

November 1, 2011

November in Wisconsin, that means we are all getting in those final rides and getting the bike ready for the winter months. Hopefully, we'll have a bit of Indian Summer in the next few weeks and we can still make some of those final memories. It would be great if you could share some of those summer memories in our newsletter, nothin' fancy just a couple of paragraphs about your ride and some pictures would be great.

Marguerite

PAST EVENTS

October 8th, Fall Ride

A big thank you to Emma Jones and Sue Frish for coordinating this ride! There were fifteen members plus two guests, Sue's granddaughter, and Jeanne's son, who rode from Waunakee to lunch at Tofflers in New Glarus. The trees were various shades of brilliant color and Emma ordered the most perfect day for the ride. The traffic was clear and the twisties were great!



Highground Donations: A unanimous vote was made to continue our contribution to the Highground thru individual donations. Please send Jan Reisdorfer your donations with a check made out to the Dairyland Originals by January 1, 2012. This allows WOW to be on the event T-shirt.

Planning Session

Although we didn't have as many attend as in past years, we had 12 members, 1 guest and 1 support member at the planning session on October 30, 2011 at Sue Frish's house where we shared good food and good laughs and a GREAT line up for next year's rides.

The annual elections were conducted with Marguerite Clanton accepting the nomination and vote for Chapter Director once again and Jan Reisdorfer accepting the Treasurer position again as well. Thanks Sue for hosting this again; we always enjoy it. We welcomed Carol Feyen & Debbie Frydach to the group. Debbie must have brought her lucky charm with her as she won the Harley quilt raffle AND Carol McCann's book *Dare to Dream*.

Laurie King was recognized as the 1st place winner in the mileage contest for 500cc or less at the San Jose, CA ride-in and received a nice wooden plaque which was presented at the Planning session. Congratulations Laurie!



Upcoming Events

The Christmas gathering is scheduled for December 3rd at Highway Harry's located off I-94 and Hwy 26 just across the road from the Johnson Creek outlet center and Pine Cone Restaurant. This year we are going to try something different and have a brunch beginning at 11:30 as we hope to avoid late night driving with snow and/or other poor weather for those coming a ways from out of town. We will be ordering off the menu. We've also decided to do a gift exchange (not white elephant) for those wishing to do so. You may bring a wrapped gift (amount \$10-\$15) with your name. If you plan on coming to the brunch please contact Bert @ 262/965-4235 or bertwow@wi.rr.com.

Mad City Powersports Ladies Night

We will have a table to provide information about Women On Wheels® at Mad-City's Ladies night Dec 7th from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Stop and spend some time helping to tell lady customers about our organization. Also, please let them know you are a member of Women On Wheels® when you make your Holiday purchases.

Governor's Mansion Holiday Tours

Martha Morrison brought information regarding the Holiday Tour of the Governor's Mansion. The tours are free at the Executive Residence of Governor Walker. The trees are each decorated to honor a different group or cause,

We selected Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 8 1-3:00 p.m. - or -
Saturday, December 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tours last about 20-30 minutes. The Executive residence is located at 99 Cambridge Road on Madison's northeast side in the Village of Maple Bluff.

Cleopatra – Milwaukee Public Museum – 2/18/12 Contact: Martha Morrison @ mmorrison9@wi.rr.com

One of upcoming events will be the Cleopatra exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum on February 19th. The group ticket price is \$32.50 which includes the Cleopatra IMAX movie. For seniors 60 & over the price is \$28.50.

We need at least 15 people to obtain the group price. Non WOW members are welcome. Martha is willing to coordinate this trip, and will need to have checks **IN HAND** no later than January 15, 2012 to order the tickets. Make checks payable to Martha Morrison. If you have questions you may contact Martha at (414) 254-9119.

Motorcycle Winterizing Tips

On the internet at:

[http://www.gmasw.com/bikewin .htm](http://www.gmasw.com/bikewin.htm)

When the (Wisconsin) riding season ends, these tips may be helpful when getting your bike ready for winter.

Oil Change and Lube: Change the motor oil prior to Winter storage. I change mine, and then run it for a few minutes to circulate new oil around the engine. (There will be differing opinions on this.) Regardless, **change the oil** before storing! Also, lube moving parts (cables, etc.) with recommended lubricants. Note: An exception to this is AMS Oil and possibly other synthetic lubricants (Update: Nov 2007).

Run Carb(s) out of Gasoline: Purge the carb(s) before storage anytime and add gasoline stabilizer to your tank per the instructions.

Wash Motorcycle (thoroughly): As stated in my "Motorcycle Cleaning Tips" a motorcycle needs a thorough washing before storage. I use a leaf blower to dry it, and then towel off excess water.

Windshield: Remove bugs off as soon as possible... some insects contain chemicals that will etch paint, and ruin windshields... aside from the fact that bug parts are more difficult to remove when dry. Use an *approved* cleaner for your motorcycle windshield.

Painted Areas and Frame: Apply a coat of wax on painted areas to keep condensation from collecting and damaging your bike. Note: The motorcycle frame often gets neglected, but it should be waxed prior to winter storage like other painted parts.

Chrome and Rims: Clean the chrome and aluminum parts, then coat them with a good chrome polish (e.g., *Harley Davidson, Mother's*, or *Clean Cycle Metal Polish*) will clean/polish these areas. It will be easier in Spring to shine. However, if you are hard pressed to do a thorough job on these areas and want to keep the tarnish off (especially aluminum), a coat of silicone lube will give some protection (washed off in Spring). My off-road bikes always got a silicone treatment before Winter storage (even though I occasionally rode a bike in the snow).

Chain and Drive Belts: Adjust the chain or belt per spec. If you have a chain drive, lube the chain with a chain lube (SAE 90 works) or lightweight grease (leave a note to clean excess in Spring).

Leather: There are several leather cleaners and conditioners. Leather riding gear should get a thorough cleaning, and then coated with leather conditioner before storage. Note: Several light

coats are better than a heavy one. If your leather gets wet, a light coat of Lexol (brand name) conditions the leather. Buff leather with a soft cloth after the cleaner/conditioner is dry.

Vinyl: Clean vinyl with a *vinyl cleaner*, and then use a protector. There are several products on the market. Buff with a soft cloth when dry.

Battery: Tending the battery is advisable. Remove the battery. Clean the terminals. Check the fluid level (add if necessary) use a flashlight to shine through the battery to see the level. Then attach a Battery Tender (a brand name as well) to keep the battery charged. Place the battery on a wood plank (not concrete). Put a tender on your *wish list* if you do not own one.

Exhaust Pipes: Little critters and bugs do not know any better...so stuff a clean soft cloth in the end of your pipe, and/or cover the end with a plastic bag (secured with a rubber band). Leave note to remove the bags and rags in Spring. (Note: A little fuel oil on the rag will discourage most critters from making a home in a pipe. (Dampen, not soak, the cloth with fuel oil then stuff in the pipe(s).)

Tire Pressure: Check the tire pressure, and leave note to check in Spring.

Cover: Protect your motorcycle with a breathable cover, or use a soft cotton bed sheet to keep dust off. Neither will prevent condensation from forming. Note: Cats like to perch on warm places during the cool months. I put a box over my seat and backrest to restrict that activity.

Clean Helmet: Wearing a helmet is a matter of choice (in my humble opinion). There are products advertised to "freshen" your helmet that work well. But, a simpler and cheaper method is to use a little *Ivory* dish soap, or *Dr. Bonner's Peppermint Oil Soap* with warm water to clean and refresh your helmet. Note: A damp cloth rubbed around the inside does wonders every week or so. Allow the helmet to dry before using. Remove any temperature sensitive gauges, e.g., Oil Temp Dip Stick. Extreme temps may damage this equipment. Stuff clean (lint free) cloth in "holes" and leave note for Spring.

Spring Note/List: Write down all the things you need to do or check in the Spring. Then, tape the list to the ignition or handle bars where you will see it before you use the motorcycle.

If you cannot do these things, take your motorcycle to a reputable dealer. Hopefully, they will get everything ready for Winter storage.

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2011 Activities & Events

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- Jan 22 Brunch at Upper Krust 11:00 am – contact: Marguerite at marndt2005@hotmail.com
- Feb 4-6 Minneapolis Int'l Motorcycle Show – contact: Carol at ccmccann@clearwire.net
- Feb 11-13 Chicago Int'l Motorcycle Show – contact: Bert at bertwow@wi.rr.com to volunteer to help
- Mar 18-19 Cabin Fever Rally, Quality Inn in Ames, IA – Cindy Gildea at wowheart_of_ia@yahoo.com
- Mar 25-26 Get away Spring Green visit House on the Rock – contact Laurie King king.laurie@ymail.com
- Apr 16 Spring Ride – arrangements TBD – contact Sue F at dafiwow@centurytel.net
- May 7 Ride from Kwik Trip in Waterloo at 10:00 am – contact Nerissa at metcalf.m@att.net
- May 21 HD Fond du Lac – Brat Fry Fundraiser for Chapter – contact Sue F at dafiwow@centurytel.net
- May 26-31 Ride to the Wall in DC – contact Sue K at 262-681-9325 for details
- Jun 10-11 MidWest Gathering East Peoria, Stoney Creek hotel – contact CJ cjjeep23@hotmail.com
- Jun 17-18 Minn. Campout in Houston, MN area –
- Jun 18 State-Wide luncheon – Wild Rose – Pioneer Pub – contact Donna S (920) 326-6577
- Jun 25 Anamosa open House at J & P – Contact: WI_WOW@Yahogroups.com
- Jul 5-7 Women On Wheels® Int'l Ride-In in San Jose, CA - Dolce Hayes Mansion, see <http://www.womenonwheels.org/htmlitems/events.html#ridein>
- Jul 21-24 Midwest Motorcycle (VTX) Rally in LaCrosse – Host Hotel is Settle Inn see: <http://midwestmotorcyclerrally.com> for more information
- Jul 22-24 WOW – WOW LaCrosse Econo Lodge 608-781-0204 contact Linda S lskowgirl12@gmail.com
- Aug 6 Country Ride – Middleton Country Suites Hotel – contact Bert at bertwow@wi.rr.com
- Aug 7 Ride For Kids® event at Middleton Fireman's park on Lee street.
Reg 8:00-9:45 Ride leaves at 10:00 Funds go the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for research to cure the kids.
- Aug 19-20 Ride to Remember for Highground Memorial park – Neillsville – block of rooms set aside for WOW at Super 8 – Make reservations by July 19th at Super 8 (715) 743-8080 Contact Sue F dafiwow@centurytel.net **(donations to Jan Reisdorfer by January 1, 2011)**
- Sept 4 Presidents Croozapalooza in Alma, WI with the WOW president Cris Baldwin
- Sept 9-11 Davis Rally in New Hampton, IA -
- Sept 17 Country Craft Farms – Meet at Upper Krust Pie Shop – Watertown by 10:00 am: Sue F dafiwow@centurytel.net
- Sept 24 Ridin to a Cure – Oconomowoc to benefit Breast cancer see <http://ridintoacure.com/>
- Oct 8 Fall Ride TBD – contact Emma & Marguerite
- Oct 30 Potluck and planning meeting Fall River – Officer Elections – contact Sue F @ dafiwow@centurytel.net
- Dec 3 Hiway Harry's Johnson Creek 11:30 am luncheon Contact bertwow@wi.rr.com
- Dec 7 Mad City Powersports Ladies Night

Meet the Members: The purpose of these stories is to introduce other women riders to you and to the Women on Wheels organization. Please send a picture of you with your bike along with your article. (Electronic versions are preferred they can easily be transferred to the WOW Newsletter). Send to marndt2005@hotmail.com or mpclanton@placon.com

Name: _____ Type of Bike: _____

Introduce yourself, name, where you're from, family, etc.

How long have you been with WOW?

What do you like most about WOW?

How long have you been riding?

Do you have family members who also participate?

Do you have a specific ride that brings back very fond memories that you'd like to share?

Additional information: