

Goldwing Road Riders Association



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Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge





“FROM THE DIRECTOR”



Meeting: Wakefield Beebe Memorial Library 6:45 to 8:00pm

Our August 2nd Chapter “A” Fundraiser was a very well attended event!

In reaching out to a few local motorcycle groups we experienced a great community spirit as John Rice of 128 Cycles out did himself with the support of his staff, location, vendors, and fine food. At the event, we presented John Rice with a special award of “Appreciation” for his contribution to our chapter and the GWRRA cause!

A special “thank you,” to all the GWRRA Region “B” District Directors and District participants, MA. and the hospitality from each of our “District Chapter Directors and their members”...My appreciation to those that made the ride to our event despite the threat of inclement weather.

The day after I sent out a “brief” description of the event- details not intending to itemize each chapter volunteer member as much as to share the “fun” of the event!

I thought it better to thank our Fundraiser Volunteer Members in this month’s Newsletter! The following members had displayed a great community spirit as they supported the challenges we faced early on!

In chapter “A” we had Sean & Ginny McCarthy, Kevin & Georgia LeBlond, Pearl & Paul Price, Allan & Mary Smeltzer, Frank Silveria, Bill & Chris d’Entremont, Paul Odierno & Dottie Wood, Jim & Sharon Schofield, Rich Davison, Herve’ & Joan Houde and Mike & Mary Beth Traynor.

After the tour ride and lunch we rushed swiftly through the raffles in support of each long distant rider for a safe and “dry” journey home. However, the event was not rained upon...you just never know!

The two greatest experiences for me this year were to first witness the innovation and energy of our membership, volunteer group. Their painstaking attitude to serve and make the event a real great “fun time” for everyone! Second, the contributions from each rider and also the willingness of local merchants to provide aid for the Bootstraps cause. Thank you!

Sue Gabriel of Beverly Bootstraps was nothing less than overcome by the large contribution of canned goods which *literally* filled her van. We were also able to raffle off a “one night stay certificate” from the Colonial Sheraton Hotel in Wakefield for few bucks as a financial contribution. Thank you to all our charitable district participants and chapter “A” members.

You may review the Beverly Bootstraps letter from Sue Gabriel which shall be displayed at the Sept Chapter meeting.

Our Ride for Kids Event was also well attended this year. It was a comfortable feeling to see our members attend and serve the event! To raise funds for the research of the “Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation” is the least we can do for the children of our community.

Please Remember to review all GWRRA Chapter Events on line and PRE-REGISTER ASAP!

Upcoming District Events:

Sept. 20, 2009 MA W BBQ / Poker Run

October 11, 2009 NH - G, Loudon, NH Fall Ride

Did you know that,

September has nine letters, it’s the ninth month, and it’s nine more months until Spring!

Be blessed and have a great time riding!

Mike Lozzi

Chapter “A” Director.

OFF THE THROTTLE *September 2009*



By Kevin LeBlond

The fall riding season is upon us which means Mother Nature will be in full color for our riding & viewing pleasure. When most of think of leaf peeping, we think of New Hampshire and the Kancamagus Highway. So it seems fitting for the start of the fall season we take a closer look at the Kanc.

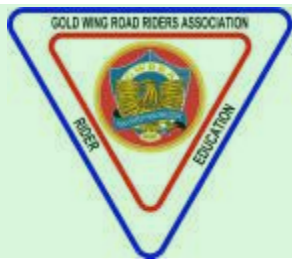
Did you know, this past summer the Kancamagus Highway turned 50!! Up until 1959, there was no direct way for motorists to go from Lincoln to Conway. To make the trip involved a lengthy journey through the Franconia & Crawford notches. By the 1930's, the White Mountain National Forest had been established and the US Forest Service had the money to construct a highway between Lincoln & Conway. Since it was the height of the Depression, laborers were available through the Civilian Conservation Corps. Construction started in 1942 but was halted during World War II. In 1955, the road pushed past the Kanc's infamous hairpin turn just shy of the town of Livermore. Then in 1959, the road officially opened with no fanfare or celebration.

Over the next 5 decades the Kancamagus Highway, named for the 17th century chief of the local Native American tribes and the mountain besides which the road passes, millions of people have driven over the famed 34 mile road.

The beauty of the road earned the Kanc a designation in 1996 as a National Scenic Byway from the US Department of Transportation. At the time, it was the only such designation of a road in the entire Northeast.*

* Thanks to the Weirs Times for some of these interesting facts...

Ride safe & have fun  *- Kevin*



Rider Education

"Safety is for Life"



MA DISTRICT ROAD CAPTAIN & REFRESHER COURSE

INFORMATION SHEET

TO: ALL GWRRR MEMBERS OF MA DISTRICT
TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009
LOCATION: FALMOUTH RECREATION CENTER, FALMOUTH, MA.

A Road Captain course and Refresher will be held on the above posted date conducted by Seminar Instructors of Cape Cod MA CH B. The course will be held at the Falmouth Recreation Center (Gus Canty building) located next to the Police station at **790 Main Street Falmouth**. Class time is set to allow ample travel time for all interested members attending.

Pre-registration is required due to the modest but limited seating capacity. *There is no registration deadline but the **courtesy of an early response** is asked in order to give us time to set the roster and order your Road Captain rockers.* The course will include classroom instruction as well as a short ride portion for certification. GWRRR requires that both the classroom and ride portions be completed before becoming certified and Rockers issued. The Course & Rockers are presented free of charge by the MA District. This course is part of the District Rider Education Program.

TO REGISTER: Simply send us an email to knight0409@comcast.net containing the NAME, MEMBER NUMBER, & CHAPTER of each member attending. You can also register by phone if you prefer: call **Ron DeMello 508-548-5357** and provide the same information. You will need to be on your bike of course to do the ride portion of the course as required. We will confirm your registration in an email reply.

REFRESHER: *Members who are already certified GWRRR Road Captains are most welcome to attend as a refresher course and of course will not be required to do the ride portion unless they wish as no new certification is necessary and you already have your Rockers hopefully.* ***EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEADING A RIDE EVER, THE COURSE IS STILL FOR YOU AS A LEARNING TOOL TO KNOW WHAT YOUR ROAD CAPTAINS ARE DOING AND WHY.***

DIRECTIONS TO THE TRAINING CENTER

From the Bourne Bridge on Cape Cod, take the 2nd exit at the rotary after the bridge, on Gen. McArthur Blvd. toward Falmouth. At the 2nd rotary, take the second exit, on Rt. 28 toward Falmouth. Continue on Rt. 28 which will turn eventually into a single lane road and go straight at the traffic lights. From the traffic lights travel 1/2 mile and turn left onto Main Street Falmouth at the **28 South Falmouth Center** sign. Travel on Main Street 1.1 miles to 790 Main Street, a large brick building on left, with a large parking lot in front, (next door to the Police Station). We are in Meeting Rm. 1 upstairs. GPS users simply punch in 790 Main Street Falmouth as your destination.

APPROPRIATE RIDING GEAR IS REQUIRED!!!!

SCHEDULING & EVENTS

Monthly Meeting



Beebe Memorial Library

Wakefield, MA

Next Meeting:

Tuesday Sept 15th @ 6:45pm

Up-Coming Ride/Events



Bar Harbor – Sept 5, 6 & 7th

Bridge of Flowers – Sept 13th

Chapter W BBQ & Poker Run – Sept 20th

Road Captains Course – Sept 26th



Allan Smeltzer
Pearl Price
Sean McCarthy
Gardner Gray
Dottie Wood

Sept 10th
Sept 18th
Sept 23rd
Sept 27th
Sept 28th

Congratulations!

August's Meeting Winners

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Donor</u> | <u>Winner</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| BREAD | Allan Smeltzer | Joan Houde |
| MONKEY BREAD | Dot Wood | Frank Silveria |
| DD COFFEE | CHAPTER A | Joan Houde |
| SUMMER SQUASH | PAO | Mike Lozzi |
| SUMMER SQUASH | PAO | John Tachuk |
| SUMMER SQUASH | PAO | Rich Davison |
| JELLY BEANS | Mary Beth Traynor | Herve Houde |
| GOLDFISH CRACKERS | Mary Beth Traynor | Joan Houde |
| DD CARD | Billy d'Entremont | Herve Houde |
| DD CARD | Jim Scofield | Herve Houde |
| FAN | Mary Beth Traynor | Rich Davison |
| 50/50 | | Frank Silveria |
| 10 TICKETS FOR SEPT MEETING | | Dot Wood |



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!

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 |
| Package 3 | \$22,259 | (LIMITED EDITION BLUE) |
| 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:

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



Chapter A Sponsor



September 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10  Ice Cream Ride 7:00 PM Reading DD | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Bridge of Flowers 8:00 AM Reading | 14 | 15 Chapter A Meeting Bebe Memorial Library 6:45 PM | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Chapter W ~ BBQ & Poker Run 8:00 AM Reading | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26  MA District Road Cptain & Refresher Course |
| 27 TBD | 28 | 29 | 30  Ice Cream Ride 7:00 PM Reading DD | Don't forget the ice cream ride on the 20th; 7:00 PM Reading DD! | |  |