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News from National...

- Nothing much new from National at this time. By now you have been made aware of the personnel and organizational changes within the Rider Education Division. Let's give them a chance to work out the bugs so they can continue to give us the quality programs that we want and need.
- National is getting ready for the new year and processing the Gold Book changes that were due on November 2, 2007 for the 2008 publication.
- There is a lot of chatter about Wing Ding 30 being back in Greeneville. I know that Dottie and I had a blast when we were there in 2001 and are looking forward to attending again.



News from the Northeast Region

- On Saturday, November 10, several of the District staff will be attending the Region Staff meeting in Berwick, Pa. This all day event will bring us up to date on the latest news from National and around the Region. I expect that we should have good things to tell you next month. If you have anything you would like communicate to the Region staff, please drop me an email or telephone call as this is supposed to be a two way communication.
- Just in case you are not aware, Keith and Elaine Price, who have served our District for several years as Rider Educators, have moved up to become the new Northeast Region Educators replacing Dick Norton who recently stepped down. Many thanks to Dick Norton for doing an excellent job and best wishes for Keith and Elaine as they begin their new duties.
- Other new additions to the Region staff include Tim and Anna Grimes (Maryland) as MAD coordinators. Also, Donna and Joe Wheeler have taken the position as MED Coordinators.

From the District Director

The Prices did move up the Region level but they did provide us with excellent replacements by appointing Dan and Kathy Corby as the new New York Rider Educators. Please welcome them to our staff.

Also Rich and Lois Brown have decided to step down as the Couple of the Year Coordinators. Please join Dottie and I in thanking them for their work with the COY program. They have given us some ideas for their replacements and I invite anyone who has an interest in the COY program to give us a call to see what is involved with being the COY Coordinators.

This is the season for changes! A number of new Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors will be coming on board this January and we have started the paperwork to make this a smooth transition. Current Chapter Directors should make sure to let us know if there is going to be a new Chapter Director or Assistant in your Chapter for 2008.

The District meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008, at the Chenango Fire Station located in Binghamton, NY. I will be providing additional information in the next month or so. This is an important meeting for people to attend so please make sure the new, replacement chapter officers are made aware of it. Mark the date on your Chapter calendar.

On a personal note, Dottie and I spent the first two weeks of October camping in Elkins, West Virginia. As a last minute thought before we left, we emailed the Chapter Director of the Elkins GWRRA Chapter to find out what attractions we shouldn't miss in that area. The GWRRA network is incredible! Within 48 hours, we had a reply listing the CD's home and cell phone numbers. Also, he informed his Chapter that we would be arriving. Believe it or not, a member of the Elkins Chapter arrived at our campground to greet us before we had even arrived! What a wonderful experience. The Elkins Chapter led us on some great rides through roads that rival or best Deal's Gap. We look forward to members of the Elkins Chapter visiting New York next year for Americade week.

I know many of our New York members travel all over the country and Canada. Don't forget to touch base with your GWRRA network of friends. Their knowledge and warm friendship can make the trip the best possible!

Well, it really looks like the good riding season is rapidly leaving (leaf-ing) us so I am going to try to get another quick ride in before the dreaded four letter "S" word comes. Be careful out there!!

Wow! Thanksgiving is coming up soon. We all have so much to be thankful for. Enjoy!

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Directors

RALLY NEWS

- Do you have ideas of what you would like to see at the District Rally this August? If you do, drop an email to Ed & Dottie at: wingin-it@stny.rr.com We would appreciate your input.
- Don't forget the Rally Logo Contest! Entries are due by December 1, 2007. ***The Race is on to the New York Rally!***
- Mark your calendar for the rally dates: August 7-9, 2008.

From the District Educator



Rider Education Changes!! New District Educator



In case you haven't heard, there are some changes coming, and no I'm not talking about that mean old nasty thing called winter! What I am referring to is the fact that Keith and Elaine Price have been "promoted" to the position of Region B Educator!! Congratulations go out to Keith and Elaine!!

With that being said, I will let you know that my wife Kathy and I are taking on



the responsibilities of District Educator. I guess the first thing that I should do is to introduce myself!! My name is Dan Corby, and as I said, my wife is Kathy. We are members of chapter NY-H (Highway Hobos). I have been the chapter educator for almost two years, and was the District Educator of the year. We currently ride a 2005 GL1800A with just a little over 38,000 miles on it. This is our

third Goldwing, we had a 1200, and then a 1500. I really need to stop a good friend Rick Parson from letting me test out his new rides, it gets expensive. I am currently a Level IV Master Tour Rider, and Kathy is a level III. We both have quite a bit of experience when it comes to not only safety, but also First Aid. You see, Kathy and I are both Volunteer Firefighters, and are both AEMT-I's (New York State Certified Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate) I have been an EMT almost since the beginning of time!! I am also a Medic First Aid Instructor and certified Seminar Presenter as well.

Kathy works for Travelers insurance Company, and does need to travel some, so don't be surprised when you see me alone sometimes! I am an Engineer with a company called McGard in Orchard Park N.Y. We both enjoy riding, and have covered a good portion of the United States. Right now though, we are really concentrating on safety. We have seen many people injured or worse, many times due to the fact that they were not riding within their means. I am a big proponent of education, and really enjoy teaching.

It is going to take us a little time to get going and up to speed, but we will give it our best!! If your chapter is in need of anything related to Rider Education, please send me an email at dcorby@highwayhobos.com and I will see what I can do. If you are the Chapter Director, or Educator, if you could please send me the correct information as to the contact for your chapter, that would be a great way to get started. It would be wonderful if I could get an up to date listing of every Chapter Educator in our district. Keith gave me a list, but several came back as invalid or dead email addresses.

Well, for now I guess that is about all, unfortunately I will not make the District meeting on November, as I am out of town on business, but I will be in touch again shortly. Until then, Ride Safe, Ride Smart, and Always ride within your comfort zone!!

Have Fun, Get Educated, Ride Safely!!
Dan Corby

From the District Trainer

On Saturday, October 20th, the New York District held its first Knowledge Enhancement Program. The program was designed for those GWRRA members who are new Chapter Directors or stepping up soon to become Chapter Directors or Assistant Chapter Directors. The program is designed to follow the Horizons Program that was offered this past March. We were pleased to have 15 participants. Also, thank you to Connecticut B for joining us.

New York Chapter D had great timing. They held their Christmas and Anniversary party that evening. Ed and I and almost all of the class participants were able to attend the party. Thank you, Chapter D.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



Dottie Bahrenburg
Northeast Region & NY District Trainer

From the District COY Coordinators

It has been an honor to serve as the NY District COY Coordinators for the last several years. We have met a lot of wonderful friends and colleagues. It has been a great ride! However, we find it's time to hand over the reins (or handlebars) to successors. The Couple of the Year program is undeniably the most enjoyable position within the district! And we know Ed and Dottie would be delighted if a couple would willingly step forward to take over the district COY directorship.

Being part of the district staff has given us the privilege to work closely and participate in some of the behind-the-scenes complexities of GWRRA. All of us, as GWRRA NY district members and chapters, are fortunate to have outstanding leadership within our district staff. And we're hopeful that the NY district Couple of the Year program will continue and prosper under new leadership.

Rich & Lois Brown, NY District COY Coordinators (for now)

District Membership Coordinator

Membership the latest

We would like announce that the membership list that all CDs and ACDs are receiving every month is finely up to date; we did our best to assign the proper Zip Code to the closest Chapter. Some may look at the list and say "I have some members way out there in remote corner of our District that I may never see at our gathering." The answer to this issue is that you are correct; however, it gives the closest Chapter a chance to send out their monthly newsletter to these members. Unless we keep these folks in the loop with active communication we risk that they may loose interest after a few years.

E-Mail is very inexpensive and it takes the same amount of time to send out 10 or 50 out there just by copy and paste.

By setting up a website your operation cost is reduced considerably and at the same time reaching far more potential members as well. A website has several advantages; it works for you even if you sleep at night, reach anyone with a computer from here to Australia and back, not to mentioned the fact that you no longer use considerable space in the recipient's Mail Box.

New Chapter

For the benefits of our members that live way out there, we would like to ask you if you would like help to open a new Chapter. There are few or no Chapters in the most Northern Region of the State and than expend to the Southeastern part of the District. If you are interested, it only takes a minimum of ten members to get it going and having finely a Chapter you can call your own. Drop an E-Mail to your District Director ED and Dottie wingin-it@stny.rr.com or myself at monsieur@nycap.rr.com we like to hear how much interest is out there.

New Chapter Leadership

In this coming New Year, several New Chapter Directors and Assistant Chapter Directors will be answering to the call. Others are still not sure or may be hesitant at following their predecessor's footsteps. We have District meeting coming up next

January for the purpose of clarifying everyone's task and what is expected of him or her. Good Luck to all.

Region Meeting

Marielle and I will very shortly travel to PA for an upcoming Region meeting where many membership questions will be answered. Region is expected to tell us about what National is up to in the coming year.

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Pete and Marielle ST-Amour
NY District Membership Coordinator

From the District Public Relations Coordinator

Good chapter relationships are the heart of member loyalty

As GWRRA officers and members, we invest a great deal of time and effort to improve membership experience within our own chapters, districts and regions. Asking for, promoting and listening for ideas and yes, possible changes such as "let's try this or how about doing that" lets members know that we care about them. The one phrase that I find, as a big turn-off is, "*we've tried that before and it didn't work*". That may have been true then, however, perhaps this individual just might have a different approach that just might make it work.

Do we have expectations in our chapters, districts and regions on how to keep our members? I would like to think so. Here is a couple that is important:

- Be accessible to your members
- Treat your members with respect (remember the Golden Rule ☺)
- Include them and let them know they are an important part of your chapter

Our focus should be clearly on delivering that we are a GREAT chapter and we KNOW you are important and we WANT you to be a part of our chapter.

Have you ever thought of what your members would say about the chapter if they were provided with a survey?

A member's experience with a chapter will determine whether they remain with your chapter and GWRRA or go looking for another organization to join.

GWRRA as a whole relies on its members and the keeping of those members as well as looking for new members. Each and every one of us is an important part of the GWRRA structure. One disgruntled member is all it takes to breakdown the membership structure and GWRRA as a whole. Remember: bad words spread fast.

With our continued focus and by working together, we can truly make GWRRA a great organization.

Take a moment at your next chapter, district or region meeting and let these people know you appreciate them and the work they do.

Now for the LITE side of things:

The following are actual statements found on insurance forms where car drivers attempted to summarize the details of an accident in the fewest words. These instances of faulty writing serve to confirm that even incompetent writing may be highly entertaining:

- *My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.*
- *An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.*
I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.
- *I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.*
- *The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run so I ran over him.*
- *I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.*
- *The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.*
- *I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.*
- *The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck my front end. ☺*

I WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING.

*Linda L. Waterman
District Public Relations*

Around the District



Great road near Elkins, West Virginia.