

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Northeast Region



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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 April 10th**

**See you at The Family Tree,**

## Chapter Director Words



Welcome to riding Season! It looks like the major snowstorm of April 1<sup>st</sup> was nothing more than an April fools joke. Lets hope that this is the last “white stuff” of the season. I know that I am ready to ride. Our first scheduled ride (weather permitting) will be after our next monthly meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> with our Ice Out ride around the lake. Let’s hope to more melting, warm and sunny days.

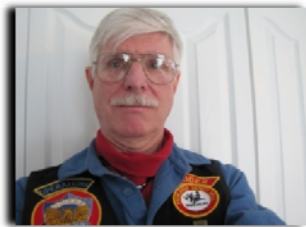
This past month has been a trying one for my family and I as my mother passed away on March 15<sup>th</sup>. When I became a member of GWRRA, I was told that I was becoming part of a large family. I guess that I never realized just how large the GW family was until something like a loss of a loved one happens. The cards, notes,

messages from GW members were overwhelming and made this difficult time easier. Thank you to everyone for all of your support. It makes me proud of be a member of GWRRA.

Our next get together will be held on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Family Tree Restaurant.

Ed Heath  
Chapter Director

## Rider Education



### Covered Bridges during and after a rainfall.

By Michael P Goldsmith, Chapter Educator

It's wise to ride more cautiously during a fresh rainfall. You hold a steady throttle, keep the bike upright, and stay off the brakes. But wooden surfaces can be extremely slippery when wet, so you should approach a wet, Covered bridge even more conservatively. Remember, even the middle of a Covered Bridge can be wet during and after a rainfall. The water comes from the wet cars that have already driven through the bridge. Wood fibers get ground away by the abrasion of passing traffic, and these loose fibers mix with rainwater to form a slippery paste.

## District Director message



The calendar says spring is here, and some days it feels a little like spring but then just a little more snow and more cold weather. Such is the weather in New England. Soon, very soon, the cold and snow will be gone, (the days are already getting longer), the sand will be swept off the streets and bike riding season will begin. Now is a good time to go out to the garage, you know you can hear that wing calling you, start it up, do routine maintenance, perform T clock inspections and be ready for that first great riding day. Remember to be careful, as the four wheel drivers will not be used to seeing motorcycles on the highways, so ride aware.

Dick and I have gone on a few short rides, no group rides as yet, because we need to get used to riding longer rides slowly. Hopefully, we will be in tip top shape to ride with all of you this summer. We went to the Florida Convention, and New Hampshire had at least eight snow birds in attendance. The

weather for the convention was beautiful, quite warm actually, compared to last year and they had over 1100 people in attendance. Florida has been exceptionally warm with temperatures in the high eighties however a cold front came through and we had severe storms and funnel clouds which produced record breaking rain. Yesterday, the weather was sunny and cool (below 80) and the Perrins led us on a ride to Mayaaka Florida to see the Lipizzen Stallions at their winter headquarters. What a wonderful show, the horses are such magnificent animals, so graceful, yet so strong. As we were returning from the stallion's performance, Dave Perrin noticed a "stick farm" growing beside the highway. If you do not know what a "stick farm" is you will need to ask our District Educator when you see him. We had the pleasure of enjoining a visit at Dottie and Ed Bahrenburg's Florida home and we were introduced to their lovable dog, Max. The Perrons were able to join us and we had a great visit. The Bahrenburgs reside in a beautiful park in Bartow about thirty minutes away from us. It is just wonderful to have so much of our Goldwing family down here, as well as back home. I attended the FL 2W picnic, Liz (the CD) and the members did a great job at the picnic, the food was delicious and it was great to see our Winter Haven friends. I purchased a new light blue FL-2 shirt, guess that makes me an official member of the Winter Haven Chapter.

We plan on seeing the Central Florida Motorcycle Drill team perform next Saturday, they do such awesome riding with their Harleys and their Wings and we hope to get in one group ride with the Winter Haven Chapter. before returning to Massachusetts. (I hate to say home, because I am so at home in Florida). That is about all the news for this month; we will probably be back, before the next newsletter is due. How can that be, it seems we just got here. We are looking forward to seeing all of you, and hopefully spring will be in full bloom soon.

Just a reminder, be sure to register for our New England Convention this July. July will be here before you know it and the Convention is such a fun time!

We want to send all of you our best wishes for a Happy Easter; hope, the Easter Bunny brings you lots of goodies. Hopefully, he will not have to hop through any snow!

Pat & Dick

## District Educator

Interesting facts!



The latest D.O.T. statistics tell us that there are 17 million motorcyclists out there, 11 million of whom consider themselves "active" riders. And these days, when you see a woman operating a bike, it's more than just a novelty; the Motorcycle Industry Council says that women now make up the fastest growing segment of new riders, accounting for 18% of all motorcycle owners. ABS was first developed for commercial aircraft in 1929 (Maslen, 2008) and was first implemented in production automobiles with the 1971 Chrysler Imperial (Douglas and Schafer, 1971). BMW was the first manufacturer to implement

ABS on a motorcycle with its K100RS Special model in 1988 (Tuttle, 2001). The effect of antilock braking systems (ABS) on motorcyclist fatal crash risk during 003-08 was studied by comparing fatal crash rates per registrations of motorcycles with and without ABS. Study motorcycles included those for which ABS was optional equipment and could be identified as present by the vehicle identification number. Fatal motorcycle crashes per 10,000 registered vehicle years were 37 percent lower for ABS models than for their non-ABS versions.

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## Your Chapter Membership DO'S are due!!!!

- DO** HAVE FUN - Our motto is Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge. with you GWRRA Members.
- DO** try to go to the Monthly Meetings. There is a wealth of information at the meetings as well as updates to the calendar, fun, and 50/50 raffles
- DO** try to keep a calendar with you at all times so you know what's happening.
- DO** try to go to as many Rides & Gatherings as possible to support your Chapter and wear your shirts proudly.
- DO** try to carry a GWRRA application with your name and number on it so you can invite new people to join the fun.
- DO** keep your bike in the best mechanical shape possible, remember safety is part of our motto. Use the T clocks.
- DO** be as friendly as possible. Others see you as an ambassador , what type of attitude do you want to show others about our organization.
- DO** try to mingle with others at Rides & Gatherings with as many people as you can. Get to know your fellow members.
- DO** be respectful around others. Show your pride in your Chapter.
- DO** leave your ego at the door whenever you come to a Meeting, or Ride.
- DO** learn the rules of Riders and try to practice them daily even when not with the group.
- DO** take advantage of the courses offered at the New England Convention or at your chapters. Take an ERC, TRC or ,First Aid Course.
- DO** remember to appreciate your waiter/waitress at Meetings, and Dine Outs.
- DO** go to an Officer if you have a problem with another Member of the Chapter Please let us diffuse the situation BEFORE it becomes a major problem.
- DO** Support our region Region Rider Education Program by purchasing raffle tickets for a new Quilt.
- DO** attend the New England Districts Convention in July, it is fun and a great way to support your District.
- DO** be an active member of your Chapter, that's right, it's YOUR CHAPTER.
- DO** enjoy life to its fullest on or off your bike. Life is far too short. Enjoy every minute.

Adapted from Paula Maxwell (MEC) FL 1H Daytona, Florida

## Regional Notes:



My computer inbox is full of announcements for rides and events that are soon to be occurring throughout the Region. That is a sure sign of spring! We do keep track of the weather back home via the internet and talking to various members. The snow seems to be melting and some of the people in the more southern areas are riding fairly steadily. With all this good weather let's get those PASSPORTS filled out. Remember, you can get it signed for any GWRRA event; Chapter Gatherings, Ice Cream rides, dinner rides etc. If your Chapter has 3 rides a month plus a Chapter Gathering—you can get 4 signatures just by attending your own Chapter events in a single month. So make sure you bring your PASSPORT with you at all times. National has challenged the Regions and

Districts to add additional incentives for the program. I have our Region Team working on coming up with something for the Region and I am aware of several Districts who are offering some nice prizes. Stay tuned!

Along with spring, comes the increased interest in Motorcycling. This is the time we should ramp up our Recruiting efforts. In May, Motorcycle Awareness Month, we start seeing Mall Shows, June has the Americade booth headed up by the New York District. I am aware that New Hampshire has an informational program in place and New Jersey is working with some local Honda dealers on recruiting this spring. New York has another new Chapter on the horizon located in the north country of New York. If your Chapter or District needs help with your specific recruiting program, please contact the Region Team to see what assistance we can provide.

The second part of recruiting is making sure the people who have already joined GWRRA are welcomed into a Chapter and are actively participating with you. Director Stiger has provided us with detailed information that shows that 50% of our members have been with GWRRA for 5 years or less. We can recruit well but we certainly need to do a better job of retaining these members. The more involved they are with a Chapter, the more likely they will remain members and your friends! Make sure someone in your Chapter reaches out to anyone who has not attended an event in awhile or has shown up on the ARL as a new GWRRA member in your area.

I want to bring you up to date on what your Region team has been working on the last few months. Pete St. Amour has been hard at work on the ARL and has come up with some innovative ways to improve that informational piece. Carol Coyne has been working on all of the 990's and associated paperwork. Tim Grimes has come up with a program to fund the Rider Education instructors travel expenses in an effort to reduce their personal outgo at a time when money for all of us is short. Keith Price is working on training more First Aid/ CPR instructors and the Region has offered to assist the instructors by offsetting some of their class expenses. Mike Mandell has been processing all the new MEC's paperwork, managing the programs under his direction, providing Couple of the Year information and working with our Treasurer, Michelle Perry to get our advertising program off the ground. The Princes, our Chapter of the Year Coordinators, have been working on determining who is going to be the Region's Chapter of the Year as well as providing information about the program to all our Districts and Chapters. Dottie has been working with all the District trainers and/or Directors to make sure that all of the OCP updates have been delivered so no one loses their status as OCP

Certified. She also is working with the District trainers to set up OCP's for additional members who wish to become certified. There will be two Instructor Development and Certification Programs for members wishing to become Leadership Training instructors. She has also worked on scripting modules for the Online OCP which we hope will become available in May.

The Lampe's, our Region Couple of the Year, have been making appearances around the Region. Our new Newsletter Editor, Bob Anthony is doing a fine job and Clark Clemens our Webmaster keeps the website up, current and running. Your Region Director has been handling a lot of paperwork and information that flows both up and down the pipeline (LOL!) as well as trying to keep abreast of all the happenings within the three program areas while being a source of information for our members. We all have been busy but also having FUN.

By this time next month we will be back in the North and getting ready to travel to the Vermont K Kick-Off and the Rhode Island B breakfast. We really were looking forward to going to the Delaware Hobo Stew but unfortunately the Vermont K Kick-Off is the same day. Hopefully next year there will not be a conflict. Hope to see you at one of these events. Don't forget to bring your PASSPORT!

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
Northeast Region Directors

### Special Days

#### Happy Birthday to;

Bob Bressette 4/8  
Ginny Perkins 4/9  
Claire Collins 4/10  
Denise Heath 4/11  
Skip Hounsell 4/15  
Bob Hamel 4/28  
Kaye Hamel 4/28  
Rachel Small 5/25  
Sue Venne 5/29

#### Happy Anniversary to;

Joe & Jo-Anne Gilbert 4/11  
Pete & Nila Venne 4/22  
Donna & Ernie Brown 5/15

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**2011 RIDE SCHEDULE**

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	MEETING PLACE
4/10/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – possible ride after
4/19/11	Tuesday	Dine out Johnsons Dairy Bar – New Durham	6:00 pm	Meet there
5/1/11	Sunday	RI B Kickoff Breakfast	6:30 am	Loudon Dunkin Donuts.
5/8/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – ride following to Wright Museum – Wolfeboro
5/14/11	Saturday	Venco Wings Open House	10-2	Meet there
5/15/11	Sunday	Safety Day – Gorham NH Fire Department	11-3	TBD
5/19/11	Thursday	Dine out Patricks Pub – Gilford	6:00 pm	Meet there
TBA 5/28, 29		NH Veteran's Cemetery Ride – Opening Day of		

or 30		100 Days of Remembrance of 9/11		
6/7-11		Americade Week-NY		
6/12/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – Ride following to Lupine Festival
6/11-19		Laconia Bike Week		
6/18/11	Saturday	Mt. Washington Road	9:00 am	Prescott Hill Irving Rte 106
6/21/11	Tuesday	Dine out Harts Turkey Farm	6:00 pm	Prescott Hill Irving Rte 106
6/26/11	Sunday	York Maine Ride/Geocache/ Skydive New England	9:00 am	Loudon Dunkin Don.
7/6-9		Wing Ding – Knoxville TN		
7/10/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – ride following to Vermont Country Store
7/16/11	Saturday	Covered Bridge Ride	9:00 am	Loudon Dunkin Don.
7/20/11	Wednesday	Dine out Pizza Chef – New London	6:00 pm	Roberts Market – West Franklin
7/23/11	Saturday	Silver Lake Railroad/Picnic Lunch	9:00 am	Prescott Hill Irving Rte 106.
7/28-30		NE Convention – Lewiston ME		
8/2/11	Tuesday	Dine out T-Bones – Laconia	6:00 pm	Meet there
8/6/11	Saturday	Evans Notch Ride	9:00 am	Meredith Irving Rt 3
8/14/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – ride to follow to the Butterfly Place-Tyngsboro
8/20/11	Saturday	Ride to David's House – Hanover	8:30 am	Meredith Docks
8/21/11	Sunday	Ride for Kids – Fiskdale, MA	7:00 am	Loudon Dunkin Don.
9/1/11	Thursday	Dine out – TBA – Laconia	6:00 pm	Meet there
9/11/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – Mass A Poker Run
9/11/11	Sunday	Closing Ceremonies – NH Vets Cemetery	6:00 pm	Meet there
9/24/11	Saturday	St. Gaudin Historical Site Cornish, NH	9:00 am	Prescott Hill Irving Rte 106
10/2/11	Sunday	Fall Foliage Poker Run	9:00 am	Venco Wings

10/9/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there – Ride following around Newfound Lake
10/12/11	Wednesday	Dine out – Gunstock Inn Gilford	6:00 pm	Meet there
11/1/11	Tuesday	Dine out – Hectors – Laconia	6:00 pm	Meet there
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		