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Women on the Edge is a chapter of Women On Wheels® out of western Wisconsin & southeast Minnesota



## **WOMEN ON THE EDGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**



### **A VIEW FROM THE EDGE OF THE CHAPTER DIRECTOR'S SEAT**

My time here in the Valley of the Sun is almost over. I went on my last ride today, and tomorrow will be my final volunteer shift at the Superstition Mountain Museum. Leaving is bitter sweet. Love it here but it is starting to get a bit too hot for me. Almost too hot to ride or walk already. 98 degrees today, and we already hit 100 at least once. But I have put over 6,000 miles on the bike since we got here, so it's been a good winter for me; now I am getting anxious to be back to see family and friends.

I did have what seemed like a touch of home on Sunday when I rode with the North Phoenix Cruisers through the Coconino National Forest north of Pine and Strawberry to breakfast. Tall, tall pine trees – looked like northern Minnesota. Except that we were over 7,000 feet. On the way back down from the rim, the mountain curves, valleys and vistas were incredible.

Now I have just a few days to get this newsletter together, distributed and posted on the web site so I can spend the weekend getting all packed up and loaded (believe me it's like moving, just without the furniture), get the bikes secured on the trailer, and the house cleaned. I really hate this part. 😞

Enough about me – have you had a chance to check out our updated chapter website at <http://womenontheedge.info/> ? I'm still learning my way around it but would appreciate any feedback or recommendations.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **IFRD: WOW POWER WEEKS in conjunction with International Female Ride Day**

Did you see in the Mar/Apr Women On Wheels® magazine that May 5-19 is

WOW Power Weeks to show the world that motorcycling is for women? This is not a contest, but a time to enjoy our sisterhood and take photos with your Chapters and friends. Submit your pic, to be published in the magazine, by May 31<sup>st</sup> to [pr1@womenonwheels.org](mailto:pr1@womenonwheels.org). See page 13 in the magazine for photo requirements.

I hope you all get out to ride on May 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate IFRD and sometime during that time frame to take photos to submit to the WOW magazine (only 1 photo per submission). I know Minnesota WOW has an IFRD ride planned (see the Mar/Apr chapter newsletter and check your emails from me). I know Jo is planning to attend. She will be leaving Winona on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> up 52 N., visiting Aerostich with the MN Chapters (they are leaving on Saturday morning) on Saturday, then on to Canal Park to have a MN state WOW IFRD photo in front of the Lift Bridge. One of the MN riders has a friend that runs a drone with a camera. The drone will be there also filming along with a photographer. Jo will not be staying with MN but will be leaving as soon as she can to get to her daughter's to watch the 144<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby and returning Sunday through WI.

But if that one is too far for you or you don't have that much time to commit, contact one of our Women on the Edge members, or post a meet-up spot on our chapter Facebook page and just get out and ride together. Unfortunately I will probably just be unloading my bike from the trailer that day, and our meeting and Birthday Bash get-together is on May 20<sup>th</sup>. **But maybe we can plan something for the 12<sup>th</sup> or even the 19<sup>th</sup> so we can submit our photo to the magazine.** See if either of those days work for you and we'll try to get something, or a couple of somethings, going. Watch Facebook and your emails.

**WOW WOW - August 3&4, 2018:** Have you made your reservations for the **Women On Wheels® Women Only Weekend** in Westby yet? The Logan Mill Lodge is the host facility and the best rate (\$50 for the weekend), but if it is full there are several other options in town within a few blocks of the lodge.

Logan Mill Lodge: [info@loganmilllodge.com](mailto:info@loganmilllodge.com)  
Old Towne Inn & Motel: 608-634-2111  
Nordic Inn Motel

Westby House B&B (608) 634-4112

The apartments above Borgens Café: (608) 634-4003

Specific event details are still in the works, but it is a pretty laid-back weekend. Friday evening we usually gather as we arrive in informal groups at a variety of good eating places within walking distance of the Lodge. Saturday, there will be a group ride OR you may choose to canoe down the Kickapoo! We generally gather for a private evening meal at Borgens in Westby though Ruth is making the arrangements this year and that may depend on how many are attending. Sunday morning we say our farewells and head home. This is a general description of the weekend from past years; Ruth will be making more specific arrangements as the time draws near – make your reservations & stay tuned!

## 2018 FUNTEST - CEMETERIES

WOW~WE is DIGGIN' IT with FUNTEST 2018  
and the TOMBSTONE GREY BANDANNAS are here!!!

Got your bandanna yet? Bandannas can be purchased by mailing the \$10 FUNTEST entry fee to: Jo Johnson, Women on the Edge Treasurer, 719 East 9th St, Winona, MN, 55987

(please make checks payable to "Women on the Edge.") Make sure your mail-to address is clearly noted so I can mail you your very own tombstone grey DIGGIN IT bandanna and the instruction sheet.



Rumor has it that the motion made and passed in November to limit the Funtest boundaries to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa may be reconsidered at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. And of course, all bandanna owners are eligible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place random drawing, so get your bandanna now. I found that seeking out cemeteries is fun whether eligible for the contest or not .....



### **JUNE 16 CHAPTER RIDE**

Carol McCann had originally volunteered to lead this ride in the Eau Claire area, but as you know, she recently underwent open heart surgery. So, we are looking for volunteers and ideas for this date, if possible. Ideally the Eau Claire area would be good as it is pretty central to our membership base, but we are open to other suggestions as well. How about you? If you are interested in stepping in, let me know by email ([lskowgirl12@gmail.com](mailto:lskowgirl12@gmail.com)) or message at (608-780-5260). Stay tuned for further updates. And keep getting better Carol!



Deb & Jo took flowers to Carol in early March after her surgery



### **RECENT HIGH LIGHTS**

Have you seen the March/April WOW magazine? Our very own chapter member Amy Nordahl is the cover girl! Be sure to check out her article on the *Forever 12* ride she is doing for SAVE (Suicide Awareness, Voices of Education), which our chapter is supporting with our 50/50 drawings this year.

## 2018 CALENDAR

### EVENTS:

Note that the following list includes planned Women on the Edge chapter activities, as well as others that may be of interest. If you are planning to attend an event that may be of interest to our members, or just know of one in the area, please email me so we can share with everyone.

It is no longer necessary to set all the dates way in advance, now that most of us have immediate communication available, so events can be adjusted closer to the date to allow for weather, anticipated member participation or other considerations. More complete information on each event (and maybe some new ones) will be provided via email, our chapter Facebook page, and our web site at <http://womenontheedge.info/> So be sure to check those avenues for final places, dates and times before attending. If that technology is not available to you, call one of your chapter officers, listed at the end of the newsletter.

MAR 1 – The Women On Wheels® annual mileage contest begins. **Log in to the [WOW web site](#) and enter your beginning odometer reading in your MOTO garage.** I know many of us haven't started riding yet, or at least haven't put on many miles, so it's not too late to enter your current mileage and participate. There is always a friendly competition between the states and/or chapters as well, and of course total mileage ridden by women nationwide gives us more clout in the motorcycle industry, so please enter regardless of how many or how few miles you expect to ride.

APR 1 – Our *Diggin' It* FunTest begins. [Click here for details](#)

MAY 5-6 IFRD Minnesota WOW photo op, Duluth MN. [See Flyer](#)

MAY 20, 11:00 a.m. – Semi-Annual Mtg. and All Member Birthday Bash at Denny's in the Flying J on Hwy 54 in Black River Falls, WI. Time and weather permitting Amy R may lead a short ride after the meeting. If you wish to participate in the random "birthday" gift exchange (the kind with lots of fun "stealing" going on), bring an anonymous gift (about \$15-20).

JUNE 16 – Chapter ride. Details TBD

JULY 10-12 [WOMEN ON WHEELS® RIDE-IN](#), Johnson City TN. Go to the web site and hover over "Ride-In™" to register and find host hotel information.

JULY 22 – Linda S of La Crosse will plan a ride. Details TBD

AUGUST 3-5 WOW-WOW (Women On Wheels® Women Only Weekend), Logan Mill Lodge, Westby WI (see [registration instructions](#) on Pg. 8 & reserve ASAP)

AUGUST 12, 11:00 A.M. – Winona Fleet Farm on Hwy 61, ending at Lark Toys in Kellogg MN for the BAGC (Bikers Annual Mini-Golf Championship)

AUGUST 18 – 2 Brothers Road Riders, led by Jo Johnson, will ride to the High Ground in Neillsville for the "Ride to Remember". Details TBA

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER - Doreen & Dorothy of Lancaster WI will lead a ride either Sept. 29 or Oct. 6. Details TBC

OCTOBER – There will be an impromptu Fall Color Ride – primarily dependent on the weather forecast since this ride is too often rained out. Watch for information in an email and on Facebook. Maybe YOU even have an idea and want to step up and lead it! Details TBD

NOVEMBER 4, 11:00 a.m. – Semi-Annual Mtg, Chili Dump & Auction at Carol's in Eau Claire

## **'WHATCHA' BEEN DOIN' ?**

Hey, what HAVE you been doing? Still waiting for more of your articles to share. And/or pictures. Please email to me at [lskowgirl12@gmail.com](mailto:lskowgirl12@gmail.com). `Cause if you don't, you'll have to endure more boring stories and pics from ME! Now that's a threat that should get you moving.



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## *WOMEN ON WHEELS® MISSION STATEMENT*

**To unite all women motorcycle enthusiasts for recreation, education, mutual support, recognition and to promote a positive image of motorcycling.**

All Women on Wheels® members are welcome to participate with any chapter in all chapter functions. Guests are more than welcome also. We encourage all guests to join Women on Wheels®, as membership is required for continued chapter participation and because only WOW members are protected under our insurance plan. Application forms are available in the WOW magazine or from any chapter officer.

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