



## **CHAPTER K NEWS – May, 2019**

**Chapter Gathering Date:** May 7 – Olympic II in Wisconsin Rapids  
May 21 – Rose Garden Restaurant in Waupaca

**Time:** Both gatherings are set for 5:30 PM

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**Chapter Facebook Page:** [GWRRA Wisconsin Chapter K](#)

### **ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH:**

- May 4 Chapters E/K Brat Fry, Piggly Wiggly in Randolph
- May 7 Gathering-Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8<sup>th</sup> St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
- May 11 Chapter M Bake Sale at Team Motorsports in DePere
- May 17-18 District Dust Off, Glacier Valley Campground, N8129 Larson Rd, Cambria; rides leaving at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday from campground
- May 21 Gathering-Rose Garden Restaurant, 902 Churchill St, Waupaca, 5:30 PM

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- June 4 Gathering-Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8<sup>th</sup> St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
- June 18 Gathering-Rose Garden Restaurant, 902 Churchill St, Waupaca, 5:30 PM



- June 21-22 Wisconsin District Rally – Hotel Mead, 451 E. Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids. Lots of fun activities going on. Be sure to check the schedule at [gwrra-wi.org](http://gwrra-wi.org)
- June 21 District Trike Rider Course (TRC), South Wood County Recreation Center, 2711 16<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 8:00 AM
- June 22 District Advanced Rider Course (ARC), South Wood County Recreation Center, 2711 16<sup>th</sup> Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 8:00 AM

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

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### **From The Director:**



The weather can't break fast enough so we can start riding our motorcycle again. Before we all do that, I hope you take the time to inspect your fluid levels, tire pressure, and inspect your gauges once you start your bike to make sure everything is in running order. We hope everyone has a fun and safe riding season.

This riding season should be fun with plenty of opportunity for all kinds of different rides. We will be helping Bubba and Jan and Chapter E at their brat fry in Randolph on Saturday, May 4, from 9 am to 2 pm, so if you don't have anything going on Saturday come on down and support Chapter E at their annual brat fry. It is supposed to be in the mid 60's on Saturday which would give you a great opportunity after leaving Randolph to attend Chapter C's brat fry in Fond du Lac and support their Chapter fund raiser.

We have our usual May gathering at the Olympic II in Wisconsin Rapids on May 7, and we will begin our summer month gatherings at the Rose Garden in Waupaca on May 21. Another great event and always a fun way to kick off the riding season is by attending Dust



Off in Cambria at Glacier Valley Campground on May 17-18. Last year the District started a new format and that was to get people out and riding their bikes. We set up two different guided rides in opposite directions on Saturday and had a lot of participation and everyone had fun. On Friday afternoon we led a ride thru Amish country and stopped at a bakery and grocery store. On Saturday there will be a picnic dinner at 5:30 pm catered by the Dump Bar and Grill out of Cambria. As was mentioned in an email earlier, be sure to let Pam and Joe know if you plan on attending that meal by Friday, May 3.

When people volunteer to be a Chapter or District Director, they are just that, a volunteer. The same applies to all the other positions on the Chapter or District Team; they are also volunteers. When the Director of that Team steps up to help, there is no magical wand they have that suddenly everyone will be happy with what he or she does. They try and do the best they can with the resources and knowledge they have. That especially applies when you have an offset in age differences within your Chapter or organization.



Sometimes the older group doesn't like to do some things the younger group likes to do and vice versa. There should be give and take with both groups and not handled in a way that "this is the way we always did it so this is the only way the Director should do it." That isn't fair to the Director and in our opinion, it becomes harder to recruit new members and keep new members when you keep doing the same routine year after year.

Let me ask everyone a question - if a Chapter or District membership is declining, which they currently are, do we keep doing the same thing as we always did in the past - meaning doing the same thing over and over? My answer is no. We do something different to try and reverse the trend and hopefully get the membership to track back into an upward swing. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results, and as Directors we have to try and not follow this definition. We must quit putting the blame on everyone getting older and start thinking positively and recruit new members and sustain the current members. We can do this if we collectively believe we can, and not play a blame game.



Chapters either sink or swim depending on the attitude and positivity of the leadership no matter which level you wish to pick within our organization. We will not survive if we don't address issues in a positive manner. We won't increase our membership if we don't take a positive approach and welcome people into our Chapter instead of critiquing every move they make.

There are good people within our Chapter and we hope that you can make a difference and can grow our Chapter. The District or Chapter Director can not do it by themselves alone, because they do not have that magic wand. I know this Chapter can and will come back from the decline in attendance at events, gatherings, and Chapter rides. It's up to you whether it will be sooner than later and whether you will be part of the effort. We are all in it for the same reason, and that is to participate and follow the Motto of GWRRA which is "Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge."

This summer will be a lot of fun if you want to participate in the events that are planned.

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