



GWRRA New York District

June 2010

Northeast Region



<p>Chief Operations Officer Melissa Eason</p> <p>Director of GWRRA Mike Stiger</p> <p>Wing World Editor Sharon Stanley</p> <p>Region Directors Lorraine & Earl Knight</p> <p>Region Educator Keith & Elaine Price</p> <p>Region Trainer Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg</p> <p>Region Membership Donna Wheeler</p> <p>Region COY Coordinators Dan & Ruthann Camire</p> <p>Region COY Mike & Nancy Mandell</p> <p>Region CPR/FA Coordinators Tim & Anna Grimes</p> <p>Region Webmaster Tom Evans</p> <p>Region ChOY Coordinator Dan & Ruthann Camire</p> <p>Region Newsletter Editor John Knight</p> <hr/> <p>Links:</p> <p>GWRRA Homepage</p> <p>Region B Website</p> <p>NY District Website</p> <p>NY District Calendar</p> <p>Officer's Guidebook</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Chapter Directors</h3> <p><i>Chapter C</i> Nick & Gail Habel</p> <p><i>Chapter D</i> Rick Reardon</p> <p><i>Chapter F</i> Rich & Lois Brown</p> <p><i>Chapter G</i> Pete & Marielle St. Amour</p> <p><i>Chapter H</i> Rick & Connie Parson</p> <p><i>Chapter K</i> Lawrence Showman</p> <p><i>Chapter L</i> Doug & Linda Eighmey</p> <p><i>Chapter N</i> Steve & Nancy Denton</p> <p><i>Chapter R</i> Mike Hernandez</p> <p><i>Chapter T</i> Al & Linda Yerdon</p> <p><i>Chapter U</i> Cliff & Nancy Schaal</p> <p><i>Chapter W</i> Mike & Ginny Schelkun</p> <p><i>Chapter Y</i> Roland & Katrina Teribury</p> <hr/> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Officer Certification Program Dates</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">From the 2009-2010 Region Couple</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From the Region Educators</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From the District Director</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From the Assistant District Director</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From the District Educator</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From the District Membership Coordinators</p> <p style="text-align: center;">From District Public Relations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wing Ding News</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Americade News</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Americade Booth Sign-up Sheet</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">New York District Staff</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">District Director Paul & Suzette Wood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Asst. District Directors Bob & Cathy Turner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Educators Al & Emily Stahl</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Asst Educator TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Leadership Trainer Jack and Donna Seeley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District MAD Coordinators TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Coy Coordinators TBD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Couple of the Year Bob & Sandy Kelley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Membership Coordinator Pete & Marielle St. Amour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Public Relations Linda Waterman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Treasurer Kathy De Groff</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Editor Phil Coons</p> <p style="text-align: center;">District Web Mistress Suzette Wood</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">More Links:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GWRRA Benefits</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GWRRA on Facebook</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wing Ding</p>
--	---	---

News from the Northeast Region

Officer Certification Program Dates within the Northeast Region

- June 5-6 Gorham, NH
Contact Wayne & Kim Ferland, PA District Trainers
wftigger@gmail.com
- June 7-8 Americade, Lake George
Contact Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg, NE Region Trainers
Wingin-it@stny.rr.com
- 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
- September 11-12 Bangor, Maine (location tentative)
Contact: Lorraine Knight, Region Director
lknight33@cox.net
- October 23-24 Southern Section of Maine (location tentative)
Contact: Mark Bennett
mbennett86023@roadrunner.com



From the 2009-2010 Region Couple of the Year

Mike & Nancy Mandell

Springtime & Couple of The year
“Perfect Together”

Springtime, what a great time of year; it is the start of the riding season for many districts all around the country. As we come into May most of the chapters have already done a wonderful job of identifying and rewarding their special chapter participants with the most prestigious title of; Chapter Couple of The year. Many of the couples have begun traveling around visiting chapters within their districts in support of the visit-a-chapter-program. Along with the chapter couples many chapter members join in support of their couples by traveling with

[Back to the Top](#)

them. This clearly shows why the Couple of The Year Program is a Win/Win/Win event at the chapter, district and region level. It promotes interaction within all of these areas.

With the “convention” season fast approaching we are all in the process of deciding what events our time and budgets will allow us to attend. The more involved we get the more FUN we all have.

It is now time for all of the chapter couples to consider making the FUN commitment to enter into their district selection process. This is not a competition; always remember the couples program is recognition based. In simple terms the more you have done and continue to do for your chapter, district and GWRRA the more chance you will have of being selected.

With this being said still the biggest reason to be involved is for the “FUN”. The added bonus is the bond you will develop with all the other couples that you come in contact with. You can ask anyone that has served as a couple at any level and we are sure you will hear the same thing; the relationship between couples is special and long lasting. The friends you meet will always be your very special friends.

The process is easy, simply do what you have always done and continue having FUN. Attend chapter, district and region events. Always remember there are no strangers in G.W.R.R.A. only friends that we have not met as of yet. So come on out and meet and greet everybody.

Many folks do not realize just how exciting it is to have their chapter couple represent the chapter in the district selection.

Please, do not miss out on all the “Good Times” step up today and let everyone know you are really looking forward to the wonderful experiences that the Couple of The Year Program has to offer you.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Nancy or myself, we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

We hope to see all of you as we increase our level of FUN this year in Iowa at Wing Ding 32 as we enter into the International Selection Process.

We will be just one of the couples you will see with a great big smile on our faces as we welcome YOU to this great event.

Ride Safe!

Mike & Nancy Mandell
N.E. Region “B” Couple of The Year 2009-10
N.J. Assistant District Directors
M.S. Bike Tour 150 Coordinators

[Back to the Top](#)



Parking Lot Practice – a review

There has recently been some misunderstanding regarding the Parking Lot Practice program. We need to clarify what a PLP is, how is it conducted, who can present it and what can it be used for. The PLP is just what the name implies; a PRACTICE. It is a means of practicing what was learned in an Experienced Rider or Trike course. The PLP is not a course itself. It is a practice of the skills taught in the course.

In order to be official the PLP must be presented, or facilitated, by a certified PLP Facilitator. I am not so naive as to think that there are no PLP's being conducted by people who are not facilitators. We can't stop a group of people from going out to a parking lot and practicing. But such an "event" is not covered under the liability insurance carried by GWRRA nor can it be used to satisfy requirements of the Level's program. So if you have such a practice, remember those limitations.

I, as Region Educator, have "sanctioned" the Parking Lot Practice in the Northeast Region. What that means is that official PLP's can be used as training requirements in the Rider Education Level's program in a limited way. A member who has completed a PLP, and produces a completion card as evidence can use the PLP to advance from Level 1 to Level 2. The use of a PLP to advance to Level 3 or 4 is not allowed under any circumstances. Furthermore a member who has completed a PLP can maintain their current Level training requirement for **1 year**. After that year has expired the member **must** take an approved Rider Course in order to stay current. Consecutive use of the PLP is not allowed for level maintenance.

Certified PLP Facilitators must conduct PLP's. Facilitators are charged with:

1. Proper preparation of equipment and facilities for the event.
2. That the orders of the exercises are correctly followed.
3. The Range is maintained correctly keeping a safe environment for members to participate in." *

Notice does it anywhere state that facilitators are to teach or instruct the participants of the PLP! In fact the program unequivocally states that:

"Facilitators may NOT under any circumstances offer instruction, suggestions, riding tips, etc." *

* From the "Application of the PLP Facilitator Program" V 5.09 May 2009

The reason for this directive is simple. All "driving" courses, whether 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4 and more wheel, are licensed by all 50 states. Also all instructor training is similarly licensed. The Parking Lot Practice program does not meet the requirements set down for licensed courses. Our

[Back to the Top](#)

Rider courses do meet those requirements. If a PLP Facilitator does provide instruction, they risk legal action including civil or criminal prosecution. GWRRA and I will not get in trouble. You will. We told you not to do it!

If you are not allowed to instruct, what can you do? Use the Parking Lot Practice Guide. Download it, reproduce it and distribute it to the PLP participants. Refer them to the “Rider Self Evaluation Tips” to have them help themselves if they have trouble doing the exercises.

A facilitator is supposed to explain each exercise including the reason for it. They should have someone demonstrate each exercise and has the authority to tell a participant who, in the Facilitator’s opinion, is a danger to themselves or other participants. Such a rider should then be advised to take an approved Rider Course for their own safety. But under **no circumstances** should the PLP Facilitator provide such instruction themselves.

The PLP Program is a very valuable tool to increase our member’s safety but it is not a replacement for an actual Rider course. Use it properly and all of our members will benefit.

MAD in May

May has become the traditional time of year for mall shows. The weather is so much better than the last few months but it’s still a bit too cold for long rides. Please include a Motorist Awareness (MAD) component in your next mall show. Our Chapter (NY-H) dedicates the entire show toward MAD. You don’t have to do that but have MAD literature and bumper stickers available for the public. They are available at no cost from the home office in Phoenix. You might even set up a TV showing one of the MAD presentations on it. It’s also a great way of drawing attention to your display.

I **Northeast Region**
Keith & Elaine Price – Region Educators
Tim & Anna Grimes – Assist. Region Educators

From the District Director

The NY District mourns the sudden loss of our friend Rocco Cole. Rocco was a great man, an excellent GWRRA Officer and a good friend. Through involvement in his family, community, and GWRRA, Rocco touched many, many lives. He brought energy, caring, and good ideas into everything he did. In the few short months we worked together as DD and ADD we had developed the best sense of teamwork I have ever been a part of.

Despite the shock of Rocco’s passing, and the great sense of loss that has accompanied it, the business of the NY District must continue. The OCP training teaches that the GWRRA Officers first priority is serving the members, so we need to press on.

Rocco’s passing left a lot of “loose ends”, but it has been amazing to watch people step up.

Chapter N has stepped up to help with the GWRRA booth at Americade. CD’s Steve & Nancy Denton, ACD’s Ken & Donna Granger, Gary Cork, and Maryanne Faranda have agreed to

[Back to the Top](#)

provide more help than I could have imagined.

Region Trainers Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg have stepped up to handle all the details of the OCP course that is being held on the Monday and Tuesday of Americade week.

Chapter L CD's Doug & Linda Eighmey and District Newsletter Editor Phil Coons are taking the reservations for the Chapter L Gathering at Sweet Basils on the Friday of Americade week. Details are listed later in this newsletter. Don't miss this event!

NY District Membership Coordinators Pete & Marielle ST-Amour continue working hard to get Chapter NY-X off the ground. Region B Assistant Directors Dave & Crystal Godin, the Bahrenburg's, and members of neighboring Chapters and Districts have all shown a great deal of support to our new-found friends from the lower Hudson area. Potential CD's have stepped up, and they plan to take the OCP at Americade. We plan to get the paperwork settled at that time. Looks like we will have a Kick Off to attend this summer!

The OCP training session that was held in Syracuse at the end of April was a complete success. All of the 47 members in attendance passed the exam with flying colors. I wish to thank all those who attended, and all those who made this session possible.

Region B is responsible for providing help with the Light Parade and Grand Parade at Wing Ding. If you would like to help, please contact me.

The Bi-State Convention continues to grow. We now have 17 vendors and the NJ Staff is still looking for more. The Thursday night baseball game now features a Gold Wing Parade around the warning track of the ball field. You are encouraged to register now! You can get the information at gwrra-ny.org. (Convention flyer and sign-up sheet can be found [here](#))

The [Interactive Calendar](#) is filling up. Several Chapters are now using the calendar. How about your Chapter?

Hope to see all of you in Lake George!

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors.

From the Assistant District Director

While trying to write this I was reminiscing about my life with Rocco. We had many things planned, unfortunately none of those will occur. Rocco departed this life suddenly on April 21, 2010.

We have many happy memories, including a wonderful vacation just before he died. I am still trying to adjust to life without him. One thing I know for sure, is that Rocco had a lot of friends, as evidenced by the outpouring of sympathy.

GWRRA was one of Rocco's true loves. He tried to make a difference. Starting with our hometown Chapter L, of Coxsackie NY and most recently as NY Assistant District Director or Region B. Rocco was very proud of this district and had many ideas to make it even better,

[Back to the Top](#)

unfortunately he will not be able to see these come true.

Words can't express my thanks to all NY and NJ Chapters for your expressions of sympathy and many stories about Rocco. I have truly seen for myself that GWRRA is a family.

My life will never be the same, but with friends and family, such as yourselves, Rocco's memory will live on.

Thank-you all and when you remember Rocco, please have a smile on your face and a warm place in your heart.

All my love,
Karen Cole

From the District Educator



TCLOCS

We all know this acronym and what the letters mean. If you don't please ask your chapter educator. Now let's talk about the first letter,



T, for tires. This month's article will give everyone a little more understanding why it needs to be done before every day of riding.

Recently I was conducting a rider education course. Before we went for a group ride, I asked everyone if and how long it had been since they did their TCLOCS, including checking their tire pressure. Their answers varied from that day to that week. After the ride, one of the riders asked me to more fully explain the items in more detail. While doing this, we observed one of the other riders getting ready to leave. We noticed his rear tire looked very low on air. I was able to catch his attention and we checked his tire pressure. It was 14 psi. He had just had a brand new tire installed and figured everything was fine and didn't have to check the pressure that morning. He learned a very important lesson.

Earlier lesson, I was teaching a weekend MSF Basic Rider course starting with the classroom portion Friday night. Believing in walking the walk, I checked my tire pressure Friday before driving 17 miles to the class site. Next morning at 6:15 am, I said, hey I just checked my pressures, don't need to this morning. I rode up to the class and noticed the bike just didn't feel right. At lunch time, I decided to again check my tire pressures. Guess what, the rear tire was down to 19 psi. This time I found the cause, when I had the tire changed a couple of weeks before, the valve stem hadn't been changed, even though I had asked for this to be done and was leaking.

So the answer to when to do a TCLOCS inspection? Before every ride or learn it the hard way.

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

astahl@nycap.rr.com

518-587-2420 (H) 518-598-8981 (C)

[Back to the Top](#)

From the District Membership Coordinators



A New Chapter in the making



Since last February your NY District personal have been working at setting up a new Chapter in the downstate area, so far a total of three informational meeting were held in a local area Diner. **Rocco**, I and several regions VIP's were present to assist in the process. Volunteers by the name of **Paul** and **Sheryl Breau** stepped up as potential's Chapter Directors pending their OCP certification and approval by Region. They choose to be recognized as new NY Chapter "X". All is doing well so far, **Paul** and **Sheryl** are aggressively contacting friends, acquaintances and yes they also make use of their **Gold Book** by letting area GWRRA members that a new GWRRA Chapter is in the making, their first gathering will be held on **May 16** at a local Restaurant, **Ed and Dottie** region trainers will be present to provide their support and answer questions that maybe popping up in the area of group Riding.

After making several informational meeting I couldn't help noticing how the interested members and non members right off hand had many technical questions, others had Safety Courses and Rider Education questions, EI: Who could provide us with this or that? Whom do I contact for road Captain Courses, what is the cost where could we take these courses? The questions went on and on for several hours, our newly found friends were suddenly eager to acquire knowledge keeping the aspect Safety in mind, well that just fit our Motto: *Friends for Fun Safety and Knowledge*. As soon as their kick off become official will let you know so you and your Chapter can become acquainted with your new friends.

Rocco's passing

Sunday April 18 the day many of you made it to Brook's BBQ, Rocco and I travelled downstate to wrap up last details concerning Chapter "X". Few days later we unfortunately learned about Rocco's passing. Many GWRRA members showed up to pay their respect by riding their Wings in a cold and rainy day, among them Chapter "L" and "N" several VIP's from our Region "B", was it compassing or dedication that prompt to brave the weather? I would say lots of both. The road back home turned out to be a phenomenal task for some of you who left on their Bikes around noon to get back to Rochester NY, after getting word that the mercury drop to 37 degrees with 40 mph wind and snow coming down on the road. Suddenly the expression "**Coming in on a Wing and a prayer**" has just taken a brand new meaning. Once I got home myself I kept sending encouraging details weather massages down to their blackberry on what to expect ahead as they painfully braved the elements. They never saw the warm of their home until 5.30 PM. Compassion or dedication could easily be seen on that day but this took something beyond what words can explain, its call **LOVE** for your friends, it can only felt from within and yes we were touch. **Greg Eames** Assistant Chapter W, **Paul and Suzette Wood** NY DD, thanks for showing us your true colors, and that ladies and gentleman is the rest of the story.....

Pete St -Amour
NY District Membership Coordinator

[Back to the Top](#)

From District Public Relations

Hello, everyone. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers throughout the District. You are all very much appreciated.

I apologize for not having an article last month; however, the passing of Rocco Cole took the wind out of my sails and I needed some time to regroup myself. Rocco was a very kind-hearted man. This man drove from Coxsackie, NY to attend my birthday party last August and he arrived as we were all leaving to go on a ride. I felt so bad that he drove all that way. He told me later he enjoyed the opportunity to just get out and see something different. Then at the District Convention in Norwich, what was waiting for me but a beautiful birthday card with a gift inside. That was the kind of person Rocco was.

I would like to share an article with you that Dee Eames, Asst CD of Chapter W, wrote for the last issue of the Winger.

Three Simple but Powerful Words

by Dee Eames

As the Mom of 2 teenage girls, I seem to spend a lot of time "waiting" on them. I have found that even though I have been telling them since they were old enough to talk that they need to ask "Please" and to always say "Thank You" to everyone sometimes they still forget. When I am asked to "Please do...(fill in the blank)" I am much more willing to do it, if I am asked just to do..., I am much more likely to resist doing it. I am always happy to say "thank you" to someone for doing something for me and expect the same, its just common courtesy.

I don't know if we as adults have forgotten how powerful these 3 little words can be. So I would like to ask "Please..."

1. Plan to have FUN, that is why we joined."
2. Make suggestions that you would like to do, maybe you would like to have a picnic ride, or a movie night, let us know."
3. Listen quietly while the meeting is taking place. You will be given a chance to have your say without someone talking over you."
4. Feel free to give your honest opinion about rides, events, places we patronize, this is your time and money and we want everyone to have fun and enjoy themselves."
5. Speak to the appropriate party if you have a problem or a complaint, telling everyone but the right person will not get it fixed."
6. **I would also like to say "Thank You" for...**
 - volunteering when asked, we can't do everything ourselves and you wouldn't want us to.
 - smiling and saying hello when we meet. It warms everyone's heart to be welcomed with a smile.
 - filling in for a friend who couldn't make it, they would do the same for you.
 - accepting change, without it we would live in a stagnant world. They say the only place where nothing changes is in a cemetery.
 - having a positive attitude, only you can decide how your day will be, make it positive."

Thank you, Dee, for an excellent reminder. How too often in this fast-pace society we forget the

[Back to the Top](#)

simple things. So, perhaps, we each can just take the first step in remembering we all deserve some politeness from our family, friends and members.

On Saturday, 15 May, I had the opportunity to ride with members of Chapter W to Chapter F's meeting in Ithaca, NY. There were 13 bikes that came out of Rochester and Chapter F was surprised at the number that came. Lois kept saying we didn't think this many would come. A great time was had by all-thanks to Ron Harris for showing a very informative and educational DVD on the A (accelerate) B (brake) and C (clutch) for slow riding and maneuvering. After the meeting, we all headed out (a total of 21 bikes) to the Taughanock Falls Overlook. After that we all headed back to Rochester. I would like to thank Larry Helber for lending his back seat to me. A great time was had by all.

I would like to share a true story sent to me by a friend. It just goes to show you the extreme some people will go to when they think they are getting something for nothing.

"THE KOHL'S SHOPPING TRIP

This is just too funny! This could only be true - you simply can't make this stuff up! **** The names have been changed to protect the innocent!

Clutching their Kohl's shopping bags, Susan and Judy woefully gazed down at a dead cat in the mall parking lot. Obviously a recent hit .. no flies, no smell. What business could that poor kitty have had here? murmured Susan.

Come on, Susan, let's just go....

But Susan had already grabbed her shopping bag and was explaining, I'll just put my things in your bag, and then I'll use this tissue...

She dumped her purchases into Judy's bag and then used the tissue paper to cradle and lower the former feline into her own Kohl's bag and cover it.

They continued the short trek to the car in silence, stashing their goods in the trunk. But it occurred to both of them that if they left Susan's burial bag in the trunk, warmed by the bright sunshine while they ate, Judy's Lumina would soon lose that new-car smell.

They decided to leave the bag on top of the trunk, and they headed over to a nearby cafeteria. They went through the serving line and sat down at a window table. They had a view of Judy's Chevy with the Kohl's bag still on the trunk.

BUT not for long! As they ate, they noticed a rather large woman in a red gingham shirt stroll by their car. She looked quickly this way and that, and then took the Kohl's bag without breaking stride. She quickly walked out of their line of vision.

[Back to the Top](#)

Judy and Susan shot each other a wide-eyed look of amazement.

It all happened so fast that neither of them could think how to respond. Can you imagine? sputtered Susan. The nerve of that woman! Judy sympathized with Susan, but inwardly a laugh was building inside each of them as they thought about the grand surprise awaiting the female thief.

Just when she thought she'd have to giggle into her napkin, Judy noticed Susan's eyes freeze in the direction of the serving line. Following her gaze, Judy recognized the large woman in the red gingham shirt with the Kohl's bag hanging from her arm. She was brazenly pushing her tray toward the cashier.

Helplessly they watched the scene unfold.

After leaving the register, the woman settled at a table across from theirs, put the bag on an empty chair and began to eat.

After a few bites of baked whitefish and green beans, she casually lifted the bag into her lap to survey her treasure. Looking from side to side, but not far enough to notice her rapt audience three tables over, she pulled out the tissue paper and peered into the bag.

Her eyes widened, and she began to make a sort of gasping noise. The noise grew. The bag slid from her lap as she sank to the floor, wheezing and clutching her upper chest. The beverage cart attendant quickly recognized a customer in trouble and sent the busboy to call 911, while she administered the Heimlich maneuver.

A crowd quickly gathered that did not include Susan and Judy, who remained riveted to their chairs for seven whole minutes until the ambulance arrived. In a matter of minutes, the big woman with the red gingham shirt emerged, still gasping, and securely strapped on a gurney.

Two well-trained EMT volunteers steered her to the waiting ambulance, while a third scooped up her belongings. The last they saw of the distressed "cat-burgler" was as she disappeared behind the ambulance doors the Kohl's bag perched on her stomach!

God does take care of those who do bad things! AND once in a while, He allows us to witness!"

A friend asked if I would mind placing this ad in our newsletter.

[Back to the Top](#)

2001 Suzuki Intruder, 800 cc, Metallic Red for \$3400. Low mileage (6600), well maintained, "perfect" condition, windshield, step seat, special pipes, good tires. Absolutely worth the asking price. Contact Jerry @ 7091 Jackson Hill Road Newark, New York 14513 or (315) 331-0505.

I have come to the end of my windy sails and since I have already given you some humor above- I would like to you leave with this thought:

"Everything can be taken from a man but one thing; the last of human freedoms-to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." Viktor Frankl

Linda Waterman
District Public Relations Coordinator

Wing Ding News



Have your plans changed? Are you now going to Wing Ding? That's great! Come join us, meet more friends in Region B by helping out at the Light Parade 7-10 pm Thursday July 1st for classification, staging and judging this awesome event. Our Region is also looking for help with staging the Grand Parade Friday afternoon July 2nd 3:30-5:30pm. If you are interested, please email us at cdgodin@yahoo.com We ask that you send your cell phone numbers to us to so we may devise a list of who we should see at which or both parades. Thanks in advance and see you there!!

Dave and Crystal Godin, Assistant Region Directors

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!

[Back to the Top](#)

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

source not found

Error: Reference

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

[Back to the Top](#)

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.

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		M Faranda	B & S Kelley	M Faranda	J&J Perez	J&D Seeley ?
	Gary Cork & Woods	N Denton		N Denton		
	doing the set-up	K & D Granger		K & D Granger		
	with M Faranda and					
	Ken Granger					
12:00 - 3:00		M Faranda	L & E Knight.	D&C Godin	D&C Godin	E&D Bahrenburg
		N Denton			J& D Wheeler	J& D Wheeler
		K & D Granger				
3:00 - 6:00		K&E Price	A. Pofahl	L & E Knight ?		G & D Cork
			R&K Teribury			P & S Wood

[Back to the Top](#)

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
GWRRR NY Chapter L Directors