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*Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge*



**The Importance of Pre-Registration:**

Most GWRRA events will provide members with a pre-registration form for their event. This form is used for a number of different reasons.

1. The price may be/usually lower to participants who pre-register.
2. The pre-registration form is used as an unofficial head count of attendance.
3. The form can be used to tally the largest chapter, oldest/youngest or, longest distance traveled rider, etc. Some events offer an additional raffle or door price to pre-registered guests and it also helps to provide the sponsor of the event with working capital to hold the event.

If at all possible **PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR EVENTS**



## FROM THE DIRECTOR



### The Specialty of the "Month of May"

As we ponder the month of May...we see clearly it is a time of *new beginnings*.

Before the month of May ends we'll be subconsciously looking forward to a "Great Summer" filled with fun times, the freedom to enjoy, our vacations, rides, family and friends. May is known as the "**Door to Summer**" as *everything springs into new life!*

**Another specialty of the month of May** can also be seen in "*Our Celebration of Memorial Day!*"

*For those who have so chosen to stand with our Nation in harm's way and served us at the cost of their lives in our National Armed Services. In our Overseas, Military & Personnel Services along with their families. May God grant them an Eternal Peace as we gracefully continue to experience their victory!*

*In the freedoms we express through our National Motto "Freedom, Liberty and Justice for all!"*

*It really is no wonder why in the month of May, the 25th we are "Celebrating Memorial Day!"*

*At this season, a time chosen for our Nation to express its right, to enter into new life, a time of new beginnings.... May, "Freedom Reign!"*

#### **Ride Events:**

We had a significant turnout for the R. I. Breakfast Fundraiser. Nine bikes departed from the D&D Parking lot in Reading and an additional two bikes & one a trike met us along the way! We had a great time at the event. Met some wonderful folks and WOW, hundreds of bikes!

One particular "trike" whose owners are Ken & Karen Weglarz of chapter "W" and also serve as our District MEC coordinators, proudly displayed each of the district chapter Mascots they had captured luxuriously lounging on their bike!

Of course a few of us C.D's tried to get a closer look at the little varmints. However, for some reason we were unable to approach the mascots in privacy! Hmmm.

#### **District & Local Events:**

Please remember the upcoming events posted in our Ride Schedule. You must pre-register for most of these events! I have provided the district web page link for your convenience.

[http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp\\_25745367/wp\\_25745367.html](http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_25745367/wp_25745367.html) We will have copies of each event at our next meeting.

**Congratulations to those in our chapter who are celebrating their "Birthday & Anniversary" this month!**

**The next Big Chapter Event** is the **Long Island NY Weekend** Have you made your arrangements? Contact Pao or Dottie ASAP!

**Just maybe** as you attend the monthly meeting you might be one of the fortunate winners of some of our largest 50/50 raffle giveaway! Should you win and want a few friends to tag along for a coffee or desert...trust me, we'll be there!

**Congrats also are in order** for the team of Herve and Joan Houde who have stepped up to fill the vacancy by Patrick Costello our Award & Historian Coordinator. This position will return to our chapter its pride of sharing in past and current events, special honors, photos, etc.

**Congrats are also in order** for our newest team members. Mike Traynor who has accepted the leadership role in our MEC Program; followed by his wife the wonderful Mary Beth Traynor. Mary Beth shall be heading up our Event and Charity Coordinator as an assistant to Billy d'Entremont.

**It was nice to see** Vic and Cecile at our April meeting! I always enjoy Vic's friendship and rider consciousness ... Good to see you Vic and Cecile!

**Glad tidings were in order** for Dottie as she returned from her wrist surgery. At the meeting I had announced the name and titles of our chapter officers to the chapter "W" Mascot thieves.

In my announcement; I said Dottie was our assistant treasurer and if her arm was not in a sling she might have hit me with it! Like Vice President Joe Biden ....I know what it means, "to say it ain't so! At times it is Dottie kindness that is my shield!

Recently our ACD officers Kevin & Georgia LeBlond and I agreed to promote Dottie to serve as our Ways and Means Coordinator, to which, I was slow to respond to that night. Thanks again Dottie!

**A "BIG" Special thanks** to Georgia LeBlond who graciously filled Dottie's chair while she was recuperating!

### **2009 Rider Schedule:**

Have you reviewed our 2009 Rider Schedule? See Kevin & Georgia's section below. On time departures, full tanks & good tires are critical!

### **New Chapter Vest, etc**

For those of you who had attended the April meeting. Kevin had on his "vest!" I like it! It is wonderful light tan leather colored vest! Soon we'll see more of them....I'm sure!

**One program Kevin & I** have been contemplating is returning the "pride of our chapter" by having a "Country Store" it's still in the planning stages Soon, you'll be able to obtain information and purchase items like, vest, shirts, jackets, patches, hats, pins, etc ...

### **Mascot NEWS!**

Because this News Letter is pasted all over the District Web Site I'll not reveal any strategies....Hmmm

Our April meeting was pleasantly entertained by "fun times" with chapter "W" who arrived in full array, flashing their "Woody Wood Pecker Mask" as they stole our Mascot!

I know for me it is great therapy and slims my waist to get up and out of the house! Attending a Mascot Event leads to a great ride, new friends & Honey Dew coffee!! While at the same time have some fun wearing "Pirate Apparel!" Hats, eye patches, elastic and squirt guns are.....! Ark'n Arrr'm!

### **Rider Educator.**

Just in case you were wondering why and ....possibly happy? Both Kevin and I cut short our presentation last month so we could provide our honorable chapter Rider Ed. Paul Green an advantage to present his narrative on the safety of "Riding & Procedures" with our members. I thought it was his best presentation.... most competitive yet!

**As we, the chapter begins,** our new 2009 Riding Year with a fairly new gang of officers & staff personnel. I would like to personally congratulate all of you who found worthy your membership in the GWRRA, Wakefield, MA Chapter "A" membership!

As I "*listen to your concerns and valued opinions*" I have noticed your enthusiasm! We have seen an increase in our monthly meeting attendance which makes our chapter & friends the best "home & bike" fun place around?

As we enjoy the month of May. Which is shrouded with new and wonderful beginning.....remember to ride safely,

Michael Lozzi

MA. CH. "A" Dr.

## ***It's official!***

When you work on your bike be extra careful! Not to remove your head protection and have it too close to the task at hand!

We recently had a friend an outstanding member of our chapter who had a "Screw Loose" in his head...yep! That's true!

How much inner space does it take to have a "screw loose" apparently not much! After a thorough examination, much deliberation, investigation of the facts, and the potential of an embarrassing resolve the screw was located!

Our silent member called for help!

According to Doctor Ed Porawski the resolve was to remove the deeply embedded screw from this silent members head! Ouch!

Seal and reconnect the removed head piece and wait for a miracle! The Screw had been removed with precise skill and kept as a souvenir!

Maybe you'll see it one day at one of our monthly meetings or a ride event?

This fellow now with his head protected, enjoys the pleasure of a real smooooooth ride!

See what kind of gossip you may miss when you do not attend a ride or a monthly meeting?

Michael Lozzi

# OFF THE THROTTLE

May 2009



*By Kevin LeBlond*

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- I must admit I was pleasantly surprised at the last chapter meeting when I asked to see a show of hands of members that carry First Aid Kits on their bikes. Outstanding! Now if the same number of you or more would take the time to fill out an Emergency Information form and keep it on you and/or your bike. Getting important medical information to the first responders or knowing who to call when an emergency arises can save your life and bring peace of mind to those attending to you while the first responders arrive. How many times in our lives have we been in a situation where someone needed help but we felt powerless because we didn't know what to do, how to help or who to call.

Please take 5 minutes to fill out the form on line at:

[http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp\\_aa500f46/wp\\_aa500f46.html](http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_aa500f46/wp_aa500f46.html) or see me at the next chapter meeting.

- As mentioned in a previous email, we are offering a **CPR** course in his month. The course will be taught at the Beverly Fire Department by a BFD EMS Coordinator, on May 16<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$35. We have 9 members already signed up with openings for a few more. If there is more interest I can schedule a second class for later this month.
- Experienced Rider Course has been scheduled for several dates this month, presently all the classes for May are full. The first class was held on May 1 with several riders from Chapter A in attendance. Sadly, 2 of us missed the course due to illness or injury. Since I am one of the two, I'm planning to reschedule to one of the open classes later this year. In Sean's absence I will extend an open invitation to any of you interested in the course. I will hold off rescheduling my class for a week or two to see if there's any more interest. This is an extremely worthwhile course even for those seasoned riders.
- Although not in May, a reminder that Americade runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Maybe we can schedule a ride on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> and dinner afterwards? More on that later.
- I know some of you spend time 'surfing the net' and run across articles of interest. 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 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/>

- Got an open weekend? Love motorcycles? (I know silly question!) Well how about going to see:

### **Full Throttle: Vintage Motorcycles, Custom Choppers and Racing Machines at the Shelburne Museum in Vermont.**

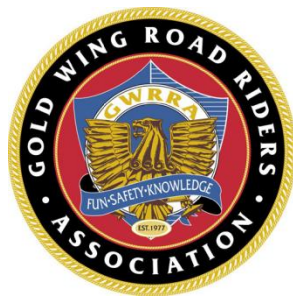
**May 17 – October 25, 2009**

**"Full Throttle focuses on the evolution of motorcycle design and celebrates the artistry of a mode of transportation that inspired a subculture all its own," said Kory Rogers, associate curator. Exhibited on all three levels of Shelburne Museum's historic Round Barn gallery, Full Throttle is organized into three thematic sections".**

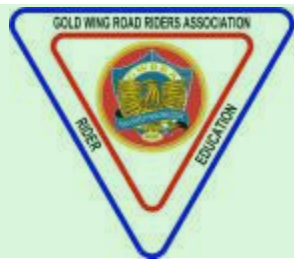
[http://www.shelburnemuseum.org/whats\\_on/new\\_exhibits\\_detail.php?id=37](http://www.shelburnemuseum.org/whats_on/new_exhibits_detail.php?id=37)

If you're interested in making a weekend of it, let us know, we can pull together a nice ride up and back on back roads including Rt. 100 in VT

*Ride safe & have fun - Kevin*



***Every Member Matters***



## Rider Education

*"Safety is for Life"*



### **GROUP RIDING**

It being the month of May, we are beginning our Chapter organized group rides. During our April meeting, we had a good discussion regarding Group/Team Riding techniques in order to prepare for safe and fun riding. You can view and download the GWRRA Team Riding Manual at

<http://www.gwrro.org/regional/ridered/PDF%20Files/TeamRidingManualver2-5-25-05.pdf>.

Unfortunately, the manual is designed to print in a booklet format, so you need to follow the page numbers in order to follow the text. Sean has indicated that he has some printed manuals and will bring them to the next meeting he attends.

In the meantime, here are some, but not all, of the concepts we discussed.

- Although you are a member of a group, and the Ride Captain is the person in control of the ride, you do not surrender control of your bike. It is still your responsibility to maintain safe control of your bike. But you also have a responsibility to help assure the safety of the group by observing the following riding techniques.
- There is only one leader. This is to assure a lack of confusion which creates risk. If you are uncomfortable or unhappy, you can always exit the group with no regrets.
- The group rides in a 2 second stagger. The purpose of the stagger is to keep the group from spreading out over a long distance which makes it hard for the Ride Captain to manage on the highway and invites other vehicles to get between bikes. This can create a tailgating risk, makes it difficult to manage lane changes, and can create enough distance to disrupt CB communication. It is the Tailgunner's responsibility to assure proper distances are maintained between bikes.
- During curvy back roads, it is reasonable that bikes will get stretched out and loose sight of each other. The Ride Captain will make sure that the group regroups at the next turn or stop.
- In order to assure everyone enjoys the ride and that drivers are not pushed to ride beyond their capability, please locate yourself behind riders who are like to exceed the pace you are comfortable with in curvy roads. Ride Captains should take responsibility to reorganize the lineup in order to assure this objective.
- It is important to maintain the pace in traffic areas and on the highway. It is understood that the pace of individual riders may vary in back roads and curves.
- Do not block intersections at stops and turns. Allow cars entering and exiting highways to cut thru the procession.
- Be considerate in the use of the CB. Refrain from excess talking and long transmits at times when the Ride Captain is like to be trying to give instructions. This may include lane changes on highways, stops, turns, and road conditions.
- Familiarize yourself with hand signals, so as to be able to understand and pass along instructions from and to riders without radios. Understand that when the Ride Captain holds up the index and middle finger he is asking for radio silence either because there is cross talking on the radio, or he needs access to the radio to transmit instructions.

This is a partial list of the items we discussed. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask them at the next meeting or to email me at [ridered@pcgreensr.com](mailto:ridered@pcgreensr.com).

There are a couple of other items that has been suggested that I bring everyone's attention. Kevin has wisely noted that the roads each spring are often the worse for wear after a long winter. In addition to the obvious need to be aware of spring conditions like sand, bumps and potholes, be aware that the lane striping and separators on highways can often deteriorate to the level that they create a severe edge trap when changing lanes. BE CAREFUL!

Also, Pat was kind enough to pass along the following web link to a site which attempts to identify individual state motorcycle laws. The following site can be very helpful when traveling between states.

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/laws.asp> Thanks Pat.

# SCHEDULING & EVENTS



## Monthly Meeting

Beebe Memorial Library

Wakefield, MA

Next Meeting:

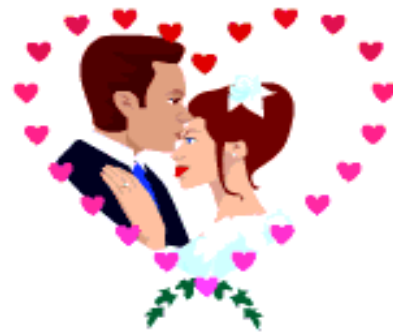
**Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

## Up-Coming Ride/Events

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Pao's Long Island Weekend Ride**



## *Happy Anniversary*

Mike Lozzi	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
William Madden (UB)	May 12 <sup>th</sup>
Carla Lee	May 26 <sup>th</sup>

Rob & Carla Lee	May 7 <sup>th</sup>
Paul & Pearl Price	May 12 <sup>th</sup>

# Congratulations!

## April Winners

Item	Donor	Winner
Bertucci's GC	K & G LeBlond	Chapter "W"
Dunkin Donuts GC	Billy d'Entremont	Ginny McCarthy
Dunkin Donuts Coffee	Frank Silveria	Chapter "W"
Dunkin Donuts Coffee	Frank Silveria	Allan Smeltzer
Dunkin Donuts Coffee	Frank Silveria	Rich Davison
Dunkin Donuts Coffee	Dottie Wood	Chapter "W"
Allan's Awesome Bread	Allan Smeltzer	Rich Davison
Flo's Relish	Paul Sarty	Frank Silveria
10 free raffle tix for May's meeting		Billy d'Entremont
50/50 - \$70		Ginny McCarthy



Please join me in welcoming two new members; **Mike & Betty Williams**. Welcome to "Chapter "A!"



The classifieds are still available and 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 25th 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. Thanks!

# Congratulations Charlie on being named...

## **STATE ELK OF THE YEAR**



# 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
<b>Package 3</b>	<b>\$22,259</b>	<b>(LIMITED EDITION BLUE)</b>
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:



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# May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Tbu	Fri	Sat
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Ice Cream Rides starting in May. 10th, 20th & 30th of every month. Leaves Reading Dunkin Donuts; 7:00 pm.						
3 Dot's Vt Ride 8:30 Wakefield Paul G ~ Scenic	4	5 	6	7	8	9 Venco Open House Herve~8:30~Dest 
10 	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Poor Peoples Pub 8:00 Wakefield Rich ~ Dest/Scenic	18	19 Chptr A Meeting Beebe Memorial Library - 7 pm 	20 	21	22	23 Long Island NY 9:00 ?? Pao~Dest/Scenic
24 Long Island NY 9:00 ?? Pao~Dest/Scenic 	25	26	27	28	29	30 
31 Laconia, NH Wright's Museum & Harts Turkey Farm Destination	May 23rd - May 25th Long Island, Weekend ride			May 17th - Chapter B Cape Mystery Ride 9-10:30 Registration		