



GWRRA New York District

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Northeast Region



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>News from National...</i></p> <p>Chapter Funds and Legal Action</p> <p>This year GWRRA has had the unfortunate task of dealing with misappropriation of Chapter funds (theft); and this is not only morally wrong but also illegal. Officers of any organization have a fiduciary responsibility for fiscal accuracy in the accounting of their expenditures.</p> <p>Chapter funds belong to the CHAPTER for the operations of the Chapter. They do not belong to the residing or retiring Officers. When a new Chapter Director is appointed to an existing Chapter, the Chapter Treasurer must close out the books and prepare a closing financial statement.</p> <p>The monies that are acquired through various fund-raising activities do not belong to any individual but to the GWRRA organization and its Membership. The process of misappropriation of funds is no different than taking the money directly out of the pocket of the Members. Again, the monies come from the Membership, the monies belong to the GWRRA Membership, and it is absolutely Mandatory that monies, property and equipment be responsibly managed on their behalf.</p> <p>NEVER, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, should Chapter funds be removed by the Chapter Director or any Member for their personal use or to start or join another motorcycle organization. If such a circumstance occurs, GWRRA Inc. will pursue the matter by using any and all legal recourses to the fullest extent.</p>		

News from National...

I know that 99.9% of GWRRA's Officers and staff who are entrusted with custodial responsibilities do not abuse the trust placed in them; and when it comes time to transfer GWRRA property, monetary or otherwise, it is done so in full and without misguided justification. However, we must be aware that, as unfortunate as it is, it does occur. And as said previously, GWRRA Inc. will prosecute all such occurrences.

Melissa Eason, GWRRA Executive Director

Reminder about the NEW RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Melissa Eason, announced a new Recognition Program back in January. The program began January 1, 2009 and will run through December 31, 2010

This program is designed to say thank you to all GWRRA Members for sharing GWRRA with other motorcyclists. For every two new households you recruit, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate that could be used for Goodies, Membership Renewal, or for Wing Ding Registrations. There are no limitations on how many certificates you can receive but they are non-transferable and only valid for one year.

We have brought back the Hanger Tags to help our Members take part in this program. The Hangar Tags, for those who are not familiar, are cardstock, pre-addressed forms that you can fill in a potential Member's information, and they can receive a FREE copy of *Wing World* magazine or even join GWRRA right then and there. Or you can simply place the card on someone's antennae, if they are not near their Gold Wing and they can fill in the information and mail it in later. Make sure you add your information, so you can get the recruiter credits! All you have to do is e-mail or call Customer Service, and they will be more than happy to send these great recruiting tools to you. Call 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 to get more information or to receive your Hangar Tags NOW!

Wing Ding News

Below are the details on the raffle for those who register for Wing Ding.



WING DING 32 Raffle

You could go to Wing Ding 32 for FREE!

GWRRA Northeast Region B
is sponsoring a

FREE WING DING 32 RAFFLE

Grand Prize: 4- Night Stay in DesMoines, Iowa

2nd Prize: 2 FREE Wing Ding Registrations

3rd Prize: 1 FREE Wing Ding Registration

How to win:

- Register for Wing Ding 32
- Submit a copy of your confirmation NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2010
- Receive one raffle entry for each registrant

How to enter:

Email or mail a copy of your registration confirmation by April 15, 2010 to:

Dave & Crystal Godin, Asst. Region Directors
P O Box 289, New Ipswich, NH 03071
cdgodin@yahoo.com

NOTE: If you register via email, you will receive an email confirmation. If you don't have an email address or mail in your registration, please contact Member Services 800-843-9460 to ask for a mailed confirmation. Home Office no longer mails a confirmation unless it is requested.

Drawing will be held on April 25, 2010 at the GWRRR Rhode Island Chapter B Kick-off Breakfast

News from the Northeast Region

District Region	Total Membership Statistics					Household Stats		Chapter Stats		
	As of 01/01/09	This Month	Net Growth	YTD NEW	Joined / Recruited	AS OF 01/01/08	THIS MTH	FEES PD	NEW YTD	AVG# MEMBS
CT	286	293	2.45%	35	12.24%	198	196	4	0	73
DE	180	179	(-0.56%)	12	6.67%	102	104	2	0	90
MA	661	672	1.66%	69	10.44%	438	455	6	0	112
MD	976	933	(-4.41%)	61	6.25%	566	538	8	0	117
ME	265	282	6.42%	33	12.45%	177	189	4	0	71
NH	310	311	0.32%	41	13.23%	207	193	5	0	62
NJ	936	883	(-5.66%)	63	6.73%	555	543	8	0	110
NY	1,398	1,407	0.64%	133	9.51%	894	890	13	0	108
PA	2,698	2,666	(-1.19%)	201	7.45%	1,637	1,612	24	0	111
RI	153	160	4.58%	6	3.92%	99	102	2	0	80
VT	129	126	(-2.33%)	13	10.08%	86	86	1	0	126
Region "B"	8,012	7,929	(-1.04%)	667	8.33%	4,972	4,919	77	0	103
United States	68,147	66,844	(-1.91%)	6,412	9.41%	41,203	40,342	758	1	88
GWRRR	73,745	72,447	(-1.76%)	6,990	9.48%	44,800	43,934	816	1	89

GREAT JOB Connecticut; Massachusetts; Maine; New Hampshire; New York; Rhode Island!!!



GWRRA

Region B - District - Chapter

2009 Quilt Fundraiser

Drawn at the
2010 Maryland District Winter Thing

January 9, 2010

Donation \$1.00

Quilt will consist of squares
representing
all the districts
within
GWRRA Northeast Region
designed by
Chapter Participants.

Region/District/Chapter Quilt Fundraiser

	2010 GWRRA		Region B		GWRRA 2010	
	EMB	State	EMB	State	EMB	
	State	EMB	State	EMB	State	
	EMB	State	Winterthing OC Maryland	State	EMB	
	State	EMB	State	EMB	State	
	GWRRA 2010	EMB	State	EMB	GWRRA 2010	

The colors of the borders will be determined by the colors in the squares. EMB= State name embroidered on solid color. State = the square designed by the state.

Each District will supply a quilt square that is 12 ½ inches X 12 ½ inches (unfinished) that represents their state. It is very important that the squares be exact. Each District will ask their chapters that wish to participate in the quilt square, to submit a completed square, the District will then select one square to be sent to Jerry Rollyson Chapter L Maryland to be assembled into the finished quilt top. The remaining squares that have not been selected to be part of the quilt should be sent to Jerry also for another quilt project for the future. Quilt squares must be sent to Jerry no later than September 1, 2009 for assembly.

Chapters should sell the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. Each chapter will keep 50 cents; district will receive 30 cents and region would receive 20 cents of the funds sold from the sale of the raffle tickets. The chapter treasurer would send the 50 cents for each ticket to their district treasurer along with the tickets that have been sold. The funds that are raised in each district stay in the district. The district treasurer would keep 30 cents from each ticket and send the 20 cents per ticket to the region treasurer.

Example: Chapter sells \$500.00 in tickets they keep \$250.00 and sends \$250 to the district treasurer. The district treasurer keeps \$150.00 and sends region \$100.

Each District will forward all tickets to Maryland District for the Drawing.

The Maryland District will furnish all materials and expenses for finishing of the quilt.

Each chapter will use the tickets that were created especially for this drawing and sent in a separate email file.. The name, address and phone number must be printed on the ticket and returned to the Maryland District Director. Tickets must be sent in no later than January 1, 2010 for the drawing at Winterthing in Ocean City.

The drawing for the quilt will take place at Winterthing, Ocean City Maryland in January of 2010.

Name: _____

GWRRRA Maryland District & Region B

Address: _____

2009 Quilt Fund Raiser

Drawn at 2010 Maryland WinterThing

Phone #: _____

January 9th 2010

Chapter: _____

\$1.00 Donation

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\$1.00 Donation

From the 2009-2010 Region Couple of the Year

Mike & Nancy Mandell

**“Couple of the Year Program”
Enjoy it to the fullest
The rewards...never ending**

Nancy and I have been involved in GWRRA for 9 years and the couples program in some way for the past 6 years. The program has so many “hidden benefits” that we felt this was a good time to discuss them.

As we enter into September and the Fall season, along with the changing leaves and cooler temperatures, it is a time when Chapter Directors will be thinking about the staff changes they will be making in January. Of course we all know the obvious ones, if the CD is staying on, there will probably be very few changes, if in fact they are stepping down, then they will be deep in thought about who will step up and what direction the chapter will take. These are all good things, but in many instances the position of “Chapter Couple” is overlooked, perhaps not given the thought it really deserves.

The Couple of The Year Program offers many rewards; first and foremost it is a wonderful way to recognize 2 very special members within your chapter. These are usually folks that always go above and beyond for the good of the chapter and the members. The entire chapter membership knows they can always count on them; they are front runners and cheerleaders for all of your events and never seem to run out of energy. Their smiles are constant and attitudes always positive. What better way to say “Thanks” than bestowing this honor upon them? Every chapter has a couple that deserves the title “Couple of The Year”.

But wait, that is just the beginning, The Couple of The Year Program offers more, so much more. The rewards are far reaching and long lasting. They will energize your chapter and perhaps propel it to even greater levels. Selecting a Couple, while it recognizes them, it is also self serving for the chapter. The couple who has already given 110% will now anxiously try to do even more for their chapter and friends. The level of Chapter Pride will also increase, that is multi faceted, first the Couples enthusiasm is contagious, and it is something that everyone will catch. In addition the level of pride will rise within your members, this will result in more involvement, participation and FUN for all.

As a direct result of selecting a Chapter Couple you will find your members wanting to get “more” involved. No one will ever tell you they want to be the couple, but that being said, everyone appreciates recognition. Members will take notice that “you” have made the effort to say “Thanks” to that very special couple. It will be a position that many of your members would be honored to hold.

Chapter Couples traditionally will increase involvement in the “Visit-a-Chapter Program” by attending many gatherings both within and outside of your district. Their friends will want to join them on many of these trips.

Couples become ambassadors for the chapter as well as the entire GWRRA organization they become comfortable being in front of the chapter speaking, and suddenly become extremely vocal and visible always promoting and seeking new members.

As your couple grows within the program and they are encouraged to enter into the District selection process that will also raise the level of member participation and chapter pride. Your chapter will want to attend the District event and cheer on your couple and support thru the entire process. The Couple of The Year Program will directly grow your extended GWRRA family and raise the bar on just how much FUN the organization has to offer all of us.

Make sure your chapter does not miss out on this “golden opportunity”, make it a priority to select and honor that very special couple in your chapter and allow them to proudly wear the rocker “Couple of The

Year". Let's try to get every chapter in the region to appoint a Chapter Couple, together we can make this dream a reality.

If Nancy and I can be of any assistance to you or if you have any questions about the Couples Program we can always be reached on our cell phone or by e-mail.

Cell; 732-887-0374

e-mail; Michael@mandellplumbing.com

From Our Region MED Coordinators Donna & Joe Wheeler

Greetings from the Northeast part of Region B,

The summer started out really on the down side, but as we continue summer, it's not so bad after all. As Joe would say, the real good weather to ride is just around the corner.

Many months ago, I introduced to you a revision on the Area Report Lists. Not many sent me updates on their members. Yes, you sent me the updates on the Unassigned Zip codes, and I thank the District Directors that forwarded them to me and to the ones that did them by themselves. But of course there are a few Districts that need to get these completed by the end of the year. Please let your Chapter Directors do the work, that's why you have them, they know the zip codes and towns.

Starting January 1, 2010, I will need the information that is described below sent to me monthly, so I can forward them to National.

Area Report List (ARL) Revisions for 2010

The Membership Enhancement Coordinators main purpose is the Retention of Members.

In order to provide a method for Chapter Directors and/or Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators to record and report Members they have contacted, three new columns have been added to the right side of the Area Report List. These columns were added to the NEW, PROSPECTIVE, EXPIRING and EXPIRED listings. These new columns are labeled CONTACTED – YES/NO, DATE CONTACTED, and COMMENTS. After contacting Members and completing the columns, the information is to be forwarded back to the Region Membership Enhancement Coordinator with a copy to the District Membership Enhancement Coordinator.

Once the contact information is received from the Chapters, the Region Membership Enhancement Coordinator will submit a monthly report to the Membership Enhancement Division Director. The information on EXPIRED Members will be used by the Executive Director and Staff to identify areas within GWRRA that may need to be modified, or areas where new programs are needed to help Retain Members.

It is recommended that EXPIRING Members be contacted during the month they actually expire. If Members are contacted too early, they may put off renewing as they feel they have more time or they may be more prone to forget. It is recommended to call instead of emailing the Members. In many instances e-mails are not received, deleted, or simply not read. Emails offer no personal feedback. Personal contacts are recommended, especially when contacting EXPIRED Members.

This will take awhile to get used to, but if you start now, by January it will be a piece of work. So let's get started on this new project and get the Unassigned Zip codes up to date.

*Thanks,
Donna and Joe Wheeler*

Deer – the Shadow Menace A reprint but especially important in the fall

Warning – This is not a warm and fuzzy article. It deals with a serious threat to motorcyclists. Its conclusions and recommendations are equally serious and may not be suitable for everyone.

Everybody has seen it and fears it. It can happen any time of the year. A ghostly shadow momentarily obscures the headlights of an approaching vehicle as it crosses the road. A pair of disembodied eyes shine brightly back at you from the side of the road. Yes, it's deer season again and I don't mean the time of year when hunters go out to bag their buck! I mean when the deer seem to be after us. A deer, or two or three, seem to magically appear on the road directly in front of you. What are you to do?

If you are riding as a group and someone sights a deer don't be quiet about it. Get on the CB and tell everyone about it. Don't be polite and wait for a pause in another conversation. This is important!

You must inform the group of any deer in the vicinity of, or approaching the road. Just don't yell "DEER" either. Tell them where it is. If you don't, everybody will be looking in different directions and chaos results.

OK, let's assume that the worst scenario occurs and you come around a curve and a deer magically appears in the road in front of you, now what? A neighbor of mine was badly injured last year when it happened to him when he was on his BMW. Unfortunately he reacted incorrectly. Your basic course of action is to sound your horn and hope that the deer will move while simultaneously applying maximum braking pressure in order to stop before impact. Do not swerve at high speed in order to avoid hitting the deer and NEVER swerve while braking! Chances are the deer will move out of the way before

you hit him. Besides the deer and you may quite likely travel in the same direction! BUT as horrible as it sounds, it is better to strike the deer than swerve and lose control. Swerving at high speed will most likely cause you to lose control and you will go off the road. Impacting the deer square on is less likely to kill or maim you as might traveling off the road and hitting a tree or bridge abutment would. It's a matter of physics and the dispersal of energy. At 60 mph a GL1800 with rider and load generate about 85,000 foot-pounds of energy in an impact. That force must be dispersed before the machine comes to rest.

The more ways that energy is expended and the slower the dispersion occurs, the better it is for you. When your Wing impacts a deer, a large portion of the impact force will be expended as the animal is crushed by the impact. An even larger portion of the force is expended as the 100 – 200lb. animal is propelled in the direction of your travel by the impact. A third part of the force is shed by the collapsing of the front of your bike. You as rider will suffer a much reduced, secondary impact as you are propelled into the fairing, windshield, and possibly over the wind shield to slide down the pavement.

If you do a high speed swerve, lose control, and go off the road, this is what you can expect. The Wing and you will impact a solid, immovable object with little or no reduction of speed. Whether the object is a tree, boulder, bridge abutment, sign, or the ground, it will absorb relatively little of the impact force. Virtually all of the energy will be expended instantly on you and your bike with almost certain fatal results. **Never** try to swerve and brake at the same time! You will lose control and go down.

As evidence I offer two actual cases. My neighbor locked up his rear wheel while swerving. He went down, slid down the pavement and hit the guard rail. He was, however, lucky. Due to his sliding down the pavement (he was wearing leather), he only suffered a severe compound ankle fracture but he did survive and has recovered. The fact that he was wearing over-the-ankle boots kept him from losing his foot. The other case involved a member in our district. He came around a curve on his new GL1500 and impacted a deer square on. He had no time to react. His Wing was virtually destroyed by the impact. The fairing and windshield were gone and the front wheel, fender, and forks badly twisted. He, however, virtually walked away from the accident! He was incredibly sore and stiff for a week, his bike totaled, but he was basically unhurt! As for the deer, enough said.

Deer Alerts – Do they work?

I have used both wind powered and electronic deer alerts, or whistles, for many years. Deer alerts do not frighten deer! There is no reason for them to be frightened. But the alerts or whistles do, in my opinion, annoy or irritate them. I have never seen a deer run away from the road side when I approach with a vehicle so equipped but I have seen many deer raise their heads, look toward me, and walk away as I come near them. The alerts are fairly cheap with the electronic units costing around \$50. They do not, however replace a good defensive riding, or driving, strategy which involves scanning for ALL hazards in your path or travel.

As Always: Ride Smart
Ride Safe
Keith & Elaine

From the District Director

Hello GWRRA NY,

Wow, a lot of good information from the September Region B newsletter. We have a lot of very bright people in our Region. I am impressed with the contents of every edition of this newsletter. The NY District staff is encouraged to read it, even if it takes a few days to get through it.

The membership stat chart shows some good news for NY. Please keep up the good work in the recruitment and retention area. GWRRA will be working hard in the retention area, and needs help from the Chapters as described in the article by Donna & Joe Wheeler. If at all possible, please find a Membership Enhancement Coordinator for your Chapter.

Region B is holding a very unique drawing. They are raffling off a quilt comprised of squares from around our Region. Dottie Bahrenburg has submitted a square for NY. The proceeds go to the Chapter, District, and Region based on ticket sales. The Chapters get 50 cents from every dollar ticket sold. You can print the tickets right out of this newsletter. Contact me if you have any questions. Please support our Region.

As the end of the year approaches, we need to keep the \$50 Chapter Charter fee in mind. Chapters C, D, F, L, N, T, U, W, and Y all have enough Dash 4 Cash points to have the District pay their fee. If you are in another Chapter you may want to start “Dashing”, or get the checkbook out.

The host hotel for the 2010 Bi-State Rally is already half full, and a secondary hotel has been lined up. You can book your room thru www.gwrranj.org. If you want a room in one of these hotels, you might want to book a room soon. There are other hotels in the area if you want to shop around on your own

Mark your calendar for our NY District Staff meeting. It will be Saturday, January 16 at the North Syracuse Fire Hall. Chapter Directors and their Assistants, Treasurers, Rider Educators, and Webmasters are expected to attend.

With the change in District Directors comes a change in Chapter checking account signature cards. Please have the signature cards sent to my home, 16 Buell Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

Your friends in Fun, Safety and Knowledge,
Paul & Suzette Wood

From the Assitant District Director

Happy October everyone, can you believe that we have finished 3 full quarters of the year 2009. Who would have believed that 8 months ago we would be looking at our economic, financial and national economy in a different light? As I am sitting here writing this month's column Karen and I are preparing to attend the Horizons Class the first weekend in October. We are so very fortunate to have a Certified Trainer in our district and as one of our friends also. Dottie Bahrenburg has acquired the knowledge, has the ability and the strength to put up with challenge to attempt to impart some of her vast knowledge upon us. Her ability to get you to think on your feet, challenge yourself, and be a better partner and member of GWRRA is second to no one. We are looking forward to a very entertaining and informative class. If you have never been to any of Dottie's class's you don't know what you are missing. If you are the least bit interested in the workings of GWRRA and would like to know more about becoming an officer and what it takes to motivate your chapter and this great organization then you need to sign up for the next class.

Officially Karen and I have been your assistant district directors for only a month however we have been busy working with Paul and Suzette in getting everything changed over to the new officers slate and just getting all our ducks in a row to hit the ground running. I am working with Jorge and Julie Perez of New Jersey and their team on routes to the 2010 rally. I hope you all have your room reservations because it promise's to be one great time. I am also going to be contacting all chapters to find out the intentions of the Chapter Directors and their assistants for the coming year. If there is going to be any change in officers then we would like to be prepared to work closely with the new officers and make sure the chapters and the new officers that the district staff is behind them 100% and are here for what ever help they need. The district is not able nor do we want to run any chapters. The chapter participants will always determine the direction of the chapters. Chapter life is one of the area's covered in the Horizons class and we all can use new, different, and innovative idea's to keep the chapter fresh and moving forward. Chapter participation is a vital part of your membership and there is no reason to sit on the sideline and just play follow the leader. Some of the most successful chapter have involved, enthusiastic, and willing participants at the meetings as well as the GWRRA family as whole. Remember as we go into the cold weather that as a GWRRA member you are a member of all chapters in the world no matter were you spend your winters.

More on what we learned at the Horizons class next month. As always ride safe, and remember to keep the fun, safety and education on everything you do.

Rocco and Karen

From the District Educator



Where has it gone?

We're rapidly going into fall and wondering where our summer went.

That said, we enter a riding season I absolutely love and one of the reasons lies in the great northeast,

fall. Having traveled a good portion of this planet, I know of no more vibrant place to watch nature's virtues than here in upstate New York and New England.

With this beauty comes several riding challenges for those of us on two and three wheels.

First, for a large part of the animal kingdom, spring is the time when a young man's fancy turns to love, but not so for our area's great white tail deer. Fall is the time of the rut. This means the bucks have only one thing on their mind and it sure isn't motorcyclists. Please be so extra vigilant.

Next, as I can attest this morning, temperatures are dropping, today down to 45 degrees. With this comes the need to dress in layers. Hypothermia is very dangerous and also insidious. Even when the temperatures are in the high 50's and low 60's, the body will start to experience hypothermia. With this the blood is pooled to the core and rapidly affects the ability of our extremities to control our steed and more importantly degrade our mental acuity.

Then come our road hazards. The leaves sure are a fantastic show, but they're a different show on our pavements. I have learned this to be a two fold impairment. Sure we all know they can be very slick, but they also cover up other road issues, like pot holes and also those slippery road markings. Has everyone noticed that the new painted lines that reflect so nice for our bright headlights are also very slick due to that silica that's imbedded in the paint for reflectivity?

Lastly we are starting to be invaded by that special creature call the leaf peeper. This species can't see other cars let alone us on our two and three wheels. Sorry trikes, you're no more visible than two wheels to the rest of the driving public. Be especially vigilant around the areas where they gather, specialty shops, great vistas, etc.

Oh and please everyone, remember to **DRESS FOR THE CRASH.**

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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From Your District Membership Coordinators

UPDATING PERSONAL INFORMATION AT HOME OFFICE



If you have moved, have a new email address, or a new telephone number, you need to update this information at Home Office. This information was once taken care of by your Chapter, District and Region Membership Enhancement Coordinators. It is now necessary for each individual Member to update his or her personal information.

You can do this one of three ways:

Call Customer Service – 1-800-843-9460

Email Customer Service - CustomerService@GWRRR.org

Go online – www.gwrra.org/members

To update your information online: Go to www.gwrra.org/members

If you have never logged on to this sight, you will first need to obtain log-in information.

This can be done by clicking on the Welcome (Log-in) page where instructed. After you complete this process you will receive an email with your user name and password.

After you have received your user name and password return to the Log-in page and on the left side of the screen click on “Manage My Records”.

Click **Continue**. Enter your user Name and password.

Click **Continue**. At the **Choose** prompt you will need to arrow down and select the option you need to change.

After you have made your changes you will need to click the **Submit Changes** button.

This will update your information. When you have completed all the changes you need to make, be sure to **log off**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Customer Service at the email address or phone number listed above.

”EVERY MEMBER MATTERS”

Ed and Linda Johnson, Directors

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Thank you Membership Enhancement Division

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Around the District



GWRRR NY Ride Out report

The 2009 Ride Out was an incredibly good event.

The weather was great, and Chapter U picked a very good facility to use. The food was excellent, and included plenty of home-made desserts. The Gold Wing cake was very special.

The guided rides were spectacular, and included beautiful overlooks of Chautauqua Lake and Lake Erie. One overlook included both lakes. Of course, we passed several vineyards.

There were many drawing prizes as well.

I would guess there were 60 to 70 in attendance, including Chapters H, W, D and even a member of T. Dash 4 Cash points were earned by U, W, and D.

Our new NY C.O.Y., Bob & Sandy Kelley (NY-H), were also in attendance.

Those that did not attend really missed out.

The quality of this event makes us VERY proud to NY District Directors.

I think Chapter U could write the book on how to put together a successful event. CD Joe & Marsha and Company ...GREAT JOB... THANKS!!!

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Mike Traynor

March 3, 1939, to Sept. 12, 2009

Mike Traynor, president and co-founder of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and co-founder of the Ride for Kids® motorcycle charity program, died Sept. 12, 2009, in Asheville, N.C., after a brief illness. He was 70.

Mike and his wife, Dianne, began the Ride for Kids® program in 1984 to raise funds for childhood brain tumor research. Its success and growth led them to start the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF) in 1991. It is now the world's largest philanthropic organization dedicated to supporting the search for the cause of and cure for childhood brain tumors, having raised over \$50 million for research and family support programs.

The following year, Mike helped create the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States, which has accrued the nation's largest epidemiological database on brain tumors. Seed money from the PBTF also established the *Journal of Neuro-Oncology*, the Society of Neuro-Oncology's premier international publication.



The author of national magazine articles on grassroots fundraising, Mike was also a motivational speaker for service organizations and educational institutions, as well as a guest lecturer at the American Press Institute. He was featured often on local and national network television programs, as well as ESPN and SpeedTV. In each of his public speaking opportunities, he worked to increase awareness of childhood brain tumors.

At the time of his death, Mike served on the board of directors for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Central Brain Tumor Registry of the United States. He was the recipient of numerous awards of recognition from the Society of Neuro-Oncology, the International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology, and the International Brain Tumor Therapy and Research Meeting.

Before starting the Ride for Kids® program, Mike was vice president and general manager of newspaper publishing corporations and served on the board of directors for the International Newspaper Promotion Association and KRGR Media. He was also president of Sales Marketing Executives of Atlanta.

Motorcycling was Mike's enduring passion. He began riding as a teenager growing up outside Chicago, Illinois. His love for motorcycling continued during his stint in the Army while stationed in Japan. In those days, the G.I.s he rode with built their own short track with army bulldozers using volcanic lava as a track surface. His fellow American and Japanese competitors raced on the earliest of production bikes available, while Mike raced his daily commuter, a slightly modified Honda Dream. He eventually became a known local racer, winning a championship in 1961.

Mike continued to ride bikes and race sports cars throughout his post-Army life, eventually returning to racing as an endurance and sprint road racer. Mike wrapped up his racing career in the early 1980s, finishing 11th nationally in an endurance road race series with his oldest son, Danny, as his co-rider and his two other sons as his pit crew.

It was around this time that Mike combined his love of motorcycling with the desire to help children with brain tumors, when he saw the struggle and pain of a colleague whose child was stricken with the devastating disease. Determined to bring an end to the untimely death of children, he and Dianne worked with their riding friends to increase funding for basic laboratory research into pediatric brain cancer.

Mike's work with Ride for Kids® has brought a new awareness to the positive impact that charitable motorcyclists have had over the past several decades. The goodwill generated about the American motorcyclist has been a direct result of his tireless efforts. In radio, television, print and online media, he has borne witness to the hard work and giving nature of motorcyclists. Thanks to the generous support of the motorcycling community, progress is being made in the search for the cause of and cure for kids' brain tumors.

As a worldwide ambassador for the motorcycling community, Mike received several outstanding motorcyclist awards, including the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) Hazel Kolb Brighter Image Award, AMA Road Rider of the Year, *Rider* magazine's Top Supporter and Rider of the Year, *Motorcycle Consumer News'* Ed Culberson Memorial Award, and *Motorcyclist* magazine's Motorcyclist of the Year.

Mike's recreational riding evolved into long-distance sport touring, including trips to Alaska, Canada and several countries overseas. Dianne, his partner in life and work for over 25 years, was his frequent riding companion.

Survivors also include three sons, Dan Traynor and his wife, Cathy, of Cumming, Ga.; Brian Traynor and his wife, Wendy, of Bluff City, Tenn., and Sean Traynor and his wife, Toni, of Cumming, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and four brothers, Tim Traynor, Tom Traynor, Terry Traynor and Billy Traynor. He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Angela Wood, and his sister, Pat Bartels.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, 302 Ridgefield Ct., Asheville, NC 28806. [Click here to make a secure online donation.](#)