



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



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From the Chapter Director

It's September, the beginning of my favorite time of the year for riding! In addition to the Weekend in Wausaukee ride, scheduled for Sept. 9-11 and the Lighthouse Picnic ride, scheduled for Sept. 18; our historian, John Hickman, has scheduled his famous Fall Color Ride for September 24th. If you haven't already signed up for this ride at the August social, you may still do so by contacting John at 414-964-1159. This is truly a ride not to be missed!

The Sponsor-A-Ride drawing for the months of May through August will be held at the September social. If you haven't already sponsored a ride, there are many dates available in October and November to do so. There will be a drawing at the January social for the months of September through December. A visit from Mortimor, our bluebird of happiness, is also expected.

The prestigious traveling IR1 Award has been passed along to Tom and Kenlee Ballmann by previous recipients Ernie and Pat Olson. There was some stiff competition reported at the August social, but Tom and Kenlee prevailed. Congratulations to both of them!

Chapter G's fundraiser is scheduled for November 12th, 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave., Franklin, WI. 53132. It will feature our first annual "Honky Tonk Homicide" murder mystery as well as a dinner and the usual 50/50, poker drawing, and raffle. Cost for murder mystery and dinner is \$10.00 per person. There is a special pre-registration drawing for those who register prior to October 28th. Show your support for Chapter G by using the flyer and registration form, which may be found on our website in the Events section, and also as the last page of the monthly newsletter. As our victim Bubba would say, "See y'all there!"

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Mark Your Calendars:

Weekend in Wausaukee Ride; Sept. 9th - 11th
Lighthouse Tour & Picnic Ride; Sept 18th
Fall Color Ride; Sept. 24th
Chapter G Social; Sept. 25th

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm NEW TIME AND LOCATION

September 25
October 23

November 27
December 18

Root River Center - 7220 W Rawson Ave

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

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. 9-11, 8:45 am: Weekend in Wausaukee, WI I-94 Holt Ave Park and Ride - Full gas tank

Come join Jerry and Gail Proft for a fun filled weekend in Northern Wisconsin. It is a 187 mile trip. We will stop approximately half-way for gas and to stretch our legs. Enjoy a weekend visiting the numerous waterfalls in Marinette County which is known as the Waterfall Capital of Wisconsin. There are many antique shops to browse through and great fishing holes and streams in the area. There are also possibilities for canoeing or rafting on the Peshtigo River. Once we know who would like to go, we can plan the weekend activities. Motels are available in the immediate area. Exxon Motel was contacted and the room rate is approximately \$42.00 per night, taxes extra. Their telephone number is 715-856-5386. Camping is available at our place, with plenty of room to spread out and water and electricity. Contact Jerry and Gail Proft at 414-483-9667. If you are not able to leave with the group don't worry, you will be provided with maps and directions. FYI: cell phone use in the Wausaukee area is sporadic.

Sept. 10: Trike instruction

New London at Ort Trucking

Contact Russ Bethe at 414-571-9361.

Sept. 18, 11:00 am: Lighthouse Tour & Picnic College Ave Park and Ride, southwest lot

We will be visiting lighthouses in Racine and Kenosha Counties. Bring your picnic lunch. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Sept. 24, 8:15 am: Fall Color Ride 106th and Silver Spring

Join us for a beautiful color ride through the Holy Hill area and Kettle Moraine. Bring your own hot chocolate or hot coffee. We'll stop for lunch at an outdoor restaurant along the way. Contact John Hickman at 414-964-1159.

Oct. 4, 6:30 pm: Ambush Ride

Home of Bob & Ginny Schattschneider

3607 S Harmony Lane, South Milwaukee

Join us for our first Ambush Ride. We plan to go to the homes of GoldWing owners who are not members of GWRRA. We'll introduce ourselves to several owners then go out for ice cream. Contact Bob Schattschneider at 414-764-6077.

Nov. 12 11:00 am - 3:00 pm: 1st Annual Murder Mystery Fundraiser "Honky Tonk Homicide"

Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Ave, Franklin You Lucky Redneck! You're invited to a "Texas Style" Murder Mystery Party. It's last call for someone at Bubba's Bar in Cactus, Texas. A nasty murder investigation sure can disrupt Karaoke night, especially when everyone in town is a suspect! So, put on a clean shirt, lock up the trailer, and hop in the truck. We need your help to find out who murdered Bubba! Let's "Git R Done!" Read the attached flyer. Contact Anna Werth at (262) 971-0155.



Say Cheese Please

On Saturday August 13th, a group of ten motorcycles (3 Wings, 2 Harleys, and a Kawasaki) left on a daytime excursion of cholesterol Epicurean delights. Foods ingested included, but definitely were not limited to, cheese curds, sausage, stinky sandwich (limburger and red onion with horseradish), heartstopper (three cheese hamburgers on a buttered toasted bread), hot dogs, onion rings, chili, sub, croissant, and specialty sandwiches, soft serve ice cream, and Italian gelato. There was plenty of food, good conversation, excellent weather. A good time was had by all.....Pass the Pepto!

Noah Borkenhagen

Chapter Goes All Out for MS150

The members of chapter WI-G gave their all this year for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. Members held a rummage sale, some saved cans, and we passed the hat at socials. With all this effort the chapter raised \$1,800 which went to sponsor Christen, our very own MS bicycle rider, honorary chapter member and winter get-away tour guide.

We also did our usual support at the MS 150 ride again this year but there was a twist as we had 10 Gold Wings using amateur radios on their Wings. Seven of these were brand new Ham's who studied all winter and just recently passed the test and purchased radio rigs to use during this event. This commitment led to even better service for the 1500 bicycle riders who managed to raise over 1.5 million dollars. This is a record for this event and will go a long way towards finding a cure for MS.



This event uses Ham radios as the fastest way to communicate along the 100 plus miles of roads used each day of the event linking over 300 volunteers that make this ride work smoothly and safely. With this many bicycles on the same roads it is tough to get sag trucks and medical vans to a needed spot on the route, but the Wings get there really fast with their quick mobility. Having 10 motorcycles and 8 sag trucks all in communication with net control led to riders in need being fixed or picked up and transported to some place to get help either medical or bicycle repairs faster than ever before. It also meant that when someone needed to be found on the route it did not take long. Several of our patrolling bikes were able to keep some of the riders going by doing small bike repairs on the road or giving water and energy bars to those who needed a boost between rest stops. Our Wings also were able to fix route markings the riders follow to keep them from getting lost. One of our ham equipped wings was the first on the scene of a rider who needed emergency medical help and helped get this rider handled fast and on the road to recovery. Some of our riders and co-riders spent several hours standing in hot sun on busy intersections helping to keep the riders safe. These folks also did a great job with no problems coming from these potential trouble spots.



This two-day event is a lot of work as some of our Wings rode more than 500 miles over the two days. 38 people wore the Best Dam Wings volunteer shirts over the two days and all had fun. It is really nice to know you have helped a worthy cause, and the riders really appreciate the fact that all they have to do is concentrate on raising money and riding the bicycle to the finish line. They know that the Wings will be there to help them out if everything does not go well or to help them get through that tough intersection when they are tired. Most are surprised by what a motorcycle can do for them even if it just words of encouragement or air for a low tire. It is also nice to see the people we are helping with MS standing along the route holding signs saying "Thank you."

WI-G has helped with this ride for the last 17 years. Over that time the fight has shown great progress.

When we started there were no cures or real treatment to stop this disease. But in the last 17 years there have been 5 new treatments to help stop the progression of MS and extend the life of people who get this terrible disease. While there still is no cure, research will continue, and there may be a break through soon. Christen, our sponsored rider, who has MS herself, has said she feels we will see a cure in her lifetime because of efforts like this. We would like to thank the local Ham operators who talked us into and helped us get our amateur radio licenses, then helped us get set up with the right equipment. We look forward to working with this group on other events where radio equipped Wings will come in handy to help make fund raising events safer and smoother. There is no better feeling than being able to spend the day riding and helping make a difference for a good cause.

Russ Bethel

Munising Michigan Weekend

16 Wingers and two want-to-be Wingers went to Munising Michigan on Chapter G's Munising trip. We enjoyed an easy ride up along the shores of Green Bay and Lake Michigan on Friday that led us to Forest Road 13, which turned out to be a wonderful trip through the very thick Hiawatha National Forest. We checked into the Best Western of Munising who were great to deal with and provided us with excellent accommodations for the weekend. We had a very good dinner at the Dog Patch where Greg found out you do not want to order pork chops ala mode. They were a joke on the menu and they did not have any. After dinner most of us spent some time in the indoor pool and whirlpool before turning in for the night.



Saturday started with some rain that limited the free time that was allowed but most made the best of it by spending two hours at breakfast (all you could eat). It is amazing how much you can eat over a very long breakfast. But the sun came out at about 10 am and most went out to find something to see. At noon we met at Shipwreck Tours where we were loaded onto a glass bottom boat and taken over three wooden ships that sunk in Munising bay in what is now the Algiers Underwater Preserve. All of these ships sunk more than 130 years ago but are very well preserved in the icy cold waters and are easy to see through the glass in the bottom of the boat. The bottom of Lake Superior is an amazing place to see and this is the only way to see it without getting wet. After some more free time we boarded the Pictured Rocks Cruise Boats for a 3-hour, 34 mile, sunset trip along

the Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore. We saw multi-colored sandstone cliffs that soared up to 200 feet over the lake and then right into the water. The boat was able to get close enough to touch the rocks. These cliffs were formed by centuries of wind and waves and ground flow waters. The colors come from minerals in the water coming from the face of the cliffs. There were waterfalls coming out of the rocks, caves and several arches. There were a lot of seagulls and a few eagles seen during the trip. The amazing thing was the very large, very old tree on top of an outcropping which had roots which bridged back to the main shore area to obtain its moisture for survival, and was still living in this very inhospitable spot. As the sun went down the colors just kept getting better. Captain Dave spent quite a bit of time with our group answering questions and relating stories. The boat docked just after sun down and we were off for ice cream.



Sunday morning came in sunny but cool with great weather for riding. Some went their own way while some rode along the Lake Superior shoreline to find a few more waterfalls that we eventually found with some local help. One of the falls we found was over 100 feet high.

This trip was great fun for all and everyone had a great time. It is always fun to get away for a long weekend with great friends. I want to thank Jeff, Nick, and Greg who helped with Road Captain chores on this trip that covered about 750 miles and everyone who came along. Without these people this trip would not have been as much fun. By the way, when you get there everything is just 5 miles down the road. Just ask anyone. And best of all, no wildlife larger than a bug was harmed during this trip.

Russ Bethe