

Gold Wing Touring Association

Dear Fellow Touring Motorcyclist

Thank you for your interest in the Gold Wing Touring Association.

Many who are familiar with organized motorcycling want to know what makes us different from other organizations. The following paragraphs will answer some of those questions.

Our organization was established in 1987 because a few hundred people decided they wanted to start an organization whose leaders were answerable to the members and only the members. Why were they driven to this monumental task when many were saying "Others have tried and failed, so will you!" ? These few hundred were driven by the desire to enjoy motorcycling and they were convinced the only way they could reach that goal was with **freedom**. They felt if they could establish **freedom, fun and friendship** would quickly follow.

FREEDOM

The founders of GWTA felt the members needed the freedom to decide for themselves what would bring them enjoyment. It all begins with a few individuals in a community who get together and decide amongst themselves what they might enjoy doing together. This is what a GWTA chapter does. The first step is the election of a chapter director. The director is elected by the members from those in the chapter who are interested. The job is simply seeing that the wishes of the members are carried out, while at the same time operating within the boundaries set forth by the member elected board of directors. Does this person have to ride a Gold Wing? No. The chapter director is given a copy of 'TA WAY', a *guide* book on how a successful chapter may be operated. Please note that the word 'guide' is in italics. This means it is not law but suggestions on how to operate a chapter. What your chapter does, when you do it or what your chapter uniform will be (which is optional), is all up to the membership. Majority rules. **Any funds the chapter raises belong solely to the chapter. The chapter is accountable only to its chapter members.**

FUN

If you have freedom you can't help but have fun. The prime driving force behind our (the members') organization is fun. We are not driven by profit or numbers but by good times and friendships. GWTA activities are planned to give the member a maximum of fun at a minimum cost.

FRIENDSHIP

This is by far one of the greatest rewards GWTA has to offer its members. If you choose to be involved in your organization you will gain many lasting friendships. You will be involved with people who have something in common: a passion for motorcycling, fun and friendship.

We are expecting continued growth as our organizational concept becomes known and experienced. Ask our members your questions. They'll tell you anything you want to know. We are very confident that what we offer is just what you're looking for.

Members of GWTA Chapter_____