

Goldwing Road Riders Association



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ANNOUNCING THE NEW HOME FOR CHAPTER "A's" Meetings!

Bertucci's
45 Walkers Brook Road
Reading, MA

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"



Look who's having a fun filled fall day with Chapter "A!"



“FROM THE DIRECTOR”



October means “Bringing in the Harvest”

What a month! The summer comes to a close! The Fall season begins! Our GWRRA Ride Schedule & Events near their end....because of the extreme amount of rain our 2009 Summer Riding Season seemed shorter than most. Though the cooler nights were great, as the longer day light riding hours brought relief and joy to our membership!

Our Fall meetings would be greatly enhanced if we could hear from a few adventurerists who traveled this Summer. Hey, a “slide” would do just fine!

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to our members listed further on down in the “Schedule & Events” category! Congrats!

When you attend our monthly meetings you get to meet new and old friends! Have real fun laughing at the director as he stumbles through his usual boring format. While the members don’t miss the opportunity to crack a joke or two! Critique the ride leaders, and past ride events! Your attendance also allows you the opportunity to be the first to order / receive chapter patches, rockers, shirts and other goodies. i.e. you may sign up for your new Chapter “A” flags which shall be ordered for the new 2010 year! Our newly designed “Chapter A - Pins” are in...what a great job by Denny of the “GWRRA” Official Wing Products!

We are looking for a few good folks to make this year’s “Christmas/Holiday Party” a real hit! Let me know what you’re capable of planning and performing, ASAP!

At our September meeting we presented five of our members with the Chapter A “Good Samaritan Award.” Earlier in the season they were commended for their emergency assistance as they came across a multi-vehicle accident while traveling north on RT 93. *Congrats to Frank Silveria, Herve & Joan Houde, Jim Scofield, and Paul Sarty who have officially received their awards.*

Historian & Awards Coordinator Herve and Joan Houde also presented to Rich Davison, Kevin & Georgia LeBlond and Dottie Wood our “Appreciation Award Certificate & Team Player Vest Pin, this award is a general appreciation award for their “Fun, Friendship, & Service” within the membership!

Chapter “W” arrived in **stealth mode** with less than their normal size membership. Their presence was “commanding as usual and a fun time!” After the meeting they sailed away into the darkness with our mascots in arm! I thought I could hear the sound of laughter as in a “jubilant spirit of victory” However, our strategy was simple....we were heading to their meeting the following week! Our victory was sweet as we returned to our home port with “ALL” the district “B” chapter Mascots! A fun time for all, each time!

Thank you to all who attended the Chapter “W” BBQ! Chapter “A” was well represented and rewarded as the “Largest Chapter” I’ll bring the award to the Oct meeting. We enjoyed the fine food and friendship of all our district friends as we offered each chapter a brief showing of their mascot. Thank you to our two volunteer ride leaders....Allan & Mary Smeltzer. They did a great job leading our group through the “W” BBQ poker run!

The Captains Course was well attended by Chapter “A” as we struggled through the gruesome drilling of the GWRRA education and rider training specifications! The freedom of laughter and fun still rings in my ear! The instructors were well informed as questions arose from each member. They encouraged group participation as they lead us through the GWRRA policy & specifications for ride safety and leadership protocol. The whole event was rewarding and should be “top” on your list for next year! There is much to learn and experience from each rider education & safety program which the GWRRA sponsors! Good job to our very own team of Sean & Ginny McCarthy & group who remained steadfast on recruiting members and publishing this event!

We have “staff & leadership” opportunities open for next year. Even if the position you desire is taken come aboard as an assistant. It would be proper to see our chapter increase in our community outreach, chapter rides & events and membership enrollment.

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 *October 2009*



By Kevin LeBlond

Hard to believe October's arrived and our official riding season is drawing to a close. With the end of the riding season brings the best time of the year for riding with all the color and majesty of Mother Nature. My last column talked about one of New England's most frequently traveled roads in New Hampshire, the Kancamagus Highway. So it seems fitting this month we explore what is arguably the best road in Vermont, Route 100 which is also considered, by some, as the most scenic in New England. Stretching from Wilmington, VT in the south where Rt. 100 turns north, merging onto Route 105 and then to I-91 in the north, just 10 miles short of the Canadian border, it's a beautiful ride!

Tomorrow October 4th looks to be wet so chances are we'll not have our scheduled ride, so let me take you on a ***virtual ride*** to Vermont.

To save a little time (on our virtual ride) we rally in Brattleboro, VT and ride up Rt. 30 along the river turning right onto Rt. 100. Traveling north on 100, there are a number of places to stop and take in the full foliage experience for instance the picture postcard town of Weston. As we approach the town from the south, we pass by running rivers, fields of wildflowers and barns built 100 years ago. We find a gazebo/bandstand on the Weston town common surrounded by colorful maple trees where we park our bikes. The town is the home of the original Vermont Country Store where we find ourselves transported back in time. We find everything from homemade clothing; homemade jellies & jams; toys & board games we played as children, not seen in 50 years and the famous candy counter with all the penny candy sweets from yesteryear. And for those of us that would rather sit and watch the world go by while our SO's shop, a pair of old time creaky rocking chairs on the front porch help us rock the time away.

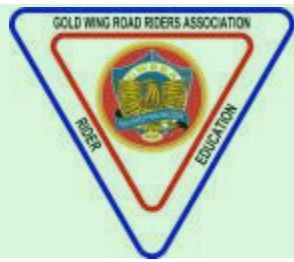


After we pack the saddlebags full of goodies, we continuing our trip north passing by Lake Rescue, Echo Lake and Amherst Lake. We stop and tour the Calvin Coolidge State Historical Site which includes the house where he grew up and the 'summer White House' where he ran the country in August 1924. Next we briefly join Rt. 4 heading west past Killington Mtn. then swing off Rt. 4 and north again. Not far from the spilt we travel through 7 miles of dense forest along the Granville Gulf State Reservation. They say this section of road is prime spotting grounds for moose which is in some of Vermont's only remaining old growth forest. We stop for a photo op at Moss Glen Falls on the left as we head north. As we emerge from the forest, we find ourselves in Mad River Valley tucked away between the Green and Northfield ranges complete with covered bridges and farmhouses. Climbing out of the valley we cross under I-89 in Waterbury not far from Ben & Jerry's ice cream factory. Yes, we all stop for an ice cream! The town of Stowe is next along our way, while a real mad house this time of year it also offers us an opportunity to ride the gondola to the top of Mount Mansfield the state's highest peak. After Stowe the beauty and thrill of Rt. 100 starts to wind down as we complete the final segment through the Lamoille Valley.

With our virtual Sunday chapter ride coming to an end, I leave you with this thought....take the time to experience the world around you; it's a wondrous place sometimes so stop and smell the wet leaves at some point this fall.

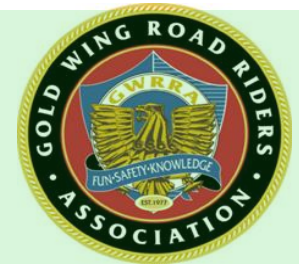
Ride safe & have fun  - *Kevin*





Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



Street Strategy

Entry Error-used with permission from Ken Condon, noted author of Proficient Motorcycling.

You just finished fueling your bike and are stopped at the station exit waiting to make a right hand turn into traffic. The flow of traffic is heavy, so quick action is required to gain entry. To make things more difficult, you are pointed 90 degrees to the road way. This means you will have to maneuver your bike at a right angle in a fairly tight area to avoid crossing into the far lane.

You finally see an opening between two cars. You quickly release your clutch and attempt to merge into the traffic flow. But instead of turning right, you go straight across the lane toward the centerline and opposing traffic. Panic surges through your body. You try desperately to turn the motorcycle, but it doesn't seem to go where you want it to. You grab the front brake hard in a desperate attempt to stop. This causes the front tire to skid and you fall to the ground with your helmet and shoulder smashing the pavement.

You're knocked unconscious and when you awake, there are people standing over you. Later, in the hospital, you find out that your bike is totaled. A car had collided with it as it slid into the oncoming lane. Thankfully you weren't hit, but it will take a fair amount of time to recover from your injuries.

Early planning would have helped prevent the mishap. Had you planned ahead, you could have stopped your motorcycle at an angle that pointed you in the direction that you needed to go. That way, your turn would not have needed to be so sharp. You also lacked the ability to physically turn your motorcycle sharply from a stop. When making tight turns from a stop, Turn your handlebars toward your desired direction of travel and lean your bike slightly before easing out your clutch. This "pre-turn" Technique will initiate the turn before you ever start rolling. It's not enough to just turn the handlebars, you must also lean the motorcycle. Fail to lean the bike, and it will not turn as quickly.

Practice these techniques in a parking lot, striving to remain well within the width of a typical lane. Learn to maintain steady throttle while dipping your bike into a steep lean. Look ahead and carve a tight 90 degree arc. Next time, you will have little trouble entering the road way.

SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Bertucci's

45 Walkers Brook Road

Reading, MA

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Oct 20th @ 7:00pm (meeting)

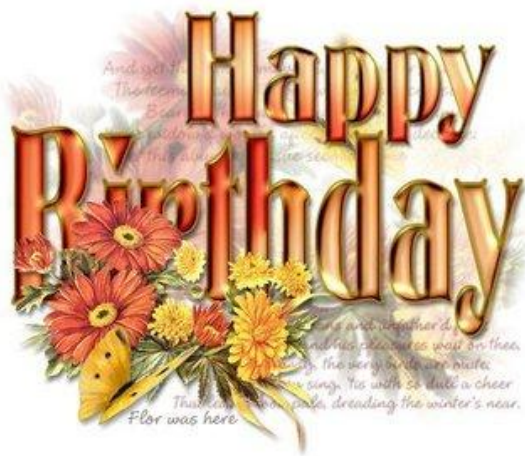
Up-Coming Ride/Events



Leaf Peeping/Woodstock VT. – Oct 4th

NH G Annual Poker Run – Oct 11th

Follow the Leader – Oct 25th



Ed Porawski	Oct 9 th
Frank Silveria	Oct 21 st
Paul Price	Oct 25 th
Bill d'Entremont	Oct 27 th
Mary Smeltzer	Oct 20 th

Joan & Herve Houde	Oct 16 th
Bill & Eileen d'Entremont	Oct 29 th

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEPT MEETING WINNERS

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
HomeMade Bread	Allan Smeltzer	Joan Houde
Home Depot G/C	Chapter A	Ed Porawski
DD Gift Card	Jim Scofield	Ed Porawski
Bertucci's Gift Card	K & G LeBlond	Jim Scofield
Bertucci's Gift Card	Pat Costello	Joan Houde
50/50		Joe Wheeler Chapter "W"
10 ticket for October Meeting		Jack Lydon



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 or call (978) 692-1169. Thanks!

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2009 colors:

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



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October 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 October 20th Ice Cream Ride 7:00 PM Reading DD			 1	2	3
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 NH G Annual Poker Run 8:00 Reading DD 11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Coast Ride 9:00 AM Reading DD	19	 Chppter Meeting 'NEW LOCAL' 7:00 Bertucci's~Reading 20	21	22	23	24
 Follow the Leader 9:00 Reading DD 25	26	27	28	29	 Ice Cream Ride Reading DD 7 PM 30	 31