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**Northeast Region**



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

**Changes ...**

It seems that every few years, things all around us change. Over the past year, we have had many changes in the ranks of our Volunteer Officers and now I have another one to announce. **Bob and Sue Lorenz** have decided it's time to retire from the Rider Education Division. Bob has been the Director of Rider Education for 7 years and been a part of the Rider Ed Program for 12 years. He has worked hard at building a relationship with GWRRA and SMSA, improving the Rider Ed Classes, and spent many hours building and coaching a team of great educators to provide our Rider Ed Classes at Wing Ding and elsewhere. As you probably know, when Bob came up against a challenge, it was not a matter of **can** it happen, but **how** it is going to happen.

### *News from National (continued)*

Thank you Bob and Sue for your years of hard work and dedication to the Members of GWRRA. You have saved more lives than you know!

Bob and I looked very hard for a new Director for the Rider Ed Program and I am happy to announce that **Mark and Mary Zingery** have decided to lead our program to the next level. Mark and Mary purchased their first Gold Wing and joined GWRRA in 1993. They quickly became involved in Rider ED. Mark has been a Chapter Educator, District Educator and an assistant to Bob Lorenz. Mark started riding motorcycles when he was 14 and is now a Master Instructor Trainer for GWRRA.

I know Mark and Mary will do a great job for the Members of GWRRA. Please wish them well and help them as you helped Bob. Congratulations, Mark and Mary!!!

### *News from the Northeast Region*

Our friend, Dick Norton, has decided to step down as Region Educator. For now Frank Geramo, Asst. Region Educator, is handling most of the day to day Region business. Official word will probably come from the Rider Education Director soon.

Dick did a wonderful job. We all owe him our appreciation for the effort he invested in the Rider Education Program. Dick has been a Rider Educator within GWRRA for more than 14 years.

### *From the District Director*

Wow! Did you notice the crisp fall air and the color just starting to show in the scenery? Yes, fall is here. This is the best time of the year to ride, IMHO! No bugs, pretty scenery and cool weather so let's get out and ride but be careful as the deer are starting to run and the wet leaves are slippery.

Chapter NY Y hosted a successful Fox and Hounds event on September 15<sup>th</sup>. About 50 people plus the folks from NY Y attended. People had a good time and had a nice picnic that NY Y cooked. The night before we had a short ice cream ride that had folks from NY Y, U, W and a couple from Plattsburgh. It looked like rain but we all made it back to our homes or hotels before it started.

In the fall season we will be doing some training especially targeted to the incoming CD's and ACD's, but it is open to ALL GWRRA members who would like to attend. This is a FREE training sponsored by YOUR District and funded by YOUR successful Rally. More information is found later in the newsletter. Conveniently, Chapter D is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a party on the evening of the Knowledge Enhancement Program. Brian O'Brien and his chapter know how to have a good time and we encourage you to attend especially if you are coming to the Knowledge Enhancement Day. For details contact Brian at: [butkicker5@yahoo.com](mailto:butkicker5@yahoo.com)

We have some chapters that are getting new officers. Please let me know who is stepping down and who is stepping up so that we can manage the paperwork smoothly. I would like to have all this paperwork done prior to the start of the Holiday Season but effective as of January 1, 2008 to minimize the work for the treasurer. If you have any questions about this please feel free to call us.

With the start of fall comes the request for the annual \$50.00 chartering fee. Chapter Directors please send your Chapters \$50.00 check to Jack Seeley, District Treasurer, 682 Hotchkiss Road, Greene, NY 13778.

Recently I sent an email out to the District Support Staff and the Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors outlining a new District program that will hopefully be fun for the Chapters that chose to participate as well as give them an opportunity to "earn" some money.

I am calling the program "**Chapter Dash for Cash**" and the purpose is to encourage our Chapters to visit each other and attend Rallies in other Districts within our Region.

The District will pay the 2009 Chartering fees for each Chapter that has achieved 10 points during the period from January 1, 2008, through November 1, 2008. The Chapter that has the most points in excess of the 10 required points will also receive a \$100 check from the District.

Chapters can earn points by attending another New York District Chapter's scheduled event such as a Ride, Tire Kick, Chapter Gathering. Also included in the approved chapters are any chapters from our neighboring border states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Vermont, and Ontario Canada. For those events you will earn 1 point.

If your Chapter attends a Rally with in the North East Region they will earn 2 points. The Rally's for 2008 are Delaware District Ride In, The New England Six District Rally in Vermont, the New Jersey Rally, Maryland's Winter Thing, the Pennsylvania Rally and of course the New York Rally.

### **The Rules:**

1. Six card carrying members from your chapter must attend the event.
2. The "host" Chapter or District must verify your attendance via email or telephone call to the NY District Directors
3. AND we must receive a digital photo of your members at the event.
4. You can only get credit for one visit to one chapter one time per year regardless of the type of event you are attending.

The NY District Director and any person on Region or National Staff from NY are not eligible to be counted in your six card carrying members. It is my feeling that Region and National Staff have a responsibility to get out and visit the Chapters and should not "benefit" from this activity. The NY District Staff is eligible to be counted and it is my hope that they along with the Chapter Directors will take an active role in the visitations.

The annual district meeting will be held in Newark, NY at the site of the 2007 Rally. We are still working out the date and arrangements but I expect it will be either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in January. I will let you know when details are finalized.

Dottie and I are taking off for West Virginia on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope to travel some great roads and visit with some WV GWRRA Chapters. GWRRA offers a great network of friends all across the United States.

Share the fun! Ride, Recruit Retain.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Directors

## [RALLY 2008 NEWS](#)

- Think NASCAR! The theme for the 2008 Rally is: ***The Race is on to the New York District Rally 2008.*** A New Rally Logo is needed. So put your “Race” thinking cap on, get innovative and create a logo and send to Ed Bahrenburg by December 1, 2007. The logo winner will be announced at the District Meeting in January 2008. **The winner will receive one full registration for the 2008 Rally.**
- **Don't forget to mark the 2008 New York Rally on your calendar. The Rally will return to Newark, NY, August 7-9, 2008.**

## [From the District Educator](#)



### **Knights in shining armor**

Recently a Chapter Educator asked me if we had a course on how to minimize damage to a rider during an accident. The short answer is no. Perhaps some of the professional riding schools for police or competition riders do, but we don't. We feel that what you do BEFORE the accident will, in a large part, determine how you come through. Accident situations do not allow enough time for someone to think “what do I do now”.

Consider yourself like a medieval knight. No knight would ever ride off to battle on his war horse without the best armor he could find. So should you not ride your wing without the best protective gear that you can find. You can be in compliance with our ride apparel recommendations and still not have much protection in an accident! Long sleeved tee shirts offer little protection compared to a jacket. Fashion weight leather is not much better. Leather riding jackets or ballistic nylon jackets with foam armor pads are much better. During hot weather mesh jackets made of nylon, Kevlar, or stainless steel are great. Helmets should ALWAYS be worn while riding. Full face helmets are considered best, followed by  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  helmets. Be sure they are at least DOT approved. Novelty helmets offer no greater protection than a baseball cap. That is none at all!

Dungarees are better than thin cotton pants. Riding pants of leather, nylon or Kevlar are better. Gloves should be either padded leather or mesh and not fashion weight leather or the cotton garden gloves I saw someone wear this summer. You can comply with the recommended footwear by wearing cotton high top sneakers but boots are much better. Nine inch boots are better than six inch ones. Recently my neighbor came around a curve on his BMW and had a

“deer” incident. He lost control of the bike and sustained a severe compound fracture of his ankle. He had been on his way to work, construction, and was wearing 9 inch boots. You ask “How did those boots protect him with a compound ankle fracture?” Simple, the doctors told him that without those boots he would have lost his foot! His ankle will heal, a lost foot would not.

Legs and feet often are injured in an accident. A while ago a member of our chapter broke his leg in an accident. He loved to use the “highway pegs/boards” on his Wing. On this day he moved his feet to the highway pegs while still on the on ramp to a busy local expressway. In front of him, one car cut another off, brake lights came on and all he had was his hand brake. He lost control of the bike and landed with the engine guard of the 1500 on his lower leg, hence the fracture. Then his Wing proceeded to repeatedly flip over destroying itself. Fortunately he was no longer on it. Highway pegs are exactly that, HIGHWAY pegs. Use them only on straight, level, low traffic situations and only during daylight. That knight would keep control of his war horse by keeping his feet in the stirrups and so should you. So think like a knight in shining armor and above all else:

Ride Smart – Ride Safe

Keith & Elaine

### *From the District Trainer*

#### **Knowledge Enhancement Program Offered**

Are you a volunteer leader? Are you planning to be on the leadership team of your Chapter or District? If you say “yes”, you may be interested in attending the Knowledge Enhancement Program offered on October 20, in North Syracuse.

The Knowledge Enhancement Program is designed for new volunteer leaders and is a good follow-up to the Horizons Program. Join Dottie and Ed for seminars and discussion on topics such as delegation, chapter finance, Officer Appointment Procedures, conflict resolution, newsletters, etc.

The training will be offered from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the North Syracuse Fire Station, 109 Chestnut Street, North Syracuse, NY. Come, listen, share and connect with other future leaders.

Please register by October 12, 2007. See attached flyer.

Dottie Bahrenburg  
New York District Trainer

#### **Respect**

By Patty Hoffman, Northeast Region Trainer

A change in leadership will soon be upon us. We have already begun to see the changes at the International and Regional level. Soon it will be time for new District and Assistant District Directors and new Chapter and Assistant Chapter Directors to come on board. We all have to remember that we are here to promote the mission and goals of our great organization.

With this in mind, we all need to remember that it only takes a minute to be courteous and respectful to those new members joining our organization, the officers

that will be stepping down and the new officers and their staff that will soon be assuming their “volunteer” duties. It is now time to put aside any petty jealousies, so that the me and I become we and us. Each of us are volunteers in this organization, and each of us has the right to be involved in all activities.

I believe that respect is a wonderful thing to show to all of those around us, not just our officers and their staff, but everyone that we come in contact with . Therefore, I will finish this article with what I believe RESPECT entails:

- R** - Represents reporting, recruiting and retaining our members
- E** - Is for the excitement and fun that we have at our monthly gatherings and Chapter activities
- S** - Is the smile that we show when we great old and new friends
- P** - Represents the politeness that we use toward our “volunteer” leaders and fellow membership
- E** - Is for the excitement and fun that we have with our fellow members
- C** - Represents the caring attitude that we show toward one another
- T** - Is for telling anyone who will listen how great GWRRA is!

### *From District Public Relations*

Well, here it is October. Where did the summer go? We did have some very nice riding weather for a lot of our chapters. There is still some nice riding weather ahead of us even though the nights are coming sooner. If you are riding after dark, please take care and watch the critters that like to come out and cross the roads.

On September 9, I took off and attended Chapter H’s monthly meeting at the Basket Factory in Middleport. The people at The Basket Factory are very friendly and they definitely take care of the Wingers. As soon as a waitress saw a Winger walk in, they were immediately asked what kind of coffee they would like. Don’t find that at the majority of the restaurants. Thank you to Chapter H for a very warm welcome and length conversations long after the meeting.

Chapter C has been busy with their kick tires on Tuesday nights. On Friday, 21 September, Bob and Jackie Beach, Tony and Shelly Van Schiack, Dave Duvall and Dominic headed for the Jordan Fall Festival. I understand it was a nice night ride. Some of the members participated in a ride in support of the soldiers that came from Sodus to Newark and then on to Wolcott.

On 15 September, Chapter Y hosted the Fox and Hound Ride-Out. Despite the less than desirable weather, there was a good turnout from a variety of chapters. Plenty of food and fun made this event a lot of fun. Some of the “foxes” really put some of the “hounds” through their paces. Those little dark brown or black fuzzy balls really got the best of a few “hounds”.

Chapter W rises to the occasion again as **Good Samaritans**. Chapter W has had a rather busy summer catering to our extended “family” of GWRRA members. Rick and Bonnie hosted a Couple from MN when their riding partners were involved in a rather serious motorcycle accident. Linda and Jim Pearson opened up their home to the Spouse of a member that was hospitalized after the NY District Rally. Thank-You just doesn’t seem to say enough!

Congratulations to Bob and Georgina Hanlon for stepping up as Assistance Chapter Directors of Chapter C. Welcome aboard.

Knowledge Enhancement Training, sponsored by The New York District GWRRA, is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the North Syracuse Fire Station. Topics to be covered at Chapter Finances, Delegation, Office Appointment Procedures, Newsletter, Chapter Communication Plan and Conflict Resolution.

On October 6, there is a Wounded Warrior Ride at the Palmyra VFW, Route 31, Palmyra, NY. Registration is between 10:00 and 11:00 am. The cost is \$20 per bike/\$5 passenger. Food/beverages/live music. This is to support wounded soldiers and their families. For further information, you can contact me at 315-224-4144.

It is HUMOR time: There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer.

When asked to definite “great” he said< “I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!”

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

I wish everyone a SPOOKY, FRIGHTFUL and HAPPY HALLOWEEN.

*Linda L. Waterman  
District Public Relations Coordinator*

### *From the District COY Coordinators*

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Someone to help with the Couple of the Year Program

Rich and I are seriously considering resigning as District COY Coordinators due to family issues that are consuming much of our time and energy. We do love the program but it would be good to find someone willing to step up and take the reins. Someone is needed who has the enthusiasm and charm and can pass along that enthusiasm and encouragement to the chapters. Enthusiasm is needed for the success of the Couple of the Year program. If you feel drawn to such a position, please let us know. It would be good for the chapters and district to have new blood within the district staff. Unfortunately the salary is pretty minimal (\$0.00) but the benefits can be quite rewarding!

Rich & Lois Brown  
District Couple of the Year Coordinators

## *From the District COY*

The New York District Rally was a wonderful experience for all who participated. It was nice to meet dignitaries from several states. Congratulations to Dan and Ruth Ann Camire, the new Region Couple of the Year from New Jersey. We were Proud to represent New York. A special thanks to Mike and Julie Walters Region COY Coordinators for making the Couple Of the Year participation such a fun memory.

Ed and Dottie Bahenburg created a lot of optimism for New York. Thanks Ed and Dottie

Ron and Pat Schroth, NY District COY 2007

## *Around the District*



*GWRRA members, Charles & Cecile Nadal, traveled from Plattsburgh to attend the District Ride Out and Fox and Hound Ride sponsored by Chapter Y.*

*Charles & Cecile are new GWRRA members and came to the U.S. from France 3 years ago.*

*They are a great couple wishing there was a GWRRA Chapter near Plattsburgh.*

The Fox & Hound  
Ride & Picnic in  
Chenango Forks.





Dates to Keep in Mind

2007

- October 20 Knowledge Enhancement Training, North Syracuse Fire Station
- October 20 Chapter D, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Early Christmas Party
- November Chartering Fees Due to Jack Seeley

2008

- January 10-12 Maryland District Rally; WinterThing 2008, Ocean City, MD
- January TBA NY District Meeting
- June 21 Delaware District Ride In
- July 3 – 6 Wing Ding XXX, Greenville, SC
- July 17-19 New England Rally, Rutland, VT
- August 7-9 The Race is On to the New York District Rally, Newark, NY
- August 21-23 Pennsylvania District Rally, Johnstown, PA



**Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Charlie Fedeli and Sue Skyner (both NY-W). Both suffered motorcycle related injuries.**

# Knowledge Enhancement Training Day

*Sponsored by The New York District GWRRA*

**Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

## North Syracuse Fire Station

109 Chestnut Street, North  
Syracuse, NY

### Topics include:

- Chapter Finances
- Delegation
- Officer Appointment  
Procedures
- Newsletter
- Chapter Communication  
Plan
- Conflict Resolution

*This training day is open to all members.  
Knowledge Enhancement Training is specifically aimed  
to meet the needs of new or incoming Chapter  
Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors.*

### REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE REGISTER BY OCTOBER 12, 2007**

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OR EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION TO: [WINGIN-IT@STNY.RR.COM](mailto:WINGIN-IT@STNY.RR.COM)