



The Greater Milwaukee Wings GWRRA WI-"G" Region E



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From the Chapter Director

As 2006 draws to an end, I would like to thank my entire staff for all the long hours, hard work, and determined effort which they have put forth to make this year a successful one for Chapter G. Our very successful fundraiser would not have been possible without their combined effort and "can do" attitude. I would especially like to thank Anna Werth for her time and effort in the preparation of our 2nd annual Murder Mystery. It was difficult for me to believe that she could have surpassed her success with the 2005 mystery, but she set a new horizon with the 2006 mystery. Many thanks to all who played a character, and also to those who simply dressed the part. I continue to receive many positive comments on the uniqueness of our fundraiser and the enjoyment experienced by all of the attendees.

Chapter G's annual Winter Get-A-Way at Wisconsin Dells is, once again, scheduled for the first weekend in March. Activities begin Friday evening (March 2nd), run all day Saturday (March 3rd), and end Sunday (March 4th). I have reserved a block of rooms at the Mayflower Motel, 910 Wisconsin Dells Parkway, Wisconsin Dells, WI. 53965. The telephone number for reservations is 608-253-6471. Be sure to advise the reservation clerk that you are reserving your room under "Chapter G of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association" when making your reservations. Cost of room (double) is \$119.88 for two nights (i.e. March 2nd and 3rd). Deadline for guaranteed reservations is February 16th. Make your reservations as early as possible as the rooms fill quickly.

Remember the December social is December 17th due to the Christmas Holiday Season.

In closing, Ginny and I would like to wish all of you a joyous Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving you in 2007.

Ride Safe!
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Mark Your Calendars:

Chapter G Social: Dec. 17th
Melting Pot Dinner: Jan. 20th
Chapter G Social: Jan. 27th

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

December 17

January 28

February 25

March 25

April 29

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.

Jan 20 3:30 pm: Melting Pot Dinner

19850 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield

Plan on a leisurely 3-hour fondue dining experience. Expect to spend at least \$40pp. Note: The restaurant may not take individual Entertainment coupons for a large group. But the Millers have a 15% coupon valid for groups of 15 or more. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Feb. 6 6:00 pm: Painted Parrot Dinner

8028 W National Ave, West Allis

What a better way to prepare for a Caribbean cruise than to dine at Milwaukee's newest Caribbean restaurant! Refer to Entertainment Book coupon #B292 for BOGO coupon. Contact [Greg Miller](#) at 414-840-4203.

Bowling Party

On Sunday, November 26th, after the regular social, 16 members of Chapter G participated in a bowling party at Root River Center. Amid cheers, jeers, and even a few beers, everyone enjoyed themselves and most of us discovered a few muscles which we hadn't used in a while. While we all tried our best, it became apparent that none of us will be quitting our jobs anytime soon to follow the pro tour. I would like to commend all the bowlers for demonstrating an outstanding display of proper bowling etiquette. Hopefully, there is enough interest to repeat this event during the non-riding season.

Bob Schattschneider

From the Chapter Educator

Trailer Hitch Fundamentals Connect Those Chains Properly

By James R Davis

While at my favorite cycle accessory shop the other day I met a man who was the proud owner of a new Wing and a color-coordinated trailer that he was polishing mightily in preparation for a week out on the road.

He had 20 years of riding and experience and has 'always' had a trailer, so he said.

We talked at length about handling characteristics effects on gas mileage, tire wear (including that of the rear tire in the bike), and proper weight distribution and loading practices. All in all I believe I learned a lot from him.

Then I noticed his hitch. It was a beauty - all chrome and besides the typical ball connector, it had a swivel in it. Even the chains were chromed!

So what's the message all about? Those chains. The man did not have them crossed. In all his years of pulling a trailer nobody had ever bothered to tell him to cross those chains so that they form a 'catch' for the tongue should the hitch ever disconnect from the ball. (When he left the accessory shop they were crossed.)

If that man's hitch had ever managed to dislodge from the ball the tongue would have dug itself into the pavement and a good ride would have been over. Further, unlike what happens when you lose a trailer from the back-end of a car or truck, the trailer's tongue is right in line with the motorcycle's rear tire. Even if it could not quite reach the ground should it disconnect, that tongue can certainly reach the tire if the chains are too long. In all, bad news!

So, when you attach that trailer to your bike be sure to cross a pair of chains under its tongue before connecting the chains to the hitch and be sure that the chains are not so long that the tongue can reach your rear tire after a disconnect.

Also, don't use cheap spring clip connectors on the end of those chains. If those chains are supporting the tongue of your trailer and you were to then stand on that tongue (as some policemen are apt to try to 'test' them), they MUST HOLD.

Incidentally, in most states you are required to use TWO chains when pulling a trailer, and in every state you are totally responsible for any damage that the trailer might cause should it get away from you.

Gene & Pam
Chapter Educator

Pictures from the 2nd Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser

