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News from the Northeast Region

OCP Training:

There is an early opportunity for incoming officers and other interested parties to take the OCP course on Friday and Saturday, January 15th and 16th in Glen Rock, PA. To see the flyer, click [OFFICER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM](#).

Please remember that the NY District also plans to hold an OCP session in April.



MEP Coordinators
Mike & Nancy Mandell

Membership Enhancement Program
“What is it all about?”
FUN!

Friends for Fun-Safety-Knowledge, is one program more important than another? The answer is yes, and it all depends on the timing. Let me explain. When all of us became involved with G.W.R.R.A. we did it for the same reasons, to meet people with the common interest of motorcycling, find new roads to travel and have more FUN.

If our first experience with a chapter was a training session, or even a classroom rider education event we probably would have left and never returned.

As all of us became more involved with chapters and were enjoying one another's company and friendships began to develop we also became more aware of the need for education to provide the foundation for “safe” riding skills. As we went out on “group rides” we realized the need for some type of formal introduction as to how to act and react while on the road. Most of us not only realized the need but also appreciated the information.

The very same was true for Leadership Training Program, again as we became more involved we understood the need for seminars about ourselves, people and certain skills.

But, we must never forget, the motorcycle initially brought us together, it is still a key player in all of our involvement and a FUN activity.

And here is the clincher. FUN! Many events that all of us attend at Chapter, District, Region and even national levels do not have to include the motorcycle, but they better include FUN! Friendship, good times, laughter these are the true ingredients of a happy healthy chapter.

Please, remember, I am not discounting the education or safety aspects, I am only saying no matter what we do, we must never forget to make it FUN!

Fun, is an ingredient that goes with everything, good times as well as hard times,

we must always take the time to enjoy life and smile. No matter how serious the subject, Medic First Aid, C.P.R., Road Captain etc. there is always time to have FUN. The M.E.P. hosts the Chapter of The Year Program as well as The Couple of The Year Program. These are both great opportunities to get members involved and on the road to meeting new friends. We hope you will all support these important programs at Chapter, District and the Region level.

Region Chapter and Couple of The Year Programs
“Everyone involved is a winner”

The more activities members are involved in, the more they will enjoy their association with G.W.R.R.A. The more Fun and excitement we have in the organization the more likely we are to get involved and stay active.

In G.W.R.R.A. we have 2 wonderful programs that start at the chapter level and end up in a National selection process. These programs are a very good way to increase involvement from members at all levels.

The Chapter of The Year Program is a great opportunity to pull your membership together and work as a team to build a ride schedule, fill chapter positions and add to everyone’s level of FUN.

The Couple of The Year Program is a way to recognize people within your chapter that have done and continue to go above and beyond to serve the members as well as the chapter.

It is a recognition based program, not a popularity contest; it is a way for the chapter, district and region to say “Thank You” for all they have done.

It is a win/win/win situation first the couple realizes they are appreciated by fellow members. The chapter benefits by supporting their couple as they go out and visit other chapters and events. By traveling with your couple you are lending support to them. In addition it gives everyone yet another reason to get involved thru visitation. The program also raises your level of enthusiasm and chapter pride as you attend the district and region selection process and cheer your couple onto being selected as the respective the couple.

We hope all chapters will support both of these worthwhile fun programs and take full advantage of all they have to offer you and your members.

Always remember, the more involved you become, the more Fun you have.

Ride Safe! Have Fun!

Mike & Nancy Mandell

Region “B” M.E.C. Coordinators

N.J. Assistant District Directors

M.S. 150 Coordinators





GWRRA Region B CPR/-FA Trainer

Keith and Elanie Price

CPR – First Aid

The Gift of Life

The simple fact is that Region B does **not** have enough Medic – First Aid Instructors, period! For example: the NY District has only three Instructors and two of those are in the same chapter! The Pennsylvania District has only one instructor! This situation has to change and I am willing to change it with your help. If we can get some members to volunteer to become GWRRA Medic – First Aid Instructors, I will hold Instructor classes at any or all of the region's conventions. In order to explain the process and requirements of becoming a MFA Instructor what follows is part of a letter that goes to every member who expresses interest in becoming an Instructor.

“ I would like to give you some details concerning the process and requirements to become an instructor. Other than desiring to help our fellow members to be safe, there are three principle requirements. First you must be physically able to perform CPR. For example; if you have a severely disabled back, it's reasonable to say that you could not be able to demonstrate the techniques involved in doing CPR. Secondly you must have taken the MEDIC - FIRST AID Basic, Basic Plus, or Care Plus course within **six months** prior to the instructor class. Larry Stiles (International CPR – First Aid Coordinator) is willing to make exceptions to this rule on a case - by - case basis. While the REP Level Program allows members to be certified by other agencies such as the Red Cross, we insist that you must be MFA certified. The main reason for this requirement is that you will obtain a good idea as to how a MFA class is conducted. Third, there is a cost of \$65 involved to take the class. This money does not go to GWRRA but pays for your instructor certification, your Basic Programs Instructor notebook and for shipping. I don't like the idea of volunteers having to pay for the privilege, but there is no way around it.

The instructor class consists of two parts, each lasting a day. The instructor seminar which lasts 6 – 8 hours, and an actual class, taught by the new instructors and proctored by a Trainer (me). That class lasts about 5 – 7 hours. The instructor seminar does not deal with how to perform CPR or basic First Aid. You would have learned that when you took the MFA Basic class. The seminar covers the Medic First Aid teaching philosophy and methods. It also reviews the Basic Plus DVD and reviews your Instructor notebooks.

I want to hold these Instructor classes at the Region's conventions (rallies). If possible, I would like to hold the seminar the day before the actual convention officially starts. In this way you do not have to give up your entire convention experience. Then, during the convention you will teach your first MFA class while being proctored by me. Conventions automatically give us a pool of students to take the Basic Plus class.

Possible conventions in 2011 include: Winter Thing in January in Maryland, the New England Convention, the Bi - State Convention and the Pa. Convention next summer. If I can get even a couple of interested Instructor applicants, I will hold a class at these conventions.

As an instructor you must teach a minimum of two classes every two years. **This can present difficulties if several members of the same Chapter become instructors!** Your two- - year renewal of your instructor credentials cost \$25. Again this money goes to MFA Inc and not the Region or GWRRA. It's my hope that, eventually the Region, instead of the individual instructor, will be able to pay for this cost. As a GWRRA instructor you are allowed to teach ONLY GWRRA members. Non – Members can be taught only if needed to fill a class. The Region Coordinator supplies all mannequins and supplies required for a class. They are loaned to you for each class and must be returned after the completion of the class along with the class roster and class fees.

I hope that this information helps and that you decide to join the team of MFA Instructors dedicated to help our membership. Please let me know if you are interested in attending a class and which convention you would like to complete the course.”

Keith Price
Region B CPR – First Aid Coordinator

From the District Director

Hello GWRRA NY District,

Once again, we are faced with the end of another year. 2011 is on its way.

We hope you had a great riding season. We certainly did.

Although the riding season is over, there is a lot of work for some members of Chapter and District staff to do.

The year-end financial reports need to be filled out. This includes the Financial Report Cover Sheet, Financial Report, Equipment List, and your end-of year bank statement. These forms need to be filled out in BLACK ink, and in accordance with the Financial Report Items Breakdown. If your Chapter has no equipment, the Equipment List needs to be filled out with NONE written in the grid on both sides of the form.

Each Chapter needs to file the IRS 990N e-postcard as soon after January 1 as possible. For the Chapters that are changing officers, the outgoing Director must take care of this. The CD will then receive an e-mail confirmation from the IRS. There will be a few people to forward this confirmation to. I will keep you posted.

Speaking of the changing of Officers, there is paperwork for this as well. The Officer Appointment Form, the Memorandum of Understanding must be filled out. On the Appointment form the date of the candidates OCP training must be written in. If the candidate has not taken the OCP yet, the words “OCP must be completed” must be

written in. The NY District is planning to hold an OCP session in April. I believe that the Pennsylvania District is planning to hold one in January. The Knowledge Evaluation is no longer applicable.

When changing Chapter Directors the IRS8822 change of address form must be filled out. This keeps the IRS informed of the Chapters mailing address, and is VERY important. Please fill out this form and send it to me with the Officer change forms. I will mail it out after you send me your Chapters 990N e-confirmation.

The Officer Change paperwork needs to be mailed to us by December 10 at the latest. My address is 16 Buell St., Batavia, NY 14020. These documents may also be scanned and emailed to gwranydd@gmail.com

Info on how to file the 990N e-postcard and all of the forms mentioned above are available at:

<http://www.gwrra.org/oconnect/officerresources.html>

There are some different versions of GWRRA forms floating around. I have recently been informed that ONLY the versions from the oconnect site will be accepted. Assistant District Director Gary Cork has already sent out the proper forms via e-mail.

Other things for Chapters to think about are getting Chapter Rider Educators and Membership Enhancement Coordinators in place. Chapter Rider Educators are needed to keep our members informed about safety, and to take care of the monthly N6 Rider Ed. reports. The N6's are becoming increasingly important. GWRRA is also increasing its focus on keeping the members happy. That is where the Chapter Membership Enhancement Coordinators come in.

We are in need of a NY District Membership Enhancement Coordinator. This position involves keeping the members aware of all the good things that GWRRA has to offer. If you like to make people happy, this could be a good position for you!

We also need a Chapter of the Year Coordinator. This position involves promoting the ChOY program, and keeping the score. Please contact me if you are interested in either position.

The NY District meeting is on January 8, 2011. The flyer can be found later in this newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

We wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays!

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

From the District Educator



A New Season!

As we all put our two wheels away, it's time to think about the four wheels we're going to use for a few months. Yes we all will suffer our withdrawal, but that the way it is in the beautiful northeast.



So let's talk a little rider education for our winter transportation. First, please take it for a good prewinter maintenance check. Some dollars now will save many on a cold winter night. With the basics, please really look at those tires. I know 2/32 will pass inspection but they won't do anything in the snow. Snow tires, stud tires all have their positives and negatives. I will never try to persuade you on those issues.

Next let's talk some driving techniques. First, please when those first few flakes hit the road, SLOW DOWN. Slow down for two big reasons. First, you haven't driven on snow and ice for over seven months. Learn you snow driving techniques slowly. Secondly, those first flakes are landing on pavement that is still above freezing. As the first flakes hit they melt and then mix with the solid flakes, forming a very slick surface.

Now for a few driving techniques. First braking. The majority of new cars all have anti-lock braking systems (ABS). To be the most effective, when you apply the brakes and when the wheels start to slide, and the brake pedal starts to pulse, keep the brakes applied and let the system do its job. The system is learning the road condition and adjusting the brake force accordingly. Unlike what we teach in riding motorcycles with ABS, you can steer the car with the brakes applied.

Next let's talk about steering in a skid. With rear wheel drive we correct by steering in the direction of the skid. This is also basically true when no engine force is being applied to the wheels on front wheel and all-wheel drive vehicles. For front wheel drive, when traction is lost, gently ease off the accelerator till traction is regained then continue to drive in the direction you wish to go. Same is true for all wheel drive vehicles.

Lastly, provide some items for cold weather survival in case you get stuck or go off the road. Put in your trunk or other good place, warm, dry socks, good boots, warm gloves (mittens are better), hat and lastly a very warm coat. A coat for survival can never be too warm.

Please be extra careful this winter season as too many others on the road are not too many times.

Al and Emily Stahl
Your Educators

From the District Trainer



GWRRRA
Gold Wing Road Riders Association

**Leadership
Training
Program**

*By Jack Seeley - 2010 NY District Leadership
Trainer*

Incoming Treasurers, outgoing Treasurers and Financial Reports

Incoming Treasurers; for a little while, you may feel overwhelmed with all the things that have to be completed when you take over. Here are some of the items you will need to do.

First of all, you will need to get a non-interest bearing account. Once you select the Bank or Credit Union to do your banking, you need to get Signature cards. The signatures required on the card are; the Chapter Director, you (the Treasurer), and the Appointing Officer in this case, the District Director. The check book you receive when opening the account, will need to have two lines for signatures. Being a District Treasurer in the past, all I did was ask and they added the extra signature line. Second very important requirement is to keep good accounting records. Some Treasurer's use Quicken, others just use Excel spreadsheets. Both are acceptable. If you keep your records of income and expenses always up to date, if someone questions anything, you will be at the ready to give them the information. The Treasurer responsibly is to issue checks for Chapter operating expenses and record all the disbursements. The Chapter Director and Core Team will agree on a "policy" for reimbursement of operating expenses. Treasurer, it is in your best interest to create a form that must be signed by the Director and yourself plus include the receipts before reimbursing the requestor.

When an Officer retires or steps down, he or she will instruct the Outgoing Treasurer to close the books, prepare a current Financial Statement and transfer authority of Chapter funds to their successor or Appointing Officer. This is the time when all the transactions are documented with receipts attached to the proper paperwork and all check requests finalized. The closing Financial Statement, Cover Page, and Equipment list must be prepared by the outgoing Director's Treasurer and show all monies, merchandise, equipment inventories, and a copy given to the New Treasurer or Chapter Director.

A copy of the EIN must go to the New Treasurer and Chapter Director. Also, you need to give the Incoming Treasurer and new Chapter Director the password used to do the 990-N; e-postcard. Hopefully the password is something easy like Chapter NY-(your

chapter designation).

Yes this is a Treasurer favorite time of the year. The time when the Chapter Director will request the Charter Fee of \$50 be sent to the District Director. This is the time when all the Financials for the year are due; which include a Cover Sheet, Financial Statement, and Equipment List. All hopefully are typed sheets, carefully checked by the Treasurer and Chapter Director and in BLACK INK.

The last but not least is the 990-N e-postcard. This is filed electronically no later than May 15th. A copy of the electronic record showing the 990N has been filed needs to be sent to the District and Region Directors, and the Home Office. GWRRA has a dedicated e-mail address: 990n@gwrra.org

A step-by-step PowerPoint is available on Officer Connection. e-Postcard Form 990-N Tutorial.pdf

For information on filing the e-postcard, access the IRS website at:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html> or call 1-877-829-5500.

Hopefully the information I provided will make a Treasurer's job a little simpler.

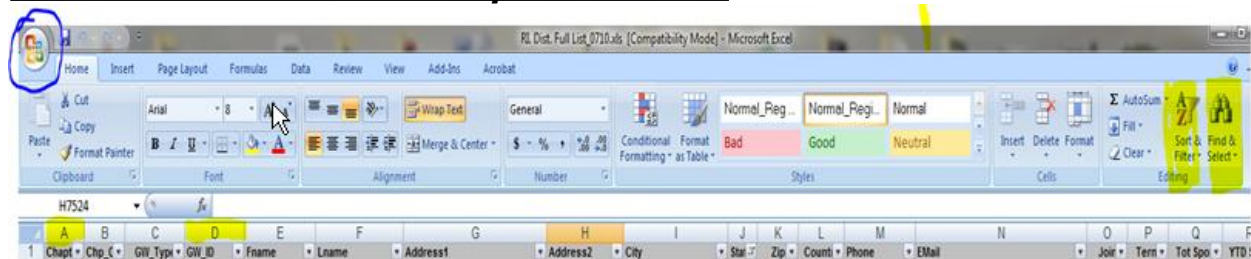
Donna and I would like to thank you all for letting us be your NY District Trainers for 2010. We feel we were extremely successful in getting everyone trained in OCP, getting Tim and Eileen Guiles on board as instructors and to take over as District Trainers.

God Bless, keep the shiny side up, and will see you on the road somewhere.

Jack Seeley

2010 NY District Leadership Trainer

From Your District Membership Coordinators



For those of you that received your full membership list last July and found it challenging to view only your Chapter participants from the district list – you were not alone. Below we have outlined the process to make this task a little easier.



The first few steps are recommended so that if you need to revert back to the original data, you have it handy. First, save the excel report to your desktop from your e-mail. Next, create a new folder by right clicking your mouse on

your desktop, select 'New' in the menu and then 'Folder.' The next step is to make a copy of the Excel file and save it into your new folder. This can be done by right clicking the Excel file, select 'Copy'. Then right click your new folder, select 'Paste.' At this point you have the original Excel report on your desktop and a new copy of the report in your folder. Following these few easy steps will ensure that if you mess up the file to a point of no return, you can just delete it and copy a new one to this folder and try again. Trust me, based on experience this is the way to go.

What most Directors would want to accomplish at first is to isolate their own Chapter participants. This can easily be done by following the few simple steps outlined below. Let's try that now by working on the practice copy inside of the folder you just created. Double click on the report to open it. The report should look very similar to the one posted above if you are using Microsoft Excel 2007.

- In the upper left click on column **A**. The entire column should be highlighted
- In the upper right corner click **SORT & FILTER**
- From the dropdown menu, click on **FILTER**. This will add the **DOWN ARROW** at the top of column **A**
- Click on the **Arrow Down** in column **A**. This will display all of the Chapter numbers by state
- Click on the option **SELECT ALL**. You should see nothing selected at this point
- Select only your Chapter and then click OK. For example **NY-CH. G**



You should now have isolated only your Chapter participants that you were looking for on your screen (all the data is still there, it is just hidden). At this point you want to save these changes in a new version by clicking in the upper left location on the Microsoft office Icon (circled in blue above). This will produce a menu offering several options and you want to choose **SAVE AS**, hold your mouse pointer over this option and new menu will appear.

Choose **Word 97-2003 Document** from that menu. You'll want to rename your file by deleting the name that appears in the field **File Name** and replacing that with your own file name, for example **Chapter G July Full Report 0710** and then click **SAVE**.

Congratulations! By following these steps you should now have a new report with only your Chapter visible (remember, all the other Chapters are still there – they are just hidden). Just remember that even if you get unintended results, you'll have the opportunity to try again until you get it right. Practice makes perfect. What are the ingredients needed to excel at it? I say, 10% Vision, 10% Action, 20% Passion and 60% Perspiration. Good luck. If you run into a snag, give us call.

Pete & Marielle ST-Amour
Region B ARL Coordinators
NY District Membership Coordinator

From District Public Relations

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the New York District.

I received the following newsletter for Cruiserworks and I would like to share their good news with all of you.

“Let’s talk boots made in the USA! Cruiserworks has found funding for our production and we are in full swing! We are looking at late January 2011 before we start receiving the USA made Cruiserboots! The Tour boot will be the first to come out and the rest will not be far behind. We are putting a boot in production every 2 weeks from now until Christmas!

Weinbrenner will also handle the production of the Rhino-Lite outsole for the boots. The outsoles are made using injection molds. Again we couldn’t be happier that everything about the boot will be produced domestically and under the guidance of Weinbrenner Shoe Co. We’ve toured their factories and met their teams so we know they produce with American pride which means quality!

We are so proud of what we have accomplished with bringing our production to the United States and specifically to Weinbrenner Shoe Co in Merrill, WI. Jay and I had the pleasure of spending 3 days with the nice folks at Weinbrenner in September. We toured the factory in Merrill where the Cruiserboots will be produced and met the production workers that will be making the boots. We saw very skilled people that work very hard and take great pride in what they do. American made with American pride and it showed! We spent a few days meeting with the engineering department to iron out the specifics on the spec sheets. Though we have not confirmed all the prices on the whole line, it is obvious that made in the USA will cost a little more. You get what you pay for as the saying goes and it’s hard to go wrong with Cruiserworks. The Cruiserboots will provide everything you need on and off the bike and we stand behind the boots 100%. We have a generous return policy on internet orders and Jay and I will assist you with sizing personally. We have fitted people in hundreds of boots and have shined twice as many! We guarantee customer satisfaction.

We took this opportunity of moving the production to make a few improvements to our great Cruiserboots that we would like to share.

1-There will be a pull strap on the back of ALL boots men’s and women. We also added nylon “inside” the loop for added strength when pulling the boots on.

2-All boots will have a heel spur on the inside. Heel spurs are a piece of leather that is sewn in at the back inside of boots. It comes up from the heel about 4”. The purpose is to prevent the lining from tearing at the back seam due to the friction of pulling the boots on and off. This is a high stress area in all boots. We chose to use pig skin for the heel spur and turn it so the rough side is out. We also think by doing this it will also help with the heel slippage people experience when they first start wearing the Cruiserboots. It’s attention to the details that make a great boot!

3-We are having some new die pieces made for the inside lining of the boots .This will help the boot lining pieces fit together better during production. New dies will also help keep the cost of the boots down. USA labor is not cheap! I gotta say though walking through that factory seeing those factory workers making boots felt goood! It gives me chill bumps every time I think about it. My first job was in a sewing factory when I was 18. Yes it feels good to be producing at home where the quality is the best in the world just like the people!

4-We are adding removable inserts to the women's boots. Yeah! I am really excited about this!

5- We chose one more gauge up for the zippers in the three side zip boots. This does not add bulk to the boot either.

6- We went to a new insole board called Bi-Fit. Bi-Fit is a superior functional alternative to traditional single hardness paper insoles. Bi-Fit is waterproof yet moisture wicking with its non woven cover and backer. It is a functional non-metal alternative to steel shanks. Bi-Fit is an eco-friendly product manufactured with 80% post consumer plastic. Jay has been resoling Cruiserboots here for about 2 months now. What he has found is in some boots is the insole board needs to be replaced because the insole board has gotten wet at some point and shows signs of disintegration. Whenever he encounters this situation he uses the Bi-Fit for the replacement. The results are a brand new rebuilt bottom on the boot that will provide comfort and joy for many more years to come! Jay and I have seen many boots that are 10-12 years old and that are still performing and looking great!

Cruiserworks is now doing Resoles on the Cruiserboots!

As mentioned above Jay has been resoling boots here for a few months now and has decided to go public! Cruiserworks is now resoling the Cruiserboots right here in NC! Jay will resole the boots with our Rhino-Lite outsole, refurbish and condition the boots and replace the inserts all for \$65.00 plus shipping! Shipping charges are \$11.00 east coast and \$15.00 west coast.

Also by offering resoling here we can better service the law enforcement that is in our boots. Police officers boots need resoling about once a year. We have 9 counties in NC in Cruiserboots including the NC State Highway Patrol who's been wearing Cruiserboots for 8 years!

We are adding several very cool stocking stuffers the next few weeks to the website so be sure to keep a check on it at www.cruiserworks.com."

Jay and Cara Crawford

Owners

Here is an update on the article that was in last month's newsletter concerning the motorcycle only checkpoints.

From the Motorcycle Riders Foundation:

“National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Thumbs Nose at Congress and Discriminates Against Motorcycles

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation has learned from a source at the US Department of Transportation that they have funded the motorcycle only roadside checkpoints.

NHTSA decided to fund the program despite being asked by Congress not to fund the program until the merits were explained. In a letter sent by James Sensenbrenner, along with ten other Members of the House of Representatives last month, Sensenbrenner and his colleagues specifically asked NHTSA to respond to the letter before funding the program, they did not. Read the letter [here](#).

The recipient of the money for the demo project was the Georgia Department of Public Safety, which oversees the day-to-day operation of the Georgia State Patrol. The Georgia State Patrol will conduct a series of roadside motorcycle safety checks in accordance with what was outlined in the Request for Applications. The amount of NHTSA funding is \$70,000.00.

"Not only is this an injustice to the motorcyclists of America its a complete waste of taxpayer money." said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the MRF.

The MRF will keep you informed on this issue and any actions you can take to defend your freedoms, at stake in Washington.”

My original intent was to keep this article short; however, I can see that I have already got 3 pages. I am in the process of moving-so by this time next month I will be in the new apartment-hopefully things will be a tad calmer. So, since I have run out of information energy, I would like to leave you with this holiday thought.

If you think you have it bad in your life-remember there is always someone out there who would be happy to trade places with you. Change your thoughts-change your life.

Linda L. Waterman
Public Relations Coordinator



From the District COY

Greetings everyone,

As we write this article, Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner. The last six weeks of the year are the busiest and the best! We relax, eat, embrace our family and meet and celebrate good times with our friends from around New York and the Northeast Region.

Due to the health of Ed's dad, we have put traveling to Florida on hold and plan to spend as much time with as possible visiting with his folks. Staying into the New Year will give us a little time to catch our breath and visit more of our New York Chapters. Our life has really been extremely busy balancing trips to visit our granddaughter with trips to functions around the Northeast Region (B).



On Halloween weekend, we traveled to New Jersey to attend their District Meeting and stayed with our friends Jorge and Julia Perez. It was our pleasure to administer the oath of office to the new New Jersey District Directors, Steve and Judy Smith. What fun combining a District meeting with Halloween. Ed actually administered the oath of office to Patch Adams!



The following weekend, Ed and I traveled to Gorham, NH, and had a great time at the NH-A Extravaganza. I had an experience I will never forget. I had the opportunity to ride a tricycle through a designated course wearing "drunk" goggles! Wow! That was difficult and a lot of fun. It was fun to watch others (including Tim Guile, NY-N) navigate through the course and stagger away at the finish. We may not have been on our motorcycles, but this certainly sent us a message about driving under the influence. The Extravaganza was a lot of fun and I highly recommend it to anyone looking for a fun escape in

November.

This weekend we were busy with the Region meeting held in Chenango Forks at the CF Fire Department. One thing I am very thankful for is the number of firemen who are members of GWRRA and have so kindly worked with us to provide a low cost meeting place. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We send you our best wishes for a happy holiday season! Merry Christmas to all and we hope that the New Year will be filled with great rides and lots of fun!

We hope to see you all soon!

Ed and Dottie Bahrenburg
District Couple of the Year

From the District COY Coordinators

A Message from the NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators

This is the time of year that we always reflect on the many blessings we have in our lives. One of our greatest blessings is the **wonderful friendships** we have gained while being GWRRA members. These include chapter friends, district friends, region friends and of course many GWRRA friends in other districts and regions throughout the Country. As our motto states: **“Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge”**. **“Friends”** is the key word and what better way to meet new friends than for your Chapter to participate in the **Chapter Couple of the Year Program**.

As the New Year approaches we would like to encourage **all** of our **NY Chapters** to select a **Couple of the Year**. Remember, this is an **honor** for a **worthy couple** who has shown **dedication, accomplishments** and **participation in GWRRA** within your Chapter. Your **Chapter Couple of the Year** may be appointed by the **Chapter Director** or the Chapter Director may appoint a **Couple of the Year Coordinator or a Committee** to oversee the selection of a worthy couple. Also remember that this is an award bestowed on the couple and there is no need to ask their permission. It is truly an honor and they are required to do no more than what they have been doing to receive this honor,

Your **Chapter Couple of the Year** will be the **ambassador for GWRRA** for your Chapter. We know that your selected couple **may not** want to participate in the **District Couple of the Year Selection**. This is perfectly fine, as it is not required. However, it is a worthwhile and fun experience and really nothing to be afraid of. Perhaps they will change their minds when they discover how much fun they are having being your Chapter Couple of the year.

Last month we listed some **reasons** why your Chapter needs a **Couple of the Year**. Here are a few more reasons:

1. Your Chapter Couple of the Year can **promote** your Chapter's **upcoming events** as they visit other chapters
 2. Chapter Couples of the Year can, and often do, **provide support** to their chapter through **Recruiting and Retention efforts** such as contacting potential members and those about-to-expire. It's a natural activity as the honored couple is likely to be enthusiastic about GWRRA and their chapter, and eager to “spread the word.”
- With the excitement and enthusiasm usually exhibited by Chapter Couples of the Year, they often are found serving as **cheerleaders for the chapter** staff and can be important in **maintaining strong chapter morale**.

In **all** of our **NY Chapters** there are **deserving members** who are worthy of becoming your **Chapter Couple of the Year**. As your District Couple of the Year Coordinators we are here to help your chapter and/or Chapter Couple of the year in any

way we can. Be it by answering your questions or providing you with more information on the Couple of the Year Program. Please feel free to contact us at rkkelley@localnet.com or call at 716-772-7807 (home), 716-830-9569 (cell).

May you have a Joyous Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year !!!

Be Safe and Enjoy the Ride!

Bob & Sandy Kelley
 NY District Couple of the Year
 Coordinators

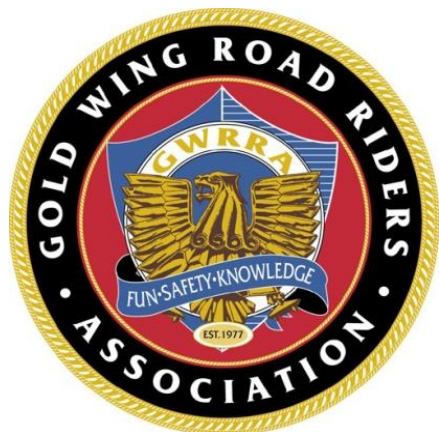


Around the District

Chapter Websites

Chapter C	http://sites.google.com/site/gwrranychapterc/Home
Chapter D	http://gwrra-ny-d.org/
Chapter F	
Chapter G	http://www.tiptopwebsite.com/gwrra
Chapter H	http://www.highwayhobos.com/
Chapter K	http://www.chapter-k.com/
Chapter L	https://www.myfamily.com/ requires logon, contact gowsav@myfamily.com
Chapter N	http://www.gwrra-ny-n.org/
Chapter R	
Chapter T	http://www.gwrra-ny-t.org/
Chapter U	http://mysite.verizon.net/imtruble4sure/
Chapter W	http://www.gwrra-nyw.org/
Chapter X	
Chapter Y	http://gwrranewyorkchaptery.shutterfly.com/

OFFICER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



The Officer Certification Program (OCP) is a training and certification program administered by the Leadership Training Division, for current and prospective GWRRRA officers and interested members. Participants will explore what GWRRRA is all about, how it is structured and why it operates the way it does. You will learn about GWRRRA finances and the IRS, time and stress management, managing conflict & problem resolution, and much more. Participants will gain tools, information and confidence to enhance the GWRRRA experience.

Come join the FUN and learn more about GWRRRA.

When: Saturday, January 15, 2011, 9AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday, January 16, 2011, 9AM-1:00PM *
Where: Prince Kitchens
11800 N Main Street
Glen Rock, Pa. 17327

Instructors will be Jan Sterba and Dan & Mary Costello

Lodging within 5 minutes of Prince Kitchens:

Holiday Inn Express 140 Leader Heights Road York, Pa. 717-741-1000
Midway Motel 211 N Main Street Loganville, Pa 717-428-1466
Hampton Inn 1000 Far Hill Drive New Freedom, Pa 717-235-9898

Please register by email no later than December 15, 2010 to Jan Streba (jansterba@aol.com). Or, send your registration information by snail mail to Jan Sterba: 304 Anchor Street, West Hazleton, PA 18202

Name: _____ GWRRRA# _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ e-mail: _____

District _____ Chapter _____

Position: _____



+ Gold Wing Road Riders Association

New York District Meeting

January 8, 2011

- ***It's time to have Fun with GWRRA in New York!***
- ***There is a great deal of new information from Region & National!***
- ***This is your first chance to meet your new Team Members and promote your events for 2011!***
- ***It's an opportunity to keep your OCP certification current!***

Who should attend: Chapter Directors, Assistant CDs, Rider Educators, Treasurers, Membership Enhancement Coordinators, Chapter Couples, and any other interested members

When: January 8, 2011 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool (Exit 37 off I-90)

Lunch Buffet: Baked chicken, Tortellini Alfredo, Tossed Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Chef's Choice of Vegetables, Brownies/Cookies

Meal Cost: \$16.71 per person, two people free per Chapter

Hotel Information: See Attachment

Mail a check from your Chapter by December 15, 2010, made out to GWRRA NY District, along with your list of participants, to:

Kathy DeGross, 337 County Route 11, Lot 3, West Monroe, NY 13167

Make sure to list attendees from your Chapter and their positions

Name	Position



Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool
441 Electronics Parkway
Liverpool, NY

(315) 457-1122

Exit 37 off I-90



**When reserving your room, mention
that it is for the NY District Meeting.
Room rate is \$92 per night plus taxes**