

# Gold Wing Road Riders Association Northeast Region



## THE GREEN TEAM CHAPTER NH G



2011

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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 February 13th**

**See you at The Family Tree,**



## Chapter Director Words

OK, Enough with all of this snow!!!! We had a quiet December, but January has really made up for it. Any idea when we will be riding ??? Last year I pulled the bike out on March 6<sup>th</sup>, this year it looks for like May 6<sup>th</sup> ! Let's hope not.

Denise and I attended a District meeting in Hanover on Sat the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was 23 members there, representing all of the NH chapters along with members of Chapter A in Vermont. It was great to see everyone, and besides reviewing financial information for the chapter, we were also re-certified for OCP.

I came up with an idea that I pitched to the chapters (I actually stole it from a NY chapter) and it was well received. We don't have a actual name for it, other than "capture the flag" a is being made that has the NH/VT on it with stars that represent the chapter locations, and once the flag is made a drawing will be made to determine who gets the flag first. Then in order to "capture the flag" 4 members of a visiting chapter make a visit to chapter and declare that they are there to capture the flag.... More details to follow. This will be a fun way to interact with other chapters and yes even the Vermont chapters are included, seeing that our District Director Pat Thibeadeau represents VT.

The ride schedule for 2011 is coming together as we had a meeting at Mark and Ginny Perkins on Sunday January 23, and it looks like we are going to have a great riding season. The schedule will be posted in the newsletter and on the website.

Jim and Sue Venne are headed to warmer weather (Florida) and we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip and please BRING BACK SOME SUNSHINE AND WARMTH!

Our first dine-out will be held on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mulligan Restaurant Park St Northfield NH starting at 5:30, and we realize that not everyone can make it for 5:30, but just like we meet for our breakfast meeting, people who attend the dine-out will order when they arrive. We still need to know a count for the restaurant. An event alert will go out very soon. Hope to see a good turnout for our first dine-out of 2011.

Stay warm, stay safe, spring is around the corner!

Ed Heath  
Chapter Director

## Rider Education



### Maintaining Proper Tire Pressure

When you first notice a wiggling sensation in a tire, pull off the road and try to diagnose a problem. But the damage could have started months before if you allowed your tires to lose air pressure yet continued to ride on them. Under inflated tires can flex enough to heat the cords to destructive temperatures. With an extra load at freeway speeds, it is only a matter of time before a damaged tire comes apart. Even if the tire stays whole, it will need to be replaced much sooner than normal. It's essential to check your tire's pressure with an accurate gauge before each day's ride, especially on long trips. Remember that increased loads require slightly higher tire pressure.

### Tire Gauges:

You should always carry tire gauge on your bike. I use the Show Chrome Tire Guard Tire Pressure Monitoring System. It is a wireless gauge with sensors attached to the tire stems. While it is not inexpensive, the convenience works well for me. Venco Wings carries them.

### Inflators:

It is always a good idea to have a portable pump with you, especially if you do multi-day rides. I carry the Slime Inflator with me at all times.

Slime's Power Sport Tire Inflator is a versatile, compact air compressor with a capability of up to 300 PSI. It adapts to any 12 volt power source, and includes a main harness wire with fuse, an alligator clip cord for any battery, a power cord with A/C adapter and a pre-wire cord to attach directly to the battery. Also included with the inflator are an air hose with quick-clip, a valve core removal tool and filler tube, a tire pressure pencil gauge, and tools and adapters for tires, balls, beach toys and other inflatable's. This unit and its accessories are protected by a rugged carrying case.

## Getting to know you

Wendy and I moved to New Hampshire from Georgia in October of 2007. Why, well our house was struck by lightning and burned. It was not a total loss from the fire but what ever the fire did not get, the firemen, the water, and then the mold got. The house was considered a total loss and we had it demolished. We decided to move to New Hampshire because Wendy has family that lives in Moultonborough. That is where we currently reside, top side of the lake.



Before moving here I was in some sorts a jack of all trades, I retired from the Georgia National guard with 23 years of service as a Command Sergeant Major in 2005, I held a commercial drivers license and drove flat bed trucks for quite a while, In 2005 after retiring from the Guard, I decided to start my own business, a Lawn Care business. All was going well right up to the lightning strike. I decided to bring the company with me to New Hampshire, where I soon realized that it's pretty hard to do lawn care with three feet of snow on the ground. Wendy now works for a software sales company. We have been

married for 15 years now and even though she adamantly denies it, she is part southern belle, Well she did live in the south for over 20 years. We just became grand parents for the third time just before Christmas of 2010, and we drove down to see my other grown children, my son who is a Gwinnett county fire fighter, and my daughter who just had the baby and works for a neurosurgeon.

This Last April, almost the same time I found my Black Wing, I also found myself laid off from work. Seems they wanted me to drive about 14 hours a day, plus the additional 6 it would have taken me to get to North Hampton and back each day. Not really enough hours in the day for that it seems.

As far as motorcycles go, I have been riding since I was probably about 9 years old, my first motorcycle was a yellow Kawasaki G-5 100, I remember going to races and watching Roger DeCoster race. My first street bike was a Kawasaki 600R, and then a Kawasaki ZX-7 that I use to carve up the North Georgia mountains with, When I met Wendy, I found out just how painful your wrists become with a passenger on the back of a sport bike, we traded that for a Kawasaki KLR 650, we ended up on a trip to Canada on that one, and we almost didn't get back into the states because the border guard did not think it was a street legal bike. I then decided to race and found myself on a KTM 200.

While we had the KLR we attended almost every Ride for Kids event every year where the crowds of people were amazing. We would take up an interstate for 10 – 15 miles, truly amazing, we started out raising a little money, and then it grew, and pretty soon, we were getting the tickets in the bucket to win a Gold Wing, I can not even begin to tell you how many pictures are on my computer of all the Wings I have drooled over through out the years. We always said that when I turned 40, we would get a Wing. Well it was about 9 years late, but it was worth the wait to become a New Hampshire Gold Wing rider. On my first year in the saddle, I put just over 10000 miles on the bike, I did a solo trip to Georgia, and then Wendy and I took a week tour of Canada. They didn't think it was a off road bike this time, What an awesome machine.

Anyway, I have had a life long dream of starting a personal security assessment and training company. It has absolutely nothing to do with alarm systems or teaching you how to be a body guard. It simply teaches concerned home owners how to be better prepared to deal with an emergency situation such as a home invasion, or a fire. I travel all around New England guiding people how to better defend themselves from the predators of this world. The company is called Dark Night Consulting, 603-707-6100, and I will give discounts to any of our members.

Wendy and I are looking forward to an awesome riding season with chapter G.



## **District Director message**

How are of all folks in NH and VT doing; have you had enough cold and snow, if not don't worry more cold and snow will be here soon. We all know winters in New England are cold and snowy, but this year the winter weather appears to be exceeding expectations. We are actually glad our trike is in Florida, because it may have got frost bite in our garage. Let's all think SPRING; it is two months until riding season.

I want to thank all of you for taking the time to attend the District meeting last month. It was great to see everyone. Unfortunately due to the large amount of material that needed to be presented, we were not able to socialize with

everyone as much as we would have liked. However, whenever our GWRRA group joins together we enjoy ourselves. Thanks to all of you for submitting your yearend financial reports.

We would like to thank Bob and Hazel Young for returning as Chapter Directors of NHE, along with Karen and Ted Zitnay returning as Assistant Chapter Directors of NHE. Please offer them your Congratulations when you see them. Chapter E is very fortunate to have both the Youngs and the Zitnays returning to leadership positions. Welcome Back!!

As you begin making plans for the riding season, I would like to suggest that perhaps you include a ride to Everything But Anchovies. (The restaurant where we held our District meeting) I thought the food was good and reasonably priced and it appears to be a central location for everyone to meet. As I stated at the meeting, NH will not be holding a District Picnic, and I was hoping that the NH & VT Chapters might meet for lunch. This, of course, is entirely up to what your chapter members want to do. We need to remember to try to focus on riding. It often appears that we try to support chapter fund raisers, and while that is important, our members need to enjoy themselves riding. If the current trend continues we can assume that the cost of gasoline will be quite high this summer. So we may want to focus on rides that allow members to bring a lunch if they desire. Once your ride schedules are finalized please send us a copy as we are hopeful that Dick and I will be able to join each chapter for a ride.

In the March issue of Wing World, National will announce a new fun program entitled the Passport program. It is a program designed to encourage members to ride and by doing so they get to complete their passport book. Look for further details in the March issue.

February is the month for recognizing sweethearts, so we would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone about the Couple of the Year Program. The Couple of the Year Program is a way each chapter can recognize a special couple in their chapter. By special we mean, the couple who always hold the pot luck dinner at their home, the couple that always works on our fund raisers, and the couple that assists in every way they can. This program is not designed to get members to do more, but to acknowledge the members for what they have done. It is designed to Honor Couples. What the couple decides to do after being named Couple of the Year is up to the couple. They do not have to continue on to any selection process. For COY supplies please see Mike's article below.

*Pat & Dick*

## District Educators



Wintertime is a great time to inventory your motorcycle attire, especially if you have put your 'bike' up for the winter!

GWRRA motorcycle courses require that full fingered gloves, protective, shatterproof eye-wear, long-sleeved shirt/jacket, long pants, over the ankle footwear, not to include sneakers and a DOT/Snell

approved helmet, and all of the above be worn. Not worn-out!

Check your helmet straps and fasteners, to be sure that they are not fraying, and will fasten securely. If your helmet has been dropped it should be replaced. If your helmet is 3 years or older, consider a replacement. The innards can compress due to shock from dropping, insulation can deteriorate from your perspiration and from hair products, over time. Extreme temperature changes season to season can deteriorate a shelved helmet. Scratched and streaked face shields and goggles should be replaced.

Footwear should be durable so as to protect your foot and your ankle. Are the soles or heels of your boots in need of replacement? Boot heels should be short so as not to catch on pavement. Cowboy boots are not motorcycle boots!

Gloves made of leather or heavy cloth will protect your hands and keep them warm, and torn liners ought to be replaced.

Your long pants should fit so they do not catch on exposed motorcycle parts. When they flap in the wind, they could get caught on the kickstand and cause your motorcycle to stall! This actually happened to this writer!

Check your jackets. Zippers, snaps and buttons can be replaced and repaired. Long sleeve shirts or jackets are required regardless of the weather for your own protection.

That sums up the articles of clothing which GWRRA requires when taking GWRRA Rider Education Courses, and the intelligent thing to do for your daily riding as well!

### *Dave and Sue Perrin District Educators*



### **Regional Notes:**

See The Beacon <http://www.gwrri-northeastregion.org/node/39> for the Regional Newsletter

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
Northeast Region Directors

## 2011 RIDE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	MEETING PLACE
2/13/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there
3/13/11	Sunday	Chapter Meeting Family Tree – Winnisquam	8:30 am	Meet there
3/23/11	Wednesday	Dine out The Galley – Laconia	6:00 pm	Meet there
4/1 & 2	Fri/Sat	Winter Bash – Conway Green Granite Motel		
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 Don.
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 or 30		NH Veteran's Cemetery Ride – Opening Day of 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		

All rides are subject to change and weather permitting. Pick up rides will be added as time and interest dictates.

## Special Days

### Happy Birthday to;

Ernie Brown 2/10  
Donna Brown 2/26  
Linda Allard 2/27  
Nila Venne 2/27  
Phil Allard 3/6  
Priscilla Breton 3/13  
All Small 3/16  
Cheryl Hounsel 3/30

### Happy Anniversary to;

Jim & Sue Venne 2/10

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2003 Honda Valkyrie (1500 cc) with 29,846 miles for sale \$7999.00 equipped with an ultimate seat (valued over 1000 dollars) and brand new pair of Spider's Den XL hard leather removable and locking saddlebags (paid over \$500.00) bike has been winterized. Tons of chrome!! Call Crystal at 603-291-0095 for more info. Bike can be seen in person at American Trike and Motorsports in Keene, NH



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