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From the District Director

Hello NY District,

Despite the bad weather, we had a good time at Americade. Our trips there and back were done under threatening skies, but the roads were dry a lot of the time.

Things went well at the GWRRA booth at Tour expo. The rain kept the crowds down, but we still took in some new members, a few renewals, and passed out a lot of information. Our information table was well stocked and received a lot of attention from both current and prospective members. This information came from National, the NY District, and Chapter NY-N.

A special thanks goes out to Chapter NY-N participants Maryanne Faranda, Nancy Denton, Ken & Donna Granger, and Gary & Donna Cork. They provided manpower, logistical support, and a lot of informational materials. The booth would not have happened without you!

Thanks also to the participants of NY Chapters H and Y, and the Region team. They all gave several hours of their time and did an excellent job of representing GWRRA.

The Chapter L Gathering on that Friday night was a blast. About 80 members of Chapter L, the NY District and the Region Team were in attendance. Chapter Director Doug Eighmey and the Sweet Basil staff did an excellent job putting on this event. Doug's speech at the Gathering was entertaining, and many Dash for Cash points were earned.

The GWRRA Breakfast at the Queensbury Elks Lodge also went well. The food was good, and it was well attended. Al Lange and other Chapter N participants worked hard to make this event happen. Great job guys!

Welcome Chapter NY- X! The paperwork for our new Chapter was signed during Americade. It was a real pleasure to meet with new Chapter Directors Paul & Sheryl Breau and Treasurer George Ignatius. See Pete ST-Amours article for more details.

While at Americade we visited the host hotel for the Ride Out. It is a very nice facility. Get the details on this event here: http://www.gwrra-ny-n.org/index_files/Page1201.htm

The 2010 Bi-State Convention is less than 2 months away. You are encouraged to get registered as soon as possible. Find the form here: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/rally2010.htm>

New York is hosting the 2011 Bi-State Convention. We are looking at holding it in the Syracuse area.

The NY District is in 100% compliance with the IRS990N e-postcards. Thank you very much CD's and Treasurers!

Another OCP course is being held in Coxsackie, NY on July 24 & 25. Contact District Trainer at

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Jack Seeley at pedlesjack@aol.com to for more information

Suzette and I are hitting the road again toward the end of June. We plan to take some of the US Routes out to Wing Ding, with a possible stop in Nebraska. We look forward to seeing some of you New Yorkers in Des Moines!

Ride safe and often,

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

PATCHES AND ROCKERS

There have been several inquiries lately about getting the “rockers” to go with the 10” back patches.

You can get them from Linda’s Monograms and More. Their phone number is 1-800-272-6213, and their e-mail is monogram@yhti.net. They are very familiar with GWRRA and are great people to deal with.

The first 100 of our NY District 4” patches have sold out. The second 100 are on the way. There are still a few Chapters that haven’t ordered theirs. The price is \$5 each, and they look great.

E-mail me at gwranydd@gmail.com to get yours.

Thanks!
Paul

Convention News

With just **1 month** to go to our NY/NJ Bi-State Rally/Convention, things are really getting exciting. We wanted to update everyone on some of the latest developments.

Please visit our NJ District website at <http://www.gwrranj.org/> to get a registration form.

Since the response to our escorted rides has been so strong, we have expanded them to include a total of **6 escorted rides**. On Friday morning there will be 3 escorted **Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives Rides** to New Jersey Diners seen in the TV Show. On Saturday we will have 3 more escorted rides. One will be a **Covered Bridge Ride**, one will be a **River Runs Through It Ride** to the north/west side of NJ along the “Wild & Scenic Delaware River and the other will be a ride to the **Jersey Shore** along the Sandy Hook/Highlands area.

Along with these fantastic escorted rides, we will have many self guided scenic rides. One of them will be to Flemington, NJ at **Northlandz**, in the Guinness World Records as the world’s largest model railroad with up to 100 trains running on 8 miles of track and a doll museum with over 200 dolls. <http://www.northlandz.com/>

If riding to interesting places is your idea of FUN, the NY/NJ Bi-State Rally/Convention has you covered.

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Please mail in your registrations from <http://www.gwrranj.org/> before everything gets booked up.

Thank you.

Jorge & Julia Perez

GWRRRA NJ District Directors

From the District Educator



Help Wanted

This month, I'm looking for a little help. Several of our New York District Chapters are lacking in the Chapter Educator Officer position. I think a large part of this is related to a miss understanding of the requirements to serve as a Chapter

Educator. To clarify, I'm including the basic requirements.

Please look them over. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me so we can fill this vital position in every chapter in the great New York District.



Chapter Educator Qualifications

Chapter Educators are the heart of the Rider Education program. The ideal candidate for the Chapter Educator position must meet certain qualifications:

- Must be a current GWRRRA Member or Booster and an experienced motorcycle Rider *or* Co-Rider.
- Be, at a minimum, a current Level II in the Rider Education Levels Program with the desire and intent to progress. (The Level II requirement can be waived in the case of a new Chapter with no REP participants, but the desire to advance in the program as rapidly as possible is imperative and should be achieved within a reasonable period of time, typically one year.)
- Be dedicated to the safe operation of motorcycles and exhibit a sincere desire to promote motorcycle safety through the Rider Education Program.
- Be fully knowledgeable of the Rider Education Program and its goals.
- Possess sufficient communication skills, both verbal and written, in order to be an effective representative of the Rider Education Program.
- Have the ability to work harmoniously with the District Educator, the Chapter Director, and the chapter members.
- Be dedicated to the promotion and growth of the Rider Education Program within the chapter as a benefit to the members.

Duties and Responsibilities

The role of the Chapter Educator is defined in the Rider Education Program Handbook and referred to in the Officer's Guidebook. Each Chapter Educator reports directly to the District Educator. As an officer of the chapter, the Educator also works closely with the Chapter Director to promote and fund a viable Rider Education Program for their members.

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The specific duties of the Chapter Educator are as follows:

- Report the chapter's educational activities each month to the District Educator.
- Promote and implement the Rider Education Levels Program at the chapter level.
- Promote and participate in such activities that will expand the Rider Education Levels Program. These activities shall include speaking at chapter Gatherings and publishing an article in each chapter newsletter.
- Maintain such records as necessary to facilitate keeping chapter members current in the Rider Education Levels Program.
- Promote and/or arrange seminars and CPR/First Aid training at the chapter level.
- Assist members in obtaining Rider Training Courses.
- Work with the Chapter Director, Road Captains, GWRRA Rider Course Instructors, etc., to improve riding habits and to disseminate information.
- Attend your District Rally when possible, and assist in the Rider Education Booth.
- Liaison with the District Educator, supply input and share ideas that will assist in making the Rider Education Program more appealing to chapter members.

It is important to note that, although one may assume the responsibilities and duties of the Chapter Educator, the role is not to be thought of as the "Rider Ed Police". The function of the educator is to help our members ride more safely by making them aware of the risks involved with riding a motorcycle. Further, it includes providing them with the skills needed to reduce or avoid those risks. This kind of skill enhancement can be obtained by members from participation in the GWRRA Rider Education Program. The Chapter Educator helps to facilitate the training for chapter members, or informs them where training is available.

The Chapter Educator is expected to promote the Rider Education Program in its entirety – the Levels program, available Rider Training Courses, seminars, videos, etc. – to the members. Member participation and involvement is encouraged by the Chapter Educator via several means. The educator is expected to speak at the monthly Chapter Gathering. At least one topic should be discussed regarding safety. It is also good to use this time in front of the chapter members to recognize individual members for their participation in any Rider Education activity. People like to be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. When others see what their fellow members are doing and the recognition they receive for it, they will become more involved, too. The educator should submit an article to be printed in the chapter's newsletter to the members. The article should be related to motorcycle safety, the Rider Education Program, or other safety related issue. And the Chapter Educator should lead by example. When an officer of the chapter, such as the Chapter Educator, participates in the various components of the Rider Education Program, and discusses the benefits with the members, others in the chapter will follow that lead. And the Rider Education Program in the chapter grows as more members participate.

I hope this clarifies many of the misconceptions.

Your Rider Educator, Al Stahl

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From Your District Membership Coordinators



Chapter X signing the Charter Paperwork

Here it is folks our new CNY Chapter “X” Directors Paul and Sheryl Breau. Their new Chapter will be temporarily located in Newburg NY pending a possible new location. Taking along was George their Chapter Treasurer , they all received their Officer Certification during Americade , Lorraine Knight was present to sign off on the Chapter application.

All together 16 new officers joined the ranks of approved personnel during the two days seminar, thanks to Dottie ,Toni Van Schaik and Lorraine and Earl Knight , together they donated time for the good of our Association. A big thanks you is going to all of our volunteers .

Paul and Sheryl will see their official day of July first 2010 as their anniversaries day , now it’s time to keep track of everyone who will show interest in their Chapter activities and gathering , to those a Rocker will be issue recognizing them as Charter Members.

We wish them good luck in their endeavor and lots of fun. Our former Assistant Director Rocco, Paul our DD and I have dedicated a fair amount of time to make his happen, help also came in from our Region Mike, Crystal and Dave our Assistant Region Director joined in to help. If it would have been someone stepping in as CD , our new Chapter would not come into fruition .

Where would you like to see a new Chapter been set up here in NY ?
Let us know , after all of this experience the next one should be a “Piece of Cake”

Sincerely
Pete ad Marielle St-Amour



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News from the NY District Couple of the Year

We have had a very busy month. At the end of May we had the opportunity to attend the Chapter Gatherings of NY-G, NY-T and NY-W. We want to thank the members for their generous hospitality and making us feel right at home. It was especially nice to visit with Chapter T's Couple of the Year, Sharon and Jim Learned.

Then off to spend a week at Americade. We attended the Officer Certification Program and got to meet the directors and treasurer of our new district chapter, NY-X. Congratulations to them!!! It was wonderful to meet GWRRA members from the Maine and MA districts who were also taking the OCP. We look forward to seeing them again at the New England Convention (Rally) in July. It is always nice to meet new GWRRA friends and reconnect with GWRRA friends from our district, region and beyond.

One of the highlights of our week was meeting NY-N's Couple of the Year, Tim & Eileen Guile. I am sure we will continue to be great friends. Our three hours of working the GWRRA booth at Tour Expo gave us the opportunity to talk with many GWRRA members from various parts of the country. Three of the couples we met ride with Chapters in Florida that we have ridden with in the past two years. We also attended the NY-L gathering on Friday night and again had a great time with our GWRRA family.

The highlight of our month was having a GWRRA couple from New Zealand, Steve and Jude Beck, spend the night of June 14th at our home. They flew to LA, then to Harrisburg, PA where they purchased a 2007 Gold Wing. They are touring the USA for 7 weeks. We took them to see the lights on the Falls and then on the 15th accompanied them back to Niagara Falls to ride the Maid to the Mist, then on to Niagara-On-the-Lake. They will be meeting two other couples from New Zealand in Des Moines and also attending Wing Ding. This only goes to prove what a great organization GWRRA is. We have the opportunity to make new friends from around the world!

Have a very Happy Summer and Ride Safe.

Bob and Sandy Kelley
NY District Couple of the Year



Steve & Jude Beck from New Zealand with Bob & Sandy at Niagara Falls