

**Chapter W Journal**  
**By Lynn McClay, Chapter W journalist**  
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February, the month of hearts, flowers, chocolate and love. It's also the shortest month, so it will be just that much closer to the riding season.

If our snow totals don't go up a lot this winter we could actually have an early riding season. I know it's too soon to hope, but it doesn't hurt.

Chapter W is busy playing Bunco, its a nice way to stay connected as a group. Then the Fish Fry Fridays, will be coming along next.

Several of our members went to see, The Church of Cash, they put on a good show, it was at the St Michael Le Musique Room, if you have never been there for a concert, or show, go, it's a fun place.

Plenty of room to sit and talk, grab a drink and see a variety of shows.

Minneapolis Bike show has not happened at this writing, hope to get there and see the new stuff.

Shout out to those members that are in warm , sunny areas, hope you are enjoying yourselves.

Happy Valentines Day,  
Chapter W, Journalist  
Lynn

**Chapter W Educator Notes**  
**By Steve Dombrowsky**  
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With the riding season just around the corner now is a good time to review some laws and pertaining to operating a motorcycle.

Motorcyclists are entitled to the full use of their lanes.

Motorcyclists are permitted to travel in high-occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV) carpool lanes.

All laws regarding driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs apply to motorcyclists as well.

***DQ shakes are not alcoholic or drug.***

Careless and reckless driving applies as well including wheelies and stoppies, standing on the seat etc. ***Try that on a Gold Wing.***

Passengers under the age of 18 must wear a DOT approved helmet.

Passengers must be able to reach both footrests while seated on the passenger seat.

Operators and passengers must face forward with one leg on each side of the motorcycle. ***No side saddle.***

Motorcyclists must not carry anything that interferes with holding onto the handlebars.

Splitting traffic lanes is illegal. It is legal for two motorcyclists to ride side-by-side if both riders agree to it.

Motorcyclists are provided with an affirmative defense when proceeding through an unchanging red light that has shown red for an unreasonable time if no vehicle or pedestrian is approaching the street.

Motorcycle riders must have an endorsement on our drivers license, carry liability insurance, carry proof of insurance when riding, and wear eye protection in the form of face shield, glasses, or goggles. Windshields do not meet the legal requirements.

Let the Riding begin!  
Steve