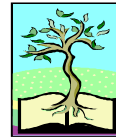


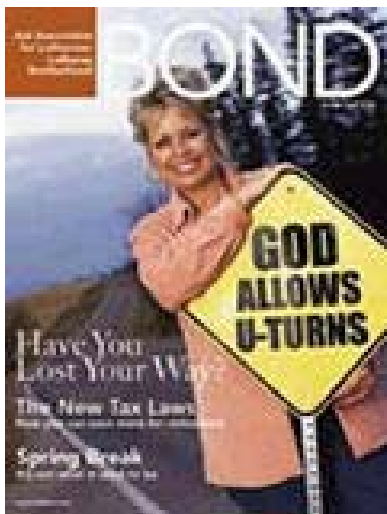


# Bottke Newsletter



“Nourishment for the Family Tree”

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**Lower Left photo:** The Laverne Goedel Family consisting of Laverne and Jean in the Center, just behind the American Flag. They are surrounded by Children and Grandchildren.



Allison Gappa Bottke is featured on the cover of Bond Magazine. Allison Recently appeared on a National Syndicated Christian talk show. See Newsletter story.

Greg, Heather and Sharla Moore, Cumberland, Wisconsin Daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter to Wayne and Shirley Bottke of Rice Lake, Wisconsin.



Becky, Jenna, and Patti Osborne. Daughters of David and Mary Osborne of Faribault. (Granddaughters of the Late Bill and Mae Bottke of Faribault)



The Janczurs, Chicago John, Malinda, Tommy and Hannelore



The Newsletter creator with his favorite companion and wife Carole, at a favorite travel destination.

**Nancy & Jim Morton Get a Texas Turkey**



## Springtime Greetings to everyone:

We hope you will like the new heading for the Bottke Newsletter. It is being used for the first time.

At the upper left you will see the crest of the mythical Pommeranian Griffin. This crest is the head and feet of an eagle, with the body and tail of a lion. It has been the longstanding crest of Pommern or Pommerania. We decided to use this crest in the Bottke Newsletter as a reminder of the land from which our ancestors, Wilhelm and Wilhemine originated.

To the right of the page you will notice a concept design. It is tree growing from a book. We feel this is a good symbol for the intent and purpose of the Bottke Newsletter. It feeds the family tree while its stories also inspire the dream of a future family book. It is my hope that someday such a book will make itself available to Bottke descendents. After deliberating and discussing the ideas surrounding the two newly added images, Carole and I came up with a line to explain the Bottke Newsletter. It is "Nourishment for the family tree." (We tried other lines first but they just didn't cut it.)

You should also observe a noticeable improvement in newsletter quality. With a few dollars of investment, technology now provides more improved home printing capabilities for our Bottke family newsletter.

The thought is this: "quality people deserve quality newsletters." Enjoy!

## Driving in Minnesota

Bottke Family descendents who currently live in Minnesota already know the established and unwritten homeland driving rules. However, for other Bottke descendents who plan to make a trip there, it is important to realize that driving rules are a bit different there. It's good to follow the procedures.

First of all, if you have traveled a bit around the world, you will experience perhaps only 3 places where people drive on the left side of the road. One is London England, another might be Sidney, Australia and the third is Faribault, Minnesota. It is less challenging to drive in London and in Sidney because everyone drives on the left side of the road there. In Faribault, it's only a guess as to who might be driving on the left side of the road. The rule to apply is don't go too fast, and also if a car is coming at you, it may be best to stay in the lane you are traveling in because the other driver will have a better chance of seeing you and will probably move over or stop. Sometimes that is not the case, but if you are going slow the damage will be minimal. You'll merely talk things over. In the end you may meet a new partner for the Saturday morning euchre tournament.

As for other unwritten driving rules there are several.

Instead of wearing out signal light bulbs or fancy steering column apparatuses, it is okay to open the drivers door in signaling a turn. This is good for either a right or left hand turn. The person behind you will know you plan to turn one way or the other. If you are in the left lane turning right the car

behind you should not pass on your right. And even so, if you end up in a fender bender, always remember, it's a good way to meet another euchre partner.

If you live on any road outside the city limits and you are on your way home, you do not have to signal to turn into your own driveway. Everyone knows you always turn there.

If you live on the left side of the road, you should move over onto the left half of the roadway during the last quarter mile before your driveway. It is just plain polite. This lets you turn into your driveway while the cars behind you can continue traveling in their lane at the normal 35 miles per hour driving speed. They'll appreciate it.

### **Waving and use of Horns:**

Raising your index finger off the steering wheel is the best kind of wave you can make. It is the equivalent of a loud honk and flashing your lights while hanging half of your body out the window and moving it in an up and down motion. When spotting a relative, friend or casual acquaintance while driving, the index finger wave is very adequate. If you are wearing your NFO or Community co-op feed cap, it is okay to nod or lift your head a trifle instead of raising your index finger. Doing both would be considered a bit extravagant. You would definitely be over doing it.

Using your horn is considered very impolite. If someone is being a bit of a nuisance because they double parked during rush hour traffic between 5 and 5:15 in the afternoon, it is best to just wait until they are back in their car and on their way. They probably had to stop at the hardware store and pick something up. They'll just wait for you next time you need to stop and drop off your phone bill or pay NSP.

By the way, if you must double park and run in quick to pay something, you are not considered being double parked if you leave the engine running and the car door open. Doing that is always an indication that you'll be right back.

## Speeding

Speeding is always frowned upon, especially if you are traveling on Interstate 35. There is however, one excuse that seems to work good when getting stopped. You just say, "We're going up north walleye fishing." An officer will oftentimes dismiss the idea of writing a ticket. It's always good to inform the children in advance that if you should happen to get stopped by a Highway patrol the kids are all supposed to press their noses against the car windows and look sad while you are outside talking with the officer. Two other excuses that work equally as good are: "I'm going up north deer hunting" (In the fall) and "I'm going ice fishing on Mille Lac" in the wintertime. When using the ice fishing excuse, it's also best to announce that the beer is in the trunk. You always have extra hopes that the officer might confiscate a six pack rather than to write a ticket for speeding.

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### **Notes from Al and Carol Bottke**

Daughter Melissa is graduating from Faribault High School on June 9, 2002. There'll be a graduation party on the 8th of June the day before graduation. This will be held at their home West of Faribault 10 Miles. They will also be having fawns born sometime this spring., They plan to bottle feed them. Dell Pope (owner of Camp Dells in Waterville) is buying one or two of them for his petting zoo. He bought one from them a couple years ago, but that deer got out and onto the roadway where it got hit by a car. Hopefully there won't be that kind of bad luck this year.

**Ramona Bottke writes** that she received a phone call at her Cabin in Wisconsin from Wayne and Shirley Bottke. She was asked if she was Ramona, the daughter of Ray and Frieda Bottke. Of course, she knows of no other Bottke named Ramona. (We don't either). She's hoping they can get together over Memorial Day weekend.

### **Book author and editor takes a turn towards Texas and visits our home before appearing on National TV program AT HOME – LIVE**

Recently honored guests at our home were Don and Gladys Longpre, and Kevin and Allison Bottke. It was part of a special invitation for Allison to appear and talk about her book series "GOD ALLOWS U TURNS" on National Christian network TV. The program airs from South Fort Worth, Texas.

The Bottkes and Longpres arrived at our home on Sunday evening. We chatted and relaxed. Allison shared her experiences and visions of the book series "God Allows U Turns." She was filled with enthusiasm and excitement about this great milestone opportunity to promote the book series. She invited us all to be part of the audience the next day as she made her appearance on the program "At Home – Live" which was to air at 10 a.m. on family net. (Family Net is a network of about 150 independent affiliate network television stations reaching more than 40 million homes).

While it may have been a very exciting day for Allison in the on going quest to promote the book series, it was equally as much of an adrenalin charge for us family members who were part of the audience. The modern high tech studio was impressive. It was especially fascinating to watch the professional production people work with the lighting and take pre program shots of the mock road sign "God Allows U Turns". While Allison

was kept quite busy preparing for the program, Don, Gladys, Kevin and I were occupying the time just gawking at the pre show activities of the production staff. (Personally, I could tell right away they didn't get their cameras at Wal-mart).

While there were other guests also preparing to be on the show, we were interested in Allison's slot and how they were preparing for it. Tension mounted as the clock counted down in minutes before air time. There was hustle and bustle and movement of camera positions throughout the studio. Re-take Shots! "Do the God Allows prompt again with the fireplace turned off in the background" were the kinds of words that echoed across the open spaces of the studio. Suddenly, an aura of charisma filled the studio. It was obvious the host celebrity stars, Chuck and Jenni Borsellino had just walked in. Vibrant in every way, and immensely filled with enthusiasm, Chuck introduced himself and made everyone feel comfortable and relaxed. He made a few basic statements about the program and told us how it would go. After a short preliminary, he asked everyone to join the big circle and hold hands as he asked God's Blessings for the program which was about to air.

"Five, four, three, two one . . . . " and then, "Good Morning, I'm Chuck", "and I'm Jenni " . . . . And we are here with **AT HOME LIVE**" etc.

In his opening he talked about who his guests were, and mentioned that one of the guests this morning was going to be Allison Bottke and they'd be talking about her book "God Allows U Turns". Of course the pre-show activities of the production crew now displayed the illustration God Allows U Turns on the monitors throughout the studio.

The stage setting was a living room. On TV it looked really great. Sofa's, end tables, lamps, the whole works.

The first guest was with someone discussing financial planning and since I was thinking about Allison' slot and how that was all going to go, I didn't pay much attention to the other guests.

After the first guest there was a short commercial break, then came guest number two. Then there was another break. Then it was time for Allison.

All of a sudden, it was for real. Live! On Nationwide TV. In full and living color; sitting right there on stage on the sofa with the show hosts Chuck and Jenni, Borsellino was Allison Gappa Bottke.

The interview with Allison began. I happen to have been one of those in the audience that was so focused on how well the production was going and in seeing how things looked on the monitors that I can not recall so much about the interview. I do know that she talked about a variety of books coming out under the general theme "God Allows U Turns." She also talked about being featured on the front cover of Bond magazine. She talked about some of the touching stories that are written in the book. She re-iterated a couple of examples and shared bits and pieces of her own experiences in life. The presentation on TV was absolutely awesome.

As I listened to the name Bottke mentioned on the program, I got a sensation that this is pretty neat. The Bottke name is going across the nation being associated with something really positive. Thanks for visiting us Allison, and Thank you also for the book "More God Allows U turns" that you gave us. May your quest be blessed, always.

#### **Paul Bottke, Hampton Iowa leaves message on our Recorder.**

"Marv, this is Paul Bottke calling. I received a magazine in the mail today and Allison Gappa Bottke's picture was on the cover. We all talked about it up here in our family. You've really got some celebrities in your family tree. It was interesting to see the Bottke name on the magazine cover. I can get some extra copies. Would you like me to send some to you?" The result of that was, Yes, we did receive some copies for our family keepsake in Texas, and Paul also sent some copies to Allison. Thank you Paul.

#### **Amy Storch Calls on her cell phone:**

(Before 7 a.m.) We chatted about how more and more people are using the cell phone option instead of long distance carriers. They can call before seven a.m. or on weekends and save a lot of money. She just returned recently from a cruise that was sponsored by her company, "Creative Memories." She was on a cruise ship that was used exclusively for members and affiliates. Even though it was capable of accommodating a lot more people, only 900 Creative Memory affiliates were on it. Every member had a room with a deck. Amy said she really enjoyed the cruise. Of

all the islands they visited on the cruise, St Barts was Amy's favorite.

It's very likely that Ellie will be coming to Texas to study in completing her degree at College Station. They plan a trip to Texas to check that out soon.

#### **Texas Turkey (front page photo)**

Nancy and Jim Morton from Grantsburg Wisconsin recently visited Texas. It was a result of their mentioning an interest in shooting a Texas Turkey a few months ago. They said they'd like to hunt in Texas during turkey season. They asked if I could find them a place where they could hunt. Well, after several attempts, and after almost giving up, I bumped into Ken Koen, a former coworker and airport train controller at DFW airport who recently retired. He was explaining his farm to me and telling me about how he raises Piedmontese Cattle, a special breed that evolved in the Piedmont mountains of Italy. I was intrigued and asked if I could go along and see his farm someday. One rainy day, Ken calls. He says "Marv, I'm going out to the farm, do you want to go along."

Later that day, in general conversation while driving around the ranch in his 4 wheeler, Ken mentioned the word "Turkey" and all I could picture was Nancy and Jim Morton shooting one. 3 weeks later in the midst of a Texas Springtime Tornadoc alert for our area, in drives Nancy and Jim to stay with us. They were to meet Ken at his ranch for their wild turkey hunt later in the week. After they left our house, I found several packages of Wisconsin frozen crappies in our freezer compartment caught by Jim and Nancy. There were 3 packaged varieties of cheese curds from the nearby cheese plant, several jars of pure Wisconsin (Morton made and labeled) maple syrup, as well as several pints of pickled Crappies. Oh yes, and a large chunk of bear sausage too. These are all items we cannot buy in a store around here in any store. All these things were made by Jim, except of course for the cheese curds which he picked up locally up there.

They hunted on Ken's farm and Nancy got a Turkey. It's my understanding that these are a special turkey, the Rio Grande type. It's quite a trick to shooting a turkey. They are pretty smart. They have keen eyes. Jim has a turkey caller and demonstrated it at our house. When hunting, they hide out dressed in camouflage clothing and set out decoys. After shooting their turkey, they then went to Pottsboro where they visited Gladys and Don a few days before getting in their 4 wheel drive truck and heading back to Wisconsin. Maybe we can coax them into coming for wild boar next time.

As for which one is the descendent of Eul Gibbons; Jim Morton or Al Goedtel, it's hard to tell. Maybe they both are.

#### **More answering machine messages:**

*"Marv! Carole! Are you there? Charles and Mary here, just checking in. Hope you're doing okay. We just got back. We'll catch you another time."*

Later, we connect and learn they just returned from California/Nevada after having been gone since the first of the year. They stopped and visited Lee Christman in Clear Lake. She's doing terrific, and always says hello. She goes to the dinner and dances with her neighbor lady a couple times a month at the Elks there.

Charles and Mary plan to be heading up to Soldiers Grove Wisconsin to visit Patty and Mark Bergemann and are probably there at this Time. Patty and Mark raise those big beautiful "Belgium" horses. Perhaps we'll have a photo of one in one of our next newsletters.

#### **From Tower Minnesota:**

Lon Bottke <> 105 Cedar St. #14C, Tower, Mn. 55790

"I like it here. Don't think I'd care to live in Dallas again. I like the 4 seasons, even though the winters are cold. We're going in to our summer season now at the bakery so I'm getting pretty busy. I get to see deer cross my path mornings when I come home from work. Teresa and I go

with Melissa to Virginia twice a month and stock up on groceries. Someday I might like to move to Duluth."

**"Doe, A deer a female deer, ray, a drop of golden sun"** Yes, it's the Do, Re, Mi Song .. and Edward Bottke, Perry and Shonda's son, has it down pat. He played it over the telephone for Grandpa. He plays it on his new Yamaha PSR 280 keyboard that he got for his birthday from Grandpa and Grandma. It's identical to the keyboard Grandpa has. Edward can hook it to a computer if he wants. It really makes lots of interesting and fun sounds. He's a very busy boy with school work, sports, lots of activities, and a little time for games too. In between all that, he still has time to practice the keyboard every day or almost every day.

#### **Getting Ready for College a year early:**

Brian McDonough plans to be able to skip his senior year of high school and go to College instead. His grade point average paved the way for him to gain a year of studies. As this Newsletter gets into the mail, he's not sure if he'll be going to the U of M or to Mankato State.

#### **Robbie Castro, Chicago;**

Robbie is finishing his 1<sup>st</sup> year of college and finding that criminology studies are of great interest. Looks like a pretty interesting field to him. He was very impressed with one of his professors this past year.

#### **Requesting E-mail addresses:**

If you have an e-mail address, and would like to have regular newsletter information, send it to us.

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Or, call us (817 685-0921) and let us know of anything you'd like to have mentioned in the next Bottke newsletter. Everything is welcomed.

Probably won't get another newsletter out before Christmas. October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. That way the Christmas newsletter can be completed and mailed out the day after Thanksgiving.

**Thoughts for you to share in the Christmas Newsletter:**

Can you send us: A Christmas recipe.

A note about something special your family does at Christmas; something humorous that might have happened one time, or just a note about something you might like to say to everyone.

**Do you remember when going to visit relatives meant traveling on a two lane highway and reading Burma Shave signs along the way?**

A big part of the excitement was waiting in anticipation for the next one. Here are some:

**BROTHER SPEEDERS  
LET'S REHEARSE  
ALL TOGETHER  
GOOD MORNING NURSE  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**CAUTIOUS RIDER  
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR  
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL  
AND LOTS MORE STEER  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**SPEED WAS HIGH  
WEATHER WAS NOT  
TIRES WERE THIN  
X MARKS THE SPOT  
\*\*Burma-Shave++**

**PASSING CARS  
WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE  
MAY GET YOU A GLIMPSE  
OF ETERNITY  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**A GUY WHO DRIVES  
HIS CAR WIDE OPEN  
IS NOT THINKIN'  
HE'S JUST HOPIN'  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**AT INTERSECTIONS  
LOOK EACH WAY  
A HARP SOUNDS NICE  
BUT ITS HARD TO PLAY  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**THE ONE WHO DRIVES WHEN  
HE'S BEEN DRINKING  
DEPENDS ON YOU  
TO DO HIS THINKING  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**PASSING SCHOOL ZONE  
TAKE IT SLOW  
LET OUR LITTLE  
SHAVERS GROW  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

Does any Bottke relative from Faribault remember a place called the 3 D's? It was a night club in Dundas, Minnesota. Its hayday was in the 50's. The 3 D's stood for Dundas Dine and Dance.

Wayne Bottke had a rather dimensional experience, perhaps in 3D motion. He was on his way home towards Faribault from Dundas after leaving the 3D's. He wasn't able to make a sharp curve. He rolled his pride and joy, a 1948 dark green Ford. Just beyond that curve was this Burma Shave Sign.

**AROUND THE CURVE  
LICKETY--SPLIT  
IT'S A BEAUTIFUL CAR  
WASN'T IT?  
\*\*Burma-Shave\*\***

**Have you ever checked out the word Bottke on the Internet?** There's a lot written on Asteroids, by Dr. Bill Bottke of this family tree. Then there's information about Miniature Hereford's, from this family tree. Then there's a Warren Bottke Golf pro trainer. There are Bottke businessmen in Germany. Check it out on internet sometime.

**Susanne Bottke in San Fransisco** will be heading for Vegas for a major Spa convention later this month. She changed careers after tiring of the 50 hour work week connected with insurance. She loves doing facials, waxing and make up. Since the spa convention is in Vegas, it's apt to include testing her chances too. With that same *Vegas style Smile* that you get at the Change Counter we say "Good Luck, Susanne."

**Hi-** We're coming down about the 16th to help Diane put down hardwood in her playroom, kitchen, dining room and entry way. Our "spring" so far, is not going so well because of all the fires.(In the mountains in Colorado) Right now there's one burning close to Evergreen- I'm kind of afraid to leave because they won't let you go back to get any thing if you're evacuated. We have pictures and video tapes of Kassandra at Lee's parents house as that stuff can't be replaced. Hopefully we'll see you when we're down there-I'm sure we will. Talk to ya soon, **Denise & Lee Gazda**

**Do you like Cruises and cruise ships?** Have you cruised? Would you like to cruise? Would you be interested in a **Bottke reunion cruise** sometime. Carole Bottke says off peak times and shoulder season times offer some good prices. If something could be set up, and if you are interested, which of these three would spark your interest most: 1. An Alaskan Cruise 2.The Carribbean 3. A Hawaiian Cruise. (5 or 7 days). Some have expressed interest. What do you think?

**HAVE A NICE SUMMER  
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