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March Newsletter From the Director...

So, what am I getting here?!

Ever ask yourself that? Pretty sure we are all trained to ask ourselves that since birth. My wife Lisa just left to pick up some things at the grocery store (and thank goodness and how blessed I am to not be a part of that). I asked her where she was going (like SAM's, or Cub... Target or Aldi's) and she said she wasn't sure... "depends on what she can get" based on who has what on sale. Seems like the same thing with us Wingers; there are as many Gold Wing dealers as there are GWRRA members... depends on "what we can get" from "our dealer". Remember A Charlie Brown Christmas? Chuck, and especially Linus are both doing their best to convince the rest of the peanuts about the true meaning of Christmas and how they should feel about it. NOT Lucy; all she wants is "what she has coming to her", you know... "her fair share". She knows it's time for the season, run by the Eastern Syndicate Mob you know, to pay up! A question of what and how much, "she gets" for being a member... being a kid! Best bang for the buck is what we all search for, and ultimately have coming to us... or we are just as happy to move on.

Ever ask yourself that very same question about your GWRRA membership? **So, what am I really getting here?!** If you are as normal as Lucy you sure do. After all, it's what we have been trained to do! For our membership dues, what exactly do we get?! Or, have coming to us! C'mon, gime, gime! If you were to explain to a prospective member what "they get", you might say the Gold Book! If you ever run out of gas in Knoxville, or need a place to stay in Phoenix, or aren't feeling too well in Des Moines, the Gold Book with all that contact information isn't a bad thing to have. I know, WING WORLD magazine!! I somehow became involved in a ridiculous conversation with a group of members talking at the MN/ND District Rally last summer in which someone actually said that if you were able to purchase the WING WORLD magazine at an airport you would probably pay \$6 for it. That's \$72 per year so you are way better off paying the \$55 membership due, and getting the magazine included with it. That is like putting \$17 in your pocket right off the bat. In our "What do I get" world, that's not a bad "get" right? One more "bang for the buck" teaser might be to have the ability to take part in the monthly social... especially if you have no friends and might think the chapter will pick up your meal!! Especially if dues don't go up, nothing but Bang, I tell you!!

About Chapter D

Socials

Chapter D socials are the third Saturday of the month at 5:00. Places are different each month and will be announced in the monthly newsletters and on the website.

Rides

Chapter D monthly rides are the first Saturday of the month. Thompson Hill Rest Area is our meet location unless otherwise noted.

Please come to the ride prepared to ride, gas tank full and bladder empty. Meet at 9:45 & kickstands up at 10:00.

Mascot

Mr. Happy

Of course I'm being silly, but I need to share with you that my "what do I get" philosophy has evolved over time, and especially since becoming a GWRRA member of our chapter D three years ago. A philosophy I learned from a very wise mentor years ago. He suggested to me long before GWRRA was part of my life, that there is a very important question you need to always ask yourself as you evaluate any proposition or opportunity in life. He told me to never ask myself "*What am I getting here?*", but rather to always ask myself "*What am I becoming here?*"? Huge difference!

The difference will become obvious when we decide to "say yes" when the opportunity arises...and there is plenty of GWRRA opportunity. Always a believer in education, I thought about what I would become as a University Trainer. Leadership, speaking in front of people, dealing with toxic people (like we all must), managing change in our lives (like we all try to do), conflict resolution, communication, and training your brain are all newly developed training modules (just to name a very few). What would I become if I learned these topics, and learned them well enough to teach them? What would you become if you learned more about these topics?

Michelle and Brian Marshall (two of our members, and leaders of your Chapter D); what would I become if I really got to know them? Well, they are smart, kind, loving, loyal, hardworking, interesting, interested, very family oriented, have two of the best children you will ever meet, are very skilled riders, have *the* most interesting military experience of anyone you will ever meet...add to this the fact that they are so extremely focused in purpose and potent in power as leaders of their own lives. What would you become if you really got to know them?

Wonder what I would become if I decided to become a Road Captain. The instructor's Scott and Joy Mattson have literally hundreds of thousands of miles under their belt, the other participants have about as many, and while riding the course I had to demonstrate everything I learned in the classroom. (It's way easier in the classroom, and Joy can be especially tough!) Just maybe here is an opportunity to become a better, more safe, and more reliable rider to myself, my family, and those around me.

Honestly, just the other day a prospective member asked me what the GWRRA annual membership dues are and while thinking about training topics, meaningful friendships with such quality people, and becoming a better and more confident rider than ever imagined, I told her I needed to check and get back to her. You see, I don't even care because when I compare the dues I pay to what the association is making me "become" to achieve involvement, it's impossible to calculate. (Although I'll go out on a limb and guess my membership value is worth a smidge more than the \$55, or whatever it is I pay in dues.)

Where ever you are in life (and I'm living proof it can have durations of craziness), please know the association, and your Chapter D is ready to serve you anyway it can, and the opportunities abound for where ever you want to meet, and for as far as you want to go...or become!

2018 Dinner Socials:

Mar: Brian Marshall

Crooked Pint
1402 W. Arrowhead Rd.
Duluth, MN 55811
218-464-4129

April: Terry Smith

Lucky's 13 Pub
1600 Miller Trunk Hwy.
(In the Mall – Suite H-17)
Duluth, MN 55811
218-481-7692

May: Eric Purdy

Upper Deck
1415 N. 46th St.
Superior, WI
715-395-8376

*In case there is bad weather, we will meet at the alternate location

One (or two) liners...

- Training opportunity: Riding in the rain. 9am Upper Deck March 3rd. Join us for breakfast at 8am! This is a great course with great "take away".
- March Social will be at the Crooked Pint in Duluth on March 17!
- **The Basic Rider Course is set up and scheduled for May 12 at 2pm at Lake Superior College. The \$30 investment is \$120 less than the individual rate. There are 12 spots open. Your \$30 payment to me secures your spot. Take advantage of this opportunity. Call (348-5825) or email me.**
- The 3rd annual Mystery Ride is full. If you have your spot reserved you will be getting an email from me with how much and where/when to send your money. I'm really excited. It's a riding experience you will enjoy, and never forget.
- Mileage contest is "on". Remember to get a visual of your odometer as soon as you can. Shoot a pic and email it to me. epurdy@charter.net I will file it and compare to the same pic you email to me in October. It's getting fun...I have received several so far. Get yours to me!!
- Remember, learning about life is more important than just living life!

Chapter D is now on Facebook! You can like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/GWRRRA.MN.D/

Please go to the chapter website and update your information if you have a birthday or anniversary that you would like us to mention in the newsletter, I take that information directly from the website.



Chapter Educator Safety Message

Upcoming Rallies:

Minnesota District 2018 Rally:

Willmar, MN.

Wing Ding 40

Aug. 29th – Sept. 1st
2018

Knoxville, TN.

More information at:
www.gwrra.org



In 1916 the world was 2 years into WWI, although the US was still a year away from entering it. The Indian Powerplus 1000cc motorcycle costs about \$500. Women didn't have the right to vote. And Augusta and Adeline Van Buren became the first solo women motorcycle riders to ride from New York to California.

It took them 2 months, leaving on July 4th and arriving on the west coast on September 8th after driving 5,500 miles. This was a time when there was no interstate highways. Many roads were gravel and dirt and mud. And there were no road maps west of the Mississippi. But the physical terrain wasn't the only obstacle they encountered. They were arrested several times for wearing men's clothing. They were only in their 20's when they ventured on this amazing journey on their Indian Powerplus motorcycles. They wanted to prove that women were capable of being dispatch riders in the army.

Today women account for 14 percent of motorcyclists. That may not seem like much, but it's double what it was just a decade ago. This equates to 1.2 million women motorcycle owners on the road. We've had the benefit of having more women in our chapter riding. It's great to have more diversity in GWRRA and the motorcycle community as a whole. It presents a more rounded picture to the public as a whole and hopefully will help drivers who are not motorcycles see us as more than just a nuisance. We're their son's, their brothers, their fathers. And now we are also their daughters and sisters and mothers!



And here's an easy question for this month's quiz competition. Who was the first woman you knew who rode a motorcycle? Send your answer to ridered@gwrra-mnd.org.

Dave Fure
Safety Officer
University Instructor

Michelle's Menu

Key Lime Poke Cake

1 15.25-oz. box yellow cake mix 1 3.4-oz. pkg. instant lemon pudding
1 cup water 1 cup canola oil
4 large eggs 2 Tbsp. key lime or regular lime juice
5 drops green food color

1. Heat oven to 350° F. Lightly coat a 9x13-in. glass pan with cooking spray. In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, pudding, water, oil and eggs. Mix in lime juice and food color until fully incorporated.

2. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan. Bake until set and a wooden pick inserted into the cake comes out clean, 40 to 45 minutes. Let the cake cool for 10 minutes, then use a fork to carefully poke several sets of holes into the cake.

Glaze: In a bowl, combine 1 cup Confectioners' sugar and 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice. Slowly pour over the cake so that it seeps into the holes; let cool completely.

Frosting: Using an electric mixer, beat 8 oz. cream cheese and ¼ cup (½ stick) unsalted butter (at room temperature) with 2 cups confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in 1 tsp. each lime zest and juice. Frost the cooled cake, then sprinkle with ¾ cup vanilla wafers (lightly crushed).

Upcoming events:

3 Mar: Breakfast 8am Upper Deck 1415 N. 46th St. Superior, WI

3 Mar: Training Module: 9am Riding in the Rain Upper Deck

17 Mar: Crooked Pint 1402 W. Arrowhead Rd. Duluth, MN 218-464-4129

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