



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



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From the Chapter Director

Final Reminder to Chapter G members who have not sent in their reservations for the Chapter G Fundraiser - you may still do so by contacting Anna Werth at 262-971-0155 or Ginny Schattschneider at 414-764-6077. Show your loyalty and your support to your chapter by attending your chapter's biggest event of the year. Hope to see you there!

Last call for odometer readings for Chapter G's 2006 Mileage Contest - odometer readings must be taken on or before November 15th. Contact the Chapter Directors, Assistant Chapter Directors, or the Chapter Educators and take your cycle to them to have the mileage verified. The 2007 Mileage Contest will commence in April with odometer readings being taken at Chapter G's annual Safety Fair. The 2006 ending mileage will not be used as the 2007 beginning mileage. Readings will have to be taken at or after the 2007 Safety Fair by one of Chapter G's officers.

Reserve your ride/activity dates now for the Sponsor-A-Ride drawings in 2007. I would like to encourage everyone to sponsor at least one ride or activity in 2007. This is your chapter and it needs your input to remain active. Share your interests with your brothers and sisters in Chapter G. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Circle Tour 2006 winners were: 1st Place (\$50) Noah Borkenhagen, 2nd Place (\$30) split by Tom Ballmann and Jim Treadway, Last Place (\$10) Bob Schattschneider.

Ginny Schattschneider won the Sponsor-A-Ride Drawing for May - August.

Mortimer remained silent.

Tom and Kenlee Ballmann retained possession of the IR1 Award furbies, as no new nominees were proposed. Keep an eye open for up and coming challengers! They are out there, they are among us, ... and they vote!

Ride Safe!

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Mark Your Calendars:

Chapter G Murder Mystery Fundraiser: Nov. 11th
Chapter G Social: Nov. 26th
Bowling Party: Nov. 26th (after the social)

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

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.

Nov. 11: Chapter G Fun Raiser

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

Nov. 26 6:30 pm: Bowling

Root River Center, 7220 W Rawson Ave

Join us for bowling after our Social. \$3 per game, plus shoe rental. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

10/29/06 Fox & Hounds Ride

The sun was bright and warm, the temperature in the low to mid 50s, and the forest floor was covered with fresh leaves. For an hour, we rode and relished the winding, hilly Kettle Moraine roads near Holy Hill. Near the end of the ride, we actually traveled through the Holy Hill grounds to circle back to the Fox & Hounds Restaurant and enjoyed a second reverse crossing of the Hogsback. It turned out to be a very nice ride, thanks to the weatherman and some fine company.

Eleven of us relished the outstanding buffet brunch at the Fox & Hounds. The hunting lodge décor has been preserved, all the fireplaces were blazing away, and the scent of wood smoke greeted us upon arrival. I think we ate eight different kinds of meat, plus salmon and herring, about four salads, and 15 desserts. Each bit of food was just as delicious as the piece eaten before it. We were so stuffed, we sat around the table and chatted for quite a while after eating. Mark your calendars. The Fox & Hounds has become a must place to go.

John Hickman

Margarita Paradise

13 Wingers met on October 4 at Margarita Paradise Restaurant in West Allis. It was very chilly out; only the Winklers dared brave the cold. But we all warmed up once we got inside. The restaurant served good margaritas and the Mexican food was very tasty. The restaurant did a very nice job and reserved a room just for us.

Greg Miller

New Roadway Users Responsibility Act

As of October 1st 2006 the Wisconsin Roadway Users Responsibility Act took effect. Signed by the Governor in May, this new law has several key points that will greatly benefit all motorcyclists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

This new law will allow motorcyclists to proceed through a vehicle actuated red light after 45 seconds when the signal fails to recognize a motorcycle and it is safe to proceed.

Also included in this law will be stiffer penalties for all right-of-way violations resulting in bodily injury or death, including increased fines and driving license suspension.

Share the Road, a motorcycle awareness class will be required in all driver education classes as well as being a remedial class requirement for any person that violates the right-of-way of a motorcyclist and causes an accident resulting in injury or death.

Other provisions of this law include removing the requirement to obtain a motorcycle learners permit prior to gaining a motorcycle endorsement if you have graduated from a recognized Motorcycle Rider Education Program. It will still be necessary to pass the written test before being granted the endorsement.

While most motorcyclists will need to know the new red light law, we will hope to see a larger effect on our safety over the next several years as drivers learn they are responsible and will pay a high price for causing death and injury to others. Maybe some drivers will learn how to concentrate on their driving. This law will also increase the amount of education for drivers regarding motorcyclists.

These changes in the law were the result of efforts of many over several years. State Senator Dave Zien and State Representative Mark Honadel were the key law makers with input from several Chapter X & G members, the American Motorcyclists Association's Justice for All program, and ABATE of Wisconsin. It started with one simple letter from one person to Representative Mark Honadel who listened to our concerns and got the ball rolling.

Russ Bethe

Wine Run

October 21st - it was a mission to check out \$3.00 Charles Shaw wine. The closest Trader Joe's was in Batavia III!

The morning started out cold and rainy so we called those coming and suggested four wheel car-pooling. The rain stopped about 20 minutes out. The route had some nice winding roads that weren't busy. We made a few adjustments to the turns and arrived 30 minutes before tasting time.

We walked to a restaurant that specializes in breakfast and sandwiches - very reasonable, good service, five egg omelets and generous sandwiches. We waddled back to the store, tasted all wines offered, loaded up the cars with cases of wine and headed for a bonus stop - Toscano, a specialty store. We found Toscano in Arlington Heights - a very unusual store for those unusual people.

We made it home by 4:45 P.M. Oh, and the rain was on again after we crossed back into Wisconsin!

Noah Borkenhagen