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## *News from National...*

### ▪ Wing Ding Themes

*This year for Wing Ding we plan to extend the theme "Riding through the Decades" into the entire Wing Ding 30 event. Wing Ding 30 will have individual theme days for each day of the event. "Decades of the Day" 50's – 60's, 70's – 80's, 90's and beyond!*

### **July 3 - Theme will be the 50's and 60's**

We would like to encourage Members to dress up in 50's and 60's attire. Fifties and sixties day will also introduce a new Chapter competition for Wing Ding 30 in the Ballroom at 11:30 a.m. The Chapter dressed the most creatively in the 50's or 60's theme will win! The winning Chapter will have their picture placed in *Wing World*, as well as win a special prize! Members are encouraged to come and cheer for their Chapter.

### **News from National (continued)**

Following the Chapter competition is the **Mascot Contest** in the Ballroom 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Mascot most dressed in the attire of any of the decades (50's-60's, 70's-80's, 90's and beyond) will win a special prize. Executive Director, Melissa Eason, will introduce the Home Office Mascot. Immediately following the Mascot Contest, is the **Krazy Hat Contest** in the Ballroom from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 PM. The hat designed or decorated most like that worn in any decade (50's-60's, 70's-80's, 90's and beyond) will win a special prize!

#### **Friday, July 4 - Theme will be 70's –80's.**

We would like to encourage Members to dress in 70's or 80's attire.

INB will hold a special videotaped competition of "**Name the Year of That Bike!**" with a few lucky standby individuals from the crowd. These participants will be shown a few pictures of Gold Wings, year NOT disclosed. The contestant who can guess the most correct years, or can guess them the fastest, will win a special prize.

#### **Saturday, July 5 - Theme will be 90's and beyond!**

Members are encouraged to dress either present day or very futuristic!

**We will be introducing the "Gold Wing of the Future!" Bike Show**, judged as a Members' choice. Members may bring in a toy model, a detailed drawing or even a picture of their futuristic bike for display. Members will be allowed to view and judge each "bike" by placing a ticket in a bucket for their choice.

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

- Region patches now available. The patches will hopefully be on display at the GWRRA Americade booth and available for purchase at the NY District Breakfast on Saturday, June 7.
- As you know the Region is responsible for the Grand Parade and Light Parade at Wing Ding. I have already received offers of help for those events but additional people are welcome and needed. It is not hard to do and it is fun also. Please consider helping out for a few hours. Contact us directly for details

### **From the District Director**

The big news is that the **Dash for Cash** has exceeded my expectations in getting the chapters out visiting each other. Each month we get a number of photos showing folks out having fun.

Check out the webpage (<http://www.gwrra-ny.org>) to see the score! I hope the Dash for Cash continues to be a success during the riding season. There are a couple of Mall Shows coming up plus the NY District Picnic where you can pick up some points. NY L is having a Gathering Friday night at Americade so there is another opportunity to get some Cash! If any other Chapter is having their gathering at Americade, please let me know so I can pass the information along.

The Rally planning is well underway but we still need some volunteers to round out the program. IF no one steps up—it won't get done!

If we are going to have a Chrome Swap Shop we need some people to handle it. My thoughts are to have it in one of the conference rooms, open just on Friday afternoon and Saturday AM for a couple of hours. It would take a crew of 2 or 3 per shift to handle it.

We also need someone or a chapter to step up to handle the Car Show. The cars will be displayed on Friday with Judging and awards Friday Night. If you or your chapter are interested in helping out with this please let me know ASAP.

We had an excellent response of people willing to help at the Americade GWRRA booth and our thanks go out to those who volunteered. Please stop by the booth and say hello and do not forget to come to the Americade GWRRA Breakfast. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Don't forget the Picnic for Points at the Frontenac Park in Union Springs on June 15. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, meat and beverage.

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

***Don't forget the Traveling Plaque! Unless something has changed recently, it is now residing at NY H.***

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Directors

## **RALLY NEWS**

- **Chapter Challenge:** Be ready! On Friday evening along with the ice cream social, Chapter Y has volunteered to coordinate a Chapter Challenge. So brush up on your trivia. What trivia???? How well do you know GWRRA? Goldwings? NASCAR? Rednecks? And of course, some general trivia from movie, sports, TV, etc
  - Chapters can have more than one team (no more than 8 per team).
  - But, the team must have at least 3 members.
  - Can your Chapter win the challenge????
  
- **Get Ready for the Car Show!**
  - General Rules:
    - Only electric battery powered cars or trucks. No gas, nitro or other powered vehicles.
    - Only cars or trucks—no boats, helicopters motorcycles etc
    - The vehicle must be able to operate—able to move; no static displays. It does not need to race.
  - Classes:
    - 1/8, 1/10, 1/8 and unlimited.
    - The unlimited is only limited to a 48" X 24" vehicle
    - Each class will be divided into Chapter and individual entries.
  - Scoring:
    - A base store bought car gets 1 point
    - Custom paint gets: + points
    - Custom lights gets: + points
    - Custom decals gets: + points
    - GWRRA, Chapter, District logo's get + points

- Presentation: extra points for style, group settings, dioramas etc  
Maybe a pit crew demonstration.
- **Swap Meet:** We have time and space available to host a swap meet, but so far we have no volunteers to man the swap meet. If you or someone in your Chapter would like to volunteer to organize and man the swap meet ( Friday afternoon and Saturday AM), please contact Ed at [wingin-it@stny.rr.com](mailto:wingin-it@stny.rr.com) .
- **Redneck Woman's 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, a hoop shoot, redneck musical chairs and more.
  - And of course, fun and surprises galore!
- **Brag book:** Do you have a Chapter scrapbook? Collage? Display? There is room for each Chapter to show pictures, etc. Best display wins a prize!

**From the District Rider Educator**



**Dan's Dribble**

**Maintain, Maintain, Maintain!!**



Now, that the birds are chirping, and the weather is getting a little warmer, I thought I would share some of my spring primer ideas with you.

One of the first things that I like to accomplish is getting my trusty steed ready. As anybody from our Chapter (H) will tell you, I am quite high on performing preventative maintenance. Is your ride up to the challenges? This past weekend, our chapter had our annual Maintenance day, and at my count, ( and there are probably some that I missed), we rebuilt 3 sets of GL1800 forks, changed and flushed 4 radiator systems, changed and balanced three tires, flushed out one set of brake and clutch fluid, installed one headlight modulator, cleaned and changed one air filter, installed one accessory switch, changed several oil systems, changed several differential fluids, and installed one windshield. Talk about a busy day!!

Now that the bike is ready to go, what about your riding gear? Are your gloves up to the task? They should not be full of holes, and should not be worn smooth. I have seen gloves that get slippery as they wear down! What happens when your hand slips off the front brake as you are making a panic stop? What about your riding jacket? Is it adequate to provide proper protection? The new fabric that most jackets are made of are colored for many reasons, not only for looks. Did you know as your jacket ages, the fibers breakdown and therefore, offer less abrasion resistance? Did you know that the jacket fading those nice bright colors is an indication

of how those fibers are broken down? Perhaps it is a good time to take a hard look at that old jacket, and say it is time for a new one. What about that helmet? When was it last replaced? If your helmet has suffered from a fall of three feet or more, it should be replaced, as there is no way of knowing if it can still protect you properly in the event of a crash. If your helmet is three years old or more, it is also time to replace it. When the foam inside starts to break down, that is another sign to renew your protection. I know it sounds expensive, but what is your brain worth? Personally, that is how I earn my living as well as my ability to ride, so to me it is priceless!!

Now that you have your ALL of your hardware in riding shape, it is time to get your software into shape!! Is your mind in the proper shape? Are you back into the proper mental focus? Riding is more mental than physical, and if you are not mentally focused, then you should probably not be riding. One of the first things I try to do is when I get on the bike, take a big deep breath, and let go of all of the distractions before I let out the clutch!! That way, I can focus on the important thing, like my safety!!

I have already heard of two fatalities in my area, and while I do not know the details, my understanding is that at least one of these involved getting cut off by a car. You need to have 100% focus on what you and those around you are doing 100% of the time!! When a friend or loved one get on your trusty steed with you, you are responsible for their well being as if it were your own. Are you up to that challenge??

Lastly, is your education up to date? When did you last renew your rider education classes? Is your First Aid/CPR and Basic or Advanced Rider ed class up to date? Remember that every three years you need to renew your ARC course, and that brings a discount to your auto insurance in New York State. Have fun and see you on the road somewhere soon!!

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

### ***From the Region Trainer***

Occasionally I am asked the question "What is Leadership Training?" The first thought that came to my head was training to help the members of GWRRA. Then I got to thinking that organizations other than GWRRA hold leadership training sessions. The only difference between our leadership training and their leadership training is that they gear their training toward their employees. These employees are being trained for positions other than the one that they currently hold, whether it is warehouse employee, secretary or even management.

Leadership training is a concept of human behavior that is often talked about but little understood. There are hundreds of definitions of leadership, yet they give little insight into how to develop it to be successful in life. Leadership cannot be developed solely through education, experience, and self-discipline, although these things can help.

There are many myths and false assumptions about leadership. Once you understand what these are, you'll be able to learn leadership skills by going to workshops, fun shops, Knowledge Enhancement Days, and Horizon Programs. To develop leadership skills, you first need to know what to work on.

The first step to developing leadership is breaking through the false assumptions we all accept without question because we learned them at an early age. You may not believe all these assumptions, but it's a good bet you believe some of them.

### **False Assumptions about Leadership**

**Leadership is innate.** You're either a born leader or you're not. **False.**  
The truth is that leadership consists of a set of identifiable skills that can be learned. While it's true that some people have a greater aptitude for leadership than others, all of us can be leaders and develop our leadership skills.

**You have to have charisma and style to be a leader. It's the way you do things, not what you do.** **False.**

Many leaders do have charisma and style, but real leadership consists of substance. Leadership is about what you do and the impact you have on others. Some great leaders have been as dull as dust and others have been charismatic.

**Leadership is situational; it has no structure or system.** **False.**  
True leadership is structured and systematic. It can be duplicated. Leadership has principles, specific skills that can be learned, and definite ways to get results. The building blocks of leadership can be developed for the successful accomplishment of goals, managing all the aspects of our lives, and creating a life that is worthwhile. You can build leadership into your life as a workable, predictable system.

**The boss is the leader, and it can't be any other way.** **False.**  
Often the exact opposite is true. In businesses, families, schools, and groups, anyone can be a leader. Leadership doesn't consist of being "bossy." Being bossy generates confusion and conflict, whereas true leadership promotes teamwork, respect, and individual accomplishment.

If you believe any of the above myths, you'll find it impossible to develop leadership skills in your work or individual life. If you revise your beliefs to encompass a broader viewpoint of leadership, you will be able to gain skills to empower you in all areas.

Leadership should be encouraged at every level of our organization. So, if you are a Chapter Director and you are contacted by your District Trainers regarding a leadership training fun shop, workshop, Horizon's Program, etc., being held somewhere in or near your area, please take the information to your Chapter members and let them decide if they would like to attend the training session. You never know your Chapter's future Chapter Director just might be one of the members that attends this training session.

Patricia & Don Hoffman, Northeast Region Trainers

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

#### **Understanding your Area Report**

- Area reports are sent out each month via e-mail to the Region Directors who divide and distribute the reports to their respective districts. The reports are in Microsoft Excel format and can be sorted to fit the needs of the user.

- Members may be listed in only one location, which is determined by their home address. Please keep in mind that you may have members who participate in "border chapters". For example, if a member lives in Utah (Region F) and participates in a Wyoming chapter (Region I), the member will be listed on the Utah/Region F Area Report, which will indicate their participation in the Wyoming chapter. The Member will not be listed on the Wyoming/Region I Area Report. However, within the Region the member can be listed in another Chapter or another District through the use of the "Chapter Override" column. See Table below.
- Chapters are automatically assigned to new members who have a change of address based on their zip code. Each district is responsible for updating the Home Office of zip code changes. As new chapters are formed, it may require that zip codes be moved from one chapter to another. In addition, state and counties may use new zip codes for zoning purposes. Please watch for new zip codes in your area and notify the Home Office if new zip codes need to be added to a chapter. To prevent confusion, zip codes may only be assigned to one chapter. Zip code reports are released at the request of Region Directors or District Directors only. Here in NY If you would like to see your zip code assignments, please e-mail me at monsieur@nycap.rr.com

Keep in mind that all information on the area report is to be used for GWRRA business only. Please refer to your Officer Resources Link for a complete statement on GWRRA Policy regarding reports.

Pete and Marielle ST-Amour  
NY District Membership Coordinator

### **From District Public Relations**

Hasn't this weather been absolutely beautiful? I hope everyone is out enjoying it, whether it be on the motorcycle or working in the gardens-whatever, you are doing-just enjoy the moments.

Chapter C had 41 people in attendance at their last meeting. Members of Chapter D and T both came to the meeting and we had a wonderful time catching up on news with old friends and there were some new friends to meet as well.

I received the following from a Winger friend. I have even seen the things described in this article myself. We are all probably guilty of some of these actions and perhaps this will open our eyes that driving any kind of vehicle takes all of our attention-not just a small percentage. So, the next time you are out on the road-PAY ATTENTION.

**Motorcyclist Offers Apology and Restitution  
to Members of DUMB  
OPINION GUEST COLUMN  
Larry Supina - Amarillo, TX**

An apology is in order, so, please forgive me. It was not until this morning on my ride to work that I fully understood I was in error.

Yes, I've noticed that there are many very busy and important people on the roads. You all are hard to miss with the cell phones, laptops, breakfast bars, coffee, cigarettes and all. But until today, I didn't realize I was causing so much trouble for you busy, multitasking drivers.

I figured it out this morning, thanks to the nice lady working on the laptop who needed the lane I was in.

First, ma'am, let me say that when I honked at you from the shoulder of the road, I didn't mean to startle you. My intent was just to give you a little beep to let you know the lane was all yours. But I was braking so hard to keep you from running over me; I couldn't lift my thumb off the horn button.

I surely didn't mean to cause you to nearly hit the guy talking on the cell phone. You know the one, he was smoking and talking as he moved his SUV right into the space you had just left.

Anyway, the good news is, that's when I realized all of you multitasking drivers must be texting each other about intended lane changes and running traffic lights and stop signs and such.

I'm sorry - I'm still using old-fashioned turn-signal blinkers. I didn't realize you needed some time to e-notify that guy that you needed the lane back. I really messed it up for both of you!

I can only say that the guardrail next to my right leg was a little distracting, and I was only thinking about myself. I'll try harder next time.

Like I said, I didn't know that was how you multitasking drivers were communicating. It must have been in an e-mail, but my laptop fell off my gas tank some time ago and I haven't replaced it.

However, I have a solution: I know many of you are so busy and important that you have no choice – you have to eat, work, talk, read and do lots of other really important things as you drive.

Those of us who use the road only for traveling would be happy to stay out of your way; we just need to know you're coming.

A little visual clue would help - I was thinking of a bumper sticker. That way, everyone could identify you as Drivers Utilizing Multiple Behaviors.

Of course, that's a little long, so we'd cut it down to an acronym - DUMB.

If you'd place stickers on the front, back and maybe the sides of your car/truck/SUV, the rest of us would know not to interfere with you on the road.

I think it's such a good idea; I'll pay for the bumper stickers and even put them on for you. Deal?

Again, I'm sorry I got in your way. I'll try harder to see you coming from now on. I promise!

*Larry Supina is an Amarillo resident. He works as a safety manager at Pantex.*

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I will be attending the Chapter G Mall Show at Wilton Mall on May 4. I look forward to seeing the new Chapter Directors, Pete and Marielle.



Now for some humor:

After a pleasant visit, Aunt Millie started saying her good-byes. She stuck her cheek out for little Junior to kiss, but he shyly backed away.

“Junior, I’ll give you a quarter if you give me a kiss,” Aunt Millie told the tot sweetly.

“A quarter?” replied Junior. “Mom gives me that much just for eating broccoli.”

Until next, time, I’d like to leave you with this thought:

*“If you wait until retirement to enjoy life, you have waited to long.”*

Linda L. Waterman  
Public Relations

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

HEY CHAPTER DIRECTORS!

As we all prepare for our NY District Rally in August, be sure to name your Chapter Couple of the Year. Not only do they deserve the recognition, but there will be extra special events planned for current chapter couples. Let us know who you’ve chosen and other important information so we can contact them. It’s not too late!

Rich & Lois Brown  
NYS Couple of the Year Coordinators

***Currently the New York District is aware of and would like to acknowledge five Chapter Couples. Congratulations to: Henry & Lisa Relation (NY G), Kirk & Donna Walser (NY H), Al & Emily Stahl (NY N), Jim & Trish Thayer (NY T), and Dave & Maureen LaBelle (NY Y). Please let us know if we have missed anyone.***

### **Around the District**

#### **Dash for Cash:**



Chapter L has joined the Chapters with points in the Dash for Cash Program. NY L paid a visit to NY N. Keep up the good work!

Chapter T is on the move again visiting Chapter C to add another point to the score in the Dash for Cash.



*New York Chapter D also visited New York Chapter C to gain an additional point in the Dash for Cash.*

*New York Chapter  
Y met New York  
Chapter G at  
Brooks' BBQ in  
Oneonta to share  
a great meal and  
gain another point  
in the Dash for  
Cash!*

