



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



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From the Chapter Director

Chapter G hosted a Holiday Party on January 27th at the Overlook Bay Clubhouse and it was a fun-filled event. Attendance was good (32 members) and the food was delicious. There was an overabundance of food with the chapter supplying the meats, rolls, and beverages; and many members bringing side dishes and desserts to share. Members enjoyed good camaraderie with many different games being played as well as several tables of sheephead. Thanks to a financially sound year, the party could be held with no cost to attendees.

I would like to announce the appointment of Rande Plemons to the position of Newsletter Editor, beginning with the March edition of the Chapter G Newsletter. Rande brings a great deal of experience to the position, having acted as editor for family newsletters for both the Air Force and the Army National Guard. "Welcome Aboard, Rande!"

I would also like to thank Marcia Miller for the outstanding job she has done as Editor for many years. Marcia was gracious enough to fill in as editor until Rande could take over. Marcia will continue on chapter staff as part of the MED team. Best wishes to both of these members in their new roles!

The February social will be a busy social. We will announce and award prizes to the winners of the 2006 Chapter G Mileage Contest and hold the drawing for the final 2006 Sponsor-A-Ride contest. In addition, our Assistant Directors, Tom and Kenlee Ballmann will conduct a memorial service for our departed IR1 Award. The basket raffle and 50/50 drawings will also be held. Be sure to attend, bring along a friend, and help us jump-start the 2007 year with a fun-filled February social.

Ride Safe!
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Mark Your Calendars:

Painted Parrot Dinner Ride: Feb. 6th
Chapter G Social: Feb. 25th
Winter Festivus: March 2nd - 4th
Cork 'N Cleaver Brunch Ride: March 11th
Longnecks Dinner Ride: March 24th
Chapter G Social: March 25th

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

February 25

August 26

March 25

September 30

April 22

October 21

May 20

November 25

June 24

December 16

July 29

Root River Center, 7220 W Rawson Ave

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

Mar. 2-4: Winter Festivus, aka Winter Get-Away Mayflower Motel, Wisconsin Dells

Join us for our annual pilgrimage to the Dells for a relaxing weekend with your fellow Wingers. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Mar. 11 10:00am: Cork N Cleaver Brunch 5311 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee

We lost an hour of sleep last night due to Daylight Savings Time, so let's eat brunch together. Refer to Entertainment Book coupon #C21 for BOGO coupon. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Mar. 24 4:00pm: Longnecks Dinner S68 W22665 National Ave, Big Bend

Join us for dinner. Contact Art Kunstler at 414-744-5499.

Apr. 21: Safety Fair- Action Power Sports 202 Travis Lane, Waukesha

Join us for our annual safety fair. Details to follow. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

May 5 TENTATIVE 10:00am: MADD Brat Fry Sam's Club, 6705 S 27th St, Franklin

Help raise awareness for motorcycles on the road - volunteer for the brat fry! This is a tentative date. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Jun. 2: Berres Coffee House & Restaurant Johnson Creek

More details to follow. Contact Art Kunstler at 414-744-5499.

Jun. 2: Volunteer Coordinator needed for MACC Fund Trek 100

Volunteer needed to assist with this bicycle ride. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

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.

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. 19: Jelly Belly Tour

More details to follow. Contact Art Kunstler at 414-744-5499.

From the Chapter Educator: Target Fixation

Sometimes we riders tend to minimize the risks we hear about. Take, for example, what every student of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation has heard about - "target fixation." "Fixating" on something means not being able to take your attention (your eyes) away from it. In the case of riding motorcycles, for example, this leads to the phenomena wherein our motorcycles tend to go in the direction we are looking and is usually described with an example familiar to all - that if you see a pothole in the street ahead of you and don't take your eyes off it you are likely to hit it.

While that is true, it is too trivial an example to get our attention appropriately. We are left with the opinion that 'target fixation' is of trivial concern because we all know that we can, if we try, avoid the pothole.

We talk at great lengths about the tragic consequences possible from thinking that target fixation is a trivial problem.

It is insufficient to simply post the advice that you should avoid target fixation. Saying "don't fixate" is all very well, but once it starts, you need a positive technique to get yourself out in one piece. So once you are in trouble, use target fixation to save your skin.

Don't look at the oncoming truck/tree/pothole; figure out where you would rather be and fixate on that instead. In fact, those of you that have taken the MSF classes know that "target fixation" is an excellent way to control skids - fixate on a point dead ahead on the horizon, and you'll be well on the way towards automatically correcting most skids.

Gene & Pam, Chapter Educator