



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



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From the Chapter Director

Its July, time for fun, family, and fireworks! Chapter G ended June with a bang at the June social by presenting Christin Harding with checks totaling \$1,761.00 toward her sponsorship in this year's MS150 Best Dam Bike Tour, scheduled for August 6th and 7th. The tour runs from Waukesha to Whitewater on the 6th and from Whitewater to Madison on the 7th. Chapter G will once again be providing security for the bicyclists along the entire route. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun and worthwhile event, either one or both days, please be sure to contact me and get your name on the list.

Chapter G was well represented at District Rally, where fun, food, and friendship were shared by all. The days were filled with scenic rides and scouting vendors; but the nights were party, party, party! The bar and dance floor was usually filled by Chapter G, which demonstrated the finer nuances of partying to other chapters. All in all, it was a great time at Telemark! Special mention is due to Pat and Ernie Olson, who won a set of motorcycle luggage and had to buy a trailer to take it home in. Talk about safety chrome!

July promises to be just as great with Wing Ding and Honda Homecoming. There is still room on the July calendar for more rides. If anyone wants to sponsor an activity in July, check with me for an open date and inform our webmaster, Greg, so that he may post it on our website. July is also a great month to check off some of the towns on the Chapter G Circle Tour. This year's tour is more challenging than most, but that only adds to the fun. Walk a mile in Noah's shoes by taking Chapter G's 2005 Circle Tour!

Our Educator, Russ, has set up a one day, eight hour, Medic-First Aid Plus course to be held on July 16th at Franciscan Village Nursing Home located at 3601 S. Chicago Avenue (Highway 32) in South Milwaukee. A two-year First Aid and CPR certification will be awarded to all who complete the course. This is a great way to get some of your Rider Education work accomplished and advance to the next level. Advance registration is required and can be done by contacting Russ.

Chapter G's next social is Sunday, July 31st, at Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Avenue. Social begins at 4:30pm with, weather permitting, an ice cream run afterwards. Bring along a friend or rider you haven't seen there in a while. Let's reunite as a family!

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Mark Your Calendars:

First Aid / CPR Course; July 16th.
Lighthouse Picnic Ride; July 17th.
Honda Homecoming; July 28th - 30th.
Chapter G Social; July 31st.
MS150 Best Dam Bike Tour; August 6th & 7th.

Black Wolf Run Ride



June 11, 2005 turned out to be a mellow, sunny, simply beautiful day and ride. Thirty-six hungry souls on twenty bikes descended on Black Wolf Run for breakfast/brunch. Nat Cerami felt it was the best breakfast/brunch we have ever eaten together. The veranda setting, the service, and the food were all outstanding. Kudos to Black Wolf Run.

After breakfast, we took a round-about ride on some of the best roads in the Northern Kettle Moraine to Old Wade House for a pit stop in an air-conditioned building. From there, two groups took the planned ride and two groups improvised, after a crucial turn on Kettle Moraine Drive was missed by the leader of group three.

It didn't matter much. A short time later, all four groups arrived at the Gibbville Cheese Factory. Some of the big cheese lovers really stoked up on Gibbville's award winning, low priced cheeses.

After a brief unreformulated gas and pit stop just before leaving Sheboygan County, we headed for Atwater Beach Park, the SMC Chicken BBQ, and most importantly, the One Week Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Betty and Paul Boche. When we arrived, the Shorewood Police Chief, with red and blue squad car lights flashing, blocked all other traffic and ushered us onto the lawn of Atwater Beach Park. After each of us bought and consumed whatever food and beverage we wanted, our little celebration honoring Paul and Betty took place.



Johnny Padilla, the musical band leader, did not feel he and his quartet could do justice to Betty and Paul's chosen songs. So earlier, at his own expense, he bought the original CD music so he could play the two songs on his band's powerful, high quality sound system. On the walkway next to the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, Paul and Betty danced alone to "Slow Dancing Swaying To The Music" by Johnny Rivers. At the start of their second song, "Could I Have This Dance For The Rest Of My Life" by Ann Murray, four other couples joined them, and together they danced on the beautiful overlook. The other couples were: Bob and Janet Veda, Art and Pat Kuenstler, Noah and Lynn Borkenhagen and Bob and Ginny Schattschneider. Everyone else applauded the event.

Afterward, Kathy Hickman gave Betty and Paul a special gift, a small handmade Log Cabin Quilt for cozy snuggling on the couch back at home. We congratulated and then thanked Paul and Betty for being great friends and riding companions. In turn, they thanked us.

John Hickman



From the Chapter Educator Questions Arising Out of District Rally

Well another District Rally has come and gone. But I have come away with more questions than answers. This is going to have to be a challenge to co-riders of Wisconsin. How is that a solo rider (Merle Coggins) and a person from Telemark Lodge took second place over Wisconsin co-riders in the two-up skills events? Now if that is not bad enough, the team that won the two-up competition was comprised of two normally solo drivers (Nick Hanson and Russ Bethé) on a borrowed Wing. Wisconsin co-riders and their drivers who spend countless hours riding together should be able to beat this strange collection of competitors with ease. Nick and I were just out there for laughs; we really did not think we would place much less win. Our biggest challenge was trying not to laugh our way through the events. Next year we need to see some of our normal co-riding teams out there so we can go back to being comic relief. So we are issuing this challenge to all chapters to take us down.

Another question I have is a little tougher. Skill or luck? One of chapter G's members had a close encounter of the whitetail kind on the way up to Telemark. At about one in the morning this rider hit a deer going 55 mph. The Wing suffered lots of damage all the way down the left side and front of the bike. The deer was much worse off, most likely never knew what happened, and will never get in front of a motorcycle or car again since it did not survive. The rider of this bike came out without a scratch or bump on him. This is very rare. The deer hit the bike twice, once on the fairing and then it spun into the rear trunk and saddle bag. Most riders would have trouble keeping a bike in this situation on two wheels and on the highway, but this rider did just that and came to a controlled stop.

Most hits like this we usually end up saying that the rider survived because of the proper riding gear the rider was wearing. However in this case that riding gear was not used. Skill was what kept this situation from being a whole lot worse. Even this rider says he is not really sure how he stayed up but he did. Some will say this rider was lucky but luck is a funny thing. The more you ride and the more training you get through ERC's and beginners courses the luckier you seem to get. The more correct things you do as second nature without thinking, the more likely you are to have an outcome like this when the worst happens. ERC's should be taken on a routine basis just so that someone can tell you what bad habits you have picked up and need to get rid of before they get you in trouble.

Chapter Educator
Russ Bethé

Ward's Supper Club Dinner Ride



On Saturday, June 25, three couples met at Root River Center and rode to 5 Corners in Cedarburg to meet four other couples. We left that location for a leisurely ride to Ward's Supper Club in Elkhart Lake. We

had a nice ride through the countryside and viewed some beautiful scenery, including a deer in the woods. On Jay Road two cranes decided to cross the road in front of the lead bike. The weather was great and we arrived at our destination with time to spare....no wrong turns or missed roads this time.

Our meals were very good and waitresses were very warm and friendly. We all had a very good time and left satisfied.

Three couples headed home after dinner and the other four headed to Denny and Jane Schmidt's campground near the racetrack for a campfire. We viewed a beautiful sunset, roasted marshmallows, made s'mores, and had a lively conversation. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable evening.

Our trip home was a little wet at times, but we've all experienced that before.

Lynn Borkenhagen



District Rally

Great weather, great riding, and a great time. What more could you ask for? 17 members from Chapter G made the trip to Cable, WI to attend this year's District Rally held at the Telemark Resort. We spent time visiting the vendors (some things you just have to have) and visiting with friends from other chapters. There were day rides for those who wanted to see the surrounding area as well as activities to enjoy and events to attend when not visiting the vendors (really, some things you just have to have!). The Resort had many wonderful on-site amenities that were enjoyed by all. For those not able to make the trip to Cable this year to attend the District Rally you missed a wonderful time! Hope you will be able to attend next year.

Kenlee Ballmann