



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



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From the Chapter Director

We closed the month of April with a very successful Safety Fair at Cedar Creek Motorsports. I would like to thank guest speaker, William Dobrinska, for his in-depth presentation on the different aspects of motorcycle insurance for touring bikes, especially the Gold Wing. The question and answer session covered a myriad of questions on the different types of insurance available and the reasons for them. Most important, as Bill put it, "The time to review your insurance policy is not when your trailer is overtaking your motorcycle." Past Educator Russ Bethe's presentation on Accident Scene Management provided valuable information on traffic management and how to keep an accident scene from escalating into a larger, multiple-accident scene. Joe Siegler from Cedar Creek Motorsports provided attendees with the opportunity to check the accuracy of their tire gauges and donated many helmets and other prizes for a closing raffle. I would especially like to thank Joe for donating the use of his dealership and his ongoing support for our annual Spring Safety Fair. I encourage all members to patronize Cedar Creek Motorsports for all of your motorcycling needs.

I encourage all members to take part in Chapter G's Mileage Contest and to review the rules governing the contest. The rules may be found in the April and May newsletters on our chapter website: www.gwrra-wig.org. Good Luck to all that enter!

I strongly encourage all chapter members to plan at least one ride or event to share with other members in 2006. We have a very diversified group with many different interests and activities that could be shared and enjoyed by all. It isn't good policy to rely solely on Chapter Staff to plan all of the rides. Each member should take it upon himself or herself to become more active in chapter activities by making suggestions and planning activities which would lead the chapter in the direction that you would like to see it go. As a bonus, you will be eligible for one chance in the Sponsor-A-Ride drawings for each and every activity that you sponsor. It is a WIN-WIN situation for all members!

Ride Safe!

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Mark Your Calendars:

Chapter G MAD Brat Fry; May 6th
Dust Off; May 12th, 13th
Root Beer Poker Run; May 20th
Chapter G Social; May 21st
Burger and Custard Run; May 21st

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

May 21 September 24
June 25 October 22
July 30 November 26
August 27 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.

May 12 - 13: Dust Off

Yukon Trails, Lyndon Station

<http://www.gwrra-wi.org>

May 19 - 20 7:45 am: Root Beer Poker Run

Meet at Root River Center, 7220 W Rawson Ave

Leave the Root River at 8:00 am. Route has been set up for a poker run. Stay in Wisconsin Dells Friday night. Enjoy a street dance and celebration. Contact Lynn Borkenhagen at 414-525-9074.

May 21: Georgie Porgie's Burger and Custard Run

Ryan Rd & Howell Ave, Oak Creek

Ride to Georgie Porgie's after social. Lynn Borkenhagen has 10% off coupons available.

Jun. 3: MACC Trek 100

The Trek 100 is a charity bicycle ride to support the MACC fund (childhood cancer). Over 2,000 bicyclists participate in this event. We will be responsible for patrolling the route and trying to keep the riders from blocking traffic. Contact Russ Bethe at (414) 571-9361.

Jun. 4 9:15 am: Ride & Brunch at Cabaret Club

Meet at Hwy. 45 & Good Hope Rd. Park 'N Ride

Join us for brunch at the Cabaret Club in St. Cloud. Refer to page A71 in the Entertainment Book*. After brunch we will stop at several cities in the 2006 Circle Tour. The route is approximately 225 miles. Contact Greg Miller at 414-840-4203.

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

Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Jun. 24 4:30 pm: Dinner at Silver Spur

19990 W. Greenfield Ave, Brookfield

Join us for dinner at the Silver Spur Texas Smokehouse BBQ. 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 I-94 & Ryan Road Park 'N Ride

Join us for an one hour boat tour of Lake Geneva on the Geneva Lake Cruise Line. Refer to page C120 in the Entertainment Book*. When we return, we'll go across the street to Popeye's Casual Dining for dinner! 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

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.

Sep. 9 1:00 pm: Steak Dinner & Ride

Meet at Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave

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.

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 YOUR REGION "E" DIRECTORS

BACK TO BASICS USING "CHAIN OF COMMUNICATIONS"

Serving the Members is the primary function of all officers of GWRRA. Although the Executive Director of GWRRA welcomes calls and e-mails from all members regarding a question or concern, he also wants members to first go up through the "Chain of Communications".

If a Member chooses to "by pass" the Chapter/District/ Region, the first action taken by the International Office would be to request that the Chapter/District/Region look into the question or issue and provide the Member the answer. If the Chapter/District/Region can not provide the answer, they will assist you in moving the issue or question to the appropriate person.

Thus, the recommendation to you, as a member, would be to go to your Chapter Director first. If the Chapter Director can not answer the question, he will go to the District Director, and if the District Director is not able to answer the question, then he will go to the Region Director. If the Region Director can not answer the question, he will then go to the GWRRA Executive Director who will go out of his way to answer any question or solve any issues that the member would have. Thus, the "Chain of Communications".

In the past few months, we have seen members "by passing" the Chapter/District/Region level and going directly to the GWRRA International Office. This has caused conflicts and, in some cases, some hurt feelings. Following these recommendations make all our "jobs" easier and the occasional difficulty is more easily resolved (if not avoided entirely).

GWRRA Chapter Directors, District Directors, and Region Directors are all volunteers who have placed a high priority on serving GWRRA members. With the support of the GWRRA International Office, please follow the "Chain of Communications" and help us all do our "job" more effectively!

WI-G Mileage Contest

Contest is free to all GWRRA members.

1. Must be a current member to enter and to win.
2. Contest starts November 1st or with final odometer reading from previous year's ending mileage reading.
3. Mileage of all qualified participants must be read at end of contest by a current Chapter G officer. Starting mileage may be read at any time during the year by a current Chapter G officer.
4. Winners will be determined as follows:
 - A. Person driving the most miles during the contest.
 - B. Person driving closest to, but not exceeding, the average mileage of all qualified participants with beginning and ending mileage readings.
 - C. Person who guesses closest to, but not exceeding, the average mileage of all qualified participants.
 - D. Each person driving over 10,000 miles during the contest.
 - E. Person driving the least amount of miles.
5. Only one prize per qualifying participant.
6. Every motorcycle driven by a participant is eligible. If bike is sold or bought during year, mileage may be taken from state mileage statement forms, dealer sales contracts, or rental contracts. If second bike is used as a loner, beginning and ending mileage must be read by Chapter G officer.
7. Winners must have attended at least four Chapter G events during the contest. Event sign-in sheets will be used for verification of attendance.
8. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine winner.
9. Chapter G officers will make a determination on any questions that may arise during the contest.
10. Average mileage guess must be made before June 16th or at the time of the beginning mileage reading.

GOOD LUCK!

From the Chapter Educator

With the high price of gas on everyone's mind I thought that this article is appropriate for the present time.

Higher-Octane Gasoline Is Cheaper Than A Top-End Engine Job

By James R. Davis

An apparently handy man with his tools recently posted a message in which he described a method for tuning your engine without having all the special shop tools found at your motorcycle dealership. Among other things, he said: "Does your motor ping? If it pings slightly, you're right on the mark. If she pings horribly, you need to retard your timing (rotate timing plate same direction as engine rotation). You can pull over and do this by the side of the road. If she doesn't ping at all, advance your timing a little."

'Pinging', in my opinion, damages an engine. Indeed, I have been told by a world class wrench that for every hour your engine runs while pinging you lose about ONE YEAR of life of normal 'ping-free' engine operations.

I full well recognize that the person was describing a technique to time your engine without the tools your mechanic has at his disposal and that he takes care to suggest that it should only ping 'slightly' when done. That, it seems to me, is still 'pinging' and is too much.

There was a time when I did all my own wrenching (30 years ago). Besides the fact that technology has evolved faster than my ability to keep up with it, I have come to believe that both my time and my life (and that of any passenger I might have with me) are far too valuable to fail to use an expert who is properly equipped/trained to take care of all but the most trivial of maintenance on my motorcycle for me - regardless of the cost. If my motorcycle pinged 'slightly' after I had it in the shop for a timing adjustment I would take it back and have the mechanic correct it, and there is no doubt in my mind whatever that he would do so.

Assuming your engine is properly tuned, then you need to think about the octane rating of the fuel you use.

Octane ratings

I think that some attention should be paid by all of us to both altitude and temperature in the selection of our fuels. When it is hot a higher octane is often called for. The closer to sea level you are, the more likely you should be running with a grade of gasoline above 'regular'. Note, however, that the newer your motorcycle is, the less likely you need to run anything other than 'regular' - ever. Motorcycles manufactured after about 1980 (other than the odd 'Boxer Twin') were made to run quite well with regular gasoline. In the middle of summer, if you notice a slight pinging from your engine, a medium grade of gasoline might be just the right 'fix', and it's cheap.

Using a higher octane than is needed does not cause unusual engine wear, though it may tend to cause a carbon build-up within the engine - particularly if you use premium grade. Using a lower rating, if it results in pinging, DOES do engine damage (the theme of this message, after all.)

Pinging is the sound of damage being done to your engine (directly or indirectly - and, of course, it could simply mean that you are driving in too high a gear.) A higher grade of gasoline eliminates pinging - however, it may also merely camouflage what is really wrong by eliminating those pings.) In other words it is perfectly (assuming that there is not something fundamentally wrong with your engine and you do not use a higher octane to eliminate symptoms), though a bit more expensive, to use a higher octane gasoline for part of your driving year.

If your bike does not ping (at all) when using regular, fine, use regular. If it does, then move up a grade of gasoline.

I may not be the most conservative motorcycle rider in the world, but paying an extra fractional penny per mile driven seems like cheap preventative maintenance to me.

Gene & Pam Lingford
Chapter Educators, WI-G

Brunch Ride

Greg & Marcia Miller led 7 bikes and met 2 cars for brunch on April 23 at Bentley's, in the Racine Marriott Hotel. The weather was a bit brisk, but it was nice getting the cobwebs off the bikes.

En route, we drove past a prison, a landfill, and a more picturesque boat landing, as well as other sights. Greg's GPS announced upcoming turns on the CB radio. The food was yummy, with made-to-order omelets and carved ham. The restaurant honored everyone's Entertainment cards for buy one meal, get one free.

Greg Miller



Hat Fashions at Winter Get Away



2005 COY Ernie & Pat Olson and 2006 COY Sue & Jeff Whipple

A Mouse Story

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" The mouse wondered - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning. "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house - like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them. The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember -- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk. We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.