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From the Director



MARCH, MARCH, MARCH

By Paul Howard

Well those late March showers sure knocked down the snowbanks around here. I can even see the street curb in front of my house again. This winter gave me some record mileage on my snowmobile but that is over for this year. Definitely time to start thinking seriously about biking.

It is odd seeing motorcycles on the road already with snow in the background. PLEASE WAIT! So many things wrong with riding too early. Use this time to finish any repairs or improvements to your ride. Make plans for rides this year. I know you will enjoy being back on the road again when you are ready. See you out there.

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District Safety Message

District Educator -- Emergency Information

By Joy Mattson

I don't know about you but I'm tired of the white stuff that's filling our patio and the rain that's coming down followed by colder temperatures and..... more snow and maybe some ice. Then we must deal with the flooding and my thoughts and prayers really go to those that are having to deal with this crazy weather. When I look around me, the snow and rain really aren't that bad to deal with. I sure hope that Mother Nature has settled down. I'm ready for some warm weather and getting the bike out of storage. I wanna ride!!

You know, someone asked me the other day what number is the best number to reach me at....my home phone or my cell number (thanks Susan!) Well, the only number I have any longer is my cell phone. We got rid of our land line about a year ago. I've remembered to do other updates, like my work information, banking information, etc. You know, the easy to remember items that you use every day.. The thing one I didn't even consider updating was my contact information with GWRRA.

Is your membership information current and up-to-date? Have you moved recently? Changed your email? Changed your phone number? You can update your information using one of two easy ways. It's easy to do and only takes a couple of minutes! If memory serves (stop laughing!!), the username and password were provided by Home Office and yes, it was a long time ago that I did this, so my memory is a little fuzzy.

Anyway, if you've logged in before and have your own account like I do, log into the National website at www.gwrro.org.

Click on Members

Click on join/renew

Click on Manage My Account

Here's where you need to enter that username and password that was provided when you created your own account.

If you've never logged in to update your information before there's an easy way to update your member information by phone. Simply call the Home Office at 800-843-9460 and follow the prompts to get to one of the wonderful Customer Service Representatives. OR you can go to www.gwrro.org and, in the Quick Links box, click on Support Live Chat! Oh, wait, I just gave you three easy ways to update your member information! Again, any of the three ways are very easy to do and those Customer Service Ladies ROCK!!!

Till next time, be safe, be warm. I look forward to seeing many of you out on the roads again!

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Motorcycle News

Cool Motorcycle facts to blow your friend's minds.

- 1) In 1887, Yamaha started as a piano manufacturer.
- 2) The record for the longest-ever backwards motorcycle ride was set by Dipayan Choudhury in Jabalpur, India on October 7, 2014, lasting 125.52 miles (202 kilometers).
- 3) Arai Helmets started as a hat-making company in Japan in 1926
- 4) The world's longest motorcycle was built in Gujarat, India in 2015 by Bharat Sinh Parmar, sitting at 86 ft 3 in long.
- 5) Modern sport bike tires don't contain any natural rubber.
- 6) Honda began selling pushbikes in 1946 fitted with two-stroke 50cc generator engines
- 7) Suzuki originally began making weaving looms for Japan's silk industry in the early part of the 1900s.
- 8) In 2010, Rocky Robinson used a streamliner-shaped motorcycle to set a world record for the fastest motorcycle at just over 376 miles per hour on the famed Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.
- 9) The longest distance riding a motorcycle in 24 hours is 2023.5 miles (3256.5 kilometers) and was achieved by Matthew McKelvey aka "Bushy" at the Phakisa Freeway in Welkom, South Africa, on 8 October 2014.
- 10) Only 3 states in the US do not require a helmet for any motorcyclist, while 28 states require a helmet for certain riders and the other 19 states plus the District of Columbia require a helmet for any rider.
- 11) The longest motorcycle jump on record was set by Robbie Maddison in Melbourne, Australia, jumping 346 feet.
- 12) The first company that advertised a motorcycle's top speed of over 100mph was Brough Superior. That claim was made for its SS100 in 1924.

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Michelle's Menu

Chocolate Toffee Crunch Squares

1. Line 9-inch square pan with plastic wrap. Place chocolate chips in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at medium (50%) 1 minute; stir. If necessary, microwave at medium an additional 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating just until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Immediately add toffee bits, peanuts, pretzels and coconut, if desired; stir to coat.

Ingredients

4 cups (two 11.5-ounce packages) Hershey's Milk Chocolate chips
 1 cup Heath Bits 'O Brickle Toffee bits
 1 cup salted peanuts
 1 cup halved pretzel sticks
 ½ cup Mounds sweetened Coconut Flakes
 ½ cup Hershey's premier White Chips
 1 tsp. shortening (do not use butter, margarine, spread or oil)
 Paper candy cups (optional)

2. Spread mixture in prepared pan; cover with plastic wrap or foil. Refrigerate 45 minutes or until firm.
3. Place white chips and shortening in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at medium (50%) 30 seconds; stir. If necessary, microwave at medium an additional 10 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating just until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Using fork, drizzle white chips mixture over chocolate mixture in pan. Cover; refrigerate 5 minutes or until firm.
4. Bring to room temperature. Remove chocolate mixture from pan and place right side up on cutting board; remove plastic wrap. Cut into 1½-inch squares. Place each square in a candy cup, if desired. Store in covered container in a cool place.

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Upcoming Events

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Date/Time	Event	Location
No Breakfast Social for April		
April 20th (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social	Barker's Island 300 Marina Dr, Superior, WI
May	Chapter Ride TBD	TBD
May 18th (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social	Zorbaz 32946 Crystal Springs Rd, Grand Rapids, MN
June 1st (9:45 AM)	Chapter Ride	Thompson Hill Information Center
June 15th (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social	Cedar Lodge Steakhouse 3760 County Hwy N, Solon Springs, WI
July 6th (9:45 AM)	Chapter Ride <i>(Destination: Sven & Ole's Grand Marais)</i>	Meet at Thompson Hill Information Center
July 20th (5:00 PM)	Dinner Social	Ely Steakhouse 216 E Sheridan St, Ely, MN

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Final Notes

Chapter D Socials

Chapter D socials are the third Saturday of the month at 5:00 PM.

Places change each month and will be announced in the monthly newsletters, on our website, and on Facebook.

Rides

Chapter D monthly rides are the first Saturday of the month (May through October).

We meet at Thompson Hill Rest Area ***unless otherwise noted. Please check the newsletter, Facebook, or our website.***

Please come to the ride prepared to ride, gas tank full and bladder empty. Meet time is usually at 9:45 & kickstands up at 10:00. ***Times may change for special rides.***

Breakfast Socials

Join us the first Saturday of the month (November through April). ***Check the newsletter, Facebook, or our website for time and location.***