



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



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From the Chapter Director

The June social was a long one, but a very good one. We acquired new members and renewed acquaintances with members who have been inactive over the last few years. I extend a "Welcome Aboard!" and "Welcome Back!" on behalf of the Chapter G family.

Greg Miller won the Sponsor-A-Ride drawing for the period January through April 2006. The much coveted IR-1 Award was bestowed upon Jim & Mahala Treadway, who easily won over the other contenders, Noah and Lynn Borkenhagen. They are now part of the elite group of furbee holders.

Chapter G will once again be providing security for the bicyclists in the annual MS 150 Best Dam Bike Tour, scheduled for August 5th and 6th. The tour runs from Waukesha to Whitewater on the 5th and from Whitewater to Madison on the 6th. 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. I also have a block of rooms on hold at the AmeriHost Inn in Whitewater for those of you who would prefer a motel over the college dormitory. You must request the rooms under "MS 150 Chapter G Gold Wings" before July 15th to get the contracted rate. AmeriHost Inn telephone number is 262-472-9400.

Willie Mabone is back in the saddle on his new white 2006 GL 1800. He joins his deer friend, Nick Hansen Jr., who became the proud owner of a blue 2005 GL 1800 under similar circumstances. Let's hope that the buck stops here. Be careful out there!

Ginny and I would like to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy July 4th. Chapter G's next social is Sunday, July 30th at Root River Center. Hopefully an ice cream ride will follow. Bring along a friend or rider you haven't seen in a while.

Ride Safe!

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Mark Your Calendars:

Agawa Canyon, Sault Ste. Marie Ride: July 1st - 4th.
Wing Ding 28, Nashville, TN.: July 3rd - 6th.
Lake Geneva Dinner Boat Ride: July 22nd.
Pioneer Village / Stony Hill School Dinner Ride: July 29th.
Chapter G Social: July 30th.

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

July 30

August 27

September 24

Root River Center - 7220 W Rawson Ave

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

October 22

November 26

December 17

Jul. 22 1 pm: Lake Geneva Boat Ride & Dinner

Meet at Root River Center at 12:45 pm

Join us for the 3:05 two hour full-lake boat tour of Lake Geneva on the Geneva Lake Cruise Line aboard the Walworth. The tour costs \$21 per person. Refer to page C120 in the Entertainment Book* for a discount of \$16.95 for a 2nd person. When we return, we'll go across the street to Popeye's Casual Dining for dinner! **Make your cruise reservation directly with the cruise line at 800-558-5911.** Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Jul. 29 11 am: Pioneer Village / Stony Hill Schoolhouse Ride

Meet at US-45 and Good Hope Rd Park 'N Ride at 10:45 am.

Join us on this ride to explore a rural village with over 20 buildings from the 1800's. Each building represents a style or method of construction used and developed by various immigrant groups who settled in Southeastern Wisconsin. We will also make a brief stop at Stony Hill Schoolhouse, where on June 14, 1885 a national event was born... Flag Day. The ride will conclude with dinner at Messina Italian Deli and Restaurant in Saukville. Go to <http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/history/pioneer.html> for more details. Contact Ginny Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Aug. 5 - 6: MS 150 Best Damn Bike Tour

Meet at Waukesha Exposition Center

Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Aug. 6: Ride For Kids

Contact Randy and Pam Gulseth at 920-553-8862.

Aug. 13 9:00 am: Brunch at Greene's Hideaway

Meet at I-43 & Brown Deer Rd Park 'N Ride at 8:45 am

Join us for brunch at the Greene's Hideaway in Random Lake. Refer to page A55 in the Entertainment Book*. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Aug. 19 - 20: St. Germain

Leave from the Georke's Corners Park 'N Ride by 8 am.

St. Germain is an optional stop worth 10 points for the Chapter G 2006 Circle Tour. We'll stay at Dillman's Bay Resort in Lac Du Flambeau on Saturday, where we can play horseshoes, play shuffleboard, go for a walk in the woods, watch the beautiful sunset, and sit by a campfire at night. On Sunday, we'll eat a lumberjack breakfast at Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty in Minocqua, take our group picture in St. Germain, and take a nice leisurely route through the Nicolet National Forest. En route, we'll stop & climb a 100' fire tower that has great views! If interested, make your reservation with Dillman's as soon as possible. The resort web site is www.dillmans.com and phone number is 715-588-3143. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203 to confirm reservation.

Aug. 26 1:00 pm: Steak Dinner & Ride

Meet at Root River Center at 12:45 pm

We will meet at the Root River Center then ride to the Fountain Park Charcoal Grill Steakhouse in Sheboygan to grill our own steaks. All steaks are \$14.99 ea. Refer to page A53 in the Entertainment Book*. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Sep. 7 - 11: Davis Rally

New Hampton, Iowa

The Davis Rally is an entire weekend of family-oriented fun and activity. Gene and Pam Lingford are willing to lead a group ride. Rooms may still be available at the Bradford House, 641-435-4669 for \$39.95 + 7% tax. Contact Gene or Pam Lingford 414-483-4119.

Oct. 4 6:30 pm: Dinner at Margarita Paradise

11112 W. National Ave, West Allis

Meet at Margarita Paradise for dinner. Refer to page A132 in the Entertainment Book*. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Nov. 11: Chapter G Fun Raiser

Details to be announced. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

* Note: some events refer to the Entertainment Book. The 2006 Milwaukee and SE Wisconsin Entertainment Book typically provides two-for-one discounts. However, some merchants may limit the number of discounts to be redeemed simultaneously. To purchase an entertainment book, see www.entertainment.com.

From the Chapter Educator

You Only Hit That Car

By James R. Davis

It takes most people 4.5 seconds to read this sentence. 4.5 seconds is not a lot of time - but it could be the rest of your life. 4.5 seconds is also (not really a coincidence) about how long it SHOULD take you to stop your motorcycle after applying your brakes at 60 MPH!

Stopping a motorcycle as fast as possible requires that you master only a few fundamentals:

- Alertness - No matter how fast your reflexes are or how skillful you are with your brakes, if you don't see the need to stop, you won't.**
- Reflexes - First you need time to recognize a threat and decide to react to it, then your fast reflexes take over and make the difference.**
- Skill - Under-utilizing your brakes is just as dangerous as over-doing it.**

Let's get a feel for magnitudes.

It usually takes about .7 seconds to recognize a threat. A person with normal reflexes takes about .3 seconds to start braking from the moment he realizes he has to do so. Combined, that's about 1 full second from the time a threat presents itself to you and you begin to slow down.

At 60 MPH you travel 88 FEET in 1 second!

That it takes you about .7 seconds to recognize the threat is a mental reality. But it does not necessarily take .3 seconds to react to it. The simple practice of always covering your front brake can shave a full tenth of a second (1/3!!) of that time away. That's almost 9 FEET! Assuming you have read the tips on braking methods earlier, you have a good idea about how to use those brakes. Now let me try to give you a sense of magnitude associated with the skill part of braking.

Traffic Engineers have some rules-of-thumb they developed over time. They, for example, have found that if the street surface is dry, the average person can safely decelerate an automobile at the rate of 15 feet per second per second (fpsps). That is, an average person can slow down at this rate without any real likelihood that they will lose control in the process. If the surface is wet they assume a deceleration rate of 10 fpsps is safely attainable by almost anyone. Let's assume a wet street surface and that you are moving at 60 MPH. At a 10 fps deceleration rate it will take you 8.8 seconds to stop after you begin applying your brakes. (A total of 9.8 seconds from the time the threat we earlier talked about presents itself.) The distance you would travel before coming to a complete stop is 475 feet. If, however, the road is dry, it would take you only a total of 6.9 seconds to stop, (including the 1 second recognition/reaction delay.) and the distance traveled until you came to rest would be 346 feet. Clearly the more effective your braking is, the less time it takes to stop, and the less distance traveled. I think most of you know that your motorcycle can stop more quickly than can an automobile. Indeed, a professional motorcycle racer can obtain a 1g deceleration rate, or more, on his motorcycle. (1g deceleration is 32 fpsps.)

With practice, your braking skills should easily allow you to attain deceleration rates in excess of 20 fpsps. What would that mean in our example threat scenario? It would mean that you could stop your motorcycle in a total of 5.4 seconds (including the 1 second delay.) and your total stopping distance would be only 281.5 feet! By enhancing your braking skills with practice you can shave 64.5 feet and 1.5 seconds off 'normal' results. And you could shave off another nearly 9 feet just by covering your brakes. That brings the distance traveled before stopping by about 73.5 feet. 73.5 feet is about four car-lengths!

The message is clear: You only hit that car if you don't quite stop in time. You might not hit it at all if you cover your brakes and practice your braking skills.

Winged Hams

For almost two decades, WI-G and the Milwaukee/Waukesha Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) have been helping raise money for the Wisconsin chapter of Multiple Sclerosis Society. ARES has provided communication with Ham radio operators, while WI-G has provided support services patrolling Wings and corner helpers. The two groups have worked together well to provide a secure route and fast help where it was needed over 200 plus miles of roadway each weekend of the 2 day MS150 bicycle ride. Then the idea came about that it sure would be nice if the Wings could communicate with ARES's Network Control. Some of the Wings were monitoring the Hams with scanners and fixing problems quickly but we could not tell Net Control that the problem was fixed so they would send someone out to take care of a fixed problem. After a lot of thought, an ARES member said he would provide training for WI-G Wings so we could get amateur radio call signs and to help set up radios on our bikes. Well after several weeks of training eight members of our chapter took the test and earned ham radio call signs and bought radios to use during these events.



The 2005 MS150 was the first real test of our new Winged Hams. The first response was a great success. This year we have been asked to do two more events with our new skills. We were asked to help with a similar event, the TREK 100 to benefit the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer and the Great Midwest Relay Race to benefit the Special Olympics. So the first weekend of June this year, 8 Wings, 2 with co-riders, were ready to help the MACC Fund raise over \$700,000 for the one-day event. Wings were used to check the routes just before the ride and provide quick route marking fixes needed to keep the bikers from getting lost off the route, and to sweep and make sure no one was left behind at the end. The patrolling wings provided first aid and bike repairs where they could and just plain support were needed to keep the riders going. This was very important since most donations for this

ride were by the number of miles ridden. Wings carried tools, water, energy food, first aid supplies, and route marking material. One thing that we discovered is it is much easier to get a Wing to a trouble spot than it is to get an ambulance or sag truck to a certain point on the route when there are over 2000 bicycles using the road. If the wing was unable to fix a problem they could call into Net Control and a sag wagon was sent to the spot for a quick pick up and the rider was taken to the next rest stop for repairs if possible or to the end. Most riders who had a problem were able to complete the ride because of this great service. Again the reviews were great and rider feedback was great. The Hams and the Gold Wings have been deemed invaluable to run an event like this.

The next weekend we were again called in to provide our special brand of service. The Great Midwest Relay is a relay run that starts in Madison Wisconsin and runs to downtown Chicago's lakefront 190 miles away. The route runs through suburban Milwaukee's South side between eight o'clock on a Friday night right through 5 am Saturday morning. The route runs through some very dark roads in parkways. In the prior year, some runners were a little spooked running in the pitch-black darkness of these unlit areas. The Wings were asked to ride these roads and provide security and make sure the route markings were maintained. There were over 60 teams running this race. Even on my Wing with all of my safety chrome and extra lights, I found myself questioning why I was out in this darkness. In some areas the only light came from the glow of lights on runners vests floating in space or the reflection of wildlife eyes in the bushes or on the roads. The wings patrolled as long as they could safely in the rain and cool night air. Most runners did feel safer knowing we were there and a few runners were stopped from making the mistake of running off course. Again promoter and runner feedback was good.



The experiment is a great success. We have found we provide a great service to these fund raising events and make everybody's jobs easier because we can be dispatched by a single control source and get what we need to correct the problem by asking the same source for the help where necessary. Fewer resources are used, raising the amount raised by the charity. Our members have a new skill that they worked hard to achieve and it is now paying off in the form of help to charities. We are continuing to try to encourage more members to get their call sign so they can help us give even better service for these worthy causes.

In August we hope to bring our full contingent of Winged Hams to the MS150 and again provide our wonderful service to this event. We have been doing this event for just about 2 decades. In that time, MS has gone from no cures and poor treatments to more than 5 new treatments that stop or slow the progression of the disease, to some possible cures in the near future. Last year the MS150 raised over \$1,300,000 from this ride, the 2006 goal is to exceed \$1.5 million. I can't think of a better thing to do for others while doing what I love to do anyways, ride my Wing.

Russ Bethe

Road Captain Course

We will be holding a Road Captain Course for those who have not had it or for those who just want to upgrade their training. We have reserved the 20th of August at the Root River Lanes, (where we have our socials), reserved and would like to see alot more then signed up. The time is 10:00 A.M. and this is a Sunday. Please come and join the fun.

Gene Lingford
Chapter Educator



Iron Butt

Greg & Marcia Miller completed their first Iron Butt ride on June 17. Before leaving, they stopped at the Oak Creek Police Department and asked the officer on duty to sign a witness form. They were on the road by 6:30am. Stops included Green Bay, Mackinaw City MI, Detroit MI, and Chicago IL before returning to Oak Creek. Before ending the ride, they stopped again at the Oak Creek Police Department and asked another offer to sign the witness form. By day's end, they traveled 1038 miles in 18.5 hours, qualifying for Iron Butt Association's Lake Michigan 1000 ride. Visit www.ironbutt.com for more long distance rides.

Greg Miller



Brunch Ride

Chapter G members traveled to the Cabaret Supper Club in St. Cloud, WI on Sunday June 4 for Brunch. The weather was ideal for riding. After brunch, we meandered through St. Anna, St. Nazianz, St. John, St. Michaels, St. Anthony and St. Lawrence as part of

Chapter G's 2006 Circle Tour. One member directed us to St. Peter - which was not on the map nor the Circle Tour! The ride finished at Culvers (of course!). Visit the chapter's web site for pictures of every stop!



Greg Miller

Dinner Ride

Chapter G members met early in the afternoon on Saturday June 24. We had a pleasurable ride, meandering through the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The rain gods only sprinkled a few drops of dew on us, not enough for us to stop and put on gear. The Silver Spur



Texas Smokehouse BBQ restaurant in Brookfield was waiting for us, where we enjoyed BBQ smoked dinners.

Greg Miller