



The Greater Milwaukee Wings

GWRRA WI-"G" Region E



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From the Chapter Director

Chapter G hosted its second MAD brat fry on May 5th at Sam's Club on Highway 41. We interacted with many members of the motoring public, answered many questions, distributed much literature, and hopefully raised the level of awareness of motorcycles sharing the roadways. The display of Gold Wings and Russ Bethe's opened pop-up camper inspired awe in many visitors to our event. Even though the weather was not as good as last year's, the event was a success and our messages of "Share the Road" and "Motorcyclists are Dying to be Seen" were very well received. I would like to see a continuation of this event and similar events at other cities within our county. Many of our cities have Community Night Out events where our chapter could host a MAD booth. If your city offers such an event, please contact our MAD Coordinators, Rich and Sharon Winkler at 414-482-0199 with the date and contact person for that event.

Chapter G will be presenting the GWRRA Road Captain Course on Thursday, August 9th, beginning at 7:00pm at the Root River Center. This will be our last class for the season. If you plan on taking this course, it is imperative that you register with our Chapter Educators, Gene and Pam Lingford, at 414-483-4119 as early as possible so that enough instructors will be available. The course is free and co-riders are strongly urged to attend.

District Rally is June 22nd and 23rd at the Brown County Fairgrounds in DePere (Green Bay). This is the largest District event of the year for members throughout the state to participate in a weekend of fun and camaraderie. Chapter G staff will be well represented at the various information booths and events. I encourage all members to try and make it to District Rally for one or both days to show your support for District Staff and have fun while doing it. Hopefully, a good turnout will enhance our chances for future rallies to be held at locations that are centrally located within our state. Hope to see YOU there!

Ride Safe!

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Mark Your Calendars:

Berres Coffee House Lunch Ride; June 2nd.
Eagle Cave & Cave of the Mounds Ride; June 9th.
Bike Blessing; June 10th.
District Rally; June 22nd & 23rd.
Chapter G Social; June 24th.
Fox & Hounds Lunch Ride; July 1st.
National Motorcycle Museum Ride; July 7th.

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Monthly Social - 4:30pm

February 25 ★ March 25 ★ April 22 ★ May 20 ★ June 24 ★ July 29
August 26 ★ September 30 ★ October 21 ★ November 25 ★ December 16

Root River Center, 7220 W Rawson Ave

If you would like to dine during the meeting, come early to place your food order.

- June 9: [Eagle Cave & Cave of the Mounds Ride](#)
Leave from the Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave, Franklin, 8am

We'll be visiting the Eagle Cave near Blue River (which is SW of Richland Center). Then Cave of the Mounds near Blue Mounds (SW of Madison). We may also visit Kickapoo Caverns if the group has time. [Here is the link to the flyer.](#) If interested, we can stop at the western cities of the [Circle Tour](#), including Black Earth, Blue Mounds, and Spring Green. Contact [Mike Stockinger](#) at (414) 529-1830 for signup and more information.

- June 10: [Bike Blessing](#)

Franksville United Methodist Church, 10402 Northwestern Ave (Hwy. K), Franksville, WI

See attached flyer. Pig roast, beverages and deserts will be offered for a freewill offering. Contact Russ Plemons at (262) 971-6704 for more information.

- Jun. 23-24: [District Rally-Green Bay](#)

Information on the District Webpage: <http://www.gwrra-wi.org>
Contact Mike Hultine at 920-261-7101 for more information.

- Jul 1: [Fox & Hounds Reprive Lunch, 10am](#)

More details to follow. Contact John Hickman at (414) 964-1159 for more information.



SUMMER'S

COMING!!

Look Where We've Been...

Circle Tour – Western Loop Ride

Saturday morning, April 28th, we met at the Mobil station at I94 and Hwy F in Waukesha to visit some of the cities on the Chapter G Circle Tour - Western Loop. With Mike and Hazel Stockinger in the lead on their GL-1800, Russ Bethe and I followed them west on Hwy 16 toward Black Earth. After a brief gas stop, we proceeded on to Spring Green for lunch. After a nice lunch at the Riverview Terrace Café, we made a brief "saddle tour" of some of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin buildings and headed to Blue Mounds. As you probably know by now, you can actually get a receipt from a business in Blue Mounds. We enjoyed an ice cream cone and mounted up for the ride home. After only two wrong turns, we completed a very scenic ride through South Central Wisconsin and made a brief gas stop in Whitewater. We completed our return through Palmyra, Eagle, and Mukwonago and arrived back in the Milwaukee area in the late afternoon. Great day, super friends, nice 280 mile ride, good lunch and we did it all without a GPS. That is what it is all about.

- Russ Plemons

- July 7: [National Motorcycle Museum, Anomosa, IA](#)

This is a one-day road trip to the National Motorcycle Museum in Anomosa, IA. We will drive through the rolling hills of southwestern Wisconsin and cross the Mississippi river into Iowa. The museum offers discounts for GWRRA members. On the return trip we will try to ride east and ride along a section of the Mississippi River and past Mississippi Palisades State Park that has some lovely cliffs overlooking the river. Here is the [flyer](#). Approximately 500 miles will be driven on this trip. Contact [Russ Bethe](#) at (414) 571-6361 to sign up and for more information.

- Aug. 4-5: [Volunteer for MS 150 Bike Tour](#)

The Chapter usually patrols the course and assists the cyclists as needed. Volunteers can stay in the dorms at UW Whitewater for free; however the Chapter has rooms reserved at the AmeriHost Inn in Whitewater. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

- Aug. 5: [Ride for Kids](#)

Middleton, WI

Ride to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Here is a link to the web site.

<http://www.pbtfus.org/rideforkids/calendar/2007/wisconsin07.html>
Contact [Randy Gulseth](#) at (920) 553-8862 for more information.

- Aug. 9: [Road Captain's Course, 7pm](#)

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave, Franklin

Contact [Gene and Pam Lingford](#) at (414) 483-4119 for more information.

- Aug. 18: [Kilbourn Fire Dept Root Beer Run](#)

Here is a link for ride details.

<http://www.kilbournfire.com/fireballrundetails.html> Contact [Noah and Lynn Borkenhagen](#) at (414) 525-9074 for more information.



Circle Tour- Western Loop Ride Group

[Look Where We've Been...](#)**Berres - Behind the Beans - Coffee Tour**

Due to threatening weather this was a 4 wheel outing except for one brave couple who chose to "ride". We did stop along the way so rain gear could be added and good thing we did - it poured. The ride home was beautiful though and many were wishing they had 2 wheels. After a leisurely lunch of soup, sandwiches and coffee we attended "coffee school" and learned many interesting facts about storing, grinding and brewing coffee. Two members of our group even helped to make pots of coffee that we got to taste test. We learned Arabica coffee (mountain grown at elevations of 3,000 to 6,000 feet and picked at peak ripeness) is the best. Did you know that a coffee tree yields only 1 -2# of beans per year and has a life span of approximately 15 years? Another interesting tidbit is that Kona coffee is the only coffee grown in the U.S. - any guesses as to where that is? (Ask Art - he knows) After "coffee school" we had a brief tour of the roasting facility and learned even more of the intricacies of coffee roasting. Berres Brothers roasted over 1 million pounds of coffee beans last year. Their #1 best seller flavored coffee is Highlander Grogg - it is delicious! We even got to take a few burlap bags home - hmmm - wonder what we could do with them? If you like coffee, plain or flavored, this is the place to go. Look for a few sample packets on the goodie table at the June 24th social.

- Art & Pat Kuenstler

MAD Brat Fry a Big Success

The second annual WI-G Motorist Awareness Division brat fry was held on Saturday May 5, 2007 from 10AM to 2PM at the Sam's Club on South 27th Street in Franklin. The weather could have been a little better, but this is after all Milwaukee in the spring. We only got a few sprinkles on us, so it certainly could have been a lot worse. There were many chapter members present to help with all facets of the event and everything went very smoothly. It took a little longer than last year, but eventually we sold all our brats, with the exception of a few "staff" samples. (The "staff" brats were all recovered in much less time than the standard 5 second rule demands) We had the honor of being visited by members of several other state chapters including District Educator Terry Hughes and District MAD coordinators Jeff and Peg Schultz. We wish to thank our visitors for giving us their support. We accomplished our primary goal of spreading the word to the motoring public that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month in Wisconsin, and everyone really needs to get back into the habit of looking for the bikes out there that are sharing the road with them. We really tried to stress the message presented by the large sign posted above our tables:

"MOTORCYCLISTS ARE DYING TO BE SEEN".

Thank you to all members who participated in this event, but particularly to Bob & Ginny Schattschneider, Greg Miller, and Gene & Pam Lingford; all of whom put in a tremendous amount of work both preparing for and carrying out the event.

- Rich Winkler

[Look What's Coming Up...](#)**2007 Chapter G Circle Tour**

As has been the case in past years, the 2007 Chapter G circle tour will have a theme. This year's theme is "The Colors of Wisconsin". Wisconsin has many towns with colors contained in their name. We have chosen a few and put them together to form a circle tour. Actually, this year a little twist has been added to the tour. It contains two "loops". There is a loop that contains towns which are west of Milwaukee and is called (surprise, surprise) the Western Loop. There is also an Eastern Loop which is made up of towns north of Milwaukee. (We'd get a little damp riding to towns east of Milwaukee.) Each loop was set up to be approximately 300 miles long, so it may be ridden comfortably in a single day. Riders have their choice of riding the Eastern Loop, the Western Loop, or both loops. Information regarding entry fees, rules, and the list of towns on the tour is located in the Chapter G web site. Information can also be obtained at our monthly socials, or by contacting *Rich or Sharon Winkler at swinkler@wi.rr.com*.

[Sound Advice...](#)**Dry Rot – How to avoid it**

Keeping your tires in good shape includes constant attention to them, maintaining proper inflation at all times, and a little luck in avoiding street hazards. But dry rot is a problem some of our tires seem to experience, particularly if our motorcycles are not ridden year round.

There are a few simple things that you can do to minimize dry rot:

-Do not store your motorcycle near electrical appliances. Ozone is generated around electrical appliances and is primarily responsible for the cracks in your tire rubber.

-Do not use anything like Armor All on your tires. These products make the rubber look nice and clean and bright black, but they also rob the rubber of the chemicals they were manufactured with which are designed to minimize the effect of ozone.

-Do not park your bike with the tires sitting on oil spots. The oil will deteriorate the tire rubber over time.

