ambassador Inn, Wisconsin Dells. Call now to make your reservations for Feb. 8-10th, (608) 254-4477. The meeting will be held at 1 pm on Sat. at the hotel. See attached flyer for full details. This is a very important planning meeting for the Meet 'N' Greet Campout in August.
- June is the Region C Rally being hosted in Nebraska City, NE this year. The full details are still in the planning stage; however mark your calendars for the first

full weekend in June. We will get details out as soon as they planned.

- July is Gold Rush XXI being hosted in Billings, MT. The dates for Gold Rush are July 14th – 17th. Check out the National website for all the details and host hotels information, www.gwta.org. If you do not have access to the internet contact me or your chapter director.
- August is the Wisconsin State Meet 'N' Greet. Tentatively set for August 1st – 3rd being hosted in Friendship, WI. More details to follow after the planning meeting in February.

We cannot emphasize enough how important the Feb. meeting is for our Annual State Meet 'N' Greet. If we want the Meet 'N' Greet to be a successful fun time then we need as much input as we can get. This is your annual campout, so please let's have your input. If you cannot make the Feb. meeting please contact us personally with your thoughts. You can reach us at (715) 839-9986 or threewingers@sbcglobal.net.

Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo Vonderheid
Your Wisconsin State Directors

Region Director's Corner

Rick Hinrichs has been working real hard locating a place for us to hold the Regional Rally. He contacted me yesterday with the final results. Rick has secured the Catron Camp and Retreat Center in Nebraska City for the dates of June 6-8. We will have camping on site and have a unique lodging opportunity for members that want to take advantage of one of the three lodges that sleep 24 people on a cots.

What a party room that could be! I can imagine a chapter doing a great big slumber party. What fun! Click here to see the area and read about the facilities available to us for our rally.
<http://www.homesteadgsc.org/Catron/index.php>

Since Nebraska City is home of the Arbor Day Foundation it is only fitting that we use the theme: Our Family Tree. Right now our tree has nine branches (7 states and 2 provinces) and 31 limbs (chapters) and 1296 leaves (members). Let's watch our tree grow and blossom.

2007 Statistics

Dec. 2006	Dec. 2007	Difference	% growth	
IA	127	297	170	133
IL	287	323	36	13
MB	4	4	0	0
MN	42	60	18	43
ND	1	1	0	0
NE	345	463	118	34
SD	20	29	9	45
SK	1	1	0	0
WI	44	118	74	168
TOTAL	871	1296	425	49

Congratulations to everyone for the tremendous growth we have experienced in Region C in 2007. You can all be very proud. I have cut and pasted a comment that Bruce Keenon sent to all of the Regional Directors. I know region C is up to the challenge!

Region C is fastly approaching to be the largest region. At one point they were about the middle of the pack. I would challenge all the Queens, Princess, and Goddesses to push to be the head of

the Pack. Starting this month I thought it would be fun if we had a little challenge. Based on percentage of current membership in your region the largest regional growth between now and Gold Rush will earn special honors. This will include a very special gift offering to the top region. No second places only first. Again based on percentage of growth of your current membership. Let's see whose region can come to the top.

I know I can rely on all of you to help put Region C at the top of the chart. The target number to get to the top is 1439 members. That's just 143 members. This would be easy to achieve by simply getting the individual membership to renew as a family. There are two new programs to make recruiting new members even easier.

The first opportunity is outlined in an attachment and will appear in Touring News. The second incentive is outlined here by the office staff.

At this time, we are doing a new installment on the recruiting program where members can earn TA Bucks. The guidelines for earning TA Bucks for each membership recruited are as follows:

Starting January 1, 2008:

Recruit a new 1 year membership and earn: \$2 TA Bucks for each membership recruited up to 5, then it increases to \$5 TA Bucks for each new membership recruited from 6-10, then it increases to \$10 TA Bucks for each new membership recruited over 10.

Automatic extra \$2 TA Bucks will be awarded for recruiting a new 2 year membership. Automatic extra \$5 TA Bucks will be awarded for recruiting a new 3 year membership.

RECRUITER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE NEW MEMBER APPLICATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE RECRUITING CREDIT AND EARN THE TA BUCKS.

This installment of the recruiting program will continue until further notice. However the NEW membership offer will expire on April 15th, so please be sure all applications are received in my

office or postmarked by 4/15/08 in order for them to qualify.

There is no need to make any special notes on the new member application as we will apply the additional time to all new member applications received during the promotional time period.

I am very excited to announce that Jack and Joyce May will be joining our team as the new Illinois State Directors. Jack and Joyce are eager to get the members of Illinois excited about once again stealing the State Spirit award from Nebraska at Gold Rush XXI. They will be a great asset to our staff. Please give them a warm welcome. A huge thank you is extended to Art and Laurie Eichelberger for their time and dedication to the organization. Thank you, Art and Laurie.

So, let's get out there and keep recruiting. Region C routinely achieves many of the top awards at Gold Rush now let's show everyone that we can be #1 in membership numbers as well.

See you all soon,

Barb

... and more from Barb

The Region C website is available for EVERYONE. If you have not already done so, please create an account by following the steps below **and** encourage the Chapter Directors to do the same. This is the best way to make sure the state and chapter information is current, i.e. chapter director, meeting time, place, and event dates. It really is very easy to do.

Next encourage all of the members to subscribe to the weekly electronic newsletter. The webmaster has a program that pulls information from the website, compiles it into a newsletter, and sends it each week via e-mail. Each chapter has the opportunity to post on the web page and contribute to this newsletter. Mine is in the inbox every Monday morning without fail.

To create a new user account click on the following URL <http://gwta-c.com/backdoor>. To sign up, put in your e-mail address as a user name,

check the new user box and submit button. You will be prompted for your information and then your new account will be created.

Once that's completed, you'll be able to log in at any time and update all the state information (keeping it up to date). Also at that time, people will be able to click on your name on the website and forward e-mails to you with questions regarding your state without revealing your e-mail address.

Please also forward (optional) any photos you may have of yourself to be presented on the page as well as any chapter or state logos you might have. These will be applied appropriately (see the GWTA-C homepage at <http://gwta-c.com> for an example on how those are used).

Please help keep the Region C website active, informative and current. Create an account today.

Barb

Secretary/Treasurer Wanted

I am in need of a new secretary/treasurer. Jackie Dotson has discovered that her employer restricts her from being the treasurer of an organization. Please pass the word so that a volunteer can contact me and get the treasury transferred soon. The biggest duty of the secretary/treasurer is taking notes at the annual meeting next month and assisting with registration and money at the regional rally. The rest of the year is just taking care of small purchases and keeping the account balanced and filing an annual report.



Letter from the Editor

I am excited about all the new members in Wisconsin! What an exciting New Year we will have as we get to know them and welcome the new ideas and fun they will bring to the organization. Go out of your way to greet them. You have made a new friend.

I found this in the TA Way which describes what a chapter should be:

“A functioning chapter is a sight and feeling to behold. The members are excited and full of ideas and self-motivated direction. When you come in contact with such a chapter, you can actually feel the energy.”

Who wouldn't want to join an organization described this way! A thriving, prosperous chapter has the membership and monetary assets to be able to give back to its members and support organizations such as the Salvation Army or GWTA's own Helping Hands.

I hope 2008 brings you health, happiness and the courage to make a difference.

Thank you
Barbara Williams
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Chapters Director's Corner

Chapter Y

If you didn't come to the December River Valley Riders Christmas party you missed a good time. It was held at the Vonderheid's. Potluck was the menu and lots of good food was had. Perhaps the favorite was Sally Goetch's raspberry dessert. It was the favorite for the writer of this article. After sharing stories and getting a call from Fran and Peaches in Florida it was time for the white elephant gift exchange. Its obvious basements and storage areas were scavenged due to some of the priceless item exchanged. After much stealing and the picking of the wrapped gifts it was time to open. Many conversations were had about how these items came about. We need to know if John has plugged in his electric corncob yet and what use he has found for it. John if you haven't used it yet keep it away from water. It didn't look like it was "GFI" electric certified, you could get a shock. And of course Sally Goetsch got a gift she could only name as Tricky Dick. We are unsure where it came from or what it was. Nobody has claimed bringing it and the hosts have no idea either. Some are hoping it doesn't get recycled next year. I doubt that Sally would part with it. Any one needing GoldWing accessory parts contact Gerry Brix as he has parts that he may not need or want now.

Attending the party were: Jerry and Mary Ann Powers; Dave and GiGi Jansen; Dave and Sally Goetsch; Gerry and Cheryl Brix; Linda and Bob Kruger; John Harper; our fearless leaders, Bob Johnson and Ginny Zittel and of course the Vonderheid's as it was our house.

It was good to see GiGi able to get around again after having back surgery. She is still in the healing process but doctors have said she should be able to ride again by spring. Welcome back GiGi.

Be sure and bring your calendars and ride ideas to the Wild Hogs Party at the Krugers' so we can start planning the 2008-riding season. It will be here before you know it.

Submitted by Jeryl Vonderheid

