

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 February 13th

See you at The Family Tree,



Chapter Director Words

Welcome to March, Can Riding Season be far behind? Well with the amount of snow in my front yard, I am thinking sometime in May. Please, winter, go away!!!! Goldwing Members are getting the itch to ride!

Our February meeting was well attended with 28 people including Andy and Mary Tarbell from Chapter A. Mary presented me with "Chapter Flag" that will given to a chapter to hold until it is "captured" . See details in last month's newsletter to see the how it works.

A drawing was held and I had Mary pick a chapter, and she picked Chapter G. to be the first recipient of the flag. Thank you Mary for making the flag and picking Chapter G.



We also welcomed visitors from Chapter F, Bill and Dee Bascom, Chapter Directors, thanks for stopping by Bill and Dee.

For the month of March, We have a dine-out scheduled for Wednesday March 23rd at the Galley Restaurant Union Ave, Laconia.

Also, if you are looking for a quick winter Getaway, ME -C is hosting a Winter Bash at the Green Granite Inn in Conway from April 1-3. This is a great time to get together with old friends and meet new ones. It is a great time!

Jim and Sue Venne has made a safe return trip from Florida and Byron, Lisa Hemeon and Dick and Priscilla Breton have also trekked to Florida and I am sure that we will hear from them about the warm weather.

Our next gathering will be Sunday March 13th at the Family Tree. Hope to see you there.

Ed Heath
Chapter Director

Rider Education



Spring Riding and Surface Hazards

By Some of us will be riding this month, many others will be riding before the end of next month. Spring riding frequently has hazards that are not there other times of the year.

You must never forget how important it is for a motorcyclist to be aware of surface hazards. In New England, sanding streets in winter is common, so you can expect loose sand to be present each spring. The sand typically gets pushed toward the outside of lanes by passing traffic. Be especially wary of sand at intersections where it often collects in a berm near the curb.

When riding in springtime, avoid the urge to make a quick pullout, and take extra seconds to scrutinize the street surface. You may be able to avoid the sand by making a wider turn, farther from the curb. If you can't avoid crossing a patch of loose sand on the pavement, keep your motorcycle more vertical, and avoid rapid acceleration, hard braking, or sharp turns while driving through it.

Michael P Goldsmith, Chapter Educator

District Director message

We have finally arrived in Florida and we are enjoying the warmer temperatures and beautiful sunshine. We left Manchester on Sunday (2/27) with some new snow on the ground and got here around midnight. We know it is not polite to rub it in, but we have waited so long to return here and after all Spring is a mere three weeks away. We apologize for the delay in sending out the newsletter, but we have had a long standing problem with internet service at our park and finally had internet put into our unit late yesterday.

Dick went out to the trailer on Monday, started the trike, practiced getting on and off with his leg brace, and put on the official handicap plate. Saturday, we took a short ride, with the Perrins, and Dave and Barb Croteau (former members of NH-E). The weather was perfect for riding, the Orange Trees are blossoming, and the blossoms smell wonderful. It certainly was great to be on the trike again.

We have a lot of visiting to do and we are looking forward to seeing our Florida GW friends and our northern GW friends who have arrived here before us, including our Region Directors. However, our mission is to relax, take things slowly, let the sun rejuvenate us, and have Dick wait on me as the nurses so nicely taught him during his many hospital stays.

Daytona bike week was this week, but we skipped that event, we are hoping to attend the Florida District Convention later this month, and begin to get some signatures in our new Passport book. (There is further info on the Passport program included in the newsletter.)

We would like to offer our Congratulations to Stan and Ginny Gula, the new Couple of the Year for NH-K. Cheryl and John Warner, Chapter K, Assistant Directors and their members surprised Stan

and Ginny at a recent event and honored them by nominating them as Chapter K's Couple of the Year. Way to go Chapter K!!!

Chapter K will be sponsoring a GWRRA Booth at the Blessing of the Bikes Event in Colebrook, NH on June 25 and 26th. The booth will be open all day Saturday and Sunday, should you have any free time available, Chapter K would welcome to see could use our support. and assistance. This has been a huge welcome our support. In previous years the Bike Blessing was a huge event in NH but the attendance has been down the past two years, and in an attempt to improve attendance we understand that there have been some changes in the committee organizing the event.

Just a reminder, do not forget to register for our New England Convention this July. We have brought back the design a Tee shirt contest, if you are interested please be sure to submit your design.



March is such a strange month in New England, sometimes there are major snowstorms and sometimes there are some beautiful days when you can hear that Wing calling you from the garage. Please remember if you decide to get out and ride, do be careful, other vehicles are not used to seeing you and the roads will probably still have lots of sand remaining from the snowy/icy winter.

Pat & Dick



Taken from All Headline News, March 3, 2011(www.allheadlinenews.com/content-services)

Despite motorcyclists typically losing the battle in accidents with other road vehicles only 19% wear reflective gear

Research from the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition shows motorists are to blame in more than 60 percent of vehicle versus motorcycle crashes in Florida. In a recent survey by the American Automobile Association, 71 percent of bikers said the main thing they worried about when riding a motorcycle was distracted motorists and not being seen. However, only 19 percent of them said they always wear reflective gear that would increase their visibility.

The survey also found that 82 percent of bikers said they always wear a helmet when they ride, however the top reason for not wearing a helmet when riding was high temperatures.

Michele Harris, AAA's director of traffic safety culture, said in a statement, "Motorcycle riders are more at risk than other motorists since they are often hard to see. Florida's growing population of motorcycle enthusiasts makes motorcycle safety an important and necessary topic of discussion."

With the upcoming Bike Week in Daytona Beach, traffic safety officials are using the national event to advocate safe road operation of motorcycles and promote optimum safe driving.

AAA offered motorcycle awareness tips for motorists:

- Check blind spots before changing lanes or merging, especially in heavy traffic. Assume motorcycles pulling out of side streets do not see you and may pull in front of you.
- Expect to see motorcycles as they are often hard to see in traffic. Look for a helmet, tires, or a shadow alongside a vehicle that you can't see around. Don't drive distracted. A driver who takes their eyes off of the road for just two seconds doubles their risk of getting into a crash. Distracted driving is a major cause of motorcycle crashes.
- Keep your eyes and ears open at all times. Motorcyclists may blend into groups of vehicles and can be closer than you think. Also, not all motorcycles are loud, so listen closely if you think one is nearby.
- Watch out when making a left-hand turn. Most crashes between cars and motorcycles involve left-hand

Dave and Sue Perrin District Educators



Regional Notes:

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

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
Northeast Region Directors

Special Days
Happy Birthday to;
Phil Allard 3/6

Priscilla Breton 3/13
All Small 3/16
Cheryl Hounsel 3/30
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

Happy Anniversary to;
Joe & Jo-Anne Gilbert 4/11
Pete & Nila Venne 4/22

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2011 RIDE SCHEDULE

| DATE | DAY | EVENT | TIME | MEETING PLACE |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 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 | | |

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| 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 |

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| 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 | | |
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