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May 2010
Northeast Region**



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	<p>For those of you who are not aware, we lost a great GWRRA member recently. Rocco Cole was a wonderful guy, and will be greatly missed by family, friends, GWRRA, his Fire Compnay and all the other groups he somehow found the time to participate with. Godspeed Rocco!</p> <p>Rocco A. Cole</p> <p>From the Region Trainers</p> <p>From the Region Educators</p> <p>From the Assistant Region Educators</p> <p>From the District Director</p> <p>From the Assistant District Director</p> <p>Convention Advertisement Request Sheet</p> <p>Bi-State Convention Jobs 2010</p> <p>From the District Educator</p> <p>From the District Trainer</p> <p>From Your District Membership Coordinators</p> <p>From the District COY</p> <p>Wing Ding News</p> <p>GWRRA National News</p> <p>National Organizational Changes</p> <p>Americade News</p> <p>Americade Booth Sign-up Sheet</p>	



Rocco A. Cole

ALBANY — Rocco A. Cole, 53, of Coxsackie died suddenly on April 21, 2010 at St. Peter's Hospital.

He was the beloved husband to Karen M. (Grogan) Cole.

He was born June 14, 1956 and raised in Coxsackie to Herbert J. Cole of Coxsackie and the late Teresa D. (Dovidio) Cole, who predeceased him on May 21, 1999.

Mass of the Christian Burial will take place at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Coxsackie, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, at 9 a.m. with Rev. Father J. Moyna, pastor, the celebrant. Interment will follow in the family plot next to his late mother in St. Mary's Parish Cemetery, Coxsackie. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, 97 Mansion St., Coxsackie on Monday, April 26, 2010 from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m.

He was the son-in-law to Paula J. (John) Grogan Jr., brother-in-law to John (Sandra) Grogan, uncle to Jessica and John Grogan whom he adored and loved more than life itself. Adopted uncle of Kyle P. Harte of Loudonville, brother to Catherine (Joseph) Huber of Coxsackie, also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rocco was very civic minded, always willing to lend a hand to help others. Rocco valued friendships and believed honesty was the best policy. Rocco was always upfront and candid. He was also involved in many organizations. He was a lifetime member of the Coxsackie Hose Co. #3 and the Knights of Columbus Council #143 both of which will hold services in his memory Monday evening at the funeral home. He also was a member of the Coxsackie-Athens Rotary, The B.S.A. Troop #147 where he proudly achieved Eagle Scout, he was chairman of the Village of Coxsackie Planning Board, the Comprehensive Planning Board, the Assistant District Director of G.W.R.R.A., N.Y. Region, Past Director of Chapter L of the G.W.R.R.A. Region B N.Y., previous Village of Coxsackie Police Officer. Rocco loved a "Good Bargain," was a talented and skilled handy man, previously owning his own construction company, and lovingly referred to as a "dump boy." He is currently employed by E.N.A.P. in Newburgh, having been involved in the lumber business most of his life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him, especially his wife.

Special thanks to Dr. Lawrence Garbo, who Rocco and Karen valued as a dedicated, honest professional, as well as a friend. Whatever "Larry" said, Rocco followed, without him, Rocco would not have survived two bouts with lymphoma. Thanks to nurses Judy, Donna and Christine at N.Y.O.H. for always smiling and knowing what to do. Thank you also to Dr. Fred Shapiro for helping Rocco through stem cell transplant. Thanks to the nurses especially Kara and Karen on the 2nd floor I.C.U. at St. Peter's Hospital who devoted endless hours to make Rocco's last few days comfortable. They always had a smile and are true examples of dedicated professionals.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Capital District Cancer Resource Foundation, 1003 Loudon Road, P.O. Box 610, Latham, NY 12110, phone 518-786-3122.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, 97 Mansion St., Coxsackie, NY 12051. Electronic condolences may be made at www.wcbradyssonsinc.net.

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News from the Northeast Region



From the Region Trainers

Ed & Done Bahrenburg

Are You One of the 94%?

The OCP or Officer Certification Program is off to a great start in the Northeast Region. So far two programs have been held. Seven additional programs are scheduled in to be held during April, May and June.

Wayne and Kim Ferland, PA District Trainers, kicked off the program in the Northeast Region holding the OCP Training in Chambersburg, PA. Jack and Donna Seeley (NY District Trainers) and Sidney Spunt (Maryland District Trainers) assisted with the Program.

Dan and Mary Costello, NJ District Trainers, presented the OCP Training in Freehold, NJ. Almost 60 Chapter and District Directors and Assistants as well as many Rider Educators and interested members attended the program. Dan and Mary should receive special recognition for presenting the program while the Freehold area lost power and large scale flooding occurred. Many of you realize that NJ was declared to be in a State of Emergency that weekend.

Both the NJ and the PA program received extremely positive reviews. Many attendees expressed their feelings in emails relating “how much they learned” and “how great the learning experience was.”

Currently 94% of the Directors at the Region, District and Chapter levels across the United States are registered for the Officer Certification Program. Have you registered yet? If not, please check the list of programs available in the Northeast Region (below) or check the GWRRA website for additional locations for the training.

If for some reason you as a Chapter Director or Assistant Chapter Director have decided not to participate in the OCP training, please rethink your position and possibly contact some of the individuals who have participated in the training. The program is a great way to get up-to-date information on changes within the GWRRA.

Not only has the association changed, but the old Officer Guide Book has changed. As a matter of fact, it even has a “new” name. It is now called the Officer Handbook. The OCP covers both new and old material covered in the Handbook and also offers more advanced leadership skills for Officers.

David Orr, National Director of Leadership Training, asked the following:

If you have decided that it is wrong to ask you to help us to make GWRRA and your Chapter experience the best it can be, then the question is this. Do you really care what happens to your Chapter? It seems you have decided that your leadership as a trained Officer is not something you will pursue. It seems you are convinced no one else will step up and make the decision to put the Members first as Chapter Director, so you have mentally closed the Chapter already. So again I ask “Do you care about the future of your Chapter?” If you care, is there anything you are willing to do to be a better Officer? Is there anything you can learn to re-energize yourself as a leader? If you are re-energized with fresh ideas and new resources and fellow Officers to draw on, how will that affect the members you serve? How will that affect your personal experience? After all, you are a member too.

Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg
Northeast Region Trainers

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GWRRRA

Rider Education



Northeast Region

Keith & Elaine Price – Region Educators

Tim & Anna Grimes – Assist. Region Educators

501(C)4 – What is it and why should I care?

We all know that GWRRRA Inc. has operated as an educational, not for profit under IRS Regulation 501(C)4 since 1983. You will be hearing more and more about 501(c)4 in the future. With the Federal deficit ever expanding, the IRS is no longer our “friend” and we will find ourselves placed under a microscope.

Under Regulation 501(C)4 there are two types of activities that the association engages in: “Social” activities (rides, dinners, etc) and “Educational” activities. Even the use of the word “Rally” is out. Your rallies are now “conventions”. Rally implies a social gathering while convention implies a gathering of a more serious nature. A minimum of 51% of all activities we participate in must be of an Educational manner. There must be an active R/E program in all levels of GWRRRA and such educational activities must be reported on a regular basis. You as D/E’s must strive for 100% of your Chapters reporting as I must insist on all of you reporting to me. I do realize that some District have “lost” Chapters from which nobody ever hears from. It’s a good idea to send a copy of your monthly N.6 reports to either your District Director or your District treasurer so that they may document your individual Districts compliance.

Just what does “compliance” mean? An activity is compliant if it has a documentable R/E component. A Chapter meeting is “compliant” if the C/E gives a 5-minute safety talk. A ride is “compliant” if a safety related riders meeting is held prior to the ride. Toss in safety related newsletter articles, a seminar, MFA course, etc. and a Chapter is set for 51% for the year.

But each chapter must have a Chapter Educator and each District must have a District Educator. Each level must also have a MAD Coordinator, as educating the public is as important as educating our members. Please report all MAD activities, such as talks to various civic groups, on the “Motorist Awareness Presentation” line on the N.6 report. Mad activities are not merely “Other Meeting or Group”. If your form does not have the MAD line, please download the current N.6 form from the web site. Naturally seminars, PLP’s, and Medic First Aid courses still count as a “compliant” activity. As District Educators you are authorized to train and certify your PLP Facilitators and Seminar Presenters. As MFA Trainers, Tim Grimes and I can certify MFA Instructors.

Cooperation between Rider Education and Operations is vital to our obligations. Directors on all levels are being pressed on the importance of compliance with the Federal regulations. They are being required to budget and provide funds as required for R/E programs. All “Operations” officers are required to complete the “Officer Certification Program” course by no later than August 31, 2010. At this time Rider Educators are not required to complete this day and a half course but the course is recommended for Educators and admission to the OCP course is being

held open to us. I will be taking the OCP this April. The OCP has and will be conducted in numerous locations and dates throughout the Region.

Is this “compliance with 501(C) 4” talk just some sort of a scare tactic? Is it just the latest “flavor of the month” out of National in Phoenix? Not hardly! There has already been a District in another Region **subjected to an IRS audit!** It’s my understanding that this audit resulted in the bankruptcy of the district. None of us wants to even think of being audited by the IRS. Please take it seriously and take your position in Rider Education seriously.

GWRRA Region B CPR/-FA Trainer

Tim & Anna Grimes

Crash Scene Response and You

I’d like to share the crucial lessons I’ve learned from recent motorcycle accidents as a bystander at the scene. As a passenger, one must realize you’ll be the first to a crash site because the driver will be parking the bike and getting the first aid kit. **LOOK BEFORE YOU RUN!** Do not run to the victim before ensuring your own safety. Identify yourself and tell them you are going to help them. Ask their name immediately! This helps in decreasing the anxiety and will establish a 1:1 interaction with the victim as you continue to use their name and obtain additional information. I feel it is critical that at all times you carry two pairs of non-latex gloves and a compact CPR barrier on you. Your ability to react is directly proportionate to the supplies you have available.

First aid kits need to be assessable, location and/or bag identified by a red cross and on the high side (opposite to kick stand) of the bike. Two reflective vests should be secured to this bag for immediate access to wear to control traffic. A driver should not go to the scene without the first aid kit. Also, if a driver has a passenger they need to be ready to throw that first aid kit to his/her passenger as that passenger heads to the crash site. This is why it’s so important to have the first aid kit assessable & consistently located at the same place on the bike! A pen and index cards in this kit can be used to gather names and phone numbers of potential witnesses or the medical information of the victim. I strongly urge you to have an emergency blanket in your first aid kit.

One person should take charge and give people tasks if they’re available. Tell the person you send to call EMS to return so you know the call has been made. You may be asked to notify the other groups on the ride of the accident while others are controlling traffic or attending to the victims. Therefore, every driver in a group should obtain the cell phone numbers of the Road Captains because not all cell phones work in certain areas. Be prepared to help with the transportation of the motorcycle to a dealership near the victim’s home. An injured driver’s second question asked is, “How’s my bike?” Knowing someone is taking care of it will allow them to focus on their own recovery and transportation home. A bike transportation company phone number should be on YOUR Medical Information Card. This allows others to assist you in the pick up and delivery of your bike and enables you to help others.

The bystanders controlling traffic wear reflective vests, while those attending the injured wear gloves. Wearing this equipment identifies you to the professionals as knowledgeable bystanders who can assist them. They will know that you have training by how you conduct yourself. Wear gloves!

Ensure that YOU carry your own Medical Information Card on you next to your driver’s license and medical insurance card. Let the riders in your group know this. Update the medication, emergency contact and phone numbers frequently.

The objective of this article is to share the key points I've learned from this experience. My hope is to see the Chapter Members I ride with a) carry a medical information card, b) obtain a first aid kit, and c) attend the Motorcycle Crash Scene Response Seminar. We all need to be surrounded by riders who are qualified. I am thankful to be associated with a Chapter that offers this program. It provided me the knowledge on how to prevent further injury, how to assess the situation, how to contact EMS and how to treat with life sustaining care. Having the confidence of knowing what to do for a Chapter Member and a friend is beyond words or describable.

**Until next month; Ride Safe, Ride Often and Keep the Shiny Side Up
Tim & Anna Grimes**

From the District Director

Hello NY District,

Suzette & I had a wonderful time at Chapter U's April Gathering. They have some great things happening. In May they are planning a Tech Day and a Rider Education weekend. They are planning 3 tours this summer and are looking for new destinations for day rides. Their new newsletter is excellent. Chapter Director Cliff Schaal even managed to get a full-page article about them in their local newspaper. Way to go Chapter U!

GWRRA's Membership Enhancement Program doesn't get the attention it deserves in NY. This Program handles the Couple and Chapter Of the Year programs, Chapter Newsletter Contest, and the Special Interest Groups. It also handles various areas pertaining to membership. Chapter Directors will find a lot of helpful information there.

We need help in the Membership Enhancement area at both the District and Chapter level. Do you like to help others have fun? This could be a good position for you!

Check it out at <http://med.gwrra.org/index.htm>

On the topic of fun stuff, does your Chapter have a Couple Of the Year? Remember that the 2010-2011 District Couple will be chosen at the Bi-State Convention (no longer called a Rally due to the IRS) in August. Would be nice to have several Couples in the selection process. If you have a new Chapter Couple, I have the C.O.Y. pins and hanger bars for the asking.

The Interactive District Calendar on our District website is starting to see some use. Chapters C, D, H, and W have their events listed. I know there are other Chapters that have their ride schedules planned, but not listed on the Calendar. Entering your events is not difficult, and there are detailed instructions on our website. Suzette will be happy to help if you get stuck. The Calendar is the best tool we can think of for planning Dash 4 Cash activity. Check it out!

The registrations for the Bi-State Convention are starting to roll in. So far, NJ's numbers are way ahead of ours. We can't let this happen! Lets get registered! When you register, please sign up for the BBQ/Professional Comedy Blast. We want a packed hall for this event.

Get your form at: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2010.htm>

Your Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge,
Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

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From the Assistant District Director

It finally has warmed up enough during the day for us to be out on the bike for a few hours in between the rain. I have to confess that a few weeks back Karen and I were having a house full of company for dinner one Saturday evening and I had just about enough of working in the yard on such a great day. About 2 in the afternoon I went into the house changed my clothes and shoes and announced (read as ask) that I was going for a ride. It was the first time out for the year and all I did was knock the winter dirt off the windshield, fill the tires and suspension, turned the key and was gone in less then 20 minutes. Now that twenty minutes of going over the bike prior to jumping on for the first time in over 6 months is something that GWRRA has taught me can be the most important 20 minutes I spend prior to a ride. 20 years ago when I was a lot younger and less knowledgeable (now I am no longer young) I was the one who just jumped in the saddle on a minute's notice and was off. No riding gear, boots, jacket, or any of that extra stuff I would never need or use. Now through the education and training classes that GWRRA has provided to us both Karen and I are not willing to compromise on safe riding techniques that we have acquired. Education is something that we can never get enough of, no matter how many times you sit through similar classes or seminars. It works the same way in my job were I have been through every sales class, seminar, and Dale Carnegie course offered. Still with every class I learn something new and reinforce some old lessons each time. Karen being a nurse is mandated to stay up to date with her nursing license and is continually in class to stay up on all the latest procedures and techniques available.

Thus is the same with GWRRA continuing education programs. The classes range from simple rider and co-rider classes all the way to experienced rider courses as well as the Horizons program and now the OCP program. We all need some positive reinforcement in our lives from time to time. Karen and I have taken the Level's program from 1 – 4 and most if not all of the educational programs on riding, first aid (imagine that being married to a nurse), Leadership, and organization offered by GWRRA. There is a renewed interest and push for everyone in every chapter to at least become a Level I rider and then progress from there. A few years back this program was one of the top programs that everyone participated in. Now our district and region educators are trying to renew that enthusiasm and interest in this program. It would be great if by the Bi-State Convention New York District could boast as having everyone in every chapter was a minimum of a Level I rider. I know that we have a tremendous amount of members that are more then Level I riders but we also have a lot of members that are not. Coming back around to the point of this whole thing, it all comes down to education and renewing, and reinforcing what we already know and do. Karen and I are heading out to Syracuse for the OCP program with our district and region trainers the last weekend in April. By the time you all ready this we will be Certified GWRRA Officers. From what I have heard from the officers who have taken the class so far, it is a class that will give us all the same information to be able to help grow this organization. I am sure that like every class I take there will be some information that I wonder why we are going over it because everyone should know this and then there will be the parts that I will come to have a deeper and better understanding of the why and how come this is done a certain way. The one enormous benefit of the OCP program will be having all officers in all parts of the district, region and organization with the same information and process's concerning our organization. It is our hope that after this initial push to get all present officers through the program that everyone who wish's to learn more about GWRRA and possibly step up to an officers position will avail themselves of this program. We can only become a better, stronger, more united organization with all the education offered through GWRRA.

Ride safe and within your limits and Karen and I will see you down the road.

Rocco and Karen Cole
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Bi-State Convention News

Convention Advertisement Request Sheet



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Dear GWRRA Supporter,

The Gold Wing Road Riders Association is holding their 2010 NY/NJ Bi-State Convention in Bridgewater & Manville, NJ on August 5-7, 2010. The Convention will be attended by an estimated 400 GWRRA members from New Jersey and New York as well as the surrounding states and Canada. YOUR ad in our Program and Events Book designates you as a supporter of GWRRA and, as such, our members will make every effort to patronize your establishment.

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We are looking for companies and individuals with goods and services that would like to be vendors at the Convention August 5-7th. The vendor area will be at the V.F.W. Hall in Manville N.J.

- 1-Avon products
- 2-Bike detailing
- 3-Jewelry products
- 4-Specialty Packaged food Sales

This is only a small sample of vendors, we welcome everyone.

Please give me a call: 732-887-0374 or e-mail Michael@mandellplumbing.com

This is going to be a GREAT Convention. Where can your Chapter help? Contact [Paul & Suzette Wood](#)

Bi-State Convention Jobs 2010

	NY	NJ
1. District Staff Picture Displays	Suzette Wood	
1. Convention Rides 2. Covered Bridge 3. Self Guided 4. District Director's Ride		NJ-H NJ-G NJ DD
1. Coordinate sales of 50/50 and Grand 50/50 tickets	Dan & RuthAnn Camire, Region Couple of the Year Coordinators	Dan & RuthAnn Camire, Region Couple of the Year Coordinators
1. Bike Show 2. People's Choice Award for Bike Show		NJ-D
1. Light Show		
1. Vendors – 2. Craft		Mike Mandell
1. Bike Games		
1. On site Registration 2. Thurs 3. Friday 4. Saturday	NY-G, Saturday	NJ-F, Friday
1. Hospitality Manpower		
1. People Games		NJ-H
1. Bingo		NJ-G
1. Thursday Night Entertainment 2. Ball Game 3. Ice Cream Social 4. Wii Bowling Tournament	NY-W	NJ-I, Wii Bowling
1. Friday Night Entertainment 2. Comedy Show 3. Barbecue 4. Antique Car Show		

1. Swap Meet		
1. Banquet decorating 2.		NJ-F NJ-C
1. Trophies and/or certificates	Statistical	Bike Show
1. Compilation of Convention pictures for Banquet & Spirit Award		
1. Music		NJ-H
1. Convention Book	Linda Waterman	Rich & Doreen Lampe

From the District Educator



Slow in Fast Out

Please keep track of the little phrases I like to pass on to all riders. They may just save your life.



So what do I mean by slow in fast out. This a classic from our MSF courses as it relates to

cornering. I'll cover that later. What I really want to emphasize with that saying right now is this is the very beginning of the riding season. We haven't had the time to gain back all our riding acuity from last year. In fact it will be a while before you're back to that condition.

But, we can help ourselves to get there much faster. The best is to take one of the refresher courses we all should take at least every other year. Next, we could take part in an organized Parking Lot Practice Session. Lastly, we can go to a parking lot on our own and work on our fundamentals. Let's see basic cornering consists of slow, look press and roll. You knew I would get back here, so we want to be slowed to the point we can safely execute the corner (slow in fast out). Next we want to look as far as possible through the corner and keep looking there. Next we need to press to initiate the turning process and press harder if we're not making it sharp enough. Lastly we need to roll on the throttle to stabilize the rear suspension. After you're happy with your corners in the parking lot, work on them on a sweet road. Out there, remember the outside, inside, outside path of travel. It gives the longest radius for the curve and best sight distance.

Back at the parking lot, work on two more skills. Just to challenge yourself, work on your U-turns. A slow speed maneuver that requires a great head turn and lots counter weighting. Don't beat yourself up, just have fun.

Lastly, another very important lifesaving maneuver, braking. Start slowly and work up to better and better quick stops. Really work on keeping your head and eyes up and ending up putting your left foot down.

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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From the District Trainer



GWRRRA
Gold Wing Road Riders Association

**Leadership
Training
Division**

By Jack Seeley - NY District Leadership Trainer

Oh what a beautiful weekend. No, I am not talking about the weather, but the highly successful Officer Certification Program held in North Syracuse, April 24th and 25th. Forty seven New Yorkers are now certified. We only have three more chapters in NY State left.

Here are the OCP opportunities coming up:

May 22-23

Vernon, CT

Contact Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg, NE Region Trainers

Wingin-it@stny.rr.com

June 7-8

Americade, Lake George

Contact Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg, NE Region Trainers

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June 26-27

Clarks Summit, PA

Contact Wayne & Kim Ferland, PA District Trainers

wftigger@gmail.com

July 24-25

Coxsackie, NY

Contact Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg, NE Region Trainers

Wingin-it@stny.rr.com



Have a good day,
Jack Seeley
GWRRRA □ NY District Leadership Trainer
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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/her own 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 site, 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.

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Ed and Linda Johnson, Directors

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NY District Membership Coordinator

From the District COY

We ended our Winter Adventure on a very high note by attending the LA District Convention in Lafayette. Wow, what a great Convention!! The activities, guided rides, seminars and vendors were all top notch. We especially enjoyed watching the LA chapters compete in the “crawfish” races and attending the “Deal or No Deal” game. The guided ride to Avery Island to tour the Tabasco factory and some of the Cargill salt mine operation was very informative. In

the Tabasco store we even got to sample Tabasco coke, Tabasco ice cream and jalapeno ice cream. Then we had delicious oyster po boys at the Bon Creole in New Iberia. After lunch we toured the gardens on Jefferson Island. Our excellent tour leaders were Gerald and Sheryl Faulk from LA-B. What a great time we had!! We got to meet the current District Couples of the Year from Kansas, Louisiana, and Texas; also the Region A and Region H Couples of the Year. We had a great time visiting with the International Couple, Carolyn and Alan Little.

As you all know the best part of any Convention is reconnecting with GWRRA friends and making new GWRRA friends. We especially enjoyed chumming around with Jane & Lemuel Jones, MS-M CD's, Greg and Pat Harbison, MS DD's, Rosemary & Bobby Patterson, MS ADD's, Cathy & Bob Singley, MS MED Cordinators and all of our friends from MS-L. MS District has adopted us and everyone makes us feel right at home!

We enjoyed judging the Best Dressed Competition as well as attending the "Couple of the Year" & "How to Delegate" seminars. The Mardi Gras Ball was a hoot! You should have seen the costumes. There was also Chapter banner, Chapter scrapbook, Chapter mascot and Chapter fancy hat competition. Each chapter prepared a basket as we do in NY. Proceeds went back to the chapters to be used for the Couple of the Year program. Unfortunately we didn't win one. Three of the eleven chapters' Couples of the Year were in the selection process. Kudos to all of the LA District staff and chapters who helped to make this event so memorable,

At Americade we will be manning the GWRRA booth on Wednesday morning. Please stop by and say "hello". During our Bi-State Convention we will be working with Dan & Mary Costello, NJ Couple of the Year, selling 50/50 tickets. We will be asking each NY Chapter Couple to help. If your chapter doesn't have a Couple of the Year, we would like to have someone or two from your chapter to help us sell these tickets. If every chapter steps up, it will only mean a few hours of your time. We will be contacting each NY Chapter after we get home and settled in. Thanks in advance for your help.

Bob & Sandy Kelley
NY District Couple of the Year



Rod & Ann Gillett (KS District Couple),
Bob & Sandy, Marie & Wendell Vince (LA District Couple)



Carolyn Little Alan Little
2009 – 2010 International Couple

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Wing Ding News

Only 2 Months Left to Pre-Register and Save \$\$\$!

There are only two months left to pre-register and save money! Wing Ding 32 will take place this **June 30th -- July 3rd, 2010** at the **Iowa Events Center!**

Prices will go up so don't wait, take advantage of the early-bird discounts; register [online](#) today and prepare to **Meet in the Middle!**

With a 500 booth indoor trade show, live stunt shows, great prizes and giveaways including **\$10,000 cash**, manufacturer demos including Can-Am Roadster and more, indoor bike show, parades, great food, free entertainment, fun, friends and much more, you won't want to miss out!

Des Moines Welcome Party!

The Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau is welcoming you with your own special party on **Tuesday, June 29th** at **Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino!** The party starts at 6:00 PM and goes until the band is done! There will be **free ice cream and sweet corn, reserved parking, dedicated races, great prizes and live radio coverage by KIOA.** The band starts at 8:00 PM. There will also be private sessions on how to wager and chances to meet professional jockeys and/or trainers! Admission to this event is free; simply show your armband!
(Arrive early and pick up your pre-registration packet at the Iowa Events Center between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 29th)

Region B Responsibilities: Light Parade and Grand Parade (with assistance from Regions I & K)

Region B (along with Regions I & J) is responsible for helping Region E with Security Support as well.

Tentative schedule for the Light Parade will be Thursday July 1, 2010

Tentative schedule for the Grand Parade will be Friday July 2, 2010

5:30 PM	Staging & Parade
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Light Parade Staging/Classification
9:30 PM	Light Parade
10:00 PM	Light Parade Judging and Awards

This will be an exciting year as Wing Ding will take place in a downtown setting at a convention center as opposed to a fairground setting. This will make for an intimate, upscale setting more suitable for that of your annual international gathering!

Valley Junction Farmers Market/Light Parade

Thursday, July 1, 2010

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Light Parade approximately 9:30 PM



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The Historic Valley Junction District in West Des Moines will feature over 100 producers of fresh produce and other great items and vintage shops along with live music along the streets of this quaint historic area. Food and beverage is available in the various eateries. The Wing Ding Light Parade will be here at approximately 9:30 PM. Look for a map in the Wing Ding program. For more information on Valley Junction visit www.valleyjunction.com

Urbandales July 4th Celebration

Friday, July 2, 2010

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

This year's **Grand Parade** will depart the Iowa Events Center and end at Urbandale High School to join in their annual celebration which will include the GWRRA **Drill Team exhibition** and feature a classic Rock-n-Roll concert in the park.

GWRRA National News

High Mileage Contest- New Program

GWRRA is very proud to announce a new Member-suggested Contest! This contest was sent to us by Brian Roundtree from Woodstock, Georgia, and will begin April 1, 2010, and will run through October 31, 2010. It is just as it sounds. The Member who has driven the most number of miles on his or her motorcycle or trike between these dates will be honored as the winner of the first GWRRA High Mileage Contest.

It is an honor program, meaning that you are taken at your word, and you provide the mileage in the database. This database is a website that will be accessed from GWRRA's Home Page at www.gwrra.org. There you will find a link to list your name, Member number and mileage driven for each month.

The data will automatically update and put each rider in order of the highest mileage first, second, etc. The winner of the GWRRA High Mileage Contest will receive recognition on this website, GWRRA's Home Page, and in an article in Wingin' It, our electronic newsletter, as well as a special certificate from the Home Office.

Some of the simple rules as mentioned previously are:

- Open to current GWRRA Members only
- Beginning and ending mileage must be given on your entries into the database
- Mileage is to be calculated on a single bike or trike and not cumulative from multiple vehicles (no commercial vehicles are allowed)

This contest is for the pure fun and enjoyment of riding. It has seen very much success in other organizations, so let's have fun with it and, remember, we are all on the honor system.

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National Organizational Changes

Good Morning Everyone,

The GWRRA Directors for all Programs, as well as all Region Directors participated in a conference call last night. The call was lead by Executive Director Melissa Eason. Its purpose for the call was to report a change in GWRRA Leadership. Melissa announced a new re-organizational structure within GWRRA.

Effective immediately

Melissa has been appointed as **Chief Operations Officer (COO) of GWRRA**. She will be responsible for all internal business affairs relating to GWRRA.

The Executive Director position has been eliminated.

Mike Stiger has been appointed as the **Director of GWRRA**. You may remember him as the former Director of Rider Education. He will now be responsible for all GWRRA operational issues.

Mike Stiger's contact information is:

Cell Phone: 517-420-4535

GW Email: Director@gwrra.org

Please address any questions and/or issues directly through Mike and also remember to update the GWRRA officer listing on all websites and newsletters to reflect this change.

Thank you,
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Americade News

Hello GWRRA NY & Region B,

The GWRRA Americade breakfast will be on June 12 at the Elks Lodge, 23 Cronin Rd., Queensbury, NY. Adult price is \$7.25, and the kids price is \$4.25.

Once again, the NY District (with help from other Districts) will be Staffing the GWRRA booth at Tour expo. Manning the booth is a lot of fun. Many GWRRA members from all over the world stop by to say "hi". It is also a great place add to your count of recruits.

The schedule follows. The schedule LOOKS full, but many times we need more than 2 people in

the booth. We still need YOUR help to properly represent our Association. Please let me know what shift(s) you can take.

Thanks.

Paul Wood
 GWRRA NY District Director
gwranydd@gmail.com

AMERICADE BOOTH SIGN UP SHEET						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:00 - 12:00			B & S Kelley	M Faranda	J&J Perez	J&D Seeley ?
	Gary Cork & Woods			N Denton		
	doing the set-up					
12:00 - 3:00			L & E Knight.	D&C Godin	D&C Godin	E&D Bahrenburg
					J& D Wheeler	J& D Wheeler
3:00 - 6:00		K&E Price	A. Pofahl	L & E Knight ?		G & D Cork
			R&K Teribury			Wood

Americade Friday Night Get-together

Chapter L will again be having a Friday night get together June 11, 2010 at Sweet Basil's Restaurant. Location is on Rt 9 just south of the Great Escape Theme Park on the same side of the road. Dinner will begin to be served at 5:30 for anyone wishing to come. Reservations are needed in order to allow Sweet Basil's the opportunity to have staff available to handle the event. As in the the past there will be a very short meeting to exchange information and then everyone will be on their way to the closing ceremony at the Great Escape or wherever they wish to go for the night. **Please call 914-475-0510 (Doug), 845-807-1209 (Linda) or 845-532-2727 (Phil) to make reservations for the dinner.** Any of the numbers will accept voice mail if you don't get an answer. Reservations can be accepted up to noon on Friday June 11, 2010. After last years event being a huge success and great dinner with so many friends we look forward to seeing everyone again this year as well as some new friends and family.

Doug and Linda Eighmey
 GWRRA NY Chapter L Directors

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