

# GWRRA Chapter D DULUTH, MINNESOTA



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## From the Director



### T-CLOCS

By Dave Fure

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I'm guessing everyone is ready for spring. I sure know I am. March is usually the month I get the bikes ready for the riding season and get them out for a test ride. Make sure to go through your T-CLOCS carefully before that first ride.

- Tires – Check air pressure, condition of the tread and cracking. Also your bike's been sitting for a while. So you might have a flat spot. Let your tires get warm on that first ride.
- Controls – Check all hoses, pedals, throttle, ect for any defects.
- Lights/Electronics – It's a good idea to put your battery on a tender for a while before attempting to start. Once the battery is installed and charged, check headlights, turn signals, and brake lights.
- Check your oil level. Some like to change oil in the fall before putting their bike away. Some like to do it in the spring. Some do both. Whatever your flavor, it's always good to check the level before each ride.
- Chassis – This is a tough one on goldwings since the frame is buried behind all that beautiful plastic. But you can check forks, brake calipers, and much of the frame if you pop the Tupperware panels off. It's better to find rust earlier than later.
- Stands – You should also check the side and center stand to make sure they are working properly.

We have a couple fun socials lined up for this month. We're meeting for **breakfast at Perkin's on March 7<sup>th</sup>** and on **March 21<sup>st</sup> we're having dinner at Tavern on the Hill**. (See all our upcoming events at the end of the newsletter).

Our new 50/50 game has been fun. We still haven't had our first winner. So **the pot is up to \$52.00!** Don't let your chance for some big bucks pass you by!

We did draw a winner for last year's mileage contest. Terri was our winner. She's the new owner of a \$50 gift card! She's a shining example that you don't have to pour on thousands of miles to win. You just have to have fun and participate. Since most of us haven't gotten our bikes out yet, **you still have time to get into our annual mileage contest for this year**. Just send a snapshot of your odometer (one for each bike) to Brian Marshall at [fourmarshalls@msn.com](mailto:fourmarshalls@msn.com). In the remarks please put mileage contest.

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## District Safety Message

### I WANNA RIDE!!

By Joy Mattson

Another month behind us means another month closer to riding season. At least we hope so. I don't know about you, but I'm tired of snow and cold. I WANNA RIDE!! As my sweatshirt says: I'm suffering from PMS (Parked Motorcycle Syndrome). Bet you thought I was going to say something else, right?

For those of you that spend time in a warmer climate during our off-bike season, I hope you're able to meet up with friends from Chapters where-ever you may be wintering. I wanted to go to Arizona to visit with my Dad and other friends this winter, but something always seems to come up to keep me from going. It's too easy to blame work or my dislike of flying, but it's not that. I just don't like to be gone from home in the winter. You can leave when it's nice and come home to bitter cold. Of course, the exact opposite could be true, too!

Tina Storrs has announced her decision to step down as District MFA Coordinator and spend her time enjoying life, both home and Chapter. I want to thank Tina for her many years of dedication to this position and wish her well. That announcement means that we are beginning our search to find a new District MFA Coordinator. If you, or someone you know, has any interest in this position, please reach out to Bob & Renae Hicks or me.

SAVE THE DATE!! March 21<sup>st</sup> will be a District Fun Day! Due to a limited response to the Horizon Program, it was decided to cancel that and try something else that you, the Member, may wish to participate in. We'll have some different classes to share with you and other fun things to do. Stay tuned for more!!

Everyone knows it's March and that means St. Patrick's Day! That also means green beer and crazy people all around. Please, be careful out there!!

Till next time, stay warm!!



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## Michelle's Menu

### Chocolate Gingerbread cake with White Chocolate Buttercream

1. Heat oven to 350° F. Coat three 8-inch round cake pans with nonstick cooking spray. Line bottoms with parchment paper; spray paper. Dust with flour.
2. In large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, granulated and brown sugars, spices, baking soda, baking powder and salt. In large measuring cup or bowl, whisk together milk, oil, eggs, molasses and vanilla. Add mixture to flour mixture and mix until fully incorporated.
3. Add boiling water to batter and mix well to combine (batter will be thin). Divide batter among prepared pans and bake until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes in pan before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.
4. Make frosting: microwave chocolate on 50% power in 30second increments, stirring in between, until melted and smooth.
5. Using an electric mixer on low speed, beat butter and cream cheese until smooth. Add confectioners' sugar and mix to combine, and then mix in melted chocolate. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to use.
6. To frost, beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Stir 1 spoonful into cream cheese mixture, and then fold in remaining whipped cream.

### Ingredients (for cake)

2½ cups all-purpose flour,  
plus more for dusting pans  
1 cup unsweetened cocoa  
2 cups granulated sugar  
¾ cup packed brown sugar  
1½ Tbsp. ground ginger  
1 Tbsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. ground all spice  
½ tsp. freshly grated nutmeg  
2 tsp. baking soda  
¾ tsp. baking powder  
½ tsp. kosher salt  
1¼ cups whole milk  
¾ cup canola oil  
3 large eggs  
¼ cup molasses (not blackstrap)  
1 Tbsp. pure vanilla extract  
1 cup boiling water

### Ingredients (for frosting)

4 oz. white chocolate, chopped  
¾ cup unsalted butter (1½ sticks),  
at room temperature  
1 8 oz. package cream cheese, at room temperature  
1½ cups confectioners' sugar  
¾ cup cold heavy cream sugared rosemary, for  
decorating

7. Place 1 cake layer on platter; spread ¾ cup frosting over top. Top with another layer. Repeat with frosting and remaining layer, then frost top and sides. Decorate as desired with sugared rosemary.

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## Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Destination
March 7th 9:00 AM	Breakfast Social	<b>Perkins Restaurant</b> 4005 W Michigan St, Duluth
March 21st 5:00 PM	Dinner Social	<b>Tavern on the Hill</b> 1102 Woodland Ave, Duluth
April 4th 9:00 AM	Breakfast Social	<b>Billings Park Cafe</b> 1802 Iowa Ave, Superior, WI
April 18th 10:30 AM	Training / Lunch Social	<b>Aces On 29th</b> 2827 Oakes Ave, Superior

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