



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



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From the Chapter Director - Sept

All youse guys are invited to GWRRA Chapter G's 2nd annual murder mystery entitled: "**The Chicago Capers**". If youse wants to loin da secret of Hal Capone's whereabouts, be in da backroom at S. P. Keasy's place. Food will be soived. Don't tell nobody except fer yer soon departed friends. Be Dere... or you too might sleep wit da fishes!

Chapter G will be hosting a fundraiser with its second annual murder mystery dinner, "The Chicago Capers," along with the usual raffles, 50/50, and poker drawing at Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Avenue on Saturday, November 11th from 11:00am until 3:00pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes dinner. Pre-registration is required for dinner, as this will be a catered meal. There will be a special pre-registration drawing for those who register by October 28th. Registration can be made by using the form available on our website: www.gwrra-wig.org in the Events section. Forms are also on the bottom of the fundraiser flyer which can be obtained from your Chapter Director. Join in the fun by coming dressed in 1920's period clothing (flapper dress, pinstripe suit, etc). "Be Dere!" and "Don't sleep wit da fishes!"

Chapter G hosted an informational booth to promote motorist awareness at Community Night-Out in South Milwaukee on August 17th. We shared information with many local residents in an effort to promote the "Share-the-Road" concept and encouraged them to be vigilant for their two-wheeled brothers and sisters whenever they were behind the wheel. We also reminded them that "Motorcyclists Are Dying To Be Seen." This was our second M.A.D. public function this year. The city's event organizers complemented us on our presentation and extended a personal invitation for us to participate again next year. Special thanks to our M.A.D. team, Rich and Sharon Winkler, and to our Chapter Educators, Gene and Pam Lingford, for making this event successful.

Odometer readings will be taken for the 2006 Mileage Contest at the October social. If you are unable to bring your bike to the October social, it will be up to you to contact Bob Schattschneider, Tom Ballmann, or Gene Lingford and make arrangements to get your bike to them before the end of October to have your mileage read.

Chapter G's next social will be Sunday, September 24th, 4:30pm at Root River Center, 7220 W. Rawson Avenue. Join us and bring along a friend.

From the Chapter Director - Aug

August will be a busy month with rides scheduled for every weekend beginning with the MS 150 Best Dam Bike Tour and also the Ride for Kids scheduled for the first weekend.

There are still many open dates for the month of September. If you have an idea for a ride, or have put off scheduling a ride to one of your favorite locales, September would be a fine time to do it. It is one of the best months for riding. Contact Ginny or me to reserve your date, and let the good times roll.

Chapter G had a VIP visitor for most of July. "Motorcycle Mooty" was rescued from Chapter J on July 9th and was nursed back to health by Ginny so that he could accompany Chapter G on several outings. While he was with us he had a great time! He began by viewing the Air Force "Thunderbirds" perform at the lakefront. He then cruised Lake Geneva on the Walworth and dined on "the other beef" at Popeye's afterwards. Mooty attended Germanfest and toured Stony Hill School (the historical beginning of Flag Day) and Pioneer Village in Saukville. He once again dined on "the other beef" with Chapter G at Messina's Italian Restaurant. Mooty is currently with Chapter H since attending Chapter I's fundraiser. We wish him well and look forward to his next visit.

Chapter G will be hosting a table to further promote motorcycle awareness at Community Night Out in South Milwaukee. This will be our second M.A.D. function this year. Suggestions for possible future M.A.D. functions are requested from members. Please contact our M.A.D. representatives, Rich and Sharon Winkler, with your suggestions.

Rich and Sharon Winkler received the prestigious IR-1 Award at the July social. They faced some tough competition, but succeeded in capturing the furbees for the present. Congratulations Rich and Sharon!

Ride Safe!

Bob & Ginny Schattschneider
Chapter Director

Calendar of Events

Chapter G Social 4:30pm

September 24 November 26

October 22 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.

Sep. 24 10:00am: Breakfast at Millie's

8:30 am Leave from Culvers at 6101 S 108th St

Enjoy a ride to Delavan and breakfast at Millie's Pancake House. Contact Bob Gorecki at 414-761-1779.

Sep. 24 after social: Bella's Fat Cat Cafe 2737 S. Kinnickinnic Ave

Join us for a short ride and a bite to eat. They are known for their frozen custard and jumbo burgers. Refer to page B65 in the 2006 Entertainment Book*. Contact Art Kunstler at 414-744-5499.

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.

Oct. 14: Color Ride and Dinner

Meet at Muskego McDonalds on Racine Ave.

More details upcoming. Contact Terry Werth at 262-971-0155.

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.

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August 13 Brunch

The group was originally planning to drive to Random Lake, WI for brunch. But we learned the restaurant changed ownership and the new owners would not accept the Entertainment coupons. So we modified our plans and instead dined at Victoria's Nautical Inn in Kenosha. Brunch consisted of tasty dishes served family style right at our table! The meal was so good, some members promised they would return at another time for dinner. We enjoyed a nice ride back home, taking scenic roads through Racine and Waukesha counties.

Mark Your Calendars:

MS 150 Best Dam Bike Tour; August 5th & 6th.
Ride for Kids; August 6th.
Greene's Hideaway, Random Lake Ride; August 13th.
South Milwaukee Community Night Out (M.A.D.); August 17th.
St. Germain Ride; August 19th & 20th.
Road Captain's Course; August 20th.
Fountain Park Charcoal Grill Steakhouse Ride; August 26th.
Honey Museum Tour Ride; August 27th.
Chapter G Social; August 27th.
Davis Rally; Sept. 7th - 11th.
Texas Roadhouse Dinner Ride; Sept. 17th.
Millie's Pancake House Breakfast Ride; Sept. 24th.
Chapter G Social; Sept. 24th.

From the Chapter Educator - Sept

Lousy Lanes

This is an interesting article we found in the Motorcycle Consumer News.

Highways near big cities seem to be in a perpetual state of construction. You change lanes to get out from behind a truck that was blocking your view, and that also got you away from a ladder that wasn't secured very well. But the left lane is narrow, with a hefty concrete divider just inches away, and very uneven paving that bounces the bike around. To make matters worse, more than a few drivers in the right lane are wandering over the white line partially into your lane, and you notice the lane gets even narrower ahead.

You try to stay in the left side of the lane to avoid getting sideswiped by one of the wandering drivers, but where the concrete divider closes in, you ease over toward the center of the lane.

Suddenly, the bike seems to have a mind of its own. The front wheel darts left and then right. You fight the wobbles, barely managing to keep the bike balanced, and finally squeeze over more toward the right. You slow down to get farther away from the other vehicles. It's a scary situation.

You were smart to get out from behind a vision-blocking truck, and to separate yourself from other vehicles and hazards. But apparently you failed to notice the rutted "edge trap" in the center of your lane, created when the lanes were squeezed in for construction. Two-wheeled vehicles are especially susceptible to grooves or ruts, because they can snag the front tire and make it difficult to steer. When you can't steer accurately, it's hard to keep the bike balanced. Your tactic of moving to the right of center and dropping back was a good move.

In addition to watching the busy traffic, you should have maintained your awareness of surface hazards, including the uneven groove in the center of the left lane. When you must cross a pavement groove or raised edge, swerve across it aggressively, don't try to ease across.

This is something that everyone one of us has experienced especially with all the construction on the Marquette Interchange and in other construction zones around the state. We must all be aware of our surroundings when traveling the Interstates.

Gene & Pam Lingford
Chapter Educators, WI-G

Lake Geneva Boat Ride



18 Chapter G members and Mooty the Cow rode to Lake Geneva on Saturday July 22. We enjoyed a two hour, full lake tour aboard The Walworth, owned by Geneva Lake Cruise Lines. The trip started with sunny skies. But towards the end of the cruise, an unexpected storm moved in. The guys got drenched while running to their bikes to cover them. We enjoyed dinner at Popeye's Casual Dining Restaurant. Luckily, the storm quickly moved on and we had a dry ride back home.

Greg Miller

From the Chapter Educator - Aug Trike Kits

In the past 2 weeks a lot of things have come down the pipeline about the Voyager Trike Kits. As an owner (one of over 9,000) I thought that I should make it known just how we feel about our kits.

I recently received an e-mail, via Virgil, from the State of Iowa stating that "any motorcycle modified to include four wheels or has a conversion kit attached to add two additional wheels is NOT legal in Iowa." It goes on to say "I do not believe I have seen any of the Iowa Goldwings with this conversion, but I do know that some have been thinking about getting one, also those that are out of state will be stopped and cited."

MYTH: The issue of roadside enforcement of vehicles that have been converted by Iowa citizens to more than three wheels or issuing citations to out-of-state riders with these conversions that are traveling through our state has never been discussed. It is doubtful that there would be any enforcement action. None of this is a value judgment on conversion kits. It is an explanation of what the current Iowa code definition is for a motorcycle. Laws are changed every single year.

Well after this is all said and done I received an e-mail from the manufacturers of the Voyagers and he said "MTC has been in contact with an Iowa state senator and his riding buddy has a Voyager and he would not be able to ride without it. The law will change in January."

After I bought my first kit in 1996 I received a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (it was not dated) but it said that the additional stabilizer wheels would be legal to operate in Wisconsin by either a resident or a nonresident. The wheels are a portable piece of equipment, which may be added or removed from the vehicle. The wheels are not an integral part of the vehicle structure and therefore would not change the definition of the vehicle. The vehicle would still be registered as a motorcycle. The driver would be required to have a motorcycle operator's license.

This answers questions about the legality of the Voyager Kit and the Tow-Pak.

Gene & Pam Lingford
Chapter Educators, WI-G

Honey Ride

On Sunday, August 27th, a group of seven bikes left the Root River Center about noon headed for the Honey Acres Honey Museum located on Highway 67 just north of Ashippin Wisconsin (about 7 miles north of Oconomowoc).

We had a tour of the museum and a special look at the warehouse where the honey is stored, processed and packaged for sale. Surprisingly, Honey Acres at this time does not maintain bees for the production of honey due to the cost of bees and the retirement of their long-time beekeeper. They purchase their honey from other suppliers and it is delivered and stored in the warehouse in 55 gallon drums. There must have been a 100 or more drums stored there.

There is an active beehive in the museum where we saw the bees doing their thing behind glass. The temperature in the hive was almost 100 degrees. The hive could also be seen from the outside of the building. We could watch the bees entering and leaving to find flowers.

We tasted the different types of honey and some other products including the gummy bees that were passed around the social later in the day.

After lots of honey products were purchased by the group, we saddled up again and headed through the hills and curves of scenic roads around the Holy Hill area on the way back to the social.

We got back about 3:45 PM and everyone said they enjoyed the experience.

Mike Stockinger

Service References

"It's the problem children that need the most lovin'." In the past month, a return nipple broke off and my CB went dead on my beloved 1800. After calling 6 different dealerships, Sportland 2 came through for me, found the part and had it shipped in 3 days. The CB problem was tackled by Cedar Creek, who contacted Honda service doggedly until solutions on another "unheard of" problem were offered. The fix on this was just disconnecting the battery, shorting + and - for 30 seconds and "resetting" the computer system. Kudos to both service departments for outstanding help and service.

Noah Borkenhagen

Stony Hill School / Pioneer Village Ride

Chapter G members enjoyed a beautiful day for a ride and history lessons on July 29th.

Our first stop was at Stony Hill School, where Flag Day was born on June 14, 1885. We continued on to Pioneer Village in Saukville where we toured various buildings dating from the 1800's, including homes, churches, schools, shops, and a railroad station. Each building exemplified a different method of construction used by immigrant settlers to Wisconsin in the early 1800's.

We concluded our ride with great food, excellent service, and good conversation at Messina's Italian Restaurant in Saukville.

Ginny Schattschneider

Steak Dinner Ride

The group met at the Root River Center and enjoyed a 120+ mile ride following state and county 2-lane roads, ending at Sheboygan's Fountain Park Charcoal Grill Steakhouse.

The atmosphere was warm, the service was great (Queen Sarah), and the steaks were delicious. Some people preferred to cook their own steaks, while others wanted the experienced chef to prepare their meal professionally. Even though everyone had full bellies, we saved enough room for yummy ice cream desert at Brown Deer's Cold Stone Creamery.

The few raindrops that we experienced didn't dampen our spirits.

Greg Miller

Weekend at St. Germain



St. Germain is an optional stop for Chapter G's 2006 Circle Tour (refer to <http://www.gwrra-wig.org/TourBook.htm>).

The group left early Saturday, August 19 for the 300+ mile trip. Dark cloudy skies threatened our travels enroute, so we decided to put our rain gear on. That was enough to scare those darn clouds away - no rain!

We spent Saturday evening at Dillman's Bay Resort in Lac Du Flambeau. The resort was very relaxing - we enjoyed walking along the sandy shores, looking at the Northern Lights, and sitting by a cozy campfire making s'mores.

Sunday's hearty breakfast was enjoyed at Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty in Minocqua. We stopped in St. Germain for a picture, then aimed our Wings through the Nicolet National Forest to Mountain, WI to climb a 100' fire tower. What views! Then it was time to get home.

We're wondering where the 2007 Circle Tour will take us next year!

Greg Miller