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New York District
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Northeast Region



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<i>Chapter Y</i>	<i>Jack & Donna Seeley</i>

News from National...

There does not seem to be much new news from National this month.

- Last month they announced the updated Find a Friend program.
- I would like to remind you that many of the GWRRA forms are found at the GWRRA website under Officer Resources. You can go there directly by using www.GWRRA.org/oconnect/ It is a very easy site to navigate and it is full of great information

From the Region Directors

Our Region Directors, Lorraine and Earl Knight very recently returned from their trip safely and I am sure will be able to share their pictures and stories with us soon.

Bill & Patt Losey have decided to step down effective January 1, 2009 from the position of District Directors for New Jersey. Jorge and Julia Perez have been appointed as the new New Jersey District Directors. Many of you have met Jorge and Julia, current Region Couple of the Year.

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From the District Director

Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holiday season are rapidly approaching. For our family this has always been the most hectic and FUN time of they year. As the year winds down for our GWRRA family we find that our District is in great shape. Three chapters; C, T and Y are welcoming new Chapter Directors. Nick and Gail Habel are stepping up for the retiring NY C Directors Bob and Georgina Hanlon, Al and Linda Yerdon are stepping up for the retiring NY T Directors Bo Shapley and Bonnie Davenport and Roland and Katrina Teribury are stepping up for the retiring NY Y Directors, Jack and Donna Seeley. I do believe that there are a few new ACD's in the works also. This will all be official once the paperwork has been processed at year end.

Our District meeting will be held on Jan. 24th at the Chenango Fire station (same place as last year). A sign-up sheet is attached to the newsletter. It is expected that all District Staff, CD's, ACD's and Chapter Educators will be in attendance. This is the one time each year that we all get to interact, share information and ask any questions in a face-to-face meeting. We will have just come from the Region meeting so I should have the latest up-to-date information to share with you. We will also be making plans and work assignments for the NY District Rally at the meeting. If your Chapter has a favorite Rally duty so be sure to sign up at the meeting.

We are planning a Horizons class for Feb. 28 in Norwich, NY, home of our 2009 rally. This is an excellent class for all GWRRA members, not just officers. Dottie and I have taught more than a dozen of these classes and we learn something at every one of them. It is an excellent way for the new CD's and ACD's to get acquainted with each other, learn how to do your "job" easier and have FUN at the same time. I guaranty that you will learn something to help yourself with either your chapter, work or life—or your money back! More information will be made available soon.

I thought that the ***Dash for Cash*** was a success this year and have attached the "rules" for 2009. We have added the Utica Ride for Kids as a point because of the strong GWRRA support for this charity. The picture of all the GWRRA people at the event was great. Let's see if we can have a larger participation and less rain in 2009. N Y D was the 2008 ***Dash for Cash*** winner with the highest total points and I understand that they will be at the Maryland WinterThing Rally to get a head start for 2009. Will anyone else from New York be there???

In closing, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
District Director



Dash for Cash
Chapter Dash for Cash

New York GWRRA has a new program called “**Chapter Dash for Cash**” and the purpose is to encourage our Chapters to visit each other and attend Rallies in other Districts within our Region.

The District will pay the 2010 Chartering fees for each Chapter that has achieved 10 points during the period from January 1, 2009, through November 1, 2009. The Chapter that has the most points in excess of the 10 required points will also receive a \$100 check from the District. In the case of a tie—each chapter shall receive a \$100 check

Chapters can earn points by attending another New York District Chapter’s scheduled event such as a Ride, Tire Kick, or Chapter Gathering. Also included in the approved chapters are any chapters from our neighboring border states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio, Vermont, and Ontario Canada. For those events you will earn 1 point.

If your Chapter attends a Rally within the North East Region they will earn 2 points. The rallies for 2009 are the New England Six District Rally in Rhode Island, the New Jersey Rally, Maryland’s Winter Thing, the Pennsylvania Rally and of course the New York Rally.

If your Chapter attends the District Ride In, Ride Out, The Utica Ride for Kids, or the Americade Breakfast, your Chapter will receive 1 point.

The Rules:

1. Six card carrying members from your chapter must attend the event.
2. The “host” Chapter or District must verify your attendance via email or telephone call to the NY District Directors
3. AND we must receive a group digital photo of your members at the event.
4. You can only get credit for one visit to one chapter one time per year regardless of the type of event you are attending.

The NY District Director and any person on Region or National Staff from New York are not eligible to be counted in your six card carrying members. It is my feeling that Region and National Staff have a responsibility to get out and visit the Chapters and should not “benefit” from this activity. The NY District Staff is eligible to be counted and it is my hope that they along with the Chapter Directors will take an active role in the visitations.





GWRRA

Rider Education



Our riding season in the great Northeast is coming to an end and where do we go from here? Let's break it down to the different parts.

First, we need to take care of our steed which took such good care of us this riding season. We've all heard the standard items. Change the oil, so we get rid of any engine acids. If possible get it off of the ground or concrete, but if not that, at least on the center stand. Make sure you've inflated the tires to the correct pressure at the colder temperature. Put fuel stabilizer in your $\frac{3}{4}$ full fuel tanks and run it through the system for about 5 minutes. Lastly, seriously consider using a

battery tender. Emily and I ride a 2002 (photo above at a "Total Control Class") GL1800 with 94,000 miles and the original battery. Everyone has other things they recommend, but I won't go there.

So what's next? Just because we aren't riding doesn't mean rider education should end. This a great time for some rider education courses in the classroom. When does your First Aid/CPR currency run out? A refresher is required every 2 years. Just remember those great back roads we were on last summer with no one around. Who's there to help us? Also, let's see, GWRRA folks average somewhere around 58 years old, think maybe CPR might come in handy one day?

Indoor winter meetings, gatherings are great times for some other classroom sessions. In that vein, our own Dottie Bahrenburg will be offering the Rider Ed Seminar Presenter training at their house on December 6. The training will start at 9:00 and be finished by about noon. John VanDeusen from Chapter D requested the training, but if there is anyone else, who might be interested, please let her know. I can personally attest she is one of the best teachers in GWRRA.

Lastly, please really think about when you're going to take that ERC, ARC or Trike Course this coming riding season. At the very least please get in some professional parking lot practice. For motorcycling muscle memory is vital for managing our risk. Please put this in "ink" on your 2009 calendar.

Thank you, ride safe and always practice what we have learned through our education!

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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518-587-2420



From the District Trainer

From the National LTD Newsletter (November 2008)

by David & Kathy Orr

We have become aware of an overriding issue which seems to be prevalent in the association. It seems that an attitude and understanding of what is an effective leader has not been communicated. We will work to start down that path with this month's article. The first thought that comes to mind is the difference between leader and administrator. An administrator runs their area of responsibility by a set of rules and regulations and rarely accepts anything outside those boundaries. Administrators do just that, they administer the rules and little more. Leaders, however, are open and willing to hear new ideas, trying some of the best, and becoming a driving force for the betterment of the association.

Leaders lead, setting the tone and pace, while keeping in mind the goals and ideals of GWRRA. If you are a leader, which is most if not all of you, consider the following. With our Presidential and Congressional Elections coming, we will soon have some new leaders directing our country. Within our own association we have had changes within the last year on every level, and we will have more in the coming few months. New people in new positions represent new energy, ideas, and goals. Not every idea and goal is attainable - or maybe not even realistic.

But remember every accomplishment started as an idea or goal. New ideas and goals also represent change which is not always immediately accepted. But if the goal is worthy and productive, then it can become accepted. So remember that a new idea may sound a little crazy, but consider the possibilities of how it may positively affect the membership.

Leadership is not just giving orders and making decisions, it is also being able to achieve a common goal, called FUN, for the members in this association. The best leaders are looking for ways to improve the membership experience at all levels of GWRRA.

Another way in which effective leaders are measured is how they handle difficult situations. Almost anyone can be a Director on any level when things are going smoothly. However, when difficulties arise an effective leader must sometimes make difficult decisions. Sometimes these decisions do not have a clear winner. You may be faced with a situation in which there is no "good" decision. Remember that some problems do not have a "fix" or resolution.

When we deal with people, as leaders we sometimes accept that we cannot please all the parties involved. Do your best in the decision making so that the welfare of the association and the membership is the foremost thought in your mind and you will rarely go wrong. Seek others' advice, especially your appointing officer, if they are not involved, and other staff members on the next level. Whatever you do, DECIDE and ACT. Leaders can be wrong, and often are, but indecisive leaders are rarely effective. Seek advice and counsel from others and make a commitment to be the best leader you can be.

Are you a leader or an administrator? Give us your thoughts about this article and how we can help to improve the leadership within GWRRA.



Leadership Qualities

Lead by example

Encourage the heart

Appreciate diversity

Develop people's potential

Enable and empower

Realist

Serve

Help/coach where necessary

Inspire a shared vision

Process challenger

From Your District Membership Coordinators

MEMBERSHIP/AREA REPORTS

When a GWRRA chapter is chartered or, as sometimes happens, its area is realigned, the Chapter Director and the District Director will determine and list all the zip codes that are included in the geographic area to be served by the chapter. The District Director must send this listing to the Home Office. This report is NOT a list of Members who BELONG to the designated chapter. It is only a tool for the Chapter Director to use for friend-finding, for determining success in enticing Members to attend functions, for Membership renewal reminders or for an initial mailing list.

It has previously been mentioned and deserves to be again...the Members of GWRRA BELONG TO ALL CHAPTERS!! "Your" chapter was chartered as a convenience and benefit to the general Membership who reside within a convenient distance of your meeting place.

Once the chapter has been established, the Report becomes more important as a management tool and less as a "mailing list." In most instances, sign-in sheets become your primary indicator of "Chapter Participants" and, in turn, lead to more effective chapter mailing lists. Please remember that the Area Reports are proprietary and confidential to GWRRA and MUST only be used for the expressed business purpose of GWRRA. All officers sign a Memorandum of Understanding when appointed to their position in which they agree to protect the confidentiality of GWRRA membership listings and membership information.

Only with a written request from the District Director, will we change or modify an existing zip code zone. It must be noted however, that everyone living in a particular zip code area would also be changed.

The Area Report is sent monthly to the Regional Director who then divides up the report to the District Directors. As a Chapter Director, you would receive the Area Report for your area from your District Director. The report includes all current and expired members in your area, the status of these members, joining and expiration dates, and other information that is useful for the use of recruiting, and retaining members.

Information specific to reading the Area Report and the Privacy Policy can be obtained at www.gwrra.org through the Officer's Link.

- *The above information is from National.*
- *In NY your designated Area membership coordinator is*
- *Pete St-Amour, NY District Membership Coordinator*

From District Public Relations

Happy Thanksgiving y'all.

Wow-what a whirlwind the last couple of months of have been with packing, working, moving, working, unpacking, working and learning my way around Webster and sites beyond. My computer taking a big nose dive, the hard drive was completely wiped out due to spyware (long

story) and everything had to be loaded back in-what an expense. So, now I am back online. Thanks to everyone for your patience.

My first week at my new job at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Rochester, I am having lunch at Burger King (hmmm-not good for the waistline) and I see this Wing pull up and park. The man comes walking in and I thought "he looks very familiar". Sure enough he was familiar-is was Myron from Myron's Musings of Chapter H. Imagine running into someone you know in the strangest places. Come to find out he works up the street and around the corner from Burger King. It was nice to sit and talk with someone you know in a place where one doesn't really know anyone. Thanks Mryon for making my day.

I recently attend a Chapter W meeting-a lot of new faces and some familiar ones. What a gathering and oh, do they love chocolate. I passed on the chocolate-I am trying to behave in that area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Shepard for providing me with such accurate directions-what should have been a 40 minute trip, ended up being over an hour. Thanks Bill-I really appreciate you :))). All aside, thanks to Mike, CD, for telephonically guiding this "sense of direction lacking person" back on the right road. ANYONE GOT A GOOD MAP OUT THERE!!!

I made a visit to Bea and Mike Smith, former chapter directors of what was Chapter E. Mike had taken a very nasty spill at a friend's house and spent a couple of months in the hospital and rehab. Mike is now home and doing well. Perhaps, we might see them at some of the upcoming functions. Glad to see you back up and around, Mike.

Just from reading the various chapter newsletters, everyone seems to be busy with things in their chapters, getting ready for the holiday parties and spending time with their families. Despite what maybe happening in our world situation-it is so nice to see a sense of happiness and balance within the chapters.

I'd like to take a moment to wish all incoming officers within the chapters the best of luck in your new positions and let your chapter members help you adjust to your new positions. For the outgoing officers, thank you for your time, effort and diligence you have given to your respective chapters and rest assured you are appreciated for all you have done. Be available for the new officers as they may have questions about one thing or another.

The holidays are a time for reflecting, giving, receiving and kindness. When one speaks of kindness-we all think of doing something for someone else; however, we must learn to be kind to ourselves first before we can be kind to someone else. So, do something special for yourself, be kind to who you are.

Now for some humor: George, the farmer, had so many children that he ran out of names. SO, he started calling his kids after something around his farm.

It was the first day of school and the teacher asked each child their name. When he got to one of the farmer George's son, the boy replied. "Wagon Wheel."

The teacher said, "I need your real name boy, to which the lad replied, "It's Wagon Wheel, sir....Really!"

The teacher, rather annoyed rejoined, "All right youn man, take yourself right down to the Principal's office this minute."

The youngest pushed himself out of his chair, turned to his sister and said, "C'mon, "Chicken Feed", he ain't gonna believe you, either."

Hmmm, just to think at one time I asked my parents to call my Sophie as I got tired of Linda. Got tired of Sophie, too. Linda is not so bad after all.

A Thought to Remember: People who fly into a rage usually make a crash landing.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*Linda L. Waterman
District PRC*

Chapter of the Year Program

New guidelines and score sheets for the Chapter of the Year Program will soon be emailed to all Chapter Directors. If you wish to receive a copy, please email Ed Bahrenburg, wingin-it@stny.rr.com



Around the District



Chapter D is the 2008 Wnner of the Dash for Cash!

*Dash for Cash 2009 kicks off on January 1st!
Is your Chapter ready to Dash for the Cash?*



Rick Reardon, Chapter Director of Chapter D in Central Square, receives
A \$100 check from the New York District at the November Gathering.
Chapter D received the check and also had their Chartering fee paid for 2009.
Other winners in the Dash for Cash (Charter fee paid) include Chapter W and Chapter Y.





Gold Wing Road Riders Association

New York District Meeting

January 24, 2009

It's time to Kick Off the New Year for GWRRA in New York!

There is a great deal of new information from Region & National!

This is a great opportunity to meet the new Chapter Directors and promote your events for 2009!



- Who should attend: Chapter Directors, Assistant CDs, Rider Educators, Chapter Couples, and any other interested members
- When: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
- Where: Chenango Fire Station, 86 Castle Creek Road (Rt. 11), Binghamton, NY 13901.
- Cost: \$10.00 pp, two people free per Chapter, District Support Staff no-charge
- Lunch Provided: Spiedies, Meatballs, Rigatoni, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, bread, dessert
- Hotel Information: Quality Inn ---1156 Front St. Bing. 607-722-5353
 Fairfield Inn --- 864 Front St. Bing 607-651-1000
 Econo Lodge --- 690 Front St. Bing. 607-724-1341
 Days Inn --- 65 Front St Bing. 607-724-2412

Send a check from your Chapter to Ed Bahrenburg by January 11, 2008. P O Box 448 Chenango Bridge, NY 13745.

Make sure to list who will be coming from your Chapter and their position.

Name	Position



GWRRR
New York



Horizons Program

Come join us for a fun-filled weekend and learn more about leadership and the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

When: February 28 - March 1, 2009

Where: Howard Johnson's, Norwich, NY

For More Information Contact Dottie Bahrenburg at wingin-it@stny.rr.com or call 607-648-4351

What is the Horizons Program?

- 1 ½ Day Experience in:
 - Teamwork
 - Self-awareness
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Building better chapters
 - Having fun!

Register by February 1, 2009. Dottie Bahrenburg, P.O. Box 448, Chenango Bridge, NY 13745

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

GWRRR # _____ District/Chapter _____

Position: _____

Room Reservations call Howard Johnson's, 607-334-2200, mention Gold Wing Seminar. Rooms are:\$70