



**Gold Wing Road Riders Association
Region N, Virginia District, Chapter L
Old & New - Two Wheels & Three - Gold Wings, Valkyries, Harleys
We are friends in pursuit of Fun, Safety and Knowledge
February 2010 Newsletter**



From the Chapter Director

Punxsutawney Phil, seen his shadow today!

So, are we looking at 6 more weeks of winter? I think there's a few of us, that 6 weeks without riding is just too long. I know I'm ready to start riding everyday again, but with the snow and ice on the roads, my bike is doing just fine in the garage getting the chrome shined up, oil changed, back tire changed, and all those things so I'm ready!

As I was glancing through my officer's guide, I came across a few things that I'd like to mention here in the newsletter. A few things that we should remember while we are putting on our events, while we are out riding, and when we are participating in other events or gatherings.

GWRRA IDEALS

PROMOTE SAFETY - This will help us continue to enjoy our hobby. We can also enjoy the fact that we are doing something to protect others by teaching them safe riding practices. We are saving lives!

PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP - Among ALL of the biking public. What better way to enjoy our way of life than to make friends and share with them?

PROMOTE THE POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDER - We must always keep "our best foot forward."

PROMOTE FUN - This is the glue that holds all our ideals together!

PROVIDE A MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE - GWRRA will provide a money-back guarantee to any Member that is of the opinion the Association has failed to live up to their expectations.

The first two; promote safety and friendship I think we do the really well within our chapter. I know as we've picked up new members, we go over group riding prior to heading out on the road, we discuss items in our meetings about group riding, protective clothing, and safety checks for our bikes to name a few. But, when you read those, it's not only about our members, it's also referring to other bikers, and sharing information and friendship with them. For us to really do our part to promote GWRRA and its' IDEALS, I think we need to start inviting others to come out and join us. Not just to support our events, but to come to a meeting, to come on some of our group rides. I know there are plenty of younger folks out there riding who just took the BRC course because it was required and that's all they know. I know that almost everyone of us has been out riding and see those that really don't know how to ride in a group, so this year as a chapter, let's start inviting some of those riders to our meetings and rides. Let's really promote safety and friendship to others here in the local area. By doing so, we'll be working towards promoting a Positive Image of a Motorcycle Rider, and we'll be putting "our best foot forward."

I know I didn't mention to promote FUN. As the CD of Chapter L, that's one thing I don't have to remind anyone in this chapter is to promote fun. Not everyone can afford a Gold Wing, especially the younger crowd, but we can show them what they have to look forward to as they get older!

If you get out on your bike here soon, keep in mind all the salt and sand that has been put down on our roads. Not only will it make a mess of your bike, but it will also collect on the road in various locations, curves being one of the worse spots. So, if your itching to get out for a ride, take it easy and watch out for the building up of sand and such out there.

Ride Safe. Dress appropriate.
Marty



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District/Regional News

Don't Forget About The Chapter Contest!

Member Year-long Recruitment

The Chapter that has recruited the most NEW MEMBERS by November 1, 2010, will receive:

- Their Chapter Charter fee will be paid for 2011.
- Each Chapter Member will receive 50% off their Wing Ding registration for Wing Ding 2011.
- The winning Chapter will receive the traveling trophy cup with engraved Chapter name plate for one year.

If you need more of the Chapter L business card 'flyers', please contact Kathy Skinner.



The 2010 Rally Schedule

<p>SPRING FLING 2010 THE TENNESSEE DISTRICT PRESENTS: "Old Time Rock and Roll" April 22 - 24, 2010 THE GRAND MAJESTIC THEATRE PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE</p>	
<p>DOWN HOME RALLY 2010 THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS "Wingin' Over the 7 Seas" JUNE 17 - 19, 2010 SUMMERSVILLE, CONFERENCE CENTER SUMMERSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA</p>	
<p>WING DING 32 THE GWRRA NATIONAL OFFICE PRESENTS "Meet Me in the Middle", JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2010 The Iowa Events Center Des Moines, Iowa</p>	
<p>THE BLAST 2010 THE KENTUCKY DISTRICT PRESENTS "Oldies but Goodies" AUGUST 5 - 7, 2010 THE "CENTER" FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOMERSET, KENTUCKY</p>	
<p>WINGS OVER THE SMOKIES 2010 THE NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT PRESENTS "TBD", SEPTEMBER 23 - 25, 2010 WESTERN AGRICULTURAL CENTER FLETCHER, NORTH CAROLINA</p>	
<p>Rally in the Valley Gold Wing Road Riders Assoc. Virginia</p>	<p>RALLY IN THE VALLEY 2010 THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT PRESENTS "TBD" OCTOBER 7 - 9, 2010 THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER SALEM, VIRGINIA</p>

District/Regional News

How Much Do You Know? Test Your Riding Knowledge

*Jim Sharkey & Renee Masse
Virginia Senior District Educators*



1. It is most important to flash your brake light when:

- A. Someone is following too closely.
- B. You will be slowing suddenly.
- C. There is a stop sign ahead.
- D. Your signals are not working.

2. The front brake supplies how much of the potential stopping power?

- A. About one-quarter.
- B. About one-half.
- C. About three-quarters.
- D. All the stopping power.

3. To swerve correctly:

- A. Shift your weight quickly.
- B. Turn the handlebars quickly.
- C. Press the handgrip in the direction of the turn.
- D. Press the handgrip in the opposite direction of the turn.

4. If a tire goes flat while riding and you must stop, it is usually best to:

- A. Relax on the handgrips.
- B. Shift your weight toward the good tire.
- C. Brake on the good tire and steer to the side of the road.
- D. Use both brakes and stop quickly.

Questions were taken from the TN DMV website: <http://www.state.tn.us/safety/publications/MotorcycleManual09.pdf>



Upcoming Rides\Events

Month	Day	Type	Event	Chapter/Sponsor
February	21	P	Annual Polar Bear Run - Angie's Family Restaurant, 335 S. Centerville Turnpike, VA Beach	VA-B
	27	P	Annual Crazy Supper - Gore Fire Hall, Gore	VA-F & WV-A
March	5-7	V	Wingless Weekend 2010 - <i>Fairy Tales and Fables</i> - Williamsburg Hospitality House, Williamsburg	VA District
	20	P	Roadside Clean-up at Hanbury & 168 bypass followed by breakfast and ride (Raindate 3/27)	VA-L
April	10	P	Spring Thaw - Newport News Park (shelter #19) Jefferson Ave, Newport News	VA-C
	11	P	Chapter L Pre-Tax Day Poker Run	VA-L
May	1	P	Playtime in the Shenandoah - Blue Ridge Powersports, US 11S from I-81 @ Exit 243, Harrisonburg	VA-R
September	11	S	Fall Sprawl - Simmons Farm, Whitestone	VA-C
October	7-9	V	Rally in the Valley®, Salem Civic Ctr, Salem	VA District
November	6	P	Goldwing Celebration - World of Sports, South Boston	VA-J
	6	-	28th Annual Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Run, Colonial Harley-Davidson, Colonial Heights	Blue Knights VA-III

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

Couple of the Year



COY for 2009-2010: Sandy and Dan Slimp

Sandy and I want to thank all that were involved on selecting us as the Chapter Couple for another year. We are looking forward in staying active within our chapter and are excited about this coming year. GWRRA rules state that chapter couples cannot be more than two years. So with this being said we want to make this our best year having fun with our Goldwing riders, our Harley rider, and fellow chapters.

It really looks like that we as a chapter will have some really great rides to include over-nighters. All officers of Chapter L are striving to make this a very eventful year for all. Over the course of the year our chapter kept growing and more people are showing up at our monthly meeting.

One more thing I would like to mention is I talked with Larry and he is doing well. As most of you know he had part of his lung removed. Surely the good Lord is truly looking over Larry and of course Jean right there by his side. Funny thing happened to Sandy and me when we went to the hospital the day of his surgery. Of course you know that only family members could see him because he was moved to intensive care after the surgery. To get in you had to pick of the phone and talked to the nurse. She asked if I was a family member and I stated of course I was his brother. She then proceeded to buzzing the door to allow us to come in. I didn't understand I was getting all kinds of strange looks. He will back to riding once he is completely healed. Who knows he could be our next TRIKER in our outstanding chapter.

Speedy recovery Larry and we can't wait until you and Jean can ride with us again.

Dan and Sandy
C.O.Y. 2009-2010

PS. We had an officer's meeting and everyone was shocked because Marty had arrived before most of us. It's going to be a great year!



Rider Education & Safety

The Zen of Cleaning and Preparing Your Motorcycle After Winter Storage

Submitted by Marty Tengowski

Even though we have a short lay up time here in southeastern VA, the following article still provides some good items to go over prior to getting back out there on the road. As we get close to spring and changing temperatures, and limited riding, be sure to check your tire pressure often.

Cleaning and preparing your motorcycle after Winter storage should be a passionate task. Yes, after the many months of waiting. Doing anything to your motorcycle is a much anticipated task. Sure it is not on the "hunny do list." But it is the number one to do item on your list. Whether you ride a BMW tourer, ZZR1200 Sport Tourer, or Victory Kingpin, you should approach the task like a Zen master. Learning about your bike again, fine tuning it up and preparing it for its first spring ride. So, get out the cache of cleaning supplies, soap, polish and waxes, lubricants, etc... and get to it!

The following punch list has been comprised by reading through the various motorcycle owners manuals (MOMs) and service manuals. As well as, from my own experiences as to what works. After a few months in storage for both you and your bike, I encourage you to read your general maintenance sections of your M.O.M just to make sure you did not forget something basic like inflating the tires to the proper inflation specifications.

- Check battery terminals (clean, if necessary, with baking soda and water).
- Dry or apply an after wash product (there are several available), then dry.
- Check oil and other lubricants.
- Check cables and lub with specified lubricants.
- Check tire pressure and wear.
- Check, charge, or install the battery (positive lead first).
- Check all lights, and operation of each.
- Check brake fluid level, and pads/shoes for wear.
- Wash or apply a pre-wash, and then thoroughly "bathe" your ride.
- Apply leather treatment to leather components.
- Check drive belt, chain, or shaft.
- Polish and wax all chrome and painted parts.
- Add "octane" booster (if desired) according to directions.
- Clean inside of helmet with mild soap (let dry).
- Write down beginning mileage.
- Review any notes written before putting your motorcycle in Winter storage.

Finally, you made it through your first spring motorcycle maintenance task and now are one with your motorcycle. Well, not quite yet. Now you need to fine-tune yourself. By that I mean, practice your basic riding skills. Head out to an empty parking lot and practice your braking, slow-speed riding techniques, and clutch control. You will find that you are a bit rusty. This will also give you a chance to see if there is anything you missed while going through your spring tune-up punch list.

The bottom line is to have fun. Motorcycling is all about the passion. I firmly believe in one doing their own motorcycle maintenance. If you are doubtful of your mechanical skill all you need to do is go to one of the many online motorcycle forum sites and post questions or browse their How-To articles. Ideally you want to go to a site that pertains to your model motorcycle.

Biker Bits

Motorcycle wisdom

1. Takeoffs are optional; Stopping is mandatory.
2. Never try to drive farther than your fuel will allow.
3. When in doubt, stay home. No one ever suffered major injuries from a head-on with a remote control.
4. No matter what you ride, it's all the same wind!
5. Learn from the mistakes of others, you may not live through yours.
6. Your probability of survival is directly and inversely proportional to your angle and speed of arrival to the stopping object. The higher the speed and closer to head-on, the less chance of survival.
7. Never let your bike take you someplace your brain hasn't spent at least 15 seconds.
8. Remember that in the eternal conflict between objects of plastic & steel moving at speed and the ground ... the ground has yet to loose.
9. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately experience comes from bad judgment. See rule 3.
10. Keep looking around there's always something you missed.
11. Remember that gravity is not just a good idea, it's the law, and one that doesn't break easily.
12. There are drunk bikers. There are old bikers. There are NO old, drunk bikers.

Harley Riders vs. Goldwing Riders

Harley riders: "Live to ride. Ride to Live."
 Goldwing drivers: "Eat to ride. Ride to eat."

Harley riders: "Loud pipes save lives."
 Goldwing drivers: "Honey, will you turn down the radio?"

Harley riders: Black leather jacket and chaps.
 Goldwing drivers: Red snowmobile suit.

Harley riders: Black leather vest with chain closure and skull and lightning bolt on the back.
 Goldwing drivers: Gray twill vest with trading pins and Goldwing Road Riders Association chapter patch on the back.

Harley riders: Meets other riders at "The Dam Ice House."
 Goldwing drivers: Meets other riders at Denny's.

Harley riders: Cross city ride ends at topless bar.
 Goldwing drivers: Cross country ride ends at Dairy Queen.

Harley riders: Riding in groups of two.
 Goldwing drivers: Riding in groups of twenty.

Harley riders: Ape hanger bars and (proctologist's dream) splinter seats.
 Goldwing drivers: Big wide seats for big wide butts.

Harley riders: Rolling thunder.
 Goldwing drivers: BarcoLounger with wheels.

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Have you upgraded your bike or trike recently and have spare parts laying around? Perhaps your size (ahem) changed a little and your gear doesn't fit as well as it used too? Maybe you have a classic bike and the part you need is priced as if it was made of gold.

Buy, Sell or Trade is where you can list what you've got laying around taking up room and find new homes for it. And to put out the word on what you would like to have for your bikes, but need to find a bargain on something gently used.



- Ladies Gerbing Electric Jacket (with controller), Size Medium, Black, \$50
- Ladies OSI Jacket (with liner), Size Medium, Red with black accents, \$30
- Anyone interested can contact Sandy Renner at bsnr@verizon.net
- Trailer: 1996 Hannigan, Burgundy with new paint, wheels and tires. Has garment bag and nose bra. asking \$2,000
- If interested contact Dave Harris: Davenat@aol.com



Meetings

CHAPTER L MEETINGS

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 at 7:00.



Chapter B—Virginia Beach

2nd Wednesday each month, 7pm

New Location
Village Inn
Independence Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA
(Pembroke Mall area)

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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