

Goldwing Road Riders Association



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[HTTP://WWW.GWRRAMA-A.ORG/](http://www.gwrrama-a.org/)

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"





"FROM THE DIRECTOR"



Chapter "A" JANUARY 2010 NL

Happy NEW YEAR!

District Congrats!... go out to "Vasco & Ginger Nunez" who have joyfully accepted the 2010 chapter directorship for Chapter B in Hyannis, MA. We'll see you soon, have fun guys!

What will be your New Year Resolution?

As a biker, what desires, goals, or opportunities will you set for 2010?

Will we ride more; ride harder with as much fun? Will we meet new friends along the way, plan a new journey, and what about some new riding gear or toys?

Chapter "A" officers and staff would like to offer more great opportunities within our chapter community as we plan our ride schedule and outreach events for 2010.

Mark your Calendar for February 7th at 1:00pm

Our 2010 Ride Schedule Meeting is at Herve's & Joan's House! Bring your appetite and ride suggestions....don't be afraid to step up and lead a ride!

We have open positions in chapter "A." We need a well seasoned & experienced member who is capable of scheduling, tracking and coordinating rides and events! Yeah, a Ride Coordinator! Alright maybe not so well seasoned and experienced....possibly just dedicated! If you are willing to give your best effort! OK, maybe that could mean also a little bit more of your funny side? You're in! Help us to identify chapter "A's" best side.... We need help and we need you! Even if the position is taken jump on board as an assistant!

This year we would like to plan outreach motorcycle programs, possibly a fourth of July Parade (what can you do that would be spectacular on your bike!), Tour Riding and functions with local motorcycle clubs, maybe an October-Fest Bike Day and more! We can accomplish almost anything if we have you aboard!

January is here so guess what? That leaves only two more months of winter weather before we have some descent riding... YES!

Thank you much! However, with a little sadness; Bill d'Entremont and Mike Traynor will not be continuing their chapter positions in 2010. We appreciate their commitment and dedication in service to Chapter "A" in 2009. We're still looking forward to the fun times with them at our meetings, rides, and 2010 events! *Thanks guys!*

We want to thank all of you! Especially for your support in 2009 as you attended chapter meetings, rides and events! Your very presence made each meeting and ride event so successful! To all of you who had participated as you; lent a hand when needed, when necessary offered an alternative ride plan, how you honestly acted out your desire at each chapter event....please continue to do so this year! *I would like to personally say we worked well together!* Chapter "A" is richly filled with much talent! So, on behalf of the chapter and our officers please accept our sincerely appreciation for your friendship and unselfish commitment with a "hardy" *thank you!*

In 2009 we move forward in the GWRRA spirit!

We now have our meetings at the Bertucci's restaurant in Reading across from the Home Depot and in the same building as the Longhorn steak house!

Chapter "A" won the District "B" Mascot Adventure!

The Winning chapter shall receive a District pre-paid Free One Year GWRRA Membership! What does it all mean? "One" of our lucky raffle winners who attends our January 19th meeting will walk away with a free one year membership prize! Be sure to attend and purchase plenty of raffle tickets, I know I will...so, get there early!

We also promoted new chapter shirts, vest & patches! Our Chapter "A" 3" Vest Patch is Red with Gold Wings! We hope to see our members proudly displaying their vest and patches this year at our meetings, rides and events!

Should you need a good seamstress go on line to our chapter web page http://www.gwrrama-a.org/pb/wp_542ef0d8/wp_542ef0d8.html under "Local Business Friends" and obtain the number and address for "Ser-Vis Cleaners in North Reading. Yeah, you may ask your spouse to assist you in getting your vest ready, ASAP!

We now have a Chapter Pin! Displaying the famous 1775 Rider "Paul Revere!" His ride covered a large area from Boston to Lexington. So, no matter where we may have our chapter meeting place... we'll be within his ride adventure!

Chapter A also promoted an "Appreciation Award" for those members you thought or felt deserved it! Please make your voice heard again this year by checking off as many names as you feel appropriate on our members list at each meeting with the attendance sheet for our September 2010 Appreciation Award.

Our Very Own! In 2009 Kevin & Georgia LeBlond along with Sean & Ginny McCarthy have worked tirelessly to upgrade and define Chapter "A"s Web Page. We are deeply grateful for their efforts! They are "great team" and deserve our upmost gratitude!

In 2009 we participated with our district chapters in a fun time "Breakfast Bash! We hope to continue such events throughout 2010 for all our members!

Last November each Chapter Director in District "B" unanimously agreed to present to George & Gale Mayo an "Award of Appreciation" for their dedicated service within our chapters! They are always there for our chapter events and rides! We want them to know how much we appreciate their continued service and true friendship! It was not without merit that this award was presented at this time. May they continue to lead the district, meet more friends with many fun times in 2010!

Enthusiasm: Motorcycle Riders who express their – Riding Pleasure through an active display & interest in their Chapter, Friends, Fun and Safety Habits!

Thank you for a friendly, fun time, and memorable year!

Mike Lozzi

Chapter "A" Director

Off the throttle

BY KEVIN LeBLOND

January 2010

As I sit here and write this, the day after Christmas, it's lightly snowing outside adding a fresh coat of snow to the several inches already out there. Mother Nature is sending yet another message that the 2009 riding season is over, at least for most of us! We've got our Wing all tucked away for a long winters nap, battery tender connected and the cover loving placed over the bike protecting it from me trying to squeeze by with the snowblower.

So how was Santa this year, did he bring you some new chrome or gadgets for your bike?

Speaking of gadgets, Rich Davidson sent this article on a new gadget for those of you that have the Honda Navigation - <http://www.cellset.com/navtimer.html> I know some of you frequent the GL1800 Riders.com board. If you do, you might know that this gadget was developed by Lewis Preston of Electrical Connection with the help of Fred Harmon. For those of you that have Navigation know how frustrating the system can be on several accounts, this 'plug-in' addresses one of them. It eliminates the need to re-acknowledge the legal disclaimer "nag" message every time you turn the key off and turn it back on. By holding power on the GPS for 90 minutes, it will allow you to virtually ride all day long and stop as many times as you want and only have to acknowledge the nag screen the first time you start the bike in the morning, assuming of course you don't shut it off for more than 90 minutes.

For those of you looking for something motorcycle related in January/February there are at least 2 motorcycle shows coming to a venue near you:

1. 29th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show in New York City on January 22-24 at the Jacob Javits Center www.Motorcycleshows.com
2. Northeast Motorcycle Expo at the Bayside Expo February 13 & 14th (Cycles 128 is one sponsors of the show) <http://www.kevmarv.com/northeastmotorcycleexpo/boston.php>

Lastly, Georgia and I want to wish everyone a ***healthy*** and ***Happy New Year!***





Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



Trip Planning

(and other miscellanea)

For many of us, these next few months are an "off season" for riding, but a great time to start thinking of trips we might want to line up for the warmer months. While each of us might have very varied interests in both the things we would like to see, as well as they types of roads we might like to include in our excursion, the following are some of the thought processes that might go into your plan. They in no way are intended to represent the "right" way to approach trip planning or execution. Whatever makes you happy and allows you to enjoy a safe, enjoyable trip is what should drive your process. That being said, having put a couple of miles together on the road, sometimes by myself, and sometimes with others, here are a couple of comments to get you thinking.



Let's start with the concept of whether to travel alone, and if not how to select appropriate companions. I have found that riding alone can often be a very relaxing, enjoyable event. It provides a number of benefits, but also some risks. Riding alone certainly puts you in charge, allows you to pick the speed, road selection, destination, when to start, stop, what weather to ride in, etc. Ain't no debate if you're the one making all the decisions. It allows you to focus completely on the scenery, your riding style, and allows an opportunity to work on skills. There are however some obvious risks and drawbacks. To some I guess, long trips could get lonely, but frankly, I have yet to experience that. Maybe if you do a lot of highway, travel... but otherwise, I've always found enough enjoyment in the ride, the music, and the scenery. And there is always an opportunity to talk with people at stops and meals. The big risk is that you need to remember that if you are off in isolated areas, there isn't anyone to assist or help if you have an accident, or even drop the bike in a place with unsure footing.



We've already had some conversation at some of the meeting issues related to riding with others over extended periods, but hopefully some of it bears repeating. On "destination" rides, where the objective is to get somewhere quickly and efficiently, riding styles are probably less of an issue, but if you are planning to spend a long time, wandering, and have the choice of multiple roads and terrains, I believe having similar riding styles is of paramount importance. Obviously compatible personalities are necessary, an issue that grows in importance, the fewer the people, and the longer the tour. Be open and communicative about everything. Discuss before the trip, what kind of roads you want to use, when you like to start and stop, what kind of lodging and eating you prefer, who will be responsible for planning, leading, and mapping. And if tension develops over an extended time, which is almost inevitable, be willing to sit down and discuss it. (I recommend after the first drink, but before the third).



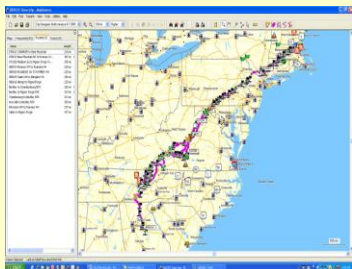
Where to go is a little harder to recommend since everyone's likes and preferences differ. Some like to ride hard, get there, and then wander from a satellite spot. For others, the ride is more important than the destination. I happened to be one of the latter, but I can make a couple of general observations. If time is limited, (work is really a drag, isn't it?), the East coast offers spectacular riding. We are blessed to have great day rides right at our doorstep, and fantastic "back in a week" destinations. A little later we'll talk about accessing some routes some of our members have

done, both locally and longer distance, but right now let it suffice to say that Vermont, New Hampshire and Western Massachusetts, offer great day trips. And some of the best riding in the country can be found in a weeklong trip along the Virginia/West Virginia borders.



If you have the desire to see the West Coast, here are a few observations. There's just no getting around it, the Central States, from about the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains, are flat, long, and boring, and they generally take about three days of highway riding to get across. That means that you are dedicating about a week of your trip to monotonous highway driving, and during the summer months, HOT. That includes south, down into Texas and New Mexico. However, west of that some of the opportunities include the coastlines of California, Oregon and

Washington, which are breathtaking, the mountains and valleys of California, Colorado, and Idaho, and unlimited National Parks. The National Parks in this country are spectacular. Personally, I think a great way to plan trips involves picking out National Parks you would like to see, and then plotting routes from one to another. If you haven't already visited them, you might want to consider, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Zion, Bryce, Glacier, Sequoia, Mesa Verde, Sedona, Monument Valley, Arches, and many others.



As this is being written, Kevin is working on putting together the mechanism and process to share favorite and recommended routes of Chapter A members. This will initially involve sharing Garmin routes on the Chapter A website. Although the process is still being worked out, it is anticipated that Garmin map files will be emailed to a central location by riders who are willing to participate. We will include more information in the near term on the complete process. In the meantime, start putting files together of your favorite local and touring routes. In general, the files

should contain routes for a trip. Files which contain multiple routes begin to get large. *There will undoubtedly be issues related to emailing, storing and downloading large files, so be aware of the potential future need to limit file sizes.* It should include a brief description which would include, among other possible things, the states included, a starting and ending point, the type of roads/difficulty involved, the estimated distance and time, the author, the Garmin map level used to calculate the route, and why you would recommend it. As this process continues to evolve Kevin would possibly like to add as a supplement to the route files, recommendations on lodging, restaurants and photo op's along the route. Also any "watch-out for's" like dirt roads, closed bridges, etc. So start putting together your files.

I expect that we will spend some time in the future, in this space, or in an article specifically dedicated, to discussing technical issues related to sharing Garmin files.

As always, the comments here are intended to initiate thought and conversation. If you have additional input, or disagreement, please bring it to the next meeting and we can all discuss it.

SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road
Reading, MA

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Jan 19th @ 7:00pm (meeting)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Jan 3rd Breakfast @ Brother's~Wakefield

Jan 16th Winterfest Party Sheraton~Wakefield

Jan 17th Breakfast @ Deli King~Tewksbury

Feb 7th Ride Planning Meeting (H & J's)



Kevin LeBlond

Jan 9th

Rob Lee

Jan 9th

Paul Green

Jan 22nd



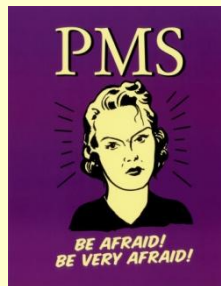
Sue & Paul Green

Jan 26th

Congratulations to NOVEMBER meeting winners!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Home Made bread	Allan Smeltzer	Joan Houde
Chapter Pin	Chapter A	Sean McCarthy
50/50		Frank Silveria
10 free tix January's meeting		Pat Costello

The Cure for PMS



Got a few extra minutes/hours during the off riding season, bored??

Check out these webs sites out and enjoy!

<http://www.motorcycle.com/>

All sorts of info on all motorcycles

<http://www.motorcycleroads.com/>

Some of the best riding roads

<http://www.ridinginthezone.com/>

Motorcycle Consumer News

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3Yq7DMRwbw>

Tire replacement video

<http://forums.roadfly.com/forums/det...5256389-1.html>

Test results on modern waxes



Ride Planning Meeting Directions

Herve and Joan's Home - February 7th

419 Kingsbury Ave
Bradford, MA 01834

From Boston

1. 93 North to 495 North towards Haverhill, MA
2. Exit 48 to Ward Hill / Bradford
3. At the third set of traffic lights (1.0) take a LEFT onto 125 NT to Bradford
4. At traffic light (.4), take a RIGHT onto Boston Road
 - Miniature golf course at corner
 - Pass Cedardale Sports Club on right
 - Pass Dorian Rd on left
5. Road will curve to the right (.4), **GO Instead STRAIGHT to a small fork**
6. Take a LEFT at small fork onto Willow Ave, sign on telephone post
 - Go up a small hill / 35 MPH speed zone sign / Caution sign for children
 - Pass open fields
 - Pass a grain silo and ice cream stand on right
 - Through a "S" turn
7. At Stop sign (1.0) take a sharp LEFT onto Kingsbury Ave
8. Pass two houses on left
9. Next house on the left is your destination
 - Large gray colonial with a stone wall and a farmer's porch
 - Parking in driveway along left side of house and in the rear
 - Please come through garage, up stairs (sidewalk steps are very slippery)
 - If you start going downhill or pass a large white birch on your left, you went by u

From the North Shore

1. Route 95 North to Route 133 Georgetown
2. Follow 133 West
3. At Boxford (speed limit 25)
4. At large white church take a right
 - Onto Main St. - between church and small raised city park with canons
5. Travel 2 ½ miles (Main changes to Kingsbury Ave at county line)
 - Pass volunteer fire station on right
 - Large open field with pond on left
 - Pass golf course on left
 - Start climbing a hill
6. Cross Willow Ave at start of hill
7. Pass two houses on left
8. Next house on the left with a stone wall is your destination
9. Large gray colonial with farmer's porch
10. If you start going down a hill or pass a large white birch on your left, you went by u



2010 Gold Wing Pricing for Chapter "A"



MODEL	NAME	COLOR	MSRP	Chapter A Pricing
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$22,899.00	\$ 19,999.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
		METALLIC RED		
		PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$25,399.00	\$ 22,099.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
		PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$25,699.00	\$ 23,149.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
	ABS	PEARL YELLOW		
	TPMS	METALLIC BLACK	\$27,999.00	\$ 23,999.00
	AUDIO & COMFORT PKG	METALLIC TITANIUM		
	XM RADIO & NAV	METALLIC RED		
	ABS	PEARL YELLOW		
	AIRBAG			