

Gold Wing Touring Association

Member-owned
and operated



Established
1987

www.gwta.org

***The best kept secret in organized motorcycling!
That's what many of our new members say.***



Why should you join GWTA?

You might be thinking 'I can enjoy riding alone, why do I need GWTA?' The answer is you don't. However, as our many thousands of members will tell you, riding is much more enjoyable with friends. We can introduce you to a lot of touring enthusiasts. That's our function, to bring people together who enjoy motorcycling.

We offer our members a wide variety of activities both on and off the motorcycle all year long.

While this is all great, the most valuable thing our members receive through their membership in GWTA is stated proudly in our motto, *Destination Friendship*. Ask any of our active members the one thing they enjoy most about GWTA and the response is nearly unanimous, it's the people they've met, the friends they've made.

If you examine your life to this point to find the things that brought you the most pleasure, it would be special friendships you've had or still enjoy. In those friendships you will usually find a common bond or interest that

held them together, something that kept you close. In GWTA you will meet lots of people who have one thing in common, a passion for motorcycling. When you decide to become actively involved, special friendships will be a byproduct of that involvement. The motorcycle brings us together and the friendships we make keep us together.



Why do we want you to join GWTA?

We want more friends. Sounds simplistic but it's true. In any business or organization the primary focus is the *bottom line*. We differ from most organizations because our bottom line is not preceded by a dollar sign. Our bottom line is *friendships, fun, and freedom*. Our success is measured by the number of members who experience growth in each category.

Who are we?

The Gold Wing Touring Association (GWTA) is an international not-for-profit organization of touring motorcyclists, predominantly Gold Wings but not exclusively. We identify ourselves with the Gold Wing but are neither affiliated with nor receive funding from the manufacturer. GWTA is owned and operated by its members.

What do we do?

Activities are planned at four levels, local (chapter), state/provincial, regional and national. Chapters have monthly breakfast or dinner meetings which are social and informational. Activities may include long and short rides, camping or motel weekends, poker runs, dances, holiday get-togethers, dinner rides, neighboring chapter visitations, and much more. States, provinces and regions plan gatherings as well. Each summer we bring our members and friends together at a national gathering called Gold Rush. This events activities are planned to bring you maximum fun at a minimum cost.

We offer a rider education program that can prepare you for many years of safe riding.

Membership Information

MEMBERSHIPS

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Lifetime
Individual Member	\$45 U.S.	\$90 U.S.	\$120 U.S.	\$750 U.S.
Family Membership	\$55 U.S.	\$110 U.S.	\$150 U.S.	\$900 U.S.

A family membership includes two adults and up to four children.

Note: \$39 of annual membership dues includes a one year subscription to GWTA's *Touring News* magazine. Your subscription cannot be deducted from dues.

Mail completed form and check payable to GWTA to:

GWTA
PO Box 42403
Indianapolis IN 46242-0403

1-800-960-GWTA (4982)

Ph. 317-243-6822

Fax 317-243-6833

E-mail: membership@gwta.org

**By completing a membership application, you will
be opening a passageway to miles of adventure.**

Destination Friendship



We also involve ourselves in civic and charitable affairs, projecting a positive motorcycling image to the public.

Do I have to own a Gold Wing to belong to GWTA?

No! GWTA welcomes our friends who ride touring motorcycles other than Gold Wings. These members (affiliates) have the same rights and privileges as Gold Wing owners, with the exception that they not hold office above state/provincial director. Non-motorcycle owners are also eligible under the affiliate program.

What do I receive with my GWTA membership?

- ◆ 4-inch GWTA logo patch with one year membership or 10-inch logo back patch with two or more years
- ◆ membership card, decal and pin
- ◆ *Touring News* magazine
- ◆ The Blue Line. A toll free phone number if you should need assistance while touring.

A family (household) membership receives one additional GWTA logo patch, decal and pin. A membership card is issued to each family member listed.

The Blue Line is a toll free number (24/7) you may call if you need assistance while touring. Tell the operators where you are and the kind of assistance you need and they will give you names and phone numbers of fellow members nearby who may be able to assist you. Members helping members. You will also be able to access and print portions, or the entire Blue Line Directory, through the GWTA Web site. This service to many of our members is worth the cost of membership alone.

Touring News is a monthly publication for GWTA members and its contents are contributions from members. It is truly the members'

magazine and has evolved along with the association's growth.

What is considered a family membership?

GWTA defines a family as a household of two adults and their unmarried children regardless of age.

Do all family members have the same rights and privileges?

Yes! Any members of the family can hold any office or position in GWTA as long as the requirements for that position are met.

Am I required to buy and wear a chapter uniform?

No! There are no mandatory dress codes in GWTA.

Am I required to wear a helmet when riding?

We highly recommend everyone wear an approved riding helmet but do not require one be worn. Most states/provinces have helmet laws.

How active must I be to keep my membership?

Our members want you to know the more involved you are, the more fun you're going to have. With that important message out of the way, your involvement is entirely up to you. We are aware of the demands on everyone's time with work schedules and family activities. We know it's not possible to do everything offered. It's a freedom issue, the choice is yours.

How do I find a chapter in my area?

Ask any of our members in your area or contact our GWTA Membership Office listed within this brochure. This information is also available on our Web site at:

www.gwta.org

How are GWTA chapters operated and what do they do?

The most important elements of this association are members and chapters. The GWTA chapter director is elected by the members to carry out their wishes. Each chapter is molded to fit the needs and desires of its members.

We appreciate having the opportunity to explain the Gold Wing Touring Association to you and sincerely hope you will join our motorcycling family. If you would like to have more detailed information on the operations of our association we are eager to answer any questions you may have. Contact GWTA at the address listed below. We always encourage people to check us out before joining. We know you'll like what you see.

Thank You

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Your local chapter meets:

Location _____

 City _____
 Day _____ Time _____

Your Chapter Director is:

Name _____
 Phone _____

Membership in the Gold Wing Touring Association to many of our members is priceless. Ask some of them. If you want value for your hard-earned dollar, we are confident you will find none better. The extent of your enjoyment is limited only by you.

1. Last _____ First _____
 2. Last _____ First _____
 3. Last _____ First _____
 4. Last _____ First _____

Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal _____
 Home Ph. _____ Work Ph. _____
 E-mail Address _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ U.S. for 1 year 2 years 3 years *Lifetime
 * Lifetime may be paid in three yearly installments of \$250 individual or \$300 family.

Please charge my Visa Mastercard American Express
 Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____
 Recruiting credit to _____ Member # _____

New membership Renewal
 I/we own a Gold Wing
 Other brand (specify) _____

For the Blue Line

A toll free line to touring services members offer each other. The services I can provide are:

A Bike/Trailer Pickup
 B Phone Calls
 C Tent Space
 D Lodging
 E Tools

I would like to start a chapter in my area.
 Please provide me with the phone number of the GWTA regional director in my area.
 I would like to be assigned to chapter " _____ " in the State/Province of _____

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