



GWRRA New York District

June 2008

Northeast Region



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News from National...

- Wing Ding will soon be here. If you haven't heard, it is being held in Greenville, South Carolina, this year. This year is the 30th annual Wing Ding. The international convention opens Thursday, July 3, and runs through Sunday, July 6, 2008, at the Carolina First Center, formerly known as the Palmetto Expo Center. We hope to see you there.
- GWRRA is trying out some new membership incentives. We will be testing these incentives at Americade and if the incentives are successful, we will be passing along new member information to you.



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<http://www.gwrra.org>

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<http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org/>

News from the Northeast Region

- The Northeast Region is responsible for the Grand Parade this year. If you are able to help with parade staging. Please let Ed know: wingin-it@stny.rr.com
- We are extremely fortunate to have **Wing Ding 30** back on the East coast this year. It will give many of our region members an opportunity to attend and “cheer for” our current 2007-2008 Northeast Region Couple of the Year, Dan & Ruthann Camire. We are confident that they will stand out as a front runner and set the bar for others to follow. Please plan on attending Wing Ding on Wednesday, July 2nd at 1:30 PM in the Carolina First Center, Hall B and support Dan & Ruthann as they vie for the International title.

From the District Director

Can you believe it is June already!

We are gearing up for a very busy month. Dottie and I will be heading to Americade for the week of June 1-7. If you are attending Americade, stop at the GWRRA recruiting booth underneath the bridge and say hello. We will be there off and on, but you will find other familiar faces manning the booth. One of the couples manning the booth will be the current International Couple of the Year. I am sure they would like to visit with you.

On Saturday, June 7, the New York District will be holding its annual Americade Breakfast at the Elks Lodge, 32 Cronin Road in Queensbury. That is a short 9 mile drive from Lake George. Come and enjoy a great breakfast.

On Sunday, June 15, the Picnic for Points will be held at Union Springs. Come and join the fun and receive a Dash for Cash point (minimum 6 members of your Chapter).

We cannot tell you how much we appreciate the members of New York. Many of you are aware that our daughter is getting married this month and have offered to help out with District business in a variety of ways. Without your help and support, we would be terribly stressed. Thank you. New York GWRRA members ROCK!

I saw gas prices in our area just topped \$4 per gallon. Ouch! I think it is time to leave the car in the garage and just take the bike....now if it would only stop raining!

Hopefully we will see you at Americade or at Union Springs.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Director

RALLY NEWS

- Rally registrations are coming in daily. The hotel is almost full already!
- We do have a few vendors attending the rally, but gas prices are keeping some other vendors home.
- Chapter C and Chapter W have some great rides planned.
- The Rally schedule is packed with activities and we are looking forward to a fun-filled event. The theme for the rally is RACING! No not motorcycle racing, remote control auto racing. ***The Race is On to the New York District Rally!*** And going along with this theme, there are several RC Race Car Events.
- . It is guaranteed to be fun.



From the District Educator

The Mental Aspect of Riding – It's vital

Those of you who know me realize that I'm passionate about rider training. By rider training I mean the "butt in the saddle" variety of training. Obtaining this training is one of the two most important things you can do to ensure your safety and your co-rider's safety! The other most important aspect of rider safety is to develop and practice a sound mental attitude. You must have an attitude that all motorists have a common goal and that is to kill you. Since it is in your best interest not to be killed, you must adopt a sound defensive riding strategy and use that strategy each and every time you throw your leg over the saddle. You must ride your motorcycle in the manner of a combat fighter pilot in an intense dogfight. Only you can't shoot back! I call my dogfight strategy SCAN – PREDICT – REACT.

SCAN, the first part of the strategy involves constantly looking for all threats in the path of travel. Everything in or approaching your path of travel must be closely and quickly examined for any possible threat with intersections being a major concern. Possible threat sources include: vehicles coming from the opposite direction, vehicles waiting or approaching a stop sign at an intersection, parked cars with someone sitting in the drivers seat, vehicles waiting to turn left across your lane (the infamous left turn in front of you), or small animals and children along the side of the road or in the vicinity of the road. Everything is suspect and must be observed! Mentally "log" each threat.

PREDICT, the second part of the strategy involves anticipating just what the bone – headed idiot will do that will kill you! It is not a matter of "if"; it's a matter of "when". Are the front wheels of that car waiting to turn left in front of you beginning to roll or turn? Are the front wheels of that pickup at the stop sign starting to roll? Is that car approaching the stop sign at too fast a rate of speed? Have the brake lights of that van, three cars ahead of you, come on? Has the turn signal of that parked truck just now started flashing? Is that car approaching the stop sign at too fast a rate of speed? Are those two boys on the driveway throwing a basket ball back and forth? The list is endless and you must be ready to predict them all. A good idea is to look at the wheels of stopped vehicles. You will more easily determine their movement rather than the entire vehicles movement. Watch where the other driver is looking. If he is looking directly at you it's less likely othat he will pull out in front of you. Above all else, listen to the "little bird or angel" on you shoulder. If it starts screaming a warning to you, take heed! Your intuition may save your life.

REACT, the third part is where your training comes in. Courses such as the ERC, ARC, and TRC stress tuning, braking, and swerving. These are your choices as how you can react. Remember when handled properly a motorcycle can stop much quicker than a car and is much more maneuverable as well. Always try to have an escape route in mind. "What If" should always be your thought. Successful reaction will not just save your life; it may avoid the accident all-together.

The beauty of adopting a defensive technique and “piloting” your Wing instead of riding it will carry over to your driving. Scan – Predict – React or whatever you call it will make you a better driver as well as a safer motorcyclist and enable you to survive. Be careful – it’s a dangerous world out there!

Reprinted from the Northeast Region News

From the District ADD

GROUP RIDING

One of the “hot button” issues among motorcyclists is group riding. If you have any doubt about this, look at any Internet motorcycle forum.

Some people love group riding, some hate it, and everyone is afraid of getting hurt due to the actions of the “other guy.” As GWRRA Officers, we need to pay close attention to the group riding policies and practices of our Chapters. Remember, if someone doesn’t feel safe in your group, they won’t come back.

Years ago, I rode with a group that exemplified poor group riding. Mystery destinations, “jack rabbit” starts at intersections, excess speed, poor road choices, and bad attitudes made for a “less than fun” experience for this new rider. I did, however, learn a lot, mainly about how NOT to do things.

My home Chapter has distinct guidelines about group riding. Unless it is a true “mystery ride” the destination and departure place and time are listed well in advance. Ride leaders and tail gunners know how to keep the group together, and any problems are immediately broadcast over the CB radio. We try to pick roads and intersections that will help ensure safety. When we have more than 8 bikes, we break up into smaller groups and use separate (and non consecutive) CB channels. Ride leaders make up route sheets to give to the leaders of the second and third groups. Our Rider Education staff does presentations on various aspects of group riding. When new riders show up for their first group ride, several of us talk to them about how we do things. We frequently discuss any “issues” that have occurred on previous rides and try to prevent future problems.

Yes, this is a lot of work. However, the most important part of our Chapter life is our rides. We will not let sloppy group riding practices interfere with our fun.

People enjoy riding in a safe, controlled group. It is a good way to grow your Chapter, which makes it well worth the effort.

Paul Wood
GWRRA NY A.D.D.

From the District Trainer

By the Book by [Dale Wingrove, Region H Trainer](#)

The “By The Book” articles are intended to help familiarize Volunteer Leaders and GWRRA Members with the guidelines, policies, procedures, and information contained in the GWRRA Officer’s Guidebook (OGB). Any quotes or references to topics contained in our OGB should not be taken “out of context.” A copy of the Officers Guidebook can be found at www.gwrro.org . Click on the Info Exchange tab then click on Officers Guidebook.

ME AND MINE

Yes, there actually is a section in the Officer’s Guidebook that is titled “Me and Mine.” And, for a section that is only two paragraphs long, it is one of the most important sections for Directors at every level of our great organization. Unfortunately, even though many will read this section, most will totally miss the real understanding of this section. These two paragraphs lay out the essence of what a Director’s job really is.

Pardon me, but this is one time when I must quote sections of the actual text in the Officer’s Guidebook. It actually says it best: “Remember that you are providing a service for the Members of GWRRA. Selfish and possessive attitudes have absolutely no place in this environment. While it is not a grievous error to refer to the participants being served as “Mine,” it is the first step down a path of many pitfalls. The primary obstacle you will encounter on this path is one of possession. Your concern for the participants becomes clouded by the ‘Me and Mine’ syndrome.”

“The only way to avoid this dilemma is to keep the convenience of the Member first and foremost in your mind. ... Your role is to serve the Membership!” As a Director, your actual role should be one of a “coordinator” not a “director.” Your primary function is to coordinate activities for the participants. Don’t lose focus that this is a hobby. People want to enjoy activities that involve riding their motorcycles and being with their friends.

Too often Directors and their staff get caught up in working on activities that they want to do and not what the majority of Members are interested in doing. They end up planning activities that the participants are not interested in. Eventually, the participants become disinterested and attendance at meetings and activities begins to decline. This may be a bit of a reality check, but please take a moment and think about it. Are you doing what the majority of Members want, or are you trying to impose what you want to do on the participants?

Submitted Dottie Bahrenburg
District Trainer

From Your District Membership Coordinators

AMERICADE

First of all we want to extend our thanks for all of the volunteers that will help out at Americade during the first week of June; Leadership doesn’t stop at Chapter level or at Newsletter articles but it extend beyond the basic when it come to meeting at members and answering some of their questions, most issues are worked out on the stop and some require more attention like National guidance.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP



Recently a question was asked as to why National had recently raised their fee from \$20 to \$40 dollars for Family membership when an individual had already reaches their 20 years in our association. Even myself I periodically need to refer to National to provide the correct Answer to certain question. After hearing from all parties involve it was quickly found that the way National sends out their renewal letter could easily be misunderstood, there is no separate charge for their wife. The fee for a Gold Membership was and remains at \$20 for a year. If this happened to you and you may want to opt out after 20 years, please reconsider. Again the Fee for a Gold Membership has not changed; \$20 dollars for a renewal will assure you will continue receive all of your benefits. Hope this will alleviate any ambiguity. See you at Americade at the GWRRA Booth.

Sincerely
Pete & Marielle ST-Amour
GWRRA NY District Membership Coordinator

From District Public Relations

Memorial Day is upon us and there are parades going on everywhere. No matter what you are doing, please have a safe and fun holiday. Remember those have served this country and those that are serving today.

Below is an email that I received from a dear friend and a Winger and this is something I feel that all parents, educators, and even GWRRA members should read. We all need to recognize the diversity in each of our members and realize that who we do make a difference in our organization; whether we hold an office or not. Each one of you makes a difference.

“A teacher in New York City decided to honor each of her seniors by telling them the difference each of them made.

She called each student to the front of the classroom one at a time. First, she told them how they had made a difference to her, and to the class.

*Then she presented each of them a blue ribbon, imprinted with gold letters, which read **“Who I am Makes A Difference.”***

Afterwards, the teacher decided to do a class project, to see what kind of impact recognition would have on the community.

She gave each student three more ribbons, and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgement ceremony. Then they were to follow up with the results, see who honored whom, and report to the class in a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company, and honored him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon, and put it on his shirt.

Then he gave him 2 extra ribbons and said “We’re doing a class project on recognition and we’d like you to go out, and find someone to honor, and give them a blue ribbon.

Later that day, the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had a reputation of being kind of a grouchy fellow. He told him he deeply admired him for his being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon, and give him permission to put it on him.

His boss said, “Well, sure.” The junior executive took one of the ribbons and placed it on his boss’s, above his heart. And then, he asked, offering him the last ribbon, and pass it on by honoring someone else. The teenager who gave these is doing a school project, and we want to keep this ribbon ceremony going and see how it affects people.

That night, the boss came home and sat down with his 14-year old son. He said, “The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office, and one of my employees came in and told me he admired me, and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine! He thinks I am a creative genius! Then he puts the blue ribbon on me that says “Who I Am Makes A Difference.” He gave me an extra ribbon, and asked me to find somebody else to honor. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about who I would honor with this ribbon, and I thought of you. My days are hectic and when I come home I don’t pay a lot of attention to you. I yell at you for not getting good enough grades and for your messy bedroom. Somehow, I just wanted to sit here, and well just to let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides, your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You’re a great kid and I love you!”

The startled boy started to sob and sob, he couldn’t stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, “Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom, explaining why I had taken my life, and I asked you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you went to sleep. I just didn’t think you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don’t think I will need it after all.”

His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain.

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch, but made sure to let all of his employees know they made a difference.

The junior executive helped many other young people with career planning, one being the boss’s son, and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life.

*In addition, the young man and his classmates learned a valuable lesson: **Who you are DOES make a difference** and I wanted you to know that. “*

I attended the Mall Show that Chapter N and G put on at the Wilton Mall. It was wonderful to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. You can see some of the pictures from the Mall Show at this web site: www.tourtheadirondacks.com/chaptern

then click on Chapter Pictures and the Mall Show will come up. Somehow the pictures of yours truly just seemed to disappear and Andrew deLivron has not been able to find them in the digital world.

My next and first jaunt is to Americade. I will be working with Pete and Marielle in the GWRRA booth. I am very excited, as this is the first time for me to be at Americade.

We are moving on with the District Rally and time is really creeping up on us. So, if you have not made your hotel reservations or submitted your rally registration, please do so.

I was very fortunate to watch over 200 bikers come into Geneva on Tuesday, 5/20 escorting the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Seneca Lake State Park. I will make a point to go and view the wall there are some names on there that are close to me.

Now for some humor: Little Susan was mother's helper. She helped set the table when company was due for dinner. Presently everything was on, the guests came in, and everyone sat down. Then Mother noticed something was missing.

"Susan," she said, "You didn't put a knife and fork at the Mr. Smith's place."

"Thought he wouldn't need them," explained Susan. "Daddy says he always eats like a horse!"

On closing, I'd like to leave you with this thought:

We may run, walk, stumble, drive or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way.

Linda 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



Around the District

Chapter G went on the road and picked up a point in the Dash for Cash. They visited the Chapter N Mall Show.

Chapter W traveled to Drivers Village north of Syracuse to attend the Chapter D safety event.



GWRRA

New York District

Americade Breakfast

Saturday, June 7, 2008

8:00 – 11:00 AM

at

“ELKS LODGE”



**32 Cronin Rd
Queensbury, NY
9.3 miles south of the Village of Lake George
GPS N 20.213 W 39.000**

Menu:

- ❖ Scrambled eggs
- ❖ Pancakes
- ❖ French toast
- ❖ Sausage (links & patties)
- ❖ Bacon
- ❖ Sausage gravy & biscuits
- ❖ Home fries
- ❖ Pastries
- ❖ Fruit cocktail
- ❖ Mini Cheese Omelets
- ❖ Toast (white /wheat /rye)
- ❖ Coffee or Tea
- ❖ Made to order Omelets

\$6.75 per plate



There will be a 50/50 drawing

*Friends for Fun, Safety, and Knowledge!
Share the Fun; Ride, Recruit & Retain!*

For more information contact: Ed Bahrenburg, NY District Director,
Wingin-it@stny.rr.com 607-427-5619

Gold Wing Road Riders Association
New York District
Spring Picnic for Points



Is your Chapter trying to rack up those points for the Dash for Cash? Come to the Spring Picnic for Points and celebrate the advent of the new riding season and gain a point for the Dash for Cash!

Come join the Fun and Games!

Where: Frontenac Park
Union Springs
When: June 15, 2008
Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Cost: \$0

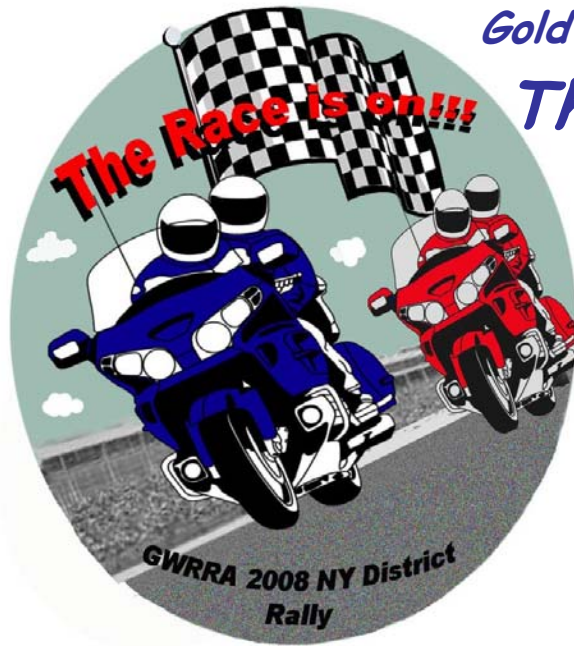


Frontenac Park is on Cayuga Lake, just off of RT.90 in Union Springs.

Bring your own table service, meat, beverage and a dish to pass. The District is providing charcoal and aluminum foil. There will be cooking utensils available.

There is a small grocery and sub shop in Union Springs if you need to pick something up for the Picnic.

Come share your Chapter schedule or special activities.



Gold Wing Road Riders Association

The Race is On To the New York District Rally 2008

When: August 7-9, 2008
Where: Newark, NY, in the
 Finger Lakes Region

Host Hotel: **Quality Inn of the Finger Lakes,**
 Room rates are \$85. Call 315-331-9500 and
 mention Gold Wing to make reservations.

*Newark is located in the beautiful Finger Lakes Region between Seneca
 Lake & Lake Ontario, on the Erie Canal and close to lighthouses,
 vineyards, museums, Chimney Bluffs, Waterloo Premium Outlets &
 more.*

Featuring:

<i>Bike Show Light Show Seminars Ice Cream Social Couple of the Year Selection Game Night</i>	<i>Guided Rides Self-guided Rides Basket Auction Model Car Show Model Car Races Bike Games Trivia Contest</i>	<i>Trike, Trailer & ARC Range Courses Redneck Woman Event Grand 50/50 *Banquet And much, much, more...!</i>
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**Full registration price includes Saturday night Buffet Dinner (limited to the first 225 registrants)*

Information: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally>

Contact: Ed Bahrenburg, NY DD, (607) 648-4351 or wingin-it@stny.rr.com



Gold Wing Road Riders Association New York District Rally Registration Form

INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name of Rider _____ Age _____

Co-Rider _____ Age _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

GWRRA Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Email address _____ Phone Number _____

Chapter or Group & State _____ Mileage to Rally: _____

*Full Registration (GWRRA member) \$35/pp x _____ \$ _____

(after July 1, 2008) \$40/pp x _____ \$ _____

Full Registration (Non-GWRRA) \$40/pp x _____ \$ _____

(after July 1, 2008) \$45/pp x _____ \$ _____

**Day Pass GWRRA Member \$10/pp x _____ \$ _____

Day Pass Non-GWRRA \$12/pp x _____ \$ _____

*Children at a reduced price – call for information

**Buffet available at an additional \$25 with day pass

TOTAL AMT. \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: GWRRA NEW YORK DISTRICT

Cancellations in writing and postmarked by July 25, 2008, will be refunded. No telephone or verbal cancellations will be accepted.

LIABILITY RELEASE: I/we have read and understand this application. I/we hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this rally and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organization, and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation in this rally. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property, which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Co-Rider: _____

Date: _____

**Mail registration to: Jack Seeley, 682 Hotchkiss Hill Rd., Greene, NY 13778
Phone 607-656-9414 pedlesjack@aol.com**



Gold Wing Road Riders Association New York District Rally Registration Form (cont)

Rider Education Courses Requiring Pre-Registration

Course	Cost	Number attending	Total
Medic First Aid	\$20		
Road Captain	\$10 (refundable upon completion)		
Trike	\$10 (refundable upon completion)		
Trailerling	\$10 (refundable upon completion)		
ARC	\$20 (refundable upon completion)		
Total Rider Education Pre-registration Fee			

Rally Shirt Order Form

Shirts are available by pre-order only by July 8, 2008.

# ordered	Description	Sizes Ordered	Cost Each	Total
	T-Shirt (Rally Logo on back)	S- M-L-XL	\$15.00	
		XXL	\$17.00	
	Golf Shirt: (rally logo on left chest)	S--M--L--XL	\$23.50	
		XXL	\$27.00	
Total Shirt Order				

Mail registration to: Jack Seeley, 682 Hotchkiss Hill Rd., Greene, NY 13778
Phone 607-656-9414 pedlesjack@aol.com

Please fill in information below:

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone Number _____