



# GWRRA New York District

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**Northeast Region**



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

New Life Member Program available:  
This program is available to all Gold Members and all Members who have been a part of our Family for 20 or more consecutive years. (Those of you who took part in the original Life Membership Program will, of course, continue to do so without any changes.)

Some exciting new benefits have been added to this New Life Membership Program of which you can take advantage. The new cost of the program is 50% of the Individual Membership rates. That works out to be just \$22.50. (But since that is such an uneven amount, instead we are going to leave the rate at \$20 per year for now!) Full Members will receive 50% off Wing Ding registration, 20% off GWRRA Official Products and 20% off Rescue Plus.

For all of you Associate Members who have supported us for 20 or more years, your Membership dues will also be \$20 per year, for now, and you will receive 50% off Wing Ding registration and 10% off GWRRA Official Products.

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

When you join the New Life Membership Program for the first time, you will receive a Life Member Pin, 4" Patch and a 10" Rocker. (We know that it's so difficult to take off patches and then add new ones that we decided to make things as easy as possible for you and create the Life Rocker instead of a new 10" Patch.) The rockers will be for the top of the back patch, and you can receive two of each item for a Family Life Membership.

Any additional pins or patches are available to be purchased. We will also have the rockers available in the Black and Gold for those who prefer.

Also, on a sad note, June Agee, National Director of the Membership Enhancement Division passed away on Saturday, February 23. She was a tremendous advocate for member benefits and programs. She will be greatly missed.

Among other changes at National, The Leadership Training Director, CJ Karnes stepped down. There has been no word on whom maybe taking these two peoples roles in GWRRA.

As I am sure you have read in *Wing World*, early registration for Wing Ding brings a chance at winning some nice early bird prizes. You can't win it if you aren't in it!!!

## **News from the Northeast Region**

### **WING DING 30**

Now that everyone has their new 2008 calendar, it's time to fill in the blanks. For us this is the fun part of our job. Making our plans to RIDE and visit the various rallies and districts. We go online and write out all the dates of the BIG events AND the Region rallies, events, training programs etc. We mark our calendar, then send in our registrations and start calling hotels. We suggest you do the same, if you want to insure that you have a FUN & FRIENDLY riding season. Remember, the fun is in the planning and anticipation of the event, as much as riding itself.

We hope one of the first things you plan to do is go to WING DING 30 in Greenville South Carolina. We are fortunate this year that it is being held in the Eastern part of the country. It makes for a great opportunity for many Northeast Region members who have never experienced a Wing Ding to try it out.

The Northeast Region is responsible for organizing the Grand Parade, where GWRRA will go into the Guinness Book of World Records for having the most Gold Wings in a single parade. The Guinness officials will be on hand to witness and authenticate the event. So here is your chance to go down in History. Oh, by the way, the Northeast Region is also responsible for the Grand Light Parade as well. So we will be looking for volunteer help then as well.

What can you do to help? Well the main thing we need is to get the volunteer manpower lined up to handle the events. . The Grand Parade is where we need the most help. Due to the anticipated large turnout, we need at least 50 volunteers available. Of course, the more volunteers the better for everyone. We will need to split into 2 groups; one group for the parade staging and one group for the parade de-staging. Contact your District Directors if you are able to help. As far as the Lighted Bike Show, we can probably get by with about 20 volunteers. Our main goal is for the members that attend Wing Ding to have a good and safe time. And having the proper manpower helps accomplish that goal.

Lorraine & Earl Knight  
Northeast Region Directors

## *From the District Director*

Well, the paperwork detail is complete. The new officers are in place and I have read about a lot of chapter rides and fun events being scheduled. Things are looking good especially with spring around the corner. We have been doing a bit of traveling and it is not unusual to see a bike or two out for a ride on a sunny dry day.

The "Dash for Cash" seems to be paying off as I see and hear about trips either taken or being planned. Please remember that you need to have a picture and the host organization call or email me to be credited with the points.

The 2008 Newark Rally is well into the planning stages. More information will be made available out on the District Rally website as it comes together. As of now we have the Rally registration, Tee Shirts and Rider Ed class registration posted.

We are working on the Rules/Classes for the Model Car Show and the races at the District Rally. NY H will be helping with the Model Car Races which will be done as a benefit for Rider's Ed.

***The District Ride In or Picnic for Points*** will be held at the park in Union Springs on Sunday June 15. Hopefully it will be a sunny day! So come and spend Father's Day with your GW family. It is a "bring your own" picnic. More details will be out as the event gets closer. This event does qualify as a "Dash for Cash" event so round up 6 members, get your picture taken with Dottie and I and collect 1 point.

We are still looking for some ideas for the Fall Ride Out.

The District will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, June 7, at Americade. We will be trying out a new locale this year. The Americade Breakfast flyer should be out soon. We are just finalizing the information.

Dottie and I are headed to the sunny state of Florida for 3 weeks and we are uncertain about the quality of email service, so please do not be upset if you have emailed us and not received an answer until sometime in April. Don't forget that we have two Assistant District Directors who are willing to assist you in our absence. We are looking forward to riding in Florida and getting together with some of our GWRRA snowbird friends!

Can you believe that next week we will already be on Daylight Savings Time! When we get back, I hope the weather is warm, the roads salt free and everyone is ready to ride.

Meantime, stay warm and stay safe.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Directors

## **RALLY NEWS**

- **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 soon. You will see that the schedule is packed with fun things to participate in.
  - Hotel rooms at the host hotel are going quickly. Make your reservations early. We are currently looking for an overflow hotel that will allow us to block rooms.
- **Chapter Basket Auction :** Last month we announced that we will again hold an 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.
  - Since baskets may be too large to carry on a bike, we will arrange to make shipping information available.
- **Women Only Event:** Last year our Women only Event (PJ Party) was a great success and those who attended had fun. So, there will be another women only event this year, it is the ***Redneck Woman Event***.
    - Every woman attending should plan to wear at least one item a redneck would wear.
    - "Big Hair" competition
    - Best redneck invention (group improvisation).
    - There will be some redneck games, such as bobbing for pigs feet, hub cap hurling, hoop shoot, and more.
    - And of course, fun and surprises galore!
  - **Rally Book Ads :** It is not too early for your Chapter to consider placing an ad in the NY District Rally Book 2008. 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. The form is also posted on the District website Rally page: <http://www/gwrra-ny.org/rally>
  - **Brag Book or Chapter Display:** Are you proud of your Chapter? Do you have a lot of fun at events and rides? Why not let others know what you are doing? This year at the rally there will be space set aside for each Chapter to show what they are all about. This could be in terms of a Chapter Scrapbook (Brag Book), or display.
  - **Rally Shirts:** Rally T-shirts and Golf Shirts (both short sleeve) are available only through "pre-order". The order form is part of the rally registration. Shirts must be ordered by July 8, 2008, to be ready for the Rally.

**From the Assistant District Director – West**

### PRESENCE

As a GWRRA Officer, your presence at the functions of your Chapter is vital. Your presence says that you care about the people in your Chapter, and that you are interested in the health of your Chapter. Your presence allows the participants to get to know you, and to express their ideas and concerns about the group to you. Your presence indicates stability to your Chapter participants. Most importantly, your presence allows you to keep your finger on the pulse of your Chapter.

Conversely, your absence can leave people wondering about the health and stability of your Chapter. People may incorrectly assume that your absence means that you don't care. Of course, you can't attend everything. A good way to handle these times is to contact a few of your more active Chapter members and tell them why you won't be at a ride or event. Having an Assistant Chapter Director or other staff to cover for you is a great thing. Remember, as a GWRRA Officer, you are doing a good thing. You are helping people to more fully enjoy the Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge.

Paul Wood, Assistant District Director West

### From the District Educator



Dan's Dribble  
Rider Education

New York District  
January, 2008

Thanks for the Article from our newest  
Chapter Educator John Kent from Chapter  
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### Deer on the Highway!

I don't profess to be an expert on this topic, but I will admit to being experienced. Living in a rural area, traveling a lot and having worked rotating shifts have exposed me to many deer. I have hit five with cars and two with Goldwings plus there have been too many close calls to count.

The first one I hit was in the Catskills at 10:20 in the morning. My wife and I were returning from a trip to Rhode Island and Connecticut. I didn't expect to see one at that time of day.

Number two was on Union St. near Black Creek Park. I was on my way to work. I had no time to react prior to impact either time.

I feel that your best defense from having a deer accident is to learn the habits of deer. Hunters and their family members may have an advantage here. I look for deer, observe the ones I see and try to remember where I see them, what they are doing and their environment.

The time of day, direction of travel, temperature, wind conditions. There is just too much to say here. I'd be glad to have a round table discussion at sometime on this topic with the chapter.

With all my study and observation I still will never say what a deer will do at any given time or place. I do however feel that I know what they are most likely to do. I will say that where there is one; always assume that there are two or more.

Now that you have done your homework and know where to look for deer and what they are likely to do, what is next? You go riding in the country at dusk. If you see a deer react and avoid. Now you have a close call to tell about at the next dessert ride. If you don't see it in time, we have a whole new story. Assuming you are a t-clock rider who is properly dressed, this is where preplanning comes in. I call it mental **SIPDE**. We all need to plan ahead so you have a full menu of reactions that you don't have to think about when there is no time. When collision is inevitable (with anything) you have a few responsibilities. Layin' it down ain't one of them. #1. Shed velocity as rapidly as possible. #2. Keep riding, never give up. #3. Stay up on two wheels for control. #4. If you are still moving after impact make a controlled stop. It doesn't always go this way, but it is the plan. You will surprise yourself with what you can do if you stick to your plan.

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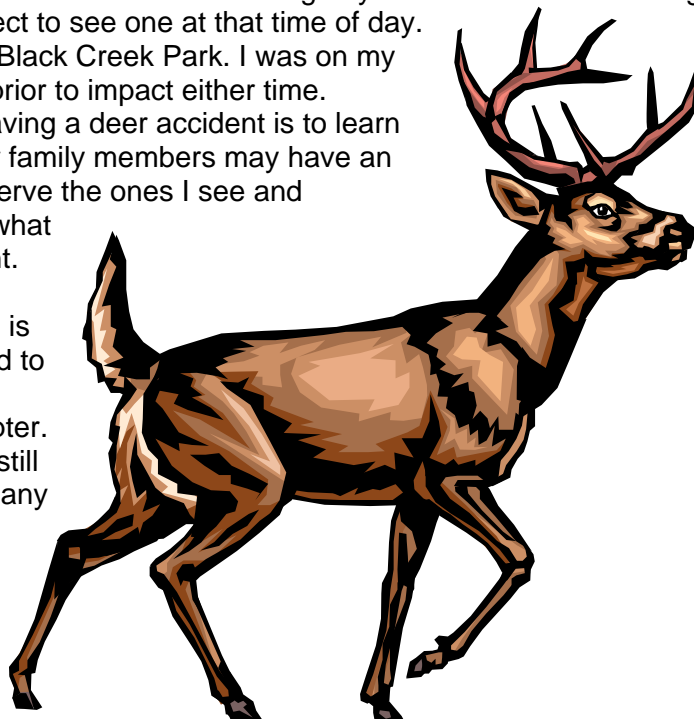
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If you do hit a deer remember this:

1 ½ # cubed venison  
4 potatoes  
6 medium onions  
6 carrots  
1 cup seasoned flour (your favorite seasoning for beef)  
2 tbs. Cooking oil  
1 stalk celery  
water

Heat the oil in a heavy Dutch oven. Roll the meat in the flour saving left over flour. Brown the meat in the oil. Add cubed potatoes, sliced carrots and celery and the onions. Add water to cover the vegetables. Heat to a boil. Mix water into the left over flour to a milkshake thickness. When the pot boils slowly stir in the flour mix. Cover and reduce heat. Simmer until the vegetables are tender. Enjoy!

**Have Fun, Get Educated, Ride Safely!!**

**Dan Corby**

### **From Leadership Training**

#### **TOXIC PEOPLE**

*At the District Meeting in January, we had several questions on how to deal with people causing problems or toxic people. We did a little research and have found a few suggestions on how to deal with these individuals. Dealing with toxic individuals will never be easy, but for your own well-being and the well-being of your Chapter, these people must be addressed. We hope the two short articles below might help.*

#### **Article One:**

We often have our members ask, "How can I deal with toxic people?" There is no doubt about it, there are people in our lives who are harmful to our health and we don't enjoy being around them.

I read recently that toxic people make up about ten percent of the population and cause over 50% of all communication and relationship stress. Unfortunately, you are not able to change them or their personalities but you can learn how to cope with these toxic people at home, at work and at play.

What you read here won't do a thing to improve your situation unless you have the courage to use the suggestions given. Go for it! You're worth the effort.

#### **TOXIC PEOPLE.....( If you let them, will...)**

- Rob us of our dignity.
- Destroy our self-confidence.
- Increase our stress levels.
- Destroy our morale.
- Erode our self-esteem.
- Foster negativity.
- Decrease productivity.
- **Are toxic because they can get away with it and it works for them!**



## **How to deal with toxic people**

Remember that you can't change these people, but you can learn to cope with them. Here are some effective strategies to try.

- Always stand at eye level with the person you are confronting. Never have them standing over you looking down.
- Respect the toxic person and always expect respect in return. Settle for nothing less.
- Remain calm.
- Listen attentively.
- Don't argue or interrupt, just listen.
- Don't accuse or judge, just state how you feel.
- If the toxic person tries to verbally bully you, just say, " I don't allow people to treat me this way." Then slowly and calmly walk away.
- When someone is being toxic to you here is a powerful response and one that is easy to use because you don't have to say a word. In the midst of a toxic attack just PAUSE...LOOK AT THE PERSON, WITHOUT EMOTION.....TURN AND WALK AWAY. It works!
- If all else fails you might be left with only one option; separate yourself from the toxic person in your life.

***Remember, you can only let someone hurt you if you allow it to happen. Stand up for yourself – You are worth it!***

**This article is adapted from Executive Training Resources,**  
<http://www.etrdirect.com/how-to-deal-with-toxic-people.html>

### Article Two:

Oprah also has thoughts on Toxic People!

Oprah Winfrey asks, are you wondering how to confront people who drain you mentally, physically and spiritually? Once you have identified that you have a toxic relationship in your life, there are specific words that you can use to confront this family member or friend in a graceful, loving way. Your goal is not necessary to sever all relationships, it's to set boundaries with this person. If you feel the relationship can be healed, follow these steps.

#### **Step One: Set the stage.**

"In an effort to honor our relationship, I need to tell you the truth..."

#### **Step Two: Follow up with how you feel.**

"When you \_\_\_\_\_ it makes me feel \_\_\_\_\_..."

#### **Step Three: Then ask your family member or friend.**

"Are you willing to stop doing that?"

### Examples:



"In an effort to honor our relationship I need to tell you the truth. When you put me down I feel angry and hurt. In order for us to continue seeing each other, I need to ask you to stop. Are you willing?"

"In an effort to honor our relationship I need to tell you the truth. When you criticize me I feel drained and upset. I'd like to ask you to stop doing that so we can move closer instead of further apart. Are you willing?"

[http://www.oprah.com/spiritself/lybl/control/ss\\_lybl\\_control\\_10\\_e.jhtml](http://www.oprah.com/spiritself/lybl/control/ss_lybl_control_10_e.jhtml)

Submitted by Dottie Bahrenburg, Leadership Training Instructor

### **From Your District Membership Coordinators**

[June Agee](#) has reliably volunteered her time as MED Director to help all of us, we recently learned She passed away on 02/23/2008, in her memory we wish to publish the last articles She wrote for us. [June](#) was one of the best friends we ever had in GWRRA

Pete & Marielle ST-Amour  
NY District MED

### **How do I change my Chapter affiliation?**

The question has come to me in regards to why someone is showing up in Chapters in states other than the one where they live or in a Chapter other than the one with which they participate. I will answer this question by starting with some background information about zip code assignments. Chapter affiliation is automatically assigned and driven by zip codes. When a Chapter is chartered the District Director list all the zip codes that would be affected then he sends paper work to the Home Office. If you are originally assigned to the Chapter associated with your zip code, you will always be assigned to this Chapter until information is given to the Home Office letting them know which Chapter you should be affiliated regardless of where you may live or what Chapter you are affiliated. So, how do we get this changed? You (personally) will need to request that the CHAPTER OVERRIDE be added or removed and the new chapter assigned. What is a Chapter Override? A chapter override is set up to keep your chapter affiliation current if you stay in one state, but change the chapter with which you participate.

An example of this: If you were participating with Chapter "A" in California and went to Chapter "Z" you could ask that an override be put on your Chapter affiliation and that the correct Chapter be assigned. You would then show up in Chapter "Z".

The reverse happens when you move between states. An example of this: if you lived in Illinois and participated with Chapter "A" or "Z" and moved to Florida. You changed your address from Illinois to Florida with the Home Office, but your chapter affiliation would not change and you would always be shown as living in Florida, but participating with the Illinois Chapter. This is due to the Chapter

Override feature. How do we get this changed? You would request the Chapter override be removed and your correct Chapter assigned. You would then show up with your current Chapter.

It will be necessary for you to contact Customer Services at 1-800-843-9460 or email [customerservice@gwrra.org](mailto:customerservice@gwrra.org) and ask them to add or remove the Chapter override on your Chapter assignment (depending on your circumstances). Tell them what Chapter you are participating with and you will then be added to the chapter in which you are currently participating.

“We are Listening,  
What is Your Solution?”

[June Agee](#)  
**Membership Enhancement Division Director**  
[med@gwrra.org](mailto:med@gwrra.org)

### **From District Public Relations**

Hello everyone. Time sure marches on-we are already into March. Stores have had St. Patrick's Day decorations out for quite some time; and now Easter decorations are springing up all over the place. Perhaps spring is right around the corner. I, for one, sure hope so. Tired of wearing heavy clothes, boots, mittens, etc.

Our International MED Director, June Agee, passed away late last week. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to her family.

I was reading an article in the local newspaper and the caption read: “**MISTAKES HAPPEN, BUT THEY DO MATTER**”. That got me to thinking (probably some in our district probably wishes I didn't think so much-there are times I would agree with you) about mistakes made within our own chapters and district. How do we handle these mistakes? Sometimes they are brought to our attention and other times, not. If mistakes are not handled appropriately and are repeated and repeated, the risk is that we may lose good members, members nonetheless. Whether we hold an office or a position within our district or home chapters, we each need to try to make sure we listen and try to understand whatever the annoyance or anger maybe.

Some of you may know that I like coffee; GOOD coffee and some say I am too particular about how my coffee tastes. Well, look at it this way, coffee can cost \$2 and up per cup-a lot of money for grunge in the bottom of the pot-don't you think. Should I happen to get “road tar” called coffee, I do not hesitate to bring it to someone's attention and suggest rather nicely that a fresh cup would be great. Perhaps I am looked at as an annoyance and that is OK. It is my money and I work hard for my money. A mistake-sort of-could they have lost of customer and some money, sure. However, take care of the customers and the customers will stay your customers.

Members have a gripe or have been hurt by some comment, take the time to listen to the member(s) and perhaps the situation can be remedied or perhaps the member just wants to be heard. Our members are wonderful people and when one has a burr under his/her saddle, take the time to listen and you will keep that member.

I'd like to leave you with this thought:

When you carry a grudge, you're carrying an unnecessary emotional burden.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE IN THE NY DISTRICT.

*Linda L. Waterman  
District Public Relations*

### **Around the District**

Dash for Cash is Going Strong! Has your Chapter participated? Remember to send a picture of your Chapter (at least 6 members) visiting another Chapter to EZ ED at [wingin-it@stny.rr.com](mailto:wingin-it@stny.rr.com) Please make sure to let us know what Chapter you visited and what and where the event occurred. Have F-U-N!!! And get to know other GWRRA members.

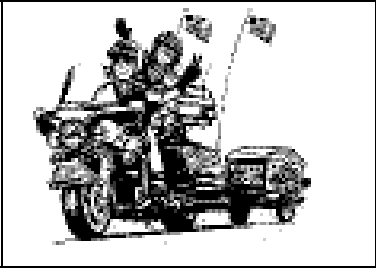


L to R Front: Julie Spencer (ACD NY-D), Laurie O'Brien, Pam Pearson (CD-NY-D), Back Row: Bill Spencer (ACD-NY-D), Jack Seeley (CD NY-Y), Brian O'Brien, Rick Reardon (CD-NY-D).

Chapter D from Central Square dropped down to visit NY Chapter Y's Sweetheart Potluck dinner and gain a point in the Dash for Cash!



*The Race is On  
to the  
New York District  
Rally 2008*



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 7, 8 and 9, 2008. 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.

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