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From the District Director

Hello NY District,

It was good to see so many New Yorkers at Wing Ding. We hope everyone had a fun and safe trip to Knoxville.

A special “thank you” goes out to Chapters D, W, and Y for helping park the bikes at the end of the Grand Parade. The sacrifice of their time, endurance of the hot sun, and patience in dealing with the confusion impressed us deeply. When the bikes started rolling in, these volunteers did an amazing job.

One of the Wing Ding highlights was the Drill Team demonstration that followed the Grand Parade. It was an incredible display of motorcycling skills.

Locations for the next 2 Wing Dings have been announced. Fort Wayne, Indiana is the destination for 2012. Greenville, South Carolina is scheduled for 2013.

We really enjoyed the 2002 and 2005 Wing Dings in Ft. Wayne. The event center is easy to get to, there is plenty of free parking, and the community loves us. There are a surprising number of interesting attractions in that area, including DeBrand Chocolates. Apparently, we aren't the only ones excited about this location. The Ft. Wayne CVB was booking rooms during Wing Ding, and some of the hotels were already full. This makes sense, as the largest Wing Ding ever was held there.

Good news on the membership front. The numbers from May showed that the NY District grew by 3.99%. This is one of the highest growth rates in GWRRA. No doubt, this growth is the result of happy members and healthy Chapters. Great job, everyone. Keep up the good work!

Things are coming together very well for our third Bi-State Convention. We are sure you will be pleased by both the facilities and the activities we are offering. Don't miss it! Get registered now.

Ride safe and often!

Paul & Suzette Wood

GWRRA NY District Directors

Convention News

It's coming soon, get those registrations in! You can get to the registration two ways:

Electronic Registration: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/pdf/RegistrationForm2011.pdf>

Print a copy to mail your registration: <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/pdf/RegistrationPrint2011.pdf>

From the District Educator



What's your excuse?

Let's see how many members do we have in New York and New Jersey and how many people do we have signed up for our three rider courses at the Bi-State Convention? Less than half the class capacities. So what are our excuses? Let's try a few.



Cost of the course, yes, there's a \$25 registration fee, but you complete the course and it's refunded in full. No issue!

I've been riding forever and they can't teach me anything I don't know already. I'll give you this guarantee of satisfaction, if you honestly feel after taking the course, you didn't learn one new thing or improve your riding skills we'll not only refund your money, but we'll give you \$25 toward rider protective safety equipment.

I don't want to give up my valuable vacation and convention time for three hours of classroom and four hours on the hot blacktop. My answer there is, how much is your safe riding worth? Please understand safe riding skills must be learned and continuously reinforced. We recommend every three years as a minimum. We humans were never bred to ride motorcycles safely

Lastly, I'm afraid of embarrassing myself in front of my peers. These courses are designed to allow yourself the opportunity to challenge yourself to your own limit. There is no pass or fail, just a great opportunity for a safe practice environment. You will never be criticized. You will only be encouraged and praised.

So we've wiped away all your excuses. Therefore I strongly encourage you to sign up and enjoy a fun day learning how you can improve a little, what we all love to do, ride our bikes and trikes. Please remember, safe riding is for life.

Your District Educators,
Al and Emily Stahl
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From the District Trainer



A Little Bit of Everything.....

Can you believe how fast the summer is flying by now that it got here? First there was Americade and now Wing Ding 33 is over. We hope that everyone that went had a wonderful time and got in some good riding. There were enough of us from NY-N to even pick up a Dash for Cash point and other NY Chapters had enough people also. Next up is the New England Convention, the NY/NJ Bi-State Convention and the NY District Ride-Out hosted again by our own Chapter N held at Country Cottages in Diamond Point, NY and many others.

Remember last month we spoke of the GWRRA Leadership Training Division Personal Training Record which folds? Actually it folds into three and it is referred to as a tri-fold. The tri-folds are very popular. There are many seminars at Wing Ding and people clamor to get their tri-fold signed and dated by the instructor after attending a seminar. When they collect all of the required courses they earn a hanger bar. After the NY/NJ Bi-State we should have six new instructors and our goal is in the off season to offer a day or several days of seminars so people can avail themselves of the courses GWRRA has to offer. Drop us an e-mail on what seminars you would like to see us present.

Next we would like to update everyone on the Leadership Training meeting that we attended while at Wing Ding. Paul and Cheryl Brosher are the International Directors of the Leadership Training Program. The Brosher's have as assistants Ed & Ann Nahl (they handle the GW University (new) and the Leadership Training Applications), Mike Briggs (handles the OCP) and a vacant position for arbitration issues. There will be many changes coming including the update of many of the seminars. The current OCP will probably be shortened to one day and there will be a separate set of seminars approximately 2-3 hours each for the Directors and ACDs, Treasurers, Rider Educators, Leadership Trainers and the Membership Enhancement Coordinators. The goal of the GW University is to ensure the officers are trained for the position they hold and to have continuous improvement. Another important goal is to knock down the walls and work with the other divisions of GWRRA. In other words, the Rider Education people will work with the Leadership Training people as well as the Membership Enhancement people. It is also very confusing to have trainers, facilitators, presenters, instructors, etc. What is the difference between the titles? One thing for sure, there will be many well deserved changes. Watch this column - when we hear the changes, we will keep everyone posted and up to date.

We are here for you,

Eileen & Tim Guile
NY District Trainers

From the District COY

Wow! What busy month July has turned out to be!

Ed and I left for Knoxville and Wing Ding 33 on June 29 because we knew we would be busy and we really wanted a chance to ride through the Smoky Mountains. We had a great time on New Found Gap Round, climbing to the top of Clingman's Dome and also taking the beautiful and historic trip through Cade's Cove. My favorite ride was on the Cherohala Skyway. What a beautiful road. If you traveled the Cherohala Skyway, I hope you took the time to travel up RT 210 to view Bald Falls.



Wing Ding in Knoxville offered us our first experience as judges in the International Couple of the Year Selection. There were nine great couples in the International Selection. Each couple was unique and each couple was wonderful. It was a delight to interview them and get to know them a little bit. Kirby and Sandy White from Region D were selected as the new 2011 International Couple of the Year. They are a great couple with a recruiting record that is just "out of sight"! Congratulations to Sandy and Kirby. We are waiting to hear if

Kirby and Sandy will be available to judge the Couple of the Year Selections at the Bi-State Convention.

What fun it was to be on stage and look out at Region B. Rich and Doreen Lampe represented the Northeast Region in the Selection. They did a wonderful job and we were very proud to have them represent our Region. Picture in your mind what it looked like when we looked out from the stage and



saw Region B members wearing lampshades on their heads. And, of course, Region B made the most noise...even though other Regions are trying hard to out due the noise factor.

After two and a half weeks in the Knoxville area, we are back in New York for a week before we head off to Maine for the New England Convention. If you are headed that way, make sure you stop and say "hi".

Please don't forget to come out to the Couple of the Year Selections at the Bi-State Convention. We have two great couples in the NY District Selection this year. Also, we hope you come out to support Ed and I as we represent New York in the Northeast Region Couple of the Year Selection also being held at the Bi-State Convention.

Bob and Sandy Kelley, the NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators, hope to be back from California in time to make it to the Bi-State Convention. We are extremely glad to hear that their son, Chris, is making progress and is home from the hospital after his motorcycle accident.

See you at the Bi-State!

Dottie and Ed Bahrenburg, New York District Couple of the Year

From the District COY Coordinators

Greetings from the NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators

Life is full of twists and turns just like motorcycling roads. However, our latest twist and turn did not start out as a good one. As many of you know on June 16th we received a call that our son, Chris, had been in a very serious motorcycle accident in Van Nuys, CA where he has resided for the past 5 years. Of course it was one of those 2:30am calls that every parent dreads. We rearranged our schedule, including our Wing Ding plans, and flew to Burbank, CA on June 19. Chris had numerous injuries including 13 broken ribs, a fractured clavicle, a fractured scapula, badly bruised and punctured lungs, a bruised heart, a split spleen and a broken right leg with three breaks below the knee. He was in ICU for 17 days, on a ventilator for 16 days and had 5 trips to the operating room during that time. He was riding in the right hand lane of a six lane city street on his way home from work. Unfortunately, a woman heading in the opposite direction, turned left in front of him, crossing 3 lanes of traffic. He had no time to stop.

Now those twists and turns certainly did get better. The good news is that he has no head, neck or spinal injuries. Chris was wearing his full face helmet, leather jacket, boots and gloves. After spending exactly one month in the hospital he returned to his trailer home. With a few modifications he is able to get around quite well. He had excellent care at Providence Holy Cross Hospital in Mission Hills, CA, The Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy he received while there has helped him tremendously. It will be a long road, but he is a very strong and determined individual. So we know he will be back to his normal, active life in a few months.

With every cloud there is always a silver lining and our silver lining has been our wonderful family and friends; especially our GWRRA family. Our Region B Directors, Ed and Dottie, Bahrenburg alerted the Region F, Director, of our plight. Who in turn notified Nadine Galli, the Chapter Director of CA-1K. Nadine called us offering any support she and her members could give. After many phone calls to see how Chris was doing and a beautiful bouquet of flowers to brighten our spirits, we got to meet Nadine and many of the CA-1K members. What a great group of people!! We enjoyed our breakfast and conversation with all of them; Especially, Uncle Wally, who is a former stunt man. Ironically, our son, Chris is in the stunt business, also. Our NY-H Chapter, NY District and our many GWRRA friends from other Districts have been wonderful in their support and prayers. Thanks so very Much!!

Right now our plans are to be home to attend the NY/NJ Convention. We are delighted that Eileen & Tim Guile and Jim and Sharon Learned will be participating in the NY District Couple of the Year Selection. Please plan on attending the convention and the Couple of the Year Selection on Saturday morning. Let's give the deserving couples lots of support.

Please remember that life has many twist and turns; some good, some bad. However, no matter what life deals us, our GWRRA family will be there to support and help in any way they can. We have sung the praises of being GWRRA members many times before and this is just another example of what a wonderful organization it is.

As your NY District Couple of the Year Coordinators we are here to help your chapter and **Chapter Couple** 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 rkelley@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

GWRRRA NY/NJ BI-STATE CONVENTION AUGUST 10-13, 2011



HOLIDAY INN
441 Electronics Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13088
1-315-457-1122



STAYBRIDGE SUITES
439 Electronics Parkway
Liverpool, NY 13088
1-315-457-1900

Convention Highlights:

- 🏍️ Optional 3-hour rotating dinner buffet on Wednesday for early arrivals
- 🏍️ Full schedule of events starts Thursday morning
- 🏍️ Thursday evening Ice Cream Social, Bike Show and People Games
- 🏍️ Rides to Adirondack Mtns, Finger Lakes, & other scenic areas
- 🏍️ 3 Rider Education Range Courses
- 🏍️ Rider Education Seminars
- 🏍️ Rider Education Seminar Presenter Course
- 🏍️ Parking Lot Practice Facilitator Course
- 🏍️ 12 Leadership Training and Life Skills Seminars
- 🏍️ All Vendors on-site
- 🏍️ Medic First Aid Basic Plus Course for FREE
- 🏍️ Optional Friday evening musical entertainment and Mexican Buffet
- 🏍️ NY, NJ, and Region B Couple of the Year Selection on Saturday
- 🏍️ Saturday evening Banquet
- 🏍️ Sunday morning Level IV breakfast
- 🏍️ 2 miles from Carousel Center, one of the largest shopping malls in NY State
- 🏍️ Courtesy shuttle available

Still need convincing? Or maybe need a little more information?

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NY District Educators Al & Emily Stahl (518) 587-2420 alstahl45@gmail.com

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2011 NY/NJ Bi-State Convention Registration

Rider: _____ GWRRA#: _____
 Rider Email: _____ Cell# _____
 Co-Rider: _____ GWRRA# _____
 Co-Rider Email: _____ Cell# _____
 Child: _____ GWRRA#: _____ Child: _____ GWRRA#: _____
 Address : _____ City/State/ZIP: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Region: _____ District: _____ Chapter: _____
 Position(s): _____

Full Registration	Qtys	Totals
Adult GWRRA Member (\$54 after July 15) *includes Sat. meal - select preference below*	_____ x \$49	
Adult Non-Member (\$59 after July 15) *includes Sat. meal - select preference below*	_____ x \$54	
Children (Ages 6 to 15) *includes Sat. meal - select preference below*	_____ x \$20	
Children under 6 *includes Sat. meal - select preference below*	_____ x N/C	N/C
*Sat. banquet meal preferences: beef/chicken (Insert number of each choice)	BF _____ CK _____	
Indicate planned Wednesday arrival for packet pick up in Buffet room		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Optional Event Registration		
Optional Wednesday Buffet 5:30 – 8:30PM	_____ x \$16	
Optional Friday Night Mexican Buffet & live musical entertainment by "The ODY Show" must Pre-Register by July 15th	_____ x \$32	
Friday night entertainment only	_____ x \$20	
Daily Registration		
Day Pass GWRRA Member *no meals included*	_____ x \$13	
Day Pass Non-member *no meals included*	_____ x \$15	
Day Pass with Banquet (Saturday Only) *includes Sat. meal - select preference above*	_____ x \$37	
Rider Education / Medic First Aid Courses Requiring Pre-Registration		
Rider Ed. Seminar Presenter Course, Wed. full day (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$20	
Medic First Aid Basic Plus Course Friday 9-4PM (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$20	
Parking Lot Practice Facilitator, Classroom portion Thursday afternoon, Range portion Friday morning (Refund After Completion.)	_____ x \$10	
Road Captain Course, Thursday morning (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$25	
Trailering Course, Thursday, full day (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$25	
Trike Course, Friday, full day (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$25	
Co-Rider Seminar, Friday afternoon (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$10	
Advanced Rider Course, Saturday, full day (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$25	
Rider Ed. 101, Saturday afternoon (Refund After Completion)	_____ x \$10	
Indicate attendance at Sunday Level IV breakfast *Level IV's only*		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Convention T-Shirts (Men's Sizes Only)		
S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____	_____ x \$12.50	
Grand Total		

Award Consideration: If you would like to be considered for an award, please enter the requested information.
 Oldest or Youngest Rider (Enter birth date): _____ Co-Rider (Enter birth date): _____
 Most Miles Ridden (One Way): _____

Cancellations in writing and postmarked by July 15, 2011 will be refunded -- No phone or verbal cancellations will be accepted.

Mail your completed registration form along with your check payable to:
 "GWRRA Bi-State Rally" to Kathy DeGroff, 337 County Rt. 11, West Monroe, NY 13167

I / WE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GWRRA AND ANY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR ANY LOSS OR INJURY TO SELF OR PROPERTY IN WHICH I / WE MAY BECOME INVOLVED BY REASON OF PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

SIGNED (FOR SELF & GUESTS) _____

