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News from National

Good Afternoon All, Effective January 1, 2011, the Trike SIG (Special Interest Group), under the Membership Enhancement Program will be discontinued.

"EVERY MEMBER MATTERS"

"Together Everyone Accomplishes More"

Ed and Linda Johnson
International Directors
GWRRA Membership Enhancement Program



PRESS RELEASE

RELEASED FROM: Phoenix, Arizona
RELEASE DATE: January 6, 2011
SUBJECT: **GWRRA ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM**

GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES "PASSPORT PROGRAM"

Phoenix, AZ – Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) has announced a new program, called the "Passport Program." The Program is geared to encourage the Members of GWRRA to ride more - mainly to GWRRA Chapter gatherings, events, rallies, their Honda Dealers, vendors, etc. The Program will Kick off officially in March, but is being announced now to encourage sponsorships of this Program.

Paul Hildebrand, Founder and COB of GWRRA, said, "This program will encourage more riding with our Members and also provide a vehicle for more camaraderie by having Members and providers getting together to sign/stamp their "Passports" and compare their travels!"

The Passport books have 64 pages, with 4 spaces on each page, for Members to get stamps/initials for each place they visit. GWRRA will be providing a special website for those Members who fill their Passports and send them into the GWRRA Home Office.

To capture those special travel moments, use this Passport when you go to GWRRA Events or Wing Ding. At each Event or Wing Ding (at any GWRRA booth), the Chapter Director, District Director or Region Director will apply a special stamp or initials (one per event) to recognize your attendance.

After completing the entire Passport, send it to the Home Office by December 31, 2011, for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be chosen randomly from all entrants.

Mr. Hildebrand goes on to state that "I am looking forward to seeing this Program bring

riding and camaraderie back to the forefront of GWRRA!" GWRRA will support this Program through editorials in ***Wing World*** magazine; our FREE monthly e-Newsletter, ***Wingin' It***; and electronic media through our websites.

Founded in 1977, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association is the largest single marque motorcycle organization in the world, with 72,000 Members in 52 countries. Our motto is "Friends for FUN, Safety and Knowledge." The Home Office is at 21423 North 11th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027, the phone number is 800-843-9460 or 623-581-2500 and the website is www.gwrroa.org.



News from the Northeast Region



From the Region Trainers

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1-1-11!

The #1 Challenge for the New Year

The first time I saw the date 1-1-11, it caught me by surprise. All of those ones designating the beginning of the New Year, made me focus on the #1 challenge facing all of our GWRRA Regions, Districts and Chapters in 2011.

What is the biggest challenge ahead in GWRRA from a Leadership Training perspective? Well, right off the bat I wasn't sure so I asked some of the members, Chapter Directors and other officers. And, I was surprised and delighted to hear that many felt the biggest challenge facing our leadership in 2011 is to really ***"walk the walk and talk the talk"*** of GWRRA.

The Officer Certification Program provided members and leaders with a true review of the way GWRRA was meant to operate. Over the years, it seems that we have drifted away from some of the major values and operating procedures outlined many at the creation of our association.

Initially, I thought I would hear that being "compliant" with our 501c4 status would be a challenge. But, that is not what I heard. Most of our Chapters feel that they are compliant but must focus on recording what actually goes on within their Chapters more efficiently.

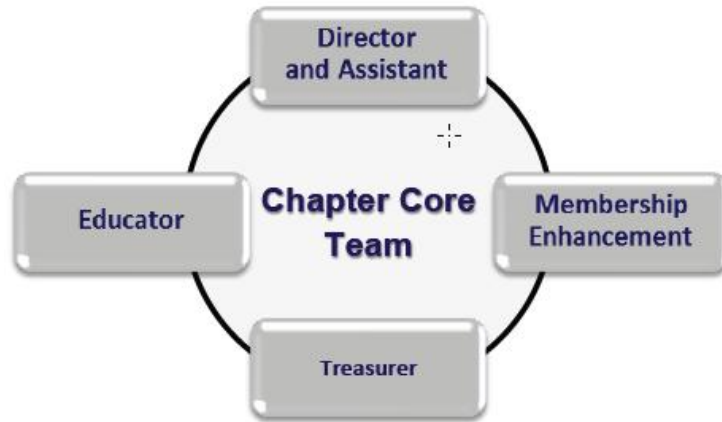
The #1 Challenge facing Districts and Chapters within the Northeast Region is building strong core teams. Chapter, District and Region Core Teams are charged with meeting the needs of the members.

How do the needs of the members reach District, Region and International Core Teams?

Meeting member needs requires:

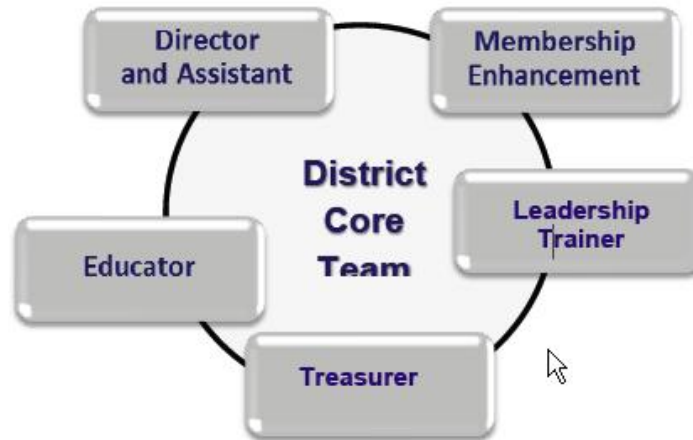
1. Team Work
2. Information Gathering & Communication
 - a. Survey
 - b. Informal

3. Goal setting & planning
4. Review and evaluation



At the Chapter level:

- Identify members needs & interests
- Communicate to the District Core Team
- Work with District Core Team to develop goals and a plan



At the District Level:

- Working with Chapter Core Team input
- Goals are prioritized and funding allocated
- Priority goals are communicated to the Region Core Team



At the Region Level:

- Working with input from District Core Teams
- Region Core Team aligns District and National goals to provide Districts with resources to work toward goals of District Core Teams
- Region goals are communicated to the International Core Team

How do you develop and empower strong teams?

1. **Create a positive “fun” environment.**
2. **Set clear expectation.**
3. **Give clear guidelines.** As others participate in your organization, give them clear road maps. Don't keep your processes a secret.
4. **Be enthusiastic.** **Enthusiasm** is contagious and creates an energetic work environment
5. **Provide necessary resources.** Ensure that team members can access information and people to help them achieve their goals.
6. **Provide training.** Provide team members with the skills and information to reach their fullest potential. If you want your team to be confident and competent, provide avenues for them to enhance their knowledge and skills.
7. **Inspire team spirit.**

Now is the time to set goals and create an action plan for 2011. All members of the Core Team should be involved in the goal setting for your Chapter or District.



**Region B ARL Coordinators
NY District Membership Coordinator**

Updating your "Home Chapter"

In GWRRA we assign zip codes to Chapters based on the areas and Members associated within those areas. It is true that any Member can attend any Chapter, or belong to multiple Chapters. In our reporting system we have the capability to track only one home Chapter that you will be associated with, and you will only show up on that Chapter's reporting system.



Initially, we assign Chapters pertaining to the zip code in which you currently live. If you would like to be assigned to a different Chapter, you can call Member Services and request the change. There are a few reasons you may wish to change your "Home Chapter". For example, your primary residence may be in one state, but you want to belong to a Chapter in a different state that you have a secondary residence, or you visit multiple Chapters, but would like to be assigned to one specific Chapter.

Address changes can be a little trickier. If your address changes, your Chapter

assignment will automatically change to reflect your new address unless you have given us a specific Chapter that you would like to belong; if that is the case, your Home Chapter will remain the same.

Recently we were allowing Chapter MEC's to change Member Chapter assignments. This was due to a Chapter of the Year recruiting and retention contest, which ended on November 1st, 2010. Members will now need to call and change their own Chapter assignment with our friendly Member Services Team at 800- - 843- - 9460 or 623- - 581- - 2500 (Phoenix).

Submitted

Pete and Marielle St-Amour
Region B ARL Coordinator



Are you passing up on life experience?

Sometime ago, we met a couple who just returned from a river rafting trip, the gentleman could not stop talking about how much fun they both had. At first just the thought of riding among a raging current was more intimidating than previously thought. As they boarded their raft, their guides bluntly told them "This is not Disney Land, we can't turn this river off" Armed with just their courage and determination, they headed downstream, their life saving vest been briefly their closest friends during these heroic moments. They felt like a top, just bobbing on top of the water but after lots of splashing, twist and curves and adrenaline flow, they made it safely to their destination.

Their rafting trip had to be experienced and not read about in a book or related to by a third party. At first if after observing the raging current they would have decided to skip the ride and just tied the raft back on top of their SUV, drive a few miles downstream and just throw the raft back in the water few hundred yards away from their destination and just get this whole thing over with, it would not have been the same, why? Because these life time memories need to be experience by yourself and not wait forever until someone else tell you about it. If you do than you are only left with the power of your imagination to reconstruct this experience that could have been yours in the first place. Let's pause a few moments and think about what conclusion we could draw from the above story. I think we have come forth in this life of ours to experience the joy of life as they did.

Are you a GWRRA member who live in some of our District remote area without a Chapter and would love to have one you now could call a home Chapter? Perhaps you thought of calling your District Director on this manner last year or the year before, had you done that, now riding with your new friends you would not be counting miles per gallon but smile per mile. Don't hesitate anymore, from your vantage point, just put your raft in the water right here, the water is fine, this association has been around for a long time, just get on board and let us take you on this wonderful journey. Call your District Director, inform him or her of your strong desire, and ask to be considered as a potential leader of new Chapter in your area. Join us on that River Ride and you will be creating memories that will last a life time.



From the Region "B" Couple of The Year Coordinators

Chapter Couple of The Year Supplies

You need them, we have them!

Order yours today!

To all District Directors

Assistant District Directors

Membership Enhancement Coordinators

Chapter Directors

In an effort to better serve our membership your Region "B" Couple Coordinators have a full inventory of supplies to support The Couple of The Year Program at all levels. We wanted to make it easier for you to get what you need, just one phone call and get it all. In addition there will be no shipping charges for initial orders. This will be both a savings for you, and a way for the Region to create some revenue to support the Region Selection Process. We would appreciate it very much if you would support the Region and place all orders thru us.

If you have any questions about what you need to buy or need any guidance feel free to give us a call 732-887-0374 or e-mail;

Here is a list of what we have available;

C.O.Y. Head Pin \$ 3.00 each

Chapter Couple of Year Bar \$ 2.00 each

Chapter/District/Region Couple of The Year Medallions

As always we are offering District Medallions for your couples. The cost will be \$ 15.00 each.

This year in addition we are trying something new, a **Chapter C.O.Y. Medallion**, we felt it would be a nice way to show your special couple just how much you appreciate them and want everyone to know just how “special” they are when attending gatherings and events.

All Medallions include neck ribbons and “free’ engraving. At the chapter level if you give us the information we will have the medallions engraved with your Chapter letter, C.O.Y. , year and couples name on the back.

In addition if your couple buys one name tag they will receive a second for no charge.

The name tags cost \$ 9.50 each for the ones with the pin mountings and \$ 11.50 each for the magnetic mountings.

The cost of the medallions is exactly what it would cost if you purchase them direct from The Engraver. We will be happy to order them for you or if you order them yourselves PLEASE let them know you are part of Region “B” so we can get the credit towards the Region C.O.Y. Program.

All medallions and name tags are plus shipping.

We would like to say a special “Thanks” to Joanne and Gregg fellow G.W.R.R.A. members and owners of “The Engraver” for their continuing support of our organization and especially the Couple of The Year Program.

Please call Joanne @ 561-483-9139 to order direct, and make sure you tell them you are from Region “B” and Thank You!

If you order a medallion without engraving, if your couple sends it to them or visits them at a show they will add the personalized engraving “free”.

So don’t delay order today!

Call Mike & Nancy 732-887-0374 or The Engraver 561-483-9139

Any questions; 732-887-0374 or e-mail Michael@mandellplumbing.com

Thank You, Ride Safe!

“The more involved you get, the more Fun you will have”

Mike & Nancy Mandell
Region “B” Couple of The Year Coordinators



Well, hello, everybody,

The decision has been made, and after a long wait and a lot of discussion, our chapter has picked the time and location for our Charter Party. It will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 AM. It will be held at Zachary's Pizza Parlor at 1250 Williston Road in South Burlington, VT. Take Exit 14E off I-89, and that puts you on Williston Road. Zachary's is next to the Dunkin Donuts, across from McDonald's, near the intersection of Williston Road and Dorset Street. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Patrick Benner (CD) at maj.benner@myfairpoint.net. So come and help launch "The Knight Riders".

Thank you, One and All!

PATRICK M. BENNER, SR, Chapter Director

Please put this on your calendar, folks. A chance to greet a new chapter in VT that just started up this last year. It would make for a great day ride for some of us, an overnigher, for the rest. Maybe the weather will allow for two wheels this early...

From the District Director

My all time favorite movie is "Smokey and the Bandit". I've watched this 1977 car (and truck) chase comedy a dozen times and it still makes me laugh. Country music legend Jerry Reed sang the theme song, which included the line "we've got a long way to go, and a short time to get there".

That was exactly how I felt when planning the District meeting. There was so much information to cover and so few hours to cover it. A lot of the usual topics and activities were omitted in order to present all the new information.

Members from Region, District and Chapter Teams assembled and performed the presentations in the most excellent manner. The presentations were interesting, succinct, and professionally done. The Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool did a fantastic job hosting us. The 71 members in attendance seemed to have a great time. It felt good to see members from opposite ends of the state talking together like old friends.

People from the eastern side of the District braved some bad weather to attend. I thank them for effort.

One of the main topics of the meeting was that Treasurers and Membership Enhancement Coordinators now have Officer status. At the current time, the only paperwork needed is signed copy of the updated MOU form. This form has already been sent out to the CD's. I encourage each Chapter to get these forms signed and sent to me as soon as possible. Treasurers and MEC's do not have to take the OCP.

Another topic was the N6 Rider Education Activity Reports. Each Chapter must send these to District Educator Al Stahl every month. The responsibility of this rests on the

Chapter Educator. If your Chapter does not have an Educator, it is the job of the CD to file them. Al can inform you how to handle these forms. These N6 Reports are the documents that prove our 501(c) 4 tax-exempt compliance.

The NY District is looking for a new Membership Enhancement Coordinator. Pete & Marielle ST-Amour are filling this position now, but would like to find a replacement. They want to concentrate on their new position of Region B Area Report List Coordinator. Our District does not have much history in the MEC area, so we do not have a pool of experienced people to draw from. We are looking for someone who has been a member for several years, who has experience at the Chapter or District level, and has a strong desire to enhance the membership experience of our members. Please contact the ST-Amours or myself if you are interested.

The New York District encourages each Chapter to select a Couple Of the Year. Please inform Couple Of the Year Coordinators, Bob & Sandy Kelley, of your special pair. I have the vest head pins and hanger bars for your Couple, so please let me know when your Couple is selected.

The NY website's Interactive District Calendar is available for your use again this year. As your Chapter sets its event schedule for the year we ask that you share it with everyone in the District. This calendar is a great help in planning Dash For Cash visitations. If you need help getting started, please contact us.

Speaking of the Dash For Cash, we have made some changes for 2011. Please see the updated rules on the District website.

Region B is responsible for assisting with the Parades at Wing Ding again this year. The Light Parade is on the evening of Wednesday, July 6. The Grand Parade is on the afternoon of Friday, July 8. Please let me know if you can lend a hand. We need to document our volunteers to ensure that things work smoothly.

Chapter N has volunteered to host the Ride Out. It will be in the Lake George area on September 24 & 25.

Saving the best news for last:

The NY District showed a 3.7% increase in membership in 2010.

This comes at a time when most Districts experienced decreased membership.

Thank you very much for your recruiting efforts!

Your Friends in Fun, Safety, and Knowledge,

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

From the District Educator



A New Year and so much to accomplish

The GWRRA Advantage! That was the theme that I spoke of at the NY District meeting on January 8th. The point that I tried to make was that the true advantage of the GWRRA Organization over all other motorcycle groups is “free” rider education.



So with that said, I thought I would provide a NY District Rider Education planning calendar for 2011.

I also want to assist the folks in the Medic First Aid education program. We need several new Medic First Aid Instructors for the New York District. Before they can take the instructor portion, these new candidates need to take a full basic first aid/CPR course within six months of the instructor course. Keith Price is trying to set up the instructor course for the Bi-State Convention in Liverpool in August. Therefore I am setting up a Medic First Aid/CPR course at the Wilton Fire house for Saturday, February 26th.

Next, thanks to the generosity of Mike McGuinness, we have a range for a Trike course, Saturday April 23rd at Old Dominion Freight in Albany.

Next, there will be three rider courses at the Bi-State Convention. There will definitely be a trike course, and ARC course and a trailering course.

With all these opportunities, there should be few excuses for not maintaining both Riding and first aid currency. So this can then lead to the levels program. I have pledged for 2011, to provide free patches for all new Level 2 and 3 riders. So, if you're a Level 1 now and take a riding course in 2011, and apply for your Level 2, NY District Rider Education will provide the patch. The same thing if you're a Level 2 now and maintain your rider course currency and get your first aid/CPR card, you can apply for your Level 3 and the District will again provide the patch.

Lastly, we are now in the middle of a great Northeast Winter, please drive safe and remember to dress for the evacuation.

Your Chapter Educators,
Al and Emily Stahl

From the District Trainer



Happy Valentine's Day!!! Don't forget your Sweetie!!

Now that January is over and each chapter has completed their paperwork and mailed (snail mail or e-mail) the following to District Director Paul Wood:

- Cover Sheet
- Financial Statement
- Equipment List
- 2010 EOY Bank Statement
- 990-N receipt from the IRS

The 990-N receipt from the IRS also needs to be sent to 990n@gwrra.org

One last piece of paper that may or may not have to be completed is the 8822 Change of Address Form. This form is only completed if the Chapter Director changed.

People at the District meeting were given the OCP updates and the people who need to be updated have been mailed the updates. These people need to respond back that they received and read the updates. The following is a summary of the Appointments, Approvals and Concurrence Protocols for an easy reference:

Office	Appointed By	Approved By	Concurrence
Region			
Region Director	Director of GWRRA	Director of GWRRA	
Assistant Region Director	Region Director	Director of GWRRA	
Region Educator	International Director - REP	Director of GWRRA	Region Director
Assistant Region Educator	Region Educator	International Director - REP	Region Director
Region Trainer	International Director - LTP	Director of GWRRA	Region Director
Assistant Region Trainer	Region Trainer	International Director - LTP	Region Director
Region MEC	International Director - MEC	Director of GWRRA	Region Director
Assistant Region MEC	Region MEC	International Director - MEC	Region Director
Region Treasurer	Region Director		International Director of Finance

Office	Appointed By	Approved By	Concurrence
District			
District Director	Region Director	Director of GWRRA	
Assistant District Director	District Director	Region Director	
District Educator	Region Educator	International Director – REP	District Director
Assistant District Educator	District Educator	Region Educator	District Director
District Trainer	Region Trainer	International Director – LTP	District Director
Assistant District Trainer	District Trainer	Region Trainer	District Director
District MEC	Region MEC	International Director – MEC	District Director
District Treasurer	District Director		Region Treasurer
Chapter			
Chapter Director	District Director	Region Director	
Assistant Chapter Director	Chapter Director	District Director	
Chapter Educator	District Educator	Region Educator	Chapter Director
Assistant Chapter Educator	Chapter Educator	District Educator	Chapter Director
Chapter MEC	District MEC	Region MEC	Chapter Director
Chapter Treasurer	Chapter Director		District Treasurer

Look for a new OCP course to be given in April. Time and location will be announced.

Together WE accomplish more,

Eileen and Tim Guile
District Trainers

From Your District Membership Enhancement Coordinators



Chapter Membership Coordinator Responsibilities Membership Retention Program

Gold Wing Road Riders Association

The work of the Chapter Membership Coordinator begins as soon as he or she knows that a new member has been added to the Association in the chapter's area. Contact with the new member should be made to welcome the new member into the Association

and to make sure that any questions that the new member has are answered. This initial contact is most effective if done by the Chapter Director. The Chapter Membership Coordinator should facilitate this contact by making sure that the Chapter Director has all of the information needed to make the contact.

While a personal face to face contact with the new member is recommended for the initial contact, the contact can also be made either by telephone or letter depending on what the Chapter Director or Chapter Membership Coordinator is more comfortable with.

If the initial contact is in person or by telephone, the Chapter Director or Chapter Membership Coordinator should be sure to cover the essence of what is in the sample letter below *in addition to any other information about the chapter and its activities.

Regardless of the method used, the contact with the new member should be made as soon as it is known that the potential member has become a new member, typically within ten days. At the very least, if the initial contact has not been made sooner, then it should be made when the name first appears on the monthly Area Run List.

One of the most important tools that the Membership Coordinator has at his or her disposal for knowing that new members have been added and for making sure that all new members have been contacted and none missed is the Area Run List. New members are added to the membership database at the GWRRA Home Office in Phoenix as soon as their membership application is processed and are included in the next GWRRA Area Run List. All new members are indicated on the report with a single asterisk in the left most column with the header "**NEW**".

The single asterisk indicates that the member's name is appearing on the Area Run List for the first time. New members are not marked with asterisks past the first month on the Area Run List. The asterisks are an alert to flag the new members to the attention of the Chapter Director and/or Membership

From: GWRRA National website

Pete and Marielle ST-Amour

NY District MEC.

** See the [generic letter on the last page of this newsletter](#), same letter is available from your DD or DMEC in Word format for easy modification.*

From District Public Relations



Happy Valentine's Day to all of New York District from yours truly.

The District Meeting was well-attended despite the weather. I am grateful and thankful to Dee Eames for driving as I would have probably spent the night in Syracuse. I will admit openly that I am not a winter driver although I have lived most of my adult life in New York, with the exception of when I lived in Colorado and Germany.

If anyone noticed an RV sitting in the parking lot at the Holiday Inn during our meeting-well, it belongs to Paul Breau of Chapter X. They call it the "Winter Wing" and it provided transportation for all the officers of Chapter X.

I received an email from a Winger out of Tennessee concerning a child riding on a motorcycle. This information concerns the Commonwealth of Virginia; however, we all know how things do get around to other states. The article is as follows and is written by Matt Danielson:

"All Virginia Motorcyclists need to be aware of House Bill 1850 which has been introduced by Delegate Christopher Stolle of Virginia Beach . It prohibits any child under the age of eight from riding on a motorcycle. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin or neighbor who enjoys riding with you and is under the age of eight they would be unable to do so anymore if this bill passes. I know that many of you share memories like mine. My daughter and I have spent many hours since she was six riding at events such as the Vets ride, the 911 ride, etc. She has learned responsibility, charity and patriotism in part from her contact with motorcyclists and the motorcycling community. Delegate Stolle wishes to rob future generations of such memories.

The Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM) strongly opposes this bill. In an effort to understand the reasoning behind this bill, Jim Cannon and I met with Delegate Stolle this morning. He advised us that the bill was introduced at the request of the Chief of Police of Virginia Beach. The Delegate also clearly believes in this bill. His reasoning was that Virginia Code already requires children under age eight to be restrained when traveling in any motor vehicle and that this bill merely clarifies the code. He also felt it was a safety issue. Despite our arguments he held firm to his position.

Let's look at the Delegate's arguments. First, Virginia Code Section 46.2-1095 requires that any person who drives on the highways of Virginia any motor vehicle manufactured after January 1, 1968, shall ensure that any child, up to age eight, whom he transports ***therein***, is provided with and properly secured in a child restraint device. (emphasis added). You do not place a child in a motorcycle. It is impossible to get in a motorcycle. You get on a motorcycle and therefore the child is being transported

thereon not therein. As such this section does not apply to motorcycles. When this legislation passed not a single member of the General Assembly was considering motorcycles. If the delegate wants to clear up the code he can do so by adding motorcycles to section E of the statute which lists vehicles to which the statute does not apply, such as taxicabs, school buses and limousines.

The Delegate's safety argument also fails. According to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles there have been fourteen children age eight and under injured as motorcycle passengers over the past three years. That is an average of less than five per year. There have been no deaths in the past three years. How is this safety issue? It seems to me that the motorcycling parents of this Commonwealth are doing a pretty good job of deciding for themselves when their children are ready to be motorcycle passengers.

I would urge all motorcyclists to call and/or email Delegate Stolle and voice your concerns over HB 1850. Delegate Stolle's phone number is (804) 698-1083. His email address is DelCStolle@house.virginia.gov

I would also urge you to contact your legislator and let him or her know how you feel. You can find the contact information for every legislator at the following link: <http://lis.virginia.gov/111/mbr/MBR.HTM>.

It is of great importance do this now. The session is only 45 days long and this bill could come up in sub-committee soon. When VCOM receives notification of the subcommittee meeting we will put out another notification so that anyone who wishes to attend can. The more motorcyclists we have in sub-committee the more likely we can defeat this assault on the rights of motorcyclists. You can also follow VCOM on twitter @VAMotorcyclist.”

The following was sent to me by our Region Director and since February is the month for Valentine’s Day and is noted as the month of LOVE- I would like to share it with you.

Did Anyone Ever Tell You, Just How Special You Are?

The Light that You Emit Might even Light a Star!

Did Anyone Ever Tell You How You Make Others Feel?

Did Anyone Ever Tell You that Many Times When They were Sad Your E-mail made Them Smile a bit. In Fact It made Them Glad. Somebody out here is Smiling!

For the Time You end Sending Things
And Sharing whatever You Find, There are No Words to Thank You .

But Somebody Thinks You're Fine. Did Anyone Ever Tell You?

Well, My Dearest Friend Today I am Telling You.

I believe that without a friend you are missing out on a lot!!!

Now for some humor: A local paper runs a popular column called "10 Questions" that spotlights people who in the community.

In addition to the usual inquiries about occupation and age, people are asked questions that give a snapshot of their personalities.

Recently, one woman was asked, "What's the strangest thing you ever bought?"

She answered, "Dog toothpaste."

Next question: "What is the most common thing people say to you?"

Her answer: "Where did you get such white teeth?"

It seems as though there has been a mysterious happening at Gary Corke's house:

I have been awakened at least twice each night for the last couple weeks by noises in my garage, and when I go out there to check, everything looks normal, but the cover on my Wing is still swinging, as though it was just moving on its own. Weird, yes?

So, in closing I would like to leave you with this thought: Dream it, Do it, stick with it, Be grateful (even for the "bad" stuff), and Give back. Be sure to say "Thanks".

Lynn Rippelmeyer-(She is one of only 800 female captains in the U.S. airline industry; she is one of just ten women when she "checked out" as a B-737 captain in 1981. She was the first woman to fly a Boeing 747 and the first to captain the jumbo jet on a transatlantic (Her uniform hangs in the Smithsonian.) She also was a member of the first all-female crew for a scheduled U.S. airline. The above is the her personal principles for success.

As Always

**Linda L. Waterman
Public Relations Coordinator**

From the District COY



Happy Valentine's Day everyone! February is here so spring cannot be too far behind. It is time to start dreaming of all the great riding coming up this spring and summer.

Ed and I had great plans to visit some of our New York Chapters in January. But, again, it didn't happen. First Ed and I were sick, and then we were inundated with snow! So, we didn't make it to any of the Chapters we hoped to visit and we apologize.

We did make it to the New York District meeting and had a great time. It is always a good time to get together with members from New York and feel their friendship and enthusiasm for GWRRA.

Paul and the Convention team seem to have a great rally planned for this coming August. We are really looking forward to it. And please, if you have time, stop in at the Region Couple of the Year selection to support us.

Ed and I will be heading to Florida for a few months, but will probably return before New York really warms up in the spring. We are looking forward to meeting with some of our New York snowbirds while we are down there. This year we are taking both of our bikes. I complained so much last year, that Ed broke down and arranged for me to have my bike there too. The riding is a lot different than New York, but it is a lot of fun also.

Riding, fun and friendship are at the heart of GWRRA. It was great to hear all of the fun events the New York Chapters have built into their GWRRA calendars. The non-motorcycling months are great for visiting other Chapters and for cultivating friendships around the District. Don't forget the Chapter Y Valentine's Day Dance and auction. It promises to be a lot of fun.

Have fun!

Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg
NY District Couple of the Year 2010-2011

From the District COY Coordinators

Happy Valentine's
from the
NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators

We send greetings to the NY District from Florida. The weather is warmer here and we are enjoying riding our motorcycle and visiting GWRRA chapters throughout the state. On the way to Florida in Jan. we spent the night with our friends, Ethel and Ted Nelmes who are members of VA-D. They are also members of the Motorcycle Travel Network. What a wonderful time we had sharing stories of our GWRRA chapters and learning about some neat places to visit in the Richmond area. It is so true that you meet the nicest people on a Honda!!

Remember... It is not too late to recognize that **special couple** in your chapter by bestowing the honor of a **Chapter Couple of the Year** upon them. As we travel to various GWRRA chapters and events throughout Florida we have found the Chapter Couples so friendly and well deserving of this title. We know that our NY chapters have such deserving couples, also.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that NY- N has again selected Tim and Eileen Guiles as their Chapter Couple. We met Tim and Eileen last summer and formed an instant friendship. They are not only active in their chapter, but also in the NY District. We look forward to working with them and the other NY District Chapter Couples of the Year.

Chapter CDs, please let us know who your **Chapter Couple of the Year** is.

Please e-mail us their names and contact information (home address, e-mail address and phone #). We want to welcome and congratulate them on receiving the honor.

Again it is our hope that **all NY District GWRRA Chapters** will award the **honor of Chapter Couple of the Year to a deserving couple** in 2011. 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).

Be Safe and Enjoy the Ride!
Bob & Sandy Kelley
NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators

Around the District

CHAPTER "N" - NY Christmas for the troops...

For the second year in a row, we did the Adopt-A-Platoon Christmas Project. Our members generously donated items and/or money for this wonderful organization. It is only with our Chapter's generosity that we were able to complete this mission and make another memorable Christmas for our military. On November 30th many of our members gathered to stuff the Christmas stockings at the Elk's Lodge in Glens Falls.



We all had a great time and we provided 7 boxes of goodies for the troops which had to be sent before the 3rd of December in order to arrive on time for Christmas. Each box contained an over stuffed stocking, a soft pillow, a bag of candy and other goodies for their enjoyment.

Another high point of this project was enclosing many handmade holiday cards created by students of the William H. Barton Intermediate School, Queensbury, NY from the

classes of Mrs. Cherry (Grade 4) & Mrs. Discenza (Grade 5).
 These projects would not be successful if it weren't for our members and you all are to be commended.

THANK YOU ALL!
 Maryanne Faranda
 Adopt-A-Platoon Chairperson



Come on everybody! Get on Board!!!

BE THE FIRST IN YOUR CHAPTER!!SEND US YOUR PICTURES (AND \$\$) AND RECEIVE A GORGEOUS PIN!!!!

Open Ended Date: GWRRR NY-F "Locks or CanalsTour"

Send us a picture of you and your motorcycle next to a lock or canal (or historic marker describing the canal or lock). Include location of site so we can add it to NY-F's Facebook map (GWRRR NY-F). Include \$7.50 (\$12.00 for two up). You will receive a beautiful and unique vest pin.

Send to: Ron Schroth, GWRRR Chapter NY-F, 658 Main Street, P.O. Box 319, Breesport, NY 14816; (RESchroth@aol.com; (607-739-5421))



Chapter Information

Chapter C	Website
Chapter D	Website
Chapter F	
Chapter G	Website
Chapter H	Website
Chapter K	Website
Chapter L	Website requires logon, contact gowsav@myfamily.com
Chapter N	Website
Chapter R	
Chapter T	Website
Chapter U	Website
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GWRRR NY / NJ 2011 BI-STATE CONVENTION FACT SHEET



AUGUST 11-13, 2011

**HOLIDAY INN & STAYBRIDGE SUITES
441 ELECTRONICS PARKWAY
LIVERPOOL, NY 13088
315-457-1122**

Convention Highlights

- Wednesday Evening Pre-registered Packet Pick-up & Optional Welcome Buffet
- Events beginning on Thursday morning
- On-site vendors
- Rider Ed., Leadership Training, and MFA/CPR classes
- Guided and Un-guided Rides to the Finger Lakes, Adirondack Mtns., and other interesting places
- Thursday evening Ice Cream Social, Bike Show, and Games
- Optional Friday evening live entertainment & buffet event
- NY, NJ, and Region B Couple of the Year Selection
- Saturday Evening Banquet
- Sunday morning Level IV Breakfast

Accommodations

- **Holiday Inn:**
 - ➔ 100% smoke-free.
 - ➔ Newly renovated guestrooms offer; private bath facilities, a king bed, two double beds, handicap accessible rooms, air conditioning, heat, flat screen TV with Time Warner/On Demand cable, direct dial telephones with free access to toll free calls, iron and ironing boards, coffee maker, and hairdryers.
 - ➔ Room Rate: \$90/night (includes full breakfast buffet for 2 people)
- **Staybridge Suites (adjoining the Holiday Inn) 315-457-1900:**
 - ➔ Spacious Suites with Full Kitchens • Complimentary Breakfast Buffet • Evening Sundowner Reception (Tues. – Thurs.) • Fitness Center • Free High-Speed Internet Access • 8 Studio Smoking Suites • 2 Two Bedroom Smoking Suites • Pet Friendly* (*Up to a \$75 fee.)

➤ Room Type	➤ Single Rate	➤ Double Rate
➤ Studio Suite	➤ \$105	➤ \$105
➤ 1 Bedroom Suite	➤ \$149	➤ \$149
➤ 2 Bedroom Suite	➤ \$179	➤ \$179

- **Campgrounds:**
 - ➔ **Pleasant Lake RV Park** - 11 miles from hotel <http://www.pleasantlakervpark.com/>
 - ◆ 65 Wigwam Drive, Pennellville, NY 13132 (315) 668-2074
 - ➔ **Oneida Shores Park** – 14 miles <http://onondagacountyparks.com/oneida>
 - ◆ 9400 Bartel Road, Brewerton, NY 13029 (315) 676-7366
 - ➔ **Sunset Park Campground Inc.** – 18 miles <http://sunsetparkcampgroundinc.com/default.aspx>
 - ◆ 455 Sprague Road, Memphis, NY 13112 (315) 635-6450
 - ➔ **Crosslake Park Campground** – 20 miles <http://www.jordanny.com/crosslakecampgrounds.htm>
 - ◆ 12946 Dugar Road, Cato, NY 13033 (315) 678-2143
 - ➔ **Adams Eden Camp** – 20 miles <http://www.adamsedencamp.com/>
 - ◆ 4812 South Cook Road, LaFayette, NY 13084 (315) 677-5121



SHARE THE FUN- RIDE, RECRUIT & RETAIN

January 16, 2011

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Pete & Marielle St. Amour
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Potential GWRRA Member

Name

Address

City Zip Code

Subject: You have recently been referred as a potential GWRRA member!

Dear Mr. **Name** and Miss **Name**,

You have recently been referred as a potential member for the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

On behalf of our NY District Director *Paul and Suzette Wood*, NY District Membership Coordinator *Pete and Marielle St-Amour*, the NY District Staff and the entire NY District membership, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our ranks as a member of our leading International motorcycle organization, the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

You can check us out on the web at [gwrra.org](http://www.gwrra.org) and <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/index.htm>

Local chapter participation is totally FREE. The only requirement is that you become a current valid member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. The toll free number is 800 843 9460

We then encourage you to contact your local NY Chapter Director, **NAME of Chapter "?"** at (**area code phone number**) or visit them on the web at website address for further information on rides and fun activities. If you are not already on their Chapter E-Mail list, ask to be included.

Please consider becoming an active participant of your NY District Gold Wing Road Riders Association via your local Chapter **"?"**

You'll enjoy the Fun, Safety, and Knowledge that we have to share.

Sincerely,

Paul and Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Director

Pete and Marielle ST-Amour
GWRRA NY District Membership Enhancement Coordinators