



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



June 2005

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From the Chapter Director

May ended with a beautiful ride to St. John's Northwestern Military Academy for the riders of 20 motorcycles representing members of Chapters G and N. Craig Guillicksen is credited with sponsoring the ride, but Ernie Olson took credit for the beautiful weather stating it was part of his job as Staff Sunshine Director. Ernie also provided excellent weather for Pam Lingford's Fish Fry ride and Rocky Kolaske's Ronald MacDonald's House ride, where Chapter G turned in 342 pounds of pop-top tabs to help raise funds in support of the house.

Educator Russ Bethe was the winner of the Sponsor-A-Ride drawing held at the May social for the months of January through April. The next drawing will be held at the September social for the months of May through August.

Ernie and Pat Olson are the new recipients of the prestigious IR1 Award, replacing Gene and Pam Lingford for the coveted spot. Both Gene and Ernie were observed spoiling the Furbee with extended periods of attention. It will be interesting to see how long Pat and Ernie can hold onto the award, with the stiff competition from other members.

Several terrific rides are scheduled for June, as well as District Rally in Cable. Don't forget to show your support at the MS Rummage Sale being sponsored by Chapter G on June 4th and 5th. Check our website for time and location.

Once again, we would like to invite all active members to bring along a friend or member who hasn't attended one of our socials lately to attend June's social at our new location: Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave. on June 26th. Weather permitting, an ice cream run will follow.

RIDE SAFE!

Bob & Ginny Schattschneider
Chapter Director

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
MS Rummage Sale; June 4th & 5th.
Black Wolf Run Ride; June 11th.
District Rally; June 17th & 18th.
Ward's Supper Club Ride; June 25th.
Chapter G Social; June 26th

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Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm
NEW TIME AND LOCATION

June 26

July 31

August 28

September 25

Root River Center - 7220 W Rawson Ave

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

Jun. 4-5, 7:00am -4:00 pm: Rummage Sale
6509 S. 18th Street, Oak Creek

A Huge Rummage Sale is being held to raise the registration fee to the MS Bike Tour for Christin Harding. All proceeds are being donated to MS.

Jun. 5: Trek 100

We have a few bikes to help with the Trek 100. We could use some more but we know this is short notice and we will take what we can get. If you cannot spend the whole day that is fine; we can work you into a position which is only a half day. We will be responsible for patrolling the route and trying to keep the riders from blocking traffic. If you are interested in helping contact [Russ Bethe](mailto:Russ.Bethe@wings.org) at (414) 571-9361.

Jun. 11, 7:45 am: Black Wolf Run Ride et al.
McDonalds, I-43 & Brown Deer Road

There are very limited reservations available. We will be enjoying breakfast at the luxurious Black Wolf Run Restaurant at the world class Black Wolf Run Golf Course in Kohler, WI. The veranda has been reserved for us. Then we're off to the Gibbville Cheese Co. in Gibbville, WI. If you have never been there, you will get a big kick out of this little place. Then we will enjoy lunch/desert at the fun-filled Atwater Beach Chicken BBQ Festival in Shorewood, WI. We can celebrate the one-week anniversary for Betty and Paul Boche. Refer to the flyer. Contact John Hickman at 414-964-1159 for more information.

Jun. 17-18: Wisconsin District Rally
Telemark Lodge, Cable, WI

Luxury resort includes indoor/outdoor pools, on-site restaurants, three bars, etc. Enjoy the light parade, bike judging, COY selection, parade, vendors, bike show, field events, awards, scenic rides, food, and seminars. Refer to the Rally page on the website.

Jun. 25: Fish Fry

Ward Supper Club, Elkart Lake, WI
 More details to follow.

Jul. 16, 8:00 am: Medic-First Aid Course
8 hour course by First Aid Plus
South Milwaukee

The cost is \$25 to \$30 depending on the number of students. There is a price break if at least 14 students attend. A two-year First Aid and CPR certificate is given at the end of the class. Full cost must be paid in full by July 8th. NO REFUNDS GIVEN AFTER JULY 8th. Class size is limited to 25. Each person will have their own CPR victim and CPR mask. Refer to the flyer. Contact Russ Bethe at 414-571-9361 for more information.

Aug. 6-7: MS150 Bike Tour

This two day event is tons of fun with Multiple Sclerosis Society of Wisconsin being the benefactor. Last year this event raised \$1.2 million and we expect to see more this year. We provide a vital service helping to keep the riders safe and pedaling. You can work one day or work both days for maximum fun. All t-shirts, food and lodging (in dorms) is provided; all you need is to add is gas for your motorcycle. Refer to previous Educator articles - MS150 Volunteers Needed and WI-G Helps MS Raise Money While Doing What We Do Best. For more information contact Russ Bethe at (414) 571-9361 or BJ Parrot.

Aug. 8-14: Bike Tour to Sturgis

Nine-day trip to Sturgis. Refer to the flyer at <http://groups.msn.com/RichJeanneGottschalk>. Contact Rich Gottschalk at 414-543-7678.

Aug. 19-21: Munising, Michigan Weekend Trip

This is a 340-mile ride to Munising, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Superior. Refer to the flyer. Contact Russ Bethe at 414-571-9361 for more information.

Sept. 9-11: Davis Rally

We have tentatively blocked 4 rooms at the Hartwood Inn in Charles City, IA which is 18 miles west of New Hampton. If you are interested in going with us, please contact us ASAP so we can confirm how many people per room and the smoking preferences. Contact Gene and Pam Lingford at 414-483-4119.

Sept. 19: In-house trike instruction

More details to follow.

Military Academy Parade & Tour

On Saturday May 28, a combined membership of 32 G.W.R.R.A. riders from Chapters G and N riding 20 bikes



rode down to the old Northwestern Military Academy grounds on the south east shore of Lake Geneva. We were part of a parade along with the corps of cadets

from St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, which ended on the grounds that are being turned into a private subdivision. We toured the grounds and watch the cadets execute a military parade, which dedicated the park in the subdivision. We were provided a nice lunch and got to relax in the community clubhouse while Maj. Chuck Moore from the academy gave us the history of the two academies and their being combined into one.

After a brief stop at the Abby in Fontana to don our rain gear, we rode to St. John's Northwestern Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, where Craig Gullicksen gave a walking tour of the academy buildings and grounds.

Craig Gullicksen



Ham Operator Class

The final class/wrap up before testing for future ham operators will be held this Sunday, June 5th at 5 pm at the Machine Shed Restaurant, 194 and CTH J.

Russ Bethé

Book Drive

Calling all readers!! Chapter G would like your used books. We are organizing a book drive, which will be an ongoing event and are asking that any members who have used books bring them to our monthly socials where they will be collected. Each month the books that have been collected will be taken to the ½ price bookstore where they will be turned in for cash the proceeds of which will be given back to the chapter. If you have books that you will be bringing to the socials, we ask that you contact Kenlee Ballmann at 920 452-4779 or at kenlee9855@sbcglobal.net. to ensure that arrangements are made to transport the books.

Kenlee Ballmann

Fish Fry Friday

We had a good turnout for the Fish Fry. We met at the College Ave. Park & Ride lot. We had five cars and one bike. Three others met us at Hunter's Nest.

We left the Park & Ride at 6:00 pm and took a short ride through the countryside before arriving at Hunter's Nest. We had a total of 15 people, and it was a nice group. After we ate we socialized for a while and then did an ice cream ride to Culvers in Muskego where Terry Werth joined us.

Thanks to all who attended:
 Bob & Ginny Schattschneider
 Noah & Lynn Borkenhagen
 Rick & Dianna Retter (new members)
 John & Kathy Hickman
 Pat & Ernie Olson
 Anna Werth
 Bob & Diana Gorecki
 Pam & Gene Linford

My nephew hopes that more people will come and enjoy his good food in the future.

Pam Lingford

From the Chapter Educator

Helmets

Recently helmets have made the news quite a bit. Last May a New Jersey senator tried to get a national helmet law passed which would have forced states to adopt helmet laws or lose a big chunk of federal highway money. The law was defeated by a very wide margin with both Wisconsin senators voting against. Since I always wear a helmet this really did not affect me, but for some it is a very hot topic. Some see helmet laws as an assault on the whole sport of motorcycling and fight the laws passage with vigor. I think we should pick our fights a little better to help preserve our rights. Helmet-wearing riders will get more respect than those that don't.

Recently a non-motorcycling friend of mine asked me a good question. "If car drivers must wear a seat belt when driving, why shouldn't a motorcyclist have to wear a helmet?" I really did not have a good answer for him. Recent studies show that 80 percent of car drivers are now buckling up. I would even bet that some of those that buckle up every time they drive are some of the same riders who ride without a helmet. To me this just does not make sense. You do not have to be going very fast at all to go down and hit your head on the pavement. Quite a few motorcycle accidents happen at very slow speed and some have resulted in head injuries for non-helmet riding participants. The term donor cycle makes me shiver but helmetless riders help to perpetuate this term. This term has made its way into the hall of law-making bodies and the new media lately. I fear what will happen if it ever makes it into the dictionary.

Helmets have changed over the years. They have gotten lighter and breathe much better than they used to. They are cooler to wear in hot weather, warm in the cold and easier on the neck muscles. Last week I saw a rider out on the freeway going 60 mph with no helmet while the temperature was a mere 37 degrees. I could not help but think that this rider would have been much warmer and lot more comfortable with a helmet on his head. I just don't understand the logic to not wear a helmet when it would have made him safer and much more comfortable. Riding with the wind going across the top of your head at this temperature will also increase your risk of hypothermia because most of our body heat is lost through the top of our heads. We all know that hypothermia causes loss of motor skills and slows logic needed to ride adding to the danger level.

I also overheard a conversation this week between two riders I did not know. One said his wife bought his son a full-face helmet at a rummage sale. He told the other rider that he could not afford the high priced helmets the other rider wore. While the idea is good the practice of buying a helmet without knowing if it is any good is a bad one. Most people cannot tell if a helmet has been used in an impact. Helmets only work once. If the prior wearer of this helmet used it in a fall it may not have messed up the shell but it could have compressed the protective foam on the inside. This is why helmet manufacturers will inspect a suspect helmet for free in most cases. As a rule I replace my helmet every five years just because wearing the helmet causes the foam to compress. While this mother saved \$100 dollars buying used she may pay it later in medical bills if her son ever really uses this helmet in a crash.

There is the old saying that if you have a \$10 brain you buy a \$10 helmet, if you have a priceless brain you buy the best you can. I'm not sure how this applies to someone who refuses to wear a helmet but I can guess.

Chapter Educator
Russ Bethe

Ronald McDonald House Donation



On Tuesday, May 17th, around 6:30pm, 11 bikes with 25 members rode to the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House and presented them with 342 lbs. of can tabs. Two years ago we made a smaller donation and promised that this time we would fill a bike trailer with tabs, and that's exactly what we did. The Brodeske's trailer was filled to the brim, plus an additional six 2 1/2 gallon buckets (what a sight to see!).

Neal led the ride down 84th street to the RMD House where a volunteer greeted us and took several pictures. We were invited in for a look at what our donation will

help support. The recycled tabs raised \$153.90 for the house.

After leaving the RMD House, Neal led the group back for ice cream at EJ's on 76th and Howard, where they have a "Show Your Ride" every Tuesday evening; it was a beautiful night to ride for a great cause.

Your Friends,
Warren & Kay Brodeske



MACC Fund

The 16th annual Trek 100 is the MACC Fund's premier athletic event and one of the largest fund raising efforts for childhood cancer research in the United States. Collectively the Trek 100 has contributed over \$5 million to support pediatric cancer research thanks to riders who acquire pledges per mile they ride, sponsors and volunteers. Just under 2000 bicyclists rode in this year's event. With very short notice Chapter G was able to provide 5 Gold Wings and six Wingers to help make this event even better this year than last. Three of the Wings were able to use new Amateur Radio licenses to bring needed services to where they were needed faster than ever. Whether it was correcting wrong route markings, helping to fix flat tires with a little air, first aid or calling help for riders with medical or mechanical problems, the Wings were able to get to and find these problems fast and provide needed services. The riders love seeing us out there because they can just ride without any worries of being stuck somewhere. Our Wings were paid a great compliment by members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Services who asked the MACC Fund organizers to bring us in on this event based on our efforts with MS150. This group is looking forward to Chapter G bring a full complement of ham radio equipped Wings to the MS150 in August based on results from the Trek 100.

I would like to thank George Tucker for his help in getting radios set up and some additional training he provided the night before the ride. Those who were able to help on very short notice were Jeff and Sue Whipple, Nick Hansen Sr., Nick Hansen, Russ Bethe, and George Tucker. While the weather was picture perfect most of the day, some got a little wet when a storm blew through the very top of the route late in the afternoon. But everyone enjoyed themselves and should be proud of a job well done. This is the type of effort that shows motorcyclists are great people and enhances our image. We are always looking for more riders to help with the MS150. If you are interested please contact Russ Bethe or BJ Parrot.

Russ Bethe