



The Greater Milwaukee Wings

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From the Chapter Director

We had a busy but fun month in September. Many chapter members attended the corn roast at Root River Park and we had a great time, traveled to Door County for a wonderful 3 day get away, and the ladies spent the day shopping in Plymouth, Elkhart Lake, and Kiel. We ended our shopping day at the Millhome Supper Club for dinner (which was very good!). Gentleman, the ladies thank you for providing not only transportation for our DAY out but also your kind patience while we shopped.

Our mileage contest officially ended at our September Social when ending miles were read. This year's mileage contest is different then in years past. For every 1000 miles ridden, you will receive one raffle ticket, so the more miles ridden the more tickets you receive. Please remember that if you were not able to attend the September Social, you will need to contact one of our chapter officers to arrange to have your miles read. Also, please remember that you must have attended 4 Chapter G events to qualify for the contest. Tickets will be drawn at the October Social and winners will be announced. Good luck to everyone who participated.

This year's circle tour for Chapter G officially ends at our October Social. Receipts/photos must be turned at the October Social to participate. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Chapter G members, we need everyone's help to figure out **WHO KILLED DAVID!!!** This year's Murder Mystery Fund Raiser is coming up fast, and it's going to be a blast from the past, so you need to get your registration forms in soon. We have a wonderful selection of raffle prizes, so don't wait, don't hesitate or you'll miss out on the fun!

As always, remember it's not about the destination; it's about the ride, so please ride safe!

Tom & Kenlee - Chapter Directors

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sat. Oct. 18: Fall Color Ride, 10:30am

Sat. Nov. 8: Chapter G Fun Raiser, 11am

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Upcoming events

(Other Chapters/District)

Chapter A - Oct. 18, Sweetest Day
(Rock County)

Chapter Z - Oct. 25, Halloween Party
(Marshfield Fairgrounds)

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Monthly Social - 4:30pm

January 27 ★ February 24 ★ March 30 ★ April 20 ★ May 18 ★ June 29 ★ July 27
August 24 ★ September 28 ★ October 19 ★ November 30 ★ December 21

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave

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

OCTOBER

Sat. Oct. 18: Fall Color Ride, 10:30am

Meet at the Muskego McDonalds, Corner of Janesville Rd and Racine Ave

Great fall color ride through the south Kettle Moraine Forest for approximately 1.5 hours. Ends at the Mine Shaft Restaurant in Hartford, WI. Contact Greg Miller at (414) 840-4203, or [E-Mail Greg](mailto:Greg@wi.rr.com) for more information.

Sun. Oct 19: Chapter G Social, 4:30pm

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave, Franklin

Join us for our monthly Social. Refer to the [map](#) for directions. Contact [Tom Ballmann](mailto:TomBallmann@wi.rr.com) at (920) 452-4779 for more information.

NOVEMBER

Sat. Nov. 8: Chapter G Fun Raiser, 11am

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave, Franklin

Join us for our annual Murder Mystery Fund Raiser. Here is a [link to the flyer](#). Refer to the [map](#) for directions. Contact [Tom Ballmann](mailto:TomBallmann@wi.rr.com) at (920) 452-4779 or Lynn Borkenhagen at (414) 525-9074 floodman1@wi.rr.com for more information.



Ladies, get out those poodle skirts and saddle shoes, guys, find those letter sweaters and slick back that hair (if you have enough to slick back). Chapter G is getting ready for its 4th annual Murder Mystery fund raiser. Plan to join us on Saturday, November 8th, at 11:00 AM. It is our Class of 1957 Reunion, and we want to see all of you!!! Yes, the theme is the 50's, and we all remember those years. Let's remember those years together, and find out who killed David, and was the fire at the shopping center really arson or just an accident? We need your help to solve the mysteries. We also need your help with participation, as this years adventure has many more parts available. Call or email Lynn Borkenhagen @ 414-525-9074 or floodman1@wi.rr.com . Sign up soon!! Check out the website & Wisconsin Wings to get your registration forms. Be sure to get them in early with your deposit. This is a catered event!! There will be a pre-registration drawing, so don't miss out on that. Get your reservations in by Oct. 27, 2008 to be eligible.

See you then.
Lynn Borkenhagen



Harley (& Honda) 105th Celebration

On August 30th, I believe Nat Cerami and I were 2 of 3 non-Harley riders among about 8,000 Harley bikes and 12,000 Harley riders in Harley's 105th Anniversary Parade from the Miller Park staging area, down Wisconsin Avenue, to the Summerfest Parking Lots. What a fantastic, mind bending experience! Nat and I are really glad we did it!

- John Hickman



Chapter Educator

VISIBILITY

Part of riding safely is making sure that you and your bike are visible to other drivers at all times. There is a lot more to riding safely than you might think. Even riders who have logged thousands of miles on the road can benefit by brushing up on their safety skills. The conscientious rider will have visibility, positioning, and S.E.E. strategies so ingrained in his or her mind that they become second nature. That's when the riding really gets good.

POSITIONING

Maintaining the proper lane position is a crucial part of an effective street strategy. Maintain a space cushion on all sides of your motorcycle. This helps provide adequate reaction time if evasive maneuvers are necessary. It also helps create an "escape route." In general, when riding alone on a straight road most people prefer to ride in the left third of the lane. It provides you the best line of sight for the road ahead, and makes you most visible to oncoming traffic. However, always be prepared to make adjustments based on road conditions and traffic patterns.

Always leave a minimum of two seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you. The ideal following distance will vary depending on road conditions and other factors.

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S.E.E. (SEARCH, EVALUATE, EXECUTE)

Search, Evaluate, and Execute – the mental process for making judgements and taking action in traffic. Recently, the MSF introduced a simplified version of the mental process for making judgments and taking action in traffic: S.E.E., for Search, Evaluate, and Execute, which is used in the MSF Basic Rider Course.

SEARCH

As you ride, scan the area aggressively, including the areas along the road and behind you. Check your mirrors frequently to maintain a constant awareness of your surroundings.

EVALUATE

Use that information to evaluate the situation, predict what unexpected hazards and challenges may arise, and actively formulate strategies to deal with them.

EXECUTE

Adjust your speed and positioning accordingly, while communicating your intentions to others.

STAYING SHARP

Know your own riding limits, and keep in mind the basic rules of motorcycling safety.

For some, knowing your skill limits may mean keeping your bike at home when the weather is threatening. For others it may mean choosing a route that avoids congested areas or timing your departure to avoid rush hour traffic. It all depends on your own skill set and comfort level.

KNOWING YOUR LIMITS There are some rules that apply to all riders, no matter the skill level. Riding in an overly aggressive manner is never acceptable. There's no excuse for jeopardizing others by pushing your limits on the street. Riding while tired is another risk that no rider should take. When you're tired, your reflexes are slowed and your judgment is not as strong - a combination that no motorcycle rider can afford. Other, more obvious examples of behavior that should be avoided under any circumstances are talking on a cell phone while riding and looking at a map while you're in the saddle. If you get off course, pull over to a safe area to consult your map. Remember, out on the open road, you must take responsibility for all your actions, and keeping yourself safe should always be your number one concern.

ALCOHOL LIMITS

Using alcohol or other drugs can have a deadly effect on your ride.

A MATTER OF TIME

Contrary to popular belief, drinking strong coffee, splashing cold water on your face, or "getting some fresh air" will not help you sober up. These things may help you temporarily feel less impaired, but the only thing that eliminates alcohol from your system is time. That said, there's only one sure way to keep alcohol from affecting your riding ability: If you're riding, don't drink – period!

BAD CALL

It's easy to tell yourself, "I'm only going to have one drink." But after that first drink, it becomes even easier to convince yourself that "one more won't hurt." With each successive drink, your self-evaluation abilities diminish - not to mention your riding skills and judgment. The best way, therefore, to avoid ending up drinking more than you wanted to is to ask for a soft drink instead of that first serving of alcohol. Better yet, leave the bike at home if you or others are going to be drinking and arrange for a designated driver. Don't risk your own and others' safety by putting yourself in a situation where you may lose control of your better judgment.

RIDE SAFE!

Bob & Ginny - Chapter Educators