



CHAPTER K NEWS – April, 2019

Chapter Gathering Date: April 2 – Olympic II in Wisconsin Rapids

Time: Gathering is set for 5:30 PM

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ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH:

April 2 Gathering - Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
April 27 Gathering - Perkins, 9428 Highway 16, Onalaska, 6:00 PM

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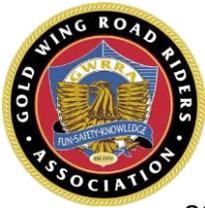
UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 4 Chapters E/K Brat Fry - Piggly Wiggly in Randolph
May 7 Gathering - Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
May 11 Chapter M Bake Sale at Team Motorsports in DePere
May 17-18 District Dustoff - Glacier Valley Campground in Cambria
May 21 Gathering - Rose Garden Restaurant, 902 Churchill St, Waupaca, 5:30 PM

Please check the Calendar on the Chapter website for additional information.



From The Director:



Looking at the long range weather forecast hopefully Mother Nature has released her grip on winter and brings in nicer weather suitable for motorcycling. While we don't have any riding planned for the month of April, this gives everyone time to prepare your motorcycle for the upcoming riding season. When you uncover your bike for the first time, take that extra step and inspect your tires and check the air pressure; do your routine check of your oil levels before you start it up. Making sure your motorcycle is in good running condition will be less of a detraction when you finally get to ride.



There is so much scheduled for the 2019 riding season this year, and we can't wait for it to begin. We kick off the season by helping out Chapter E at their annual brat fry held in Randolph. Chapter M will be holding a bake sale at Team Motorsports Customer Appreciation Days in DePere (that's a change from the original June date). On May 17-18 the annual District Dust Off will again be held at Glacier Valley Campground in Cambria. This is a great weekend to get the dust off your motorcycles and mingle with fellow Gold Wing members from throughout the District. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends that we only see a couple of times a year and meet new ones.

The emphasis is on riding this year more than ever. We will be riding to each of these events, weather permitting of course, on our motorcycle and we hope you will consider doing the same. After all, we bought our motorcycles to ride them.

As most of you may have already heard, Chapter O is no longer active as a chapter and does not have a Director. To encourage GWRRA members of that chapter to stay active, we will be inviting the members of the Tomah/Sparta and La Crosse areas to our activities. We will be meeting with the members from those areas on Saturday, April 27, to bring them up to speed with GWRRA information. Anyone in that area that would like to attend, please feel free to come to this gathering at Perkins on Hwy 16 in Onalaska at 6 PM. You don't have to



own a Gold Wing to belong to GWRRA, so if you know of anyone that has the same interest as you, please bring them along to see what GWRRA is all about.

In my past articles you know I have asked the question, why did you join GWRRA? We joined to have the opportunity to meet other motorcycle enthusiasts that have the same interest as we do, riding a motorcycle. Going to La Crosse affords us this opportunity. We look forward to meeting people from the western part of our great District, and some of the best riding area in the upper Midwest. Some may not have the same interests as we do, but attending and meeting new people creates a great opportunity to learn from others - different roads and restaurants they may have taken or gone to that would speed up your learning curve. This is what we call networking and is one of the greatest experiences that you can have with your membership in GWRRA.



I know a lot of people shy away from attending a gathering to meet other people for one reason or another, but attending gatherings also gives you the opportunity to gather first hand information that may not be published on a website or put in a newsletter. There may be information that the Director just received, such things as an update to the La Crosse Ride-In that will be held August 8-11 or more information about a weekday ride.



Like I said, we all joined GWRRA for our own reasons. We didn't join it just for the magazine and Gold Book. We joined it for one of the most important reasons and that is to network with members that have the same interest as we do and to learn from them. I have had discussions with many different motorcycle dealerships throughout the State. In our discussion I have thanked them and congratulated them on what an outstanding job they have done in selling motorcycles. But then I asked them how much they teach the new owners of those motorcycles about riding that motorcycle. We don't have a lot of experience in purchasing a new motorcycle because we bought used ones from



private people. The new one we did buy from the dealership did not come with riding instructions, just how to use most all of the buttons. What dealerships do is sell motorcycles. GWRRA teaches you how to ride that motorcycle. This is what we do when we take a Road Captain's course, Advance Riding Course, or Trike Riding Course. We are able to attend free seminars put on by members of GWRRA that pass along important skills we may not have realized or thought about.

Nothing says you have to do any of those few things I describe, but it gives you a great opportunity that you would never have received if you didn't sign up and take a chance on GWRRA. So, on Tuesday April 2, Chapter K members take a chance and come to the gathering at the Olympic II in Wisconsin Rapids. There will be some updated information on the La Crosse Ride-In and other events that we will be having throughout the year. We will see the former Chapter O members on Saturday, April 27, at 6 PM at Perkins in Onalaska. We can't wait to meet everyone from that area and those that may be interested in attending to gather more information about GWRRA and what we have planned.

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