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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

*"Listening to Others"*



Well, the 17th was a "green night meeting" for sure, with some of our members participating joyfully in an all day and I'm sure long into the evening St Patrick's Day celebration! There were bright lime green caps, a lime green derby with a white pom-pom, and a few real sharp "bow-ties!"

Our ladies displayed their wonderful green attire, hugs, and smiles, while a few of the fellows kept me guessing...they must have had a great meal with their favorite drink, since they arrived with bright lime green stained mustaches!

All in all our meeting was lots of fun! I also would like to mention it is not always the same when any of the regular attendees do not attend...hope all is well, we missed yah!

I also want to thank George and Gale Mayo, our "Mass. District Directors" for their "Official Visit". They handed me an "official" form stating our chapter "Mascot" was safe! Hmm... We appreciated their camaraderie, friendship and membership support which has made the GWRRA reports and chapter news that much more helpful! Thanks George and Gale!

Speaking of our Mascot...we have again been blessed with the "Wonderful Team" of Ed and Rhonda Porawski, who are working as I speak on perfecting the little rascal! Our "mascot and calendar" rule criteria may be viewed on the GWRRA district site under "Mascot." Again, I want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Ed & Rhonda for their genuine friendship and chapter support! You may view the Mascot info and rules on the link below. [http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp\\_10225d0e/wp\\_10225d0e.html](http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_10225d0e/wp_10225d0e.html)

We have another great program sent down to us from the District. It's called the "CHOY, Chapter of the Year Award and Honorable Mention Award." This program acknowledges the extraordinary efforts and performance of local chapter leaders and members. Our chapter eligibility is ONLY ONE staff member short of conformance! The missing position is the "Membership Enhancement Coordinator." About "Ninety-Nine" percent of the criteria & active programs have already been met.

This position will be coordinated with me and your staff leaders. The guidelines may be reviewed at the district web site (below) under CHOY.

We also would like to have a “CHOY” Couple of the Year program, which you may review there as well.  
[http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp\\_10225d0e/wp\\_10225d0e.html](http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_10225d0e/wp_10225d0e.html)

After all the chapter business had been referenced, I read a real life story of a fellow Irishman named James Morris Morgan, who was a Civil War “Rebel Reefer”, part of a group of Confederate Ship-Mates. These fellows were by all means rebels! They would rob, pirate, and burn Union ships. Their name fits them well, as they would sail into a friendly seaport and claim whatever they could find.

This story had a significant meaning to it....my once-thought all Portuguese mother recently found out her father’s last name is J. Morgan! The Irish relationship is real, while the story could have been speculative, possibly folk lore, but it was fun to tell! Now that I know I’m part Irish, I’m hoping the rest of the 2009 meetings will go a little smoother!

After the meeting a few bikes went to the Ipswich Diner. What a wonderful dessert menu they have! Sean and a few others met at the local coffee shop.

I missed last month’s meeting and I had heard that we had a few new attendees. It was nice to finally meet Mike and Mary Beth Traynor and welcome them into the membership! I almost grilled Frank for not being honest with me about riding his bike to the meeting before I found out it was Mike Traynor’s blue bike. Oh well!

It has been comforting knowing that Kevin and Georgia LeBlond, along with Sean McCarthy, have been so deeply entrenched in the task of perfecting our web site. Here’s a little “ditto” to those assisting them. Keep it going!

In implementing “Listening to Others”, my rider opinion poll has been a refreshing look into knowing what we are as a chapter, what our comfort levels are, and what the possibilities are of increasing rider leaders if necessary. Keep your opinions coming.

GWRRRA activities.... may be viewed on line. [http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp\\_10225d0e/wp\\_10225d0e.html](http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_10225d0e/wp_10225d0e.html)

- March 29th A request has been asked by George and Gale Mayo on the revitalization of Chapter “M”
- April 18th Connecticut Chapter “W” CT District sponsoring a Gold Wing Service and Maintenance Rodeo. See their site for more info. [www.gwrra-ct.org](http://www.gwrra-ct.org)
- June 25th National is setting up a booth at the “Thunder in the Valley Rally” see the [www.gwrramass.org](http://www.gwrramass.org). For info.
- August 30th there will be a picnic on the Battleship New Jersey. For info contact Jorge & Julia Perez 1-732-968-7833

Finally, but never the least appreciated, is our Ride Educator Paul Green. I hope you have enjoyed his “rider education” materials each month. As you meet the criteria for the “rider education levels program” you are eligible to purchase a patch which displays the level of your safety and rider achievement!

Now I can honestly say: May a little “Irish, Green Delight” settle in your hearts.

Sincerely,  
 Mike Lozzi  
 Director

*Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge....*

*“Every Member Matters”*

## **OFF THE THROTTLE**



*By Kevin LeBlond*

Welcome to the new addition to the newsletter, its purpose is to provide information you'll hopefully find of interest on & off the bike. Such as information on favorite rides/roads; Gold Wing specific information; new motorcycle products like 'safety chrome' and talk about activities related to our GW chapter and chapter members. So with that said, here's this month's edition, hope you enjoy it.

The annual Pot Luck supper was held at Pao's home with a record turnout of 32 members in attendance, we all enjoyed an abundance of great food & laughter. After dinner Sean & Ginny treated us all to a special VIP screening of their trip to Las Vegas on DVD, with inputs from those of us lucky enough to have visited some of those same locations.



Thanks Pao & Dot for your hospitality!

- The 2009 riding season got underway with an 'unofficial' ride on Saturday March 28 with Herve, Pat, Frank, Allan/Mary, Rich & Mike. Mike led the morning portion of the 'u-turn' ride and Rich lead the ride home after lunch at the Peterborough Diner.
- **April Ride: Female Hardware Store - Ride Leader: Pao**  
If you want to ride, join us April 19 for a ride to a "*unique*" hardware store. It is Approximately 120 miles to our destination and in order to arrive at noon, it's necessary to leave exactly at 9:00am from Wakefield. This will require about 1 hour of highway driving. If you enjoy riding twisty back roads in the middle of wooded uninhabited areas, you will love the 5 hour ride home. We will cross several major highways on the return trip. So, if you get tired you may leave the group at any time.

- Hard to believe but the *Gold Wing* turns 35 this year. Did you know that the first *Gold Wing* was first shown to the public in Cologne, Germany in October 1974? Mr. Honda considered the *Gold Wing* one of Honda's greatest achievements. It has also outlasted all of Honda's models over the years.
- Here's an interesting web site with great photos set in by Rich Davidson for those that might be headed west. This is Hwy 95's "old grade" into Lewiston from the North. It drops 2,000 ft. in ten miles: <http://www.geocities.com/verminNW/pics/rides/spiral/spiral.html>
- I know some of you spend time 'surfing the net' and run across articles of interest. In January, a few of you sent us links to those sites; we included several in the January newsletter. If you find something you think is worth sharing with the chapter, send it to us before the end of every month.
- I would encourage you to please stop by our chapter web site this month and every month. We're promising to keep the web site up-to-date with fresh information every month. <http://www.orgsites.com/ma/gwrra/>

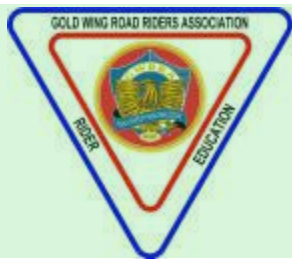
Here are a few of the interesting things that can be found there:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 2009 ride schedule</li> <li>✓ T-cloc check lists</li> <li>✓ The most current information on rides or chapter events</li> <li>✓ Monthly newsletter, past and present</li> <li>✓ A few photos from the most recent ride or event</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Emergency Information form</li> <li>✓ Upcoming events &amp; ride flyers, for April: <a href="#"><u>Female Hardware Store</u></a> and for May the <a href="#"><u>Long Island</u></a> Memorial Day weekend ride</li> </ul> |
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*Ride safe & have fun - Kevin*

***Every Member Matters***

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## Rider Education

*“Safety is for Life”*



\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

At the March meeting, we discussed that the Rider Education topic for the April meeting would be “Group Riding”. This is probably one of the more important safety and chapter cohesive discussions we will have as a Chapter since we will have an open discussion on both the safety issues of Group Riding, and the group riding etiquettes that promote a fun experience for all members of the group.

Please make a special effort to attend this meeting so that you can have an opportunity to ask your questions and add your input.

## N.17 T-CLOCS

T- CLOCS ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR	CHECKOFF	
<b>T --- TIRES &amp; WHEELS</b>				
Tires	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.	Front	Rear
	Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load/speed	Front	Rear
Wheels	Spokes	Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel "ring" OK -- "thud", loose spoke	Front	Rear
	Cast	Cracks, dents	Front	Rear
	Rims	Out of round/true = 5 mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.	Front	Rear
	Bearings	Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No free play (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.	Front	Rear
	Seals	Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.	Front	Rear
<b>C --- CONTROLS</b>				
Levers	Condition	Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar lever.	Front	Rear
	Pivots	Lubricated		
Cables	Condition	Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and length.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place.		
Hoses	Condition	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chaffing, deterioration.		
	Routing	No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire looms in place.		
Throttle	Operation	Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving.		
<b>L --- LIGHTS</b>				
Battery	Condition	Terminals clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.		
	Vent Tube	Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.		
Lenses	Condition	Cracked, broken secure, mounted, excessive condensation		
Reflectors	Condition	Cracked, broken securely mounted.		
Wiring	Condition	Fraying, chaffing, insulation.		
	Routing	Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.		
Headlamp	Condition	Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.		
	Aim	Height and right/left.		

N.19 Trailer Check



**GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION**



**RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM  
TRAILER CHECK**

Items to Check	Condition to Check	OK(Y/N)
<b>Lights</b>	Brake lights, turn signals, running lights	
<b>Wiring</b>	Breaks, cracks, pinches, chafing. Clean connections	
<b>Tires</b>	Tread, cracks, correct pressure (don't forget the spare if you carry one)	
<b>Wheels</b>	Rust, lug nuts (on and tight), wheel bearings	
<b>Hitch</b>	Locking shoe adjustment, pin or ball clamp, bolts and frame connections, rust, loose connections	
<b>Ball or Pin</b>	Unusual wear, cleanliness, lubrication	
<b>Safety Chains</b>	Adequate length, strength, rust, attachment hooks	
<b>Suspension</b>	Correct pressure in air shocks, rust, loose mountings, spring tension	
<b>Chassis &amp; Frame</b>	Rust, cracks, broken frame members, cracked welds <b>Tongue</b> Rust, cracks, trailer frame bolts	

I have performed the above safety check. To my knowledge my Trike is ready for safe range operation. I certify the above statements are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Year and Type of Trailer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## N.18 Trike Check



# GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

## RIDER EDUCATION PROGRAM TRIKE CHECK



<u>Tires</u>		<u>Front</u>	<u>Rear</u>
Condition	Tread depth, wear, dry rotting, bulges, and foreign objects		
Air Pressure	Check when cold, adjust to load and speed		
<u>Controls</u>			
Throttle	Operation, moves freely, snaps closed, no revving		
Levers	None bent, broken. Ball on end of lever		
Cables	No interference, fraying or kinks		
Hoses	No cuts, cracks, bulges		
<u>Lights</u>			
Battery	Terminals clean, tight, electrolyte level, vent tube & charge		
Lenses	No cracks or excessive condensation, securely mounted		
Headlamp	Bulb works, aimed correctly, not loose in mounting		
<u>Oils</u>			
Engine	Check warm, is it at the minimum		
Coolant	Reservoir and recovery tank at correct level		
Fuel	Tank full ready to ride, Check gage or tank		
Leaks	Check for oil, fuel, coolant or rear-end leaks		
<u>Chassis</u>			
Forks	Check air pressure, check for leaks, is travel free		
Shock(s)	Check air pressure, pre-load springs and free travel		
Steering-Head	Check for tight spots and play by pushing/pulling forks		

I have performed the above safety check. To my knowledge my Trike is ready for safe range operation. I certify the above statements are true and correct.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Type of Trike \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHEDULING & EVENTS



## Monthly Meeting

Beebe Memorial Library

Wakefield, MA

Next Meeting:

**Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm**

## Up-Coming Ride/Events

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**PAO's Female Hardware Store  
Ride – 9:00 AM start Reading  
Old registry – Destination Ride**



Joy Tachuk	April 10 <sup>th</sup>
Faye Madden	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Paul Sarty	April 20 <sup>th</sup>



## *Happy Anniversary*

Shirley & Wayne Anderson	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Pat & Linheart Smith	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Don & Carol Mahn	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Jim & Sharon Scofield	April 24 <sup>th</sup>



## CLASSIFIEDS



The classified ads are free to all members and associates of the GWRRA. Advertised items do not have to be Goldwing or motorcycle related. Deadline for submitting is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication in the following month's newsletter. To have your ad posted here, please submit your formatted ad to [gigilbd@msn.com](mailto:gigilbd@msn.com) or call (978) 692-1169

### Tour Master Cortech ADX Men's Jacket

Size XL = Men's 46 Chest

Three-Quarter Length 600 Denier DuPont Cordura Ripstop, Airguard Triplex and Hitena Dobby shell

A waterproof and breathable DuPont Comformax barrier allows the rider to remain dry

Waterproof, YKK zippered chest and sleeve vents combine with rear exit vents providing flow-through ventilation

Soft rubber molded vents in the sleeves and chest offer additional airflow

Durable, two-way YKK main zipper closure with dual wind flap seals out the elements

3M reflective piping, Lumidex reflective material panels and Cortech's signature reflective rear triangle help to increase nighttime visibility

Removable, CE approved armor at the elbow and shoulder.

Cynix insulated liner is removable, provides warmth and incorporates anti-static properties

YKK-zippered hand pockets with flap closures, internal mobile phone pocket and YKK-zippered fanny pack

Adjustable waist belts, with TPR pulls help fine tune the fit

Includes a jacket/pant zipper attachment with the pant side included

Asking \$125 (purchase price \$255) or best offer 😊 [gigilbd@msn.com](mailto:gigilbd@msn.com)

### 1992 Suzuki 800 Intruder 805cc

Light Blue, 13K miles, loaded, covers, owner's manual, locks.

Asking \$1500 or best offer

Contact Frank Silveria (978) 979-2477

# Congratulations!

## March Winners

Item	Donor	Winner
Bertucci's \$10 GC	Georgia LeBlond	Mike Lozzi
Staples \$10 GC	Chapter "A"	Don Mann
Home \$10 GC	Chapter "A"	George Mayo
Allan's Awesome Bread	Allan Smeltzer	Paul Sarty
Soda Bread	Billy d'Entremont	Herve Houde
Peanut Brittle	Paul Sarty	Sean McCarthy
HD Coffee	Ed & Rhonda	Paul Green
10 free raffle tix April 21 <sup>st</sup>		Allan Smeltzer
Rich we haven't forgotten ~ still owe you 10 free tickets from January meeting!		
50/50 - \$55		Paul Sarty

## Thank You

The March meeting brought 19 attendees with two special guests. "Thanks" to **George & Gale Mayo** our District Directors for attending, although, I am sure there was an ulterior motive; LIKE TO STEAL OUR MASCOT!!!



Please join me in welcoming two new members; **Mike & MaryBeth Traynor**.  
Welcome to the Goldwing Riders Chapter "A."

# 2009 Honda GOLDWING

## New '09 Cycles! 128 Pricing



Package 1 \$18,499	Premium Audio
Package 2 \$20,499	Comfort, Nav, and Premium Audio
Package 3 \$21,799	ABS, Comfort, Nav, and Premium Audio
Package 3 \$22,259	(LIMITED EDITION BLUE)
Package 4 \$22,499	Airbag, ABS, Comfort, Nav, and Premium Audio

### Cycles! 128 offers:

- \$24.95 Oil and Filter Change
- Financing as low as 3.99 % fixed APR
- Motorcycle Leasing

### 2009 colors:

Deep Blue Metallic – Metallic Silver – Pearl Yellow - Metallic Titanium  
– Candy Black Cherry and Metallic Blue (Limited Edition)




Chapter A Sponsor






## Chapter "A" Ride calendar; April & May '09

### April 2009

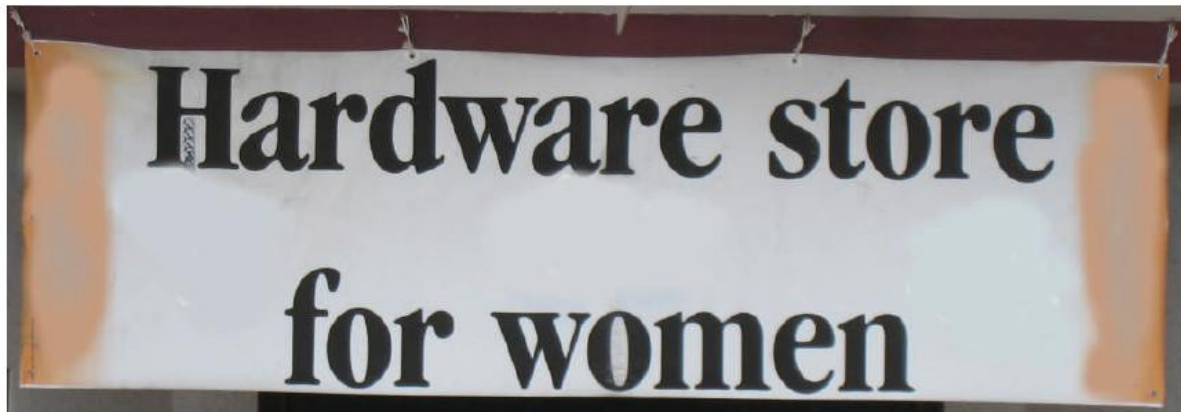
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 TBD - open	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Female Hardware Store - ~PAO~ 9:00 AM Destination ride	20	21 Chapter A Meeting Beebe Memorial Library 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26 RI-B Kick-Off Breakfast at Elk's Lodge 9:00-11:00 Dest/scenic ride afterwards	27	28	29	30		

### May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 
3 Dot's VT ~Paul~ 8:30 Wakefield 9:00 Littleton Scenic	4	5	6	7	8	9 Vencoo Open House 9:00 AM ~Herve~ Destination
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Poor Peoples Publ Wakefield, NH ~Rich~ 8:00 AM Destination/Scenic	18	19 Chapter A Meeting Beebe Memorial Library 7:00 PM	20	21	22	23 Long Island, NY * ~PAO~ 9:00 AM Destination/Scenic
24 Long Island, NY * ~PAO~ Destination/Scenic	25 Long Island, NY return 	26	27	28	29	30
31 Laconia, NH ~Rob L~ TBD Start Wright's WWII Museum Harts Turkey Farm Destination						

# Hardware Store for Women Ride

**Date:** 19 April, 2009  
**Time:** 9 AM  
**Location:** Old Registry in Reading



If you want to ride, join us on April 19 for a ride to a “*unique*” hardware store. It is approximately 120 miles to our destination, and in order to arrive at noon, it is necessary to leave exactly at 9. This will require about 1 hour of highway driving.

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