

Goldwing Road Riders Association



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

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"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"



“FROM THE DIRECTOR”



How did November sneak in here?

Month of November. <http://www.indepthinfo.com/months/november.shtml>

November means "ninth month." Yet it is the eleventh month in the modern calendar. This anomaly has existed for over 2000 years. In the old Roman calendar (which was only ten months long) November was indeed the ninth month, but this changed when two months were added on to the year, and subsequently, in 153 B.C. the Roman Senate moved New Year's Day to January 1st. Curiously, the names of the numbered months were not changed to account for their new positions. November replaced Blotmonað in the Old English Calendar. For them, this was the "blood month" when animals were sacrificed and slaughtered for preservation through the winter.

November began with 30 days, but Numa Pompilius, the second King of Rome, took a day away in about 700 B.C. Julius Caesar added the day back when he reformed the calendar in 46 B.C. July and August had been named for the first two Roman Emperors, Julius and Augustus. The Roman Senate offered to change the name of November to "Tiberius". He wisely refused saying, "What will you do if you have thirteen emperors?"

The premier holiday of November is Thanksgiving. It is held on the 4th Thursday in November. The first Thanksgiving was given by the pilgrims in 1623. It did not become an official holiday until President Lincoln declared it in 1863. The holiday was created to give thanks for the plenty of the harvest. Today it is celebrated by family gatherings. A traditional dish for the event is roast turkey and dressing.

Veteran's Day is November 11th. It was originally called Armistice Day and meant to commemorate the end of the "war to end all wars" (World War I ended 11 November 1918). It was signed into law by Woodrow Wilson in 1919. The remembrance was extended in 1954 to cover the veterans of all wars after World War II and the Korean War.

Sadie Hawkins Day, is the first Saturday in November. It was actually invented by a cartoonist, Al Capp, who created the L'il Abner strip. It is a day when girls and women can ask their favorite boy or man to a dance.

On the religious side, the 1st of November is All Saints day.

In November in the Northern Hemisphere the cycle of the seasons becomes most obvious as the harvest is complete and the plants are in their winter mode. It is seen in literature either as a fun time of approaching holidays or as a precursor to the final denouement of December.

The **birthstone** for November is the topaz.

OUR first meeting at Bertucci's went well! Chapter "F" Arrived! Their banner was raised with closed fists as they fought victoriously.... well actually because of the GWRRA District rules we surrendered all the mascots to them!

They deserve the little rascals. From what I hear they were due for a tick bath anyway. Ha! Ha!

Did anyone know that Doc's father Bob lives in Lynnfield? Maybe we can liberate him to join Chapter "A" or walk the plank! Glad to see Doc and his crew travel to help make our meeting so much fun!

Since the surrender of the mascots there has been a rumor floating around chapter "A" that an up-rise of blimy hot headed shipmates want to sail again to rescue the mascots...Hmmm

GWRRA District "B" along with Chapter "A" joyfully welcomes Rich DeRusso of Billerica into our membership; who arrived at our first Bertucci's meeting. Please show Rich our chapter spiritof good fun, best of friends, and well being!

Our "Follow the Leader" Ride! Well, it actually happened! We found a road which had not been traveled by our members...at least not well known! I'm not sure what the name of the street was? I think we were still in Vermont.....I have called it "PAOS Hurricane Hill!" It was fantastic! Long and very comfortable to ride! As we ascended the temperature began to drop!

Maybe one day soon on a journey northwest we can visit it again!

Glad to have back! Paul Green, UB, with Herve & Joan following close behind! It would be great to have them share their riding experiences and where their journey took them?

Thanks to Gardner for his painstakingly effort each year as he leads our "Covered Bridge" Ride event...With the deep foliage back ground this year. Each Covered Bridge was arrayed with honor of it's age and historic design! Great Job Gar!

Why miss the fun! go online at the GWRRA web site

http://www.gwrramass.org/pb/wp_74d36d99/wp_74d36d99.html

and read the news letters of our friends in other district chapter's ...they are fun and very informative!

"Spur of the Moment" rides shall be posted ASAP during the winter months. Unfortunately, winter months demand Minimal Riding Hours. So you MUST stay posted to our web page and watch my emails... One very special ride HAS BEEN CONFIRMED! The second Sunday of this month Nov 8th which will take us to the "Yankee Candle Shop" in Deerfield by none other than PAO!

5 free raffle tickets (Nov meeting) go to Sean for guessing the past directors (Paul & Pearl Price!) who sent me the "Gold Wing Video" on 10-24-09, a great commentary on the "Assembly of a Gold Wing!" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVJXtYoGk9I> It was a fun offer with great name potentials!

So many members tried effortlessly to guess who was this all American Chapter Director & Road Rider!

We have OPENINGS! Where are you?

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 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 are planning outreach motorcycle programs, possibly a fourth of July Parade, 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!

Please display with a jubilant hand shake, ah maybe some hugs & kisses!

To Georgia & Kevin LeBlond, how much you appreciate their hard work on this year's publication of our news letter!

Also, there were times with much exhausted energy and sacrifice this team had single handedly supported the weight of the shifting winds against the ships wheel and helped to keep us on course!

They are great team and deserve our utmost gratitude!

There is NO meeting or News Letter for December...sees you in January at the Colonial Sheraton Hotel Wakefield, for our Winter-Fest Party on the 16th.

Don't forget our 2010 First of the year dinner and meeting at Bertucci's on the third Tuesday of January the 19th....

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

**Thanks for the experience,
Mike Lozzi~ Chapter "A" Director**

OFF THE THROTTLE November 2009



By Kevin LeBlond

Well a year has almost come and gone since Georgia and I stepped up to help Mike keep Chapter A alive and move it into 2009. Hard to believe a year has almost come and gone. As you all know, we didn't come up through the ranks so we lacked the training necessary to make the transition seamlessly into our ACD positions. The year has had its shares of up's and down's and we can say it's been mostly all up! With the help, guidance, encouragement and most importantly the patience of the chapter membership, I think we all survived. And most importantly, Chapter A survived.

As Mike, Georgia and I start making preparations for 2010, I know we'll all be a little smarter and wiser. We'll apply our learning's from the past year into everything we do for 2010 to make next year even better.

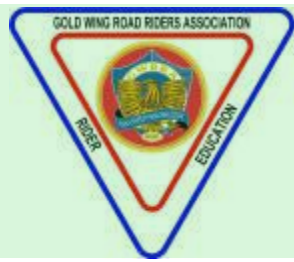
While we ponder what 2010 brings for us and Chapter A, we sincerely hope our first year as ACD's, has made a difference and somehow improved your experience with the chapter and the GWRRA in the past year. See you all at the next chapter meeting, Tuesday November 17th.

Ride safe



- Kevin





Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



At our last chapter meeting, we talked about the importance of training, in reference to the Levels Program and also as it relates to our own personal life. We touched on the need for safety training so that we can become better riders and co-riders. And we touched on the need for basic medical training, i.e. CPR and First Aid.

The Rider and Co-Rider on bike or classroom training basically helps the rider and co-rider to be safe, alert, and better prepared for the turmoil of today's riding. It is a self serving endeavor and very worthwhile.

On the other hand, CPR and First Aid training usually is for the benefit of someone else. You can't perform CPR on yourself. First Aid training could benefit one's self, but rarely.

The benefit of knowing CPR and how and when to perform it became very evident when I picked up the local paper on Wednesday and saw the front page headline "Board member says "team effort" helped save secretary's life". Quick action by those present and by the paramedics who responded to the scene made for a good outcome.

One never knows when the need to help a family member, a co-worker, or a riding buddy will arise. Take the training when it's available, maintain the certification and know that you are prepared and trained to possibly save a life. That life could be mine. I thank you in advance.

Sean and Ginny

District Rider Educators MA

SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road

Reading, MA

Next Meeting:

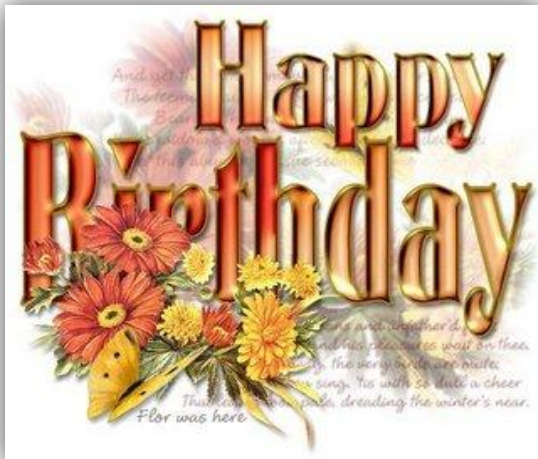
Tuesday Nov 17th @ 7:00pm (meeting)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Spur of the "moment"

**Yankee Candle – Nov 8th - leaving
Reading 9:00 AM**



Sue Green

Nov 3rd

Jack Lydon

Nov 8th



Kevin & Georgia LeBlond

Nov 29th

CONGRATULATIONS TO OCT MEETING WINNERS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Pro Honda Kit	Richard DiRusso	Tom White ~ Chapter F
Home Made Bread	Allan Smeltzer	Paul Price
DD Gift Card	Billy d'Entremont	John Tachuk
Zucchini Bread	Dottie Wood	Mike Lozzi
Snow Angel	Mike Lozzi	Jim Scofield
Cashews	Paul Price	Georgia LeBlond
50/50		Dottie Wood
10 tickets for November Meeting		Rhonda Porawski



New England Districts Rally hanger bar for Vermont 2002, the first one.

I have misplaced mine and need it to complete set. If you have an extra that you could sell, swap or even give me, contact me Sean McCarthy at seanginny@comcast.net or 978-927-2246. Thanks.

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