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Letter from the Editor

Patricia Ann Bostwick

April 17, 1948 - September 5, 2008.

Pat died doing what she enjoyed...riding motorcycle with her husband, Art. If you did not take the time to meet her, you missed out on knowing an intelligent, kind person. Keep Art and Patricia's family in your thoughts and prayers. Pat and Art are members of Chapter GB.

This newsletter makes it one year since I took over as Editor from Darrell Broten. I hope you have enjoyed the newsletter. Anyone is welcome to make suggestions. It has been a great year making new friends and deepening friendships with old ones.

Daylight Saving
Time is
November 2 this
year...a week
later.



The Winter Meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Inn in Plover, WI February 28, 2009. There is a swimming pool for the children and grandchildren and we have the meeting room all day. The hotel provides water and coffee. They have a buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please call 1-800-280-0778 or email <http://www.elizabethinn.com/> Make your reservation by January 30, 2009. Mention GWTA for a 10% discount.



Please note that Pat and I have a new phone number and email address. Find the



Barbara Williams, Editor

Region Director's Corner

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Hello Region C,

We apologize for the lack of updates lately. Mostly because there has not been much going on as opposed to we just haven't gotten around to it. But that is also part of the reason.

This is a friendly reminder that Lucky Seven Raffle tickets are still for sale at \$20 apiece. For anyone that would like some please contact Randy or me. There are only a limited number available and ticket sales end on December 31. Currently Regions A and then B are in the lead for selling the most Lucky Seven tickets. Congratulations!!

LUCKY SEVEN CHAPTER COMPETITION-
For the Chapter in Region C who sells the most Lucky Seven Raffle tickets (Minimum of 10 tickets) the Region will pay for your Chapter Registration. In the event of a tie, a name will be drawn from those that tie. If your chapter registration has already been paid, you will be reimbursed. So let's get out and sell.

Chapter Registrations and checks must be turned into your State Directors prior to December 20th. Please allow enough time for your State Directors to send the forms into National before the December 31 deadline. If your registration is received by the main office after the due date, there is a \$25 late fee.

We were lucky enough to be able to visit with Jeryl and Sherri Vonderheid, Wisconsin State Directors over Labor Day Weekend

and check out the site of Region C Rally 2009 in Chippewa Falls while the grass was still green and the air warm. The fairgrounds have beautifully paved flat roads with many buildings for holding our events. They also have campsites with just electricity and also full hookup. Leinenkugel factory is just down the hill within walking distance for tours and free samples. For more information about this you can check out www.leinie.com. The initial fliers have been sent out and there will be more information about guided and self guided rides of all lengths, other activities that will be offered during the rally and also area information if you would like to add more time to your vacation with local attractions or even a ride around the Great Lakes.

In November, along with all of the other Regional Directors we will be attending our first National Planning Session in Lexington, Kentucky. Hopefully we will be returning with some wonderful information about Gold Rush XXII. We also should be returning with Bike Raffle Tickets. National's preference is that the Regions hold off on selling them until after the New Year, so that people can concentrate on selling Lucky Seven Tickets. We are very aware that many Chapters within Region C would like their tickets much earlier than this. In order to appease and please both parties it has been decided that if your chapter would like to receive Bike Raffle Tickets prior to January 1, 2009 they must first purchase at least one Lucky Seven ticket. If your chapter purchases a Lucky Seven ticket with payment received by us, your Bike Raffle ticket will be sent out mid November to your State Director or Raffle ticket coordinator.

If National gives us only a portion of what we sold last year on the first distribution we will have to ration delivery on an as needed basis. But keep in mind with such an early passing out of tickets we will need tickets returned to us in a timely manner each month.

The days of riding are slowly drawing to and end. Get out and enjoy the beautiful colors as they change weekly and enjoy your family and friends.

See you all in Friendship,

Randy Nelson and Jen Lipe
Region C Directors



What is the TA Way?

The *T. A. Way* is a manual of guidelines for the Chapter Director (CD). It was written for the CD as a tool, but we encourage all members to take the time to read the manual. You will gain a better understanding of our association and how it operates.

<http://gwta.org/taway/taway.htm>

Wisconsin Ride for Kids®

The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF) is a nonprofit charitable organization that seeks to

- find the cause of and cure for childhood brain tumors by supporting medical research
- increase public awareness about the severity and prevalence of childhood brain tumors
- aid in the early detection and treatment of childhood brain tumors
- support a national database on all primary brain tumors
- Provide educational and emotional support for children and families affected by this life-threatening disease.

As Marcus/Diana Baudhuin, Bruce/Bev Roehrborn and Pat and I rode over to Fireman's Park in Middleton, WI, I did not know what to expect. When we arrived at Fireman's Park, I thought there would be more bikes. 400 are allot but with all the advertising for this event I expected more. I was wrong about the numbers because what I thought was a small turnout, 400 people made up for with generosity and hearts full of love and compassion.

It started out sunny but was cloudy by the end of the hour and a half ride. It was a beautiful ride winding through cornfields, farms and beautiful subdivisions in the country. People stood at the end of their driveways and waved. It was awesome to go through a red light with a police escort. It was fun but the best was yet to come.

When we got back to the park, Culver's had bag lunches ready for everyone. We were all in a jolly mood.

They started out with a prayer. The awards were then presented to the highest fundraisers who each received a leather jacket. Each person shared how they raised funds. Some sold candy bars while others had raffles. Most of them said they begged.

Then a father got up and spoke for his child, Sara. How proud he was of her fight to get well. He called her the SS Saratoga because she was like a battleship fighting her tumor. This is the first time it tugged at your heart. They brought other kids up on stage that fought the same battle and won. One is now a sophomore in college and Andrew is only 3 years old. When Andrew's Mom choked up describing what Andrew has gone through, Andrew put his arm around her. Pulling at the heartstrings number 2.

They kept the ceremonies/testimonials brief but you didn't care about the time or the ride home. It was a good feeling sitting there knowing that you helped raise money for the treatment of these children.

After, Culver's had dishes of ice cream for everyone. The whole ride and event after were very organized. We left Fireman's Park with a desire to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for next year. I hope everyone goes on this ride at least once. You will want to get involved, too.

If you cannot participate in the ride, please contact Darrel (dbrotten@sbcglobal.net) of Chapter Y or Marcus (mdbaud1@yahoo.com) of Chapter GB. Both raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

Barbara Williams, Editor

Chapter Director's Corner

Chapter GB

What a busy July, August and September. From some of us going to Gold Rush. Then the Wednesday night dinner rides and the Van Abel's ride. Now throw in the Ride for Kids' and the Pot Luck at Carl & Joyous Bowen's home it's been pretty busy. To top it all off was the Mission Impossible group that did a week long ride around southwestern Wisconsin with their final destination being Friendship, WI for Meet n' Greet.

For many of these activities you can go to our website and see a lot of pictures of these events. For those who can't, here is a brief summary of each.

Wednesday dinner nights: We went to different locations every other week for food, conversation and ice cream. The average ride was 45 minutes long. The last ride of the season was a little shorter and ended at the Chapter Director's home. There we had hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, potato chips and ice cream with an assortment of toppings. This is the second year we have done this and it seems to go over really well.

Is this the start of a trend? We'll see.

Gold Rush: A lot of fun and some excellent riding. A little warm at times but hey, it was July. We saw Mt. Rushmore and rode through Beartooth Pass. We started the ride through Beartooth pass from Red Lodge

after breakfast around 10:30 AM with the temperature in the upper 60's. When we got to the highest elevation the temperature on my bike said 48 degrees and there was still some snow around us. By the time we got down the other side it was in the low 80's.

Meet n' Greet: A nice group of people with a lot to talk about and more food and ice cream to boot. There is a pattern here, if you hadn't noticed. The Mission Impossible group making their final destination Meet n' Greet so we had a large number of people there from Chapter GB. We also collected most of the raffle prizes and 50/50 winnings.

Ride for Kid's: After Meet n' Greet a few of us went to Middleton, WI to participate in the ride. The ride was wonderful but the program after with the kids which have been or are being helped was something to experience. It's hard to describe but all I can say is it really touched our hearts.

Van Abel's Ride: A scenic ride from Green Bay on the back roads around Elkhart Lake and ending up in Hollandtown at Van Abel's for family style broasted chicken.

Pot Luck at the Bowen's: Food was the order of the day and their definitely wasn't any disappointment. We had 30+ people show up and nobody left hungry.

This is what our chapter is all about. Good conversation, making friends and inevitably a little food and ice cream are consumed.

Now it's getting close to the time for some of us to put the bike away for the winter,

