



District Director's Message

Hello NY District,

We wish to thank all of you for all the cards, e-mails, phone calls, hugs, prayers, and kind thoughts during our time of loss. We were very close to my Dad, and his long illness and eventual passing has deeply affected us. The kindness of our GWRRA friends has made this time a little more bearable.

Paul & Suzette Wood
GWRRA NY District Directors

District Education

GWRRA Rider Education



Check Please

Did you know? In Europe when dining out, you will not receive your bill, until you ask for it. But that is not what this article is about. It's more about doing a quick check of your mirrors.

So when are we suppose to check our mirrors? Is it just when we are riding down the road, we occasionally check our mirror or is there more to it?

GWRRA teaches us to use the Seek, Anticipate & Act (SAA) method when riding a motorcycle. We should scan aggressively, seeking or looking for factors that may bring harm to us. When we are scanning for hazards it not only means in front of us, but all around us. Not only looking over our shoulders, which should always be done before changing lanes, but also our mirrors. So what should we be looking for? Just about anything that could pose a threat to us. Things like erratic behaving vehicles, vehicles tailgating, vehicles looking to pass, fast approaching vehicles or just knowing that a vehicle is behind you. What about the skyline? Bad weather is just as likely to come from behind us as it is in front of us.

When we spot something that may present a danger, we go to the anticipation stage and play the what if game. The other part of what if, is what do I do. Checking your mirrors at this point, will help you determine

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what to do if it does happen. In our thought process we have 3 primary actions we can take. We can change speed, change direction, or communicate. Doing a mirror check will help you with the first two, by letting you know who or what is behind you and if it is safe to slow down, or change lanes safely.

Let's do a quick review on coming to a controlled stop. Our head is up and eyes are looking straight out. We square the handle bars, apply both brakes evenly with increasing pressure on the front, as we decrease pressure on the rear brake. As we come to a stop, down shift to first gear and the left foot comes down to stabilize the bike. The right foot stays on the rear brake and we do a mirror check as we stop. Why is this mirror check important? You never know what the vehicle behind you is actually going to do. Checking your mirrors may prevent you from being hit from behind. What are your options if you notice the vehicle isn't slowing down? Flashing your brake lights may gain their attention, if that doesn't work it may behoove you to move out of the way. This is why you should always leave yourself an out when pulling up behind another vehicle at a stop and why you put the bike in first gear.

To sum it up, check your mirrors whenever you come to a stop. When you reach for your brakes to slow down, look into your mirrors. To avoid target fixation and to keep those eyes moving, look into those mirrors. Never stop looking into your mirrors. By the way this is one of those skills which you should be applying while driving a car or truck.

May all your Miles be Safe Miles
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District Membership Enhancement



It's time to Honor



Many Chapters will start the New Year with a new Chapter Director and a new Chapter TEAM. This is only the beginning, with a new TEAM comes new ideas. Each Chapter Director (old or new) should take these new ideas, and old ones, and set goals for their Participants in 2012.

If your Chapter has not already done so, it's not too late to HONOR a Couple in your Chapter as the Chapter Couple of the Year. There are no requirements placed on the selected Couple, just an HONOR bestowed upon them for their dedication and commitment to the Chapter. There are however requirements that should be considered when selecting your Chapter Couple. First we suggest a review of the Couple of the Year Manual. It provides guidelines on selecting and HONORING your Chapter Couple. The following requirements can be found on page 3 of the Manual:

Requirement

- Couple must consist of one male and one female.
- Both male and female must hold Individual, Family, Associate Individual, or Associate Family Membership in GWRRA. (Note: Associate Members are eligible to participate in the Couple of the Year program at the Chapter level only.)

- Membership must be valid through the term of the Chapter Couple of the Year position (one year).
- The Couple must have completed at least one year membership in GWRRA prior to being named Chapter Couple of the Year.
- In order to provide an opportunity for other deserving couples, the same Couple shall not be named as Chapter Couple of the Year for more than two consecutive years.

Although there are no requirements placed on the Chapter Couple of the Year at the Chapter level, we do recommend that you inform them of the opportunities available to them beyond the Chapter level. Providing them with a copy of the Chapter of the Year Manual or where it can be located on the Membership Enhancement webpage will get them started. It also lets them know how important they are to the Chapter.

Why should your Chapter Honor a Couple of the Year? Here are 10 excellent reasons why your Chapter should consider:

The Top 10 Reasons

Why Your Chapter Needs a Couple of the Year

These suggestions were compiled after many discussions in Couple of the Year seminars over a 3-year period and then were prioritized by seminar participant. They are presented in their order of importance as determined by those members.

1. Selecting a Chapter Couple of the Year is a way your Chapter can “give back” to a couple who has worked hard for the Chapter and deserves recognition. Being Chapter Couple of the Year should be viewed as an honor and not a job.
2. Visitation with other Chapters by the Chapter Couple of the Year can increase inter-Chapter activities and improve relationships with other Chapters.
3. Chapter spirit can increase when Chapter Participants show support and demonstrate their pride for their Chapter Couple of the Year.
4. Selection as Chapter Couple of the Year often leads to personal growth for the couple, and they usually take on more responsibility in leadership positions.
5. The Chapter Couple of the Year can bring more awareness within the community about our association which ultimately leads to new Members. Wearing a shirt or vest with their Couple of the Year designation often causes others to ask about the title. News articles about them and public appearances by them can also bring awareness.
6. Through participation in the District Selection Process, a Chapter Couple of the Year can help gain recognition for your Chapter within the District.
7. As your Chapter Couple of the Year visits other Chapters, Couples of the Year from those other Chapters will, in turn, visit your Chapter and probably bring others with them. Increased visitation translates into several positive things including increased revenue for your Chapter through 50/50 sales or other means.
8. Your Chapter Couple of the Year can promote your Chapter’s upcoming events as they visit other Chapters.
9. 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 since the honored couple is likely to be enthusiastic about GWRRA and their Chapter, and eager to “spread the word”.
10. With the excitement and enthusiasm usually exhibited by Chapter Couples of the Year, they often are found serving as cheerleaders for the Chapter Team and can be important in maintaining strong Chapter morale.

If you have questions about COY program. Please contact our NY District Chapter Couple of the Year Coordinator **Bob and Sandy Kelley** rikelley@localnet.com

Thanks to National for the use of this great article

Pete and Marielle ST-Amour

NY District MEC

District Training



Wow! It is the month of February, the month of lovers and friends caring for one another. It is a nice time of the year as we plan our vacations and quick getaways and revise our “new year” resolutions.

As we recap our goals and look forward to having fun, we want to be sure that we accomplish some of the aspects of being a

GWRRA member. Did we find the time last year to take those seminars we promised ourselves we wanted to take? As seminar and program trainers, were we able to be there for the members? Were we there so they could earn a badge, pin or bar to wear and say I love this association, it gives back so much for the nominal dues we pay each year. Well it is never too late to schedule those seminars and become a little more involved so we can stand tall and feel good about our surroundings and all the special people who give of their time.



As we took on the office of NY District Trainers and Chapter Directors, Richie said “there is always someone in your district and region that is happy to help you with any questions you may have”. It is a great feeling to know that there are so many people who are happy to help you accomplish your goals for a fun and friendly event and program. Whatever undertaking you chose to take on there is always someone above you with experience that will offer assistance. If the entire world worked like that we all would be in a better place.

Some things to think about, is that on the planning board are many seminars scheduled. Upcoming soon is the March 17, 2012 we are looking forward to the “Funshop” being held in western, Batavia, NY. Of course there is WingDing34 in July, 2012, that will also have tons of seminars offered to you. If you decide to be an instructor you can bring these seminars to your chapter to hold as a focal point of your meeting.

We look forward to holding Instructors Development Certification Programs and Officers Certification Programs for all the new and prospective officers. The OCP program is also a good way to learn about Gold Wing Road Riders Association and how it functions even if you are not able or interested at this time to become an officer.

We are very impressed we all those that have been there for us and want to thank you, Paul and Suzette Wood, Eileen and Tim Guile, Ed and Dottie Bahrenburg, Phil and Tammy Coons, Jack Seeley, Al and Emily Stahl, Pete and Marielle St Amour, Robert and Cathy Turner and the members of our Chapter K for supporting themselves and us in our strive to become a strong and happy group.

To contact us please call 516-449-8299 and email: raphco@verizon.net.
So until next time, be well and have lots of fun.

Richie and Claire Aylward
NY District Trainers

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. We met up with Ed and Dottie Barhensburg at the Tampa RV show. It is always fun to dream and even more so with friends!

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.

Please remember to send us the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of your chapter couples. We want to send congratulations as well as information on the NY District Couple of the Year selection. This year the selection will be held in NJ at the Bi-State convention/rally and we are looking forward to working with Desi and Tim Smith on this event.

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 2012. 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 rlkelley@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

News from National

Announcement from GWRRA

GWRRA ANNOUNCES FREE LOYALTY SAVING COUPONS FOR NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERS IN 2012!

Phoenix, AZ (January 9, 2012)— Truly exciting things are happening with Gold Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA) in 2012 and we would like to invite you to participate. We will be giving free loyalty saving coupons to new Members & existing Members who renew in 2012. These loyalty saving coupons, which are valued in the hundreds, will help you save money and are brought to you by some of our valued advertisers from *Wing World*:

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- ◆ Gene's Gallery
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- ◆ Niehaus Cycle Sales
- ◆ Rampage Power Lift Ramps
- ◆ Sierra Electronics
- ◆ GWRRA Official Products

The loyalty saving coupons will arrive in your new Member & renewal Member packets throughout 2012. Existing Life Members and Members who have renewed for multiple years, including 2012, will also receive the loyalty saving coupons by mail.

We want you to know that we are truly honored that you have chosen to be part of our GWRRA family. Your membership is much appreciated, and we will do our very best to continue to meet and exceed your expectations. Your continued patronage and loyalty is a vital part of our growth. And for that, we are most grateful.

Thanks again, and we look forward to serving you for many years to come.

GWRRA, with its motto "***Friends for Fun, Safety and Knowledge***," is a not-for-profit organization with over 72,000 Members in 53 countries, and 4,000 volunteer leaders providing rider education and social structure, along with organizing events, conventions, rides and meetings throughout the year. Visit GWRRA's Web site: www.gwrro.org or call (800) 843-9460 or (623) 581-2500 (in Phoenix) for more information.

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Pete Marielle NY D MEC

Bi-State Convention

2012 Bi-State Convention -- August 16-18, 2012 – ****LOCATION CONFIRMED**** New Jersey will be the host District for the 2012 Bi-State Convention and we are pleased to announce that the location for the venue will be **The Holiday Inn - Budd Lake-Rockaway**. The official address for the facility is 1000 International Drive North, Mount Olive, New Jersey. Your NJ District Leadership team, in collaboration with the NY District Leadership, very deliberately and with extreme diligence evaluated over 14 alternatives and on the basis of many criteria identified this location as meeting the greatest number of criterion. We can affirm with certainty that there will be great riding opportunities; a plethora of FUN activities (new creative ones are being planned); and a broad range of rider education, leadership training, and self improvement seminars. The hotel has agreed to a rate of \$90 per night including a full breakfast and is prepared to begin **accepting registrations at** (973) 448-1100; please identify yourself as a member of GWRRA to receive discounted Group rate. In addition; on-line reservation for the Convention will be available at the NJ District Website very soon.

The focus on this years event is RIDING and FUN. Make plans to be there!

You can book your rooms for the Bi-State at :

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/budd-lake/ewrbl/hoteldetail?groupCode=GOL>

Who's Who in GWRRA

NY District Officers - <http://www.gwrra-ny.org/officers.htm>

New York District Team

District Directors	Paul & Suzette Wood	585-343-8903
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District Couple of the Year Coordinators	Bob & Sandy Kelley	716-772-7807
District Couple of the Year	Ed & Dottie Bahrenburg	607-427-8777
District Membership Coordinators	Pete & Marielle St-Amour	518-490-1031
District Public Relations	Linda Waterman	315-224-4144
District Webmaster	Suzette Wood	585-343-8903
District Newsletter Editors	Phil & Tammy Coons	845-758-9088

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Region Couple of the Year Coordinators	Mike & Nancy Mandell	732 751-8522 (H) 732-887-0374 (C)	michael@mandellplumbing.com
Region Chapter of the Year Coordinator	Mike & Shirley Prince	(717) 225-6499	rbchoy@gwrrapav.org
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National Officers ...

Director	Mike Stiger
Rider Education Director	Tony Van Schaick (Pro Tem)
Leadership Training Director	Paul & Cheryl Brosher
Member Enhancement Director	Ed & Linda Johnson
Wing World Editor	Sharon Stanley
Global Affairs Director	Peter Russell
International Deputy Directors (Regions A,B,D,N)	Jere & Linda Goodman
International Deputy Directors (Regions E,F,H,I)	Dave & Gwen Carter



All New England Districts Convention July 26-28, 2012

sponsored by the *District Directors of New England* to be held in
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- ◆ **Light Parade**
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- ◆ **Saturday Evening Banquet**
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For rally Information, contact:
Pat Thibaudeau Phone: 508-341-1687 email: thibfrog@hotmail.com

www.newenglandrally.org



**All New England Districts Convention
July 26 -28, 2012
Registration Form**



LIABILITY RELEASE: I/we have read and understand this application. I/we hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this rally and agree to hold harmless GWRRR, co-sponsoring organizations, 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 rally. I/we also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/we knowingly damage.

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rider Name (print): _____ Age _____

GWRRR# _____ Exp. Date _____ District & Chapter _____ Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

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Co-rider Signature: _____

Co-rider Name (print): _____ Age _____

GWRRR# _____ Exp. Date _____ District & Chapter _____ Position _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone# _____

Email _____

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- Pre-Registration GWRRR Member: \$45.00 pp (postmarked on or before June 30, 2012)
- Pre-Registration Life Members: \$40.00 pp (postmarked on or before June 30, 2012)
- Pre-Registration Non-Member: \$50.00 pp (postmarked on or before June 30, 2012)
- Children 15 and under with Banquet: \$25.00 pc (postmarked on or before June 30, 2012)
- Day Pass: \$5.00 **ONE DAY RALLY PASS INCLUDES ALL** events on one day, except the Saturday night banquet

Cancellations in writing will be accepted if postmarked by July 10, 2012 are subject to a \$5.00 handling fee.
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For rally information contact: Pat Thibaudeau 508-341-1687 email: thibfrog@hotmail.com
www.newenglandrally.org

GWRRA NY District's Ride In 2012



RIDING AROUND THE FINGER LAKES

Presented By Chapter W

May 18, 2012

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May 19, 2012

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May 20, 2012

Pancake Breakfast before returning home

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Save the Dates!

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