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News from National...

- The Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) is pleased to announce that the hugely successful country band Lonestar will headline entertainment at the Association's 29th annual Wing Ding rally in Billing, Montana, this year.
- World-renowned Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton impersonators Marty Edwards and Sandy Anderson will also perform at Wing Ding 29 in Billings for a free-of-charge 30th Anniversary Entertainment Show. The one-show-only concert, open only to registered Wing Ding delegates, begins at 7 p.m. on July 3 at the MetraPark Arena.
- In ***Wing World*** it was noted that Jim and Margie Hodge are stepping down as International Operations Directors.

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<http://www.gwr-ra-northeastregion.org/>

News from the Northeast Region

News from the Region takes a very sad note this month. Wayne Ketenheim, FA/CPR Coordinator for the Northeast Region passed away on February 11. Wayne was a very special person who supported GWRRA by training new instructors in FA/CPR and coordinating FA/CPR instruction throughout the Region. Wayne will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Cathy at this time.

From the District Director

On Sunday Feb 11, Dottie and I joined folks from NY W and visited NY H to collect the Traveling Plaque. NY H has a beautiful restaurant to hold their meetings with a private upstairs room. The buffet was wonderful and we certainly ate our share of this excellent fair. NY H has a winter social calendar that is outstanding with dinners, gatherings, Rider Ed sessions and fun parties. I believe they have something happening every weekend. If you want the Traveling Plaque, you now need to go to NY W located near Rochester.

We have a new addition to our District Staff, Joe and Marsha Gaworecki have volunteered to become the new M A D Coordinators. Joe and Marsha are also the ACD's for NY U but have a passionate interest in making motorists aware that there are motorcycles out on the roads. Please feel free to contact them for information about this important program. They can be reached at (716) 499-3782 or email: jgaworecki@windstream.net



RALLY NEWS

Plans for the Rally continue to move forward with ideas for entertainment discussed with NY W over this last weekend. I can tell you that they have something special in the works for Friday evening. Along with the Friday evening entertainment, there will be an ice cream social with the ice cream provided by Chapter C.

We have found that there is a great deal of enthusiasm in the District for the rally and are very appreciative of all of the suggestions and input we have received. Keep the enthusiasm growing! This is going to be a great rally!

Chapter Basket Auction

Last month we announced that we are doing a "Chinese" auction of Chapter Baskets instead of doing door prizes. The criteria for the baskets are as follows:

- The event is open only to New York District Chapters.
- All baskets will be displayed from 9:30 AM on Friday until 1:30 on Saturday afternoon in the Hospitality room.

- At 1:30 the tickets will be secured by the District staff and counted.
- In accordance with GWRRA rules, no basket may contain alcohol.
- The Chapters entering this contest need to provide the basket as well as a receptacle for the tickets. Each full paying registrant to the rally will receive 1 free ticket and additional tickets will be on sale at \$1.00 per ticket
- The winners will be pulled at the banquet on Saturday night.
- **The Chapter who's Basket contains the most tickets will receive a check from the District for the total amount of tickets that were "voted / bid" for their basket based on \$1.00 per ticket.**
- The other Chapter Baskets are still winners as they will receive a percentage of the tickets that were "bid" for their basket! I have heard some Chapters have BIG PLANS for their baskets. It should be a no or low cost fund raiser for your chapter since most chapters will be soliciting items from their sponsors. I hope the District writes a check to some chapter for \$500.00 but every Chapter who enters will receive a check based on a percentage of the votes they received.

Rally Book Ads

It is not too early for your Chapter to consider placing an ad in the Empire State Rally Book 2007. You will see a rally book ad form is included in this newsletter. You can send your rally ad and check to Jack Seeley by snail mail. Or, send your rally ad by email as an attachment. Of course, your check will still need to go through the mail.

Rally Registration

Get your rally registration form in early. The registration form is available for download at the District website: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org>

Also, a tentative schedule of activities will be posted on the website by mid-March. You will see that the schedule is packed with fun things to participate in.

Hotel rooms at the host hotel are going quickly. There are only 35 rooms left. Make your reservations early. We are currently looking for an overflow hotel that will allow us to block rooms.

Women Attendees

Get ready! There will be a "women only" activity at the rally on Friday afternoon. There are some surprises planned for that afternoon...and to go along with our theme ... it will be F-U-N! And...there will be prizes too!

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Director

From the District Educator



Rally Update

With not having a district rally last year, the demand for the services of Rider Education is greater than ever. A fairly full slate of programs is being planned for this August. We will hold both a trike and trailer course as well as a Road Captain seminar with ride. The trike and trailer courses will have their classroom sessions on Friday. The range work will be held the next day, Saturday. The reason for splitting the courses into two days is that we can use the parking lot only on Saturday. Since the motels lot is way too small to use as a range, we will use a company's lot about 2 blocks away and they use it on Friday. As of now the Road Captain seminar and ride will be on Friday due to the fact that the instructor is in the Region COY competition on Saturday. We are also holding a Medic First-Aid course on Friday. This course now includes the use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). This device is considered the most important part of CPR and is the simplest to use. On Saturday we will offer a slate of the regular R/E seminars including a brand new one, "Be Prepared".

A new rule is being enacted this year. Pre-registration with a \$10 deposit will be required for the trike, trailer, and the road captain courses. A person signs up, pays the \$10 deposit. When they complete the course they get their \$10 returned. If they don't show up for the course, we will use the money for the cause of Rider Education. We're looking for a minimum of three bikes in order to hold a course. If three don't sign and show up, the instructor gets the day off. Speaking of instructors, five of the six we need have already signed on. These people are deserving of real appreciation. They give up a large part of their rally to serve you. The sign up sheets for the courses and seminars will be on the Rider Education table.

I'm going to try to get a set of tires to raffle off at the rally as well as bring the slot car track back. Two years ago we had a blast with the slot cars. We are not going to hold a year long 50/50 raffle this year. We did very well with one last year and I don't want to wear the idea out. If you go to the well too often, it tends to dry out! There will be a Level 4 breakfast buffet on Sunday morning, but, as at Wing Ding, it will not be free. The funds that are raised at the rally will go into a free training rebate raffle. Winners of the raffle will be able to receive a maximum \$50 rebate if they take a rider training course within a year. The more money we raise, the more winners there will be. Exact details will be available at the rally.

I'm excited about the challenge that the rally presents us. Any assistance with staffing the table, running the slot cat track, or presenting the seminars will as always be appreciated.

Ride Safe-Ride Smart

Keith

From the District Trainer

Working for "The Boss"

Within GWRRA, the organization structure is really the opposite of a corporation or typical hierarchy. Here is how it is depicted in the new member guide: The more than 80,000 Members of the GWRRA receive support and direction from: * More than 900 GWRRA Chapter Directors & their support staffs * More than 60 GWRRA District Directors & their support staffs, * GWRRA Regional Directors & their support staffs, * GWRRA National Directors & their support staffs, * GWRRA's President / Executive Director, * GWRRA's Chairman of the Board

So the Chapter Directors and their Staffs, really work for the members, who can be considered "The Boss." The staff plans events, rides, meetings, charitable events, parties, trips, rider-education seminars and courses as well as other training, dinners, ice cream, and more ice cream not for ourselves, but to keep 'The Boss" happy. Staff members serve as Directors, Ride

Coordinators, Treasurers, Newsletter Editors, Sunshine Committee, Special Event Coordinators, Webmasters, Quarter Masters, Advertising Coordinators, Chapter Couples, and Membership Coordinators and other positions, temporarily, as a contribution to an organization, activity, and group of people that we love. We love our Boss, the members of the chapter. Just as in any other job, the boss also has jobs to do in order to make the organization work.

The Boss' job is to give us guidance in what we do. Let your staff know the types of rides you want to do, what types of seminars you want, what parties you want, what other events you want. Imagine yourself in a job, where "The Boss" provided no feedback to you about how to do your job, when to do it, where to do it, no information at all. It would be very hard to meet the expectations of the "The Boss" unless you know what they are. Please talk to your staff, send them e-mails, call them, and tell them your ideas about what you enjoy doing within the organization.

"The Boss" needs to do some recruiting, so when the current workers get old and tired, you have fresh people that can then fill those positions. Unless we have new people coming into the organization, it will wither, and no longer be able to function. This year, our job as members is to bring in new people. This should not be a hard thing to do in an organization where the motto is Friends for fun, safety, and knowledge. We just need more friends, with us to have more fun.

"The Boss" also needs to pay the workers. In our all volunteer force, we have different forms of payment other than US currency. The first form is participation. Come out to meetings,

Tire Kicks, Rides and parties. The staff works very hard to put these events together, and certainly one measure of success, is the number of people who attend. The next form of payment is activity, so while you are at the event, walk around, talk to your friends, join in some games, request a song or two from the DJ, or share a story. But the primary payment is appreciation.

Let the organizers know that you enjoyed yourself, and thank them for their hard work. The last form of payment is to let others know that you had a good time. Talk to your friends, post on District Talk, make some calls to a friend that you think might like to join us next time.

In every situation, there are times when "The Boss" is called upon to roll up his or her sleeves and get involved. When you are asked to step-up to a position, please say yes. We are all volunteers, and take turns in various roles to support the members, depending on our skills, available time, and abilities, in order to keep the chapters working and to keep "The Boss" happy. Some jobs require more time, or special skills while some may only require a couple of hours a year, while helping out at a party or helping at a rally.

To paraphrase Pogo "We have met The Boss and he is us." We must do the things that good bosses do: provide guidance to our workers so they do what we want them to do for us, get new workers, so the organization thrives and advances, pay our workers so they keep doing the things we want them to do and get involved ourselves. Participation at any and all levels brings enjoyment and camaraderie, which is rarely achieved at our work place, so come out and join us – oh...and bring a friend!

Tom Evans

Northeast Region Web Master

Submitted by
Dottie Bahrenburg
Northeast Region & NY District Trainer

DIFY

What is DIFY? DIFY stands for *District Information for You*. If you would like to receive information as it comes available from the NY District concerning events, rides, or other key information, drop Dottie an email at wingin-it@stny.rr.com . We will add you to our distribution list for District information.

From District Public Relations

The author of this article is Mary Ann Bailey, Chapter Director of Chapter F, Tacoma, WA. Mary Ann and her Chapter took a local soldier under their "Wings" for the holidays based on a request that was made by me on behalf of the soldier's family. The young soldier is now in Iraq. His family lives in Romulus, NY. The Chapter's story on this young soldier appeared in the December 06 issue of Wing World.

I was in the Tacoma, WA area in April 2006 and had the honor of meeting her and her Chapter.

This is Part One of a Three-Part article on being a Volunteer in GWRRA.

It is food for thought before we begin to complain and gripe about things within the association. Suggestions are helpful and wanted it is the only way things can be improved upon.

Linda L. Waterman

Public Relations Coordinator

"I'm a member of the GWRRA and this is my newsletter article.....

Recently someone wrote to me and said they were unhappy with '*this all volunteer association*'. I

thought about it for quite awhile and this is my answer to any unhappy volunteers....."Your doing it all wrong!"

vol-un-tar-y adj. done cooperatively or willingly; from one's own choice.

(SYN.) extemporaneous, free, automatic, spontaneous, offhand.

(ANT.) forced, planned, required, rehearsed, compulsory, prepared.

vol-un-teer n. one who offers himself for a service of his own free will.

(SYN>) extend, offer, present, advance, propose, tender, sacrifice.

(ANT.) receive, spun, reject, accept, retain.

If I read the definition right, there is no expectation of reward, certificate, gifting, applause, graveling, or name in lights, for *free will*. *A person volunteers for the good of a cause or benefit of others, which in turn benefits them by satisfaction of a job well done*. Each person has their own reasons for volunteering, but payment by gift or deed, other than 'Thank You', should not be their reason. Volunteering is not a social climb. Volunteering is a giving action. However, just because a person volunteers, does not mean that their offer of giving time and effort, need always be accepted. It's not a put down because you don't get to volunteer for what you want to do. You can't be selfish and be a volunteer, it will only lead to dissatisfaction for you. To volunteer is to be unselfish with your time, actions, and ideas. To be a good volunteer, you work within the perimeters of the task. To be a volunteer is rewarding in many ways that can't be held or seen, only felt. To volunteer to give of ones self is to have a relationship with ones self. When you look in the mirror in the morning and see a giving, caring person that you are proud of is worth more than the opinion of others. Good or bad. My advice to unhappy volunteers is to think about changing your attitude concerning volunteering.

I have been a volunteer for forty years and this is my very own opinion.....Mary Ann Bailey”

Now for a little humor: “A young mother was teaching her daughter how to unbuckle her seat belt.

She asked: “Do I click the square?”

The mother said “yes.”

The little girl asked, “Single click or double click?”

Until the next time, I'd like to leave you with this thought: “Love is the grandest healing and drawing power on each.”

Happy Valentine's Day.

Linda L. Waterman
Chapter Public Relations

From the District COY Coordinators

NY District COY Coordinators, Rich & Lois Brown

It was good to see so many GWRRRA leaders at our District Meeting on January 20th. We had some fun with our presentation in the hope that our CD's will follow through and choose a

Chapter Couple for 2007. We have the medals and hangers for CD's who request them. It should be considered an honor to be chosen as a Chapter Couple of the Year! And it should be emphasized that nothing is required of the couple, other than have fun! Your Chapter Couple of the Year is an ambassador for your chapter as well! Choose a worthy couple and present them with their medals, informing them that they have been chosen to represent their chapter in 2007. We are excited to host the REGION Couple of the Year selection at our NY District Rally in August, so here's an opportunity for your Chapter COY to observe how important they are within the GWRRA organization and to see "how it's done."

We have copies of the COY Guidelines and will be happy to send them to you, as well as the medals and hangers. Let us know if you want us to attend one of your gatherings as an encouragement to your Chapter COY. Ron and Patty Schroth, our District Couple of the Year will be happy to join us as well. Let's show the region that NY has a viable COY program and that YOUR chapter is represented at our rally!

Best wishes and God Bless, Rich & Lois



Wings & Fun Over the Finger Lakes



Dear GWRRA Supporter,

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is holding their annual New York District Rally at the Quality Inn of the Finger Lakes Inn, in Newark, New York on August 9, 10, and 11, 2007. The Rally will be attended by an estimated 400 GWRRA members from New York as well as surrounding states and Canada. YOUR ad in our Program and Events Book designates you as a supporter of GWRRA and, as such, our members will make every effort to patronize your establishment. Many advertisers offer a discount upon presentation of ad.

YOUR AD MUST BE CAMERA READY and sizes noted below allow for a quarter inch (1/4") margin around the ad.

If you would like to help New York District GWRRA by providing additional support as a rally sponsor, please contact the District Treasurer for details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Full Page: 5" wide x 8" deep	\$100.00	1/2 Page: 5" wide x 4" deep	\$50.00
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**Please send materials to: Jack Seeley, NY GWRRA District Treasurer
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