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Can you guess who this is?

Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge



From the Directors Chair

The annual Chapter A Fund Raiser & BBQ was another success this year. Even with the scaled back the event, we had a great turn-out from GWRRR member's through-out New England. The 3 guided rides that provided the attendee's the ability to sit back enjoy the roads and scenery was a big hit. We had so much positive feedback we'll do it again next year. We want to extend another heartfelt thank-you to all of you that volunteered your time to make this year's event a wonderful success. And lastly, to Cycles128 for hosting the event again this year.

Well Labor Day has come and gone, for those of you that went to VT with Herve we hope you had a great time. For those of you that didn't, we hope you had an equally good time enjoying family and friends. The passing of Labor Day traditionally means the end of the summer for some of us although we know summer doesn't come to an end until later this month. But with the passing of the long weekend, the NE weather seems to have thought it marked the beginning of fall too. With the cooler weather, we only have a handful of rides left on our 2010 Ride Schedule. We're inviting you to join us for some of the best rides of the season, cooler weather and enjoy Mother Nature's spectacular fall colors.

Sept 19 - NH & Maine coast ride with lunch at the Maine Dinner

Sept 26 - Newicks at Dover Point

Oct 3 - Yankee Candle

Oct 10 - Our annual Follow the Leader Ride, always a good time getting lost

And finally Oct 17 - Woodstock, VT

New to the newsletter this month

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.

The New England Historical Date Book for September

Sept 9 - Gillette Stadium opens in Foxboro, MA Pats beat Pittsburg 30-14

Sept 14, 1716 - Boston Light, the first lighthouse in North America is lit for the first time

Sept 27, 1919 - Johnny Pesky "Mr. Red Sox" is born in Portland, OR

Sept 28, 1960 - in his final career at bat, 42-year-old Red Sox legend Ted Williams delivers a soaring home run into the bullpen at Fenway Park

Also new to the newsletter this month

As you've probably already seen the picture on the front page of the newsletter that is untraditional from the photos Georgia usually places there. It was suggested, thank-you Ed & Rhonda, that we start something new, a contest to see who can correctly guess who is in the picture. It's meant to have a little fun, tax some of your eye sight and brain cells to see if you can figure it out. At the September chapter meeting we'll have further details about the contest and what prizes will be awarded. In the mean time, have some fun and bring your best guesses to the meeting.

GWRRA News

I'm pleased to announce that Mike Stiger Director of the GWRRA has appointed Dottie and Ed Bahrenburg of NY as the new Region B Directors.

Their GWRRA involvement history:

Positions held:

1999 joined GWRRA and became Chapter Treasurers

2000 Assistant Chapter Director and Chapter Couple,

2000 – 2008 District Webmaster (Developed first NY District Web Site)

2001 -2003 Chapter Director and New York District Couple of the Year (2001)

2002 -2007 New York District Trainers

2002-Present Rider Education Seminar Presenter

2003 -2007 Northeast Region Trainers

2006 Master Instructors for Leadership Training

2006- 2009 New York District Directors

2009 - Present Northeast Region Trainers

2010 NY Chapter Y Couple of the Year

Just another piece of the Region B/NE/MA GWRRA that is falling back into place. Additionally, the GW New England Task Force is scheduled to hold their first meeting on September 25. Our goal and objective is to come up with a proposal on what to do with the New England region focusing on District leadership and training deployment. Over the next few months the proposal will be finalized and presented to Mike Stiger the first of the year. Georgia and I are members of the Task Force representing not only Chapter A but the state of MA. As new developments unfold we'll keep in informed.

Chapter News

Lastly, it's time we start looking for a Chapter Rider Educator. Sean and I are reaching out to each of you asking you to please think about filling this vital role within the chapter. It does not require attending the OCP training just a willingness to volunteer a few hours a month. Even if you've held other roles within the chapter over the years, would you please consider help us?

Until next month, ride often and ride safe!

Kevin

"high ho silver"



Linheart at the 2010 Chapter A Summer Bash testing the Traxxion suspension Wing.



Rider Education

“Safety is for Life”



RIDER ED 'GIMME 5'

TOPIC: Do You Ride with the Right Attitude?

When you decide to take your motorcycle out for a ride, what are you thinking about? Where is your attention? Are you thinking about the things you will be doing when you get to work? Is your mind playing with the words you could have said, or should have said, in the debate with your boss or your spouse earlier in the day? In short, where is your head at when you saddle up? Each and every time you throw a leg over your motorcycle it matters what you are thinking about. Whether you are simply commuting to work on your motorcycle to reduce fuel costs, or you are heading out on a week-long vacation on two-wheels, your mental attitude plays a big role in how safe you will be on the road, and how much you will enjoy the ride.

Riding a motorcycle is an activity that is 80% to 90% mental while the rest is physical. When you are thinking about the job on your way to work, or going over the list of errands you need to complete, or just letting your mind drift as you idle down to the end of your driveway, your level of safety is reduced. You need to shift your attitude and focus only on the ride to insure an incident free trip.

So how do you make the shift from thinking about daily issues to the ride at hand? Establish a routine that you will go through before every ride. Start by evaluating the condition of your motorcycle as you walk up to it. Do a mental T-CLOCS. Look at the tires as you approach (inflated, tread, visible damage). Are there any oily or wet spots on the ground under your bike (where did it come from, is it safe to ride)? And try to be conservative when you answer these questions to yourself. Keep your eyes open for anything amiss. Then, if everything looks okay, gear up. (Of course, you should do a physical T-CLOCS regularly, too, especially before starting a long ride!)

Next step, finish donning your protective outer layer. Most of us put on our gear in the same sequence every time. Long pants and boots are usually put on in the house. Out at the bike, your jacket, helmet, eye protection, and gloves complete the process. Consider the weather and make sure you have packed any other gear you may need before the ride is over.

Put the key in the ignition and start the bike. While the engine warms, check the fuel level. Determine how far you will be able to go before you need to stop for a fill-up. Do you know the route you plan to take? Do you have all the necessary information with you to get you where you want to go? Good.

With those aspects considered, you are ready to focus on the journey. Now, when you shift your bike into gear, shift your brain into “active rider mode” because nothing else matters now except your safety. All your thoughts should be about the ride you are beginning. Your eyes should be active and scanning your surroundings - **aggressively!** Look for potential hazards that might cause you to change your speed (by braking or accelerating), to change direction (by swerving or turning), or to communicate to other road users. A wave of the hand, a flash of your high beams, or a toot of your horn *tells* others that you are there. Make sure they are aware of you.

All the while your mind should be translating the inputs from your eyes and ears into pictures of things that might happen next. Evaluate in your mind what your response would be to each of the possibilities. When a hazard comes up, keep your options open until you have to choose one – the best one – the one that lets you avoid the hazard safely and without any drama. This is riding with the right attitude - the attitude that your job is to ride safely until you park your bike and remove the key from the ignition. Develop a routine like this for yourself and every ride you take will be a safer and more pleasing ride.



Greetings once again from the District Director's Chair! I cannot believe that it is September, Fall and Thanksgiving are just around the corner, with the rest of the Holidays to follow! Wow! What a summer we have had for riding. I hope everyone has enjoyed this riding season as much as we have. Bob and I did a lot of traveling this year, kicking it off with our RI-B Breakfast in April, then onto Wing Ding in July out in Des Moines Iowa, the NE Convention in NH (a huge success), then onto NJ/NY Convention, another great time with a ride around the outfield on our Bikes at the local Ballgame, which by the way will be held next year in NY, Liverpool, in the Finger Lakes Region (a beautiful area), MA-F's fund raiser/BBQ, a big turnout, then onto PA Convention in Johnstown and still there is more to come. Remember Fall riding can be even better than the heat of summer. We have the Hobo Stew in Keene, NH coming up this weekend, also in NJ the Picnic on the Battleship NJ, if you did not go last year, it's a must for this time, followed by other fall functions, and don't forget RI-B's Hay Ride in October. NY-N is having its annual ride-out in Lake George NY, the weekend of September 24th & 25th; there is also a Hot Air Balloon Festival there that weekend. Also there will be an OCP in Saco ME, Oct 23, 24th, for those who missed the other classes. I am sure there are other Fall rides nearby, just check out the Region website and see what the other Districts are up to. Due to traveling to the PA-Convention in Johnstown, we were unable to attend MA-A's Poker Run on August 29th. I did hear that it was a good time and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Kevin and his Chapter for moving forward and having a successful event. Also in November our District's Staff Members will be attending the Region Meeting in NY. This is a time for learning and planning for the coming year for all of our Districts within Region B North East. All of our Directors and Educator's will come back with some great stories and ideas for 2011. Stay tuned.

Bob and I will be attending our first Rally/Convention meeting in Lewiston ME, on Saturday September 18th, with the other District Directors and Rally Committee members, to discuss plans for the 10th NE Rally in July of 2011! Yes, we have been doing the All States NE Rally, now Convention, for 10 full years. We are really proud of this accomplishment and thank every one of our members for all your help and support over the last 10 years, without you, we would not have had such success. So, please, if anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the 2011 Convention, speak up, we would love to hear your thoughts. After all, this is Your Convention, and you, the members' input is important.

I am sure that Jack Smith, RI-B CD, will write or tell you all about the Closing Party for the Children at Camp Meehan on Wednesday August 25th! What a great feeling to do something for these children and have fun at the same time. Several of us "Retired" volunteered our time that day to help with the End of Summer Party for the Inner City Children who attend this camp all summer. We cooked hamburgers, hotdogs, served lemonade, cookies, and chips to the children. We also organized games with prizes for them, along with the Agency Director Susan Stevenson, who chimed right in to help with the games, wearing a silly clown hat as some of us did dress up. Diane and Jack looked great, and I am sure you saw the pictures that Ed sent out on line. We had as much fun as the kids did, and they were all so well behaved and polite as well. I truly think they enjoyed the day! Thanks Jack and Diane, who basically planned the whole event with some help from our members, and to Ramon for making all the right connections. We hope to do it again next year!

We are still going through a lot of changes in the Region, as you may have heard. We want to thank Lorraine and Earl for all their hard work and effortless planning for the Region, and we look forward to their continued support in RI Chapter B, now they have more time to have fun being "Just a Member".

Jere Goodman is temporarily filling in as Region Director, and selecting a new Director is in the works as we speak. There may be some changes in the way the NE Districts are will operate, and we will keep you all informed and up to date as these changes happen. It is very important that we keep all of the Chapters up and running and that everyone is having fun. So let's get out there and keep having fun and maybe some ice-cream too!

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 Sep 21st @ 7:00pm
(meeting)

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Sept 26 - Newick's @ Dover Point

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Allan Smeltzer	Sep 10
Pearl Price	Sep 18
Sean McCarthy	Sep 23
Gardner Gray	Sep 27
Dottie Wood	Sep 28

The Setterlund's

Sep 10

Congratulations to August's meeting winners!

Item

Chocolate nuggets
 DD Gift Card
 Bertucci's GC
 Bertucci's GC
 DD Coffee
 Hermits
 Mixed Nuts
 DD Card
 Lindt Truffles

Donor

Dottie Wood
 Judy Burns
 MaryBeth Traynor
 Mike Traynor
 Sean McCarthy
 Rich Davison
 Paul Sarty
 Bill d'Entremont
 Jim Scofield

Winner

MaryBeth Traynor
 Herve Houde
 Herve Houde
 Ed Porawski
 Bob Burns
 Jim Scofield
 Allan Smeltzer
 Rich Davison
 UB

50/50

Allan Smeltzer

10 free tickets September

Paul Sarty



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			