



CHAPTER K NEWS – June, 2018

Chapter Gathering Dates: June 12, 2018 – Olympic II in Wisconsin Rapids
June 26, 2018 – Rose Garden Restaurant in Waupaca

Time: Both gatherings are set for 5:30 PM

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ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH:

- June 6 Open Ride, Leaving Kwik Trip, 4611 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 9:00 AM
- June 12 Gathering-Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
- June 20 Open Ride, Leaving Kwik Trip, 4611 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 9:00 AM
- June 23 District Advanced Rider Course (ARC), South Wood County Recreation Center, 2711 16th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 8:00 AM, Contact John Sweeney, Jr. at 715-424-2897
- June 24 District Trike Rider Course (TRC), South Wood County Recreation Center, 2711 16th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 8:00 AM, Contact John Sweeney, Jr. at 715-424-2897
- June 26 Gathering-Rose Garden Restaurant, 902 Churchill St, Waupaca, 5:30 PM
- June 30 Meet the Clydesdales, Leaving Kwik Trip, 4611 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 9:00 AM, with stops in Waupaca and Wautoma

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 10 Gathering-Olympic II Restaurant, 2520 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 5:30 PM
- July 15 Rockton for Chicken, Kwik Trip 4611 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 10 AM
- July 18 Open Ride, Leaving Kwik Trip, 4611 8th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, 9 AM
- July 21 District Ride-In, Details to be posted at a later date
- July 24 Gathering-Rose Garden Restaurant, 902 Churchill St, Waupaca, 5:30 PM
- July 28 Chapter H fundraiser at Vetesnik's, Leaving Kwik Trip, 4611 8th St S, Wisconsin Rapids, 10 AM

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

From The Director:



I would like to begin by thanking all the members that helped at the brat fry in Randolph on May 5. It was greatly appreciated. It now gives us enough capital to meet our expenses for the next two years.

By now most of you either heard or have experienced some of the changes that GWRRA has made to their structure. When they were first introduced to us we were a little apprehensive, thinking this won't work. But after giving it a little thought and coming to realize just why we bought our motorcycle, I realized it will work. These changes were made to fit why most of us bought a motorcycle and that is to ride them, which is the biggest positive this change provides. A change that will give each member an opportunity to ride their motorcycle even more than in the past.

Does this mean that GWRRA is giving up on the safety aspect of things? Absolutely not. There is



still a rider education program and all the seminars for you to attend or request. The Levels program is still there and everyone is encouraged, but not forced, to achieve. Rider Education is still there and

will remain a clear focus of GWRRA and allow the member to advance within Rider Education as far as they wish.

Simple indications that Rider Education is still a clog in the wheel is the ARC and TRC training that will be taking place at the South Wood County Recreation Center in Wisconsin Rapids on June 23 and 24. GWRRA will still be offering Medic First Aid training so anyone that is interested in the program and wishes to maintain or work to advance in the Levels program is able to take this course.

Please don't think because the Rider Educator is eliminated at the Chapter level that it hurts the members. The Rider Educator position is still held at the District and National levels and all the programs still remain for the members' benefit.



GWRRA is stressing that Chapters put more emphasis on riding than the "socials" as they were called in the past. Some may feel this will hurt the members, but I tend to disagree. For example, the District just held Dust Off at a campground just outside of Cambria. The focus was on rides, so as District Ride Coordinator I put together three different guided rides - one on Friday afternoon and two separate rides on Saturday. Cheri and I led a ride and before we left we had a safety meeting and informed everyone about the highlights of the ride. On this ride we stopped several times, one being a lunch stop. While there, I noticed that people were sitting and talking to each other

and having a good time. The most important part is they were socializing. They were introducing themselves to someone they hadn't met before, including us. My point is even with the changes that GWRRA has made to its structure we still are socializing while out on a ride. We are making new friendships that will last for a very long time.

If you only wish to experience Chapter life, that is fine. But when you attend a Chapter "gathering" think about sitting by someone that you haven't met before and get to know them. I have attended many different Chapter gatherings and people are sitting with the same people as they always do. Take a chance and if someone new comes to your social, don't wait for the Chapter Director to introduce the new person or couple, go over to them and introduce yourself to them. Make them feel welcomed.



The summer and all the riding activities are beginning so please take advantage of them and have a fun and safe year. The one thing I ask is that you let me know, either by email or phoning, if you plan to come along on one of our rides. It makes a difference what direction we head, or what route we take, depending on where everyone is coming from. We also don't want to leave anyone behind!

If you have any questions or a ride that may interest you, please give me a call or send me an email.

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Please note, due to a lack of funds this will be the only mailing you will receive from us. If there are changes to the schedule that we attached, for those that don't have email or access to the chapter's website, will receive a phone call. We will have copies of the newsletters at the chapter gatherings held in Wisconsin Rapids and Waupaca and it will also be posted on the Chapter K website.
