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*May you and yours have a blessed and Merry Christmas  
and a wonderful New Year*

## State Director's Corner

We look forward to serving the State of Wisconsin as your Directors.

Look for new and exciting changes on the state level

Pat and Barb Williams

## Region Director's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are about to start a new year in our lives and hopefully make some new starts. More than any other time in the History of GWTA we need the help from all of our members. We have always been a member owned and run organization but for some reason many of our members have failed to recognize the importance of their input. I realize that not all of our members can be as involved as some of us are but they can be and should be very involved in their own chapter decisions. We are always stronger with everyone's participation. It seems that every chapter has its core membership and these are the ones that help make the decisions for their chapter. I would like to challenge all of our members to participate in their chapter in the spirit of cooperation. It is always easy to complain about things but things just will not get changed unless we become involved. You have a ready made group of friends that already enjoys the one thing that brings us all together in GWTA and that is riding. I have found in my tenure with this club that the more involved I am the more I enjoy the club. It has become all

too common that we as individuals become so wrapped up in our day to day living and trying to support ourselves that we do not take the opportunity to allow others to come into our lives. Especially at this time of year we need to be reflecting on where we have been and where we are going in life. It is the relationships we make that make life worth living.

Don't forget about the recruiting program we have going on in Region C until February 1, 2010 and GWTA National has started a couple of new programs as well. You will find these in this issue.

Rick and Kandie Hinrichs  
GWTA Region C Directors

Remember to get your chapter Registrations in if you have not already done so.

### 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. You're Region and your GWTA needs your help.

Starting on September 1, 2009 till 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.

### Campaign 31

Effective immediately, members can sign up three (3) "new" memberships and get one FREE year added to their membership. Life Members have the option to give away the one free year. This membership program is called Campaign 31 and will run until further notice.

### Hand of Friendship Program

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.

## Letter from the Editor

A bright, new year ahead and always lots of changes. Change is good for an organization to grow.

Congratulations to Jon Lovlein, who was voted in as Chapter Director for GB. Jon's contact information is at the end of the newsletter.

Congratulations to Pat Williams who has replaced Jim and Mary Rose Clark as State Directors. Mary Rose has come a long ways since her stroke in August but has a long road ahead. Jimmy's priority is helping Mary Rose get well. He thought it best to step down as he could not devote the time to the State like they had planned. We give them our well wishes.

Congratulations to Dave Jansen, new Safety Coordinator for Chapter Y. Per Chapter Director, Darell Broten, "safety is the top priority in Chapter Y."

Check out the promotional ideas at the end of this newsletter.

We look forward to 2010 and all the new ideas and plans to come.



## Chapter Director's Corner

### Chapter Y

GWTA Wisconsin Chapter Y (the River Valley Riders) wrapped up the 2009 riding season with rides, activities, and a mild November.

In October Chapter Y held its two annual fall events—the Wednesday Apple Pie ride October 7 and the weekend October 10 Color Ride. Apple Pie leader Jeryl Vonderheid reported, “We rode the 7 miles out to Connell’s Orchard where we were met by Sheri, one of the owners. She had a table set for 12 due to the good weather. We explained all the fun ones were here and ordered our pie and homemade ice cream. It was delicious. After visiting and letting the pie settle, some purchased apples and we were off to home. It was dark and I was happy to get to the city limits where street lights helped in looking for the deer that could be in waiting. All made it home safe. Thanks to all that participated in the Ice Cream Rides for 2009.”

However, the Color Ride was a completely different matter. The River Valley Riders’ 2009 Color Ride didn’t leave home due to cold and windy weather Saturday, October 10. At 10:30 the thermometer read 34 degrees with a 12 mph wind from the north. While sanity prevailed, RVR members stayed inside the Eau Claire Travel Center for an hour chatting about club items and hearing about Bob and Ginny’s California ride this past August.

Bob and Ginny told us that on their way to California they rode straight west through North Dakota and Montana, on Highway 12 through Idaho, parts of Washington and Oregon, and northern California. They especially enjoyed Lake Tahoe. It was rainy some times, but mostly hot, especially when riding through Las Vegas. They experienced temperatures ranging from below freezing to over 100 degrees. Heading east they did stop at Palisades—near Grand Junction, site of the 2005 Gold Rush—for peaches and other fruit. All in all, they covered 5800 miles in 10 days.

We all know the rest of October was the coldest and wettest ever, but November was the complete opposite. “It was so mild, in fact, that for the first time in my riding career I was able to complete four nice rides—one with Fran—during November,” said Chapter Director Darrell Broten. “I had a very comfortable ride to Elk Creek during which I saw several orange-clad deer hunters pacing the fields and I even rode a bit on December 2.”

Ten members of the River Valley Riders met over buffet pizza at the bustling Pizza Ranch pizzeria on the west side of Eau Claire for its November monthly club meeting. The members met in the Party Room, which turned out to be a bit too big and, on a Saturday night, too busy for our purposes. We thank Linda Kruger for supplying the club with her written treasurer’s report. Next on the docket was December’s Christmas Party, to be held at John/Judi Harper’s. Linda said that the January meeting will be a soup and salad potluck, with no bread bowls this time around. Darrell briefly mentioned chapter shirts, which will

be discussed more next month. He also thanked all for sending in postage for the mailing of their newsletter. Darrell also asked for annual chapter surveys to be turned in. Thank you, Dave, for turning yours in! Sherri Vonderheid informed all present that the Region C Rally planning meeting will be held January 16 in Spearfish, South Dakota, and that camping reservations can indeed, be made now. Contact Region C Director Rick Hinrichs or check out the Region C website for more.

For our chapter, I am happy to announce that Dave Jansen has volunteered to be our Chapter Y Safety Coordinator. Region C Safety Coordinator and State Educator Marcus Baudhuin had previously asked that our chapter fill that office, so I am glad Dave has stepped forward to take charge of that. I am sure Dave will do an outstanding job in reminding us that safety is the top priority in Chapter Y.

In December Chapter Y met at Judi/John Harpers beautiful home and nicely decorated-for-Christmas basement family room. It was a potluck affair, so you know that there was lots of food. The chapter held a business meeting after supper, covering the topics of chapter shirts, the 2010 schedule, and more. Next was the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange that everyone looked forward to. There were a few clunkers gifted out—that's where the fun is—but there were also several very nice gifts that proud recipients showed off. Through it all we had good conversation, ending the evening with heartfelt wishes to each other for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2010, with all its hopes and promises, now beckons for the River Valley Riders.

Ride Safely and Stay Happy.

Darrell  
Chapter Y Director

## Chapter GB

January 2010

Our annual Chili Dump at Dean & Elaine Belanger's house and the Color Ride were cancelled this year for the first time due to the weather. However, Rick & Anna Verber led an impromptu ride through Door County a couple weeks later and everyone who went enjoyed it.

On November 15<sup>th</sup> we had our social at the Townline Sports Bar & Grill for a Sunday Brunch arranged by Jon & Lynn Lovlien. We took nominations for a Chapter Director for next year. There were 3 qualified candidates and Jon Lovlien is the new Chapter GB Director effective January 1, 2010. We wish Jon the best in his new adventure and will support him fully.

We had our Christmas Party at The Woods on December 13<sup>th</sup> with 43 attendees. We had allot of good food and conversation. Canned goods were collected for donation to a local charity (Resurrection Lutheran Church Food Pantry). Thanks to everyone for their donations of canned goods as well as those who donated door prizes.

Please support Team Motorsports for donating to the Christmas Party and also for

