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**State Director's Corner**

Please keep Mary Rose Clark in your thoughts and prayers as she recuperates in the hospital from a stroke.

Jimmy has been faithfully by her side to give her encouragement and strength.

If you want to send her a card, here is the address:

Mary Rose Clark  
3065 Inverness Ln  
New Franken, WI 54229

**A note from our former State Directors:**

THANK YOU!!!! from the Vonderheids!!

We want to thank everyone who helped out at the Region C Tailgate Party in Chippewa Falls! As I am sure you have all heard already how successful the party was and how much fun our out of state friends had. All the success and fun was due to all those who volunteered and helped out. Please give yourselves all a big pat on the back because you all deserve it. We also want to thank you all for the wonderful gift card that we were presented at Meet N Greet. I can't wait to use it!!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!! May God Bless Each and Everyone of You!

Jeryl, Sherri & Carlee Jo Vonderheid  
Your Past State Directors

## **Region Director's Corner**

What a month! I have been on the road every weekend since Sept. 4. I spent a weekend with Chapter W in the Black Hills of South Dakota the first weekend of September and had a blast with a trip up to Spearfish to chat with Tom and Sharon about the upcoming Region C Rally. Chapter W showed me a great time complete with a cream can supper. The next weekend was spent in Grand Island, Nebraska attending the Nebraska Friendship Campout. I have always enjoyed this event as it gives the opportunity to sit and talk with good friends. The third weekend found me enjoying the

company of the Illinois members in Litchfield, IL at their Golden Wheels Campout. What a great time we had. Have you been able to spend time with your GWTA Friends? The goal of this organization is to create an avenue for you to get out and meet new friends and to enjoy yourself with old friends. The old saying is you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. We can open the doors and invite you to join but unless you get involved yourself we are just spinning our wheels. We have so much to offer all of our members if only they would become more involved with their chapters

**Rick and Kandie Hinrichs**  
**Region C Directors**

### **Region C Recruiting program**

As most of you know by now we have been steadily losing members for the last several months. GWTA has so much to offer the members in our chapters. I am very proud to say that I represent all of our members in Region C and the individuality of our chapters. I would love to see our Region grow by 100 members in the next six months from the first of Sept. 2009. I can not do this alone. Your Region and your GWTA needs your help.

Starting on September 1, 2009 until March 1, 2010 Region C will be promoting a special recruiting push. The State or Province in Region C that recruits the most members in that 6 month period will be eligible for a \$500.00 cash prize. Now here is the kicker. In order to win that prize you must keep those new members and they

must renew a year later so the prize will not be awarded until March 30, 2011.

Do you know the best and the easiest way to recruit new members? You have to have fun in your own chapter and you have to invite others to join in the fun. Good luck to all the Region C members and may the best State or Province win.

## Letter from the Editor

Hello, everyone. Welcome to fall. Now that the cold weather is settling in, let's not forget GWTA, all the friends we made this summer and what the organization has given us. Maybe you won a raffle prize, 50/50, enjoyed a meal put on by the Chapter or maybe it gave you someone to ride with. Did you enjoy the scenic rides at the Region Rally? Maybe you have benefited from Helping Hands in the past or will have need of them in the future. People volunteer their time so that you can enjoy all the activities and events...and they don't mind because they are dedicated to GWTA and making it better and beneficial for all. What can you do to get involved to make GWTA better? What ideas do you have to share? Every organization needs support and people, at every level, to thrive or what we take for granted can go away. If you don't know how you can give back, email your Chapter Director, Region C Director or Executive Director on how you can help.

We look forward next year to Gold Rush in Billings, MT and the Region C Rally in Spearfish, SD.

If you can't stay for the whole rally, plan your vacation around them and drop in for a day or two.

Thank you,  
Barb

## Chapter Director's Corner



October 2009

We had a fast and busy July, August and September. Some of us went to Gold Rush in Lexington, KY. Then there were the Wednesday night dinner rides and the Van Abel's ride. We had the Ride for Kids' and the Pot Luck at Carl & Joyous Bowen's home. It's been pretty busy and the time went by really fast.

For many of these activities you can go to our website and see all of pictures of these events. Following are some highlights 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 as we keep our ride portion of the evening to no more than an hour. 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 third year we have done this and it seems to go over really well.

Gold Rush: Held in the horse and bourbon capital, Lexington, KY. Quite a few vendors to buy all that safety stuff for you and the bike. The 'Parade of Breeds' at Kentucky Horse Park along with some great back roads to see many of the beautiful horse farms around Lexington. Check our chapter website for allot of great pictures.

Meet n' Greet: It was held at a new location this year with Jim & Mary Rose Clark having their first official function as our GWTA State Directors. It was held at the Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft, WI. What a great facility to have the summer get together for the state. The pavilion was huge with plenty of room for all and the campground had many things for the kids and grandchildren to do. The campground facilities were excellent and the campground was only an hour and 45 minutes from Green Bay. The Meet n' Greet will be held at the same place next. Mike & Lucy Hubert found a spectacular place for the future of our states summer gathering. A nice group of people with allot to talk about and more food and ice cream to boot. We had a large number of people there from Chapter GB. We also collected most of the raffle prizes and 50/50 winnings. No names to be mentioned.

Ride for Kid's: 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. This was Barb's and my second year participating and its well worth the time to go.

Van Abel's Ride: A scenic ride from Green Bay on the back roads by way of Stangelville, Manitowoc, St. Nazianz and Elkhart Lake 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 allot of people show up and nobody left hungry.

This is what our chapter is all about. Good conversation, making friends, riding with a destination where food and ice cream seeming to be at the end of the ride. Go figure.

Now it's getting close to the time for some of us to put the bike away for the winter. Where did the summer go? Some of the more fortunate retirees are heading for warmer climates to continue their unending season for riding their bike(s).

We have our annual Chili Dump at Dean & Elaine Belanger's house on October 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 3 PM and then the Color Ride on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Color Ride led by Dean & Elaine Belanger is going to Door County. They will leave from the Shell station at Hwy. 41 and Cty. D near Abrams at 10 AM and then go to Fleet Farm east to pick up

the rest of the group at 10:30 AM and start the actual ride from there.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> our social will be at the Townline Sports Bar & Grill for a Sunday Brunch. That's also a home Packer game that weekend however it's for Milwaukee ticket holders and it starts at 3:15 PM. We will have the back room. Please let Jon & Lynn Lovlien know by November 9<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend. We will be sitting down to eat at 9:30 AM with the meeting to follow at 10:30 AM. This one is especially important because we will be taking nominations and electing a Chapter Director for next year.

Our Christmas Gathering (Party) is at the Woods on December 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4 PM with food being served at 1 PM. Broasted chicken and beef tips with all the fixins'.

All of these activities are on our calendar on the website along with more to come.

Pat & Barb Williams  
Your GWTA - WI Chapter GB Directors



## CHAPTER Y SUMMER RIDES AND MEETINGS

During the "meat" of the summer, the River Valley Riders settled into their riding

routine of Ice Cream Rides and monthly club day rides.

On July 8 Jeryl Vonderheid led Dave/Gigi Jansen, guest Steve Olson/Judy Hurt, Larry Small, John Harper, and Bob Johnson/Ginny Zittel from the Corner Store on Hwy. 93 on a ride for ice cream in Mondovi. It was a beautiful evening for a ride. Vonderheid, the Jansens, Bob and Ginny, and Darrell Broten took a direct way back to Eau Claire, while the rest followed Cty. H north, then east back to Eau Claire. Thank you, Jeryl, for heading up another nice Ice Cream Ride! Summer time up north here is always a busy time, and makes victims of certain events when people are drawn in different directions. One such victim was the Engels' Farmyard Campout near Arpin July 18-20, as only one club member unit—Bob and Linda Kruger—was able to stay with Scott and Sue Engel that weekend. A variety of conflicts (reunions, anniversaries, work, etc) kept Chapter Y's turnout low, but the Campout went on, nevertheless. The Krugers were actually able to sleep indoors in Engels' house and it was a good thing they did. Temperatures hit a record all-time low daytime high Friday and Saturday was grey and chilly. But Saturday new member Randy Perkins and Darrell Broten rode over to the Engel farmstead for quick lunch by Sue, an informal club meeting, some visiting, and a ride around Petenwell Lake of the Wisconsin River. During the informal meeting, Broten raised one topic for discussion: chapter shirts. He noted that Chapter Y does not have a shirt that has "Chapter Y" on it. The consensus was that our regular chapter shirt is the safety green Wisconsin shirt, but he noted that it doesn't indicate our chapter.

