



The Greater Milwaukee Wings

GWRRRA WI-"G" Region E



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From the Chapter Director

No one knows for certain how April got its name. Some say that April comes from Aphrodite, the Greek name for the goddess of love, or it may have come from the Latin word *aperire*, which means to open. April is after all the month when things begin to open and grow again after winter. April is also; National Poetry month, Jazz appreciation month, April 1 is April Fool's Day (no fooling), and April 22 is Earth Day. Professional baseball begins, taxes are due, spring cleaning starts and people start mowing their yards again. And if we're lucky we get to start riding again, so long as those April Showers that bring May flowers don't mess things up.

Chapter G held an MFA First-Aid / CPR Course at Franciscan Villa in South Milwaukee on March 22. The course was taught by Mike & Lynn Mischker. 13 members attended the course which meets the requirements for the Levels Program. Thank you to all that attended, and a special thank you to Bob & Ginny for setting up the course.

On Saturday April, 19, Chapter G will be hosting it's annual Spring Safety Fair at Cedar Creek Motorsports, 7518 Highway 60, Cedarburg starting at 10:30am. There will be presentations by Bob Schattschneider (Chapter G) Team Riding, Joe Sigler (Cedar Creek Motorsports) who will also be available to answer our many questions, and Dr. Russ Petersen, DC (Creskide Chiropractic) who will give us some insight on how to get ourselves ready for the riding season. We will have materials available from the Motorcycle Awareness Division, Department of Transportation, and Motorcycle Safety Foundation as well as others. The Safety Fair Flyer has been posted on our website. We encourage all who are able to join us.

In our efforts to raise motorcycle awareness, Chapter G will be holding its 3rd MAD Brat Fry on Sunday May 4th at Sam's Club, 6508 South 27th Street, Franklin. We will have materials available from the Motorcycle Awareness Division, DOT, and Motorcycle Safety Foundation and others. We ask everyone to please consider volunteering to help make this year's MAD brat fry a success.

As this is an election year, the theme of this year's circle tour is towns named after or containing the names of US presidents. The entry fee is \$10 for each participant (rider and co-rider) in the tour. The tour covers approximately 300 miles from the metro Milwaukee area and back, so, it should be able to be ridden comfortably in one day. Each town on the tour (except Fillmore) has some business establishment from which a receipt may be obtained, however it is not necessary to get a receipt, a photo documenting your visit is also acceptable. Visit the Tour link on the Chapter G website to print out a list of the towns as well as the rules and entry form. Please note that payment to participate in the Circle Tour must be received prior to the date on receipts.

Our mileage contest will officially begin on April 19th at the Spring Safety Fair. Beginning and ending miles for the contest must be read by either the Chapter Directors or the Chapter Educators. Beginning miles will be read at the Safety Fair and ending miles will be read at the September Social, however if you are not able to attend either, you will need to contact one of the chapter officers mentioned to arrange to have your miles read. Also, please remember that you must attend 4 chapter events to qualify for the contest. This year's mileage contest will be different than in years past. For every 1000 miles ridden, you will receive one ticket, so the more miles you ride the more tickets you will receive. Tickets will be drawn at the October Social. You do not need to be present to win. Please contact Tom Ballmann (920)-452-4779 or tomballmann@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

As the days are getting longer and warmer, and our thoughts turn to riding, we would ask that chapter members consider setting up a ride or event. If you have a special place you like to go to or know of an event that would be interesting and fun, please let us know. We'd love to hear about it! As always, remember it's not about the destination it's about the ride, so please ride safe!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat. Apr. 19: Chapter G Safety Fair, 10:30am

Sun. April 20: Chapter G Social

Sun. May 4: Chapter G Brat Fry, 10am

Sat. May 10: GL1800Riders.com Meet, Greet & Eat

Sat. Jun. 7: Trek 100

Fri. Jun. 20 - Sat. Jun. 21: 2008 Wisconsin District Rally
2008 ERC dates: May 31, June 1, June 7, June 8, August 9

2008 Trike dates: April 20 and August 10.

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Monthly Social - 4:30pm

January 27 * **February 24** * **March 30** * **April 20** * **May 18** * **June 29** * **July 27**
August 31 * **September 28** * **October 19** * **November 30** * **December 21**

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave

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

APRIL

-Sat. Apr. 19: **Chapter G Safety Fair, 10:30am**
Cedar Creek Motorsports, 7518 Highway 60, Cedarburg
 Join us for our Safety Fair. Contact [Tom Ballmann](#) at (920) 452-4779 for more information.

-Sat/Sun. Apr. 26-27: **Ch Q&K Fund Raiser**
 Let's head up to Wausau and Wisconsin Rapids and support Chapters Q & K. Meet at 7am for breakfast at the Odyssey Restaurant at N82, W15380 Appleton Ave, Menomonee Falls. Pre-registration for Chapter Q is suggested (get form in April 2008 Wisconsin Wings). Chapter K is a Mall Show and no pre-registration is needed. Lodging Saturday night will be at Quality Inn, 3120 8th St S., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, 715-423-5506. Contact [Terry Werth](#) at (262) 971-0155.

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Cautiously celebrating...



-Sat. May 10: **Poker Run Fund Raiser**

Here is a [link to the flyer](#). This is a fund raiser to benefit the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Visit up to 5 participating Honda motorcycle dealers. Draw cards for the best hand. The flyer has specific information. Contact [Randy Gulseth](#) for additional information at (920) 553-8862.

-Sat. May 10: **GL1800Riders Meet, Greet & Eat**

Join members of the GL1800Rider.com message board for our 3rd annual trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Refer to <http://www.gl1800riders.com/forums/viewtopic.php?t=108199> for more information. Lodging discounts are available at the Mayflower Motel, where we will probably engage in exaggerated tall tales in the parking lot again. We'll meet on Saturday at 9am at the Paul Bunyan's for breakfast (cost is \$11pp and includes food, beverage & tip). Send an instant message to PIT900 with a headcount for the reservation. Several rides will leave after b-fast. Contact [Greg Miller](#) for more information.

JUNE

-Sat. Jun. 7: **Trek 100**

The MACC Fund has once again requested that WI-G assist them with the Trek 100 Bicycle event to help raise funds to fight Childhood Cancer. This one day event expects to raise more than half a million dollars for this worthy cause. We will be patrolling the route the same as we do the MS ride in August providing safety and assistance to bicycle riders who need it. This tour attracts over 2000 riders and the Wings can get to places on the route much faster than the sag trucks and are a very valuable asset to the tour organizers and net control. Ham equipped bikes are really appreciated but we can use even those that are not. This will be the fourth year that Wings have helped with this event and participation is greatly appreciated by the organizers and parents who have children with cancer. This charity also provides help to adults with cancer even though they are aimed at childhood cancer. Refer to <http://www.maccfund.org/> or contact [Russ Bethe](#) for more information.

Upcoming events - other chapters/district

Chapter Q Fundraiser: Apr. 26

Chapter K Fundraiser: Apr. 27th

Chapter C Fundraiser: May 2, 3

Chapter J Fundraiser: May 10 (PBTF) Poker Run