



March 2006 Gold Wing Road Riders Association

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M A K E - A - D I F F E R E N C E

From The Region Director

Looks like Wing Ding planning by folks from the Northeast Region are in full swing. I am starting to hear of some additional Nashville activities as GWRRA Members continue to research “things to do” in the area. This will be a Wing Ding for the record books, so make your plans to attend.

Winter has not slowed down involvement in the Region. In February, Leadership Training held a Horizons Class in Massachusetts and congratulations to all who attended and completed Horizons.

“The Fun Shop” scheduled for March promises to be a grand time as Bob & Sue Lorenz join us. New Jersey had an excellent turnout for their CPR/First Aid class. Districts are busy planning for their 2006 rallies including the Six State New England Rally to be held in Vernon, CT. this July. Bill Lacey tells me that we have had some inquiries from many states outside of the Region. Linda & I will be there to help out on behalf of Connecticut and look forward to working with the six States to make this a very successful New England Rally. If anyone would like to help out for an hour or two, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. New Jersey will hold their annual “Spring Dinner”... the name for this year is “April Fool’s Dinner” to be held on April 1st in beautiful, downtown, metropolitan, Manville, New Jersey. Do not let the location “fool” you. VFW Post #2290 is a fantastic facility and while this dinner is not generally attended by many outside of NJ, you do not know what you are missing. A certain well-known couple from Massachusetts attends every year. Guess they have not spread the word hoping to keep the attendance down improving their chances to win some unbelievable “baskets of goodies”. If you want to know more, you will have to attend. Don’t forget to mark your calendar for April 24 as Rhode Island “B” holds their annual kick-off. Generally, the weather cooperates and it is great time to get out and ride your bike while having a fun-filled breakfast in the Ocean State. New Hampshire is planning to attend an ERC Course on April 23 & 30. If there is something you would like included in the Region News, please e-mail me your information in MS Word format.

Ride safe, be well and keep your snow blower ready to go for one more month and maybe a surprise dusting in early April.

Sincerely,

*Jere & Linda Goodman
Northeast Region
Directors*

BEEP! BEEP!



From June Agee- International Public Relations Coordinator

“FUN ACTIVITIES AT WING DING”

By now I hope all of the Chapter Directors throughout the Organization have received their Chapter invitation to come join in the “FUN”. We are coordinating “Chapter Get Together” for each individual Chapter designation in the Organization.

The Henry Horton State Park Restaurant has been reserved for 3 days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) in preparation for these gatherings. The Restaurant manager, Jan Darnell, is looking forward to our arrival. Careful consideration has been given to the coordination of the “Get Together” so we will not overbook or overwhelm the Restaurant personnel and we do not want to take our Members away from the activities scheduled at Wing Ding such as the Opening Ceremonies, talent show and the Grand Parade.

Due to Opening Ceremonies from 8:00am until 9:00am and the talent show from 4:00pm until 6:00pm on Monday we have only lunch scheduled. On Tuesday due to the Grand Parade from 3:00pm until 5:00pm we have scheduled only breakfast and lunch. On Wednesday we have scheduled all three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner). Each Chapter designation is scheduled for one of these meals and will meet in the Magnolia Circle at the North end of the Opryland Hotel at a designated time to ride to the restaurant.

Our Chapter Coordinators have made every attempt to make sure all Chapter Directors have been contacted, but due to outdated email addresses some may not have gotten the letters. If you are one of these Directors please let us know. I am including a list of Coordinators for each Chapter designation. Please contact them and let the coordinator know if your Chapter will be attending this “FUN” event. Just think sitting in a room with all Chapter “A’s” or “B’s”, etc. and socializing. This may be something you would want to do each year.

Chapter “A’s”	Troy and Vickie Hurt	kf4nre@bellsouth.net
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Chapter “P’s”	Charles and Ella Everidge	enconawing@adelphia.net
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Chapter “R’s”	June Agee	nprc@gwrra.org
Chapter “S’s”	Bob Johnson/Jeff Goldin	bobgail@cox.net
Chapter “T’s”	David and Jeannie McKenzie	buddymck@netburner.net
Chapter “U’s”	Mike and Jan Buzick	mjb71@gallatinriver.net
Chapter “V’s”	June Agee	nprc@gwrra.org
Chapter “W’s”	Brad and Sher Hudson	brad-sherida@charter.net
Chapter “X’s”	June Agee	nprc@gwrra.org
Chapter “Y’s”	Joey and Brigitte Hendren	foofyjay@comcast.net
Chapter “Z’s”	Dan Zeidler/Lisa York	Wisconsin_z@yahoo.com

Rider Education

HI EVERYONE

This week is cold and windy, in fact there are still thousands within 25 miles of me without power. That’s since Friday noon (2-17-06) and it’s now Sunday night. Most of the winter has been warm, especially the last couple of weeks before this past week. The abnormal warmth has prompted a lot of riders to get their bikes out. I’ve seen some wheelies from stoplights and read of at least 2 accidents, so far. Even though we haven’t had much snow this season, there is still a lot of dirt and gravel etc on the sides of the road and in the corners. If you do go for a nice early ride, please remember to be extra careful.

Before you go for that ride be sure to check your bike carefully. The best way is the T-clock inspection.

Frank Germs A/RE submitted the following.

T-CLOCK - Safety inspections

During the past few weeks we have had the unique opportunity to experience something unusual in New York this time of year..... reasonable riding weather. So, like a number of you I decided to ride. I went over the 1800 and discovered that my rear tire was 10 pounds low, the front was only down 5 pounds. If you lose a tire on a car, it's bad but not catastrophic. If you lose a tire on the bike, well..... it could be deadly. Nothing can prevent having a tire go out after hitting something, but proper maintenance and inspections can go a long way toward decreasing the chances of a break-down along the road.

Inspections are vital to maintaining your bike and riding safely. This is especially true when we start the new riding season. After the string of winter months, how many of us have jumped on our bike after it sitting in the garage, and taken it for a spin, just to shake out the cobwebs.

Make a habit of inspecting your bike before you ride it, especially if it's been a while since you have taken it out. Now if you're like me and commute to work on your bike you don't want to crawl around on the ground and check your tire pressure in your work clothes. But at least once a week, and especially before long rides, you want to conduct an inspection to make sure the bike, and you are, in safe riding condition. I would rather find out at a rest stop that I have a nail in my tire than find out at 70mph!

T-CLOCK is an acronym that describes an overall safety inspection of the motorcycle. While this is a much more extensive inspection than you would make at a rest stop, this will give you an idea of what you should be looking for and checking in most all aspects of the motorcycle to maintain proper operations or alert you to improper operations. The checklist that covers the inspection called T-CLOCK is available on the GWRRA website.

Here is T-CLOCK in a nutshell.

T -- Tires and Wheels - inspect condition of front and rear tires (pressure, tread), wheels, rims, bearings, and seals

C -- Controls - This covers the condition of levers, cables, hoses, and throttle

L -- Lights - Inspection of lights, lenses, reflectors, wiring, and the headlight reflector; also, check the aim of the headlight (right/ left & height)

O -- Oil - Check levels and for leaks in Engine oil, Rear end gear oil, Hydraulic Brake fluid, coolant and fuel

C -- Chassis - Inspect frame, steering head bearings, swing arm, and suspension

K -- Kickstand - Inspect Center stand and side stand for cracks and bent parts. Maintain proper tension on springs to keep stand in place when folded up. Also, make sure the engine stops with the bike in gear and the side stand extended.

The T-CLOCK form has more extensive descriptions of the inspections suggested above. Whether you use T-CLOCK or your own experience with your inspections and making sure the bike is ride-worthy, I encourage each of you to routinely go over your bikes or have a mechanic do it for you if you are so inclined.

The crucial point is that we have a new riding season ahead of us, and some bikes have been sitting for the entire winter. Before you take off for that next weekend jaunt or cross-country trip, make sure the bike is as ready as you are. It may well be the most important time you spend preparing for your next trip.

Ride With Care ~ Ride Aware,
Frank Germs
A/Region B Educator

I've heard from Dottie, our Region Trainer that there is still room for more at the fun shop in Binghamton on March 25th. If you haven't been to one of these "Fun Shops" ask someone who has about them. It's a great way to spend a day or a weekend. You get to see some friends you haven't seen all winter, and you get to attend some very interesting seminars. Please sign up soon, you'll be glad you did.

Northeast Region Educator
Dick Norton



Public Relations

PUBLIC RELATIONS HISTORY

As we all know only time creates history. June Agee (International Public Relations Coordinator), Ruth and I (International Public Relations News Letter Editors) have been working on the Public Relations Program at this level for three plus years. All this time we're telling people this program would work and would help GWRRA's recruitment of new members as well as getting the general public to know of us. We had to do this with only our word for we had no history of the past Public Relations program. So we had to work and wait for some concrete evidence to present itself and allow us to use this evidence to prove our point. Well history is starting to unveil itself for we now have some evidence that we can bring to you

We here in Public Relations have always said that once the general public got to know about us and what we are, what we represent and where we can be found that we would become known and accepted by the public allowing us to recruit at a faster pace than in the past. Well let me tell you what happened in Pa. Chapter "L" over the last two years. In the beginning it was a little hard to convince the C.D. that the Public Relations program would help the Chapter and all of GWRRA if it were taken seriously and followed through. During the spring of that year it was decided that the chapter would do some PR work and participate in a bike show and also attend a couple of bike nights. Ruth and I were convinced that this sort of activities would help the chapter to accomplish some of the goals that we were trying to accomplish and bring to the attention of the public our Chapter and GWRRA. So we encouraged our members to come out and help. It went great, in that first year we attended three bike nights, the chapter recruited ten new members. The second year we increased our bike nights to six while holding our bike show to one. The results of the second year was that we recruited twenty new members. So in the two year period following this method of getting out in the public and having our chapter and the GWRRA organization known we were able to recruit thirty new members.

All I can say at this time is that the Public Relations program works just as we said it would for we now have the history to prove it. You might be wondering what happened to the C.D. I referred to in this article. Well he finished his tenure as C.D. in January and I am happy to say that he is now the Chapter Public Relations Coordinator and is working on more bike night and other means of accomplishing good Public Relations work.

*Mort & Ruth Smith
International PR Newsletter Editors; N.E., Northeast Region, PA. District PR Coordinators*



Region Couple of the Year Coordinators

I love this time of year, when I get to share with you, your 2006 District Couples:

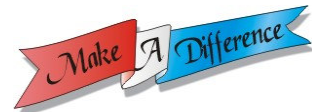
Delaware District	Joh & Pat Lesnefski
Maryland District	Stanley & Shirley Green
New Jersey District	Dan & Mary Costello
New York District	Stan & Bonnie Spears
Pennsylvania District	Steve & Carol Daly
New England	Pending

If you have not had a chance to meet them, you will as they are out and about visiting other chapters, district and region events. You will also get a chance to talk to them at the Region Couple of the Year Selection. This year we will be holding the selection process at the New England Rally in Vernon, Connecticut July 20th – 22, 2006.

This is your chance to show your support for your couple by being there. Did I mention that this will be a RALLY, with people games, scenic tours, charity fox & Hound Run, and lots more!!

PS...Mike and I have been thinking (scary thought) about having a Chapter/District/Region and International Couple of the Year reunion, in a centralized location. The what, where, and when (probably in October or early November) is all contingent on the interest I get from you. So if you have EVER been a “Couple” and are interested in a get together please, email me at buglady512@aol.com .

*Mike & Julie Walters
Northeast Region COY 2005*



Region Couple of the Year 2005-2006

Thoughts from the 2006 Region "B" Couple of the Year-Sandie and Rosy Rosenthal

2006 is going to be a GREAT year. This is the year that all of us should "**ROCK THE HOUSE**"!!!!!!

Region "B" is fortunate to have the highest level of support for the Couple of the Year program by our Region Directors, Jere and Linda. Their steadfastness has been an inspiration to all in the program throughout the Region.

We have learned of new Chapter Couples in Chapters that had none recently or at all. Over the last couple of months we have the great fortune to be present when several of the new Chapter Couples were announced. This was a great thrill for us. Welcome to all new Chapter Couples! Chapter Couples are more than just special people are; they represent their Chapter to the fullest capacity possible.

This news proves that 2006 will be the best year ever for Region "B" and the Couple of the Year program. Following Jere and Linda's lead, we would ask that all District Directors and Chapter Directors continue their quest for that special couple who best exemplifies each District and/or Chapter. "Spread the news, here is our Couple of the Year!"

Encourage every Chapter Couple to participate in the District Couple of the Year selection process. Hopefully the District Couple of the Year selection process will be the first item on the agenda. This process should set the tone for the rest of the rally.

The selection process needs to "**ROCK THE HOUSE**" !!!!!!! If the event is on the 1st floor of a 20^{-story} building, the people on the top floor should wonder out loud, "what is going on and how do I get into that party?"

Each chapter should get as many participants possible at the process to support their Chapter Couple. Yell, Scream, Holler, Stamp their feet, and Hold up signs of support for all the Couples. Let them know that you are there for them.

We are planning to meet with various District Couples in two stages. One along the New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland area. And the second near the Western New York and Western Pennsylvania area. This will allow us to meet with the District Couples and any Chapter Couple to answer questions and assist in preparation for the upcoming Region Rally in Connecticut at the end of July. It also gives the couples the opportunity to meet each other when they might not meet until just before a selection process.

At the New England Rally in Vernon, Connecticut, each District Couple of the Year should have everyone from their District at the Rally to support their District Couple in their bid for selection as Region Couple and to once again "**ROCK THE HOUSE**" !!!!!!!

Set the party tone, have some fun, join in with all your GWRRA friends at as many rallies and you can attend.

Invite as many non-members that you can to come to our rallies. Remember that some people own more than one motorcycle and may want to become a member of your Chapter, District, Region and GWRRA. This tone of friendship and support makes the Fun happen.

We look forward to seeing you during the year.

*Jim (Rosy) & Sandie Rosenthal
Region 2005-2006 Couple of the Year*



Leadership Training

What's on Your Horizon?

On February 18-19, Ed and I traveled to Fitchburg, MA, to provide Horizons Training for the New England area.

What is the Horizons Program? It is a “fun-filled” weekend focuses on providing information and training on leadership within GWRRA.

Horizons is a program for anyone who wishes to have a greater understanding of GWRRA and how it works. The Horizons Program is a dynamic combination of fun, learning, and networking.

Participating in the program leaves participants with new friends, a new understanding of GWRRA, and also a new insight into their own skills



and strengths.

The Horizons Program focuses on teambuilding, communication, expectations, plus planning and holding fun-filled yet effective meetings. Topics covered in the Horizons Program are topics beneficial to everyone whether they plan to step in to a leadership position or remain a “JAM” (Just a Member). The topics are not GWRRA specific, but applicable to our lives outside of GWRRA.



Congratulations to our new Horizons graduates! Wayne Anderson and Shirley Dempsey-Anderson (MA), Doc Courtney (RI), Allen and Claudette Cyr (ME), Wallace and Joyce Englehart (NJ), Wayne and Kim Ferland (NH), Mike Johnson (RI), Earl and Lorraine Knight (RI), Bill and Adrienne Lacey (MA), Paul Odierno (MA), Fred and Claire Pimentel (RI), Ann Salisbury (RI), Bill Sousa (RI), Tracey Gazzero (RI), Dot Wood (MA).

If you have the opportunity, participate in the Horizons Program being offered in Bedford, PA, on April 1-2. Contact Gordon Geissler (ggeissler@comcast.net), PA District Trainer, or John and Bonnie McClun (jmclun@dejazzd.com) for more information.

If you would like to bring the Horizons training to your area, contact your District Trainer or contact Ed and I (wingin-it@stny.rr.com) and we will help bring the training to your area.

FunShop NE Coming in March

Have you heard? The FunShop is going to be held at the Best Western Regency Hotel, Binghamton, NY, March 24-26, 2006.

A variety of seminars will be offered including Motorcycle Crash Scene Response, Planning and Organizing an Event, Know your Leadership Colors, Couple of the Year, Public Relations, Motorist Awareness, Retention, and many others.

The keynote speaker will be Bob Lorenz, Senior National Rider Educator.

If you need more information, contact us (wingin-it@stny.rr.com) or check out the information on the Region website.

*Dottie & Ed Bahrenburg,
Northeast Region Trainers*



Membership

By now you have heard us talk about recruitment as being a by-product of retention. And that one of our most efficient tools of recruitment is our existing members and family of Chapter participants. In that spirit, we would like to talk about the membership reports (formally know as greenbars).

All the DD's have received the new and improved reporting system from Jere by now. The new reports list the expired, expiring and new memberships for February and March. This is great for us "Membership" people because it is exactly all the information we used to separate from the monthly reports to send out our reminder letters and alert the Chapter CD's of their area's activity. As New Jersey Membership Coordinators, we send out a letter to each of these members to make sure that they are aware of their status. This is in conjunction with the notices they received from Phoenix of their pending membership expiration. It also gives us the opportunity to expand on member benefits and more personally introduce ourselves. All District Membership Coordinators should have a similar system of contact and strongly encourage every Chapter Director to have a Membership Coordinator in their Chapter whose will establish contact with area GWRRA members and make them aware of the benefits of Chapter participation.

Our New Jersey membership listing shows that the majority of GWRRA members do not participate in Chapter life. I know that the many other benefits of membership are enough for a logically thinking biker to sign up immediately; and that there are some of us who prefer to ride solo with no commitments or allegiance. But I can't believe that they are the majority! No, the only conclusion is that **THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE CHAPTERS!** So, we have revised our monthly letters and included a paragraph to encourage Chapter participation. Further, we encourage our Chapters to reach out and personally invite those non-participating members to get in on the fun. I know that Chris and I greatly value the friends and lifelong memories we have gained from participating in our, Chapter NJ-F. Actually, there is an indefinable point at which it stops being a motorcycle group and becomes a "family" of friends; and that happens early on. We share our sentiments with everyone we meet and have had the rewarding experience of introducing many to our "family." Actually, how can you keep that to yourself anyway!

*Roy & Chris Bill
Northeast Region Membership Coordinators*



CPR/First Aid

Hi All

Just a reminder, if anyone else would like to sign up for the CPR/FA class or the CPR/FA instructor class at the fun shop I will except sign ups till the 28 day of February, no later so this is your last chance. Hope to see you all there. Thanks!

*Wayne & Cathie Ketenheim
Northeast Region Medic First Aid CPR/FA Coordinators*



NE Region & District Web Pages

- Northeast Region B at <http://www.gwrra-northeastregion.org>
- Connecticut at <http://www.gwrra-ct.org>
- Maine at <http://www.geocities.com/gwrramaine/index.html>
- Maryland at <http://www.gwrra-md-district.org>
- Massachusetts at <http://www.gwrrama.org>
- Delaware at..... www.gwrrade.homestead.com/index.html
- New Jersey at <http://www.gwrranj.org>
- Pennsylvania at <http://www.gwrrapadist.org>
- New York at <http://www.tier.net/~gwrra/district/nydistrict/htm>
- Rhode Island at <http://www.gwrra-ri.org>
- Vermont at <http://users.adelphia.net/~trikeinvt/index.html>

If yours isn't listed, drop a line to JereGood@aol.com and I will ensure it gets recognition!

Northeast Region and Neighboring Region/District Events

Remember the District Events in our Region count towards the Visit-A-District program for visitation bars.

2006 Events:

Jan. 12-14, Wintherthing 2006, Ocean City, MD
 Mar. 25, Northeast Region "Fun Shop NE",
 Binghamton, NY (LTD, Rider Ed, MAD)
 April 1, NJ April Fool's Dinner-Manville, NJ
 May 11-14 Region N Rally-Maggie Valley, NC
 May 18-21, DE District Rally, Harrington, DE
 May 25-27, Nevada District Rally in Elko,
 Nevada

July 3-6, Wing Ding, Nashville, TN
 July 20-22, New England Districts Rally (ME,
 VT, NH, MA, RI, CT), Vernon, CT
 Aug 10-12 NY District Rally, Plattsburg, NY
 Aug. 24-27, PA District Rally, Lancaster, PA
 Sept. 7-9, NJ District Rally, Mt. Olive, NJ

LET US KNOW WHERE YOUR EVENT FITS IN FOR 2006