



Goldwing Touring Association

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The Official Newsletter of the State of Wisconsin



In memory of Fran Broten who died April 13, 2010

Region Director's Corner

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

Effective immediately! If you know someone who belongs to another motorcycle club and they are interested in joining GWTA, you can offer them the following incentive: If the prospective member shows proof of belonging to another organization including the amount they paid for the membership and the amount of time left on the membership, GWTA will put half of the value of what is left on their current membership with the other organization toward a 3 year GWTA membership.

If you know of a chapter from another organization that might consider rolling over let me know. We more than likely can do something to encourage them to make the leap.

Recruiting Programs

The following recruiting programs have been in effect for some time. Specifically, we have mailed recruit pins and members have had the opportunity to earn lifetime membership through recruiting since day one.

RECRUIT PINS

Recruit pins are mailed out annually to members who have reach the 5, 10, or 25 members recruited levels.

CAMPAIGN 31

Sign up three (3) "NEW" memberships and get one FREE year added to your membership.

This campaign focuses on memberships, not members.

Belt Buckle

Earn a GWTA Belt Buckle for recruiting 25 members.

EARN LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Members can earn an Individual Lifetime Membership at 75 members recruited or a Family Lifetime Membership at 100 members recruited

GWTA Region C Directors Rick and Kandie Hinrichs

Don't forget to say thank you to someone that has served our great country in the Armed Forces. It is very easy to forget the sacrifices made by our fellow Americans. With anything worth having sacrifices must be made. The sacrifice makes what you want even more valuable.

This goes for everything in our lives. When you got married, if you are married, you soon learned that in order to make this work you would have to make some sacrifices. You became a couple and you needed to take the wants and needs of your other half into consideration. Your sacrifices for your better half more than likely made your life have more meaning. Because of the sacrifices you and your better half have made for each other has made your partnership even stronger and your love for each other has grown more and more because of it.

Sacrifice should be made because of love. If you don't love something the effort can be worthless. This leads all of us to just what do we love? There are many things that I love. I love my wife, I love my family, I love people, I love my dogs, I love motorcycling, I love

camping and I love this organization of friends that have become family. I know that just about all of us that have children know the sacrifices you make because of love to see that you kids are raised in a home where they feel they are important and that their needs are being addressed. I myself had wanted to own a Gold Wing for just about all the years my kids were at home. My kids can tell you that every weekend when we went to town to buy groceries we had to stop at the Honda Dealer so Dad could ogle the New Gold Wings. I knew at that time a new bike was not in the budget as raising my kids was more important.

This club means so much to me because of the friends like yourself that I have made. Many years ago one of my best friends in GWTA questioned me why I would even consider becoming a CD, state director or a Regional director. His logic was the sacrifice would be far to great in his opinion. I can tell you from experience the sacrifice is not too great. I have gained so much from becoming more involved

Each one of us is different. What gets us motivated is different for each and every one of us. I love being involved. I love making new friends. I love helping others attain their goals. Do you want a piece of this? Your chapter needs your help. Our chapters are the single most important part of GWTA and without the support and the help from its members it will just go away.

I think you will find that the sacrifice you are concerned about in becoming more involved in your chapter is nothing compared to the rewards you will gain. For the most part we are all social animals. We joined this organization to gain friends and to develop

new relationships. All it takes is asking the question, What can I do to help?

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Region C Redbook

Region C will be offering a Region C Red Book to our Region C Members for a nominal cost. Remember the blue book? This will be very similar to that as we are asking our members that want to participate in this to supply information for us to produce a book for members traveling through our Region C area. Time is critical in this as we would like to get this book produced as soon as possible. I have attached the forms we need filled out as well as a letter explaining our Region C Red Book.

The way I would like to see this handled is the State Directors forward these forms to our Chapter Directors. The Chapter Directors would then take these forms to their Business meeting and ask any of their members that would like to participate in this to supply their information. Once this is done they would then forward this back to the State Director and either mail it to me or email the information to gwtaaregcredbook@gmail.com

We would also ask that if you have a favorite Camp ground, Hotel, Restaurant in your area that you let us know as we would love to include this with the information.

The Deadline for getting this back is August 1, 2010.

Donna McCullough and Karen Green have been instrumental in getting this going and they both will be very involved with seeing this done.

If you need the form, contact Pat Williams.

GWTA Region C Directors,
Rick and Kandie Hinrichs

State Director's Corner

It's now summer just in case you forgot. Riding season is in full swing which is evident by all the rides and activities all around GWTA at all levels. Be ever mindful of both road conditions and the other drivers out there. Don't assume the other driver sees you. Always make eye contact.

The Wisconsin State website is now online and is improving as time goes forward. It's a good tool for both communication and directing people to information on GWTA both locally and beyond.

We have our Meet n' Greet at the Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft, WI on July 30th & 31st. Please see the attached flyer. Our Region C Director, Rick Hinrichs is planning on being there. This would be a great opportunity to meet and talk with him about the association.

The 'Ride for Moola' is going well. Sponsors have been telling us they are seeing people coming in to get their sheets stamped. There's still time to sign up to participate. A portion of the proceeds will be going to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (Ride for Kids).

The 'Ride for Kids' to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation will be happening on July 18th in St Paul, Minnesota. To take part in the ride and daylong happening, please join Darrell Broten at 8:00 AM at the Exit 59 Family Diner (the former Embers) in the Mill Run section of Eau Claire for breakfast and gathering. From there they will ride in to St Paul, stop for gas in White Bear Lake, and then do the Ride. They will be riding, rain or shine.

If you are unable to make it that day but still wish to be a part of this crusade, please send your contributions to Darrell Broten (make your check payable to Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation) at 1134 W Hamilton Avenue, Eau Claire WI 54701.

There's also the 'Ride for Kids' on August 1st in Middleton, WI. Marcus & Diana Baudhuin and Barb & I will be going as well. Join us if you can. If you can't make it and would like to make a contribution see Marcus or myself and we will make sure it gets there.

This year's series of events are held in honor of Mike Traynor, founder of PBTF, who passed away last September.

I know many members are getting ready for Gold Rush and it's coming up pretty quickly. I just want to update everyone on when I need to receive the bike tickets. I need to have all the tickets and money no later than Wednesday July 9th. I need to have all tickets that are sent here accounted for so please make sure you send them as early as you can. Any tickets that you do not get to us by the 9th, please bring them to Gold Rush and turn them in no later than Wednesday July 21st by noon. They will be sending a

package via FedEx to Indianapolis from Billings on Wednesday afternoon to make sure those tickets are counted for and put in the drawing for Thursday.

Thank you all for your dedication and support of GWTA.

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Letter from the Editor

Keep Darrell Broten in your thoughts and prayers. Fran and Darrell were involved with Ride for Kids. Consider making a donation in Fran's name or taking the "ride" in Middleton, WI.

Thank you to all our Veterans. If you didn't make it to LZ Lambeau in May, you missed out on a wonderful thank you tribute to our Vietnam Veterans. GWTA members. Bob Campshure, Dean Belanger, Rick Verber, Bob

Meyer and Gerry Brix all participated in the ride from LaCrosse to Green Bay.

I tried so hard to get off work to welcome and thank them along the route.

Thank you to all our Veterans for your sacrifice and bravery.

There is a lot going on this summer. Watch out for four wheels as they are not looking for you.

Guest Corner

Fellow Motorcyclists:

Once again this year Eau Claire will be sending a contingent of motorcyclists to the Ride For Kids event in St Paul, Minnesota. This year the event happens on Sunday, July 18.

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Ride Safely, Stay Happy, and Cherish Your Days.

Darrell Broten

