

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association

## Northeast Region

### THE GREEN TEAM

### CHAPTER NH G



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Monthly Get Together every second Sunday of the month at **THE FAMILY TREE RESTAURANT 927 Laconia Rd (Route 3) Tilton** - 8:30am unless otherwise noted.

**Breakfast and Get Together November 13th**

**See you at The Family Tree,**



## Chapter Director Words



Welcome to the early beginning of winter! What a nor'easter that we had this past weekend. I measured 15 ½" of snow on my deck. So much for late season riding! Some pessimist will say that the riding season is over while the optimist will say that "it ain't over til its over". We will have to wait and see.

At our October meeting, we had the honor of meeting the newest members of Chapter G, Ethan and Paula Ungar of Laconia. Ethan just recently purchased a wing and learned about GWRRA from the dealership (HK Powersports). We also met another new member Howard Towne from Alton. It is great to see new members at our gatherings. Welcome !

The day of the gathering was a beautiful one, and 12 bikes/ trikes went out for a ride around Newfound Lake.

Get well wishes goes out to Meri Hirtle who is recovering from shoulder surgery and condolences goes out to Priscilla Breton on the loss of her 101 year old mother.

We did not have a dine out in October as the venue, Gunstock Inn was not open on the date that we had planned. We did however have a dine-out at Hectors this past Tuesday and it is my understanding that there was a good turn out for it.

Our next Dine out, will be our annual Christmas Party on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Family Tree Restaurant, starting at 6:00 p.m. Hope that we have a great turn out.

The Christmas party will take the place of our monthly meeting in December.

Our Next gathering will be held on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 am.

Hope to see you there on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



## Rider Education

### 50 Ways to Save Your Life

#### Part 2

By The Motorcyclist Staff  
*Motorcyclist Magazine, August 2006*

**26. Never dive into a gap in stalled traffic**

Cars may have stopped for a reason, and you may not be able to see why until it's too late to do anything about it.

**27. Don't saddle up more than you can handle**

If you weigh 95 pounds, avoid that 795-pound cruiser. If you're 5-foot-5, forget those towering adventure-tourers. Stay in your comfort zone riding with a group.

**28. Watch for car doors opening in traffic**

And smacking a car that's swerving around some goofball's open door is just as painful.

**29. Don't get in an intersection rut**

Watch for a two-way stop after a string of four-way intersections. If you expect cross-traffic to stop, there could be a painful surprise when it doesn't.

**30. Stay in your comfort zone when you're with a group**

Riding over your head is a good way to end up in the ditch. Any bunch worth riding with will have a rendezvous point where you'll be able to link up again.

**31. Give your eyes some time to adjust**

A minute or two of low light heading from a well-lighted garage onto dark streets is a good thing. Otherwise, you're essentially flying blind for the first mile or so.

### **32. Master the slow U-turn**

Practice. Park your butt on the outside edge of the seat and lean the bike into the turn, using your body as a counterweight as you pivot around the rear wheel.

### **33. Who put a stop sign at the top of this hill?**

Don't panic. Use the rear brake to keep from rolling back down. Use Mr. Throttle and Mr. Clutch normally—and smoothly—to pull away.

### **34. If it looks slippery, assume it is**

A patch of suspicious pavement could be just about anything. Butter Flavor Crisco? Gravel? Mobil 1? Or maybe it's nothing. Better to slow down for nothing than go on your head.

### **35. Bang! A blowout! Now what?**

No sudden moves. The motorcycle isn't happy, so be prepared to apply a little calming muscle to maintain course. Ease back the throttle, brake gingerly with the good wheel and pull over very smoothly to the shoulder. Big sigh. Hedge your bets at intersections.

### **36. Drops on the faceshield?**

It's raining. Lightly misted pavement can be slipperier than when it's been rinsed by a downpour, and you never know how much grip there is. Apply maximum-level concentration, caution and smoothness.

### **37. Emotions in check?**

To paraphrase Mr. Ice Cube, chickity-check yoself before you wreck yoself. Emotions are as powerful as any drug, so take inventory every time you saddle up. If you're mad, sad, exhausted or anxious, stay put.

### **38. Wear good gear**

Wear stuff that fits you and the weather. If you're too hot or too cold or fighting with a jacket that binds across the shoulders, you're dangerous. It's that simple.

### **39. Leave the iPod at home**

You won't hear that cement truck in time with Spinal Tap cranked to 11, but they might like your headphones in intensive care.

### **40. Learn to swerve**

Be able to do two tight turns in quick succession. Flick left around the bag of briquettes, then right back to your original trajectory. The bike will follow your eyes, so look at the way around, not the briquettes. Now practice till it's a reflex.

### **41. Be smooth at low speeds**

Take some angst out, especially of slow-speed maneuvers, with a bit of rear brake. It adds a welcome bit of stability by minimizing unwelcome weight transfer and potentially bothersome driveline lash.

### **42. Flashing is good for you**

Turn signals get your attention by flashing, right? So a few easy taps on the pedal or lever before stopping makes your brake light more eye-catching to trailing traffic.

### **43. Intersections are scary, so hedge your bets**

Put another vehicle between your bike and the possibility of someone running the stop sign/red light on your right and you cut your chances of getting nailed in half.

### **44. Tune your peripheral vision**

Pick a point near the center of that wall over there. Now scan as far as you can by moving your attention, not your gaze. The more you can see without turning your head, the sooner you can react to trouble. Everything is harder to see after dark.

### **45. All alone at a light that won't turn green?**

Put as much motorcycle as possible directly above the sensor wire—usually buried in the pavement beneath you and located by a round or square pattern behind the limit line. If the light still won't change, try putting your kickstand down, right on the wire. You should be on your way in seconds.

### **46. Every-thing is harder to see after dark**

Adjust your headlights, Carry a clear faceshield and have your game all the way on after dark, especially during commuter hours.

### **47. Don't troll next to—or right behind—Mr. Peterbilt**

If one of those 18 retreads blows up—which they do with some regularity—it de-treads, and that can be ugly. Unless you like dodging huge chunks of flying rubber, keep your distance.

### **48. Take the panic out of panic stops**

Develop an intimate relationship with your front brake. Seek out some safe, open pavement. Starting slowly, find that fine line between maximum braking and a locked wheel, and then do it again, and again.

### **49. Make your tires right**

None of this stuff matters unless your skins are right. Don't take 'em for granted. Make sure pressure is spot-on every time you ride. Check for cuts, nails and other junk they might have picked up, as well as general wear.

### **50. Take a deep breath**

Count to 10. Visualize whirled peas. Forgetting some clown's 80-mph indiscretion beats running the risk of ruining your life, or ending it. —MC

## District Directors Message



Can you believe it snow before Halloween and not a little, but at least 21 inches in Ashburnham. We hope that most of you have come through this most usual early storm, without too much difficulty, many people around our area have been without electricity for days, and schools in surrounding areas were closed for three to five days. We were fortunate that we never suffered any power outages, however the snow removal was difficult due to the large amount of heavy snow.. Hopefully, most of our wings had been put away for the winter.

As many of you know, Dick had more surgery, he had minor repairs to his elbow again on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and unexpected major back surgery on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>. He is slowly recovering from the back surgery and we hope and pray he will be able to walk with a cane and ride the trike again soon. Once again thank you for your cards, messages and prayers.

We arrived in Florida on late Thursday night, a month later than originally planned, Dave Croteau, a former NH-E member, flew up from Florida to drive us and the trike to Winter Haven. The weather is beautiful, just perfect for riding, but not time for us yet, although we get to watch Dave and Barb ride away on their wing.

We cancelled the safety Fair in October due to rain, and rain also dampened NH-G's fall foliage ride, but those of us that did attend the event had a great time. It goes without saying that even on rainy days, it is great to support your fellow chapter's fund raisers, and although you may have to attend in four wheels, you will still have an awesome time with all our GWRRA family.

I was unable to attend the Region Meeting, but Ed and Dottie have forwarded the pertinent information to me via email. One major announcement is that Kevin and Georgia LaBlond former Chapter Directors of MA-A, have accepted the position of Massachusetts District Directors. We know that they will do a great job as District Directors of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts members are fortunate to have them. Please be sure to congratulate Kevin and Georgia when you see them. The LaBlonds and the Daniels have held many combined events from both the MA-A and NH-A chapters during the past year and it was wonderful to see such great interaction between the two districts. We look forward to working with Kevin and Georgia on the 2012 New England District's Convention.

The District Directors have finalized the location of the 2012 rally and we have chosen the Holiday Inn in Rutland, Vermont. We have used this location twice in the past ten years and it has always been a great location for a convention. We would like to thank Allen Cyr, DD of Maine for all his negotiations in finalizing the contract. Trust us, when we say that Allen could sell snow to an eskimo. We are currently working on the flyer and hope to have it completed and posted on the website within the next month. The dates for the convention are July 26,-28<sup>th</sup> we hope that you will join us for a great fun filled weekend in Vermont. If you are looking for a fun event after the holiday season, Maryland will be holding its Winter Thing on January 26 – 29<sup>th</sup> 2012, and Region B is sponsoring a nine night Caribbean/Bermuda Cruise, May10 – 19, 2012

**Congratulations to: Adam and Beth Hanna** of Stratham, NH who were the lucky winners of Region B's Rider Ed Quilt raffle.

**Jim Venne** of NH-G who has just completed the on-line Officer Certification Process.

**Lynda and Bruce Hartley**, Couple of the Year for NH-A.

Please remember to honor our Veterans who have sacrificed so much in order that we may enjoy our freedom. Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Thanksgiving,



## Special Days

### Happy Birthday to;

Joe Gilbert 11/2  
Jim Venne 11/5  
Don Dituillo 11/6  
Charlie Collins 11/25  
Jeanne Barrett 11/27  
Ron Hrasna 11/30  
Carol Cloutier 12/18  
Chris Barrett 12/29

### Happy Anniversary to;

Charlie & Claire Collins 11/11  
Dick & Priscilla 11/28

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## 2011 RIDE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	MEETING PLACE
11/13/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there
12/8/11	Thursday	Chapter Christmas Party Family Tree – Winnisquam	6:00 pm	Meet there
12/11/11	Sunday	NO MONTHLY MEETING		