



GWRRA
New York District
November 2009
Northeast Region



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Reminder from National...

It's That Time Again....

It's That Time Again. Time to update the Gold Book Service Directory. Having the Gold Book Service Directory at your fingertips is just one of the many great benefits of being a GWRRA Member. When you travel, you're never more than a phone call away from a fellow Member who is willing to offer you assistance should you ever need it. The following is a list of the codes with the services you may be willing to provide:

1. Truck or trailer available to transport a disabled bike
2. Will accept phone calls (No collect calls, please!)
3. Tent space available
4. Sheltered sleeping space or lodging available
5. Tools available
6. Tour guide (local area)

Please make sure you're not left out of the Gold Book by checking the codes you have listed in your membership record. You must have at least one code checked to be listed. You can check your membership record at <http://www.gwrra.org>, and then click on Manage Your Membership. Or if you prefer, you can contact Member Services at 800-843-9460, Mon.-Thurs., 6:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. MST, and one of our friendly agents will be happy to assist you. Don't be left out. The deadline to register or make changes to your selections for the Gold Book Service Directory is October 31, 2009. The 2010 Gold Book will be delivered with the March 2010 issue of *Wing World* magazine.

News from the Northeast Region

As we open the 4th quarter of the year, this becomes a time when we need to be thinking about ...**Officer appointments for 2010.... Renewals and new appointments**

Let's begin by reviewing the appointment process. Remember, ALL officers serve a term of one year, at the discretion of their appointing officer. Region Directors, serve a term of one year, at the discretion of the Executive Director. District Directors serve a term of one year, at the discretion of the Region director. Chapter Directors serve a term of one year, at the discretion of the District Directors.

There is NO tenure. Each appointment is for a period of one year, with the option to renew each year, at the discretion of the appointing director. And it is, like-wise, vice-versa, for the appointed officer as well. They have the option to step down if they so desire, after their one year term.

Because of this new process, it is important that all appointing officers contact all their appointed directors to confirm if they plan to stay on for another year. Moreover, it is only fair to contact them as well, if the appointing officer wishes **not to renew** their appointment.

If the decision has been made that a current officer **will remain in their SAME position** for another year, it is **NOT NECESSARY** to submit any renewal appointment paperwork. The MOU from their first appointment remains valid until such time as officer is dismissed or chooses to step down.

When appointing a new director, an appointment worksheet must be completed and signed by the appointing officer. The newly appointed director, then signs an **OFFICER Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**. The start date of their appointment is **ALWAYS the FIRST DAY of the month** of the appointment and the probation period is for **90 days**. These two forms are to be submitted to and signed by the District Director, Region Director and Executive Director before the appointment becomes official.

Once an appointing officer has received word that a current director will be stepping down in the near future, both should work as a team and begin looking immediately for their replacement. Even though the appointing officer is the person that will select the new incoming appointee, it is wise to consider the outgoing officer's recommendation for their replacement, as (most likely) they have been working with this person in helping to "groom" them into their potential new position. Whereas, this could be a strong candidate for the position, it is not necessarily the only candidate, as the appointing officer may wish to interview their own candidates as well. Careful consideration about the leadership qualifications, abilities, experience and dedication of the incoming candidate should be a determining factor and the decision should not be based on personal friendships, likes or dislikes for the person in question.

So, in closing, we ask our District Directors to, please use these next few months to contact your chapter directors and inquire about their plans for 2010. This way there will be no surprises at the end of the year. Obviously, those who are newly appointed within the last few months, would not need to be involved in this exercise, as they are just beginning their term of office.

Regards,

Lorraine & Earl Knight

2009 Quilt Fundraiser

By now, all the quilt squares should have been submitted. All that is left is some hard work from some very crafty people, to put them all together and create that work of art we are all waiting to see. Perhaps we will see a photo of the finished product by next month.

Remember, this is truly a fundraiser where 100% of the proceeds will go to benefit all members of GWRRA. With every \$1.00 ticket sold, the Chapters will keep 50%, districts will get 30% and region will get 20%.

The next step for District Directors to do is encourage their chapter directors to (at least) make tickets available for sale at their next few gatherings. Let the members decide for themselves whether they want to support this fundraiser or not. But they have to see the tickets, be informed about what the raffle is for, and how the proceeds will be distributed. Please ask your CD's to print out the tickets from the sample below, make copies and/or cut them out as separate tickets. Once the tickets have been sold, then the chapter treasurer will deposit the money into their account, send a check in the total amount equal to 30 cents per ticket sold, to their DD, send a check in the total amount equal to 20 cents per ticket sold, to our region treasurer, Joel Johnson, and send the ticket stubs to Allen Willingham, DD for Maryland. That's all there is to it.

An enormous amount of time, talent and dedication has gone into this project, let's all work together and see it through until raffle time in January. We may all be surprised at how successful it can be if we all work together.

NOTE: Please see the page of tickets at the end of the Newsletter for printing.



Northeast Region

Keith & Elaine Price – Region Educators

Tim & Anna Grimes – Assist. Region Educators

The Deer and I

Every once in a while the importance of **repetitive rider training** really hits home. My recent revelation came in the form of a deer. Fortunately because of the training that have undertaken, I am here to tell about it.

It was Sunday, June 7th and my wife, Elaine, and I were riding back home from Americade. The roads were dry, the weather was cloudy, and the time was about 6:30 AM. We were going south on I-87 in the vicinity of Saratoga Springs. Elaine was leading on her trike about 120 yards in front of me in a staggered formation in the right hand lane.

Suddenly a deer, a doe, came out of the right hand ditch just as Elaine passed. Elaine did a bobble weave around her and yelled “DEER” into the CB radio. Immediately upon seeing the deer, I started to apply maximum braking. I did not swerve. To swerve in front of a deer will usually result in a collision, as you will inevitably swerve away from the place you first saw the deer. That is, the same direction the deer's going. However, this time, the doe lost her footing on the pavement and fell directly in front of me! At the point of impact I had reduced my speed from about 60 MPH (posted limit – 65) to about 20 MPH. I do not recall if the bike passed over

her but the impact skewed the bike about 20 to 30 degrees to the left (toward the left side ditch). Just before impact I had two separate thoughts: I'm going to hit it and this bike is NOT going down. And even though black plastic exploded about me, the bike DID NOT go down. Why not?

My first reaction was to apply maximum, controlled braking and then immediately after impact I instinctively looked down the road in the direction of my wife. Do you remember the instruction, "Look in the direction which you want the bike to go"? That was precisely where the bike went and I was able to bring it to a safe, controlled stop on the right hand shoulder of the road. Total damage to my Wing: about \$450.00. Total injuries incurred to me: none! The deer ran off.

Was I lucky? Yes and no. If the deer hadn't slipped and fallen, she would have probably cleared the lane and I would have just had a close call. But the fact that she fell limited the damage to primarily the fender and caliper covers. If she had been standing upright at the time of the impact, the damage would have been much worse and I might not have been able to maintain control of the bike.

But far more than luck was involved in reducing the severity of this incident. The fact that I repeatedly have taken rider courses saved me. I instinctively applied controlled, maximum braking and looked in the direction which I wanted the bike to go, kept me alive. If I had "target fixated" on the left hand ditch, where the bike initially was pointed, that is where I would have ended up.

The key word is "instinctively" as in "instinctive reaction". In a situation such as this you do not have time to think. To have to think is to lose it. You'll be too late! Your actions must be automatic! And those actions become instinctive, become automatic through repeated training and repeated practice of those skills that you were taught. So don't fall pray to that old idea: "I took a course 10 years ago. I don't need to do it again, do I?" Or an even worse one that I recently heard: "I've been riding for over 40 years. What can they teach me?" That person is living on borrowed time. He has likely been making the same mistakes for those 40 years.

I hope that you never go through what I went through last month. But if you do, I hope you get through it as well as I did. Remember: "INSTINCTIVE REACTION" is the key and you get there by repeated training and repeated practice.

Ride Safe – Ride Smart
Keith

From the 2009-2010 Region Couple of the Year

Mike & Nancy Mandell

**Endorse the Couple of the Year Program
"Let Your Chapter Know You Want One"**

Last month we wrote about the many benefits that the Couples Program brings to the individual chapters both hidden and obvious. We also stated it was the time for the C.D.'s and perhaps staff to consider who they will have represent the chapter in this most prestigious position.

Many of us understand every chapter has a couple that more than deserves to wear this title, that being said, we also know many chapters do not have a Chapter Couple for whatever reason.

G.W.R.R.A. is a reverse pyramid, a member based organization, one that exists at the pleasure of its members. If your chapter does not presently have or plan on having a Chapter Couple, you can approach your C.D.'s and let them know that you feel participation in the program will greatly benefit the chapter. We personally do not know of any C.D.'s or staff that would not give a suggestion from his/her members some very deep consideration. The Couple of The Year Program is a great way to increase chapter pride, member participation and the overall health of the chapter.

The Couples program is not only beneficial, it is FUN! It is a great way to get new members acquainted and comfortable with chapter life. Many chapters will encourage their couple to become a buddy to new and potential members. Your chapter couple will simply continue to do what they do best...be friendly, helpful and available. As your chapter couple goes to other gatherings they will spark the interest of fellow members to attend. It will not be long before you have a large group from the chapter regularly attending outside gathering and functions.

The timing is perfect, get your chapter involved, endorse the Couple of The Year Program and increase the level of pride in your chapter and raise the bar on FUN for everyone. A copy of the Couple of The Year manual is available for everyone to see and print out from the G.W.R.R.A. site under Member Enhancement Division (M.E.D.). Feel free to take a look at it today; we know you will not be disappointed.

NOTE: Next time you attend a rally, try to attend a Couple of The Year Selection Process
Ride Safe! Have Fun!

From the District Director

Hello GWRRA NY,

As you read this, our riding season will be drawing to a close. The poor economy and bad weather conspired to make this season a tough one. The good news, however, was that we had a lot of Dash for Cash activity and a very successful NY/NJ Bi-State Rally.

As 2009 draws to a close, we need to think about some items for 2010. Is your Chapter planning to change officers? Are the financial statements and equipment list in order for submission to National? Is your Chapter arranging a winter meeting to plan its 2010 activities?

Rocco and I will contact the Chapter Directors to see if there are plans to change officers. If you are changing officers there is paperwork to fill out, and we would like to talk to the incoming CD's and ACD's. It is best to have incoming officers start their term at the first of the year, so the process needs to start soon.

Please work with your Treasurers to get the Equipment List, Financial Report Cover Sheet, Financial Report, and end-of- year bank statement ready to submit to National. We plan to perform a final review and sign-off on this paperwork at our District Meeting.

Find the Forms you need at <http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerresources.html>

Speaking of our NY District Meeting, it will be on Saturday, January 16, 2010. The place is the North Syracuse Fire Hall. NY District staff, Chapter officers and their Treasurers are expected to

attend. We may want webmasters to attend also. A list of hotels in the area can be found later in this newsletter.

Chapter Charter fees will be due soon. Chapters C, D, F, L, N, T, U, W, and Y get theirs covered by the District due to their Dash For Cash activity. Remaining Chapters can either start "Dashing" or get ready to write the \$50 check.

The signature cards for your Chapters bank account need to be updated. Ed Bahrenburg's name needs to be deleted, and mine needs to be added. Please send the forms to me at 16 Buell Street, Batavia, NY, 14020.

The NJ District Staff is hard at work on the 2010 Bi-State Rally. They are putting together a very good event. The host hotel is down to smoking rooms only and the secondary hotels are now filling up. Encourage your people to book their room soon. There is a link to the booking site on our NY District web page.

Ride safe and often,

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

From the Assitant District Director

Well here I am staring Halloween in the face and the 1st of November roaring down the pipe. I still haven't taken the bike out of service yet but it sure is getting close. It still is pointed towards the door and if the weather cooperates I might be able to get a few hours on a nice weekend yet. Tis the time of year to be on your game when riding. There are lots of distractions taking aim at you, from wet leaves and wildlife running across the road to the time change and people walking running now in the dusk or dark just because of the time of year. I believe that you will get Mrs. Assistant Directors opinion of the riding season below.

As I mentions last month Karen and I were heading out to the Horizon's course in North Syracuse the first weekend of October. We had a great time at the class. Dottie and Ed keep the class moving and fun all the time. You never know what they are going to come up with next, and all the time you are going through the exercises. We also met couples from PA and NH who came in for the class. It was a great time to hear and listen to different chapters from the region with similar issues and chapter dynamic's and how they all fit together and work. The facility was great for teaching and we need to thank Rick Reardon for the use of the fire house. Also for those of us also in the fire service with lesser budgets, the fire house was something to envy. Great facility and thank you Rick

Speaking or Rick and his chapter, he invited us to a chapter gathering that evening. He didn't have to ask twice once he explained to us that it was a pot luck dinner at a member's house on the lake. There must have been enough food to feed the entire region it seemed. It was delicious and unexpected for us as we were planning on grabbing something close to the hotel. Having the hospitality of the local chapter was a very nice and unexpected surprise. This sort of activity will help the chapters to endure the winters here in New York. Well I need to leave room for some

words of wisdom from my better half so till next month. Ride safe and warm and we will see you all soon.

Rocco

As I sit here looking out the window realizing that the leaves are falling and the temperature is dropping, can only mean one thing, the end of another riding season (at least for most of us, most certainly me) is almost here. Along with the cold weather it seems that chapter participation also drops off. Most of us “bikers” seem to want to hibernate, at least I sure do. This only means that the chapter directors job gets more challenging. They need to come up with creative ideas to keep the members interested.

Some ideas that we have tried are pot-luck dinners, breakfast gatherings, card or movie nights, ski trips, (don’t forget the hot toddies by the fireplace in the lodge. You can also use the down time to update CPR and First Aid certifications, and training class’s (which most of us tend to forget during the riding season).

Whatever your chapter decides to do, be safe and warm and always remember to include all chapter members. Don’t despair; spring and a new riding season are just around the corner.

Karen

RALLY NEWS

2010 UPCOMING REGIONAL RALLIES

January 7-9, 2010 Winter Thing –Ocean City Maryland

June 30 – July 3, 2010 Wing Ding 32 – Des Moines, Iowa

July 22-24, 2010 New England Districts Rally – Gorham, NH

August 5-7, 2010 NY/NJ Bi-State Rally – Bridgewater, NJ

August 26-28, 2010 Pennsylvania District Rally – Johnstown, PA

From the District Educator



The end is near, well not really!

Yes, it’s sad but true our 2009 riding season is rapidly closing on us. For many of you November is the time to head to a warmer place with all the other snow birds. That means one of two things, either you will be taking your trusty steed south for more great riding or putting it away for warmer weather. That brings me to this month’s article, winterizing your motorcycle, no matter how many wheels.



First, please make sure you do a very thorough TCLOCS inspection. You don’t want to find any issues that will require downtime in the spring when you had all winter to get them fixed. Especially look for fluid leaks and deteriorating rubber/hose parts.

Next, either you or your service person needs to change the oil and filter before winter. You want to get all that water and acid out of your engine. If you do the change yourself, please remember to warm the engine up completely before draining the oil.

There are lots of blogs on storage, etc and I won't get into that. I do however, very strongly recommend maintain your battery with a battery tender. I just replaced my 2002 OEM battery this summer at Wing Ding even though it was still good. That's 8 years on the OEM battery. Not bad.

Lastly, please start to think about your conversion to wintertime driving habits and techniques. Please don't end up being one of the first ones to land in the ditch.

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

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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From Your District Membership Coordinators

What Can a Chapter MEC Do For Your Chapter?

OK, let's assume that your chapter has a Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator. This is a Chapter Staff position that is so important for the sustained health of your Chapter you just have to have one. Although this is not a "required" Chapter Staff position, it is definitely a Chapter Staff position that is desperately needed. This is the person that can keep "new blood" flowing into your Chapter. Without this "new life blood" your Chapter's attendance will more than likely start to decline. This will be the result of natural attrition. Some examples of natural attrition are: people moving away, state of the current economy, old age, sickness, avocation changes, divorces, deaths, etc.

So, with that being said, and you have just added a Chapter MEC to your Chapter Staff, what do they do now? The rest of this article will be dedicated to give you some ideas of what a Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinator can do for your Chapter. These are only suggestions. Please remember that the Chapter MEC works for the Chapter Director (CD) and needs to do whatever the CD feels will help the Chapter.

- 1) Develop and maintain a membership listing for the Chapter from the sign-in sheets.
- 2) Be responsible for the sign-in sheets at Chapter gatherings making sure everyone signs in and check Member's expiration dates.
- 3) Contact new Members.
- 4) Serve as liaison to the District MEC.
- 5) Promote changes positively to help keep politics away from the membership.
- 6) Be a mentor to new members (explain the benefits of GWRRA, the terminology, Chapter Life, etc. Always ensure that a regular chapter participant sits with a first time visitor.
- 7) Promote involvement from the membership encouraging everyone to become involved.
- 8) Gather and or write articles for Chapter newsletter.

- 9) Work with the CD and Staff to promote Chapter activities and FUN events for the members.
- 10) Call first time visitors, thank them for attending and invite them to the next Chapter function.
- 11) Send "We Miss You Cards" to regular Chapter attendees that miss more than 2 or 3 Chapter gatherings.

- 12) Work with membership data to ensure all new & prospective members are personally contacted, welcomed to GWRRA and invited to Chapter Life activities.

If the above list is "overwhelming" and just too scary to do it all, pick out 2 or 3 things off the list that you feel are the most important in keeping new members involved in Chapter activities and start there.

There is nothing better than "*A Personal Touch*" when dealing with people and friends. There are a lot of other references and publications available to anyone interested in volunteering to be a Chapter MEC. The GWRRA National MED web page is a great place to start to find Membership Enhancement help.

(Condensed version) written by
Bob & Karla Greer
Region "A" Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Submitted by
Pete and Marielle St-Amour
NY District Membership Coordinator

NY District Meeting Hotel List

Econo Lodge

5396 S Bay Rd
Syracuse, NY 13212
315-454-9027

Candlewood Suites Airport Hotel

5414 S Bay Rd
Syracuse, NY 13212
315-454-8999

Holiday Inn Express Syracuse Airport

5418 SOUTH BAY ROAD
SYRACUSE, NY 13212
315-454-0999

Red Carpet Inn

2914 Brewerton Road
North Syracuse, New York 13212
315-454-3266

Best Western Syracuse Airport Inn

Col Eileen Collins Blvd
Syracuse, NY 13212
315-455-7362

Budget Inn

901 S Bay Rd
Syracuse, NY 13212
315-458-3510

Interactive Map of North Syracuse, NY

Hotels Things To Do Restaurants

SORT BY: Popularity | Price | Name [REFINE](#)

Price Range: All Hotel Class: All

Neighborhood: All

1	Best Western Syracuse...	\$85
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates
2	Candlewood Suites Syracuse...	\$86
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates
3	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$83
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates
4	United Inn	\$89
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates
5	Econo Lodge Inn and Suites	\$68
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates
6	Red Carpet Inn	\$46
	class ★★★★★	Check Rates

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