

# Minnesota Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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## District News December 2014

From Your District Director

**Scott & Joy Mattson**

District Directors Chatter

Another year is coming to an end but a New Year is on the horizon. The New Year brings fresh beginnings for many but I prefer to reflect on the outgoing year. This to me is a good time to give thanks for all the good fortune Joy and I have experienced being part of GWRRA. The friends we have made, places we have travelled and the knowledge we have gained is almost beyond belief. If the New Year brings new adventures, time to hold on for another wild ride!

Speaking of riding, this past season came to a screeching halt to say the least. Seemed like the weather went directly from ride-able to snow overnight. Just because the bikes have been put to rest for the winter does not mean we have nothing to do around GWRRA! Down time from riding gives us plenty of time to plan out the upcoming year. From what we are hearing from our Chapters it sounds like this is exactly what they are up to. It is hard to believe there are already some scheduling conflicts on the calendar for 2015. This can be a good problem if you ask me, it means our members are participating and having fun!

In November we took a ride to Fargo. Yes, it was in four wheels, but it was fun. We'd like to thank our travel partners, Bob & Robin Hicks, for a weekend that was even more fun because of them! A big "Thank You" to the members in North Dakota who took the time out of their busy schedules to join us for a meeting and lunch. Scott and I bought lunch for not one, but two lucky attendees. Congratulations to Susann Lenzmeier and Barb Gilleland – they were the lucky lunch winners!

On our way home, we spent Saturday night in Grand Rapids. Remember that snow mentioned earlier? Well, the last 100 miles of our Saturday journey were in the S.N.O.W.!!! We had a nice dinner with our travel companions then took a walk around the hotel to reacquaint ourselves with the layout. We awoke on Sunday morning to 19° and icy roads for the first 40 miles of the trip back home.

We will be attending several chapter Christmas parties early in December. We know we'll have a great time at each party! It's fun to visit the different chapters – each social is similar yet each one does something a little different than the other.

We wish to say Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa and Season's Greetings to one and all. May your holidays be all you desire.

Till next time, be safe.

Scott & Joy

### Minnesota District Educator

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### And So It Ends

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## Chapter C News – December 2014



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**Chapter Directors News**

Leonard Marilyn Woelfel

Hope everyone one had a fantastic and filling Thanksgiving and now looking forward to the Christmas holiday celebration. Did you get Santa your wish list? Any new bling?...or maybe a new.....er bike?By the time you read this we will have had our Christmas social and I sure hope the weather was nice for we have been blessed with snow and sleet the past few years.

The bike is tucked in the corner but was hoping for a few nice days yet to ride to work. Marilyn was done when the temp remained 50's.

For you snow birds I wish you safe travels and some good ride time down south.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Leonard/Marilyn

Chapter C Directors

### Chapter C Activities

Dec 5 Christmas Social

Jan social TBA

General Info

Meeting Searles Bar & Grill located on Highway 15 south of New Ulm

### Educator's Corner

**Bruce & Colette Johnson**

#### Winter Survival Kit: 10 Things to Keep in Your Car

Remember the uncle you had that was always so prepared about everything? He was the guy who kept a perfect log of his vehicle maintenance in the glovebox. He knew who the most trustworthy mechanic in town was. He washed and waxed his own car. And, he had a survival kit in his trunk for winter and summer.

Winter is tough on vehicles and travel. Snow, cold temperatures, ice, slush and salt play havoc on a vehicle and our driving. The odds of us having a driving emergency is much greater in winter than in the other three seasons.

So, it pays to keep a kit in your trunk with all he things your are likely to need. Some auto parts stores and mass merchandisers like Walmart or Target sell these as a bundle in their own carrying case. But if you don't find one that meets your price, and you want to combine new purchases with stuff you already have to save money, then here is your

packing list. By the way, this makes a nice holiday gift for a loved on, but should be mandatory for the kid who is off to college with a car in a snow-belt school.

1. **Blanket:** If you are stuck with a car that won't start, or that has conked out, and have to wait in cold weather for help, you will want a decent warm blanket as an extra layer.
2. **Snow shovel:** Get a short-handled shovel, probably a coal-type shovel, to stow in the trunk in case you need to remove snow from around the wheels of your vehicle. You can buy plastic ones, but you may want to opt for a metal one in case you also need to chip at some ice or compacted snow.
3. **Flashlight:** Self explanatory. Keep a good-sized, water-proof flashlight with fresh batteries in case your breakdown is at night. Pack emergency candles too, as a back-up.
4. **Hand warmers:** Available at camping stores. Smash the bag and the chemical reaction inside creates warmth to defrost fingers that may be trying to change a tire or fiddle with an engine.
5. **Matches:** You never know when you will have to manufacture heat. It's better than rubbing tow cld, snowy sticks together, hoping for the best.
6. **Bottle of water and a few protein, snack bars.** You hear of people surviving on ketchup packets that have fallen between the seats, but some planning will yield a better menu under emergency conditions.
7. **Syphon Pump:** If being out of gas is your problem, and you get offered help by a good samaritan, you want t be able to get a gallon or two of gas out of another gas tank to get you going quickly.
8. **Lightsticks:** These cost almost nothing at a dollar store and can be used either as a iight source or to wear in case you are shoveling snow around your wheels at night.
9. **Flares:** These should be in your trunk in all seasons for putting next to your car if you are pulled over in distress.
10. **Whistle:** It can be used to either signal for help to someone who can't hear you yell, or to scare someone who may be trying to take advantage of your distress.

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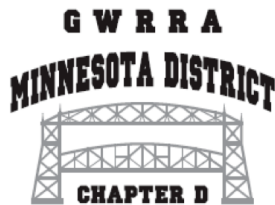
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## Chapter D News – December 2014



From the Chapter Directors

Hello all,

Wow, did winter come in fast!! It is a good thing we don't live in parts of the U.P.; they have received over 70 inches of snow in 10 days. It doesn't look like we will get any more riding in this year. We can start looking forward to next year and all the things that we want to do.

**Michelle and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope that everyone gets all of the chrome that they have asked for!**

On January 24<sup>th</sup> we will have Brian & Tammy Anderson, from Chapter Q, to present the OCP class to us. The Officers Certification Program or better known as the "OCP" is a program in the GWRRA Curriculum that is an in-depth seminar of the basic duties and responsibilities of an Operations Officer. Its main objective is to assist the Officers in the following responsibilities: Finances, Membership Enhancement, IRS Compliance, Rider Ed, Teambuilding, Conflict Resolution, Goal Setting, to name a few. This is a very good program & is strongly recommended for all Officers. The Program is 1 day in length and there is also a short "Celebration of Knowledge" at the end of the day. **This class is open to any member that would like to someday be an officer or would like to learn how the chapter works.** If you would like to join us in this class, please send me your name by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have already scheduled a BRC2 course for May 17<sup>th</sup> 2015. There are 12 spots available for this course and they will fill on a first come basis.

For those that are considering traveling to Wing Ding in Huntsville, AL, here is the hotel information that a few members of Chapter D will be staying at: Microtel Inn & Suites 1820 Chase Creek Row, Huntsville, AL 35811. (256) 859-6655. If you want the discounted rate, you must go through the number in the Wing World magazine. I contacted them on Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> and they still had several rooms available. This was the least expensive hotel in the general area.

For those of you that are interested in getting registered on our new web site, please go to [www.gwrri-mnd.org](http://www.gwrri-mnd.org). Then click the register button. Then follow the instructions under new user. If you have any questions about the web site, please e-mail us and we will do our best to answer them. After August 1<sup>st</sup> we will be using the chapter web site to pass all of our news to the members.

November dinner social 50/50 winner was Jim & Harla Lemmerman.

All District newsletters and events can be seen at: [www.mngwrra.us](http://www.mngwrra.us)

### Chapter Educator Safety Message

Winter Storage

This is taken from the Total Motorcycle.Com web pages

## Total Motorcycle's 10 Step Guide to Winterizing your motorcycle

Outside a single white snowflake falls... Disbelief falls on your face as another snowflake falls... Then you realize, another riding year over and it's time to put the bike away for the winter. This is the time to get in that last few riding days and put our bikes properly away for the winter so they are ready for the next

riding season to start again.

### Storing your bike for winter

Well, it's that time of year again! Soon the snow will be falling and the motorcycles will be tucked away for the winter, and each spring your dealer's phone will ring off the wall with customers who did not store the old bike properly and now wonder why it won't run. Some preparation now will ensure that you are out riding in the spring instead of waiting in the dealer's lineup.

**1. Location – where are you going to put it?:** One solution may be to ask your dealer if he offers a storage program. This is ideal because he will often prep, store, and have the bike ready to ride when you are ready again. If you decide to store it yourself, you will need a place that is dry and out of harm's way.

When possible, chose a location away from windows. The ultraviolet light can fade paint and plastic parts. Direct sunlight can raise the ambient temperature of the storage area which will promote condensation when the sun goes down, so cover plain glass with some sort of opaque material. Also, cover your bike with a specially designed bike cover not a sheet or a tarp. Why? Because a sheet absorbs moisture and will hold it against metal surfaces and then rust forms. Also, damp fabric will breed mildew and this may attack the seat material. A tarp prevents moisture from getting in but it also prevents it from getting out. Moisture trapped will condense on the bike and then the rust monster is back!

A specially designed motorcycle cover is made of a mildew resistant material. The material is slightly porous, so it can breathe.

**2. Change the Oil:** *Tip: Just like cars colder winter grade oil will allow your bike to start easier in colder weather. If your motorcycle runs ok with a cold winter grade oil (5w30) then changing the oil to this grade will help start up and running in spring.*

Even if the oil is not due for a change, byproducts of combustion produce acids in the oil which will harm the inner metal surfaces. Warm the engine to its normal operating temperature, as warm oil drains much faster and more completely.

While you are at it, why not change the filter too? Add fresh motorcycle grade oil. Remember to dispose of the drained oil and old filter in a responsible manner. What to do with the old oil? Recycle it. Most stores you have purchased the oil from will take it back free of charge to be recycled.

**3. Add Fuel Stabilizer and Drain Carbs:** *Tip: You only need to drain the carbs if your motorcycle will be stored more than 4 months. Otherwise just add fuel stabilizer to the gas tank, run the bike for 10 minutes so it mixes and gets into the carbs.*

Fill the tank with fresh fuel, but do not overfill. The correct level is when the fuel just touches the bottom of the filler neck. This gives enough room for the fuel to expand without overflowing the tank when temperature rises.

Shut off the fuel petcock and drain the carburetors and the fuel lines. Add winterizing fuel conditioner to prevent the fuel from going stale, and help prevent moisture accumulation. Stale fuel occurs when aromatics (the lighter additives) evaporate leaving a thicker, sour smelling liquid. If left long enough, it will turn into a gum, plugging the jets and passages inside your carbs!

**4. Lube the cylinder(s):** *Tip: You only need to do this if your motorcycle will be stored a very long time (6 months or more)*

Because gasoline is an excellent solvent and the oil scraper ring has done its job, most of the oil from the cylinder walls has been removed since the last time the engine was run. If the cylinder wall is left unprotected for a long period of time, it will rust and cause premature piston and ring wear.

Remove the spark plugs and pour a tablespoon (5 cc) of clean engine oil or spray fogging oil into each cylinder. Be sure to switch off the fuel before you crank the engine or else you may refill the drained carbs! Also, ground the ignition leads to prevent sparks igniting any fuel residue. Turn the engine over several revolutions to spread the oil around and then reinstall the plugs. Refitting the plugs before cranking the engine could result in a hydraulic lock if too much oil was used in the cylinder.

**5. Battery Storage:** The battery must be removed from the motorcycle when it is in storage. Motorcycles often have a small current drain even when the ignition is switched off (dark current), and a discharged battery will sulfate and no longer be able to sustain a charge.

A conventional battery should be checked for electrolyte level. Add distilled water to any of the cells that are low and then charge the battery.

Battery charging should be performed at least every two weeks using a charger that has an output of 10% of the battery ampere

hour rating. For example if the battery has an AH rating of 12 (e.g. 12N12A-4A-1 where the 12A is 12 amp hours), then the charge rate of that battery should not exceed 1.2 amps. A higher charge will cause the battery to overheat. Charge the battery away from open flame or sparks as the gas (hydrogen) given off a battery can be explosive. Elevate the battery and keep it from freezing. Exercise the proper caution appropriate to caustic substances.

**6. Surface Preparation:** Waxing and polishing the motorcycle might seem like a waste of time since you are putting it away and no one will see it. But applying wax is a very important part of storing a motorcycle. Wax will act as a barrier against rust and moisture.

Don't forget to spray any other metal surfaces (such as the frame or engine) with a very light spray of WD-40. This will keep these areas shiny and protect from corrosion as well.

**7. Exhaust and Mufflers:** Exhausts/Mufflers are known to rust fast when they are not used. So making sure they are properly stored for the winter on your bike will save them from an early rusty death. Spray light oil (such as WD40) into the muffler ends and drain holes. Lightly stick a plastic bag (shopping bag is fine) into the end of each muffler hole (to keep moisture from getting inside the exhaust). Then cover each muffler with another plastic bag to keep outside moisture off.

**8. Tires:** Check both front and rear tires with your air pressure gauge. Make sure each tire is properly inflated to the maximum recommend pressure. As it gets colder, air condenses in your tire so it is important to pump them up as to keep your tires healthy. Rubber is a flexible material and does not like to freeze (it cracks when it freezes). Placing 1/4"-1/2" piece of cardboard or wood board under each tire will help keep the rubber raised up from a freezing floor.

DO NOT use a tire dressing on tires (such as Armor-All or tire cleaning foam) as this will make the tires hard and slippery.

**9. Service all fluids:** If the brake or clutch fluids haven't been changed in the last two years or 18,000 km (11,000 miles), do it now. The fluids used in this system are "hygroscopic" which means that they absorb moisture. The contaminated fluid will cause corrosion inside the systems which may give problems when the motorcycle is used next spring. Be sure to use the correct fluids and note the warnings and instructions in the service manual. If you don't have the experience to service these systems, contact your dealer, he will be happy to assist you.

If your motorcycle is liquid cooled, the coolant requires changing every two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles). Make sure that the engine is cool enough to rest your hand on it before draining the system and please dispose of the coolant responsibly. Coolant/antifreeze is available from your dealer and has been developed to provide the correct protection for your motorcycle engine. Mixed 50/50 with distilled water will ensure a clean system for the next two years or 24,000 kms (15,000 miles).

**10. Cover it:** Now you can cover the bike with the cycle cover and look forward to the first warm day of

**Back on the Road:** Before you head out onto the highway, there are a couple of things to do. First, remove the cover and put it where you can find it again. Talking of finding things, locate the (charged) battery and reinstall it connecting the positive (+) cable (red) before the (-) negative and covering the terminals with the plastic covers. Recheck all fluid levels and turn on the fuel. Check for anything wrong on the motorcycle (cracked tires, broken parts/plastic, leaking oil). Set the tire pressures back to riding specs and you are ready to fire up.

As you don your riding gear, remember that you're riding skills will be a little rusty and the road surfaces will have changed a bit since the last ride, so go carefully. Sand/salt deposits on the edge of the road and especially at corners may be hazardous.

Ride safe, have fun, see you out there.

#### **Upcoming events:**

20 Dec: Dinner Social Trappers Pete 1306 Hwy 45 Scanlon MN. 5:00pm.

17 Jan: Bon fire at Dale & Jan Seafolk's House time to be announced at a later date.

24 Jan: OCP (Officer Certification Program) Upper Deck 8:00-4:30.

24 Jan: Dinner Social at Eskimo Pie 3 E Hwy 61 Esko, MN. 5:00pm.

18 Apr: Dinner Social at Kounty Quarthouse 4119 S. County Rd. K South Range, WI. 5:00pm

17 May: BRC2 course at Lake Superior College 1:15-6:30

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## Chapter G News – December 2014



### Chapter Director:

Hello to all of the Chapters and Happy Thanksgiving! Chapter G is assuming the seasonal shut down, much like our native black bear. That doesn't mean that we can not be aroused by our good friends and neighbors. This is the time of year that we look to our friends and neighbors and wish them a Happy Thanksgiving. The sights and smells of the season are upon us and I hope that everyone can enjoy them wherever old man winter has chased you.

Jan and I would like to thank everyone in our district for a great year and even a better one in 2015.

Kevin Moelter, Chapter Director

### From the Chapter Educator

Happy Holidays everyone;

It's a great time to be with family and friends; watch a game, catch up on things, have a few drinks. But please don't drink and drive! Call a friend, a family member, Sober cab, a regular cab. The penalties for a DWI / DUI are way too severe – in monetary and human cost.

If it isn't already it's going to get slippery with rain, sleet, ice and snow. Remember: Space and time when driving: Two second (or more) following distance, Scan ahead 12 to 14 seconds. When driving in the snow add extra weight to your vehicle, water softener salt, cat litter, tubes of sand, even a full tank of gas will help. Also pack that winter survival kit for your car: Some candy bars, bottles of water, a blanket or sleeping bag, folding shovel, a candle, hand warmers, a flashlight, boots, gloves – always carry a charged cell phone. And remember to inform people of your travel plans so they know when to get worried about you.

This is also an excellent time to replace that smoke / CO detector battery!

Take it easy shoveling snow, and don't be sticking your hand in the snow blower auger!

Let me know if you want to update any Rider Education items!

Thanks;

Again Happy Holidays!

**By Walt Peterson**

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## Chapter I News – December 2014



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### Chapter Director's Corner

Hope Thanksgiving was a happy occasion for family and friends getting together laughing and playing games and eating way too much. Remember to be thankful for at least one thing and one person in your life each day. I haven't been doing much of that in the last few years, but I believe I need to start again. Whether or not you tell that person, but at least one good thought may go along way. Our lives can be so busy that it is very easy to forget what is good and precious. So my one wish and thought is of multiple people and one great big loving group...GWRRA – MN REGION E. THANK YOU FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

December 6,2014 @ 6pm. Sportsmans Taverna in Hibbing. BRING an unwrapped boy and girl gift and a nonperishable food item for the food shelf.

### By Chapter Director

**Dave and Sharon Antikainen**

### Rider Education

**SAFETY TIPS:** Keep safe, warm and dry. Winter came in with a bang country wide, already to many deaths on the slippery roads. Keep safety, care packs with non perishable foods and water and warm blankets, hats, gloves, and don't forget about our furry pets. They need care packs as well with food, water, blankets, toys, leach. Also remember to either have extra medication with you or at least keep a list of all necessary meds, doctor name and number and contact numbers for family and friends. Keep your cell phone charged and don't forget your charger

David and Sharon Antikainen

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## Chapter N News – December 2014

### Chapter N News

#### Directors' Soapbox

Hello All

Well, I guess that the predictions weren't very far off. Winter has come to the upper mid-west with all the subtlety of a bulldozer at 2am. With our bikes safely put away for the next 5 or 6 months, what is there to do? Well, let me tell you. Chapter N has planned a lot of interesting things to help everyone get through this "non-riding" season. We have game nights, bonfires, bowling and many other things in the mix. We had the first game night at our house last Friday (Nov 14) and I think that it was pretty good. So check the calendar and look for the e-mails from Shauna about the upcoming activities. And most importantly, be safe with all of this white stuff around.

Jeff Stine

#### Rider Education Corner

I began writing this right after the snowfall we had today, because it got me thinking about shoveling the driveway. Take it easy. Back injuries and pulled muscles are common occurrences, some of which can be avoided by stretching and lifting with your legs and back. Enjoy winter every one and be careful.

Thoughts to Ponder

By Kevin Tucker, Chapter Educator

#### *Upcoming Events*

December 6 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Chapter Breakfast meeting at the Apple Valley Legion
December 12 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm	Chapter Game Night at Tim and Tina's
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 12pm	Play at the Burnsville Community Center
December 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm	Dinner at El Loro's in Eagan

Check the Calendar at [GWRRAMNN.COM](http://GWRRAMNN.COM) for all of the Chapters Events.

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## Chapter O News – December 2014

### From the Chapter Director

Larry & Ellyn Venberg

#### Chapter O Happenings-October, 2014

The snow is upon us, and we've been hearing rumors that bikes have been put away. Most of us tried to squeeze in just one last ride before winter storage—that sad day when our favorite hobby is tucked away.

The Chapter O October social was a fun get together, and our last formal social of 2014. Chapter Educator, Bill Taylor, and the rest of the minnows all shared great tips for storing our bikes—anything from using smelly dryer sheets to keep the mice away to keeping tires off of concrete for the winter. Some of you might have plans to tear your bike apart for a project. (This is an annual thing at our house.) Some of you may have plans to trailer your bike to somewhere warm and enjoy some more riding! Whatever your plans, we wish you well.

Other Chapter O doings—German Night at the Black Forest Inn in Minneapolis! We had a nice turn out for some spaetzle and sausages and all things sour-ish. It was a cold, blustery night but enjoyed by all.

Chapter O has also been doing some Christmas shopping! We are looking forward to participating in the “Be a Santa for a Senior” program. The lists have been made and checked twice and will be filled in time for our annual holiday party on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will then be delivered to some sweet senior citizens shortly thereafter. In staying with the spirit, we are also looking forward to helping at Feed My Starving Children in January. It's always so rewarding to accomplish some niceties as a group.

As winter continues, the Minnows would like to wish all of you a warm and happy holiday season. Maybe you have dreams of sugarplums and Goldwings dancing in your heads.

### Chapter Educator

Merry Christmas everyone!

It is really difficult writing a motorcycle safety article when there is a foot of snow outside and temperatures are hovering in the single digits. So this article will have a couple different topics.

First, this is a good time to review the contents of your first-aid kit. Do the gloves need to be replaced? Were there supplies that were used that now need to be replaced? Are there items that you think should be upgraded? How many first-aid kits do you have – should you build some for the other vehicles you drive and/or ride (snowmobiles, cars, 4-wheelers, etc)? And this is one of those items that is very easy to think about as the snow season starts and decide that you have months to worry about it. But if you don't provide a reminder for yourself to have this done well before the riding season starts, it will be June and you'll realize that you never did take that old first-aid kit out of the bike and review it. So at least put a repeating reminder in your calendar for when you really want to have this completed. Winter is also a good time to review all those add-ons that were attached after you purchased your bike. Are they still in good condition? Do they need upgrades?

But, since this is winter, I feel I should also remind people to be extra careful while driving on the snow and ice, but also walking around. No one wants to spend the winter months with a broken leg or arm because that slippery spot came out of nowhere. As another public service announcement, I would also like to remind people to be aware of the snow piling up around their gas meter. Did you know that if it gets covered in snow it can alter the gas pressure entering your home and could have serious consequences? So after shoveling or snow blowing, take a walk over to the meter and make sure it is doing fine. Never use a shovel to clear snow that is too close to it and if you are ever in doubt about how to clean off the ice and/or snow, call your gas company.

So thanks for reading everyone – and no matter what you celebrate this time of the year, I hope it is filled with friends, family and FUN!

Bill Taylor – Chapter Educator

## General Info

### Chapter Website

Log on to [www.gwrramno.com](http://www.gwrramno.com) for the latest info on where to meet.

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## Chapter Q News – December 2014

### Chapter Director's Chatter

WOW – Has the past 2 years gone by in a hurry. With this month's news, Cindy and I are posting our last Chapter Director Newsletter to you. We can both very honestly say this has been a genuine pleasure to work for each of our chapter participants.

We have had a lot of fun riding and socializing with our GWRRA Chapter Q family. We hope that we have brought some fun into your experiences too. I have been the center of a few quips and jokes, but I have also handed out as many – believe me when I tell you that it is "almost" as much fun to receive as it is to give.

One more point I really want to make – please appreciate the Chapter Team that assembles each month to plan the fun and take care of the business. Cindy and I honestly believe we have had the **most dynamic, creative and hard working staff** (yeh, I know we are supposed to say team) of any chapter in the Minnesota District and beyond. We want to really say a heartfelt and honest "**Thank You!!**" to them all.

If we can leave everyone with a couple thoughts to ponder – this organization is a participation group. As a global organization right down to our own chapter events, there is a wide variety of activities and definitely enough opportunities to jump in.

- Point #1 – look into something you have not tried before and PARTICIPATE, PARTICIPATE. The level of fun and member satisfaction will increase with every event and activity you get involved in.

- Point #2 – All our various Chapter Team positions are volunteer. Don't be afraid to step up and offer whatever talent you may have to join the team. Getting involved will really give you a sense of ownership in the chapter or whichever level of participation you choose.

Cindy and I joined GWRRA in 1999 and attended the very first Round-Up, thus becoming part of the Chapter Q Charter Members. In the 14 years since, I have had a grand total of 3 or 4 months that I have not been in a position to write a newsletter at some level. As we take a break from the various leadership roles we have played, we will not disappear or quit joining in on as many chapter events as we can – but we are looking forward to a little time off from being officers or staff and will enjoy joining the ranks of "member" with you.

So with all that said, Cindy and I step aside and turn over the Chapter Director's duties to Bob & Renae Hicks. To be very honest, Bob & Renae have been jumping in with both feet and have been a driving force in the recent activities already. We are very confident that they will bring a new energy and ideas to the chapter and do a great job as Chapter Directors.

Ride Safe – Ride Smart

### Kevin & Cindy Heap

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### MN Chapter Q Events and Activities

November 1st Game Night, Thoreson Park, 3PM.

November 12th Chapter Q Social at Angeno's in Maple Grove, meeting starting at 6:30.

November 15th Saturday Breakfast at Dehn's County Manor (in Maple Grove) at 9AM.

November 22 Saturday Dinner at Sammy's in Brooklyn Park at 4PM.

December 6th Breakfast at Old Country Buffet in Maple Grove 9am

December 6th Christmas Party at Dehn's County Manor 5pm

December 20th Breakfast at Old Country Buffet in Maple Grove 9am

December 27th Chapter Dinner at Emma Krumbie's 4pm

January 3rd Chapter Breakfast at Dehn's Country Manor Maple Grove 9am

January 14th Chapter Social Angenos Maple Grove 6:30pm

January 17th Chapter Breakfast Dehn's Country Manor Maple Grove 9am

January 24th Chapter Dinner Famous Daves Maple Grove 4pm

## **Rider Education**

### **HEADY INFORMATION**

Unfortunately 2014 has been a really hard season for the motorcycle helmet among our Chapter Q membership. Fortunately, we are dedicated to wearing them and they have served us well. To follow are a few helpful hints to take with you when making a first time purchase or replacing that outdated, maybe somewhat damaged or inadequate head protection.

First, there are many styles of helmet to choose from; half helmet, 3/4 helmet, full face, modular, flip up, etc. You must decide what feels right for you. Try a bunch of different brands and styles to ensure they fit well. A helmet should be snug when fastened. It should not twist from side to side or slide up or down from front to back. If you wear eyeglasses or hearing aids, make sure the helmet doesn't ride heavily on your ears or force your glasses to dig into your nose. If the helmet is rubbing blisters on your body parts, you won't wear it.

Second, has the helmet been rated by DOT and/or Snell? These organizations and the helmet manufacturers work together to test and develop the best combination of helmet shell, liner and latching systems possible. If a helmet shell cracks on impact, the liner crushes easily or the latching system fails, the protection you are counting on may not be there when you need it most. Do your research by checking out the rating of your helmet.

Third, does your helmet adapt to your communication system? Is there adequate room for the speakers in your ear covering area? Here again, if you wear hearing aids, this is something to test and consider. Check out the space up front for your microphone. Does it fit well with your mustache or that strong jaw line? Your ability to communicate with your riding partners can be affected by a poor fit in these areas.

Finally, keep in mind that a large percentage of "leaving your bike on the fly" incidences result in a full face plant on pavement or dirt. Road rash on the end of your nose or rocks in the eye are not particularly fashionable or comfortable.

Keep in mind the old saying; "If you have a \$10 head, wear a \$10 helmet". Be prepared to invest in head safety – you only get one!

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## **ACD Babble**

This year, our last ride was the Tundra Swan Ride on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A little hesitant as Our Chapter overnight was canceled due to cold and November is stretching the Minnesota riding season. Some years the Swan Ride is cold and inhospitable (as we have been told); but last year and this year turned out to be real gems. In fact, on 2014 Swan Ride, I read a balmy 61° in the afternoon (after a chilly start). We even saw some swans off in the distance – or at least we are telling everyone they were swans.

At the Swan Ride point, we met many other GWRRA friends. We remember seeing Mitch and Scott from Chapter N (the Hicks and the Harder's got their picture taken with the Chapter R Pig). We rode most of the way with Bob Frazee, Dave and Elaine Harder and Ken Schmitt. We saw Darry at the ride point, but somehow we got split up when everyone started to leave.

Chapter Q game night was a big success with nineteen folks that showed up and brought something to share. In Domino's, we almost finished the game (got to the double four, which we thought was pretty good). A good time was had by all.

With the Holiday Season here, Renae and I are thankful for family and friends, especially our extended Goldwing family. We want to thank everyone for the past year and we wish ours friends the very best for 2015. Each year, we have new adventures; new things to try, places to go and people to meet.

### Activities for December

The Chapter Q activity list is pretty limited this month, with our bikes in storage and snow flying. But there are other chapter events and parties to attend.

There is no Chapter Q Social in December, but I look forward to seeing everyone at the Chapter Q Christmas Party on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday Breakfasts at Old Country Buffet (in Maple Grove) on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

Saturday Dinner (on 12/27) at Emma Krumbie's in Albertville at 4PM.

### Upcoming Events –

IMS – February 6<sup>th</sup> thru the 8<sup>th</sup>

**Bob & Renae Hicks**  
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### General Info

Socials Angeno's Pizza & Pasta in downtown Maple Grove – 13588 80th Circuit, Maple Grove (next to Mann Theater)  
Ride Point Mall parking lot behind the Conoco Station and Cluvers on Bass Lake Road, 2 blocks east of the I-494 intersection.

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## Chapter R News – December 2014



### From Your Chapter Director

Chapter Directors Doug Kenney

Chapter R's been busy getting our calendar planned out; looks like there will be a lot going on in our part of the state. The Christmas Party went off with out a hitch had a nice turn out. It was nice seeing and getting time to chat with our GWRRA family members.

Winter has reared its ugly head a little early this year. I was caught off guard this year and I have to find some time to get our bikes cleaned up and put away. (very busy at work)

From all of us in Chapter R we wish all of our GWRRA members and family a safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR with plenty of miles in the new year.

Chapter R Director Doug Kenney.

Visit the Chapter Web Site at [www.gwrramnchapterR.com](http://www.gwrramnchapterR.com)

### MEC Corner

Joe & Jan Marek

We now have our Gold Wings tucked in and are beginning the PMS season. It was short riding season this year, however we enjoyed the riding we did.

Thanks to Todd Newkirk for hosting the annual Chili Dump/Calendar Planning Social. Really great chili was had by all. Looking at the 2015 calendar, we have a lot of fun planned for next year. Thanks to Robin Pettit for doing the calendar layout for us. This will soon be posted on our website.

It seems that all chapters are getting ready to celebrate the Christmas season. May this be a happy time for all with family and friends.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and the best in 2015.

Joe & Jan Marek

Membership Enhancement Coordinators MN Chapter R

Chapter of the Year Coordinators GWRRA MN District

### Chapter Educator

Vicki Holst

Hello everyone and Merry Christmas! Wow I can't believe the year is almost over! What a learning experience it has been. I went through the University Trainer program and I am now a Rider Ed presenter! I'm excited to learn the seminars for RE and be able to give one at Chapter R's January social. If you are interested in coming down it will be January 24, Pizza Ranch in Austin at 5 pm. I have a great Asst. RE now (thank you Dean Plank!) and I'm so excited to work with him. Our chapter has gone from

not having seminars to starting in January, February and March we are having FULL seminars in RE, LTP & MEC!!

Our Mall show in Albert Lea this spring will once again have seminars. When I first suggested it last year to the chapter, it came with some mixed feelings and this year they are asking for them!! It was also asked if we would do the HD Motorcycle booth again in Rochester.

As us "UP NORTH" riders go into visiting each other in 4 wheel autos at all the great parties that some are having, let's all stop and be thankful for all the great rides, friends, learning and safety we all worked so hard to do all summer long. As IOY for MN I am never shy to talk to any one about what a great association GWRRA is and what it has taught me on how to be safe on my bike, the great friends I have met all over the US and how on a bad day I can get on the bike and it just seems to make me feel better. So here is to all the wonderful people that donate your time and efforts to making this the wonderful group of people you are, my Christmas wish to all of you is have a wonderful holiday, enjoy friends and family and see you all next year on our bikes.

Educator Chapter R, Vicki Holst

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## Chapter W News – December 2014

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### Chapter News

It is snowing as I am writing this, so winter has arrived to stay. I know there are some out there that hope to still ride this winter, I wish you luck and safety.

At our last meeting Steve gave us a power point presentation on the different levels that GWRRA has and what you need to do to achieve those levels. Good information.

Chapter W has been doing non riding activities now that winter has come. December is a busy month for everyone, but we do have a few things planned that we hope you can make:

Dec. 9: Chapter W Social, Huikko's Center, Buffalo. This will be our Toys for Tots collection, so bring an unwrapped toy or toys with you. Last year we had a very good collection, let's try to out do it this year.

Dec. 13: Feed my Starving Children with Youth with a Mission. River Rd. just north of Rockford. 10:30 – 1:00. We will go to Norms after for lunch.

This is a fun, worthwhile event; hope to see a lot of you there.

Dec. 21: Winter begins!

Hope everyone has a Happy Holiday, and if you have been good, just maybe there will be no coal in your stocking. 😊

Chapter W Journalist Lynn

### Chapter W Educator Notes

#### By Steve Dombrowsky

Well, so much for keeping the bike available until Thanksgiving and sneak in one more ride. Might have to start writing winter driving articles in October next year, never, I'm not that much of a pessimist. As I write this we've already had a couple weeks of practice on the icy roads but we still need to turn our attention to driving safely this winter. As we all know, winter driving can be dangerous. We need to re-learn to drive cautiously on icy roads and in snow conditions. Traction can be greatly reduced and visibility sharply reduced.

A little planning for emergencies can pay off big time. Preparation of your vehicle for winter driving including good tires inflated to the proper pressure, good windshield wipers, good battery, and regular vehicle maintenance.

A survival kit carried inside the car should include:

First Aid Kit

Working flashlight and extra batteries

Ice scraper and snowbrush

Non-perishable high energy food

Blankets and warm clothing including boots, caps, gloves or mittens

Other items might include a shovel, jumper cables, reflective triangles, tow strap or chains, tool kit, salt or cat litter.

Please remember to bring in the mileage off your bike to update your Rider Education Record. We'll continue with getting everyone's record updated or explaining the Level's Program and getting enrolled for our new members.

Marlene and I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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