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**Northeast Region**



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

**Changing Our Focus for 2009**

I believe each of us has been affected in some way by the downturn in our economy. Some of us have been hit hard: losing our jobs, our retirement, and even our homes. At the very least, we can all say we know someone that has been hurt by the recession to some degree.

So this year we need to change our focus back to riding and having fun and getting away from the fundraising. There has been a lot of criticism from Members who say their

Chapters always need money for something, be it a charity, a rally or some event that is going to cost them money out of their pockets. Even just a dinner ride can cost money that some may not have. GWRRA is trying to assist Members in every way we can. We have implemented a split payment plan for membership renewal. A Member can now make two payments, one each month, instead of paying the entire amount at one time. We've also added some very nice discount programs with Avis/Budget Car Rental and Office Max, and we are continuing to look for discount insurance and health programs.

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## News from National...

We have continued to give a \$15 discount for three year renewal with Rescue Plus and our new recruiting program is giving \$5 gift certificates for every two new recruits.

We know that Chapters need money to operate. But let's look at some other ways we can raise money without cost to Members.

1. Go to local businesses and get them to advertise in Newsletters.
2. Cut back on dinner rides and do a picnic or potluck ride instead.
3. Join forces with another Chapter or organization to help your Chapter charities so it is not solely out of one Chapter's pocket.
4. Have bike washes and/or windshield washes at rest stops.
5. Have 50/50 drawings every other month instead of every month.
6. Use Office Max for your supplies and receive the GWRRA discount.
7. Stop mailing the newsletters to everyone. Only mail to those who do not have access to a computer. This will not only save on postage but on ink and printing.

There are lots of other ways to raise funds that are not even listed here. Send me your ideas and I'll get them posted so we can share them with everyone. We need to change our mind-set and get back to the FUN of GWRRA.

### **WING DING - BIKE SHOW CLASSES**

As a result of many email discussions, we have a new class sheet for Wing Ding and for your Region, if you choose. The primary change is in the Trike classes. Each year we have more and more trikes to enter the Bike Show and we feel that by separating the classes will encourage even more to enter the competition.

### **WING DING - BIKE SHOW CLASSES**

#### **CL BIKE DESCRIPTION CATEGORY *Effective January 1, 2009***

- CATEGORIES:**
- 1 GL 1000 (note F) Stock
  - 2 GL 1000 (note F) Touring **Stock** = Stock paint & stock pin striping as from factory. (With or without chrome accessories)
  - 3 GL 1000 (note F) Custom without chrome accessories)
  - 4 GL 1100 Stock
  - 5 GL 1100 Custom **Custom** = Stock paint on cycle, custom pin striping, graphics, etching, show after market seat, custom seat cover, painted accessories on
  - 6 GL 1100 Show
  - 7 GL 1200 Stock cycle, (including but not limited to Wing Bling and Road Trip Essential)
  - 8 GL 1200 Custom accessories), wood grain panels adhered to cycle.
  - 9 GL 1200 Show
  - 10 GL 1500 Stock **Show** = Brush painted murals and/or custom paint on motorcycle.
  - 11 GL 1500 Custom
  - 12 GL 1500 Show **Airbrush** = Any artwork applied with an airbrush.
  - 13 GL 1800 Stock
  - 14 GL 1800 Custom
  - 15 GL 1800 Show
  - 16 GL 1500 Trike Stock Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing
  - 17 GL 1500 Trike Custom Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing
  - 18 GL 1500 Trike Show Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing
  - 19 GL 1800 Trike Stock Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing
  - 20 GL 1800 Trike Custom Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing
  - 21 GL 1800 Trike Show Converted 3 wheel Gold Wing

- 22 Open Class 1000 cc or less all other brands, any combination
- 23 Open Class 1000 cc or more all other brands, any combination
- 24 Trailer Class Stock 2 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 25 Trailer Class Custom 2 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 26 Trailer Class Show 2 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 27 Trailer Class Stock 3 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 28 Trailer Class Custom 3 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 29 Trailer Class Show 3 wheels Gold Wing with factory built trailer
- 30 Valkyrie Stock Valkyrie, all models w / wo trailer
- 31 Valkyrie Custom Valkyrie, all models w / wo trailer
- 32 Valkyrie Show Valkyrie, all models w / wo trailer
- 33 Valkyrie Trike Stock, custom, show Valkyrie trike w / wo trailer
- 34 Sidecar Class Stock Gold Wing with Sidecar w / wo trailer
- 35 Sidecar Class Custom Gold Wing with Sidecar w / wo trailer
- 36 Sidecar Class Show Gold Wing with Sidecar w / wo trailer
- 37 Airbrush Class All Gold Wings/Valkyries, trikes, sidecar rigs
- 38 Airbrush Class All Gold Wings/Valkyries, trikes, sidecar rigs with trailer
- 39 Home built Trailer (note D) Homemade class Non Factory made trailer, w / wo motorcycle
- 40 Special Show ALL Any motorcycle with music, mirrors, mascots, fences, carpet, special lighting, animals, flags, awards (Can be motorcycle w/wo trailer, w/wo sidecar, w/wo trailer, 2-3-4 wheels)

#### **Notes / Definitions**

- A. Two (2) flags allowed no larger than 6" x 10". Otherwise class as Special Show
- B. Pinstriper's signature / logo will not change the class of the motorcycle.
- C. Painted names on trunk will not change the class of the motorcycle.
- D. Homebuilt trailer is a one-of-a-kind home built trailer shown with or without motorcycle.
- E. State inspection decals, military decals, and parking permit decals should not change any class.
- F. Classes 1, 2, 3 may be trailered to event. All others must be ridden to event.



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

Remember the GWRRA slogan for 2009 is: **EVERY MEMBER MATTERS!**

Our National Director, Melissa Eason and her staff have been working diligently to provide all of us with the proper tools and information to ensure that 2009 is a year to prosper and grow within GWRRA. A new focus is in place to help stimulate members and bring the FUN back in GWRRA. New additional benefit programs and membership payment plans have been established to entice new members and assist those current members who are feeling the effects of our down economy. National has provided us with full area reports and monthly updates so we can focus on new, renewal and prospective members. Updated data bases and guidebooks are continually being improved to provide us with any and all information we need to succeed.

Now it is up to all of us to focus our energy and use these tools to build a strong foundation for our association, our region, our districts and our chapters. Our most effective tool, our easiest too and our strongest tool is **COMMUNICATION!** Let this be the year where no member is left out of the communication link that is tied to their

chapter, district or region. A well informed member is a valuable, content and FUN member to have in a chapter. We must not break the chain of communication that starts from the national level and ends with the chapter member.

When new information is implemented at the National level, a communication goes out to the region directors. The region directors, in turn, inform their district directors. It is from this point that the information MUST be communicated to the chapter directors. But of the utmost importance, is to inform the CD's to communicate this information to their members. Whether a DD or CD embraces this information, agrees or disagrees, with it, is irrelevant, the information should be communicated. If a member feels they are "in the loop" about what is going on within GWRRA, they will communicate this to their friends and family and this will stimulate their enthusiasm to work towards inviting new riders to join the association. So it is imperative that we keep the lines of communication open and flowing.

Lorraine & Earl Knight, Directors, Northeast Region (B)



### **From the District Director**

We had an excellent District meeting and I certainly hope that the Staff and Chapter Directors passed along the information that was so well presented by the District Staff. The meeting covered many topics and I don't want to repeat the Staff's presentations in this Newsletter. Some of the new things that bear repeating are that the District is in excellent financial health and we are going to try something new by combining our District Rally with New Jersey's. It will be called the Bi-State Rally and will be held in Norwich New York. I strongly suggest you get your hotel reservations now as the host hotel has 88 rooms. I heard that already 25 rooms have been booked. The management of the host hotel also owns a Super 8 with about 40 rooms just a mile or so away. One telephone call will take care of you reservations anyplace in Norwich. We are combining Rallies to combat "rally-it is" and to provide a larger crowd for our participants to interact with.

We are doing the ***Dash for Cash*** again. NY D already has 2 points and we got confirmation that NY N got a point for a Chapter visit this weekend.

NY D has offered to host the Ride In —stay tuned for additional details. We could use a chapter to host the Ride Out sometime in the fall.

As of now we have 4 Chapter Couples. Please give a nice welcome to these folks should they appear at your Gatherings as their Chapters felt they were worthy of this recognition. The Chapter Couples are from NY G- Jerry and Tony Deoye, NY H— Bob and Sandy Kelly, from NY T- Laina and Bill Sweatman from NY Y, Jack and Donna Seeley, All COY's and their CD's will be invited to a special reception at the Bi State Rally. If there are any other Chapters who have not yet chosen a Chapter Couple but have some questions, please feel free to give us a call.

Due to a lack of participation we will not be doing the Horizons Program this spring. We had 6 people signed up but we really need 16 - 20 to get the full benefit. We will try again this fall.

We would like to thank Tony & Michelle VanSchaick for their many contributions to GWRRA. Tony and Michelle have been in leadership positions in GWRRA for many years and have decided to step down as Assistant National Rider Educators and as our Assistant District Rider Educators. Tony says they are looking forward to more fully enjoying Chapter life. Tony will remain as a Master Instructor and Seminar Presenter for Rider Education. Thank you from the District for your dedication and many hours of service to GWRRA.

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg  
District Director

## RALLY NEWS

- The Rally logo was selected at the District Meeting. This year there were 12 excellent entries. It was difficult for members to decide just which entry was the best. The logo selected was entered by Paula Wright, Chapter Y.



- Chapters agreed to contribute Chapter Baskets as opposed to door prizes this year, but would like to come up with a new idea for 2010.
- The Couple of the Year Selection will be held on Saturday, August 8. The New York District Couple and the New Jersey District Couple will be selected at that time.
- Chapter Displays: This year Chapter Displays should take the form of a collage. Make use those creative individuals in your Chapter to come up with a unique collage that represents your Chapter. Displays should be no larger than 36" x 48".
- Crash Scene Re-enactment
- On Friday, rally attendees have an option of attending Antique Car Museum and having the World Famous Brook's BBQ chicken dinner. Yes, there is an additional cost, see the Rally Registration form for information. This event is available by pre-registration only. We must know the number of dinners by July 15.

- T-shirts bearing the Rally Logo are available only through pre-order. Again, see the Registration form.
- Registration information is available on the web at: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2009.htm>
- The Bi-State Rally will be held in Norwich, NY, on August 6-8, 2009. The host hotel is Howard Johnson's. Call 607-334-2200 for reservations. Make sure to mention Gold Wing to get the group rate of \$85



I have a strong feeling, that sometime, my fellow riders will get tired of me harping on getting and maintaining your rider education. It's really very simple, I'm a selfish and lazy fellow. I am trying to protect myself from a crash involving me or other riders and then all the paperwork involved. I much rather prefer to process the paperwork for your rider education levels. So with that, here is the current rider education level program as presented to me by the Region Educator, Keith Price. For future information and the forms, check out the following web page:

<http://www.gwrra.org/regional/ridered/levelsprogram.html>

In short the requirements are:

Level 1 - no training requirements

Level 2 - An approved rider course must be taken at least every 3 years (it used to be every 2). A co-rider may substitute the co-rider seminar or video.

Level 3 - Same as level 2 but either CPR or first aid course taken at the interval set by the certifying agency (MFA, Red Cross, etc). Co Riders are the same as level 2 but must also re-certify in CPR or first aid.

Level 4 - Same as Level 2 but both courses must be refreshed.

Send a copy of form N.10 (Levels Data Update form) as well as photo-copies of your completion cards to me, your District Educator to approve and forward to the appropriate international person.

Simple, eh (Little Canadian in there!) We will be having the GWRRA ARC, Trailering and Trike courses at the District Rally. Don't forget to check out the flyer and make your reservations.

If anyone, especially people not in the program, have any questions, I'll gladly help you with the forms.

Please drive safe before we can ride and try to schedule your education updates.

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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## *From the District Trainer*

### Authority or Responsibility?

By David & Kathy Orr, Leadership Training Division Directors

In the course of our travels and interaction with GWRRA members, especially Officers, there seems to be a recurring theme we hear and see from some in leadership positions within GWRRA. The question usually comes up when there is an issue, and it seems someone has decided to act or react a certain way.

The questions are usually centered around the issue of authority. Where (or when) does a Chapter Director have the authority to act on certain issues? Where does a District Director have the authority to decide what a member should or should not do? Where does a Region Director have the authority to decide the outcome of an issue within a chapter? Who has the authority to tell anyone anything to do?

The Officer Guide Book under the “Especially for the Chapter Director” section is unique in many ways. It describes how a Chapter Director should function and work with their chapter. But nowhere in that entire section is the word “authority” ever used. Imagine that, the word “authority” is never mentioned. However the word “responsibility” is used often. You may say “What’s the difference?”

Let’s examine both.

The dictionary defines authority as: “the right to control, command, or determine.” Can a Chapter Director control or command any member? Of course not. We are all volunteers so at any time a volunteer can simply say “I will not” and the Chapter Director cannot do a thing. Any Chapter Director, District Director, Region Director and any other volunteer leader is bound by the same fact. We exercise no control nor are we able to command any member to do anything they do not wish to do. A member can choose to leave a chapter or even the association anytime they wish. Therefore what authority does a Director really have?

The dictionary defines responsibility as: “answerable or accountable, as for something within one's power, control, or management.” Does this better describe a GWRRA Officer? It certainly does because every Officer within the Association has responsibilities. The Officer Guide Book is full of the responsibilities for the GWRRA Officer at every level.

When a member accepts a leadership position in this association they accept “responsibilities”. The goal of a director at any level is to manage their area of responsibilities and to adhere to the goals and regulations of the position. Yes, they may have to remind a member of how things work in GWRRA. It is not their authority that allows that, but merely their responsibility. The difference is largely in attitude and understanding of the Director’s position, not a power given to them. The ultimate responsibility of a Director is the acceptance of what they can and what they cannot manage or control. The only real thing a Director can control or have authority over is himself or herself.

In conclusion, the attitude of any Director on any level should be an attitude of service. We have greater responsibilities with little or no authority. We manage and direct volunteers, who at any time may choose to follow us and work with us or choose not to. People are as diverse as you can imagine, and we, as leaders, need the tools necessary to be good leaders and motivators. But to assume we have the authority to tell anyone what to do and expect them to follow our directions merely because we wear a patch is not realistic. We need our volunteer members to help us to fulfill our responsibilities, and a good leader finds ways to inspire and motivate the membership. This is a primary goal of the Leadership Training Division, and we need to help our leaders to understand this.

*Submitted by:*

Dottie Bahrenburg, District Trainer

*Miles of smiles and laughter!*

## *From Your District Membership Coordinators*

### *Database ABC's*

1. **New Members** is a listing of members who joined last month prior to you folks getting my monthly update.
2. **Expiring Dues** is a listing of members with TERM dates from two months prior to one month ahead. The TERM dates for this month's report include 11/08-02/09.
3. **Prospectives** is a listing of people who have requested a complimentary copy of Wing World. An invitation to become a full member is mailed after their TERM date expires. This is intended for you, CDs, to get in touch with prospective new members and have a friendly talk with them, invite them to your gathering and send them your latest Chapter newsletter. I can assure you if he or she is still undecided about becoming a member, your friendly invitation and the fact that a local CD took the time to make his or her acquaintance will do more to assure his or her desire to become one of our GWRRA families.
4. **Unassigned Zip Report** is a listing of zip codes that are not yet associated with a Chapter. When a new member appears on this list, I assign this individual to a Chapter normally as close as possible to his home.
5. **Manual Over Ride** appears with an "X". When this "X" is displayed it allows you to over ride the designated zip code under that name. IE: If an individual wants to appear in Chapter N but lives in the Chapter G area, we add an "X" override on the computer. This only allows us to relocate one or a few members therefore keeping everyone happy. Also, lets say a new member chooses Chapter W as his/her home Chapter and live in Rochester, home of Chapter W. He would get a Manual Override as well because he did not want to be listed somewhere else. The X would never get there if he would have left this option blank. If a change needs to occur in this arena simply let me know and I can make this X disappear.
6. **Merging Database Documents.** Next month will do something new like merging the main Database that we normally get in January or July and insert it in the monthly update as only one document. As a result you see more tabs in the bottom of the Excel form but this should provide you less searching and a better ease of operation.
7. **Download Difficulty.** If you experience difficulty with downloading on a dial up line, you may have someone in your Chapter that has broad band access. Let me know whom this person is and I can send them the membership listing providing an MOU has been signed and kept with your Chapter file.

Pete & Marielle St.-Amour  
NY District Membership Coordinators



*Around the District*



*New Chapter Directors and Assistants taking the Oath of Office at the January District Meeting.*



*New York Chapter N is off to a quick start in the Dash for Cash. In the picture above, 14 members visited NY Chapter G! Is your Chapter planning a Dash for Cash visit? Remember to send the picture to your District Director to receive your point(s).*