

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 May 8th

See you at The Family Tree,



Chapter Director Words



The Riding Season is well underway. Have just returned from a trip to Burlington Vermont to help kick off the newest GW chapter VT-K. Congratulations to them for joining the GW family. Len Swanson, Byron Hemeon and Mark Perkins joined me in the ride.

I along with Mark have had an opportunity to take a ride with NH-A and enjoyed meeting new members there. It is always great to see new faces when you ride.

On Tuesday April 19, a dine out was held at Johnson Dairy Bar in New Durham and we had 9 of us along with 2 junior wingers. It was great to see Bruce and Linda Hartley as they have returned from the winter in Florida and I am jealous when I heard that they put on 7500

miles on the their trike over the winter.

I had the opportunity to promote Motorcycle Awareness Month with a local radio station WPTL1077 on Monday May 2nd, I was able to promote GWRRA throughout the interview and offered suggestions of motorcycle safety for both riders and 4 wheel motorist. The immediate feedback was that it sounded great and I am pleased to be able to get the word out about GWRRA.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday May 8th and unfortunately Denise and I will not be there, as we will be enjoying a week's vacation in Florida. I have arranged to have Len/Barbara Swanson fill in for me and I am sure that they will do a great job.

After the meeting, the ride is scheduled for the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro. My very first ride with the chapter way back when was to the Wright museum. The museum is promoting a new exhibit.

Motorcycling in New Hampshire 1905 to Present

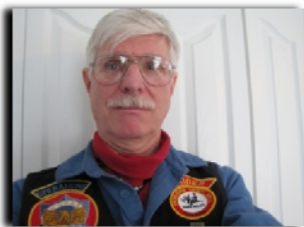
This exhibition explores American motorcycle culture from its beginnings in the early 20th century. Photographs, Gypsy Tour awards, souvenirs, license plates, and motorcycling accessories are all on display. Discover memorabilia from local NH motorcycle clubs as well as early photographs of NH motorcyclists.

Also in May, Jim and Sue Venne will be holding their annual Open House at VENCO WINGS on Sat May 14th from 10-2 , They do a great job with assisting the chapter and I hope that the members will show up and support their efforts.

Our monthly Dine out will be held at Patricks Pub on Thursday May 19th starting at 6:00, an event alert will go out later in the month.

I am looking for ideas on how to promote GWRRA. I know in the past we have had different promotions such as Mall shows. I am looking for input from the members as to what we can do to grow the chapter and get new members. Without fresh thoughts and ideas, the chapter can get stagnant and I do not want to see that happen. Any input would be greatly appreciated.

Ed Heath



Rider Education

Internet Resources for Motorcyclists

Michael P. Goldsmith, Chapter Educator

GWRRA:

National : <http://www.gwrra.org/>

Northeast Region: <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/>

NH District: <http://www.gwrranh.org/>
Chapter G : <http://www.gwrranhg.org/>

Goldwing Related Forums

Goldwing Forum II : <http://forums.delphiforums.com/GoldWingII/start>
GL1800 Riders: <http://www.gl1800riders.com/forums/index.php/>
RidersRally: <http://www.ridersrally.org/>
Steve Saunders Goldwing Page: <http://www.goldwingfacts.com/>

Rider Education

Total Control Advanced Riding Clinic: <http://www.totalcontroltraining.net/>
Ride Like A Pro: <http://www.ridelikeapro.com/>
Paladin Group Riding Academy: <http://forums.delphiforums.com/pgra/start>

General Resources for Motorcyclists

New England Riders: <http://www.newenglandriders.org/>
Mytriplogs: <http://www.mytriplogs.com/>
Motorcycle Roads USA: <http://www.motorcycleroads.us/>
RoadRunner magazine: <http://www.roadrunner.travel/rrevents.php>
Motorcycle Events in NH: <http://www.lets-ride.com/event/newhampshire.htm>
Motorcycle Tourer's Forum: <http://forums.delphiforums.com/MCTourer/start>
Motorcycle camping: <http://www.bikercamps.com/>
International Brotherhood of Motorcycle Campers: <http://www.ibmc.org/>



District Director message

District Director's Message

Hi, We're Back!!

On Friday, around eleven pm we arrived in Ashburnham from Florida. We left on Thursday am, we had two drivers so we made the trip with just one overnight stop. We delayed leaving on Wednesday due to the forecast of inclement weather as we wanted to avoid any chance of driving through or near any of the violent tornadoes that have impacted the south. We were pleased to see the beautiful spring riding weather over the weekend. On Saturday, I had the privilege of presenting Vermont Chapter K with their official charter. Patrick, Loreen and the members of Vermont K did a great job with their chartering festivities and we want to send our Congratulations to them and welcome them into our GWRRA family. Hopefully, we will get the opportunity for everyone to meet our new Chapter members at some of our upcoming GWRRA events.

Just a reminder that with the riding season upon us, it is a great chance to broaden your horizons and visit some of our neighboring districts and partake of their events. Americade will be here next month, Wing Ding will be here in two months and if you have not attended either of these events, you don't know what fun you are missing. The NJ/NY Bi State Convention will be held in August, the PA District Convention in September, and don't forget the All New England Districts 10th Anniversary Rally this July. We realize that the cost of gasoline is very expensive, and that it is impossible to attend all events, but sharing the fun with your GWRRA family is very rewarding, and our family crosses State borders.

Don't forget the Capture the Flag contest, Chapter G still has the flag. I finally got to see the coveted flag on Saturday, and once again I want to thank Ed Heath and Mary Tarbell for all their efforts with this contest. After much discussion Ed Heath and I have decided to allow a chapter to capture the flag with just two chapter members, the idea of the contest is to have fun, and sometimes it is just impossible for our smaller chapters to get members to travel such a distance. Our goal is to have folks visit another chapter, and it is better to have two people visit a chapter and capture the flag, then to have the flag remain with one Chapter. Don't forget to bring your Passport Book when you attend other Chapter/District events. NH Member Enhancement Coordinator, Ed Heath had the opportunity to speak on NH radio and promote Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month and GWRRA on Monday, May 2nd. Great Job ED!!!!

We want to wish all the "Mom's" a Happy Mother's Day! "A Mother's Love is instinctual, unconditional and forever"....Author unknown As we slice open the hot dog packages and throw some burgers on the grill on Memorial Day, we thought it might be appropriate to explore the true origins and meaning of Memorial Day: "Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in every state on the last Monday in May (as decreed by Congress with the passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971)." So if you know a veteran, an active member of the military, or recall someone who fought for this country but has passed on, take a moment to consider their service. We are all better off for their sacrifice

Pat & Dick

Assistant District Director message



Good bye to those pesky April Showers and that annual chore of settling up with Uncle Sam!!! Thanks to everyone for getting their 2010 Financial reports in. While on finances, 2010 was a trying year financially for GWRRA with the OCP coming on line, creating a good sized expense that none of us had budgeted for. Fortunately, here in NH, we had sufficient reserves at the District level to assist members in offsetting those costs. We have heard that there were some areas around the country where Chapters and Districts

were not able to help and the volunteer leaders had to bear the costs out of their own pockets.

This leads me to Fund Raisers. Please do not take this as suggesting that Chapters should not raise needed funds to operate, or, that no funds should be raised for purposes other than "normal" operating expenses. These events take a lot of time and effort by your Chapter. Friends from near and far incorporate them into their schedules to join with you to make them a success. When was the last time your Chapter Team gave them a critical look? Are they producing the needed revenues to finance your Operating Budget? Do they provide reserve funds for support of Programs that may arise? Is their success contingent on sunny skies? Are there other ways to raise needed capital, opening up time for FUN raisers? It has been noticed that in some quarters of the Association fund raising has gone well beyond being a method to gather together with friends, have fun, and maybe raise a bit of cash in the process. They have evolved into an almost obsessive activity where each year has to produce an ever increasing bottom line with no benefit to the participants. Think about it, is this GWRRA is really about? Perhaps you can encourage your Core Team and Chapter to "think outside the box" and incorporate the Programs into your events, invite riders that we have not yet met

who may embrace the ideals of the Association and become part of your Chapter. Don't forget that outreach to the non-riding public is incorporated in our Programs. This topic is not a "local" concern. I know that it has been discussed at various levels of our Association. In preparing this article I sent an early draft to the Director of GWRRA, Mike Stiger, with the hope of hearing his thoughts. Mike, Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us. The following paragraph is his advice to us.

When evaluating your fund raising efforts there needs to be balance. Providing Fun riding opportunities for the Membership to partake in is the main focus and goal of the Chapter Leadership. After all, Members participate with us to enjoy their time riding with their friends. Fund raising for Chapter operating budgets and chosen charities should be a lesser priority. While there is nothing wrong with having these events, fund raisers should never become the primary focus of the Chapter and consume the schedule.

I know that changing things can be a touchy subject, but sometimes all it takes is the suggestion to do something a little different. Who knows, we may all be surprised next year at what new & improved FUN(d) Raising events may come out of it and how many new FRIENDS we may make.

District Educator



Are Your Chapter Rides in a Group...Or a Gaggle?

I'll bet you've seen plenty of both - the nice tight staggered formation of five or so Wings, each one a second behind the offset bike moving as a unit - or, a string of seemingly unrelated motorcycles who all coincidentally happen to be going in the same direction. Before you decide one is correct and the other not, recognize that each style is a matter of choice. But if your Chapter chooses to ride as a group, or a team, there are some things to keep in mind, things that will first, promote safety, second, enhance the enjoyment of the ride, and third...look cool. The GWRRA Team Riding Manual is full of tips and tactics

for successful team riding. Every Chapter should have at least one copy. If not, see your Chapter Educator. Another excellent resource is the Road Captain Course available through your Educator or as a download from the GWRRA Web site. A point that each of these manuals make that is not always put into practice, is the role of the leader and the tail gunner, or drag. In fact, the Team Riding Manual calls the lead bike, "Team Point" and the last bike in line the "Team Captain." As the titles suggest, the rider up front is not the leader (read - not in charge of the group). The lead bike and the drag bike share leadership responsibilities equally. They are both responsible for the safety of the group, and each has specific responsibilities relative to their positions in the group. Read the manual for the details.

The first question every Chapter must ask is, "which way do we want to ride?" Exerting influence on members to ride as a team, or a group, or a gaggle, if they would rather make another choice, does not make for a happy riding experience. Some Chapters divide their flights by style of riding. Those decisions are best made among Chapter members. If the decision is to ride as a team, then every member of the team has a job. That job is consideration for the group as a whole. But safety is always first. Remember to "ride your own ride." If your style does not match that of the group, simply notify the trail bike that you are dropping behind, and follow the group at your own pace.

Consideration for the group as a whole begins before we mount the bikes. Some simple decisions like, comfortable speeds, road conditions, pit stops, photo ops, etc. begin in the parking lot before the ride. The job of the lead or Team Point in this discussion is to LISTEN. There may be one or two vocal members of a group Who try to make decisions for the rest. Listen to all group members. Read body language and facial expressions to be sure the group is in agreement.

Once you're on the road, use all of the tools available to you like CB's, hand signals, your own mental alertness, spacing between groups, bike-to-bike spacing, and proper placement of Trikes, bikes with trailers or with no CB radio.

Question for tail gunners -- In the manuals, the illustration of riders coming to a stop at a traffic light or stop sign shows the tail gunner (Team Captain) in the left track, right up against the bike in front. Suggestion: why not hang back a bit and move to the center of the lane to create space between the group and the traffic to the rear? That way you will have protected the group from being rear-ended while giving yourself room to maneuver just in case. When you are sure the traffic to the rear is stopping, gently move to the left, returning to the original formation.

The role of the Team Point and Team Captain is critical. But there is another rider who is critical to the integrity of the group. That is the number two bike.

Reason # 1. Visibility

The Team Point has the basic responsibility for speed, direction, etc. As a result, he/she is often scanning for landmarks, road signs, turn-offs, etc. The second bike in line in the right track has the best forward visibility and can spot potential problems early. A second set of eyes never hurts.

Reason # 2. The worm.

How many times have you been stuck in traffic on a wide-open interstate for no apparent reason? It's what traffic engineers call "the worm." It's just a function of the dynamics of traffic flow. Even in a group of five bikes, we can experience the worm. If the number two rider daydreams for a second or two (never happens, right?), falls behind the point rider and accelerates to catch up, he/she creates the worm. Now the other bikes in the group must do the same, and pretty soon we have a gaggle, not a group. The Team Point can create similar difficulties by accelerating too quickly after a stop, or on to a controlled access highway, or even just allowing his/her speed to increase too much going down the back side of a long hill if the remaining riders have not yet reached the crest.

Successful group riding takes special skill and lots of practice. Chapters that do it well are impressive as they maneuver smoothly through traffic or on the open road. And cool as they may look, they are also taking maximum advantage of the safety issues afforded to an alert team.

PARKING LOT PRACTICE May 21 -22, 2011

This is an excellent opportunity for chapter members to practice their trike riding skills before getting on the road for the season. The Parking Lot Practice (PLP) offers a time and a place and some well thought out course exercises to practice skills on a course that closely resembles the TRC course. It does not offer instruction or guidance- that is provided in a GWRRA Trike Rider Course (TRC). Call **Glenn Daniels (NH-A CD) at 603-261-8382, or connect with Charles Howard, NH-A Chapter Educator cdhoward@myfairpoint.com** for more information.

From the District Member Enhancement Coordinator Ed Heath

May is **Motorcyclist Awareness** Month and I am thinking that as **motorcyclist**, we must all know someone that would like to join Goldwing Road Riders Association. Maybe you have a friend or acquaintance that owns a motorcycle, (regardless of brand) enjoys riding and would benefit from involvement with an organization like G.W.R.R.A.

The people we meet while riding or attending motorcycling events may not be familiar with G.W.R.R.A., all the benefits membership has to offer them, all the FUN they can have and most importantly, they are welcome regardless of what they ride. It is YOUR job to share the knowledge about the resources of our organization with all of your friends.

As the Membership Enhancement Coordinator for our great district of New Hampshire I am making it my goal to sign up at least one new member this month. If just half of our members were able to do that, look at how much the organization would grow. In order for G.W.R.R.A. to survive and grow we need new enthusiastic members with "fresh" ideas, new restaurants and places for us to visit and the energy to lead us forward. New members are key to increasing the levels of Fun, Safety and Knowledge for all of us.

Ok, you are saying that all of your friends belong already, How about posting a notice at your local supermarket or restaurant, encouraging fellow riders to join. Put your email or number down for them to call, and if you get a call, you just might have made a new friend and fellow rider. Think about it, give it a try, and see what happens.

Regional Notes:

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
Northeast Region Directors

Special Days

Happy Birthday to;

Rachel Small 5/25

Sue Venne 5/29

Jo-Ann Gilbert 6/27

Happy Anniversary to;

Donna & Ernie Brown 5/15

Vic & Carol Cloutier 6/6

Mark & Ginny Perkins 6/6

Bob & Kaye Hamel 6/12

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2011 RIDE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	MEETING PLACE
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		