



# GWRRA New York District

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Northeast Region



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## *News from National...*

- ***A note of special interest to all GWRRA RV enthusiasts...*** As of April 20, 2007, the International RV SIG is returning. MED hopes to offer GWRRA RV enthusiasts the opportunity to become active with this SIG and enjoy what will be offered to you in the near future. If you have an interest in this SIG and would like to participate in activities or would like to be considered for a Region or District Coordinator please contact the International RV SIG Coordinators, Bill and CB Burgess, at [wingrider@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wingrider@sbcglobal.net) for more information. They have some great plans for the SIG, but would like to hear from all of you as to what activities you would like to see the SIG promote. They would appreciate all your ideas, suggestions, and wants/needs.
- ***Rider Education Updates...*** Bob Lorenz, International Director for Rider Education, just shared via email the changes to the Rider

### ***News from National... (cont)***

Education program. The changes are quite extensive and will help strengthen this vital program for us. The information has gone out through email to all of the District support Staff and the CD's and ACD's. Please review it and if you have questions, let us know. We, the District staff, will try to get answers for you. There will be a Q & A session at the rally to address any questions you might have. The Q & A session will be facilitated by our resident District, Region and National Rider Educators.

Changes in a very brief manner:

- There has been a change in personnel and a change in "duties" which is in line with the idea of bringing the training closer to the members—you-- the chapter participants.
- National has modified the appointment procedure for the various levels, Region, District and Chapter Educators which does not appear much different than what we practice here in New York.
- One of the major changes is that if a Chapter did not have a Chapter Educator, it fell back to either the CD or ACD to fill that position. With the new procedures, it falls back on the District Educator, so please give Keith a hand and make sure this vital position is filled.
- Another change which has been in the works for awhile is that the Motorist Awareness Division is now a Department within Rider Education. The Motorist Awareness Coordinators are now working with the Rider Ed folks under the Rider Education umbrella.
- Also anticipated are some new rider training classes such as parking lot practices, trike and side car classes. This program is evolving and it is exciting to see what training opportunities are coming.

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

#### **Rally Season is Here!**

The various districts within the region are gearing up for the Rally season and I hope to see more New York folks at these events. It is a great chance to meet new friends and see new sites. Dottie and I have made many new friends attending these events and have had fun doing it. This last weekend we had the opportunity to present Horizons training in New Jersey for 34 people including Doug and Deanne Eames from NY W. We had a great time and met some more new friends from NJ, DL and CT.

Some rallies to keep in mind:

The New England Rally, West Springfield, MA, on July 19-21.

The Pennsylvania Rally, Lancaster, PA, August 23-25

The New Jersey Rally, Mount Olive, NJ, on September 6-8.

#### **The Light Parade at Wing Ding in Billings**

The Northeast Region along with Region F will be responsible for the Grand Parade & Light Show at Wing Ding 2007 in Billings, Montana. The Region has always come through with many volunteers to help, so if you are attending and can help out with either event, please drop Jere Goodman ([jeregood@aol.com](mailto:jeregood@aol.com)) a quick e-mail and let him know you can help!!!

Now, how about a sneak update on the Light Show? This information will appear shortly in Wing World.

### Update: LIGHTED BIKE PARADE (SHOW)

This years Wing Ding 29 is packed full of nightly entertainment which has caused some adjustments to be made for the Lighted Bike Parade (Show). With the performance of "Lonestar" on the same night and with limited parking in the Metra Park area for the expected crowd showing up, an updated guideline for the Lighted Bike Parade (Show) will be implemented.

1. The Classification and Staging area will be at Montana Park which is at the west side of MetraPark by the Montana Stage.
2. Lighted Bike Classification will be from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
  - a. After being classified, participants can line their bike up and walk to attend the Lonestar concert. If not attending the concert, participants can stay or leave the area but must report back by 8:30pm.
  - b. All participants shall return to their bikes no later than 9:30pm.
3. Due to traffic congestion we will have a Static (Still) Lighted Bike Show at 10:00pm. Judging and Awards to follow

This decision was made with **safety** as our primary concern, so even without a "Light Parade", get ready for another outstanding **Light Show!**

### Region Raffle

Don't forget to sell the Region Raffle Tickets. You don't want to miss the chance to win a 2007 Honda VTX-1300-C Motorcycle or \$7,000 in cash. Second prize is a 2006 Honda Silver Wing or \$5,500 in cash.

The Raffle benefits the PA District and also the Northeast Region. The proceeds support programs such as the FunShop.

Ticket stubs, money and any unsold tickets need to be returned to Paul Wood by July 16. Checks should be made payable to GWRRA NY District.

### From the District Director

#### District Ride In

The weather is starting to finally improve and we are looking forward to the District Ride In hosted by Chapter L in Coxsackie. We are delighted that a Chapter toward the eastern part of New York is hosting the event this year. It will be fun to explore new roads and new scenery.

We have a great route mapped out and we look forward to meeting you there.

#### Americade Booth and Breakfast

The New York District has taken on the manning of the GWRRA booth this year. It is located "under the bridge" at Tour Expo where it has been for many years. Stop by and say hello. If you are able to give a few hours of your time to helping out, please contact me (wingin-it@stny.rr.com). This is a great opportunity for you to recruit new members and talk to motorcyclists about GWRRA.

Also, don't forget the GWRRA breakfast at the Longhorn Café, formerly known as Bandits (the same place as last year). Come enjoy the breakfast buffet for \$6.95 per plate on Saturday, June 9 from 7-10:00. The Longhorn Cafe is located 5 miles west of Lake George on 9N, just up the hill from Roaring Brook Ranch. We will be under the tent. There is lots of parking space.

The menu includes: scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, sausage gravy & biscuits, toast, pastries, cereal, fruit cocktail, mini cheese omelets and coffee.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Director

### **Rally News**

#### **Canal Boat Team Challenge**

Newark, the site of the 2007 Rally, is an historical site located on the Erie Canal.

The Erie Canal is actually adjacent to the rally site. For many years, the Canal was a major route of transportation carrying goods from the Great Lakes Region to Albany, then down the Hudson River to New York City.

The boats traveling the canal were designed to carry cargo and were powered by the currents and by mule power along the Towpath. As you enjoy the Rally, feel free to wander down the Towpath (now a great walking trail).

In the **Canal Boat Team Challenge**, a 4-member team will maneuver a Canal Boat through an obstacle course, around sunken logs and under low bridges. One member of the team is the Mule, one must ride in the Canal Boat, and the other 2 members help move the Boat through the course. The Challenge and course are located on land not in the Canal. Current day boat traffic would interfere with a water challenge.

Two prizes will be awarded. One prize will go to the team with the best time through the obstacle course. And, another prize will go to the team with the "best dressed mule".

Let's have some F-U-N and may the best team(s) win!

#### **Women Only PJ Party**

On Friday afternoon at the Rally, all women (and only women, riders & co-riders) are invited to a Pajama Party. Lots of games and prizes are in store!

Will you be the Pajama Queen? Points will be given for every item you can imagine that you might take or wear to a PJ Party. Wear PJs and you will get points, wear slippers and you will get additional points, hair in curlers, cold cream, teddy bear, slippers...all will win you extra points.

Remember when you were younger and attended PJ Parties? Did you listen to music, paint your toenails, play Truth or Dare? Come see what surprises are in store.

There will be games, music and lots and lots of fun! Come join in.

Also, the Region Lady Rider SIG coordinator plans to be there and looks forward to meeting all lady riders.

#### **District Couple of the Year Reception and Selection**

There will be a Couple of the Year reception on Friday morning for all of this year's N Y Chapter Couples and their Chapter Directors and ACDs. Also invited are any former NY District Couples in attendance at the Rally.

If your Chapter Couple is planning to attend, please let Rich and Lois Brown know or Ed know as soon as possible so that a formal invitation can be issued.

### Region Couple of the Year Reception and Selection

This year the Region Couple of the Year Reception and Selection will be held at the NY District Rally. The Reception and Selection will be held on Saturday morning and the Couple will be announced at the banquet on Saturday evening.

### From the District Educator



### More Changes in Rider Education

We had previously been told of changes in the Rider Education Program and we were informed to expect additional changes. These additional changes have arrived. This is a review of some of the changes that affect us at the district and chapter level.

One of the big ones is that all educators will now “directly report” to their immediate R/E Director. Thusly Chapter Educators report “directly” to the District Educator who reports to the Region Educator who reports to the Division Director. In addition educators at all levels “indirectly” report to their respective operations directors. An example is that the Chapter Educator will “indirectly” report to the Chapter Director. This directive also applies to MA Coordinators and MFA Coordinators. Henceforth all rider educators will also be appointed by the educator in the next level of the R/E organization but the respective Operational Director must concur with the proposed appointment.

The REP database will shortly be converted to an on – line, web accessible system. Applications for Level 1 – 3 and data updates will be handled on-line by Chapter Educators. Initial applications for Level 4 “Master Tour Rider” must be sent to the Home Office for the issuance of the patch and unique number and will then be returned to the Regional Educator for presentation. Chapter Educators will be empowered to certify updates for the maintenance of all Levels 1 – 4. Furthermore requests for all REP patches and pins will go to the Home office and not the District Educators. However please check with me first to see if I can supply your needs. We have an inventory to get rid of. If a chapter does not have an educator, the responsibility for updating the database for that chapter will fall to the District Educator. This obviously will necessitate the cooperation of that chapter’s director in informing the District Educator of the requested applications and updates.

The Parking Lot Practice (PLP) will be expanded with more versions and uses. New versions will include: Trike, Side – Car, 4 Wheel Trike conversions, and possibly, in the future, a Trike with Trailer version. The use of a PLP to maintain a Level certification will no longer require the approval of the Regional Educator and may be allowed for Level advancement. Training will

be required for an Educator to become a PLP Facilitator and be able to conduct the new PLP courses. The PLP will thusly become a very important part of the program.

Both the REP Manual and the MAD Playbook will soon be completely rewritten and reissued. In addition new versions of forms, brochures, and handouts will be released for both rider education and motorist awareness. If these new resources are released before the District Rally, I will have them available for Chapter Educators on CD's.

In addition to these changes, other changes have been announced. For details please refer to Bob Lorenz's memo of March 22, 2007 for further details.

Ride Safe – Ride Smart  
Keith

### **From the District Trainer**

On April 20, Ed and I donned our Region Trainer hats and traveled to New Jersey to provide Horizons Training to a great and enthusiastic group of Gold Wings. We were very glad to see Greg and Dee Eames from NY-W present at the training. Every time we present the Horizons Training we learn something new. Something that we should know, but have never had the reason to research.



When we were in New Jersey, our learning had to do with Chapter Patches. We knew from experience that any patch using the GWRRA name or logo needed approval from the International Headquarters in Phoenix. We did not know that Chapter patches also need approval from International Headquarters and must meet specific criteria.

According to the OGB,

- The National LOGO cannot be subordinate to any other.
- The only official back patch is the 10" National LOGO. For chapter identification, with approval of the District Director,
- A four (4) inch (or less) chest-type LOGO patch will give any chapter the individual identification desired. Keeping in mind that chapters are an arm of GWRRA, the foremost emphasis is always on our National Logo.

- Chapter patches must have at least one of the following on the patch: “GWRRA”, or “Gold Wing Road Riders Association”, or helmeted logo.

Since the helmeted logo is no longer the GWRRA official logo, the griffon logo should be substituted for the helmeted logo when ordering or creating patches.

Are we free to use the GWRRA name and logo on other items? Yes, but not for commercial use. Common uses of the logo that do not need approval are:

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| 1. Checks        | 7. Event Ads       | 12. Event Shirts    |
| 2. Event Pins    | 8. Banners         | 13. Chapter Patches |
| 3. Stationery    | 9. Event Hats      | (but patch must     |
| 4. Event Patches | 10. Trophies or    | be approved)        |
| 5. Newsletters   | Awards             |                     |
| 6. Event Flags   | 11. Business Cards |                     |

Dottie Bahrenburg  
Northeast Region & NY District Trainer

### **From District Public Relations**

This is the final segment to the 3-part articles written by Mary Ann Bailey, Chapter Director, of WA-F, Tacoma, WA. I have found her article to be very interesting and gives us some things to think about and perhaps to apply within our own chapters here in New York.

I had the opportunity to attend the Florida District Rally-the weather was absolutely beautiful. I met some very nice people and have been staying in touch with them.

Until next month, treat each other as you want to be treated.

*Linda L. Waterman*  
*District Public Relations Coordinator*

### **How to treat a Volunteer**

**With respect...** they are doing us a favor! They are doing a job we don't have to do. After you thank them and praise the fact that they have done a job that apparently no one else would do or wanted to do, then thank them again. Every person in the GWRRA is a volunteer! We voluntarily signed up for Fun, Safety and Knowledge, a magazine, insurance, the names of many new food stops and a gathering once a month (to keep us out of the bingo halls). We come from many back rounds. We have held and do hold a variety jobs. We are leaders and followers. We are saints and sinners. We are riders and co-riders. Every opinion is an important one to be heard, but not necessarily acted upon. What is good for one may not be good for the all. We must remember that the feelings of each volunteer need to be considered. Officer to member, member to officer or member to member respect is the key.

When we volunteer we are usually learning something new and that means that mistakes will happen and ideas will fail. No one knows everything or can remember everything so being a volunteer is stepping into a spot light that often shows mini, momentary flaws. SO WHAT!!!! At the time of volunteerism the person is doing the best they can do and that should be good

enough. Gently teach a new way or join in on the job. Don't make a volunteer feel like a failure or you won't have any volunteers.

Every one of us has a talent and we should not waste it by not using it. Many hands make the load lighter! Be a good volunteer and treat a volunteer good!

*I've been a volunteer for over forty years and I 'Thank You' for listening to my very own opinions and for the positive feed back. Mary Ann*

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

. Your NY District COY Coordinators

Spring has finally arrived, and on Monday, the week after our blizzard, it was like summer! So goes April weather. And now most of us have our bikes back on the road and hopefully have taken some safe rides so far. The salt has mostly washed off the roadways and we can honestly think spring!

Along with spring comes the quickly-passing summer season. Thus, we need to pass along that our NY District has three (yes, three) Chapter COYs. We are very pleased that Chapters C, T and Y have chosen their COYs and look forward to their participation in the NY District selection at our District Rally in August. However, we have 13 additional NY District chapters that have not chosen, or at least notified us that they have chosen, a chapter couple yet. What are you waiting for?

With NY District hosting our REGIONAL COY SELECTION at our rally, wouldn't it be to our advantage to show that NY has outstanding COYs to represent most of our chapters? And we encourage our COYs to participate in the District Selection; it's a fun time and a wonderful opportunity to be ambassadors of their chapters. Let's show Region B that NY has what it takes! Select your chapter Couple of the Year and encourage them. The program is meant to be nothing more than FUN for those very special chapter couples! GWRRA has created the Couple of the Year program, now let's step up to the plate and give those couples a boost by telling them they've been chosen to represent their chapter. It's a great honor to be chosen by your chapter. We've been there!

Ride safe, Rich & Lois Brown,  
NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators