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Chapter Director



Martin Tengowski
Chapter Director



From the Director

Happy Veterans Day to all my fellow Veterans! It is great to see the attention that Veterans are receiving these days. Not only the sales, discounts, special functions and free passes to parks, but the notice our Veterans and Service Members receive on a daily basis. I recently had to fly out to San Diego for work, and I don't think I saw one Service Member going through the airport, that wasn't stopped and thanked for his or her service. I've also been to quite a few functions where Veterans are asked to stand up and be noticed. I think it's great to see!

It's almost Turkey Day! That time of year to be with family, give thanks for all that we have. Our social this month will be a time for our GWRRA family to get together and give thanks for all the great times, rides, and fun we had throughout the year. Getting out with the Chapter is always a lot of fun and a great getaway for me. Nothing better than to take off down the road with a group of friends! It's so enjoyable, that "U-Turns" don't even matter!!!

For some, it's time to do a little layup maintenance for the winter months. I'm hoping to get a couple weeks of maintenance and cleaning on the old bike. If you don't plan on winterizing your Wing, at least take the time to run the engine every week or two, especially for those that still have good ole carburetors. Don't forget about your battery over the winter months. Provide a little maintenance; keep it on a trickle charger. Real cold temperatures can really shorten the life of a battery if it's just sitting. There is plenty of information available for winterizing your Gold Wing, so take the time now, instead of springtime when you're ready to ride, and the shop is back logged with other bikes. If you have some maintenance that requires taking your bike into the shop, do it early, otherwise you'll find yourself on the waiting list.

At work I do get questioned a lot; "isn't it cold riding in this weather?" or "you must be freezing riding into work on your bike today?" Well, my normal response is, "Not bad, but my coffee get's cold awful quick these days!" Riding in cold weather, really comes down to dressing a little different, dressing in layers will makes a big difference. If you're out riding and the cold really starts to get to you, put your rain gear on, if you have the PVC or rubberized rain gear, it will cut the wind and provide quite a bit of warming. I pretty much wear my mesh jacket year round and for the cold months, I just zip the rain liner in place and I'm good to go.

As we approach our last meeting of the year I know it's not long for a Christmas Parade or two, our Christmas Party, and as normal Chapter "B" Polar Bear Run to start the season off again. I'm already looking forward to getting out again next year.

Invite a guest, they are always welcome.

Friend for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge

See everyone at the meeting.

Marty

Let's Take a Back Road

Editors Note: While some letters and articles are a requirement for a chapter newsletter, what really makes a newsletter interesting are submissions from chapter members about rides they've been on, maintenance tips they'd like to share, or just anecdotes that will tickle our funny bone. Please share with your fellow chapter members: Photos, recipes, articles for sale, jokes, you name it. This is YOUR newsletter. All articles are due by the third Tuesday of each month. And don't forget to look for your member number in the newsletter—might just get you the winning 50/50 ticket!

The Assistant Director's Corner



Dave & Linda Harris
Assistant Chapter
Directors

Linda: Well folks, it's that time of year,(at least for me) It's the time of year that when I get home from work I snuggle up in my sweats. I know some of you like to ride hot or cold, but it's not for me.

I think you all know we rescued a dog from the SPCA in August. Chi Cho was 7 months old. Well, now we have an 8 week old male , Paco, to keep her company and also drive us crazy. So, if we're blubbering at the next meeting you'll know why.

I am sorry the Walton's Mountain ride didn't work. David & I have been there and it's a nice area to ride around. Hopefully we can try again in the spring.

I want to say special thanks to Steve and Will for putting the lights on David's bike. They are awesome. And updating his GPS should be a big help also. Now this is a good time for everyone to check out their bikes. Just because it's cold and you're not riding as much, please don't neglect the normal care they need. There are also some good days in now and then to get them out for a ride during the winter, so make sure you and your bike is ready. Most of you have heard about John & Barbara going down on the way home from our last meeting. Thankfully they are ok. Barbara got the worst of it but sounds like she'll be ok. We all hope for a speedy recovery. Sherry had a good idea; if possible, maybe people should try to pair up when leaving to go home. It can't stop it from happening, but at least there would be someone to help.

A road cleanup is due so we should discuss this at our next meeting.

Dave: Linda is off to Arizona to visit her mother for a week and we will give ya'll a recap upon her return.

I forgot to write about Linda in winning two trophies at Bayside Harley Davidson's First Annual International Bike show. Needless to say she was very excited if you would like further information ask Doug - rumor has it he was also there. She took second place in the cruiser class and won the People's Choice Award.



Linda, Lyn and Richie all completed the trike class and they all had good thing to say about it. I have taken the liberty of including a couple of Photos.

It's the time of year that I'm busy, so I haven't been doing much riding, however I hope to soon.

Dave

Linda Harris, Lyn Blanford and Ritchie Blanford take the Trike Class



Chapter Couple



John & Kathy Skinner
COY for 2011



Well, it is that time of year again when more so than usual there doesn't seem to be enough time to get anything done. With the holiday festivities come shopping, decorating, cooking, baking spending time with family and friends and all the other trappings that go along with the holiday season.

In an ideal world this is a time of joy, good spirit and good will towards our fellow man, isn't it a shame that it can't be like that all year. I too am guilty of losing the holiday spirit sometime after the first of the year. I think we all may experience that to some degree as we go about our day to day lives.

What follows is my personal observation about one particular aspect of the holiday season that seems to manifest itself on or about Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. In particular I am speaking about the perceived aggressiveness of drivers, particularly around the malls and in parking lots. I for one do not enjoy getting anywhere near them until after the 1st of the year when things have settled down a bit from the frenzy of shopping.

I am not saying that drivers are purposely rude or aggressive, I believe they have other things on their minds and are not fully engaged nor 100% aware of their surroundings, consequently bad things can and often do happen. This is made worse by the proliferation of cell phone use while driving. I would urge everyone that must drive to give themselves some extra time to get where you are going, and please, please be extra vigilant in your endeavors. Keep your head on a swivel, be aware of your surroundings, much as if you were on your bike, and have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Happy Holidays
John and Kathy
VA-L COY

Membership Enhancement Division



Sherry & Steve Morgan
Membership Enhancement



Wow, another month has come and gone again and it is time to recount some happenings since the last newsletter. First of all, we would like to send congratulations to Kathy for winning the 3rd quarter Newsletter award. Everyone in Chapter L have known for some time that she deserves it, it just took the people that vote a while to figure it out.

A few of us were busy riding every chance we get, to work during the week and around the area on the weekends. I myself have been riding to work every day with an old friend from my last command. He recently purchased a Victory 1500 after many years out of the saddle. Of course he had to contact me about various options he might want to consider and to ask me about the training that he would need since he has not ridden a bike in many years. After completing his training and getting his base stickers on the Red Rocket (my nickname for his bike), we began our daily routine of braving the highways and byways of Hampton Roads at 0500 to get to work on Norfolk Base. Unbelievably there is more traffic than you would think at that time of morning so extra care and awareness is needed to make the 28 mile transit from lower Chesapeake to Gate 4 and entry onto the base.

Other happenings around the household (motorcycle related of course) is the addition of my new fog lights and parade lights to my bike. My friend, and fellow Chapter L member, Will Kumley made the trip out to the house to assist with the installation. We were planning on taking pictures along the way during the install for future additions to the newsletter but got caught up in the work and forgot all about it. I am attributing it to my old age and Will's lack of attention span. Anyway, the install was without complications and the new lights look great on the bike. I can't wait for a parade to come up so we will be able to ride with the LEDs on. We added two colors of LEDs, Purple and Blue, with a dual channel controller to my bike. Out to be an interesting effect.

We also finally got the chance to install the new 7 color LED lights on Dave Harris's bike. That was another straight forward installation and after a couple of hours, Dave rode off more than satisfied with the new additions to his bike. Just wait until he rides at night and you get to see his new look. Ask him to show them to you next time you see him. Nice work if I do say so myself. I am beginning to think that Will and I should open up a lighting shop after my retirement which is getting closer by the day.

On a more somber note, please join us in sending our thoughts and prayers to Barb and John for a quick recovery after their accident that they had on their way home from last month's meeting. So, until next month, keep the rubber side down and remember that not everyone on the road is looking out for you so make sure you are looking out for them.

Steve & Sherry

Rider Education & Safety



Andrew & Sherry Smith
Rider Education

Are you the "Incredible Invisible Rider"?

Submitted by: Andrew C. Smith, Rider Educator VA-L

These days everything and everyone vie for your attention. Distracted driving is becoming an epidemic. Motorcycle riders know this more than most everyone else.

I don't know about you, but I have noticed that if I go by 10 four wheel vehicles, at least 6 or 7 are on a phone, texting or doing something other than driving. Motorcyclist are not immune to becoming distracted either. We now have more and more electronics, CB radios, MP3 players, GPS navigation just to mention a few that can take our attention away from the critical focus of safely operating our vehicles. We must do all we can to not be the offender.

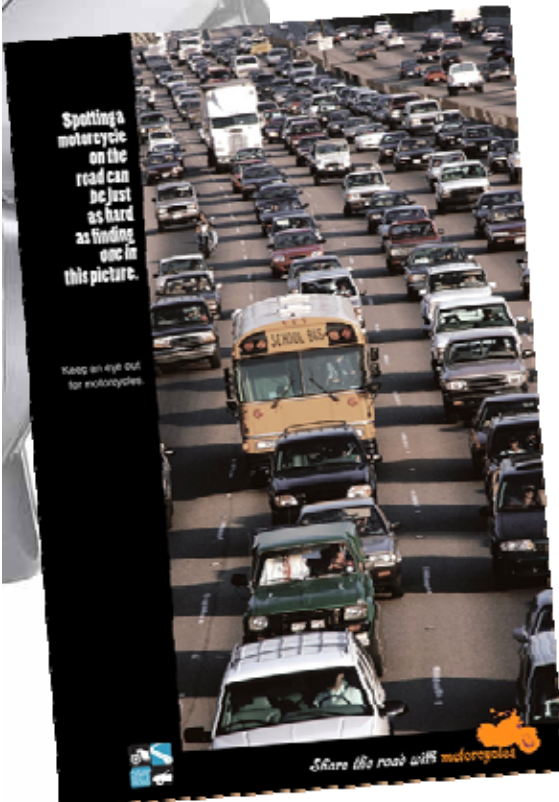
Do you see the motorcycle rider on the left? He is in there... We are smaller and harder to see. With the exception of those driving 4 wheelers that also ride, the average motorist rarely notices that we are even there.

Looking Through You

There are instances where a driver can look right at you, but be unable to see you. This occurs most frequently at night, where the lone headlight of a motorcycle appears to be one of the headlights of an oncoming car. Because it accelerates more rapidly than a car, the motorcycle may be well ahead of a group of cars leaving a traffic signal, but the driver preparing to pull out does not recognize it or its proximity. Those position lights in the front turn signals are your best insurance against this event, though they may be washed out by the headlights behind you. A useful tactic is to move across the lane (or lanes) away from the car ready to pull out in front of you. This will separate you from the other headlights while also giving the potential intruder an idea of how close and fast you're coming.

A similar problem can happen during the day, when a motorcycle and its rider are viewed against a background that blends with them. The best defense against these situations is conspicuity -- wear bright colors on jackets and helmets and run your headlight's high beam during the day. These actions also help an alert driver detect you when you are mostly hidden by something in the environment. That edge of the headlight or bit of bright shoulder can save your life.

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If you have been riding motorcycles for any length of time, you almost certainly have come across a driver who, having just changed lanes into your space or turned in front of you, looks at you in surprise, and says, "I'm sorry, I didn't see you." No, Really (most of us don't buy this)

My usual response to this statement is, "No. You didn't look." That is a more accurate assessment of what happens. Typically, the lane changer doesn't bother to turn his head to check his blind spot. Somebody turning across your direction of travel may just check approaching traffic peripherally and doesn't identify the oncoming motorcyclist since his mindset probably only includes cars.

Not all right-of-way transgressions involve such simple negligence, however. And I'm not talking about drivers who are legally blind or blind drunk. A driver's view of traffic -- and motorcycles in particular -- can be blocked or obscured by roadside objects, other vehicles, something in or on his car and other factors, such as glare. There are situations where another vehicle operator actually cannot see you.

Some Are Born Blind, Others Practice (from Art Friedman Article)

Some vision blockages are self-induced. A vehicle full of balloons, cargo in a pickup truck's bed or incorrectly adjusted mirrors can increase the likelihood a driver cannot see you. That favorite technological demon, the cell phone, also may create an obstacle to vision. Held to the side of a person's face with the mouthpiece extended forward, it partially blocks vision, and the person's arm (usually the right one) holding the phone further obscures his view. In addition, it seems to be more difficult physically for a driver holding a phone in this manner to turn his head completely.

Mirror adjustment is another issue. When I decided to write this column, I be-

Rider Education & Safety (cont.)



Andrew & Sherry Smith
Rider Education



gan contemplating the sizes of blind spots on the vehicles I pass. I was frequently surprised by the length of the area where I couldn't see the driver when I was passing his vehicle, or it was passing me. Looking for an explanation, I began checking how the side mirrors on cars are adjusted. I discovered that if I was two car lengths behind a vehicle and following directly in its path, I could see the driver in all three mirrors approximately 40 percent of the time. In other words, car drivers are adjusting those side mirrors to see behind them rather than to minimize their blind spots. Although I know many motorcyclists also have the dubious habit of setting their mirrors to give a heavily overlapped view of the lane behind them, rather than maximizing the view of adjacent spaces, I was surprised that so many drivers, who have a large central mirror, adopt the same arrangement.

These sorts of problems are common, so the experienced rider trains himself to look for the other driver's eyes. If you can't see them, the driver can't see you. If you can't see them or if you are unsure whether you have been seen, you need to do something to increase your chances of being noticed. Find a position in the lane where you are clear of whatever is blocking the view. Flicker your headlight, or reduce your closing speed -- preferably in a manner that does not indicate you are planning to turn.

Unfortunately, tinted windows are increasingly popular, and they often prevent you from seeing a driver's eyes as you approach, giving you no way of knowing if he has looked your way. (I don't know if juries agree, but I think tinted windows should give a driver using them greater culpability when an accident occurs because other motorists are incapable of detecting signals of the driver's intentions.)

But remember, eye contact is no guarantee of safe passage. Accident reports are full of rider statements to the effect of, "He looked right at me, then pulled out."

Distracted driving contributes to up to 8,000 crashes every single day – the facts speak for themselves:

- More than one million people have died in car crashes over the past 25 years in the U.S., with 33,788 lives lost in 2010 alone.
- Drivers spend more than half their time behind the wheel engaged in distracted behavior.
- Using a cell phone while driving quadruples your risk of crashing.
- Eating, smoking, adjusting music or rubbernecking while driving can be just as dangerous as texting, emailing or talking on a cell phone.
- Passengers are one of the most frequently reported causes of distraction, with young children being four times more distracting than adults and infants being eight times more distracting.

Bottom line, we are responsible for the safe operation of our vehicles (2 or 4 wheel). We are usually more educated about these hazards than the average driver, since we are much more exposed to the consequences than the four wheeler is. We must be alert at all times and identify those hazards that are in front of us, beside us and behind us.

One of the motorcycle riders best defenses is "Hi-Viz" and reflective protective gear.



Some riders have no problem being seen by other drivers.



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Ultimately the best piece of protection you have is you! The decisions you make every second can mean the difference between a wonderful ride with friends or a trip to the emergency room or even worse.

We are going into a period where we won't be riding as often, now is the time that we can start getting our bikes ready for the next riding season by doing maintenance. For those of us that ride year around, we need to do what we have to so we can stay warm, and still be seen by those crazy drivers that have more wheels than we do.

Have a safe and enjoyable ride!

Portions of this article are from "Invisible Me: Be Seen on your Motorcycle for Safety" by Art Friedman and published in the February 2009 issue of "Motorcycle Cruiser" magazine.

National News

Why We Select and Do Not Elect...

I receive hundreds of questions and comments from Members on how we do things and, recently, I received an email asking why we *appoint* Officers instead of *electing* them. The Member wrote...

“Appointing does not necessarily put the right person in the right job, in fact it sets up the environment to select a close friend rather than select the better person available for the job.”

Whether an organization appoints or elects, there can be issues that arise. GWRRA has used the appointment process since its inception; as an example, I'd like to explain the practice we use at the International level to ensure that the appointments we make are based solely on someone's abilities as a leader, a facilitator and a supporter of GWRRA programs.

Over the last 18 months, I have appointed five Region Directors and I feel that the key to a successful appointment is to utilize *your team* in the process. In my case, I use the International Team. Having them involved in the interview and selection process ensures that the appointed Director is well qualified, has good delegation and people skills and is supportive of the GWRRA programs. You see, the Director at any level in GWRRA, according to the support he or she is willing to give to the programs, will determine the success of those programs. It is also important to me that my International Directors have a good comfort level and know they will receive the support they need to ensure their program's success within the Region. This initial conversation during the interview process will also set the groundwork for future conversations.

After all of my team members have interviewed the candidates (we typically have two or three pre-selected candidates based on their qualifications and resumes), I host a conference call and each team member shares with the group their perspective about each candidate. Typically, one candidate rises above the rest, and I make the selection based on their recommendations and other information I've gathered. The example we've set is also being used by the Region and District Directors; it is sound and ensures that qualified and capable Directors are selected.

When it comes to our Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators and Leadership Trainers, the selection process is designed to ensure that the selected Officer is knowledgeable and qualified. We do this by having as the appointing Officer the Program Director at the higher level—with the concurrence of the Director at the appointed level. An example is that the Chapter Educator is appointed by the District Educator—with the concurrence of the Chapter Director. This process puts the emphasis on the candidate's qualifications and skill set. (However, since this Officer will serve on the *Director's* Team, it is imperative that the *Director* concurs with the appointment.)

There are several other aspects why we appoint instead of elect; a very important one is to keep politics out of Chapter Life. My feeling is that a Chapter gathering should be a place where Members can “hang their hats” and leave their worries behind. It needs to be a place where they can simply enjoy the fellowship of other motorcyclists. To have elections means there needs to be an election cycle that involves the campaigning of candidates. This would be a complete distraction from normal Chapter Life; candidates would solicit support from Members and create a divisive environment. And this divisiveness might not end after the election since some loser(s) might not be gracious and instead pick apart everything the new Director is doing. (That sometimes happens now, even without Directors being elected.)

Is our selection process perfect? No, but it has served the Association well for 35 years. Working with the Region and District Directors, I can assure you they are doing the best job they can to select capable individuals to lead our Chapters. We all have one goal in mind, and that is to provide Fun opportunities for our Members. It saddens me to see issues within Chapters; fortunately, it is a rare occurrence but, when it happens, it is typically a minor issue that gets blown way out of proportion. At that point, it is difficult to have resolution without hurt feelings.

Don't be critical; be a part of the solution and help your Chapter Director and their team be successful. Enjoy your Chapter Life and make it a personal goal to make it fun for others. We live in tough times, full of uncertainty. Let's all work to make our gatherings a place where we can all “hang our hats” and enjoy each other's fellowship.

Lori and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season with your family and GWRRA friends.

**Director of GWRRA,
Mike Stiger**

National News

News From National

GWRRA 35th Anniversary Caribbean Cruise!

Phoenix, AZ (October 24, 2011)—We invite you to come join us in our **GWRRA 35th Anniversary Celebration**—an event not to be missed! Make your plans now to join our GWRRA family on this incredible journey to visit the Western Caribbean sites of: **Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas Falmouth, Jamaica George Town, Grand Cayman Cozumel, Mexico.**

Setting sail **October 28-Nov. 4, 2012**, from Miami, Florida for seven nights, aboard the Norwegian Jewel™ cruise ship, offering two, one-hour non-alcoholic private cocktail parties (cash bars available), and reserved group dining.

Cruise rates start at \$678 per person – double occupancy.

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For details about the cruise, and to book your cabin, please visit www.etches.com/GWRRA. Prices listed include all port charges, taxes, fees and pre-paid gratuities. **Register now—space is limited!** GWRRA, with its motto “Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,” is a not-for-profit organization with over 70,000 Members in 50 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with organizing events, rallies, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA’s Web sites:

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Region News



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"Winding Down, and Rewinding for 2012"

A great deal has happened in the Region since the last edition of the "Gazette". The North Carolina and Virginia District Conventions provided members with two "fun filled" weekends, and the ability to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. One key ingredient that we noticed in our attendance at all five of our District Conventions . . . was that there was a concerted effort by each of the Districts to add some new and "out of the norm" activities. In essence, leadership is trying many new activities so that our conventions are not the "same old, same old". We're looking forward to some of the activities that the Districts are already talking about for next year. A special thanks to the North Carolina and Virginia District Teams and members who made their events so successful this year. The Virginia Convention was also the venue for the selection of Mike and Dean Stokes, from North Carolina, as the Region N 2011-2012 Couple of the Year. The selection process participants were all dynamic couples, who have each made significant contributions to their Chapters and Districts, with strong emphasis in serving the members. Speaking of the Couple of the Year Program, we attended the Couple Selection Process for both North Carolina and Virginia, and was pleasantly surprised by the active participation by the number of couples in this vital program.

The Annual Region Operations Meeting in Abingdon, Virginia, was well attended and timelines, emphasis programs, and planning for the close of 2011, and the coming year, were discussed and explained. Thanks to all the Directors, Educators, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Trainers and Treasurers who were in attendance for the cross-feed of information between the Districts. Information for dissemination at individual District Operations Meetings was passed along to all attending. See page 7, of this issue, for timeline reminders to Directors and Program Coordinators. A key portion of the Operations Meeting was devoted to the Membership Enhancement Programs and their key contributions to the overall effectiveness of recruiting, retention, recognitions and the "fun programs."

There are a number of training programs scheduled throughout the Region . . . Officer Training, Horizon, Medic First, Riders Education, and an Instructor Course. Each of the Districts have extremely active plans, with a few training weekends planned, during the non-riding period . . . to enhance the riding confidence and knowledge of the members who will be attending. A number of officer positions will be turning over in the next couple of months, thus the Officer Certification and Horizon Programs, are on track with training needs of the Districts and Chapters.

Congratulations to Pat and Lorelee Coe, on their selection as the new District Directors for the Kentucky District, replacing David and Jeannie McKenzie, who are stepping down after serving the membership of Kentucky as the District Directors, for the past two years.

Until next month, Ride Safe and Ride Often.

Ed & Mary Ann Grazier

Directors, GWRRA Appalachian Region "N"

District News



Mike and Angie Mitchell
District Directors



District Director's Thoughts

With Rally in the Valley behind us, we must quickly turn our focus to year end housekeeping and then on to Wingless.

Things have changed just a bit for year end matters and for all the Chapter Directors out there, if you haven't sent in your Chartering Fee by the time you read this, I'm going to have to send Bob Carneal in his Wingless Outfit to camp out on your door to collect! That is if Hope will let him out of the house! The deadline for fees has been moved up a bit and unless you want Bob in his "speedo" hanging out (no pun intended) on your porch, get them in.



Additionally, as our Ops Meeting will be January 21st, 2012, it falls in line with some other "deadlines" for financial matters. We are requesting you bring your Treasurers with you to the Meeting, along with the Financial Reports and your 990-N filing information. We intend to have a segment on financial reports and a one on one sitting to take care of filing your 990-n. Get it all done in one fell swoop. More information on the meeting to come.

Now on to Wingless! We just got finished with one fun event and are getting ready for another! The flyer is on the website, but there is no way to put all the fun things going on in one place....so, in addition to all the goodies on the flyer, we will again be having a Door Decorating contest for our Chapter Couples so get those ideas flowing.

Our theme this year is "Wide World of Sports". A lot of good ideas can come from that so get your "costumes" and "skits" ready for our Friday night contest.

Betty Needham and Mary O'Connor will be taking care of our award winning, world renowned Hospitality Room. Everyone did such a great job of bringing goodies for the Rally, we "hope" that you will surprise us again with all those homemade goodies.

Speaking of Hope, she is "hoping" that the Wingless Bars will not fall prey to the Pirates off the coast of China as they did last year, she hopes.....

Mike and Angie Mitchell

Virginia District Directors

Member Rides & Events



It may be getting colder, but Chapter L folks are still getting out there, even if it is via 4 wheels at times. We said goodbye to Dan & Sandy Slimp, Dan will be around a little bit longer, but Sandy's now in Arkansas; we ate BBQ at Q's in Hampton; we took a trike class at TCC; we helped Kathy Skinner celebrate 50 years of eating Ice Cream at Coldstone Creamery (but no one took a photo!); we ate breakfast at the Broken Egg, where Steve & Sherry Morgan braved the cold temps AND brought a new friend, Tim; and Sherry Morgan participated in both the Ride for Pink and the Pink Walk to raise funds for Breast Cancer Research.



You can tell from the footwear and chaps as to who braved the cold weather to ride to breakfast!

Helpful info for new (and not so new) members:

To get Chapter, District, Region and National patches for your vest, contact our Chapter Treasurer, John Steffel. For Rider Education "levels" patches, see Andrew Smith, our Rider Educator.

For things you might typically pick up at a Rally, but don't want to wait until the next one comes around:

- Chapter Shirts: www.rallytees.com
- Name Tags: www.TheEngraver.com (take note of spelling—only 1 'e' at beginning)
- Black Leather Vests: The Fast Lane, 166 S. Rosemont Road, Virginia Beach. www.fastlanebikergear.com
- Vest Embroidery: Hampton Roads Luggage, 166 S. Rosemont Rd, Virginia Beach (next to Fast Lane)

These are by no means the only place to get your desired items, just the ones that seem to be used the most by local chapters.

Upcoming Events & Rides

Month	Day	Type	Event	Chapter/Sponsor
December	3	V	Instructor Course, Abbingdon, VA	VA District
	3	O	Virginia Beach Christmas Parade	VA-B
	10	S	Chapter L Annual Christmas Party	VA-L
January	15-16	O	Lobby Day w/ Tom McGrath Law Group—Richmond	Tom McGrath
February	17-19	D	Wingless Weekend	VA District
	26	P	Polar Bear Run	VA-B
April	14	P	Spring Thaw Poker Run	VA-C
	15	P	Tax Day Motorcycle Ride & Party	VA-L
	22	O	Tour De Cure (Biking Fundraiser-we provide Motorcycle Support)	ADA
July	4-7	R	Wing Ding 34	GWRRA

Event Type Designations -- (P) Chapter Primary Event, (R) Rally, (S) Chapter Secondary Event, (V) VA District Event, (O) Other

NOTE: Registration forms for most Virginia District events can be found at www.gwrrava.org/events.html

Buy, Sell or Trade

FOR SALE: a brand new Kuryakyn back rest for sale. Used once, replaced when bike was triked. VIP pricing at WingStuff is \$250 with the support arm covers, asking \$200 OBO.

If interested, contact Ritchie Blanford of VA-L at Ritchie.Blanford@med.navy.mil

MADE TO ORDER: The engine guard modification you see here was done by Russell Davis of Blue Chip Machine The "kick out" on the stock bars really bothered him when using his highway pegs. He couldn't get them where he wanted, so after much thought he made the three pieces you see here, from 316 stainless steel and installed on the bike. WOW! what a difference. He took the bike over to Honda of Norfolk to have Dave Hunter take a look. He expressed to Mr. Davis that the modification looked very well and that it would not deter from the engine guards effectiveness. (The 98 & later 1500's just had the front portion of the guard) If interested, contact Blue Chip at bluechipmach@verizon.net (757) 642-0665.



From Jerry Johnston of Chapter VA-C: I have a new Tour Master Saber Jacket for sale as well as an almost new pair of Tour Master Silver Venturo Air Pants. (for warm weather). I also have a new Saddlemen Large Desperado Sissy Bar Bag for sale.

The jacket is size Med/42 and the pants 36-38.

Jacket--\$75.00 + postage / Pants--\$125.00 + postage / Sissybar Bag--\$45.00 + Postage

If interested, contact Jerry Johnston--757-877-8848

Featured Businesses



TURNERS
HONDA
ELIZABETH CITY, NC

1111 W. Ehringhaus St.
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Phone: 252.335.5489
Fax: 252.335.2453

GOLDWING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

**WINGLESS WEEKEND****WIDE WORLD OF
SPORTS**

FRIDAY & SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17-18 2012

*HOSTED BY THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT***ATTIRE - SPORTS UNIFORMS & CLOTHING***Come and join the FUN***Friday****Registration 6 – 8:30 pm****Social Time****Theme Contest:****Best Dressed – Male (Home made & Bought)****Best Dressed – Female (Home made & Bought)****Best Theme Dressed – Chapter*****Best Performance (Must have at least 4 members)****Ice Cream Social following performances****Saturday****Registration 8 am – 12 Noon****Seminars****Chapter Competition Games****Hospitality Room****Evening Dinner****Entertainment/Dancing 50/25/15/10**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6531 West Broad St, Richmond VA

(877) 227-6963 / (804) 285-9951

Mention GWRRR when making room reservations

Rooms blocked until February 6, 2012; Room rate \$72 per night single/double

Registration Fee: \$32 per person; \$12 under age 12; FREE under age 2

\$35 for non-GWRRR members; Saturday Day Pass \$10

Pre-Registration due by February 1, 2012



DIRECTIONS FROM NORTH:

TAKE I-95 S, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 S TO GET ON I-64 WEST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS W EST BROAD STREET. HOTEL W ILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM SOUTH: TAKE I-95 N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET ON I-64 W EST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS W EST BROAD STREET. HOTEL W ILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM EAST: GET ON I-64 W . BRIEFLY MERGE ONTO TO I-95N, TAKE EXIT 79 OFF OF I-95 N TO GET BACK ON I-64 W EST TOW ARDS RICHMOND / CHARLOTTESVILLE, TAKE EXIT 183B OFF OF I-64 W TOW ARDS W EST BROAD STREET. HOTEL W ILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE.

FROM W EST: GET ON I-64 E. TAKE EXIT 183 OFF OF I-64 E TOW ARDS W EST BROAD STREET. GO PAST THE FIRST EXIT ON GLENSIDE AND TAKE THE SECOND EXIT TOW ARDS US 250 / BROAD STREET. HOTEL W ILL BE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE



Deadline for Pre-Registration is February 1, 2012

(You must pre-register to be guaranteed the Saturday Night Plated Dinner "Only first 250 Guarenteed")

No Refunds after February 1, 2012

Return completed form with check payable to GWRRR Viginia

Send check to 1613 Dogwood Rd, Powhatan, VA 23139

Rider _____ GWRRR # _____ Chapter _____
CO-Rider _____ GWRRR # _____

Pre-Register - GWRRR Member \$32 x _____ = \$ _____
Pre-Register - Non-GWRRR Member \$35 x _____ = \$ _____
Pre-register for Richmond Historical Tour (Saturday): \$16 x _____ = \$ _____
Pre-register for CPR/First Aid class - (Limited to first 12) \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
CPR is the full certification class

Total: = \$ _____

Plated dinner choice (Choose one): Fried Chicken _____ Pork Loin _____

Address: _____

I would like an e-mail registration confirmation ___ Yes E-Mail address: _____

I/We agree to hold harmless GWRRR, the Co-sponsoring organizations and the property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by any reason of participation in the event.

Rider Signature: _____ Co-Rider Signature: _____

2012 Rally In The Valley® Logo Contest – People’s Choice



Rally in the Valley

Virginia GWRRA's Annual Convention Presents

“Harvest Fest II – A Monster Mash”

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING AN ENTRY?

1. Limit of 6 colors;
 2. Colors should be clearly identified;
 3. Logo does not have to be professionally designed or to perfect scale;
 4. The name “Rally In The Valley ®” has to be part of the design;
 5. A Gold Wing motorcycle has to be part of the design;
 6. The GWRRA name should be included somewhere
 7. Include dates October 4-6, 2012
 8. Include Salem, VA
- (Electronic copies in color can be submitted as well as hard copy entries)

WHO CAN ENTER?

All VA GWRRA Members (including District Staff Members)

WHAT DOES THE WINNER RECEIVE?

- 2 Free Registrations for the 2012 RITV
- 1 free RITV shirts

All entries have to be received no later than 1 February 2012, the winner will be announced Saturday evening at the Banquet at Wingless Weekend. Good luck to all!

E-Mail to:

Dweston6@verizon.net

or mail to:

GWRRA VA Asst. District Directors
3500 Wayne St
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Bits & Pieces

Pineapple Casserole (from Linda Harris of VA-L)

- 2 Cans Pineapple Chunks (20 oz)
- 1 Cup sugar
- 6 Tbl flour
- 2 Cups Sharp Cheddar Cheese (grated)
- 1 1/2 sleeves crumbled Ritz Crackers
- 1 1/2 sticks Melted Unsalted butter

Directions

1. Drain pineapple, put into oven safe 8 x 8 dish
 2. Combine sugar & flour and mix into pineapple to coat
 3. Sprinkle the cheese over the mixture
 4. Put crumbled crackers in a bowl
 5. Pour melted butter over the crumbled crackers and mix well
 6. Spread the crackers over the cheese
- Bake at 325/350 for 35 - 30 minutes



Real Redneck Rides
From Andrew Smith of VA-L



Hillbilly Motorcycle



Twice Baked Potato Casserole (from Kathy Skinner VA-L)

- 1 (10 3/4 oz) can of "cream of something" soup - I use Cream of Mushroom, but you can use Celery, Chicken, ... choose whatever suits your taste
 - 8 ounces shredded cheese – the sharper the better
 - 1 (8 oz) container of sour cream
 - 1 (32 oz) package shredded frozen hash brown potatoes
- Additional ingredients you may want to add:*
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
 - ¼ cup chopped bacon (already cooked)

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups crushed corn flakes **OR** 2 cups crushed crackers **OR** 1 cup breadcrumbs

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 9 x 13 inch baking pan.

Add soup, cheese, and sour cream, to a very large bowl and mix well. Add any of the additional ingredients, mix well. Add frozen hash browns and mix well. Place mixture into a greased 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Mix the crushed corn flakes (or crackers or bread-crumbs) with the butter.

Sprinkle the topping mixture over the hash brown mixture in pan.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 [degrees](#) for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Should be bubbling throughout.



CAUTION

Sometimes even the people at the Department of Public Safety have a sense of humor

Monthly Gatherings

CHAPTER L

4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Zino's Cafe

850 Old George Washington Highway
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 485-1468
www.zinoscafe.com



Please come and join us!

Social (meet, greet & eat) starts at 6 pm and
meeting starts at 7:00.

Other Chapters in the Area

Chapter B—Virginia Beach

2nd Wednesday each month, 7pm

New Location

Buffet City
3877 Holland Rd., #416
Virginia Beach, VA
(Holland Windsor Shopping Ctr)

Chapter C—Hampton/ Newport News

2nd Sunday each month, 7pm

Angelo's Steak & Pancake House
755 J. Clyde Morris Blvd
Newport News, VA

Chapter O—Williamsburg

4th Sunday each month, 5pm

Belgian Waffle & Steakhouse
14700 Warwick Blvd
Newport News, VA

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