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Letter from the Editor

HELLO!

We made it to spring! We can trade shovels for bikes. The snowbirds can make their way back home. I am excited to ride and am looking forward to an ice cream cone! I am sure many have their vacations in the planning stage for this summer. If

anyone would like to share their experiences, please send them to me and I will get them in the newsletter.

There are many changes this year. New Region C Directors are Rick and Kandie Hinrichs from Nebraska. See the  for contact info. Thank you to Jen and Randy for stepping in when needed and doing a fine job of keeping the Region running smoothly.

Congratulations to Jim and Mary Rose Clark as they will be taking over as State Directors, in June, for Sherri and Jeryl Vonderheid. We welcome you and I speak for all in saying we will help in any way we can. Also, congratulations to Marcus Baudhuin. He has accepted the position of Region C Safety Educator.

We look forward to Marcus's continuous knowledge in teaching us to ride safe. Mark your calendars for Meet n'Greet and Region C Rally. (Flyers at the bottom)

Your Editor, Barb



Region Director's Corner

Here we are again. I love the month of March as we start to look forward to warming temperatures, the grass growing again, flowers starting to break through the earth and most importantly being able to get out and ride with friends once again on a regular basis. The economy has curtailed some of our personal habits and we have had to cut down on some of the things that we can't afford to do. GWTA is being hit hard by our current economic state. As you all know we are a member owned and run organization of friends with motorcycles in

common. We all need to ask some very hard questions of ourselves. Are you getting out of your chapter, your state, your region and the national what you need? If your answer is no, I need to know why and what you are expecting or needing to get the most out of your GWTA experience. Are you involved in your group, do you contribute. We have all grown in the last few decades to expect others to provide for us and in my opinion that is not working well for us. We used to be a nation of people that helped one another and knew that in order for any one of us to succeed as a group we needed to give something to contribute to the "soup" so that everyone would be fed. We can no longer afford to feed those that give nothing but continue to keep dipping their spoon into the pot. Membership has dropped considerably in the last 5 years and we need more members to help keep the soup pot full. GWTA is and always will be about friends and I have personally seen the excitement new members bring into their chapters.

Region C is being called to task to once again help GWTA. It is up to all of us to lead by example. How do we do this you might ask? We do this by getting more involved with your own chapter, by supporting your chapter events and by volunteering to help when needed. I know that money is tight and I do not ask you to give more money, I am asking that you help make your chapter a fun place to be. When your chapter is out and about do you wear your chapter colors? Do you park your motorcycles all together so that others can see you? Are you visible, out where the public can see you, or do you ask for a private room so that others do not bother

your group? We have been the best kept secret for too long. We have something to be proud of and we need to share that with the people in our communities. If we are having fun and are being seen others will notice and want to join in on the fun. GWTA is the greatest motorcycle organization in the world. We want and need to attract new blood to keep us strong and gain new ideas.

Region C Rally plans have been finalized and I can guarantee everyone a great time this year in Chippewa Falls, WI. I would like to thank Jeryl and Sherri Vonderhied, Wisconsin State Directors and their staff for all of the work they have already done to make this year's Family Reunion a success. To start off with for your registration this year you will be receiving two meals, yes two meals. The Region will supply a fantastic breakfast on Saturday morning and also the meal Saturday evening just before the Awards Ceremony. If you have never ridden the roads in Wisconsin you are in for a treat. In my opinion Wisconsin roads are some of the best of what America has to offer. On Friday evening we will have a drive in movie night right at the fair grounds. Friday afternoon will also offer the opportunity to participate in the State Battle games and to show your state spirit. The Registration Fliers are now available through your chapter directors or on the Region C Web Site <http://gwta-c.com/GWTARegionCForum/> also check out the Region C Blog page for updates on our Tail Gate Party http://gwta-c.com/GWTARegionCForum/blogs/2009_region_c_rally/default.aspx

Rick & Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors

...more from the desk of Rick & Kandie

Hello,

This years Raffle tickets are well underway. For this year Region C will be rewarding the high Chapter Sales for raffle tickets with a \$100.00 cash prize for top sales, a \$75.00 prize for second place and a \$50.00 prize for third place. This will be awarded to our Region C chapters at Gold Rush. In addition the high personal member raffle ticket sales will be given a free Registration to Region C Rally for 2010 and a paid registration for Gold Rush in 2010 from Region C.

As you all know Raffle Ticket sales are very important to GWTA and they help keep our membership rates low. I know that not everyone is able to sell as many tickets as they would like. If every member in GWTA would buy just 10 tickets for themselves we could raise enough money to support GWTA. Do you carry Raffle tickets with you? There are so many opportunities to share a chance to win a new motorcycle or ten thousand dollars with others but first you have to have them in hand to sell them.

Rick & Kandie Hinrichs
GWTA Region C Directors

Gold Rush XXII

Lexington, Kentucky
July 13-16, 2009

Our Host Hotel

Lexington Downtown Hotel & Convention Center
(formerly Radisson Plaza Hotel)

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State Director's Corner

Spring is officially here!! The calendar says it is!! For me spring was here March 6th at 6:00 am. Why did I pick that date and time? Because for me, spring is here when I spot my first robin of the season. The first robin is a sign for me to start getting ready for "riding season". This year's riding season is going to be extra special with the Region C Rally, in Wisconsin! We have been given a great opportunity to show off the best of our state and our great hospitality. We have some of the best cycle roads in the country and we do have the "BEST" ice cream in the country!! The rally is June 12th - 14th in Chippewa Falls, WI. This year's theme is Region C Tailgate Party! We will be welcoming cycle friends from across the

Midwest. I am hoping Wisconsin has the most members in attendance! GWTA is about FUN and FUN is the more the merrier!! I highly urge everyone to attend, even for just a day. Our Region C Rally is a riding rally and reunion, which means that there are a limited number of vendors, but there are many guided and self-guided rides to go on along with the fun at the fairgrounds when you are not riding. At this time we have Chickenscratchin Pinstriping <http://www.chickenscratchin.com/> and an embroidery lady, as the vendors. I also urge everyone to take part in the Dirty Bingo...this is a great way to meet new friends. Please just bring a wrapped dirty bingo prize...that prize can be anything from a toilet plunger to some extra chrome! This year's event has many great opportunities to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

Please send in your registrations, so the numbers can be calculated and we can make sure we have enough food and such!! I guarantee it will be one of the best weekends you have all summer! **THANK YOU** to all the members who have volunteered to help out at the rally!! If you were not able to attend the Winter Planning Meeting in February and would like to help out, please contact me. There are many little odd jobs that could use a volunteer. Thank you in advance.

Congratulations to Pat and Barb Williams on being Wisconsin Family of the Year. Good Luck at the Region C Rally!!

As of June 14th, we are officially retired as your Wisconsin State Directors. We would like to thank everyone for all the help they gave us over the years. It has been an amazing experience, THANK YOU! On June 15th, Jim and Mary Rose Clark will officially take the reign as your State Directors. The Clarks are members of Chapter GB and reside in New Franken, WI with their sweet dog, Bessie. CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!!!!

Yours in Friendship,
Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo Vonderheid
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Chapter Director's Corner

CHAPTER Y READY TO RIDE

The River Valley Riders, Wisconsin's GWTA Chapter Y, is anxiously awaiting warmer temperatures so they can get their motorcycles out and running. All of us are ready--more than ready--to ride. Here's hoping that we will have an early spring so we can enjoy our machines and the roads of northwestern Wisconsin.

Chapter Y is busy making plans to fulfill the Region C Rally assignments given them after the planning meeting at the Wisconsin Winter Weekend. Our April and May meetings will be devoted to the Rally, either by riding the rally routes to make last-minute changes or by getting any food, material, or other equipment ready for our June 12-14 gathering. Chapter Y invites any rally ride leaders or any riders from Chapter GB to come over April 25 or May 16 to cover selected rally rides so as to become familiar with them. We're checking our lists, and checking them twice to make sure all we can do is just right. Much communication is going back and forth amongst members, and amongst other Region C and Wisconsin members. The one thing out of our control and over which we are hoping and praying is the weather.

We are also continuing to pray for Ted Grindall, who suffered a surprising diagnosis of colon cancer in late November. He has recovered from surgery and is now back at home in Arkansas beginning chemotherapy.

