



## Wisconsin Chapter Y

*River Valley Riders*

**Goldwing Touring Association**

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# SUMMER

## Letter from the Editor

If you have an e-mail address to share instead of getting the newsletter via US Postal Service, please contact me at 920-327-1958 or e-mail [msgldwing@new.rr.com](mailto:msgldwing@new.rr.com).

As we approach the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend thank our soldiers for their service to our country so we can enjoy the freedom of a motorcycle ride. Did you know that you can get 35 percent better fuel mileage out of your current vehicle by letting up on the gas pedal? Accelerating more slowly away from green lights and stopping gradually for red lights cuts fuel

consumption in tests by 35.4 percent for the Land Rover and 27.1 percent for the Mustang. Slamming down the gas pedal pushes more fuel into the engine while it also keeps the engine running faster. You can also save a lot of gas by just lifting your foot off the accelerator as soon as possible when approaching a yellow or red light or a stop sign. Letting up on the gas sooner gives your car more coasting time. Slow down, save gas and enjoy the ride.

Barb



## State Director's Corner

Happy Summer---It is finally here!!! I hope everyone has gotten to get out and ride with the wind. Take time and enjoy the curvy roads.

## Region Director's Corner

We are passing along information concerning dues increases for GWTA.

You are all aware of expenses increasing each year and lately with fuel prices daily increases! GWTA is suffering their own increases in utilities, rent and virtually every aspect in our daily operation. There has not been a dues increase in 9 years and in order to keep up with rising operating costs we are now forced to raise dues.

Now is your chance to take advantage of the current prices by renewing early plus renew for more than a year.

Make absolutely sure you renew before September 1st to take advantage of the current rates!

Thanks,

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*Region C Directors*  
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For those who traveled to the Region C Reunion Rally in Nebraska City, NE, Thank you for braving the tornados and floods! I hope you all had as much fun as Gerry and Cheryl Brix did at the Luau!! I am sure there will be pictures circulating soon. They were the true meaning of GWTA - let's have some fun!! I am sure you have all heard - Region C Reunion Rally 2009 will be in Chippewa Falls, WI!! Woohoo!! Mark your calendars for June 11-14, 2009. If you have not attended a Regional Rally next year will be a great opportunity for you to attend and have fun. We are looking for any suggestions to make the rally a huge success. Email them to me at [threewingers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:threewingers@sbcglobal.net). We will also need members to help out with leading rides and being tail gunners. If anyone would like to take a few days and come over to the Chippewa Falls area and check out the roads and route out some rides, let me know - I would greatly appreciate it. You can even camp out in my wooded backyard (with electricity, garage for the bike and a firepot).

Gold Rush is just around the corner, another great opportunity to meet new friends from all over the country. Safe travels for all those attending. Unfortunately, Jeryl has that dreaded four-letter word "WORK", so we will not be able to attend this year. I am expecting to hear all the great stories, and I will be very jealous.

Meet 'N' Greet will be Aug. 1-3<sup>rd</sup> at the St. Joseph's Resort in Necedah, WI. Check out the attached flyer. Please make your camping reservations thru me - 715-839-9986. All hotel reservations are made thru the resort. The picnic will be held at the Friendship City Park on Sat. at noon, with the ride to follow. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle drawing please contact me. Chapter Y is hosting Saturday's night meal of walking tacos as a fundraiser for their chapter. Chapter GB will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for a fundraiser for their chapter. So please bring along your healthy appetites!! You will always know it is a GWTA event when there is ice cream involved!! I am sure we will have plenty to discuss and plan with the Regional Rally coming our way in 2009. Please bring along your healthy constructive comments to make Wisconsin GWTA a better organization.

Ride Safe and Be Happy!  
Sherri Vonderheid  
Wisconsin State Director



Tidbits

Submitted by Mike Hubert

- The droplets in a sneeze can travel 12 feet and remain in the air for as long as three hours!
- In 1999, Roger Russell began a 2,600-mile walk across South Africa to promote crime prevention. Two days into his walk, Russell was robbed at gunpoint.
- The odds exceed 50 percent that alcohol had something to do with your neighbor's latest brawl, your friend's divorce or an accident in an automobile.

## Chapter Director's Corner

### Chapter GB News

During the last 3 months we have had many Wednesday dinner nights at various eating establishments along with a few dinner rides as well. Always great company along with good food and some ice cream. What's a ride without ice cream.

On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> we had our first Pot Luck of the season at Don and Jean Augustson's home in Sturgeon Bay. The weather didn't cooperate for taking the bikes but we still had a great turnout. Thanks to all who made the trip and to the Augustson's for opening up their home to us.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> we had a Pot Luck social at Marcus and Diana Baudhuin's home in Anston. Some came on their bikes while some 4 wheeled it. It was a little cool but at least it didn't rain. We took up a collection for the 'Ride for Kids' from the people there and then the chapter as a whole donated an additional \$100. We were also able to make a donation as a chapter to the GWTA 'Helping Hands' Fund for the same amount.

We have also started up a sponsor's page on the chapter website. We have asked businesses for a \$10 donation and then we put their information on the Sponsors page. We were hoping for 10 - 12 sponsors to defray the costs of the website for the year. We exceeded that to the tune of 43 sponsors total as of this newsletter. Mike Hubert had allot to do with the large number of sponsors. The excess monies will go towards operating expenses and donations to charities the chapter supports.

Region C's Rally was the first weekend in June. Mike & Lucy Hubert, Gerry & Cheryl Brix, Marcus Baudhuin and I attended from our chapter. We were all pleased with the rally. We had allot of fun along with a little riding in the rain both getting there and returning home. Let's just say out of the 1500+ miles we put on we had about 400 miles of rain. No one can accuse us of being fair weather riders. We also took a few pictures while we were there which will be on our website.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> Marcus Baudhuin and I will be heading out to Billing, MT. for Gold Rush which is July 14<sup>th</sup> - July 17<sup>th</sup>. Let us know if you will be going and/or if you would want to ride out there with us. The more the merrier.

The state 'Meet n' Greet is August 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> in Necedah and Friendship, WI. See the flyer in this newsletter. Many of us from the chapter plan on being there. It was a good time last year from what Barb & I understand since we were only there for one day but we are going to be there for the whole weekend this year. On Sunday of that weekend Marcus & Diana Baudhuin and Barb & I will be going to Middleton, WI. to participate in the 'Ride for Kids'. Anyone is welcome to ride along with us. It's for a worthy cause as most of us already know.

On August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be doing a scenic ride starting from Feet Farm East in Green Bay at 1 PM with it ending up at Van Abel's in Hollandtown for a family style chicken dinner at 4 PM. This was rescheduled due to rain.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> is the next scheduled 'Pot Luck'. It will be at Carl & Joyous Bowen's home near Shawano, WI. It is the usual dish to pass with the chapter supplying the water, soda, napkins, plates, etc.

Ride safe now that the riding season is in full swing.

That's all for now.

Patrick & Barbara Williams

Your GWTA - WI - GB Chapter Directors

**Mark your calendars!!**

## **Gold Rush XXI**

**July 14-17, 2008**

**Billings, Montana**

[http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr\\_info.htm](http://www.gwta.org/upcomingevents/gr/gr_info.htm)

### **State Educator**

It's riding season finally! Get out & enjoy your ride & the beautiful scenery that we have here in the Midwest.

As the temperatures go up we need to remember to stay hydrated when we ride. Carry a bottle or two of water in your bike & drink whenever you stop or if it's very hot make a stop just to drink some fluids. Also wear appropriate hot weather clothing. The new mesh type jackets are very good for hot weather riding, offering protection but are still very comfortable.

I will be giving a GWTA Rider Ed. Level 1 test at the Meet & Greet, in August. There are separate tests for the Rider, Co-Rider, & Trike Rider. We will plan on doing this on Saturday morning. After completing this test you will be eligible for Level 1 of the Safety Program. The cost is \$7.00 for the paperwork & an additional \$3.00 for a Rider Ed. patch for your vest.

That's all for now. Have a great summer & Ride Safe.

Marcus Baudhuin  
Chapter GB & Wisconsin Educator

Marcus took the ERC class which was put on by GWRRA ERC. He said it was very enjoyable & he learned about some of his "bad habits" & sharpened his riding skills. They do have some openings for 1 & 2 up 2-wheel on August 9 & also a trike class with openings on August 10. The class is open to non GWRRA members. If anyone is interested please contact Mike Mischker by email @ [wingman915@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wingman915@sbcglobal.net) or phone @ 920-779-6779. The classes are held in the Parking lot of the Starlight Club, Hwy 55 & J in Kaukauna. I do not know what the cost is for non- GWRRA members. It is well worth the time & minimal expense.



