



# Chapter Chatter

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

Wisconsin Chapter A



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## Welcome To our Tire Kicking Event!

By Kevin Puckett, Chapter Director

Thank you for coming!

There are a lot of interesting things going on today. Please review the list below so you don't miss out on anything. If you have any questions, Just grab one of the folks with the brightly colored **Tire Kicking 2010 T-shirts** on and ask.

### Today's Activities

- **FREE T-CLOCK Inspection** (8am – 12n)  
Be sure to get your bike inspected free of charge and receive a copy of the inspection report.
- **Tire Kicking 2010 Commemorative T-Shirt**  
Get your shirt by stopping over to see Pam Boggs of Custom Inks. Pam will even add a little something extra on your commemorative shirt if you like.
- **FREE Educational Seminars**  
9:00 a.m. – Crash Scene Management  
11:00 a.m. – Motorcycling for the Mature Rider
- **Laminating** (8am – 12n)  
Dennis Aitken is offering to laminate any cards you would like for only \$1.
- **Swap Table**  
If you have items you want to sell or swap, put them on the swap table along with your name and cell phone number. Remember to take these items back with you if they do not sell; we can't be responsible for the items you leave behind.
- **Free Trailer Inspection** (8am – 12n)  
Ed Denman of Country Trailers will be conducting trailer inspections as well as "How to Pack Your Trailer" discussions at his booth.

### 12N Delicious Italian Pasta & Gourmet Sauces Meal

- **Raffle Tickets and 50/50 Drawing!**  
Make sure you get in on the great raffle prizes you see here today. Purchase your tickets at the registration table. The 50/50 drawing will be held at 3:00 p.m.

- **42" Flat Screen TV – Drawing at 3PM!**  
Don't miss this one. Buy your tickets at the registration table. \$5 each or 6 for \$20 (Special price today only!)



- **Local Where Are You Now Game**  
Play this fun, electronic scavenger hunt game by visiting 20 locations within a 100 mile area from here. You can take all summer! It is great fun with or without a GPS and a great way to get more scenic riding in this year. \$10 per bike.
- **2:00 PM – Brief Social meeting to talk about fun, upcoming events.**

### Ice Cream Rides! – Come Join Us!

May is when we begin our weekly Ice Cream Rides! We do this EVERY Tuesday night from May – September (weather permitting). We meet at Jake's Mobil at the intersection of Hwy 51 & Town Line Road between Beloit and Janesville (GPS: N42 35.139 W089 01.127).

Sometimes we have 6 bikes and sometimes we have 18 bikes. The number doesn't matter since we ALWAYS have a great time. We pull out of Jake's lot at 6:00 p.m. sharp. We usually ride for about 45-55 minutes in a particular direction at a very casual back-road speed. We often times end up at a Culver's Restaurant, since they have a broad menu, whether you are in the mood for a light snack or a full dinner, or just ice cream (custard). After our visit, we head toward home with bikes peeling off as they near their turn-off. We usually pull back into the garage before 9:00 p.m. The early season rides are a bit shorter so we can be close to home by sunset. Come join us! We welcome ALL bikes and riders!

### Exhibitors

**Country Trailers – Ed & Betty Denman and Family**

**Rob's Performance Motorsports – Can-Am Spyder RT**

**Trailmaster – Maker of the Aspen Campers**

**Bumper Custom Lights – Light up your bike**

*A special Thank You to Peter & Janet Bales who kindly opens up their beautiful facility for us to use today! When you see them, shake share your appreciation please!*

## Rider

### Education

By Denny & Yvonne Paffel

## RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

### Trip Planning? Plan the Gear, too!

So what have you been thinking about this winter? Have you been thinking about the gray skies, the rain, sleet or snow of the season? And how about the freezing temperatures? These are not very cheerful thoughts for those of us who are not winter sports enthusiasts. Some riders brighten their outlook at this time of year by planning for the coming riding season. A few of us are deciding which motorcycling events to attend this spring and summer. Will it be the Americade rally in upstate New York? Maybe this year you are planning to attend Wing Ding? How about a vacation trip to an area with great roads to ride or interesting geological attractions to see? Whatever your destination, planning the route to take is an important part of trip planning. However, don't overlook the need to plan the gear you will need to take with you on each of your trips. Having the proper gear for the ride is an essential element of a successful trip.

So why not start with your most important safety gear? Inspect your helmet for wear and tear. How long has it been since you bought your helmet? Does the outer shell have chips or cracks? Has it sustained an impact while you were wearing it? Has it been repeatedly dropped from your motorcycle seat? Realize that helmets are only designed to survive one impact while being worn. Also look at the chin strap. Is it frayed from many years of wear? These signs of damage indicate that it may be time to replace your helmet. Experts advise changing your helmet every 3 to 5 years for maximum protection. Time, wear and ultraviolet rays will cause your helmet's materials to degrade resulting in reduced protection. ([www.snellfoundation.org](http://www.snellfoundation.org)).

Are you planning a southern tour this summer? Have you thought to check the weather for the area you plan to visit? Be sure you know what the average high and low temperatures are for the month of your visit. If you expect to encounter hot weather, this may be the time for you to start shopping for a mesh jacket if you don't already own one. These jackets give you the best abrasion protection (if needed) a long with maximum ventilation. Good ventilation reduces your discomfort in hot weather and can help prevent heat exhaustion. Even though they have long sleeves, when you wear a mesh jacket the air flows around you almost as if you are wearing nothing. And the synthetic materials provide excellent abrasion resistance. With elbow, shoulder and back pads included, you get great protection for your 'corners' and your back in case you go down.

Wise riders always wear long pants while riding. Most riders wear denim jeans. This is probably because they are already part of everyone's wardrobe to begin with, and they are comfortable



when you are not on the bike. They do provide some resistance to abrasion, but not anywhere near the protection of leather or the synthetic gear. Did you know there are also riding pants made from breathable mesh materials, too? They bring all the benefits of being designed specifically for motorcycling with extra protection at the knees, hips, and legs in case of a spill at speed. The mesh material can also help keep you from getting uncomfortably hot. And there are gloves manufactured with the same mesh materials to protect your hands as well. They provide you with a good grip on the controls while keeping your hands fully covered for maximum protection. They are durable and worth checking out for your comfort and protection.

Can you rely on your current rain gear? Does your rain gear have leaky seams or rips? Do you need to put a new jacket or rain pants on the shopping list? Having good, comfortable gear that fits you properly for all riding conditions will allow you to fix your attention on the ride and not on your physical discomforts. This will also help ensure that you will have a great trip. And knowing that you and your co-rider have the protection you need will give you peace of mind every time you saddle up. Now, which route do we want to take?

### Ride Smart & Be Safe!

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### April Birthdays

5	Cheryl Clankie	19 Reggie James
5	Bob Rosenbaum	19 Bob Sipes
11	Brian Watson	23 Kimi Prophett
13	Karen James	24 Cindy Puckett
14	Lon Prophett	26 Frank Frey

### April Anniversaries

4	Steve & Jan Lund
7	Gary & Marge Mason
14	Ron & Penny Morgan

### Upcoming Events

Sat/Sun May 1 & 2	– TRC ERC Course – Kaukauna, WI
Tue May 4	Ice Cream Rides Begin - 6pm Jake's
Sat. May 15	Niehaus Cycle Days – Litchfield IL
Sun May 16	Chapter-A Gathering – Culvers 5P Newville, WI (Exit 163 I-90)
May 21-23	Dust-Off campout – Glenbeulah, WI

**See our website for more details and information**