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News from National...

Associate Members

We are the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. The key words here are Gold Wing and Association. Let's take a look at those words.

Everyone in this Association certainly knows what a Gold Wing is-A luxurious, high- powered motorcycle, unrivaled in the touring class. But what is an association?

The most common definition is, "An organization of people with a common purpose and having a formal structure." This definition certainly holds true for us. We have a formal structure and a common purpose. Our purpose is to gather together and do what we love, ride our motorcycles.

But what about those who want to join in our fellowship that may not own a Gold Wing? We know them as Associate Members and welcome them to join us for companionship, on and off the road. Just as people come in all makes and models so do motorcycles, and we don't exclude anyone from our Association because they don't own a Gold Wing.

As long as they love riding and want to enjoy the benefits GWRRA has to offer, we welcome them.

But, do we exclude them (either consciously or unconsciously) within our Chapters by not extending the hand of friendship as readily as we do with full Members? Are we making them feel as welcomed into our Chapters as those who own Gold Wings?

Many Associate Members join GWRRA because they've heard wonderful things about us. They are looking for a group of friendly people, like us, with whom they can make a connection and become part of a family. What a great honor it is to have an Association that people want to be a part of when there are so many different clubs and organizations to choose from. Let's make a concentrated effort to open the door of friendship in GWRRA to all those who wish to belong, and treat everyone with the same dignity and respect regardless of what they are riding.

Enjoy the ride!
Melissa Eason

News from the Northeast Region

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the success of the GWRRA recruitment booth at Americade 2008 in Lake George, NY. Because of the additional support from our Canadian members as well as those of Northeast Region B, we can state that this was an International group effort which achieved results way beyond our expectations. Thanks again to everyone! The results!!!!

Canada	12 FREE	1 month membership cards filled out; 1 New member and 1 renewal
New York District	17 FREE	1 month membership cards filled out; 7 New members! And 2 renewals
Out of Region B	6 FREE -	1 month membership cards filled out; 1 New member and 1 renewal
Region B	37 FREE -	1 month membership cards filled out; (not including NY) 4 New members and 2 renewals It looks like Joe and Donna Wheeler had the most.

Americade Recruiting tip from Pete and Marielle ST-Amour, NY District MED. & NY District Membership Coordinator

Several potential members asked, "After Wing World then what?" As we showed them Wing WORLD and its many attractive features, we were quick to ask where they were from and pointed out a Local Chapter in their area. We showed them who to contact as well as their District Director. It was a procedure that worked exceptionally well. Then we explained...

"Wing World creates your dream...But Chapters make it happen"

From the District Director

Wow! The riding season is flying by! Why does summer always seem to go so fast. Dottie and I went to Wing Ding in Greenville, SC. We had great weather and enjoyed a great campground in Cleveland, SC. We were surprised to find some NY

Chapter W members enjoying the same campground. It really is a small world. We enjoyed the homemade ice cream, campfires, fireworks, and camaraderie.

A special thank you goes to all of the New York members who helped with the staging of the light show and the grand parade at Wing Ding. It was a hard job in the 97 degree temperatures. It is too bad that we did not break the world record for Honda two-wheeled motorcycles in a parade.

Get your calendars out and start making plans! Wing Ding 2009 will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on July 2-5.

July 17-20, Dottie and I traveled to Rutland, VT, for the New England Rally. We did some great rides on the "twisties of VT" and Route 100 (often called one of the most beautiful roads in America). We also had a chance to visit the Vermont Teddy Bear Factory. New York was well represented and we actually came home with the award for the largest District in attendance outside of New England. Congratulations New York!

When we got home from New England, we were delighted to receive word from Kathy Sweatman that the Utica Ride for Kids raised \$102,745 despite a rainy day. GWRRA members from around the region pooled their funds to make GWRRA the top fundraising club/chapter, raising \$44,778. The top individual fundraisers, with \$11,550 in donations, were Peter and Jill Weidman of Queensbury, N.Y. They also won the grand prize, a new Honda motorcycle. Thank you, Ken and Kathy Sweatman, Pete & Jill Weidman, Greg and Dee Eames and all of the other GWRRA members who work hard to support this event.

In just a few days we leave for the New York District Rally in Newark. We hope to see many of you there! We have been doing a sunshine dance hoping to guarantee good, dry weather for the rally!

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Director

From the District Educator



Updated Parking Lot Practice Rules!!

With all of the questions that have been going around lately in regards to the parking lot practice program, I thought I would forward this information along to you. This is what came out of Wing Ding and National. Keith Price (Our Region Director) was good enough to get this important information to us early. Please follow these rules or we could risk losing the privilege all together. If you need more information, please contact me.

A new Parking Lot Practice program, based on the Advanced Rider Course, was unveiled at Wing Ding in Greenville in July. There are a lot of differences between this program and the previous program. Chief among these differences is the use of "PLP Facilitators". While **NOT** instructors, facilitators will conduct the PLP's with the principle responsibility being the **safety** of the participants. Facilitators are envisioned to be chapter or district educators who must take a 3 to 4 hour seminar and conduct a PLP under a District Educator in order to qualify as a facilitator. Renewals are required

every two years and two PLP's need to be conducted during those two years to renew. The new program will be administered at the district level. District Educators are expected to train a pool of facilitators and to assign a facilitator when a PLP is requested.

It's vital to note that under NO circumstances can a facilitator instruct the participants! A facilitator cannot say how a participant should perform an exercise, correct a participant, or offer tips to a participant. A self help guide is included in the manual which members are encouraged to download from the website. **There are important legal reasons why this provision is so important. As a facilitator you can be in serious legal trouble if you instruct a PLP participant!**

Another change in the program is that there are two PLP versions: one for motorcyclists and one for trike and sidecar riders. Trike includes those add-on trike kits such as the Voyager that add two wheels to the motorcycles two wheels for a total of four. This course is based on the Trike Rider and the new Sidecar Rider Course.

Another difference between the two programs is how the PLP can be used in conjunction with the Levels Program. Authorization by the Regional Educator is still required for a PLP to be used with the Levels Program. Authorization is permitted if traditional rider courses are not available in a particular district. If the PLP is sanctioned for use with the Levels Program it can be used to maintain a level for no more than one year. After a year has passed a traditional rider course must be taken. A sanctioned PLP can also be used to advance a rider from Level 1 to Level 2. Again such use of the PLP is valid for only one year. Afterwards a rider course must be taken. The use of the PLP to advance to Level 3 or Level 4 is NOT allowed. Only Maryland and Rhode Island are authorized to use the motorcycle PLP for the Levels Program. However after serious consideration I have determined that since the Trike course is only offered by GWRRA, and not MSF; the traditional trike course is not readily available in the region. The demand for trike courses in the region far out- paces the availability of the trike course. I am therefore authorizing the use of the **Trike** PLP for use with Levels Program throughout the entire region. Remember such use of the PLP is valid for only one year and by the end of that year, a traditional course must be taken and the PLP can only be used to advance to Level 2.

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

Dress for the crash, not the ride! Safety is something you live!!

From the District Trainer

Stress

Stress is something that we all have to deal with on a daily basis. I know that some are under more stress than others, but we all have to deal with it. In my case it was stress caused by a kitchen fire that I put out by using two 10 pound fire extinguishers which caused just as much, if not more, of a mess than the actual fire. I would not even want to imagine what amount of stress someone would be under if they

lost their entire home. My stress of dealing with the insurance company and trying to replace kitchen cabinets, countertops and carpeting are more than I want.

Have you ever thought about the amount of stress that your District and Chapter Directors and their staff are under? Now is the time of year that the rally season and fundraisers are under way. The Directors and their staff have done a lot of planning and work to make your rally experience as stress free and enjoyable as possible, but in the meantime, have put themselves under a great amount of stress. So, the next time you're asked to give up a few minutes of your free time at the District Rally or to help make the Chapter Fundraiser a success, please volunteer to help out.

Remember that stress can cause a person to be short tempered, nervous and in some cases, such as mine, sick with nerves. If one of the Directors or staff doesn't answer your question the way you think it should have been answered, stop and ask yourself the following: "Was he/she on their way to a meeting, going to pacify an upset vendor or member, or on their way to registration to fill in so someone else can take a much needed break"? Once you have worked at organizing a rally or fundraiser you will understand that from finish to end you have no free time and are at everyone's beck and call, you don't get meal breaks, and if you do it's usually after you go back to your room or home for the evening.

So let's all try to help make our District and Chapter Directors and their staff's lives as stress free as possible and volunteer to help out wherever we can, whether at a rally, fundraiser or just at the Chapter gatherings. Believe me, it will be appreciated.

Patty Hoffmann, Region Trainer

From Your District Membership Coordinators

Congratulations NY! You have outdone yourself by making us the number one Fund-Raiser in the Ride for Kids held this July 20. This great outcome couldn't have been possible without a supreme effort by all of you here in NY. Of course the rain came down by the bucket full and then some, never the less 425 bikers showed up and they gave it their all for a good cause. Our Assistant District Director, Paul Wood, represented GWRRA on the stage and a few photos were taken with as many as members as possible on a short notice.

On the way back home, most of us ran into major rain that made us look not like the Gold Wing Road Rider Association but closer the a Gold Boat Riders Association, at one time it rained so hard that one of our Trikes began to hydroplane at 30 MPH. There was very poor visibility, at the end all us made it home safe. Next Year will do it again.

On behalf of our Association I created a Certificate of Recognition that you are able to customize for your Chapter. We are sending it out to all participating Chapter Directors.

Thanks to all of you for making us number One.

Pete and Marielle ST-Amour
GWRRA NY District MED

From District Public Relations

Hello to everyone. I cannot believe that the District Rally is coming shortly. Where has the time gone? I trust everyone has had a good riding season-I know I have.

At the July meeting, Chapter C welcomed some visitors from Maryland Chapter H-they were Steve and Cathy Kelley, Chapter Directors and Rick and Cathy Brown, Chapter H Ride Coordinators. They were on their way to the New England Rally via Canada. It was definitely a nice surprise and addition. At the same meeting, Ken and Fran Ellsworth found their way to Chapter C as well.

Utica riders don't let rain hold them back

The 11th annual Utica Ride for Kids® brought in \$102,745 on a rainy Sunday morning. Five local brain tumor patients led the police-escorted ride, which traveled through the deeply wooded terrain of the Adirondack foothills before reaching Old Forge Pavilion in the Town of Webb. There the 425 participants gathered to celebrate the children, including PBTF scholarship recipient Shereen, 17, and Mackenzie, 12.

Connie, mother of 9-year-old Hunter, thanked the crowd for their efforts. "You're the reason Hunter is still here, because he was and is part of a research program," she said.

Congratulations are in order for all who made this a successful event.

We know that the Sweatman's, Eames's and Weidman's put a lot of effort into making this a success.

There is still plenty of good riding weather left and there are plenty of events still available to ride in and support good causes. This following one is close to my heart as it supports the active Army National Guard serving in Afghanistan. It is the 2d Annual Active Servicemen Support Rally sponsored by the Legion Riders Post 394 in Williamson, NY. It is scheduled for August 23, 2008, starting at the Williamson Legion Post 394. For further information email: chenadelone@gmail.com. There will be a Country and Western Band, Chicken Bar-B-Q included with paid admission; there is a breakfast put on by the Sons of the American Legion from 7am to 11am-\$6.00 All You Can Eat. There will be an auction and door prizes.

I am heading to Houston, TX to visit with my son and his significant other. I will also be going to San Antonio to visit some very dear friends that I worked for while in Germany. Someone asked me why would I want to go to Houston, TX during the hottest time of the month-well, August is as good a time as any. My son's scheduled is such that after August, he cannot take any time off.

Hope to see a lot of you at the District Rally. Until next time, be safe out there.

Linda L. Waterman

Public Relations Coordinator

Around the District



New York Chapter G visits New York Chapter L. More Dash for Cash points for G! We also heard NY G on the CB when we visited the New England Rally, but haven't seen a picture yet.



A rainy day Ride for Kids! But it was still a great success! Thank you New York.