



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



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From the Chapter Director

May marked the beginning of the 2006 riding season for the majority of our members. It also marked two important "firsts" for Chapter G. On May 6th, Chapter G hosted its first M.A.D. Motorist Awareness Brat Fry at Sam's Club on Highway 41, which turned out to be an extremely successful venture. We interacted with over 500 local residents to raise the awareness of May as National Motorcycle Month and to be ever vigilant for the two-wheeled vehicles that share the road with them. The chapter was very well represented and received many compliments on the motorcycles which were on display. I would like to thank all the members who gave their support, either by donating their time and effort or by simply attending this event.

On May 19th and 20th, Chapter G members rode on our first, and possibly annual, Root Beer Poker Run in support of the Kilbourn Volunteer Fire Department at Lake Geneva. Chapter G was very well represented at the Winner's Table for three different awards. "Kudos" for our MED couple, Noah and Lynn Borkenhagen, for their efforts in setting up this event that was enjoyed by all that attended. If the KVFD makes this an annual event, I know that we will be back!

Do you have a "first" that you could share with your fellow members of Chapter G? If so, please don't hesitate to suggest the idea or event. Together, we will make it happen! Our June calendar is pretty full, but there are many dates still open in July and August. As an added bonus, you will be eligible for one chance in our Sponsor-A-Ride drawing for each event that you sponsor.

Ride Safe!

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Mark Your Calendars:

MACC Trek; June 3rd
Cabaret Club Brunch Ride; June 4th
District Rally at Cable; June 16th and 17th
Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ Ride; June 24th
Chapter G Social; June 25th

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

June 25

July 30

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 26

December 17

Root River Center - 7220 W Rawson Ave

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

Jun. 16 - 17: District Rally in Cable, Wisconsin

Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Jun. 24 2:00 pm: Ride & Dinner at Silver Spur

Meet at Root River Center at 1:45 pm

NEW DATE!!!

Join us for a lovely afternoon ride at 2:00 pm. Dinner at the Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ is at 4:30 pm. Refer to page A16 in the Entertainment Book*. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

Jul. 1 - 4: Agawa Canyon, Sault Ste. Marie

Leave early Saturday morning, drive 400 miles to our destination. Take the train ride on Sunday. The group will decide what to do on Monday, then return on Tuesday. We need to buy train tickets early. Contact Terry Werth at 262-971-0155.

Jul. 3 - 6: Wing Ding 28

Nashville, Tennessee

Refer to www.gwrra.org.

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: Pioneer Village Ride

Ozaukee County

Join us for a ride. 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. 26 1:00 pm: Steak Dinner & Ride

Meet at Root River Center at 12:45 pm

NEW DATE!!!

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

1112 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

With the emphasis on ERC and Medic First Aid as our #1 safety issue I found another interesting article I thought would be helpful to all riders and co-riders.

Accident Management

By Elaine Anthony

After an accident, the people you ride with want to be useful. They will feel helpless enough if they aren't medical professionals with adequate gear to start making a difference, for in serious accidents, first aid seems superficially valuable or is even impossible to render. If they have access to communications and to important information, however, they can still help save your life. In light of Karen Miller's accident last November, here are some tips I gleaned from dealing with an emergency situation. The first four are offered to enable your fellow riders to help you immediately, the rest over the longer term.

- ♦ Carry a cellular phone when you ride, if possible. If you don't have one, ask who in the group has one and where on the bike it is kept.
- ♦ Carry legible ID and keep it current. If you've moved since your driver's license was issued, you can get a ticket for failing to update it-as well as cause confusion about such basics as "where does she live?" Check or sign the organ donor box on it, if you would want to donate in a worst-case scenario.
- ♦ Carry a list of medications you take routinely and keep it current. List allergies or medical conditions that EMS techs/doctors need to know about to treat you.
- ♦ Carry a list of persons to contact and their current telephone numbers, including area codes. If those living with you are likely to be hard to reach, or you live alone, friends who ride with you should be able to figure out easily who to call from information on your bike or your person. (Even if they can gain access to your home by taking your keys from the scene, it doesn't mean they can find your address book.) Karen had thought to carry names and telephone numbers of relatives and friends with her, which saved her fellow riders a lot of stress after LifeFlight left, when they started the notification process.

Hospital and emergency personnel will presume that an unconscious person has given them consent to save his or her life. But even when a rider has a close family member who can legally take over subsequent medical decisions (as far as the hospital's lawyers are concerned), your fellow LSL members may still be to your home - especially if the family members argue about it when they get together to meet the witnesses and pick these items up.

It is unfortunately only a cheerful fiction that all of a downed rider's brothers and sisters and in-laws will be getting along splendidly the week that an accident happens - not to mention the new lover and the ex-spouse. Would you want your cousin who's on parole rummaging through your mail while you're laid up? If you have no skeletons in your closet of relatives, you can ignore these suggestions. But for many of us, there are some troublesome realities among our relatives. So, for the longer term...

- ♦ Having a durable Power of Attorney prepared appointing someone close to you to be in charge of your business and legal affairs, in writing. "Durable" means the person designated can act for you even if you could not act for yourself (i.e., if you were unconscious, or sedated for a long time). This is not a "form" document that you can buy, but it is usually inexpensive to have it prepared. "Close" means living in your area as well as close by relationship: if someone is making decisions critical to your well-being, he or she will be better informed after talking to your doctors face to face, if possible.
- ♦ If you have given someone verbal authority to act for you in an emergency, do not leave written authority appointing someone else. Revoke conflicting Powers of Attorney and have a correct one prepared. Then tell someone who rides with you Have a durable Power of Attorney prepared appointing someone close to you to be in charge of your business and legal affairs, in writing. "Durable" means the person designated can act for you even if you could not act for yourself (i.e., if you were unconscious, or sedated for a long time). This is not a "form" document that you can buy, but it is usually inexpensive to have it prepared. "Close" means whom you designated! If you don't want to discuss this every time you go out on you bike, or leave it with someone who is on that list of persons to notify in case of an accident.

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Wisconsin Driver Responsibility Law

After more than two years of hard work by motorcyclists the Drivers Responsibility Act will go into effect October 1, 2006. This bill does a lot for motorcyclists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Most motorcyclists will know the red light rule change because it will affect them directly. If a motorcycle is stopped by an automated red light that cannot be triggered by the motorcycle and the motorcycle does not get the green light, the motorcycle will be allowed to proceed after waiting for 45 seconds and when it is safe to do so. If you live in an urban area, this will really come in handy especially in the late night and early morning hours when these automated lights are operational.

The bigger part of this is the increased penalties for drivers who cause injury and death. The new law provides for automatic increases in fines, up to \$1000, and suspension of driving privileges, motorist awareness classes, and jail time if a driver is cited for an infraction of driving rules that cause death or injury. This was started when Senator Janklow ran a stop sign at 70 mph killing a Minnesota motorcyclist and only received a 100 day jail term. This was a harsh penalty at the time. Most drivers only received the fine if they ran a stop sign.

The intent is a matter of education. If there is a stiffer penalty for bad driving, we as drivers may think more when we are driving. Maybe we will even be able to get drivers to hang up the cell phone while driving. Drivers have lost the sense of responsibility while driving. We think we can eat, drink, read the paper or map, apply makeup, and shave while we driving in the car. However, this takes away from our concentration of driving. If a driver has something to lose they will gain a sense of responsibility.

This bill will also be applied to motorcycles as well. If you crash while riding and are ticketed for speeding or running a stop sign and you or your co-rider are injured you will also be hit with the high fines and suspensions. It is automatic so as motorcyclists we will also need to be responsible. It applies to all drivers.

This bill also provides for motorist awareness training in drivers education classes and will make this training mandatory for drivers who cause injury or death to motorcyclists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Doug Greenhalgh worked very hard on this section of the law and had lots of input on the intent of this section.

This bill also makes the motorcycle endorsement easier to get if it is done through a MSF beginners course.

This bill was written mostly by State Representative Mark Honadel and State Senator Dave Zeins's offices. The bill was passed by the Senate and Assembly last March and April and was signed by the Governor May 26th. The AMA has called this the most comprehensive bill for motorcyclists' protection signed this year in the country and fills the needs of their Justice for All program.

Russ Bethe

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If you're riding with someone who goes down and are helping at an accident scene, get the name of the investigating officer in charge and find out where the vehicles **are** going and where the accident report will be. Take photos if you can. Retrieve the rider's ID, insurance card and personal items from the bike and protect them. Find the lists of phone numbers and medications as soon as possible.

Riders who witness a serious accident will be somewhat in shock even if they were uninjured. If you are managing an accident scene where a friend has been hurt, let bystanders help you as well as your friend, if they can. Don't rush to get to the hospital once you injured friend has been removed. Take time to collect yourself before riding again. Have a drink of water (shock can make you dry-mouthed), and try to remember to thank the emergency personnel and any bystanders who helped you, before you leave.

Gene & Pam Lingford
Chapter Educators, WI-G

Root Beer Run

In February, Dan Zinke, a fireman from the Kilbourn Fire Department, issued a challenge for a Poker Run and pub-crawl to all of the Wisconsin HOG and GWRRA chapters. I thought it would be something different for our chapter, replied to the message and organized an event. With the research and help provided by Dan, a motel was secured at a VERY reasonable rate, restaurants and attractions listed.

On Friday May 19th, we left Milwaukee at 8AM, 8 bikes 16 people, with 3 bikes and 6 more people meeting us later that afternoon. At the first stop root beer was ordered by all and that set the pace. All of the other stops were signed off and we arrived at the motel in the Wisconsin Dells (new name of Kilbourn) at 2:30PM. The tavern stops filled us with soft drinks, good food and conversation.

We checked in to the motel (very friendly and exceptionally clean) and took off to register officially at the station. We drew our cards for the poker run and off we went for the crawl. We had parked our bikes for the day so a few of us imbibed, and we ate, and we shopped as we sought the signatures from the participating establishments.

The next morning was open for breakfast, gambling and walking the strip. I led the last three bikes on the poker run from 10-2. Festivities occurred from 2PM-10 PM including a bike show, 50-50 raffles, silent auction and other raffles, a live band, HUGE pork sandwiches and gyros, beer and soda.

We left the next morning with one bike trophy, one \$500 poker-run winner and a Support and Recognition Award for our participation. It was a lot of fun for all, with very friendly fire department folks and families. We are hoping to go again next year, and would like to invite more folks to join us.

Noah Borkenhagen
MED

Reindeer Run

The reindeer run was organized and done in less than two weeks. Everyone I could contact via e-mail was notified. (If you didn't receive the email, contact the Werth's to have your email address put on the list.)

We left Sunday morning June 11th at 11:30 AM. Seven bikes took a winding route to the Mineshaft restaurant for lunch. We left there for a tour of a reindeer ranch. They like graham crackers, are very nice, and both sexes have antlers, which are very soft and warm. The males lose their antlers in early October-November, the females lose theirs after Christmas. Only one calf per female, twins are rare.

It was a perfect day, played in the curves with the bikes, ate a good meal, and learned a little about reindeer.....Join us for the next run!!

Noah Borkenhagen
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