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***News from National...***

- **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Wing Ding** will be held in Billings, MT. If you are planning to attend, make your room reservations soon as many hotels are already sold out.
- **Sharing Memories:** It's time to start sharing those memories! For the 30th Anniversary of GWRRA, the Home Office will be creating a photo album titled "30 Years of Memories." They would like anyone and everyone to submit photos to be included in this album. The limit is three pictures per Chapter. They are especially looking for some older photographs. To submit photo's mail them to GWRRA, Attention: Photo Album, 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or go to the GWRRA website and follow the links for Sharing Memories to the spot where you can upload photos directly to the online scrapbook.

### **News from the Northeast Region**

- Don't forget the 2007 PA / Northeast Region Raffle. In 2007, two prizes will be awarded. First Prize: 2007 VTX-1300-C or \$7000.00 in cash! Second Prize: 2006 Honda Silver Wing (FSC-600) Scooter or \$5500.00 in cash! There will be two lucky winners in 2007. The tickets sell for \$5.00 each and were distributed to Chapter Directors at the District meeting. See your CD or his/her representative and buy a ticket! You might be the lucky winner.

### **From the District Director**

This year's first District meeting was held on Saturday, January 20, at the 2007 District Rally site, The Finger Lakes Quality Inn in Newark, NY.

I would like to especially thank the people from both ends of the state who braved the snow, wind and freezing temperatures to attend the meeting. Some of those folks traveled eight hours through some bad conditions to attend. A lot of information was shared among the 55 people in attendance.

I would like to introduce Bob Turner, the former NY Chapter K Chapter Director as our new "downstate" Assistant District Director. Bob will assist the District in our communication efforts. We have a few new Chapter Directors. Lowell "Bo" Shapley is the new Chapter Director for NY T and Rocco Cole is the new Chapter Director for NY Chapter L. Chapter L, located near Coxsackie, is the location of the 2007 Ride In.

We also have a few new Assistant Chapter Director's; Bart Firsty will become the ACD for NY Chapter G, Bob Broere will become the ACD for NY Chapter K and Doug Eighmey is the new ACD for NY Chapter L. A new communications list was prepared and sent to all CD's and ACD's and District Support Staff.

The meeting generated lots of discussion regarding the Active Members List of what was known as the "green bar" listing. There are several problems that need to be addressed. More information will be coming once I can determine what procedures are necessary to correct the situation. I don't want to have the chapters do a lot of work that may not result in an improved situation.

At the meeting, I announced that NY Chapter V has decided to merge with NY Chapter D. Phone calls and letters have been sent to those active and "green bar" members informing them of the fact and introducing NY D.

Our District currently has an opening for the position of MAD (Motorist Awareness Division) Coordinator. If you are interested or would like to find out more about this position, please feel free to give us a call.

At the meeting I heard a fair amount of discussion regarding some chapters upcoming Rides. I would like to encourage you to contact other chapters if you are headed into their area. I am sure they would enjoy the opportunity to show you around "their back yard". I know that Dottie and I have done this before and discovered some excellent riding that we had no idea existed and made some new friends also.

The District Traveling Plaque is at NY H and has been there way too long. Their meetings are on the second Sunday at the Basket Factory – Someone go get it!!!!

Don't Worry—Spring is only a short couple of weeks away so please stay safe and take some classes in Rider Ed, Leadership training or 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR to get ready for the Riding Season

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Director

## **RALLY NEWS**

During the district meeting, there was a lot of positive discussion regarding the rally which has pushed the planning forward. A number of key positions have been filled however we are still looking for some chapters and individuals to set forward.

The rally theme, Wings and Fun Over the Finger Lakes was selected for 2007.

*An important note:* The Region Couple of Year selection will be held at our Rally this year. I understand that there will be 5 Couples in the selection process this year. This will bring an usually large number of people to the rally. The Host Hotel has only 80 rooms available for the Rally. At the District meeting about 35 rooms were taken, so I highly suggest that you sign up for the rooms ASAP. We are in the process of obtaining an over-flow hotel, but it about 7-10 miles from the Host Hotel.

A tentative schedule of activities has been worked out and I will share some of the details with you but please keep in mind that things may change. On Friday, we will have the District Couple of the Year selection with the announcement at the Ice Cream Social on Friday night. The ice cream social is being sponsored by NY C (The Cool Chapter!). The Region Couple of the Year selection will be held on Saturday with the announcement at the banquet that night.

In addition to the normal events at the Rally we will be having a New York Chapter Gift Basket Auction which will be similar to a "Chinese" auction.. Each Chapter is encouraged to bring a gift basket to be entered into the competition. Each person paying a full priced rally fee will get 1 free basket ticket. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the rally site. The tickets are worth \$1.00 each. The Chapter that has the most tickets wins \$1.00 for every ticket placed as a vote for their basket. We will then do a drawing for each basket from the tickets voted for each basket. Each basket should be representative of your geographic location or have a theme.

Stay tuned for more announcements in future District newsletters. Also, rally information and a tentative schedule will soon be posted on the District web site;

<http://www.gwrri-ny.org>

### ***From the Assistant District Director***

Hello GWRRA NY,

The dreaded western NY winter has been quite mild so far, at least as far as Batavia and Rochester are concerned. Unfortunately, most of us have had to keep the Wings at home due to the road salt. The "western" Chapters keep busy all winter long with the monthly Gatherings, ride scheduling meetings, and various social functions.

Your District Staff is busy planning the 2007 NY Rally. We are trying very hard to make it the best one yet. We will need the support of each Chapter to make it happen.

Suzette and I are looking forward to the District Staff meeting on January 20. We hope to meet each and every one of you.

Ride safe and often,

Paul Wood



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## Rider Education



The sunny, warm days of summer are long gone and the trees are barren of leaves. Your Wing has been put to bed for the winter and even the Holiday parties and dinners are behind us. What is a Wing rider like yourself and your chapter to do now? Do you, like the bears, crawl into a cave and hibernate?

Hopefully you have prepared your bike for this years riding season but have you prepared yourself? Do you need to update your training? Obviously you're not likely to take an ERC course or road captain's course this time of year but you can make the arrangements it this spring or summer. You can apply now to take the ERC at Americade this June. MANY'S charge only \$50 for the eight hour course. That is about 1/3 of what you could expect to pay for it at a MSF certified school. However, if your chapter wants to take it as a group, most schools will discount the course if you can fill the entire class. This is especially true if you pick a date early or late in the season. If you are going to Wing Ding you can get the course for only \$20 after a \$30 rebate at the completion of the course. Taking an ERC or ARC course is the single most important thing to do to ensure your safety while riding a motorcycle! The 4-Wheelers are not trained so we must be!

How about a seminar? A rider education seminar is an excellent way to get your chapter together on a cold winter afternoon. Combine it with a pot luck dinner and your chapter will have an educational and memorable time together. If you don't have a seminar presenter in your chapter, one of the other chapters in your area should have. Have both chapters share in the experience.

Everybody, and I mean everybody, should be trained in CPR/First Aid/AED. It's not just important for your fellow chapter members on an outing, but to your family members as well. Only a few years ago, we only had a couple of MFA instructors in the District. But now we have over a half dozen. The course is very student friendly and lasts about eight hours. Combine it with a lunch and everyone will feel better about handling those all-too-common emergencies. Please get in touch with your local MFA instructor or contact me and I will try to get you contacted with an instructor.

So don't just sit in front of the boob tube all winter. Get out and enjoy your friends and do something to ensure your safety while riding this summer.

Ride Smart – Ride Safe  
Keith & Elaine

## **From the District Trainer**

The Horizons Program scheduled for March 10-11, in North Syracuse is filling up quickly. Sign up soon, you don't want to miss your chance to participate in this excellent program. Come join us and have a lot of fun.

If you need information, email me at [wingin-it@stny.rr.com](mailto:wingin-it@stny.rr.com) or call 607-648-4351

Ed and I and Jack and Donna Seeley have just returned from the first rally in our Northeast Region this year. We attend the Maryland District Rally, WinterThing, to promote the New York Rally and to visit with many friends from the Southern part of the Region. What a great time we had, it was really a lot of fun.

Next year, if you are looking for a little break from "old man winter", you might want to think of traveling to Ocean City, Maryland, to spend a weekend laughing and relaxing in weather that is a little warmer (it was 67 degrees when we left to travel home!).

Dottie Bahrenburg  
Northeast Region & NY District Trainer

## **DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

Attention CD and AST CD

# **Understanding your Area Report**

- Area reports are sent out each month via e-mail to the Region Directors who divide and distribute the reports to their respective districts. The reports are in Microsoft Excel format and can be sorted to fit the needs of the user.
- Members may be listed in only one location, which is determined by their home address. Please keep in mind that you may have members who participate in "border chapters". For example, if a member lives in Utah (Region F) and participates in a Wyoming chapter (Region I), the member will be listed on the Utah/Region F Area Report, which will indicate their participation in the Wyoming chapter. The Member will not be listed on the Wyoming/Region I Area Report. However, within the Region the member can be listed in another Chapter or another District through the use of the "Chapter Override" column. See Table below.
- Chapters are automatically assigned to new members who have a change of address based on their zip code. Each district is responsible for updating the Home Office of zip code changes. As new chapters are formed, it may require that zip codes be moved from one chapter to another. In addition, state and counties may use new zip codes for zoning purposes. Please watch for new zip codes in your area and notify the Home Office if new zip codes need to be added to a chapter. To prevent confusion, zip codes may only be assigned to one chapter. Zip code reports are released at the request of Region Directors or District Directors only. If you would like to see your zip code assignments, please e-mail [dshaw@gwrra.org](mailto:dshaw@gwrra.org)

- Keep in mind that all information on the area report is to be used for GWRRA business only. Please refer to your Officer Resources Link for a complete statement on GWRRA Policy regarding reports.



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GWRRA strives to provide Members with a benefits packages that are unparalleled in the motorcycle industry. Heck, our benefits are unparalleled in just about any industry! Take advantage of just one or two of our benefits and your GWRRA Membership pays for itself!

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NY District Membership Coordinator

### **From the District COY Coordinators**

Just a quick note to wish you all a very Happy New Year and all year long! We're looking forward to 2007 being a "bumper crop" of Chapter Couples of the Year. Every Chapter has at least ONE couple they'd like to recognize as an outstanding member. It is emphasized that the couple chosen should be due to their outstanding contributions to their Chapter and not as if choosing a "victim." There are only a few requirements of the Chapter Couple of the Year.

- Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- They must hold Individual or Family Memberships in GWRRA. Memberships must be valid through the term of the Chapter COY position. It is suggested that a couple has completed at least ONE YEAR membership in the GWRRA prior to participating in the Chapter Couple of the Year Selection Process.
- NOTE: Associate Members are not eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year Program.

And that's the start toward becoming Chapter Couple of the Year. Shouldn't you appoint a couple that would represent your Chapter and be your Ambassador? Give it a try! There are no other requirements other than to HAVE FUN! We'll be waiting to hear from Chapter Directors, telling us who they've chosen as their 2007 Chapter Couple of the Year!

Rich & Lois Brown  
District Couple of the Year Coordinators

### **From Your District Ambassadors & Newsletter Editor**

. Hi everyone, Carol and I are glad to be back to being active in GWRRA. Back on 2 good leg's for me. We enjoyed the District staff meeting, it was a real nice gathering. Good to see some of you good friends, and nice to meet some of the newer members for the first time. We look forward to seeing you all as we go to GWRRA functions.

Will & Carol O'Brien  
District Ambassadors