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Can you guess who this is?

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge





From the Directors Chair



With the welcoming of October we say good-bye to our 2010 riding season. Oct 17th is our *Follow the Leader* ride, our last 'official ride'. But I'm sure if the weather holds out we'll schedule various Sunday rides to wherever, watch your email and our web site for more details.

With the turning of the leaves comes the falling of leaves, so please be careful riding over the next month or so. I think we've all experienced leaning into a corner only to find wet leaves covering the road. These same leaves get even more dangerous with the mornings getting colder and the forming of frost.

Speaking of leaves, did you know that the sugar maple was designated the state tree of Vermont in 1949? Did you know that in 2004, a man ate 300 maple leaves while singing the Canadian national anthem to win the right to carry the Olympic Torch and finally did you know that horses that eat red-maple leaves can develop maple-leaf toxicosis which can be fatal? I wonder if the guy that ate the 300 maple leaves knew that.

Changing gears – we've had some of the most well attended rides of the season this fall. Guessing we're looking to take advantage of the cooler more pleasant weather, Mother Nature's spectacular fall colors and reduced vacation traffic to ride. From what I saw last weekend at the NH-G annual Poker Run/Fall Ride, MA Chapter A had the largest number of bikes in attendance with 12 bikes and 1 car (Allan & Mary). Well done folks!!!!

The summer Ice Cream rides are coming to an end this month. As the nights get darker sooner and the frost starts to set in, ice cream may not be on everybody's mind, but we'll leave the 20th & the 30th rides on the schedule for anyone wishing to meet and ride. I think some of you may have opted for coffee instead of ice cream on a recent ride.

Our off-riding-season Sunday morning breakfast gatherings will start in November with the first breakfast scheduled for Sunday November 7th at Brother's in downtown Wakefield (see the web site for all the specifics). Looks like Georgia and I will miss the first breakfast, we're planning to attend the NH-A EXTRAVAGANZA WEEKEND in Gorham, NH.

It's looking like our Winterfest party will be at Rick's in Billerica again this year in mid January, stay tuned.

So until next month, ride often and ride safe,

Kevin



The New England Historical Date Book for October

A little something that reminds us about the wonderful history of our New England states and the people that have shaped that history. Some of it for fun and some with historical merit.

October 1826 – The first commercial US railroad, horse drawn, hauls granite blocks from Quincy, MA in route to Charlestown to build the Bunker Hill Monument

October 13, 1903 – Beating Pittsburg 5 games to 3, Boston wins the first World Series of the modern era when Big Bill Dinneen strikes out Honus Wagner.

October 18, 1648 – Boston shoemakers form the first American labor union

October 21, 1797 – Old Ironsides is launched in Boston

October 27, 2004 – the Red Sox win their first World Series in 86 years sweeping the Cardinals 4 games to 0

October 31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN





Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”



RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: Team Riding Responsibilities

In GWRRA we are always doing things in groups. We meet our fellow chapter members and ride together for a weekly dinner run. Or we join each other for a weekend breakfast before going on a run. Or we make an ice cream run together on a weekly basis. Most chapters have this kind of camaraderie and fellowship in one form or another. Then there are the monthly Gatherings where we meet and eat and have fun. And the rides to visit other chapters and support them at their Fun Run or Anniversary Party or Pig Out, and various other events that chapters put on. Much of the time we ride together in groups traveling to and from our various destinations.

Whenever we ride in groups, someone is in the Lead position. Hopefully, it is one of our GWRRA-trained Road Captains. In our chapter, it is someone whom we trust, respect and have confidence in. Someone with good judgment who is prepared to lead the group from the starting point all the way to our destination. Someone who has a planned route and shares it with all who join the ride. S/He holds pre-ride meetings with all participants to tell us the route, advise us of any stops along the way, and discuss our speed on the road. Our Lead may ask questions about who is on medication, who may need to stop at shorter intervals (perhaps due to a smaller gas tank), who has a CB radio and who does not, etc. Our Road Captain covers hand signals for riders that are new to our group, too. Our Road Captain has been leading our rides for a few years now. We don't think twice about following him/her because s/he never lets us down. We always arrive safely when we follow our Road Captain. We are very fortunate to have such a capable Road Captain in the Lead!

We also have another Road Captain, trained in the GWRRA way, to bring up the rear of the group. This is our Drag bike, or Tail Gunner. These two (Lead & Drag) work together like Lennon and McCartney. The Drag seems to know what the Lead is thinking, securing the lane almost as the thought passes through the mind of our Lead. They communicate well with each other and with the rest of the **team**. They let the group know what is going on around us. They inform us about things, like telling us we will be turning – in advance of the turn; when a car is attempting to pass the group on a 2-lane road; or when a car is passing on the right when we are on the highway. Our Lead and Drag always keep us aware of hazards on the road and all around us. We know they are looking out for the safety of the group. With Road Captains of this caliber, we feel very safe. We know we can enjoy the ride and watch the scenery with these two in charge.

Wait! Stop right there! We *all* need to remember that even those of us in the middle of the formation have responsibilities. We are responsible to pass on the hand signals from the Lead, such as for single file, stagger formation, pointing out potholes and road kill, sand in the corners, and other hazards, etc. We need to be aware who we are riding with, too. The burden is not all on the Road Captains. We cannot sleep because we ride in the middle of the pack. We need to maintain safe spacing with the other bikes around us. And most importantly, we need to ride our own ride. We *must* stay alert. Hazards don't always appear in front of the Lead bike. Sometimes they come at the riders in the middle of the group. We need to be aware of our surroundings and always be prepared to react to the unexpected at all times. We must remember that, just because our Road Captain is leading us, we are not excused from thinking for ourselves and riding our own ride. We are **all** responsible for our own safety at **all** times. **Never** give that responsibility away. It is nice to have someone willing to help look out for your safety, but ultimately, it is your life. Guard it wisely! Be sure to ride your own ride, even while Team Riding!

Ride Smart & Be Safe!

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Greetings once again from the Director's Chair! I cannot believe that it's October, Thanksgiving's just around the corner, with the rest of the Holidays to follow! Wow! The good thing is that we still have some good rides, and the weather has been cooperative, cooler, sunny days, and cool nights, more comfortable than the Hot and Sticky weather of the summer. And just because the summer is ending, doesn't mean that we won't have some fun events to do during the fall and winter.

Bob and I have been pretty busy this summer, besides traveling for GW and Family, we have been busy with lots of stuff – planning of the 10th NE Convention in Lewiston ME, for July is one of the items on the top of our list. We had a very good and productive meeting in ME, with the other District Directors and it looks like there will be yet another fun filled time at the 2011 Rally / Convention. We have some new and old games, some surprises, and special events for the 10th Anniversary of the NE Rally, so stay tuned as there will be more information and a flyer out very soon. Keep the dates open for July 28th-30th in Lewiston Maine.

Bob and I will be attending the 3rd and final informational meeting for VT-K in Burlington, Sunday, Oct 3rd. The next gathering will be their Charter meeting. We congratulate Patrick for all the hard work he has put into getting this chapter up and running, and all those members who have shown up to support these efforts, we thank you all. We will also be attending the Region Meeting in NY on November 13th, where we will be discussing and learning of all the new happenings for the coming year of 2011. Our new Region Director, Ed and Dottie Bahrenburg, will be conducting that meeting. We will keep you informed of all that goes on there. There is also an OCP in Maine, on October 23rd & 24th, anyone who has not been able to take the class, please contact Dottie if you would like to attend. We are still working on some of the problems in NE, with the help of Ed and Dottie, our new Region Directors, and should have some news in the near future.

Bob and I also, have been attending the get together' for MA-A and MA-F, both chapters are very active and having fun, riding, etc. We have even entertained the thought of maybe having some rides together for the 2011 Riding Season, more fun, more friends and of course FOOD! MA-A had a good turnout for their fund raiser event in August, sorry we missed it, due to traveling for our granddaughters' wedding in IL, but I heard through the grapevine that everyone who attended had a great time. Also in September, a wonderful surprise fund raiser was done for Doc and Robin, CD of MA-F, again we were not able to be there, but heard there was an overwhelming number who attended and many more who gave generously. I understand also, that it was a complete surprise, congratulations; you pulled one over on Doc! We are so grateful to have such wonderful friends in GWRRA, who do such warm and heartfelt things for others, Thank all of you, from the bottom of our Hearts.

I am sure we will be looking into the Christmas Party soon, we normally go to the LeFoyer in Pawtucket RI, and they provide a wonderful hot buffet, DJ with good dancing music and fun for all. A flyer will be out shortly and all are welcome to join RI-B for that event. On a sadder note, I would like to send out our deepest thoughts and prayers to Brenda and Cheryl, on the loss of Brenda's Dad this past week. We attended the wake and funeral for this wonderful man, and saw how loved and honored by his family and friends he was. I also just received news that Joe Silveria's Father has passed away, and our condolences go out to Joe and Donna and the family. It seems we have reached that time in our lives that our loved ones around us have departed for the other side, to seek out the ultimate eternal life. God Bless.

Thanks for all your support and friendship, without you, the members, Bob and I would not be able to do all we do.

Stay safe and we hope to see all of you on the road soon.

Thank You! Enjoy Safe Riding!

Judy & Bob Burns/RI District Directors/MA Interim DD



SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road
Reading, MA

Next Meeting:
Tuesday Oct 19th @ 7:00pm
(meeting)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Oct 3 - Yankee Candle

Oct 10 - Nh-G's Foliage Ride

Oct 17 - Follow the Leader

Oct 24 - TBD (weather permitting) Coast Ride



Ed Porawski	Oct 9
Tom Fallon	Oct 20
Frank Silveria	Oct 21
Paul Price	Oct 25
MaryBeth Traynor	Oct 23
Bill d'Entremont	Oct 27
Mary Smeltzer	Oct 30

The Houde's	Oct 16
The d'Entremont's	Oct 29



Sean & Kevin have found a few things in their sheds that he would like to give away, maybe for a small donation to the "Ride for Kids" or something like that.

1-Pair of foam bar grips. 5.5 inches long, one with a 7/16 hole, the other with an 13/16 hole (approximately). Both with Chrome on both ends. Don't know what they would fit.

2-Two Lower Cows, one for a 1500, color green, but could be painted, brand new, never used, the other from an 1800, basic gray/silver with a few miles on it. Looks very good.

3-A horizontal chrome draw bar with ball. When I sold one of my 1500s, I forgot to put the bar on the hitch.

4 - Bushtec trailer spare tire, tire could be replaced, rubber ok as a spare.



Congratulations to September's meeting winners!

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Danish	Dottie Wood	UB
Rasp Cookies	Rich & Dee Davison	Paul Sarty
Cooking Tools	MaryBeth Traynor	Ed Porawski
Shoe Shine Kit	Frank Silveria	MaryBeth Traynor
HomeMade Bread	Allan Smeltzer	Herve Houde
Mac Apple Candle	Bob & Judy Burns	Dee Davison
Kanes Pastry	Paul Sarty	MaryBeth Traynor
Bertucci's GC	Bill d'Entremont	Frank Silveria
50/50		Joan Houde
10 free tickets October		Mike Lozzi



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			